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## Edgar Mitchell Videos For July 2008

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Date: Thu, 31 Jul 2008 22:22:51 +0000 (GMT)  
Archived: Fri, 01 Aug 2008 06:24:30 -0400  
Subject: Edgar Mitchell Videos For July 2008

Dear colleagues,

I have compiled and uploaded the complete set of the Edgar Mitchell videos about his story in July 2008. You can download them at the links below:

July 24 - CNN - Situation Room  
<http://tinyurl.com/5ed6kw>  
7,8 Mb

July 24 - Fox25  
<http://tinyurl.com/574o8a>  
10,3 Mb

July 24 - MSNBC  
<http://tinyurl.com/5vdhpy>  
6,1 Mb

July 24 - Times Now  
<http://tinyurl.com/5nexpn>  
4,4 Mb

July 24 - RamzPaul Coffee  
<http://tinyurl.com/6536zk>  
16,7 Mb

July 25 - Fox News  
<http://tinyurl.com/5pkofy>  
8,6 Mb

July 25 - WPBF - Mitchell on Aliens  
<http://tinyurl.com/6a6t7x>  
2,3 Mb

July 25 - WPBF - Do others believe?  
<http://tinyurl.com/678pko>  
2,5 Mb

July 25 - WPBF - Mitchell on Global Attention  
<http://tinyurl.com/5l6khl>  
2,8 Mb

July 25 - WPBF - How it all began  
<http://tinyurl.com/5gx6kb>  
5,6 Mb

July 25 - WPBF - Meeting an Alien  
<http://tinyurl.com/6lrayp>  
400 Kb

July 25 - WPBF - Mitchell on NASA  
<http://tinyurl.com/62gyyw>  
1,2 Mb

July 25 - WPBF - Mitchell on Presidents  
<http://tinyurl.com/5fjsz5>  
1,7 Mb

July 25 - WPBF - Mitchell on Press  
<http://tinyurl.com/5w9jts>

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July 25 - WPBF - Mitchell on Roswell

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

5,4 Mb

July 25 - WPBF - Mitchell on Space Travel

<http://tinyurl.com/6f8kub>

3,6 Mb

July 25 - WPBF - Mitchell on Truth

<http://tinyurl.com/6cu48u>

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July 27 - Reuters

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

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## Re: Surprise! Water On Mars

From: **Eleanor White** <[ewraven1.nul](mailto:ewraven1.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 31 Jul 2008 20:27:35 -0400  
Archived: Fri, 01 Aug 2008 06:36:59 -0400  
Subject: Re: Surprise! Water On Mars

<snip>

>NASA Spacecraft Confirms Martian Water, Mission Extended

And it cost how much to find that out, while consistently  
omitting life detection equipment or landing at Cydonia?

Jail time for these fraud artists, I say!

Eleanor White

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## Surprise! Blue Skies On Mars Too

From: Nick Balaskas <[nikolaos.nul](mailto:nikolaos.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 31 Jul 2008 21:35:13 -0400  
Archived: Fri, 01 Aug 2008 06:36:59 -0400  
Subject: Surprise! Blue Skies On Mars Too

Hi Everyone!

Here is a very important Mars science project for those that have Adobe Photoshop or similar digital photo software loaded on their computers.

First, visit the Mars Daily website below and carefully read the article paying close attention to the attached picture of the color-calibration target like those that were mounted on the Pheonix Mars lander.

<http://tinyurl.com/576ysb>

Second, go to the NASA website below and have a close look at the full-circle colour panorama of Mars taken by Phoenix.

[http://www.nasa.gov/images/content/264661main\\_15158-hires.jpg](http://www.nasa.gov/images/content/264661main_15158-hires.jpg)

Compare the colours of the two identical colour-calibration targets on the Phoenix Mars lander with the one in the previous website.

Using your digital photo software, adjust the hue and colours of of the targets on Phoenix so they match those on the target found in the Mars Daily website. You will see that not only is the Martian soil yellowish-brown (not red!) in NASA's colour panorama of Mars as University of Florida professor Dan Britt and his two students who designed the colour-calibration targets for Phoenix already knew from past Mars missions, but that the Martian sky is light blue (probably dark blue closer to the zenith as here on Earth). Even the U.S. flag on NASA's panorama picture has the right colours too - red, white and blue!

The initial colour pictures taken from the surface of Mars by NASA's Viking landers back in 1976 did show brown rocks with greenish patches on some of them and blue skies. Nearly every colour NASA picture taken from the surface since then now falsely depicts Mars as a very unEarth-like uniformly "Red Planet".

Why does NASA not want the public to see Mars in its real, 'life-like' colours?

Nick Balaskas

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## Basterfield Says Mitchell's Claims Fall Short

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Archived: Fri, 01 Aug 2008 06:36:59 -0400  
Subject: Basterfield Says Mitchell's Claims Fall Short

Source: ABC News - Sydney NSW, Australia

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2008/08/01/2321687.htm>

01-08-08

Astronaut's Alien Claims Fall Short, Says UFO Researcher

A former NASA astronaut stunned the scientific world and divided UFO watchers when he claimed last week that UFOs and aliens do exist.

In 1971 during the Apollo 14 mission Edgar Mitchell became the sixth man to walk on the moon.

Thirty-seven years on he says he's just one of a handful in the space community who has been briefed by US military and intelligence officials on the existence of aliens.

But UFO believers says these revelations may have done their cause more harm than good.

Keith Basterfield is co-director of the Australian UFO research network and is author of several books on UFO sightings in Australia.

He says he believes Dr Mitchell may have damaged the work of serious scientific researchers into UFOs due to the former astronaut's broad claims and his inability to source what he's presenting as fact.

"Dr Mitchell declines to name the sources he is getting this information from," Mr Basterfield says.

"It's always an unnamed source, or a source close to the Minister of Defence. You cannot take that as evidence of fact.

"He's making those statements, obviously he's gone public with them, but there is always doubt that the sources he is talking to aren't playing the disinformation game with him."

Edgar Mitchell holds several science degrees and a doctorate of science in aeronautics and astronautics. He was an accomplished US Navy pilot before being invited by NASA to join the space program.

He was a back-up pilot on the Apollo 10 mission and then he walked on the moon for nine hours and 17 minutes as part of the Apollo 14 crew.

The other side to Major Mitchell is his main interest in life: the study of consciousness, paranormal phenomena, and psychic events.

Major Mitchell also believes he was cured of kidney cancer by a remote healer who helped him using positive thought.

He told a British radio station last week that he has been told in detail by senior US officials about UFOs and their occupants.

He says aliens who have visited Earth have been non-hostile and he's even been briefed on their physical appearance.

The French and British Government have begun releasing former secret military files on UFOs. The Australian Government is beginning to do the same.

But Keith Basterfield says so far none have revealed definite proof that craft or beings from another planet have visited Earth.

"The more one conducts rigorous investigation, rigorous interviews, looking for documentation within government sources for evidence, it is tantalising, but certainly I agree that there is no concrete evidence today where you could present to somebody and it would hold up as having only one possible explanation," he says.

"It's part of the intrigue that keeps a lot of people interested in this particular subject."

Based on a report for Radio National by Mike Woods.

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## Re: The Cost Of Curiosity

From: **Jay Jordan** <[jj.nul-jordan.com](mailto:jj.nul-jordan.com)>  
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Archived: Fri, 01 Aug 2008 07:40:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Cost Of Curiosity

UFO UpDates - Toronto posted:

>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 -- he's a UFO nerd. And the US would  
>be wise to give him a job.

>Duncan Campbell  
>[guardian.co.uk](mailto:guardian.co.uk),

<snip>

I think I will break into your house and take your property and  
if I get caught I will blame you for not having safeguarded your  
home in a proper manner. You should reward me for showing you  
your locks were inadequate.

Questions to answer

1 Did he know what he was doing was illegal?

2 Did he know if he got caught there would a price to pay?

3 Knowing there was a price to pay for his illegal act did he do  
the act of his own free will?

If the answer is yes quit bitching. Do the crime do the time.

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## The Impact Of ET Contact

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[http://www.dailygalaxy.com/my\\_weblog/2008/08/pandemics-from.html](http://www.dailygalaxy.com/my_weblog/2008/08/pandemics-from.html)

August 01, 2008

The Impact Of ET Contact: Europe's Scientists Discuss The Future Of Humans In Space

"The 'Columbian Exchange' that took place around 1492 changed the Western way of conceiving the globe; it forcefully challenged its theology; it allowed for a free flow of bacteria, germs and microbes that almost wiped out the American peoples."

--Luca Codignola - Professor of History, University of Genoa

For the first time in Europe, historians, philosophers and sociologists are banding together with space scientists to share their thoughts and ideas on how humankind will be taking our first steps in Outer Space.

The 'Humans in Outer Space - Interdisciplinary Odysseys' conference held last fall in Vienna was the first forum where scholars from a humanities background together with scientists could discuss humankind's presence in space from non-traditional perspectives.

The benefits of creating such a cross-disciplinary forum is that it was able to give guiding insight into how humankind will face possible issues, issues that can be best addressed in the light of modern understanding of historical events, including the philosophical and theological consequences of contacting alien intelligences, the marketing of space exploration, and the legal frameworks that will be needed if space-faring nations are to cooperate peacefully.

Among the fascinating questions asked was the possible impact of vastly superior forms of extraterrestrial intelligence on the world's religions. Shermer's Last Law (coined by Michael Shermer, author of the Skeptic column for Scientific American) states that "Any sufficiently advanced extraterrestrial intelligence is indistinguishable from God." Jill Tarter of the SETI Institute believes that contact with a superior extraterrestrial intelligence could have a devastating effect on the world's religions, with the unintended result of united earthlings and converting them to a new cosmic faith.

Professor Luca Codignola, a historian at the University of Genoa, expressed his interest in what history can tell us about the challenges we may face if space explorers make contact with alien civilizations. He drew correlations with the so-called "Columbian Exchange" that took place around 1492. 'It changed the Western way of conceiving the globe; it forcefully challenged its theology; it allowed for a free flow of bacteria, germs and microbes that almost wiped out the American peoples,' he

explained.

'The science community does not really seem to be aware of the fact that a number of issues and concerns that they are dealing with, such as the consequences of meeting with unknown pathogens, are known and have long been studied by historians and ethnologists,' Prof. Codignola offered.

The conclusions from these sessions will be documented in a position paper entitled 'Vienna Vision on Humans in Outer Space,' which the Daily Galaxy will publish.

Prof. Kai-Uwe Schrogl, Chair of the conference, commented: 'Mankind's future in outer space will require a comprehensive view, including the input in particular by the humanities and social sciences, as well as the reflection of the manifold trans-utilitarian aspects that make space exploration a province of all mankind.'

Posted by Casey Kazan

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## I'm with Stupid - Grandma's Favorite Astro-Nut

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<http://tinyurl.com/6ksw9r>

Friday, August 1, 2008

I'm with Stupid - Grandma's Favorite Astro-Nut  
Todd Hartley

Have you heard the big news? Apparently, UFOs really do exist, and there's a vast government conspiracy to bury the truth.

Oh, you say you've heard that one before, have you? Maybe, but you've never heard it from someone like Edgar Mitchell, who made headlines last week by asserting on a British radio program that the Roswell incident was real and that aliens have contacted humans several times.

On the surface, Mitchell, an unassuming 77-year-old who makes his home in Lake Worth, Fla., seems like any other moderately senile old-timer. He certainly wouldn't be the first retiree in Florida who wasn't dealing with a full complement of marbles, but Mitchell is different. If anyone has the credentials to call out the government on the subject of extraterrestrials, he's the man.

First of all, Mitchell claims to have grown up in Roswell, N.M., meaning that when the alleged alien landing took place there in 1947, the little buggers damn near crashed into his house.

More importantly, though, Mitchell was an Apollo 14 astronaut, and on Feb. 9, 1971, he set the record for the longest moon walk ever, spending an incredible nine hours and 17 minutes on the lunar surface. He almost made it all the way back down to Earth, too.

I will admit that there are some quirks about Mitchell that might lead one to think he's a little off his rocker. For instance, he maintains that he had kidney cancer a few years ago, despite the fact that he never had a biopsy to prove it, and was healed by a teenage "remote healer" from Vancouver named Adam Dreamhealer. Dreamhealer did his thing on Mitchell from afar for about seven months, and when he was finished, the "irregularity was gone, and we haven't seen it since," according to Mitchell.

Then there's Mitchell's career as an author, which he began shortly after retiring from the Navy in 1972. His first book, "Psychic Exploration," published in 1974, deals with subjects that many people consider a little out of the ordinary =97 things like psychokinesis, plant communication and astral projection (also known as out-of-body travel).

Mitchell has also produced a DVD, "The Quantum Hologram and ESP," which deals with ... well, I know what ESP is, but I'm still a little fuzzy on the quantum hologram, to be honest with you. Suffice it to say that it has something to do with a secret psychic experiment that Mitchell alleges to have performed while

he was on the moon.

So when Mitchell says, as he did on British radio, "I happen to have been privileged enough to be in on the fact that we've been visited on this planet, and the UFO phenomenon is real," you might want to take it with a grain of salt. And when he claims, as he did in the St. Petersburg Times in 2004, that a "cabal of insiders" inside the U.S. government has been studying recovered alien bodies, you should probably draw your own conclusions.

But I, for one, am going to take everything Mitchell says at face value, and, henceforth, I will start believing wholeheartedly in UFOs.

Why?

Well, to begin with, Mitchell is as educated and credible a person as you'll ever meet, with degrees in industrial management and aeronautical engineering, and a doctorate of science in aeronautics and astronautics from MIT. He also holds honorary doctorates from a number of esteemed universities and was a nominee for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2005.

Secondly, as the current X Files movie points out, I want to believe. I mean, wouldn't it be boring if we really were the only planet in the universe with life on it? It's much more fun to think that aliens are sneaking around right here on Earth.

The real reason that I'm jumping on the Mitchell bandwagon, however, is much more personal. You see, Edgar Mitchell was very dear friends with my grandmother, a filmmaker whose documentaries were almost all about the sort of avant-garde, new-age theories that Mitchell espouses.

Sure, some might consider my grandmother a bit of a crackpot herself, but I don't, and I just know that if she hears me say anything negative about her friend (she's dead, but she and Mitchell would both tell you that she can still hear me), when I die she'll spend my entire afterlife haranguing me about it.

So that's my final answer: Aliens and UFOs are real, even if they're not.

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Todd Hartley is the first man ever to walk on Uranus, which he did remotely early this morning.

E-mail him your comments at [toddmhartley.nul](mailto:toddmhartley.nul)

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July 31, 2008

The Truth Is Out There  
by Henry Farrell

I see that Political Theory has just published Alexander Wendt and Raymond Duvall's piece, Sovereignty and the UFO (link to abstract; the article itself is behind a paywall) an article which, it is fair to say, has acquired a certain degree of notoriety. Wendt and Duvall make a complex argument, drawing on Derrida, Agamben etc, but their basic claim is pretty straightforward as I read it. First - there is some material basis to suggest that there is some objective phenomenon, perhaps involving extraterrestrials, perhaps not, behind UFOs. Second, the failure of states to further investigate UFOs, despite this evidence, suggests that there is some structural reason why UFOs simply do not compute for states. Third, the most important structural cause for this blindness likely lies in the nature of sovereignty - because sovereignty presupposes a kind of anthropocentrism, sovereign authorities can't deal with the possibility of alien intelligences, and hence construct a 'regime of truth' in which the notion that UFOs might exist is ipso facto ridiculous. Not only that; a proper understanding of UFOs might lead to the collapse of our current notions of governmentality. In Wendt and Duvall's words:

"For a critical theory of anthropocentric rule, therefore, a science of UFOs ironically is required, and not just a science of individual cases after the fact, which can tell us only that some UFOs lack apparent conventional explanations. Rather, in this domain what is needed is paradoxically a systematic science, in which observations are actively sought in order to analyze patterns from which an intelligent presence might be inferred. That would require money, infrastructure, and a long-term commitment of the kind that to date has been possible only for epistemic authorities, or precisely those actors most resistant to taking UFOs seriously. Still, given the potential disjunction of interest between science and the state, it is possible here for science to play a key role for critical theory. Whether such a science would actually overcome UFO ignorance is unknowable today, but it is only through it that we might move beyond the essentially theological discourse of belief and denial to a truly critical posture.

Modern rule and its metaphysics are extraordinarily resilient, so the difficulties of such resistance cannot be overstated. Those who attempt it will have difficulty funding and publishing their work, and their reputations will suffer. UFO resistance might not be futile but it is certainly dangerous, because it is resistance to modern sovereignty itself. In this respect militant UFO agnosticism is akin to other forms of resistance to

governmentality; however, whereas sovereignty has found ways of dealing with them, the UFO may reveal an Achilles heel. Like Achilles, the modern sovereign is a warrior whose function is to protect - in this case, from threats to the norm. Unlike conventional threats, however, the UFO threatens humans' capacity to decide those threats, and so cannot be acknowledged without calling modern sovereignty itself into question. ...taking UFOs seriously would certainly embody the spirit of self-criticism that infuses liberal governmentality and academia in particular, and it would, thereby, foster critical theory. And indeed, if academics' first responsibility is to tell the truth, then the truth is that after sixty years of modern UFOs, human beings still have no idea what they are, and are not even trying to find out. That should surprise and disturb us all, and cast doubt on the structure of rule that requires and sustains it."

I'm highly skeptical of claims that UFOs are interesting in any sense but the sociological, for reasons having to do with the Fermi paradox, and the weaknesses of evidence laid out in John Sladek's excellent and entertaining *The New Apocrypha* (the relevant chapter is entitled *Will U Kindly F O*). But even apart from the question of whether or not there is something to UFO claims that is worthy of sustained scientific investigation, Wendt and Duvall's argument is highly unconvincing. They claim that there is something about the possibility of alien subjectivities that fundamentally challenges the principles of sovereign rule and makes sovereign entities go into a kind of halting state (pun borrowed from Charlie Stross) when they try to think about them. Hence, the failure of states to investigate UFOs. But this doesn't seem to me to hold up as a convincing explanation

First - the evidence is inadequate to the claims made. Even if we accept, for the purposes of argument, Wendt and Duvall's contention that government sponsored reports such as the Condon report (which was prepared by thirty scientists and engineers for the government over a period of two years, based on twenty years of data gathered by the Airforce)<sup>1</sup> doesn't serve as countervailing evidence because it was 'politicized' and 'flawed', I would expect them to provide some serious evidence to support the claim that the purported outcome (failure of government to seriously investigate UFOs) is an outcome of the suggested causal mechanism (the inability of anthropocentric sovereign states to process evidence. We don't get this; not only do we not get any sort of process tracing, we don't even get a Foucauldian genealogy. Instead, we have an article which consists of (a) a claim about the nature of sovereignty, (b) a (contestable) claim about states' failure to research UFOs, (c) a series of mostly straw man counter-arguments, of mixed accuracy<sup>2</sup>, that are duly knocked down, and (d) a re-iteration of the claim that in the absence of 'reasonable' counter explanations, the failure to investigate whether UFOs are indeed the product of alien intelligence must indeed be a result of anthropocentric sovereignty.

Not only is there no direct evidence adduced, but there's no reason to think that governments' failure to pay attention to UFOs is unique. There are many, many out-of-left-field claims out there that governments, mystifyingly, have failed to investigate, despite evidence that is at least as good as the evidence that Wendt and Duvall claim justifies further investigation of the UFOs-are-evidence-of-aliens-among-us hypothesis.<sup>3</sup> For example astrology, which some have claimed has a statistical basis, and which would surely revolutionize predictive intelligence if properly developed. Transcendental Meditation - we have research published in *The Journal of Conflict Resolution*, no less, which points to the statistically observable effects of application of the Maharishi Technology of the Unified Field to the Israel-Lebanon conflict. Curiously, states have failed (to date) to act on this finding in order to solve the problem of war. Prayer, for healing and otherwise; now there's one that the 2000-2008 US administration should have been investigating, one would have thought, given its ideological predilections and the technology's obvious battlefield implications. And going a bit further into the wildlands, what about Scientology? If the US military had had a few Operating Thetans on tap to send out against the enemy, the Iraq war would have gone rather better than it did.

And so on. On Wendt and Duvall's argument as I understand it, none of these potentially exciting fields of discovery challenge

the anthropocentric notion of sovereignty. Yet none to date have been investigated - something that seems difficult to explain using their argument. If only one could come up with a single mechanism to explain this seeming regularity ...

Even more troubling, there is evidence (not actually discussed in the piece, although the program is mentioned in passing) that seems to directly undermine Wendt and Duvall's basic claim. In their argument, "one of the possibilities that we must countenance if we accept that the UFO is truly unidentified is that its occupants are ETs - and that threatens both the physical and ontological security of modern rule." But if this is the underlying problem, we can point to a research area which is equally problematic for the notion of anthropocentric sovereignty, but that has been sponsored by the state. I'm referring, of course, to the ongoing SETI (Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence) program, which uses radio telescopes and similar to search (so far unsuccessfully) for evidence of intelligent life elsewhere in the universe. This ought to be just as unthinkable for the modern state as UFO research, if an anthropocentric universal order is a necessary precondition for modern sovereignty. Yet it has been funded by the US over a period of many years. I think that this is substantial disconfirming evidence for their argument.

I'm much more familiar with Wendt's work than Duvall's; I do know both are very smart guys. Nor do I think that articles which investigate 'weird' topics should be dismissed out of hand - scientific progress often requires open filters. But I do think that there are real problems with the set up and evidence of this article, regardless of the topic - if you want to make a case that states simply cannot deal with certain problems, you need good evidence to support your claim, and I'm not seeing it. I am much more impressed with a superficially similar piece, Patrick Jackson and James Heilman's chapter on "Outside Context Problems," published in Donald Hassler and Clyde Wilcox's *New Boundaries in Political Science Fiction* volume 4 which convincingly argues (a) that Iain Bank's spiffy series of 'Culture' novels is all about the difficulties that liberal civilizations have in encountering alien Others, and (b) that political scientists and theorists ought to pay attention to these books. Something along these lines, making less sweeping claims and using the evidence as a kind of thought experiment, would, I think, have made for a much better piece.

1 summary of Sladek, op cit. As Sladek observes (p.39): "If nothing else, the Condon report should have convinced ufologists that saucers were being taken seriously. It didn't. Scientists who worked on it, Dr. Edward U. Condon in particular, were accused of being 'anti-UFO' and their 'professional bias' was often noted by amateurs who themselves showed little inclination to accept anything less than visitors from space. ... Donald Keyhoe sent an angry telegram to President Johnson urging him to terminate the project. Richard Shaver found Condon a 'pedant' for not getting on with the real business of science, i.e. fighting the evil, telepathic dero. (Shaver referred to the dero by the Velikovskyan phrase, 'vermin from space')."

2 For example, Wendt and Duvall suggest that NASA's defunct 'Breakthrough Propulsion Physics' program provides evidence that ideas about FTL travel are 'speculative' but 'scientifically sound.' I've been an enthusiastic amateur consumer of ideas such as the Alcubierre drive etc for years, but my understanding is that none of these ideas seem at all practically feasible for reasons to do with fundamental physical constraints, massive energy requirements etc - they serve less as blueprints for feasible stardrives than a form of entertainment for bored physicists. More to the point, while most of NASA's BPL web pages seem to have disappeared with the passing of the ages, my very strong recollection is that the money available through this project was peanuts.

3 Wendt and Duvall do suggest that the willingness of states to investigate ESP, together with their unwillingness to investigate UFOs suggests that it really is about notions of sovereignty. But there are many other hypotheses which could explain this more simply. Most obviously, it is rather easier to study ESP in an experimental setting with controls and the like than it is to study UFOs, which have a disconcerting habit of disappearing will-o-the-wisp-like when you might like to get your hands on them.



4 Which, I should say, also has a piece by me.

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## Close Encounters

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Close Encounters  
by Jon Gorvett

[images]

We're not the only ones flying to Istanbul =96 UFOs are spotted in Turkish skies almost every night. Jon Gorvett meets the brave earthlings patrolling the ' front line

The video flickers. Off camera we hear voices - unseen people gasping in disbelief and astonishment. In the grainy black of the night sky, we see a shadow - a strange, haunting shape. Suddenly, a light flashes on. In the darkness, there is a presence - and slowly, it begins to revolve. These days it seems that visitors to Turkey come not only from Planet Earth.

If the head of the Sirius UFO Space Sciences Research Centre in Istanbul is to be believed, Turkey is also now a major destination for travellers of quite a different kind.

According to Haktan Akdogan, many arrivals are from a place that makes even the longest of long-haul flights look like a stroll in the park: outer space. "We get around 50-100 reports of UFO sightings every month," he says, "with about 15-20 videos to go along with them."

Exactly who these visa-free travellers are is unknown, as is the size of their baggage allowance, or which factor sun block works well with green skin. But whoever they are, there are certainly a lot of them visiting Turkey. One of the more recent of these alien arrivals was a silvery, elliptical object spied by veteran sky-watcher Yalcin Yalman, a night watchman at a summerhouse compound at Kumburgaz, on the outskirts of Istanbul.

"I was smoking a cigarette and looking up at the sky," he recalls. "Then, all of a sudden, I saw it. It was a bright light.

I pointed my video camera at it and started shooting. I was so overwhelmed, astonished, excited - although I also had some fear at first." The object Yalman videoed returned night after night, with UFO hunters like Akdogan convinced that the footage of the silvery cigar-shaped craft also shows two aliens, their heads tucked behind the UFO's cockpit window.

On subsequent nights, many of Yalman's friends joined him to observe the strange object, with their gasps of amazement also recorded on his tapes. "Eventually, the whole compound was out there, waiting till four or five in the morning," Yalman recalls. "For about 10 days they kept coming - the UFOs and the crowds." These recordings were then shown by the Research Centre at a packed Istanbul press conference last summer.

Just as aliens seem to enjoy holidays in Turkey, the Turkish people are becoming increasingly obsessed with UFOs. The Research Centre manages UFO museums in Denizli, in the Aegean region, and Capadoccia. A third museum is opening in Antalya this summer. "We put on a road show one time," recalls Akdogan, "and packed a museum, with photographs, models and resources, into a truck I borrowed from a friend. About 40,000 people came to see us on the tour - there were queues round the block."

Inside the museums, life-sized models of aliens stand next to press clippings from the Roswell Incident, when, some believe, an alien craft crashed at a US air force base. There are also exhibits on alien abductions, along with hundreds of photographs of UFOs from around the world.

"We try to keep an open mind about these things," Akdogan says. "Around 90% of all the incidents reported to us we can find some explanation for. It could be a weather balloon, or a bright planet, satellite or star - but then there is the 10% we can't explain. These are the real UFOs."

The enthusiasm of the UFO hunters, however, invites a degree of scepticism. How was it, for example, that Yalman happened to have a video camera on him when he saw his alien visitors? "In 1998 I saw my first UFO," he explains. "It was about 1.30 in the morning. I saw a bright light swinging back and forth."

Then it happened again, in 1999, the same night as the terrible earthquake that struck near Istanbul. But I didn't have any means of recording what I saw, so I became a sky watcher and got myself a camera."

Are UFO hunters looking for something they already believe in? "It's not a question of belief," counters Akdogan. "It's a question of knowing. There is so much evidence and there are so many credible witnesses. Being sceptical is difficult under such circumstances. If something is real, it's real."

Yalman points out that his tape of the UFO at Kumburgaz was subjected to testing by Turkey's most distinguished government scientific institute, TUBITAK. These men in white coats concluded that the video had not been doctored or digitally enhanced, nor was the object a model or a mockup. "I don't think these visitors can be hostile," muses Yalman. "If they were they would have done something to us by now."

So what tips can a veteran UFO hunter offer for spotting a likely alien craft? "At first, they look a bit like stars," says Yalman. "Then they start descending, getting closer to the earth. They can sometimes accelerate dramatically, too. That's when you really know you've got one."

So, next time you're in Istanbul it's worth turning your attention skywards. Who knows, perhaps those bright lights accelerating away into the darkness are not heading for another packed airport, but for a different world altogether.

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## The Times They Are A'Changing

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Subject: The Times They Are A'Changing

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The significance of Nick Pope's achievement in getting an Op-Ed piece published in the New York Times seems to have drifted by the UFO community, although it has not gone unnoticed in other quarters.

Unidentified Flying Threats

[http://www.nytimes.com/2008/07/29/opinion/29pope.html?\\_r=1&oref=slogin](http://www.nytimes.com/2008/07/29/opinion/29pope.html?_r=1&oref=slogin)

As is known, this paper has been villified and criticised over the decades for its non-attendant attitude to the UFO question and for its subserviant adherence to the conclusions of the Condon Report.

There have indeed been exclamations of shock and horror in some blogging quarters that the paper carried such an item but at the same time, one or two eyes have been opened as well. It might well turn out to be one of those quiet landmark moments.

The Washington Post has also been on an astrobiology kick of late.

It is my belief, and I say this seriously, that we have Chinese wedding lanterns to thank. Such has been the weight of hysteria waged by the UK tabloid The Sun in relation to recent UFO reports, virtually all of which have had nothing remotely anomalous about them, that the campaign has lifted itself up from the shores of the UK and drifted serenely over the Atlantic, aided and abetted by Edgar Mitchell and a confluence of other happy coincidences that have merged into a throbbing mass, and so proving once again the old adage that there is no such thing as bad publicity. It may be the silly season but amongst the inanity there is some gravitas.

And where does all this find the UFO community? Pretty much asleep. It's either "been there, done that" or "Disclosure is around the corner". Ennui or misplaced excitement.

I suggest something deeper is happening; a genuine cultural shift away from giggling and mysticism to honest curiosity and interest.

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From: Diane Frola <[AUFORN06.nul](mailto:AUFORN06.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 1 Aug 2008 23:01:22 +1000  
Archived: Fri, 01 Aug 2008 11:26:52 -0400  
Subject: AUFORN.Com Archived In Oz National Library

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Request for permission to archive AUFORN.COM (website)

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<http://pandora.nla.gov.au/index.html>

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This will increase awareness of your publication among researchers using libraries.

Yours sincerely

Tim  
Web Archiving  
National Library of Australia

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To the Australian UFO Research Network Team,  
its Contributors & Affiliates.

Yesterday we received the request - above - from National Library of Australia asking our permission to Archive AUFORN.com in whole.

Apparently The National Library has been identifying online publication and archiving those they consider have National significance and AUFORN was picked, wow!!

Well done everyone who has contributed over the past 11 years. Your help and dedication in collating, investigating and sharing the thousands of UFO sightings. This is recognition for all involved.

The request to archive AUFORN.com is very important to us all it will ensure our research efforts will be remembered far into the future.

If you have researched the UFO subject and have research papers you wish preserved for future generations you have approximately 1 week to get it to us for inclusion as the first archive will happen in the next 2 weeks.

It was just the other day Robert I talked about what would happen to all the work we researchers have collated and uploaded to the internet and what would become of it when we the time comes to give it up.

I guess someone was listening in.

Permission has been granted...

I rang my daughters yesterday to inform them of this very important event, informing them what this means to them. Their kids and their kids kids will be able to read all about their New Age UFO investigator grandma & grandpa for many many years to come and long after we are gone. Yee-haa!

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## Re: Surprise! Water On Mars

From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 1 Aug 2008 06:23:18 -0700 (PDT)  
Archived: Fri, 01 Aug 2008 11:29:36 -0400  
Subject: Re: Surprise! Water On Mars

>From: Eleanor White <[ewraven1.nul](mailto:ewraven1.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 31 Jul 2008 20:27:35 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Surprise! Water On Mars

<snip>

>>NASA Spacecraft Confirms Martian Water, Mission Extended

>And it cost how much to find that out, while consistently  
>omitting life detection equipment or landing at Cydonia?

>Jail time for these fraud artists, I say!

>Eleanor White

Not nearly the worst of it, Eleanor. For sixty years now conventional science has passed off the records of a green lattice structure (presumed canals) running across Mars and easily defined through the telescopes of that day.

Along with two prominent polar caps these disappeared before WWII.

Want to know the final word from this bogus science world of these anomalies? "They couldn't have been there because there is no water on Mars."

Now these side-stepping crabs will have to think of something else. That is, if people are smart enough to start throwing it in their lying faces.

JCH

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## Re: The Cost Of Curiosity

From: Nick Balaskas <[Nikolaos.nul](mailto:Nikolaos.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 1 Aug 2008 09:58:08 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)  
Archived: Fri, 01 Aug 2008 11:30:03 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Cost Of Curiosity

>From: Jay Jordan <[jj.nul-jordan.com](mailto:jj.nul-jordan.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 31 Jul 2008 19:11:55 -0400  
>Subject: Re: The Cost Of Curiosity

>UFO UpDates - Toronto posted:

>>Source: The Guardian - London, UK

>><http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2008/jul/31/hacking.usa>

>>Thursday July 31 2008

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Is what Gary did any different than what government agencies do  
all the time by spying on their bosses (i.e. the taxpaying  
public) such as reading their e-mails? At least Gary did it for  
curiosity and not for malicious or self-profiting reasons. His  
subsequent actions once he found out what was being hidden from  
the public were more in line with a whistle blower than a  
criminal.

If we were to apply your three question criteria to everyone,  
then all top corporate and government leaders, from the U.S.  
President down, may also be found guilty but for much bigger  
crimes punishable by death. Maybe we should stop bitching and do  
the just thing, apply your criteria to all and hire thousands of  
executioners for the big job we will have ahead of us.

Of course, George Bush in a symbolic final act of compassion (and  
self preservation?), can add Gary's name to the growing list of  
names of his friends and accomplices he plans to pardon in his  
final days in office as the ultimate "Decider" on such matters.

Better still, Bush can issue an Executive Order releasing the whole truth about UFOs to the public, including what Gary already has uncovered and then issue him with a special medal for Gary's efforts in ending the 60 year long plus UFO cover-up.

Nick Balaskas

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From: **Jerome Clark** <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 1 Aug 2008 09:03:20 -0500  
Archived: Fri, 01 Aug 2008 11:33:57 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Cost Of Curiosity

>From: Jay Jordan <[jj.nul-jordan.com](mailto:jj.nul-jordan.com)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
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From what I infer from my reading, McKinnon's "crimes" consisted  
of (a) being not very bright and (b) smoking marijuana while  
acting moronically and making idiotic judgments. If one thing is  
clear, it's that this mope is neither evil nor genius.

As for the thuggish government of our once-great nation, on the  
other hand...

Let us hope that as it huffs, puffs, and pretends that it has  
been gravely injured, it doesn't decide a little torture down at  
Gitmo might nicely cap off the big hissy fit.

Jerry Clark

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## Re: The Cost Of Curiosity

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 01 Aug 2008 13:21:30 -0300  
Archived: Sat, 02 Aug 2008 08:04:28 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Cost Of Curiosity

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It's the time that is in question. Pissed off Pentagon officials  
caught with their pants down are after the guy's scalp.  
Surprising we don't see the same outrage about their own  
blundering of 9/11.

Will the punishment fit the crime? He should be punished, no  
doubt - but dollars to donuts the penalty will be over the top.  
With what he's been going through over the last 7 years he's  
probably done the time anyway... and the cost?. He must owe a  
fortune.

There's one small issue that will probabaly embarrass the UK  
government and that's if the Euro courts rule against  
extradition. If so it will be an erosion of the UK's authority  
which they did not exercise. This could have been handled better  
without resorting to Chamberlainism.

Don Ledger

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## Socorro Makes Claim As UFO Destination

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 02 Aug 2008 08:19:20 -0400  
Archived: Sat, 02 Aug 2008 08:19:20 -0400  
Subject: Socorro Makes Claim As UFO Destination

Source: KOB-TV 4 - Albuquerque, New Mexico

<http://kob.com/article/stories/S531160.shtml?cat=3D516>

08/01/2008

[Video]

Socorro Makes Claim As UFO Destination

Move over Roswell. There's another New Mexico town staking out a claim as a bona fide member of UFO territory.

It was 1964 in Socorro - with LBJ in the White House, the Beatles on the radio, and Spiderman whipping Doctor Octopus on comic book racks. Socorro Police Officer Lonnie Zamora was chasing a speeder when he heard a big bang and went looking for the source.

According to Zamora, he saw what looked like a flying saucer in an arroyo and two beings outside of it. He heard another bang and the craft flew off.

The arroyo is on the south end of the Socorro metroplex and Zamora's site is marked with a pile of rocks, a little plastic flag #96 and a couple of dead bottle rockets.

Some in city hall want to put up a plaque or a marker at the site. The town's tourism chief says people come through town asking about the Socorro Incident and where it happened

Many Socorroterreans say the story isn't science fiction.

"I think it could have happened," said Clark Fisher of Socorro. "Anything's possible. You can't prove it didn't happen."

"I might be the craziest one in his town, but yeah, it probably did," said fellow Socorro resident Dave Hart.

Eyewitness News 4 spoke with Lonnie Zamora Thursday by phone. While he declined to be interviewed on camera, he sounded fine #96 44 years after what may come to be known as the Socorro Incident.

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## Re: The Cost Of Curiosity

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>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 1 Aug 2008 09:03:20 -0500  
>Subject: Re: The Cost Of Curiosity

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>>Questions to answer

>

>>1 Did he know what he was doing was illegal?

>>2 Did he know if he got caught there would a price to pay?

>>3 Knowing there was a price to pay for his illegal act did he do  
>>the act of his own free will?

>>If the answer is yes quit bitching. Do the crime do the time.

>>From what I infer from my reading, McKinnon's "crimes" consisted  
>of (a) being not very bright and (b) smoking marijuana while  
>acting moronically and making idiotic judgments. If one thing is  
>clear, it's that this mope is neither evil nor genius.

>As for the thuggish government of our once-great nation, on the  
>other hand...

>Let us hope that as it huffs, puffs, and pretends that it has  
>been gravely injured, it doesn't decide a little torture down at  
>Gitmo might nicely cap off the big hissy fit.

I think the point being lost here is that the crime, regardless  
of intent, took place at a time of war when any illegal act is  
likely to raise more red flags than normally would be the case.

We can all bring out our political feelings regarding the  
Administration and the War, but this was very poor timing (and  
Judgment, IMO). I suspect that the US will not have the book  
thrown at Gary, but he will likely do time behind bars and will  
remain on his record (which may or may not be a big deal in Great  
Brittan, where he might enjoy "folk hero" status among some).

As far as this being of benefit to the US Government, letting  
them know of a flaw in their security; that benefit was lost when  
it went public and thousands of others began to mimic Gary's  
actions in hopes of getting in as well. Successful hacking is  
rarely reported when discovered, because providing details in the  
press is similar to publishing tactical information for the  
enemy. If hackers know their efforts have been discovered, they  
often change their methods and one has to learn to detect them  
all over again.

Steve

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## Truth Or Scare?

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Truth Or Scare?

UFO researchers confront rash of new evidence regarding 'observed technology'

By Skylaire Alfvegren

UFOS have been popping up en masse over Texas and Brazil recently, grounding planes in Chicago, menacing Indiana Jones and the Energizer Bunny, and planting themselves firmly in the minds of the American public.

The spaceships arrived in San Jose this past weekend, as the floating annual symposium of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) was held this year at the Doubletree Inn. Co-organized by local businessman Les Valez (founder of the Organization for Paranormal Understanding and Support) MUFON '08 attracted nearly 600 registrants with presentations like "Britain's X-Files," "Resolving Current Reporting Bias of Pilots" and "Chilean Army Investigates UFOs."

Alejandro Rojas, MUFON's press agent, quoted from the ad campaign for the new X-Files movie, responding to the common perception that UFO researchers have hyperactive imaginations.

"We don't want to believe," he said. "The evidence led us to believe."

While several attendees debated the purpose of alien visitations, there was no real consensus among the collection of researchers, field investigators, interested skeptics and "experiencers." It's agreed, at the very least, that so-called "UAPs" (Unidentified Aerial Phenomena, the new, politically correct replacement for the much-maligned 'UFOs'), are "an observed technology beyond our own."

Ted Roe, co-founder and executive director of NARCAP (the National Aviation Reporting Center on Anomalous Phenomena), said the Air Force coined the term "UFO" to be objective. "But just the opposite has come to be the case," he said.

Nick Pope, who investigated UFO sightings for the British Ministry of Defence, summed up the belief of many of the attendees: "It's always been my contention that this is a defense and aviation safety issue ... and the government is the only group which can do a proper investigation."

The hottest selling item at the MUFON shop, a sky blue T-shirt emblazoned with the phrase "Doing the Air Force's job since 1969," sums up the ufologists' sense of above-board governmental

interest in the topic. But recent sightings in Texas, a number of television shows, the 2006 sighting over Chicago's O'Hare airport and astronaut Edgar Mitchell's recent statements, have all contributed to a renewed interest among the general public.

"Ultimately, this subject is events-led," Pope said, explaining that the U.K. is in the middle of the biggest wave of sightings in decades. "When they're filmed over military bases and reported by police, it's little wonder that our biggest daily newspaper has made this a front page story." To much applause, he continued: "Can you imagine that happening in the States?"

Although Texas state director Ken Cherry put MUFON on the 'international map' by getting the word out about January sightings in Stephenville, Texas, the federal government has yet to release any kind of official statement=97on anything UFO-related. (Cherry's report helped increase sightings reported to MUFON from 200 to 800 a month.)

While half of the attendees were local, others traveled from as far afield as Tennessee, Canada and Mexico. The international panel of speakers included a retired Belgian major general, an army pilot from Chile, an attorney from Peru and researchers from Mexico and Turkey.

Larry Lemke, a San Jose=96based aerospace engineer who develops space mission projects for NASA, said he applied "the process of scientific and engineering analysis to UFO reports to uncover their cryptic aspects."

I also learned that the hot spot replacing Area 51 is on the border of Colorado and Utah, and that some "experiencers" can draw down UFOs almost at will. One conference attendee claimed that military-grade night-vision infrared glasses can make the skies "look busier than the 101 freeway."

The majority of speakers went out of their way to avoid such terms as "alien" and "extra-terrestrial." From the podium, Ted Roe practically admitted that MUFON attendees telling tales of alien abduction are deluded.

"Most of the UFO community doesn't know that there's not one proven incursion by nonhuman intelligence," Roe said.

That being said, many of the attendees claimed to have been affected or even traumatized by what they've either sighted or encountered. One Pennsylvania "experiencer" said he has been contacted and abducted by a number of different alien races.

"They're here because radiation puts holes in space time," he said, also informing me that pyramid-shaped UFOs are "evil" while pointing to his chest, the location of an alien implant.

The MUFON conference is one of the few places where he feels at home.

Researcher Leslie Kean, who organized a press conference aimed at governmental UFO disclosure, called for an honest discussion about unexplained phenomena.

"We deserve more openness and a serious pursuit of the facts," Kean said.

A number of countries=97including France, Britain, Mexico, Brazil, Chile and Ecuador=97have already made their UFO files available to the public. "The U.S. is holding everybody else back," she said.

"Our government doesn't mind scaring us," one attendee commented. "They do it all the time. I'd prefer some kind of recognition of this phenomenon, which is just as relevant as a terrorist alert, and less frightening."

Hopkins said during the closing panel that from his research with abductees, "We don't have much that's pleasant or benign." With that in mind, co-organizer Valez urges locals who feel they've had an experience to get in touch with OPUS. Intersecting with MUFON, the group helps "people who have had paranormal experiences."

"Paranormal," for OPUS, has mostly meant out-of-this-world. "There's no question that something is happening," said Valez,

who helped get the MUFON conference held here for the first time since the 1960s. "Perhaps it's extraterrestrial in nature. Or time-travelers, or interdimensional beings."

Another notion is that there's element of UFO action that's military, and definitely terrestrial.

"It could be all of these planes that we're dealing with," Valez said. "The point is, we still don't have the tools or the terminology."

[Thanks to Nick Pope for the lead]

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>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 31 Jul 2008 21:35:13 -0400  
>Subject: Surprise! Blue Skies On Mars Too

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No surprise here.

Eleanor White

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## Seeing Blips Is Believing

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Source: The Oakland Tribune - California, USA

[http://www.insidebayarea.com/oaklandtribune/localnews/ci\\_10073176](http://www.insidebayarea.com/oaklandtribune/localnews/ci_10073176)

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Give 'Em Hill: Seeing (Blips) Is Believing  
By Angela Hill  
Oakland Tribune

It's time once again for my annual UFO report and extraterrestrial update, zooming to you through the pages of this earthbound newspaper at warp speed, and beaming through the ether of cyberspace like so many doomed Star Trek landing-parties on their way to a mysteriously gaseous, but surprisingly oxygen-filled, planet surface.

Unfortunately, as far as I know, I still haven't actually personally seen a UFO - an unidentified flying object - other than the crumpled press-release projectile a coworker once propelled at me. But that was quickly identified, set aflame and propelled back, never to return again. (Yes, I have a matchbook at my desk. It's from Bad Boys Bail Bonds. I don't know why.)

But last weekend at the Doubletree Hotel in San Jose, I at least personally saw some actual people who have personally seen actual UFOs. They were in attendance in abundance at the 39th Annual International UFO Symposium, held by the Mutual UFO Network, or MUFON, which is dedicated to the scientific study of, you guessed it, UFOs.

And contrary to popular belief, these people were sane! More than sane. British!

(Anyone who sounds like Alistair Cooke has to be spot on.)

Well, some were British. Others were from Belgium. Peru, Turkey, Canada and Mexico. There were scientists, researchers and former high-ranking military people from all over the world - this world, as far as we know - who have themselves witnessed unexplained phenomena, or have evidence of proof of weird stuff that really happened someplace and have been interviewed by Larry King to boot.

See, I know something is going on 'out there', whether it's alien craft from outer space, secret military operations or the Wicked Witch's flying monkeys toting Mag Lights. I know it, even though I haven't seen a UFO or a flying monkey myself, because there are lots of things we never see but we admit their existence anyway. Like air or gravity or Dick Cheney.

And now there's some actual corroborating evidence. About UFOs. We're still waiting on the Cheney thing. Remember the Stephenville, Texas, sightings back on Jan. 8 that made national headlines and Larry King? More than 50 witnesses reported a huge, silent, low-flying craft with bright lights hovering, then

streaking through the sky. You know, the usual. Ho hum.

But this time there's proof - actual blips on Federal Aviation Administration radar!

Now if you know UFOs like I know UFOs, mostly from Close Encounters Of The Third Kind and The X-Files (TV show, not movies), then you know they don't usually file a flight plan, at least not with any air traffic control agencies here on Earth. As far as we know. So apparently it was as much of a surprise to FAA officials as anyone when an object showed up twice that night on radar, going about 1,900 mph.

It was even more of a surprise for UFO investigators to get that information.

"We filed a Freedom of Information Act request, like we usually do, and for some ungodly reason, FAA and the traffic control center provided this data," said a still-somewhat-stunned Robert Powell, MUFON's director of research. The only info they got from the military was typical, an Air Force flight log that looked like someone had been up all night with a Sharpie. Pretty much everything was blacked out except the date. Geez, even the DMV is more helpful than that.

But the FAA data clearly showed the tracks of an unidentified craft or crafts with no beacon transponders, as would be normal for domestic or military aircraft, moving to the north. The blips came within 10 miles of President Bush's Crawford ranch. (Maybe that's how Cheney gets there.)

Anyway, for once in a blue moon, there is official evidence to support all the eye witness testimony. So unless swamp gas and weather balloons can go more than twice the speed of sound, I'm saying it's aliens.

Probably on their way to Mars to fill up their ice cooler.

Give 'Em Hill runs Saturdays in Metro. Reach Angela Hill at [ahill.nul](mailto:ahill.nul) or 510-208-6493.

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## PRG Update - August 2, 2008

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Subject: PRG Update - August 2, 2008

Paradigm Research Group

PRG Update - August 2, 2008

The Dr. Edgar Mitchell Phenomenon  
[www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/Mitchell\\_Media\\_Coverage.htm](http://www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/Mitchell_Media_Coverage.htm)

An extraordinary media cycle is presently underway centered upon affirmations by Apollo 14 Astronaut Dr. Edgar Mitchell of an extraterrestrial, non-human intelligence engaging the human race. His comments were made in an interview on July 23 on Kerrang! Radio out of London. On "The Night Before with Nick Margerrison" Dr. Mitchell only repeated what he has said many times before, but the reality is the vast majority of the audience and the media in Europe were hearing it for the first time. This media storm was triggered by the program and a press release by either Kerrang! Radio or its parent company, the German media giant Bauer Consumer. It was supported by an international press release by PRG the next morning at 9 am.

PRG is archiving all Mitchell coverage and interviews at the above URL and will work to expand the story and work it up the media ladder. So far the major U. S. papers (New York Times, Washington, Post, Los Angeles Times, etc.) are either staying away from the story or relegating it to bloggers.

The most recent Mitchell interview was this evening, August 2, on Fox News' Hannity and Colmes. It will be replayed at midnight EST.

AOL News Poll

<http://news.aol.com/article/astronaut-claims-alien-cover-up/101479>

As part of an article on Dr. Edgar Mitchell AOL News ran an online poll which was IP address limited (multiple voting required deleting all cookies). The results were quite astounding. Here they are:

Do you believe that life exists elsewhere in the universe?

Yes (128,631) 93%

No (9,564) 7%

Do you think Earth has been visited by aliens?

Yes (110,119) 81%

No (26,039) 19%

Gary McKinnon Loses Extradition Appeal in the UK House of Lords

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

Computer hacker Gary McKinnon is one step closer to extradition

to the United States to face trial for hacking government computers looking for, among other things, information about UFOs and government cover-up. It is assumed Mr. McKinnon will appeal his case to the European Court and take all stalling measures possible to delay extradition until after a new administration has taken office in the United States - his hope being the new administration will drop extradition and leave the matter to UK courts.

PRG some time ago informed McKinnon's attorney that should a trial take place in the United States, PRG executive director Stephen Bassett will be happy to assist the defense including testifying on behalf of the defendant. It is assumed the U. S. government will move heaven and earth to avoid the UFO/ET issue being introduced into such a trial. Much effort has been made in the past to get the UFO/ET issue into a court of law as part of a high profile case. It has never happened.

PRG is archiving the extensive coverage of the McKinnon case at:

[www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/newsitems2008.html](http://www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/newsitems2008.html)

#### Debunker Archive

PRG will soon begin a new project - creating an online archive of printed, video and audio comments by the most notable UFO/ET debunkers during the past 60 years. There are three reasons for this project:

- 1) begin assembling a history of UFO/ET debunking,
- 2) provide media producers an easy way to see what they are getting when they book any of the living debunkers as counterpoint to researchers/activists, and
- 3) have such an archive at the ready when post-Disclosure these same people attempt to recast themselves as the world's leading experts on all things extraterrestrial (and you can be sure they will since they have no boundaries).

As archiving projects go, this will be a bit more difficult than most. Any assistance would be welcome. If you have or know where PRG can find printed, audio and/or video examples of the "debunker's greatest hits," please pass them on to PRG. Contact information below.

#### Exopolitics World Network

[www.exopoliticsworld.net](http://www.exopoliticsworld.net)

A new country has come on line - South Africa

#### Exopolitics United States Network

[www.exopoliticsunitedstates.net](http://www.exopoliticsunitedstates.net)

Several states are about to come on line.

#### Upcoming Conferences

[www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/conferences.html](http://www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/conferences.html)

2008 Shag Harbour UFO Festival, Nova Scotia, Aug 8

UFO Symposium 3, Tinley Park, IL, Aug 17

Ancient Earth Mysteries Conference, Dallas, TX, Sept 6

Alamo Conference: A Desert UFO Experience!, Alamo, NV, Aug 29-31

2008 Flatwoods Monster 56th Anniversary and Flying Saucer Extravaganza, St. Albans, WV, Sept 12-13

10th Annual Bay Area UFO Expo, Santa Clara, CA, Sept 27-28

2008 Culture of Contact, Jersey City, NJ, Oct 16-18 (Bassett speaking)

6th Annual UFO Crash Retrieval Conference, Last Vegas, Nov 7-9 (Bassett speaking)

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## Re: The Times They Are A'Changing

From: **Sheryl Gottschall** <[gottscha.nul](mailto:gottscha.nul)>  
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Archived: Sat, 02 Aug 2008 09:34:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Times They Are A'Changing

>From: Stuart Miller <[stuart.4.nul](mailto:stuart.4.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 1 Aug 2008 12:01:53 +0100  
>Subject: The Times They Are A'Changing

>The Washington Post has also been on an astrobiology kick of  
>late.

>It is my belief, and I say this seriously, that we have Chinese  
>wedding lanterns to thank. Such has been the weight of hysteria  
>waged by the UK tabloid The Sun in relation to recent UFO  
>reports, virtually all of which have had nothing remotely  
>anomalous about them, that the campaign has lifted itself up from  
>the shores of the UK and drifted serenely over the Atlantic,  
>aided and abetted by Edgar Mitchell and a confluence of other  
>happy coincidences that have merged into a throbbing mass, and so  
>proving once again the old adage that there is no such thing as  
>bad publicity. It may be the silly season but amongst the inanity  
>there is some gravitas.

<snip>

Hi Stuart,

The Edgar Mitchell story caught the media interest 'wave' that sprang into existence about 2 months ago here in Australia. Although the initial catalyst for the interest is unclear, the Mitchell story ended up being the icing on the cake that was already baked.

>And where does all this find the UFO community? Pretty much  
>asleep. It's either "been there, done that" or "Disclosure is  
>around the corner". Ennui or misplaced excitement.  
>I suggest something deeper is happening; a genuine cultural shift  
>away from giggling and mysticism to honest curiosity and  
>interest.

I agree there's been a shift, by the media at least. I'm still unsure about the public though. Polls really give no clear indication because people can answer questions differently from day to day depending on how they feel at the time.

What I can tell you is my own experience with my closest work colleagues who total about 25, are from many different cultural backgrounds, around half are university students, and the group ranges up to 50 years old with half aged 25 and under.

I've observed there seems to be 4 clear camps among them when it comes to UFOs - accepting, fearful, indifferent, denial.

a) The accepting group ask me constantly what's new? and when I tell them, nothing since yesterday or last week, they're disappointed.

b) The fearful group makes it clear they don't want to discuss ETs because it frightens them.

c) The indifferent group don't really have an interest in

dealing/discussing anything but what's directly in front of them.

d) The denialists won't believe any media stories about what presidents, astronauts or police have reported, let alone their neighbour. They'll only believe it when they see it themselves, if then.

What this tells me is that, while the 'climate' for discussion of this subject might be far more acceptable today, the responses to it are pretty much the same as they were 20 years ago.

It also says that youth does not necessarily equate with open-mindedness, although previously i thought (and hoped) it would.

It seems that no matter what age group or cultural background people are from, the internal shift required to absorb this subject deeply into our cultural thinking at present remains a complex unknown.

Sheryl

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>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 01 Aug 2008 13:21:30 -0300  
>Subject: Re: The Cost Of Curiosity

>It's the time that is in question. Pissed off Pentagon officials  
>caught with their pants down are after the guy's scalp.  
>Surprising we don't see the same outrage about their own  
>blundering of 9/11.

>Will the punishment fit the crime? He should be punished, no  
>doubt - but dollars to donuts the penalty will be over the top.  
>With what he's been going through over the last 7 years he's  
>probably done the time anyway... and the cost?. He must owe a  
>fortune.

>There's one small issue that will probabaly embarrass the UK  
>government and that's if the Euro courts rule against  
>extradition. If so it will be an erosion of the UK's authority  
>which they did not exercise. This could have been handled better  
>without resorting to Chamberlainism.

Astute, but then there are other considerations too, Don.

While we look at this gentleman in light of Cold War protocols we fail to perceive the true nature of his actions, actions which were aimed at obtaining answers every citizen in the US not only has a right to know, but cannot wisely determine in the slightest the nature of any wrong-doing he might have done.

What every truth-seeking ufologist should know is that the US government is not forthcoming with much information its public requires to actually participate in government. And its denials are more often than not, outrageous.

I for one do not trust many of the methodologies and many of the heads of certain agencies of the US government. I have had several personal experiences to justify that attitude.

While I am still loyal to the ideals and interests of a country I love, I have great concern over the direction the US State Department and the abuses the Executive Branch has taken utilizing what was intended to be used sparingly, the Executive Order, broadly.

These, more than foreign threats and economic developments centering around oil, have shaped my country increasingly more into a police state.

Were it not already to some degree, Mr. McKinnon might have felt no desire to crack into its secrets, secrets I doubt seriously can be justified as kept in the interests of his nation.

JCH



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## Re: The Cost Of Curiosity

From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
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Archived: Sat, 02 Aug 2008 10:37:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Cost Of Curiosity

>From: Steven Kaeser <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 1 Aug 2008 14:21:50 -0400  
>Subject: Re: The Cost Of Curiosity

>>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Fri, 1 Aug 2008 09:03:20 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: The Cost Of Curiosity

>>>1 Did he know what he was doing was illegal?

>>>2 Did he know if he got caught there would a price to pay?

>>>3 Knowing there was a price to pay for his illegal act did he do  
>>>the act of his own free will?

>>>If the answer is yes quit bitching. Do the crime do the time.

>>From what I infer from my reading, McKinnon's "crimes" consisted  
>>of (a) being not very bright and (b) smoking marijuana while  
>>acting moronically and making idiotic judgments. If one thing is  
>>clear, it's that this mope is neither evil nor genius.

>>As for the thuggish government of our once-great nation, on the  
>>other hand...

>>Let us hope that as it huffs, puffs, and pretends that it has  
>>been gravely injured, it doesn't decide a little torture down at  
>>Gitmo might nicely cap off the big hissy fit.

>We can all bring out our political feelings regarding the  
>Administration and the War, but this was very poor timing (and  
>Judgment, IMO). I suspect that the US will not have the book  
>thrown at Gary, but he will likely do time behind bars and will  
>remain on his record (which may or may not be a big deal in Great  
>Brittan, where he might enjoy "folk hero" status among some).

Steve, I urge you to reread the Guardian editorial and my remarks  
following it (see above). You act as if "our political feelings  
regarding the Administration and the War" were some airy  
irrelevance, when in reality they are at the center of the  
discussion. Maybe you've been in Washington too long.

As the Guardian points out (and anybody who follows the news is  
aware), justice and fair trials have pretty much vanished in the  
U.S. as the current regime pursues enemies, real and imagined. I  
stand by my remarks, which were as follows:

McKinnon is guilty of recklessness and stupidity. Our government  
is guilty of those, too, but also much, much worse. It is  
shameful that the British government is handing this mope over  
the tender mercies of the Bush justice.

Jerry Clark

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August 03, 2008

### Astronaut's Admission Sparks Wave Of UFO Sightings

The truth is out there - and a growing number of Queenslanders believe it.

Residents between Cairns and Coolangatta have revealed their own close encounters of the intergalactic kind following controversial statements by former NASA astronaut Dr Edgar Mitchell.

The sixth man to walk on the moon shocked the world last month when he calmly confirmed, during a British radio interview, that alien life existed.

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."

The Apollo 14 moonwalker went on to discuss the infamous alien crash site at Roswell, and the US Government's knowledge of other extraterrestrial visits. His comments were broadcast around the world.

UFO Research Queensland president Sheryl Gottschall said the high-profile discussion prompted Queenslanders to come forward with their own alien encounters.

Mrs Gottschall said Dr Mitchell's statement led to some callers coming forward after 40 years of silence.

"We've had lots of new sightings and some very old ones reported because people have realised this is something that has entered the mainstream media," she said.

"Thanks to Dr Mitchell the whole world is now talking about it. That's a relief for those who have had encounters."

Queensland sightings include:

- A multi-coloured disc seen over the inner-Brisbane suburb of Paddington.
- A large golden light in the east Brisbane suburb of Gumdale.
- A fast-moving, low yellow light recorded over homes in Samford in Brisbane's northwest.
- Four sightings of egg-shaped craft with multi-coloured lights in Yamanto, 34km southwest of Brisbane.

- A large orange light spotted in the east Brisbane suburb of Hawthorne.
- A Surfers Paradise couple reported a large red light that buzzed over their high-rise unit building before disappearing at high speed.
- Another Surfers Paradise resident reported seeing a "fast-moving star" that changed directions at high speed.
- Two Glass House Mountains residents recently reported a 1996 sighting. One said a "massive light" appeared and passed about 15m above them. They described the craft as triangular with a light on each corner.
- A 32-year-old Noosa woman reported seeing a large, black, boomerang-shaped object while sitting on Noosa Main Beach in 1989.
- A husband and wife called in a 1968 sighting of a large silver craft hovering over the Cairns golf club 40 years ago.

Mrs Gottschall said the UFO hotline (1800 77 22 88) was open to anyone who had experienced an unusual encounter.

"We (also) hold support meetings for those who have actually encountered aliens," she said.

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From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
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>Source: The Sunday Mail - Brisbane, Queensland, Australia

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Journalism has a way of avoiding the obvious. In this case it is the selection of the verb, "sparks" in describing the supposed increase in sightings.

I would submit a better choice, that of, recognizes.

Let me give you an example.

I grew up in Dublin, Texas. While there as a boy and teenager, I witnessed UFOs and incidents of high strangeness throughout that time.

I'm certain so did others. But their fear of ridicule prevented them even discussing them with the very people they might have shared such experience. I know this from personal experience because I had shared experiences.

What happened recently was not unique to the area, it was the courage of some of those involved to come forth that was unique.

Now, as sightings increase, is it truly an increase in frequency or is it merely the more and more at ease and candid witness?

And why isn't this consideration being given?

JCH

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## Re: The Cost Of Curiosity

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Subject: Re: The Cost Of Curiosity

At the risk of straying from the latest details of Mr. McKinnon's plight, may I ask if anyone knows if he actually found anything he was looking for?

Robert Thevenot

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## Buzz Aldrin On Mitchell

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Subject: Buzz Aldrin On Mitchell

Source: WCBS-TV - New York, New York, USA

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[Video at site]

Man Who Walked On Moon Claims Aliens Have Visited  
Reporting  
Don Dahler

NEW YORK (CBS) --Do you believe space aliens have visited our planet? Well, a former NASA astronaut who walked on the moon has reignited the debate.

He claims he was briefed by scientists and the U.S. military that it's all true, and it's all been covered up.

On February 9th, 1971, Dr. Edgar Mitchell became th sixth man to set foot on the moon.

But what he is most famous for today are comments he made just days ago on a British radio station.

"I happen to be privileged enough to be in on the fact that we have been visited on this planet," Mitchell said. "The UFO phenomenon is real, although it's been covered up by our governments for a long time."

Mitchell, who holds a PhD. from MIT, says he and others at NASA were briefed by scientists and military personnel. Although he doesn't give specifics, he says that he's taken part in their research.

"I have been deeply involved in certain committees and certain research circles with very credible scientists and intelligence people that do know the inside story," Mitchell said.

He says contemporary ideas about how aliens look, like in the movie "E.T.," are accurate.

"Some of them are these little people that look strange to us," Mitchell said.

He also said that other movies, like "War of the Worlds," got it wrong.

"It's not hostile," Mitchell said. "It's pretty obvious that if it were hostile, we'd have been gone by now."

CBS 2 spoke to Apollo 11 astronaut Buzz Aldrin about Mitchell's statements.

"He's a public figure and he's making statements, and they need to be responsibly examined," Aldrin said.

But the Montclair, New Jersey native isn't convinced there's been



a cover-up.

"I can't conceive of this government, in a free country, withholding information that he's alluding to," Aldrin said.

Dr. Mitchell says the Roswell incident, where an alien craft allegedly crashed, did happen and that an admiral at the Pentagon confirmed it.

NASA denies any knowledge of alien visitations, and Mitchell says it wasn't anyone from NASA who briefed him.

But he stands by his statements and says the contacts continue.

Then again, he also says a teenager in Canada cured him of cancer by remote healing.

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## San Jose Conf Media Coverage

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Archived: Sun, 03 Aug 2008 05:50:45 -0400  
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>>Source: The Sunday Mail - Brisbane, Queensland, Australia

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>Journalism has a way of avoiding the obvious. In this case it is  
>the selection of the verb, "sparks" in describing the supposed  
>increase in sightings.

Seems to be a time problem too. Lousy reporting even for the  
press. The publicized Mitchell story is about a week old while  
the reports go back months so how does the former spark the  
latter?

Having only recently returned from the MUFON Conference in San  
Jose my faith in the media's ability to discern fact seems  
directionally proportional to their time spent actually listening  
to the speakers rather than running around the halls looking for  
'new-ager' viewpoints.

The San Francisco Chronicle reporter reported that indeed there  
were white smudges to be seen on the screen display in the  
Belgian photo on which Major General Wilfred De Brouer spent some  
ten minutes explaining the photo analysis done. The reporter  
carefully avoided even mentioning the fact that De Brouer had  
been ordered by his superiors to investigate the event and the  
investigation that was conducted.

It was sound bite heaven for the media. NBC or ABC or one of them  
asked if they could eavesdrop - camera and Sennheiser microphone  
- on the conversation between 4 radar experts and me about radar  
as it pertained to Stephenville. You could almost see the  
camera's iris glazing over when all they heard was radar jitter  
problems, phased array and pencil beam phased array radar and the  
probability of supersonic speeds attributed to F-16s as opposed  
to their being no sonic booms, and - by me - unauthorized entry  
into the Dallas-Fort Worth TRACON with no aircraft ID.

No one was discussing little green men or excited voices overcome  
with emotion about the event. They quickly moved on. In fact I  
think they were a bit miffed when we discussed whether we wanted  
them eavesdropping - for color they explained - rather than getting  
all giddy about their presence.

Don Ledger

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## 'Scientific' Anthropocentrism Against Mitchell

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Subject: 'Scientific' Anthropocentrism Against Mitchell

Dear colleagues,

On July 25th, Australian Radio National asked Dr Stephen Hughes, a physicist from Queensland University of Technology and Dr Karl Kruszelnicki for their views on Edgar Mitchell and his statements about the extra-terrestrial nature of UFO phenomena.

Stephen Hughes stated that "planet Venus is the commonly spotted natural UFO and that there's a very strong psychological component that normal people do see things which are not there. We can actually see things which are not there. The brain can make up these things maybe from visual cues. That's just the way our minds work.", Hughes said.

Dr. Karl Kruszelnicki has similar views as his colleague. He stated that "There is no reason to keep UFOs secret. I mean do they think that if we know that there's a life form from another planet that we'll all suddenly bite ourselves on our belly buttons? All I want to do is see the proof; and the proof is really easy. You just get one of your alien mates to land their UFO in the middle of the football field on some sort of football grand final: round ball, AFL whatever. And that'll convince everybody in the world really quickly.", Kruszelnicki concluded.

Dr. Kruszelnicki's rapid expertise on UFO field research and human psychology also painted Mitchell with the delusional colors of the rainbow. He thinks that the human brain is immensely complicated and that space travel could have real effects on our minds that we just don't understand.

Audio of this anthropocentric and immensely complicated interview is available here:

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

Giuliano Marinkovic

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## Re: Surprise! Water On Mars

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Date: Sat, 2 Aug 2008 11:22:33 -0700  
Archived: Sun, 03 Aug 2008 06:11:39 -0400  
Subject: Re: Surprise! Water On Mars

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>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 31 Jul 2008 20:27:35 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Surprise! Water On Mars

>And it cost how much to find that out, while consistently  
>omitting life detection equipment or landing at Cydonia?

>Jail time for these fraud artists, I say!

The Mars missions are following a careful step-by-step plan beginning with "follow the water" and then going from there. The places that are most likely to be habitable, past or present, need to be identified first, before sending the more advanced missions.

The Mars Science Laboratory is designed to look for traces of such life, scheduled to be launched next year. Do you even know about it? To me, this is the proper scientific method to follow.

A lot has changed since Viking, as there is now a lot of talk among the various NASA, ESA, etc. teams about the possibility of past or even still present life on Mars.

The two newest published papers just announced last week provide probably the best evidence yet that Mars once had long-lasting lakes and rivers. As well as the evidence from both Spirit and Opportunity for previous liquid water. Viking was a sort of 'shot in the dark' but now we have much more detailed information to go on for targeting subsequent life-detection missions to certain locations.

Phoenix is looking for organic molecules in the ice/soil and the two powerful microscopes might be able to see things like larger bacteria if they should be so lucky. Its unexpected finding of the benign alkaline soil has already caused renewed debate about the previous Viking findings of no life(?) and highly oxidizing soil - still just a theory.

As for Cydonia, I still have a nagging curiosity although the much higher resolution images from Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter, down to a few centimetres, show a decidedly natural looking terrain. Disappointing, sure, but we must be willing to go where the evidence leads.

Paul

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The Meridiani Journal  
a chronicle of planetary exploration  
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>"Thanks to Dr Mitchell the whole world is now talking about it.  
>That's a relief for those who have had encounters."

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Edgar Mitchell's notable career and reputation have given him a privileged position - i.e he can maybe speak openly without fear of financial punishment and almost without fear of more direct action. NASA and other State employers have made it clear they'll deprive folk of their pensions if they tell.

The man and woman in the street don't realize how much 'power to punish' some agencies have - and are intent on using. In fact a List member once asked if he should give much credence to a 'come-on' from a promised informant who said he was an officer in a security agency - military I think - and I had to tell him that, with loss of pension, damage/death of family members and worse all waiting for any real 'informer', you just don't get genuine stuff from those sources, unless the guy is psychotic/suicidal.

Which is probably why the overwhelming mass of reports come from ordinary folk.

Cheers

Ray D

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## So Now We Know What Makes The News

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Source: The Tehran Times - Iran

[http://www.tehrantimes.com/index\\_View.asp?code=174413](http://www.tehrantimes.com/index_View.asp?code=174413)

Sunday, August 10[sic], 2008

So Now We Know What Makes The News  
By Greg Boone

As UFO researchers and realists are aware, 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, confirmed 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 caliber 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 a 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 traveled 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 with ruffles and flourishes, it shows what the true agenda of the 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.

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 dishonest skeptics and debunkers don't know what to do with

themselves 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!

The 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 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 there were 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. 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.

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## Re: Astronaut's Admission Sparks UFO Sightings

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>From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
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>Date: Sat, 2 Aug 2008 08:13:45 -0700 (PDT)  
>Subject: Re: Astronaut's Admission Sparks UFO Sightings

>>Source: The Sunday Mail - Brisbane, Queensland, Australia

><http://tinyurl.com/63dn94>

><snip>

>Journalism has a way of avoiding the obvious. In this case it is  
>the selection of the verb, "sparks" in describing the supposed  
>increase in sightings.  
>snip<

>Now, as sightings increase, is it truly an increase in frequency  
>or is it merely the more and more at ease and candid witness?

>And why isn't this consideration being given?

James, Since it was our organisation that was mentioned in this article I thought I'd qualify the point you raised. There has been no increase in new sightings to UFORQ due to the Edgar Mitchell story.

While there has been a rash of media stories in the last 2 months in Australia, the Mitchell story just happened to catch the wave this had previously produced.

However, I can confirm that this previous rash of media articles did create in increase of reports. Obviously other organisations might have had a different experience.

Sheryl

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The video of George Knapp's report is at YouTube:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=awGOXaAA0Ts>

The original List-post is at:

<http://tinyurl.com/6nfkk6>

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## Aliens Stole My Brain

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03/08/2008

Aliens Stole My Brain  
By William Langley

The new X-Files movie has opened at a promising time, with a poll suggesting that more than 60 per cent of Britons believe in space aliens, and Edgar Mitchell, a renowned former NASA astronaut who once walked on the moon, claiming that they're already here.

Ed, 77, says he has it from unimpeachable sources that the aliens have been visiting us for some time, but that governments around the world are hushing the story up.

They are afraid, he suggests, that if we knew the truth there would be mass panic and people might lose confidence in things like, oh, you know, the security of the oil supply and the global banking system.

From a world leader's point of view, it's therefore much easier to pretend that aliens don't exist. Rather harder to understand is why this should also be the aliens' point of view.

Being evidently cleverer than us they might have a different way of doing things, but the whole (admittedly, human) history of exploration and conquest suggests that when an advanced civilisation meets a less advanced civilisation, the advanced one quickly takes over.

To have reached our world, the aliens would have had to develop spacecraft of unimaginable sophistication and fly them from distant galaxies. Why, having gone to the trouble, would they spend their time stooing around over abandoned farmhouses in the middle of Kansas, and abducting the cast of the Jerry Springer Show?

Prominent believers in alien existence offer a partial answer to this. Frank Drake, the founder of the California-based SETI (Search for Extra Terrestrial Intelligence), the foremost research institute in the field, contends that aliens are almost certainly well-intentioned.

"If they were bad, or aggressive in nature," he says, "the likelihood is that they would have already destroyed themselves in a nuclear war."

The aliens, according to this theory, are here to learn and observe, and their moral awareness of what might happen if they established a stronger presence compels them to remain discreet. "People always say: 'Why don't they land in Downing Street or at Heathrow?'" says Malcolm Robinson, founder of Strange Phenomena Investigations, Britain's leading UFO-tracking group, "but

imagine the consequences for our civilisation if something like that actually happened."

Too true; especially if the airport lost the aliens' baggage.

Like most ufologists (to use the currently modish term) Robinson, a genial 49-year-old Scotsman, hesitates to guess the aliens' intentions.

"There's an incredible amount we just can't know," he says. "How do you explain things like abductions? Some people think they might be trying to repopulate a dying planet. Some think they put us here in the first place, and are keeping an eye on our progress. All I know is that I came into this as a sceptic, and became a believer."

The latest X-Files movie - I Want To Believe - largely steers clear of the alien existence theories that ran through the cult 1990s TV show, presenting instead a complex character study of the two FBI agents, Fox Mulder (David Duchovny), and Dana Scully (Gillian Anderson) at the heart of the drama.

Yet, as last week's poll suggests, more people than ever do want to believe, and are prepared to risk their credibility in saying so.

Ed Mitchell, who holds the record for the longest moonwalk (nine hours, 17 minutes during the 1971 Apollo 14 mission) is a hero among believers in aliens. He argues that the evidence of human-alien contact is now incontrovertible, and that only fear prevents governments from admitting it.

Last week on a West Midlands radio station Mitchell went even further, claiming that the celebrated 1947 "Roswell Incident", when a spacecraft supposedly crashed in New Mexico, was the real thing.

The US military maintains that the "craft" was an experimental weather balloon, but around Roswell has grown a vast and fertile sub-culture of conspiracy theory, spawning numerous books, documentaries, movies and a lingering disbelief in official explanations.

"Within six months of Roswell, the CIA was formed, the National Security Act was passed, Harry Truman launched an official investigation into the UFO phenomenon, and the air force was separated from the army," says Joe Firmage, a Silicon Valley software entrepreneur who has spent millions of dollars on UFO research.

"And then all these technological advances started spilling out of the military-industrial complex - semiconductors, microwaves, lasers, fibre optics, vertical take-off capability. Is that all coincidence?"

In the UFO community "coincidence" is an important word. How can it be, believers ask, that so many accounts of alien encounters, from all over the world, have so many consistencies?

John Mack, a Harvard professor who risked his career to investigate the phenomenon of abductions, concluded after several years of study: "People with no opportunity to collude gave accounts of remarkable similarity. From the interior configuration of the spaceships to the design of medical instruments used by the aliens, the experiencers' descriptions tallied to an uncanny degree. I spent hundreds of hours with these people before, finally, I said 'Look, something is really going on here'."

What these experiencers tend to observe is an alien hierarchy in which the orderlies - known as "small greys" - act under the guidance of larger and more intelligent aliens known as the "doctors".

The small greys have large, pear-shaped heads, long arms with three or four long fingers, a thin torso, and spindly legs. They are hairless, with rudimentary nostrils, no ears and a small slit of a mouth. By far their most prominent features are huge, black eyes which curve upwards, tapering towards the back of the head.

Several of Mack's witnesses describe an "eye inside an eye", with

the dark, outer cover acting as a goggle. The "doctors" are taller - most accounts put them at around 5ft - and appear to be older.

Impressive, too, is the physical evidence - notably the curious patterns of pinpricks, "scoop-marks" and cuts often found on abduction victims.

In one case, noted Mack, the distinctive, geometric marks were found on a quadriplegic who could not have inflicted them himself. Two years ago, Mack was killed by a drunken driver in north London. The UFO community continues to buzz with suggestions that he was murdered.

There is a middle way of looking at the alien mystery. It is one adopted by Lord Rees, the Astronomer Royal and President of the Royal Society. He doesn't swallow the stories of flying saucers or little men with TV antennae growing out of their heads, but accepts the probability of life of some form existing somewhere - perhaps in many places - somewhere out in the vastness of space. To believe otherwise, he argues in his book *Our Cosmic Habitat*, would serve only to place us "alone in a vast uncaring cosmos".

The Vatican has adapted, 400 years after Giordano Bruno, an Italian monk, was burnt at the stake for saying that the universe might contain other life forms, "the equal of ours". Fr Jose Funes, head of the Vatican observatory, guardedly accepted that there was "no conflict between the Catholic faith and belief in aliens".

This pragmatism comes from our growing grasp of the mind-boggling limitlessness of space. "We now know," says Edward Weller, head of NASA's science division, "that the number of stars in the universe is something like one followed by 23 zeros, and given that number how arrogant is it to think that ours is the only sun with a planet that supports life?"

The truth, as they say on *The X-Files*, is out there somewhere. Even if, in our search for intelligent life elsewhere, we sometimes forget how rare it is on earth.

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## White House Briefed On Mars Potential

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The White House is Briefed: Phoenix About to Announce "Potential For Life" on Mars

<http://tinyurl.com/6l3rmb>

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Well another story about a top secret briefing by NASA to the White House about a scientific discovery. In the past NASA has had these slip outs of information that they find exciting and we and the press sit on the edge of our seats only to find out that one would need three doctorates in physics to even give a darn about the new NASA discovery. That doesn't stop NASA from teasing us with this type of showmanship and the press eats it up because they know we can't resist a mystery and a secret.

We humans just love a secret. We can't wait to learn a new secret after swearing our own secrecy not to divulge it and then go blab it to everyone we can find. Just slap a big "SECRET" sign on something and it'll be Katie-bar-the-door.

So now we have to wait to hear what the Mars Phoenix Lander has to say next about the mysterious red planet. So far it's told us Mars has ice and water. My cousin Elmer discovered the same thing by looking out his window with his telescope but no one listens to Elmer, not even his wife. For some reason this Mars Phoenix Lander could travel a quarter billion miles to Mars, land, and can only tell us what's in the dirt on Mars. It wasn't equipped with a device to find life for some strange reason. That's sort of like sending someone to the Bahamas without shorts. You just want them to tell you the weather is warm and the beaches are beautiful but they can't go swimming or sunbathing.

That's government for you. Gotta have that dragged on suspense and then big secret so some politician can appropriate more funds to keep us in suspense and mystery. I have a feeling President Bush, the man who couldn't find Osama Bin Laden will announce something about life and Mars and all of us will just yawn and go back to more important things like pestering Congress as to what they're going to do about all the alien abductions and such that we've been complaining about for the past 60 years or so.

Stranger things have happened.

Best,

Greg

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## Important PolySci Paper On Government "UFO Taboo"

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Subject: Important PolySci Paper On Government "UFO Taboo"

Yesterday two U.S. political scientists, Profs. Alexander Wendt and Raymond Duvall, published a lengthy 27-page political science paper, in the journal Political Theory (dated Aug. 1), analyzing the reasons why governments (with few exceptions such as possibly France) are not taking UFOs seriously:

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August 1, 2008  
Political Theory, Vol. 36, No. 4, 607-633 (2008)  
DOI: 10.1177/0090591708317902  
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Sovereignty and the UFO

Alexander Wendt  
The Ohio State University

Raymond Duvall  
University of Minnesota

Modern sovereignty is anthropocentric, constituted and organized by reference to human beings alone. Although a metaphysical assumption, anthropocentrism is of immense practical import, enabling modern states to command loyalty and resources from their subjects in pursuit of political projects. It has limits, however, which are brought clearly into view by the authoritative taboo on taking UFOs seriously. UFOs have never been systematically investigated by science or the state, because it is assumed to be known that none are extraterrestrial. Yet in fact this is not known, which makes the UFO taboo puzzling given the ET possibility. Drawing on the work of Giorgio Agamben, Michel Foucault, and Jacques Derrida, the puzzle is explained by the functional imperatives of anthropocentric sovereignty, which cannot decide a UFO exception to anthropocentrism while preserving the ability to make such a decision. The UFO can be "known" only by not asking what it is.

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I can email PDF copies of the paper, for those interested.

They conclude that the "UFO taboo", as they call it, is due to fears by governments that the UFO, as a possible not necessarily proven manifestation of ET visitation, is a threat to their sovereignty, to their power and control. Even though the authors say one would think that governments would be interested in at least investigating UFOs, as a possible national security threat, they do not. They say the modern state does not want to even investigate UFOs since even the admission of the possibility of UFO reality can diminish their power and control over their people.

They say that science follows along in the footsteps of the modern state in perpetuating the UFO taboo because the UFO threatens our anthropocentrism, our uniqueness in the universe. Thus scientific anthropocentrism undergirds the political controls that initiated and continue to enforce the UFO taboo.

A down to earth way to put their thesis is that governments are

run by small-minded, rigid bureaucrats who cannot tolerate new ideas, and are too limited in their imagination to allow for "other realities." To government martinets anything exotic such as UFOs which represent even the remotest possibility of alien governments constitute a threat to their rigid control of their own earthly domain. Thus state bureaucrats internally suppress the possibility of UFO reality by trying not to even think about it, or failing that, reacting in kneejerk fashion to put down any openminded discussion or inquiry into the subject.

The authors are familiar with the UFO literature. They cite Hynek, Vallee, McDonald, Condon Report, Sturrock, Jacobs, Sagan, Swords, Brenda Denzler, Gerald Haines, CSICOP, SETI, JSE, JUFOS, and many others. They cite the late John Mack as inspiration for the paper, but they wisely do not discuss abductions, only the UFO phenomenon in general. They refer to a few UFO cases such as the Belgium F-16 radar UFO with the 40 g's acceleration (p. 624), and to Roswell (p. 614), but generalize the UFO as a challenging subject that leaves physical traces, is recorded on radar and film, hence is not merely a myth which can safely be ignored.

In fact, they maintain that UFOs are more of a challenge to the modern state and our society than God, because God does not seem to threaten or intervene in our existence and has been relegated to a safely non-scientific realm, unlike UFOs and in spite of efforts to dismiss UFOs as pseudoscientific. They stress that UFOs do intervene and do leave physical traces that could be investigated by science. They say that "if science does its job properly, the resistance [to UFO reality] should break down and a serious effort to identify UFOs eventually [should be] undertaken" (p. 624).

Wendt and Duvall are careful not to equate UFOs with ETs. They explain quite rightly that the existence of the UFO, which they have little doubt about, raises the possibility that it is due to ET activity. In fact, they consider several of the strongest arguments in the arsenal of the UFO skeptics and show that these arguments do not even "come close" to warranting the all-too-common outright rejection of ETH (p. 614) citing Vallee, McDonald, Hynek and Swords as their authorities.

They nicely rebut each of the following skeptical arguments against ETH and UFO reality, and I leave it to you to read how well they do it. Indeed they sound quite like Stan Friedman here, but he is nowhere cited and they may be unfamiliar with his work:

This is a serious intellectual effort and a very worthy contribution to political science and UFO studies both. It is a welcome relief from the usual vitriolic debunker treatments. It is written in a collegial academic style without rancor. They make very well nuanced arguments.

Wendt and Duvall have already come under criticism by some fellow political scientists (their paper has been presented at academic forums for about two years and was preprinted online on June 11). They are criticized for not explaining why UFOs should be taken any more seriously by governments and scientists than say astrology.

But unlike astrology, UFOs pose clear threats to national security, in incidents such as the Iranian jets case of 1976 where the UFO disabled the F-4 weapons controls and jammed communications and in apparent UFO shutdowns of nuclear-tipped Minuteman ICBM's at Malmstrom AFB in 1967 and interference with ICBM silos at Minot AFB in 1968. Retired NASA scientist Dick Haines and his NARCAP project have demonstrated that UFOs (or "UAP") pose a distinct hazard to airline and aviation flight safety, again unlike astrology.

Wendt and Duvall have also been criticized for ignoring the "disconfirming" evidence of US government support for the Colorado UFO Project and SETI, which seem to critics to prove that modern states can and do exhibit curiosity about the concept of potential threats to their sovereignty.

But such critics ignore the political history and reality of the Colorado Project and SETI (which is no longer government-funded) which Wendt and Duvall do allude to. Sturrock has shown for example, in his incisive critique of the Colorado Project that it was a politically motivated project (he cites the infamous Col. Hippler letter of Jan. 16, 1967) staffed with busy part-timers

and no scientist was actually devoted full-time to it during the brief year and a half of its existence in 1966-8. Wendt and Duvall point out that as to SETI, it deals with extremely distant possible civilizations whereas UFOs are here, and close by, thus posing a potential physical threat to government control that radio signals do not (pp. 620-1).

I disagree, however, with the main thrust of the fundamental thesis of these scholars, though I would merely reframe their analysis, not negate it. They write, "In our view secrecy is a symptom of the UFO taboo, not its heart" (p. 614). I respectfully disagree here. This is an empirical historical issue, not an abstract, esoteric, metaphysical, philosophical, sociological or psychological issue. There are specific events in intelligence history that determine the facts of this matter.

Wendt and Duvall assert that "no authority has ever actually looked for UFOs" (p. 617) and that UFOs have not been "securitized" like so many other potential threats that have had national security and secrecy strictures slapped onto them (p. 611).

After all the FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) ordeals and even lawsuits to pry loose government UFO documents, and uncover the facts about USAF, CIA and British MoD investigations of UFOs, how can one seriously contend there is no "securitization" of the UFO subject by governments? Many documents are now being disclosed for the first time only after a half century of unwarranted secrecy! There are approximately 225,000 pages of USAF UFO documents languishing in the National Archives and never yet fully studied by researchers since their public release in 1976.

I have reviewed 100,000's of pages of AF and CIA documents on UFOs and other subjects, and interviewed about 100 CIA Directors, Deputy Directors, and officials in AFIN, NSA, DIA, and other agencies, down to intelligence analyst level. Both the AF and the CIA have "actually looked for UFOs", contrary to Wendt and Duvall, and they "found" them.

The Army set up a UFO tracking and triangulation network around an extremely sensitive nuclear weapons storage site at Camp Hood, Texas, in 1949, and achieved the world's first real-time triangulation of a UFO. The reports are in the AF files (and also some in Army, DOE/AEC and FBI releases under FOIA). The AF set up a number of radar, camera, and phototheodolite UFO tracking networks in New Mexico, which successfully tracked UFOs, and went on to develop a highly classified global sensor system to detect and track UFOs worldwide.

The AF Director of Intelligence made a policy decision on July 28, 1952, to emphasize instrument tracking of UFOs and to disregard or discourage anecdotal UFO sighting reports ("testimonies" as Wendt and Duvall would call them). This is an important milestone in UFO history. It sidesteps all the contentious issues over the reliability of human testimony as scientific evidence on a controversial subject like UFOs. It pulls the rug out from under the skeptics, who prefer to remain ignorant of the large amount of instrument data on UFOs collected by the US Government, which is available with some digging as I indicated above. Again, this shows that government agencies have "actually looked for UFOs."

The evidence in fact shows overwhelmingly that UFO secrecy is a symptom of the "securitization" of intelligence activities dedicated to monitoring and investigating the UFO phenomenon, and not due to the UFO taboo. The "taboo" is rather the byproduct of specialized covert operations unrelated to the intelligence investigations of the phenomenon, and is not caused by some existential angst of government bureaucrats incapable of contemplating the wonders of the universe or who feel threatened by the possibility that alien bureaucrats (if they exist) might take over their jobs.

After many years of research it is my conclusion that the "UFO taboo", especially within the scientific community, is an unintended secondary byproduct of US Government psychological warfare and disinformation programs. These disinfo programs were designed to neutralize or antagonize public opinion against UFO reality, by introducing or reinforcing the "giggle factor." This was done through the encouragement and spreading of false

contactee stories and alien crash rumors that bring public ridicule down upon the subject.

My analysis indicates that except for the very earliest propaganda operations, the CIA Political and Psychological Warfare Staff, founded by Joseph Bryan III (who later took over NICAP and fired Keyhoe) liked to promote contactee stories, such as Adamski's, mostly by helping to spread and embellish existing stories. Whereas the AFOSI Counteintelligence Division preferred to help circulate if not invent rumors of USAF recoveries of crashed saucers and alien bodies, which give the USAF the credit for possessing and/or controlling an immense military advantage in the form of this alleged alien technology. The CIA does not want to credit the AF with anything in its UFO propaganda, as the CIA and AF are bureaucratic enemies.

This covert rumor-mongering has had the unintended side-effect of alienating (pun intended) the scientific community from serious investigation of the UFO subject. The US disinformation campaign has probably seen this turning off of the scientific community as a welcome side benefit. It helps maintain the desired curtain of ridicule over UFOs which might fall if the scientific community publicly validated the subject as legitimate. But I do not see signs that the US disinformation campaign deliberately sought to stigmatize the UFO subject with scientists, only the public in general, and except in the earliest days (ca. 1950-2) scientists do not seem to be specifically targeted.

The psych war objective was to prevent foreign adversaries from taking advantage of public "gullibility" to falsely claim that UFOs were really, for example, Russian secret weapons more powerful than the atomic bomb and able to fly over American cities with impunity. The mere assertion of such a capability, visible to numerous people in the skies overhead, by an adversary government could have destabilized fragile war-torn nations and weakened the U.S. nuclear deterrent. It is only the political perception of which nation is militarily stronger that matters since the terrible weapons of apocalypse cannot actually be put to use to decide the question.

The fear that such a Soviet propaganda campaign could actually negate our then nuclear monopoly is recited in the TOP SECRET USAF Air Intelligence Division Study 203 of Dec 1948/April 1949. I discuss some of the aspects of the US disinformation campaign in my 2007 MUFON Symposium Proceedings paper, which is available online at the weblink below, but this is a topic that will require a book-length treatment not possible in an article of more limited scope:

[www.mufon.com/documents/2007MUFONSymposium-NewMJ12Revelations.pdf](http://www.mufon.com/documents/2007MUFONSymposium-NewMJ12Revelations.pdf)

The possibility that this long-running US disinformation campaign is driven by the need to cover up alleged proof of UFO reality and/or ET visitation is not really relevant here. The US disinformation campaign would be carried out regardless whether the disinfo agents knew the "big secret" or not, as I will explain below. They would surely not "need to know" the supersecrets, if any existed.

Judging from the content of the propaganda themes employed by the US disinformation campaign (noted above), with one possible specific early exception (ironically it is Roswell-related) there is no evidence of any awareness by the psych war operatives of a supersecret being guarded by their program. To the contrary, there is a considerable policy paper trail invoking very understandable Cold War concerns of the era (e.g., the damage to nuclear deterrent noted in the AIDS 203 study, and in other similar papers in that time period). Security policy and compartmentation dictate that US disinformation agencies such as AFOSI have no "need to know" and thus would not be cleared for access to the most highly sensitive secrets of the nation, which would needlessly risk a leak to the most untrustworthy and unsavory people imaginable.

Wendt and Duvall should develop their ideas further, among other things to incorporate the fact that part of a government can hold secrets while the rest, which remains in ignorance, can act in denial, oblivious to the protected secrets.

There is much to chew on in this provocative and courageous paper. I have only touched on a few key items. I highly recommend

this article for careful reading and for reflection on the nature of the UFO problem.

Brad Sparks

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From: **Greg Boone** [Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 3 Aug 2008 09:29:01 EDT  
Archived: Sun, 03 Aug 2008 15:18:44 -0400  
Subject: The 'Shadow People' & UFOs?

So What's With The Shadow People?

Are there any experts or research on this phenomenon? It seems to be spreading and far too many credible folks reporting it on my side of the block. It may seem recent but I recall incidents going back to the mid 1980's.

If you've not seen this phenom it manifests itself in several ways. Sometimes it's just a shadowy form, human form, that is caught out of the corner of the eye. On other occasions it passes before one or more people in clear sight. Sometimes the forms are far more detailed and actually interact with persons, objects, pets, animals. Some of these interactions aren't pleasant according to the victims.

The most frightening manifestation is the closed eye one. People report when they close their eyes like when in sleep or resting they continually see these beings and they resemble the Greys of UFO legend. It's as though someone is trying to send a message and it's either intimidation, misinterpretation, or some other data.

Good or bad it's disturbing and hazardous. The closest reference I could find was actually in my family history of Cherokee lore pertaining to the same phenomenon and it's not a pretty picture. One of some sort of sinister attachment to a person.

Whatever it is, it should be addressed and I only mention it in regard to UFOs because it manifested itself severely for us back east during the height of the Hudson Valley UFO incident and it's popped up continually therefore I'm asking.

Best,

Greg  
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From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 03 Aug 2008 15:55:27 +0100  
Archived: Sun, 03 Aug 2008 15:14:34 -0400  
Subject: Re: So Now We Know What Makes The News

>Source: The Tehran Times - Iran

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<snip>

Confirmed? Don't you mean "claimed"?

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John Rimmer  
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## Re: Astronaut's Admission Sparks UFO Sightings

From: **Gerald O'Connell** <[gac.nul](mailto:gac.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 3 Aug 2008 19:20:55 +0100  
Archived: Sun, 03 Aug 2008 15:21:54 -0400  
Subject: Re: Astronaut's Admission Sparks UFO Sightings

>From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 2 Aug 2008 20:11:30 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Astronaut's Admission Sparks UFO Sightings

><snip>

>The man and woman in the street don't realize how much 'power to  
>punish' some agencies have - and are intent on using. In fact a  
>List member once asked if he should give much credence to a  
>'come-on' from a promised informant who said he was an officer in  
>a security agency - military I think - and I had to tell him that,  
>with loss of pension, damage/death of family members and worse  
>all waiting for any real 'informer', you just don't get genuine  
>stuff from those sources, unless the guy is psychotic/suicidal.

...or is a lottery winner, or who married an heiress so the  
financial penalties don't bite, and who can afford to have a  
public profile too high for other sanctions to be safe.

So, Ray, what do you think the real odds are on the authorities'  
run of luck continuing on this one?

-- Gerald O'Connell

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## Re: So Now We Know What Makes The News

From: **Greg Boone** <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 3 Aug 2008 15:26:47 EDT  
Archived: Mon, 04 Aug 2008 02:23:59 -0400  
Subject: Re: So Now We Know What Makes The News

>From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 03 Aug 2008 15:55:27 +0100  
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>Confirmed? Don't you mean "claimed"?

Wow! I made it all the way to the Tehran Times via my blog! Bet my old pals at Gannett and AP and Chicago Tribune Syndicate are standing up and taking notice!

No, "confirmed". You can't "claim" a phenomenon is a reality if it isn't real no one would be able to observe it. Mitchell confirmed using his professional credentials that a phenomenon shared by millions upon millions over half a century is indeed the concern of military and government higher ups.

However I don't need a military person nor political person to tell me what's real for me. I've said that over and over again.

Best,  
Greg  
[ufomafia.com/blog](http://ufomafia.com/blog)

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## Re: Surprise! Water On Mars

From: Paul Scott Anderson <[paulscottanderson.nul](mailto:paulscottanderson.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 3 Aug 2008 12:36:10 -0700  
Archived: Mon, 04 Aug 2008 02:25:49 -0400  
Subject: Re: Surprise! Water On Mars

>From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 1 Aug 2008 06:23:18 -0700 (PDT)  
>Subject: Re: Surprise! Water On Mars

>Not nearly the worst of it, Eleanor. For sixty years now  
>conventional science has passed off the records of a green  
>lattice structure (presumed canals) running across Mars and  
>easily defined through the telescopes of that day.

>Along with two prominent polar caps these disappeared before  
>WWII.

>Want to know the final word from this bogus science world of  
>these anomalies? "They couldn't have been there because there is  
>no water on Mars."

>Now these side-stepping crabs will have to think of something  
>else. That is, if people are smart enough to start throwing it in  
>their lying faces.

The canals were most likely an optical illusion with the  
telescopes at the time. If they were there, then why can't they  
be seen today by anyone with a good quality telescope (there are  
thousands of amateur astronomers out there)?

The polar caps have always been there! They grow and shrink with  
the seasons, that's all. The Phoenix lander will eventually  
become covered in ice as the north polar cap starts growing again  
in the coming winter (still summer there right now), as has been  
stated by the Phoenix team.

Please, read any decent book or web site about Mars or the solar  
system; it is all well-known, basic information.

Paul

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The Meridiani Journal  
a chronicle of planetary exploration  
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From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 3 Aug 2008 14:46:32 -0500  
Archived: Mon, 04 Aug 2008 02:28:01 -0400  
Subject: Re: So Now We Know What Makes The News

>From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 03 Aug 2008 15:55:27 +0100  
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>Confirmed? Don't you mean "claimed"?

Mmmmmno... Mr. Boone is spot on. Confirmed.

See, we already have evidentiary "claims" across 10,000 years of  
history across six distinct categories of evidence outlining what  
\_some\_ intellectual worthies, professional persons, and  
institutional leaders take as proof of that contention.

When a man of Dr. Mitchell's top drawer reputation, education,  
and experience steps forward it rises above the level of a mere  
claim and becomes a "confirmation."

Others making \_similar\_ confirmation? Reagan, Carter, Symington.  
McDonald, Hynek, Vallee. It's not that difficult to continue this  
roster, Mr. Rimmer, and to draw from all levels of Culture and  
society affected globally, but I don't want to be tedious. Too  
late, I know.

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## Re: So Now We Know What Makes The News

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 03 Aug 2008 17:03:48 -0300  
Archived: Mon, 04 Aug 2008 02:30:19 -0400  
Subject: Re: So Now We Know What Makes The News

>From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
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Also the phenomenon might be a "reality" while UFOs are UFOs. No  
one seems to understand what those damn letters stand for.

Don Ledger

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From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 3 Aug 2008 13:30:35 -0700 (PDT)  
Archived: Mon, 04 Aug 2008 03:35:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: The 'Shadow People' & UFOs?

>From: Greg Boone [Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
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I've researched this and other forms of visitant manfestion for  
some time now. Probably have enough work to justify beginning a  
book. In investigating I have developed a theory that relates  
these episodes to three possibilities.

Since I am considering working on a manuscript, I hope you'll  
forgive my not going into detail. I will, however, go into an  
experience I had with two young people that suffered such an  
episode.

They lived in a home on Robert's Cutoff, a winding road in Fort  
Worth that parameters Lake Worth and travels upon a bluff  
overlooking what was then, Carswell Air Force Base. Their home  
was situated with a good view of the northeast portion of the  
base's landing strips.

At this time the base authorities had closed the enlisted housing  
that was located in sight of the southwestern ends of these  
runways and piled up earth almost 30 feet to prevent any view  
from Highway 183.

Re: The 'Shadow People' & UFOs?

One evening, near the couple's retiring to bed, the young lady felt nauseous and slumped onto a living room couch opposite their TV. Her husband sat beside her to try and discover what he might do to help her.

Although the TV was off, both could see prowling figures in some odd reflection on the screen that weren't present visibly elsewhere. They became terrified and soon found a new place to live.

The figures were described to me by the couple as being greys.

Make of this what you will, I have, as I said, done so.

JCH

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## Re: Astronaut's Admission Sparks UFO Sightings

From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 3 Aug 2008 22:12:12 +0100  
Archived: Mon, 04 Aug 2008 03:36:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Astronaut's Admission Sparks UFO Sightings

>From: Gerald O'Connell <[gac.nul](mailto:gac.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 3 Aug 2008 19:20:55 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Astronaut's Admission Sparks UFO Sightings

>So, Ray, what do you think the real odds are on the authorities'  
>run of luck continuing on this one?

Hi Gerald,

It'd be great to forecast a phase of disclosure, but a lifetime's experience and advice from insiders says "nothing happens by accident in politics" - so if an accident does happen it is suppressed.

As implied by Brad Sparks' post about Profs Wendt & Duvall's conclusions:

<http://ptx.sagepub.com/cgi/content/abstract/36/4/607>

our 'rulers' just can't allow real disclosure on sensitive subjects like tax, policing, justice & UFO/ET because they fear loss of their 'authority'.

Which should tell us what that 'authority' relies on: public ignorance. As said in an earlier post "they really dislike looking ineffectual and helpless" - maybe check:

[www.perceptions.couk.com/present.html#vade](http://www.perceptions.couk.com/present.html#vade)

Cheers

Ray D

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## Re: Important PoliSci Paper On Government "UFO"

From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 3 Aug 2008 17:34:16 EDT  
Archived: Mon, 04 Aug 2008 03:37:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Important PoliSci Paper On Government "UFO"

>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sat, 2 Aug 2008 23:42:05 EDT  
>Subject: Important PolySci Paper On Government UFO Taboo

The list of anti-ETH arguments that Wendt and Duvall rebut were inadvertently omitted from the posting. The preceding paragraph and list are as follows:

They (Wendt and Duvall) nicely rebut each of the following skeptical arguments against ETH and UFO reality, and I leave it to you readers to read how well they do it.=C2 Indeed they sound quite like Stan Friedman here, but he is nowhere cited and they may be unfamiliar with his work:

"There is No Evidence"  
"It can't be true, therefore it isn't."  
"We are alone."  
"They can't get here."  
"They would land on the White House lawn."  
"We would know."

On my comment on the 225,000 pages of AF Project Blue Book files I meant to say that these files were once heavily "securitized" and were the subject of pitched battles between NICAP and the AF over access. Hence the BB files are further evidence that the US Government has indeed "securitized" the UFO subject, contrary to Wendt and Duvall.

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## Re: San Jose Conf Media Coverage

From: Vincent Boudreau <[vincentboudreau.nul](mailto:vincentboudreau.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 03 Aug 2008 17:54:57 -0400 (EDT)  
Archived: Mon, 04 Aug 2008 03:39:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: San Jose Conf Media Coverage

>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sat, 02 Aug 2008 13:53:08 -0300  
>Subject: San Jose Conf Media Coverage

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>>From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sat, 2 Aug 2008 08:13:45 -0700 (PDT)  
>>Subject: Re: Astronaut's Admission Sparks UFO Sightings

>>>Source: The Sunday Mail - Brisbane, Queensland, Australia

>><http://tinyurl.com/63dn94>

>>Journalism has a way of avoiding the obvious. In this case it is  
>>the selection of the verb, "sparks" in describing the supposed  
>>increase in sightings.

>Seems to be! a time problem too. Lousy reporting even for the  
>press. The publicized Mitchell story is about a week old while  
>the reports go back months so how does the former spark the  
>latter?

>Having only recently returned from the MUFON Conference in San  
>Jose my faith in the media's ability to discern fact seems  
>directionally proportional to their time spent actually listening  
>to the speakers rather than running around the halls looking for  
>'new-ager' viewpoints.

>The San Francisco Chronicle reporter reported that indeed there  
>were white smudges to be seen on the screen display in the  
>Belgian photo on which Major General Wilfred De Brouer spent some  
>ten minutes explaining the photo analysis done. The reporter  
>carefully avoided even mentioning the fact that De Brouer had  
>been ordered by his superiors to investigate the event and the  
>investigation that was conducted.

>It was sound bite heaven for the media. NBC or ABC or one of them  
>asked if they could eavesdrop - camera and Sennheiser microphone  
>- on the conversation between 4 radar experts and me about radar  
>as it pertained to Stephenville. You could almost see the  
>camera's iris glazing over when all they heard was radar jitter  
>problems, phased array and pencil beam phased array radar and the  
>probability of supersonic speeds attributed to F-16s as opposed  
>to their being no sonic booms, and - by me - unauthorized entry  
>into the Dallas-Fort Worth TRACON with no aircraft ID.

>No one was discussing little green men or excited voices overcome  
>with emotion about the event. They quickly moved on. In fact I  
>think they were a bit miffed when we discussed whether we wanted  
>them eavesdropping - for color they explained - rather than getting  
>all giddy about their presence.

Hello Don,

A most interesting post, as usual.

Don't think a minute you're going to get out of this one that easily.

Could you be more specific?

I lost some in there, like the "white smudges to be seen on the screen display in the Belgian photo on which Major General Wilfred De Brouer spent some ten minutes explaining the photo analysis done" and "radar jitter problems, phased array and pencil beam phased array radar and the probability of supersonic speeds attributed to F-16s as opposed to their being no sonic booms, and - by me - unauthorized entry into the Dallas-Fort Worth TRACON with no aircraft ID."

Anything else you care to add more details of your trip?

I know I may be an undeserving armchair whofologist, but you're the one who brought this all up :)

Vincent Boudreau

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>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sat, 2 Aug 2008 23:42:05 EDT  
>Subject: Important PolySci Paper On Government UFO Taboo

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>the reasons why governments (with few exceptions such as possibly  
>France) are not taking UFOs seriously:

<snip>

Hello Brad

For what it's worth - if Oscars existed in ufology, you'd get one  
for your post.

Vincent Boudreau

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>Political Theory, Vol. 36, No. 4, 607-633 (2008)  
>DOI: 10.1177/0090591708317902  
>c. 2008 SAGE Publications  
>Sovereignty and the UFO

>Alexander Wendt  
>The Ohio State University  
>Raymond Duvall  
>University of Minnesota

<snip>

>There is much to chew on in this provocative and courageous  
>paper. I have only touched on a few key items. I highly recommend  
>this article for careful reading and for reflection on the nature  
>of the UFO problem.

>Brad Sparks

I have read the article. (Thanks for the copy Brad!)

And I agree with the authors' early conundrum: "Thus, our puzzle is not the familiar question of ufology, "What are UFOs?" but, "Why are they dismissed by the authorities?" Why is human ignorance not only unacknowledged, but so emphatically denied? In short, why a taboo?"

Yes, why a taboo? In addition, why the "mental block" and ridicule each time the topic of UFO's, alien abductions, and the like, come up? Why can't establishment science and government publicly ask and answer the question, "What are UFO's?" Are they afraid that by so doing they will negate their own sovereignty?

I'm reminded of Stan Friedman's list summary judgments his noisy negativists use, namely:

1. What the public doesn't know, I won't tell them.
2. Don't bother me with the facts, my mind is made up.
3. If one can't attack the data, attack the people; it is easier.
4. Do one's research by proclamation; investigation is too much trouble.

I am heartened by Wendt and Duvall's "scientific", yet secondary

conclusions that:

- There is indirect evidence to support an ET origin hypothesis for UFOs.
- There is also testimonial evidence to support an ET origin.

But, the authors say, establishment science and governments aver that "it can't be true, so it isn't." The establishment bases this on the following four "facts":

- "We are alone."
- "They can't get here."
- "They would land on the White House lawn."
- "We would know."

May I repeatedly reference Friedman's "Don't bother me with the facts, my mind is made up". This acknowledges an absolutely adolescent arrogance. Arrogance like that is born out in the authors' central premise, running like a current through the article, "Sovereign is he who decides the exception."

It is also heartening to read that resistance to the UFO taboo is not futile. It can be ultimately exhausting, as is known better by others here, than myself. But, as the authors say, finding out what UFO's are is something humanity should do.

I like the article and approve the authors' conclusion that:

"Modern rule and its metaphysics are extraordinarily resilient, so the difficulties of such resistance [sustaining the UFO taboo] cannot be overstated. Those who attempt it [finding out what the UFO phenomenon is] will have difficulty funding and publishing their work, and their reputations will suffer. UFO resistance might not be futile but it is certainly dangerous, because it is resistance to modern sovereignty itself. In this respect militant UFO agnosticism is akin to other forms of resistance to governmentality; however, whereas sovereignty has found ways of dealing with them, the UFO may reveal an Achilles heel. Like Achilles, the modern sovereign is a warrior whose function is to protect=97in this case, from threats to the norm. Unlike conventional threats, however, the UFO threatens humans=92 capacity to decide those threats, and so cannot be acknowledged without calling modern sovereignty itself into question. To what extent that would be desirable is a large normative question which we have bracketed here. But taking UFOs seriously would certainly embody the spirit of self-criticism that infuses liberal governmentality and academia in particular, and it would, thereby, foster critical theory. And indeed, if academics=92 first responsibility is to tell the truth, then the truth is that after sixty years of modern UFOs, human beings still have no idea what they are, and are not even trying to find out. That should surprise and disturb us all, and cast doubt on the structure of rule that requires and sustains it."

Might I add that today's heroes include those here who bang against that "UFO taboo"!

"For every thousand hacking at the leaves of evil there is one striking at the root."

--Henry David Thoreau

Thanks again for the lead and the copy Brad!

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## UFO Study Earns Researcher A PhD

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Source: The University Of Melbourne - Australia

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Monday 4 August 2008

### Media Release

Dr Who? UFO Study Earns University Of Melbourne Researcher A PhD

A researcher who investigated the mysterious world of UFO sightings, ufology and ufologists will be awarded a PhD at the University of Melbourne this week.

Martin Plowman, from the School of Culture and Communication, investigated hundreds of UFO sightings and interviewed dozens of ufologists as part of his PhD thesis.

Mr Plowman will become Dr Plowman next Saturday (August 9) when he is conferred with a Doctor of Philosophy at the University of Melbourne.

As part of his research Mr Plowman visited key sites in the history of ufology, including Roswell, New Mexico; crop circle hotspots in Wiltshire, England; and the Valley of Elqui in the Chilean Andes, and examined the links between UFO sightings and religion, politics, national security and popular culture.

"Ufology is one of the longest enduring subcultures of the past century but its roots can be found way back in ancient culture and religion," he says. "Ufology exists in practically every country on earth and the word UFO is spoken in almost every language.

The intense reaction to recent claims by former NASA astronaut Edgar Mitchell that aliens do exist, shows that ufology remains a topic of great community interest and debate."

Mr Plowman said he was fascinated by the impact believing they had seen a UFO could have on a person, and how they made sense of their encounters with UFOs, whatever the objects might actually be.

"For some people ufology is an attempt for them to make more sense of their place in the universe and compensate for the fact that science, or religion, cannot explain everything," he says.

"I also wanted to explore the whole phenomenon of how someone can explain the paradox of how people can talk about an object that has been identified as unidentified."

He is now working on a book, supported by a manuscript sponsorship from the University of Melbourne's Writing Centre for Scholars and Researchers.

But after 80,000 words and seven years devoted to the subject, Mr

Plowman remains open-minded about whether UFOs exist or not.

"When a person tells me they have seen something in the sky that they can't explain I tend to believe them.", he says.

"But belief must be tempered by curiosity, and this curiosity has taken me to the edge of the unknown without falling into it."

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>From: Paul Scott Anderson <[paulscottanderson.nul](mailto:paulscottanderson.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sat, 2 Aug 2008 11:22:33 -0700  
>Subject: Re: Surprise! Water On Mars

>>From: Eleanor White <[ewraven1.nul](mailto:ewraven1.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Thu, 31 Jul 2008 20:27:35 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Surprise! Water On Mars

>>And it cost how much to find that out, while consistently  
>>omitting life detection equipment or landing at Cydonia?

>>Jail time for these fraud artists, I say!

>The Mars missions are following a careful step-by-step plan  
>beginning with "follow the water" and then going from there. The  
>places that are most likely to be habitable, past or present,  
>\_need\_ to be identified \_first\_, before sending the more advanced  
>missions.

>The Mars Science Laboratory \_is\_ designed to look for traces of  
>such life, scheduled to be launched next year. Do you even know  
>about it? To me, this is the proper scientific method to follow.

<snip>

Hi, Paul/List

Actually, Paul, the Mars Science Laboratory, or MSL rover, is  
\_not\_ designed "to look for traces" of life. While one of its  
missions is to investigate the past or present ability of Mars to  
support life, and by various means to analyse components of the  
Mars environment for \_potential\_habitability\_, it has no  
instrumentation, or experiment packages, that will have the  
actual ability to test for biosignatures of actual life, either  
past or present, microbial or otherwise.

This is a common misunderstanding, about both the Phoenix lander  
and the upcoming MSL rover mission. This is by design, both to  
avoid a "false positive" or ambiguous results from any such  
detection equipment that might be caused by "forward  
contamination" by earth based micro-organisms, and by  
international treaty under the ICSU (International Council for  
Science) COSPAR (Committee on Space Research) rules and  
agreements.

Steve

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The Paranormal: A New Science Of The 21st Century  
By Philip J. Imbrogno

"Paranormal" simply refers to something outside of normal. When we think of paranormal phenomena, the first things that come to mind are ghosts, poltergeists, and psychic communication with other worlds. However, there is another side to these strange occurrences that includes UFOs, alien contact, and the appearance of unusual creatures.

I am a paranormal researcher; over the past thirty years I have investigated every form of paranormal happening imaginable and have compiled an extensive library covering the details of my work in over 2700 case investigations. Despite this great amount of data, I am always amazed by the similarities of reports that span from hauntings to UFOs. Although I have spent quite a great deal of time chasing down strange happenings, my full-time profession is as a science educator; I have been teaching astronomy, earth science, and chemistry for the past 28 years. I have undergraduate and graduate degrees in science, and this makes me one of the few UFO/paranormal investigators with a real scientific background. I try to use science as much as possible when conducting an investigation, but since we are dealing with what I believe is a new branch of science our instruments and the so-called scientific method breaks down when researching these so-called borderline sciences.

No matter how skeptical you are, there are three things that cannot be denied: that reports of paranormal experiences exist, that they persist, and they are increasingly occurring on a global scale. The same types of reports that we receive in the United States are taking place all over the world, including in places that are not influenced by the media of the United States and Europe. The cases are so similar that there is no doubt that people are seeing and reporting the same thing.

Although I have investigated all claims of the paranormal, my "expertise" in the field has centered on UFO reports. This is because I was the chief investigator during one of the best documented of all UFO flaps, the Hudson Valley UFO Sightings. The UFO sightings took place between the years of 1982-1995; thousands of people in that area of New York encountered something that they believe was not from our Earth; these sightings are documented in my book Night Siege: The Hudson Valley UFO Sightings. During the duration of these sightings there were reports of a giant UFO (larger than an aircraft carrier) that silently flew over ten counties in New York and three in nearby Connecticut. These were "typical" sightings of a UFO, but other types of reports that spanned the paranormal spectrum were also taking place at the same time, including the

appearances of ghosts, outbreaks of poltergeist activity, and the appearance of alien and other strange creatures. These other cases were labeled "High Strangeness Reports" since they were not of the UFO ilk but took place during and after its appearance. It was as if the monstrous UFO opened up some type of doorway to a strange world, allowing our plane of reality to be bombarded with all types of phenomena. The High Strangeness Reports intrigued me and I investigated most of them, especially those that seemed to be an offshoot of the UFO phenomenon.

During my research I found a definite correlation between the locations of intense magnetic anomalies in the area and the paranormal reports. Also, although many of the people who saw the Hudson Valley UFO were from all walks of life, the majority had never before had a sighting. A very high percentage of the witnesses who had a paranormal experience (High Strangeness Report) had active or dormant psychic abilities, with many of them having similar encounters as a child or sometime in the past.

After the Hudson Valley Sightings, I investigated not only encounters with UFOs but also all claims of the paranormal. Each new case that I collected was compared with my previous research, and after gathering enough data I began to see the connection between reports of the paranormal and UFOs.

My new book, Interdimensional Universe: The New Science of UFOs, Paranormal Phenomena and Other Dimensional Beings, compares the paranormal cases with the UFO reports showing that they are related. Like Einstein, who searched all his life for a unified theory to tie together all the forces in the universe, I looked for a similar theory to show that all paranormal events are related. I believe I have finally found the connection to tie together all forms of paranormal phenomenon, from UFOs to hauntings.

When human beings are confronted with things they cannot understand most will try to attribute them to supernatural causes. Such was the case during the 18th century, when science was starting to bloom. Despite all scientific advances, including the discovery of the planet Uranus, no one was able to explain what powered the sun. The scientists during that time period knew that no fuel source with which they were familiar could explain the tremendous output of energy given off every second by our sun. Of course we now know that our sun's power source is deep within its core, where the element hydrogen is fused into helium, but at the time theories abounded, none of which could give a satisfactory answer. Some even claimed that human beings could not understand the sun's power source, since it was the creation of God. We see the same thing today with paranormal phenomenon and UFOs. Science today does not have the instruments or knowledge, and certainly no answers, to prove or disprove all of these strange events that people are experiencing. Human beings like to think they are in control of their domain, and everything that occurs has an explanation; if it cannot be explained, then it must not exist. UFOs and paranormal phenomenon have no simple answer; they are very complex phenomena indeed, and the only way to begin to understand these types of events is to accept the idea that the visible universe that we mere humans can see is only a narrow band of reality. It is my belief that the events we call paranormal phenomena are emitted from a parallel reality, perhaps even further. Recently, the theory of multiple strings making up the universe has received considerable attention, not only in the scientific community, but with the general public as well. String Theory theoretically explains that the universe is multi-dimensional in nature. It is strange to think that it took science over 2000 years to catch up to what the mystics, shamans, and Druid priests speculated so long ago.

String theory is a relatively new idea that states that particles existing in the universe do not lie at zero dimension points, but are on building blocks or lines called strings. This theory unifies the forces of nature into a single one and tells that all of creation is linked together. The "vibration" of a string at a particular frequency determines if that particle is to be an electron, photon, or any other bit of matter. The force that causes the string to vibrate may come from another universe. In order for one string not to interfere with another when it is vibrating, something like a membrane may separate them. A string can be opened or closed; open strings are linear, while closed strings can fold space creating a multitude of dimensions.

In the 1990s, Dr. Edward Witten found evidence that String Theory can predict the existence of a universe with eleven dimensions; this is called the M theory. Many recent developments in the field led to the idea that the universe could have as many as 26 dimensions. The hope of scientists is that String Theory will be able to unify all the known forces and particles into a single theory of "all and everything."

Strings interact by splitting and joining. The annihilation of two closed strings into a single closed string can cause changes to the dimensional state of space. Multiple closed strings can be connected to make tunnels that, in theory, can transport you to another part of the universe or even to one of the theoretical 26 dimensions. This is one way in which dimensional wormholes or windows can be formed. Look at it this way: if you have two lengths of string crossing over each other, each string would represent a part of the physical universe. If we bend the strings to form a loop we can merge both dimensions together, and twisting each string can bring us to different levels or, in the case of the cosmos, different dimensions. Each part of the string could actually vibrate at a different rate, which would mean "time" as we know it would progress in a different manner depending where you are located on the string.

If our universe has 26 dimensions, we as three-dimensional beings have very little awareness of them. If intelligent beings do exist in some of these dimensions and if they come into our universe we humans would not be able to perceive them as they truly are. This could be the reason why so many different reports of UFOs exist. Each witness is trying to understand what he or she saw by identifying it with something with which they are familiar or could accept. However, the truth may be that UFOs and other types of paranormal phenomena are things we cannot possibly fully understand since we have no real understanding of their part of the universe. An analogy to this hypothesis would be a group of present-day scientists traveling back in time to the 14th century to explain to the great scientific minds of the day the state of the universe, that our Earth orbits the sun and there are other worlds out there besides our tiny planet. Surely, they would be considered mad or even heretical.

Interdimensional Universe covers in detail the topics briefly touched on above; while I don't consider it to be a solution, it is never the less a start to understand the unseen worlds that exist around us.

Philip Imbrogno (Connecticut) is a recognized authority in the field of UFO research. He has been interviewed by the New York Times and Coast to Coast AM, has appeared on NBC's Today Show and The Oprah Winfrey Show, and has been featured in documentaries on the History Channel, A&E, Lifetime, and HBO. Imbrogno worked closely with many top UFO investigators, including Dr. J. Allen Hynek and Bud Hopkins.

He has been a science educator for the past 26 years with a graduate degree in Chemistry and undergraduate degrees in astronomy and Earth science.

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>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 3 Aug 2008 15:26:47 EDT  
>Subject: Re: So Now We Know What Makes The News

>>From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 03 Aug 2008 15:55:27 +0100  
>>Subject: Re: So Now We Know What Makes The News

>>>So Now We Know What Makes The News  
>>>By Greg Boone

>>>As UFO researchers and realists are aware, 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, confirmed the UFO phenomenon is a reality and that  
>>>extraterrestrials have indeed been visiting Earth and interacting  
>>>with our governments.

>><snip>

>>Confirmed? Don't you mean "claimed"?

<snip>

>No, "confirmed". You can't "claim" a phenomenon is a reality if  
>it isn't real no one would be able to observe it. Mitchell  
>confirmed using his professional credentials that a phenomenon  
>shared by millions upon millions over half a century is indeed  
>the concern of military and government higher ups.

<snip>

I've got no problems with Mitchell 'confirming' that the 'UFO  
phenomenon' is a reality, of course it is. But 'confirming' that  
extraterrestrial have been visiting Earth and are interacting  
with governments? Well I'd need the word of more than one ex-  
astronaut for that. A person's distinguished past career does not  
preclude them from making silly claims in later life.

Sir Hugh Dowding, the man who helped saved my country from Nazi  
invasion in the Battle of Britain, believed in fairies. This does  
not detract from his great achievements, but on the other hands,  
the fact that he was a brave man and a great tactician does not  
mean that we have to believe every claim he made.

I think we must look at Edgar Mitchel in the same light.

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## Re: The 'Shadow People' & UFOs?

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Date: Mon, 4 Aug 2008 03:51:59 EDT  
Archived: Mon, 04 Aug 2008 08:16:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: The 'Shadow People' & UFOs?

>From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 3 Aug 2008 13:30:35 -0700 (PDT)  
>Subject: Re: The 'Shadow People' & UFOs?

>>From: Greg Boone [Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sun, 3 Aug 2008 09:29:01 EDT  
>>Subject: The 'Shadow People' & UFOs?

>>So What's With The Shadow People?

>>Are there any experts or research on this phenomenon? It seems to  
>>be spreading and far too many credible folks reporting it on my  
>>side of the block. It may seem recent but I recall incidents  
>>going back to the mid 1980's.

<snip>

>One evening, near the couple's retiring to bed, the young lady  
>felt nauseous and slumped onto a living room couch opposite their  
>TV. Her husband sat beside her to try and discover what he might  
>do to help her.

>Although the TV was off, both could see prowling figures in some  
>odd reflection on the screen that weren't present visibly  
>elsewhere. They became terrified and soon found a new place to  
>live.

>The figures were described to me by the couple as being greys.

>Make of this what you will, I have, as I said, done so.

Okay, now I'm convinced this is real. That story corroborates  
several just like it I've been privy to and there's no way in  
heck you could have known that. It fits to a "T".

I've got a theory now and it makes sense. Two phenomena mirror  
this and with the volume of off list emails I've received I'd say  
this is an issue we as a species need to address immediately.

Best,

Greg  
[ufomafia.com/blog](http://ufomafia.com/blog)

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## Re: So Now We Know What Makes The News

From: **Gerald O'Connell** <[gac.nul](mailto:gac.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 4 Aug 2008 09:28:33 +0100  
Archived: Mon, 04 Aug 2008 08:17:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: So Now We Know What Makes The News

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 3 Aug 2008 15:26:47 EDT  
>Subject: Re: So Now We Know What Makes The News

>Wow! I made it all the way to the Tehran Times via my blog!

Well done Greg!

Next stop Guantanamo Bay?

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Gerald O'Connell

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## Re: Important PolySci Paper On Government "UFO"

From: Gildas Bourdais <[bourdais.gildas.nul](mailto:bourdais.gildas.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 4 Aug 2008 12:00:08 +0200  
Archived: Mon, 04 Aug 2008 08:19:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Important PolySci Paper On Government "UFO"

>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sat, 2 Aug 2008 23:42:05 EDT  
>Subject: Important PolySci Paper On Government UFO Taboo

>Yesterday two U.S. political scientists, Profs. Alexander Wendt  
>and Raymond Duvall, published a lengthy 27-page political science  
>paper, in the journal Political Theory (dated Aug. 1), analyzing  
>the reasons why governments (with few exceptions such as possibly  
>France) are not taking UFOs seriously:

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>August 1, 2008  
>Political Theory, Vol. 36, No. 4, 607-633 (2008)  
>DOI: 10.1177/0090591708317902  
>c. 2008 SAGE Publications  
>Sovereignty and the UFO

>Alexander Wendt  
>The Ohio State University

>Raymond Duvall  
>University of Minnesota

>Modern sovereignty is anthropocentric, constituted and organized  
>by reference to human beings alone. Although a metaphysical  
>assumption, anthropocentrism is of immense practical import,  
>enabling modern states to command loyalty and resources from  
>their subjects in pursuit of political projects. It has limits,  
>however, which are brought clearly into view by the authoritative  
>taboo on taking UFOs seriously. UFOs have never been  
>systematically investigated by science or the state, because it  
>is assumed to be known that none are extraterrestrial. Yet in  
>fact this is not known, which makes the UFO taboo puzzling given  
>the ET possibility. Drawing on the work of Giorgio Agamben,  
>Michel Foucault, and Jacques Derrida, the puzzle is explained  
>by the functional imperatives of anthropocentric sovereignty,  
>which cannot decide a UFO exception to anthropocentrism while  
>preserving the ability to make such a decision. The UFO can be  
>"known" only by not asking what it is.

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>I can email PDF copies of the paper, for those interested.

Thank you, Brad, for this very interesting info and analysis. I  
would like to receive a PDF copy of that text, which might  
interest some French researchers too.

<snip>

>I disagree, however, with the main thrust of the fundamental  
>thesis of these scholars, though I would merely reframe their  
>analysis, not negate it. They write, "In our view secrecy is a  
>symptom of the UFO taboo, not its heart" (p. 614). I respectfully  
>disagree here. This is an empirical historical issue, not an  
>abstract, esoteric, metaphysical, philosophical, sociological or  
>psychological issue. There are specific events in intelligence

>history that determine the facts of this matter.

>Wendt and Duvall assert that "no authority has ever actually  
>looked for UFOs" (p. 617) and that UFOs have not been  
>"securitized" like so many other potential threats that have had  
>national security and secrecy strictures slapped onto them (p.  
>611).

Yes, that seems to be a weak point in their analysis. It looks like that they have made a good theoretical advance which should be helpful to advance the UFO subject in the scientific and academic world, but they have stopped at the door of the vast labyrinth of secrecy.

<snip>

>Judging from the content of the propoganda themes employed by  
>the US disinformation campaign (noted above), with one  
>possible specific early exception (ironically it is Roswell-related)  
>there is no evidence of any awareness by the psych war operatives  
>of a supersecret being guarded by their program.

<snip>

I am intrigued by your allusion to Roswell here.

It reminds me that you already mentioned on this List having found some documents related to Roswell, but you refused to say more about them. Is this what you are referring to, and would you tell us a bit more now?

Gildas Bourdais

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## SDI #461 - Twenty Questions

From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 4 Aug 2008 07:40:25 -0500  
Archived: Mon, 04 Aug 2008 09:21:00 -0400  
Subject: SDI #461 - Twenty Questions

SDI #461 - Twenty Questions

20 Questions cogently addressed by SDI-nauts Dave Furlotte, Stuart Miller, Chris Rutkowski, and mission commander Errol Bruce-Knapp:

1. How does water on Mars, all but confirmed, only 'sorta' make the mainstream news?
  2. Does Mars water bode well for 'bushes' of all types, other 'vegetation', and even Martian 'prairie-dogs' on the surface of Mars?
  3. Have official photos of the Martian surface been heavily doctored in the past, and if so... why, really?
  4. Does Mars have a blue sky?
  5. Is Astronaut Edgar Mitchell, with faultless reputation, of sound scientific mind, a holder of an earned PhD from MIT, and the 9th person to walk in the moon... also a doddering old fool 'obviously' in the throws of intellectual disintegration or cognitive infarct and grasping at a 'fame' dwindling in twilight years?
  6. As a rule of observed physicality: whatever 'happens' undergoes a 'formality of occurrence' such that it is an unambiguous indication that what can happen, happens? Happenings, having happened, of needs, must be continuing to happen?
- Submitted for the reader's approval: are we not ourselves proof of the extraterrestrial because we are our own evidence of an intellectual happening and it is only the destructively obnoxious arrogance which espouses it's first\_or\_last\_in\_any chain of being?
7. Have we in fact been 'visited' according to those who might provide a 'briefing' on such, are close to the subject matter at hand, and who possess that ephemeral 'need to know' regarding same?
  8. Is 'disclosure' close at hand, even if at hand at all?
  9. Will humanity be overwhelmed or underwhelmed regarding disclosure?
  10. Are some UFOs 'home grown'?
  11. Does the 'ignorant bliss' we 'enjoy' as a humanity with regard to aliens provide some evidence as to their lack of 'hostility' as 'hostility' is presently understood?
  12. What does an alien being have to look like?
  13. Who are the other astronauts who correspond with Dr. Mitchell as it pertains to de facto aliens and intelligent life off this planet?

14. Is 'knowing' as simple as 'wanting' to know?
15. Is an embarrassed NASA damned if they do refute Dr. Mitchell as much as they are damned if they don't?
16. Did Dave Letterman conclusively ridicule NASA in a recent 'Top 10 List' humiliation on national TV?
17. Is the end nigh?
18. Was 'Y2K' a genuine catastrophe averted by early warning, or was it a paranoid nonsense provoking a waste of time and money?
19. Will the Hadron Accelerator create a black hole and implode the planet?
20. Is our continued greater understanding of aggregate reality worth the risk of the preceding?

Great conterminous and oblobious Zot, but I didn't even get through Furry this iteration before I hit 20! A record! Eighty minutes remain of Dave Furlotte: justifying, surprisingly, an unsettled dread. Stuart Miller explicates, perhaps, an inerrant glossiness about UFO magazine costs and production, UFOs in Great Britain Silly Seasons, and effusive Chinese Lanterns. Stuart Miller also reflects upon a ufological individual affect vis a vis the 'Mothman Futility Syndrome' even though he doesn't call it that and then further credits a totally unbiased and irrepressible Andy Roberts regarding just one more ufological affair he's discredited beyond any possible doubt.

Chris Rutkowski provides a good example for the word 'asymptotic' as he notes a more than significant upturn in the numbers of UFO reports across Canada over the last year in an official report. 30 more minutes remain from here, reader, minutes requiring no toad, actually... unless you're due a toad booster. If you're due, it's up to you.

Know the Toad! [All hail the Toad!]

Ufological sensibilities empowered are the listener's own so listen!

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## Neglect Of Continuing Airspace Violations

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 04 Aug 2008 09:26:21 -0400  
Archived: Mon, 04 Aug 2008 09:26:21 -0400  
Subject: Neglect Of Continuing Airspace Violations

Source: American Chronicle - Beverly Hills, California, USA

<http://www.americanchronicle.com/articles/70423>

August 04, 2008

America's Continued Negligence Of Restricted Airspace Violations  
By Unidentified Aerial Objects  
Steve Bass

The American government expressed grave concern over airspace violations in the wake of 9/11. A restricted airspace violation is an incursion into airspace that has restrictions on whether an aircraft can fly into it. Restricted airspace can be airspace surrounding an airport, military base, or critical infrastructure. Stories abound about small aircraft like a Cessna or Piper being forced down after accidentally flying into restricted airspace such as flying too close to the White House, with the wayward pilot being subjected to hours of interrogation by the military and U.S. Secret Service. People felt measurably safer when they heard stories of their military being proactive against any possible "second strike" attempts by terrorists bent on the destruction of this beloved country.

With that in mind, consider this. A possible unidentified object is sighted on the evening of March 13, 1997 in the skies over Phoenix, Arizona. Commonly referred to now as the Phoenix Lights, this anomaly had lights in a wedge shape and seemed to hover over the city for three hours, during which time they remained undisturbed. No military fighter plane was seen investigating the sighting. Is it possible that the military did not have ample time to scramble interceptors? Despite the THREE HOURS it spent over Phoenix, the wedge shape was first seen southeast of Las Vegas, Nevada and Nellis Air Force Base. The vaunted Area 51 is just over 50 miles to the northwest.

The lights then slowly flew toward Tucson, Arizona and generally continued in a southeasterly direction. It does not take this amount of time to scramble a fighter response. I have seen our military at work.

Shortly after 4:00 PM CDT on November 7, 2006, numerous pilots and workers for United Airlines reported a large disc-shaped object hovering over Gate C-17 of Chicago's O'Hare International Airport, one of the busiest in the nation. The object was sighted for just a few minutes before it accelerated upward, literally leaving a hole in the clouds. Both the airlines and the Federal Aviation Administration fell all over themselves denying this occurrence, despite the fact that United's own employees and flight crews witnessed and reported it. After a Freedom of Information Act request was filed, the FAA finally ordered a review of its internal communications tapes, where it found references to the craft. Instead of trying to investigate the breach of restricted airspace, the FAA just blamed it on a weather anomaly.

These are not the only examples of UFO incursions over restricted American airspace. In 1965 a UFO was reported over Edwards Air Force Base in California's Mojave Desert and a fighter response was ordered. The fighter succeeded in chasing the UFO away from the base. In 1968, UFO's were seen over Minot Air Force Base in North Dakota and in 1975 over Loring Air Force Base in Maine. In the UK, America operated a Cold War base at RAF Bentwaters. RAF Bentwaters is located near Rendlesham Forest in Suffolk, England. In 1980, Bentwaters' deputy base commander, Lt. Col. Charles Halt and several American airmen were involved in the investigation of an unidentified aerial object, and personally saw the craft as it landed just outside the base perimeter.

According to reports from men standing guard on base in a nearby watchtower, the unidentified craft overflowed nuclear missile silos, continuously shining a bright light onto the bunkers.

I mention the Bentwaters incident because, although on foreign soil, this was an American military base subjected to airspace violations.

It is not known if these are examples of inaction on the part of military commanders due to an incredible sense of disbelief, or if they are simply following an implied directive from higher command to act as though these incidents are not occurring, reminiscent of the ostrich that sticks its head in the ground until the danger is over. Could this possibly be the actions of a military that is so out of its league that it will not even engage these crafts? Unidentified aerial phenomenon, commonly referred to as UFO's, are documented as having greater flight performance characteristics than state of the art military aircraft. The American military commanders could be so reticent at demonstrating a lack of ability to adequately engage these offenders that they will not even come to the party. What would it do to civilian and military morale to see American fighters out-flown and possibly shot down by these unknown craft?

Supposition aside, I want to know why our incredible military fails to respond. Could it be that a response in full view of the public is an admission of the existence of these craft, and possibly of an intelligence behind these craft? The US Air Force was made to regret one attempt at a response during the Stephenville, Texas UFO flap of 2007 and 2008. Numerous UFO's were witnessed and reported by the locals of Stephenville and the surrounding areas on numerous dates, and several fighters were witnessed attempting to pursue them. Some reported that it looked like the jets were standing still. This was promptly denied by the US military as just another training exercise until proof in the form of FAA radar tapes demonstrated the presence of the UFO's and the engagements by fighter aircraft.

Many more incidents have been documented by the likes of Richard H. Hall in his book *The UFO Evidence* =96 Volume 2: A Thirty Year Report and Dr. Richard Haines of the National Aviation Reporting Center on Anomalous Phenomena, commonly referred to as NARCAP.

I have recently had the pleasure of obtaining a copy of the MUFON 2008 International UFO Symposium Proceedings. One article was written by an excellent ufologist named Leslie Kean. Kean formed an organization named Coalition for Freedom of Information (CFI) to pursue an investigation of NASA's role in the Kecksburg, Pennsylvania UFO sighting of December 9, 1965. CFI is also at the forefront of an initiative to demand that the United States join other countries that have created governmental agencies to study airspace incursions by unidentified aerial phenomena, which have occurred over their restricted airspace, as well. This initiative demonstrates the uniqueness of America's response to this incursion trend. Countries not immediately involved in 9/11 have responded aggressively to investigating these incursions. America seems to turn not necessarily a blind eye, but at least a visually challenged eye to these phenomena.

For the safety of the American flying public, and the public in general, the US government needs to become party to CFI's initiative, and stop pretending for whatever reason that these airspace incursions are not happening. If this were a foreign country violating our airspace, there would be no question. The foreign country wouldn't exist any longer.

You have to wonder how long the American government will be allowed to place its citizens in harms way.

Steve Bass is a ufologist who believes in the scientific approach to the UFO phenomenon. He is an investigator for the Mutual UFO Network, and a Fellow of the Research Institute on Anomalous Phenomenon based in Kharkiv, Ukraine. He is also a journalist for American Chronicle and UFO Digest.

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From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 4 Aug 2008 06:55:14 -0700 (PDT)  
Archived: Mon, 04 Aug 2008 13:34:33 -0400  
Subject: Re: Surprise! Water On Mars

>From: Paul Scott Anderson <[paulscottanderson.nul](mailto:paulscottanderson.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 3 Aug 2008 12:36:10 -0700  
>Subject: Re: Surprise! Water On Mars

>The canals were most likely an optical illusion with the  
>telescopes at the time. If they were there, then why can't they  
>be seen today by anyone with a good quality telescope (there are  
>thousands of amateur astronomers out there)?

>The polar caps have always been there! They grow and shrink with  
>the seasons, that's all. The Phoenix lander will eventually  
>become covered in ice as the north polar cap starts growing again  
>in the coming winter (still summer there right now), as has been  
>stated by the Phoenix team.

>Please, read any decent book or web site about Mars or the solar  
Please think, Mr. Anderson. Some of the same telescopes are in use  
today just as they were 75 years ago. Why don't they still optically  
illusion the "canals"? And before you side-step again, no they haven't  
been refurbished in anyway differently than before (to remove  
aberrancy.)

Those telescopes just stopped being able to see them!! Or does  
that mean anything to you? One day they were there and one day  
they weren't.

As for the polar caps, that should have settled the question of  
water (since they migrate as glaciers,) the key word here is  
prominent. The caps haven't had the same prominence since the  
"canals" disappeared.

On the score of reading, I doubt you've read anything I haven't.  
I just don't fawn over conventional thought like it was the  
gospel, transferring one overly religious upbringing to some  
dubious compensation.

(The deception continues....)

JCH

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>I've got a theory now and it makes sense. Two phenomena mirror  
>this and with the volume of off list emails I've received I'd say  
>this is an issue we as a species need to address immediately.

Yes and it will ultimately cast an entirely new way of looking at  
the alien visitation phenomenon. Be careful whom you trust.

JCH

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## UFOs And UK National Security

From: Frank Fields <[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 4 Aug 2008 13:10:22 -0400 (EDT)  
Archived: Mon, 04 Aug 2008 13:42:15 -0400  
Subject: UFOs And UK National Security

List,

My original e-mail is below and followed by the British Ministry of Defence's response.

Best,

Frank

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From: Frank Fields <[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
To: [das-ufo-office.nul](mailto:das-ufo-office.nul)  
Date: Tue, July 22, 2008 5:28 pm  
Subject: Clarification on D/DAS/64/3 - Memo Dated 11 July 2008

Dear MOD Official,

I am writing to clarify your statements within the subject memorandum. Pasted at the bottom is the relevant excerpt from the memo.

Specifically, please clarify what "evidence of a potential threat" means. It would seem that anything that violates UK air space would be a potential threat. An unknown object would demand a threat definition by its very nature, unknown.

Technological advances are producing new aerial surveillance objects at an ever increasing rate. A foreign government or cooperation may be flying some type of unknown and unidentified intelligence gathering object or implementing a type of psychological warfare against the UK.

Per your memo you "do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported." If that is the case, how can you know if it is a threat?

Respectfully,

Franklin D. Fields, Jr.  
Attorney at Law

Relevant parts of statement follow:

"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."

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Subject: UFOs AND NATIONAL SECURITY  
From: Webb, Paul Mr" <[Paul.Webb546.nul](mailto:Paul.Webb546.nul)>  
Date: Mon, August 4, 2008 8:24 am  
To: [fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)

Dear Mr Fields,

Thank you for your e-mail of 22 July 2008 regarding UFOs and the potential threat to UK national security.

It is not possible to provide you with a firm definition of what constitutes a threat to national security, nor one that encompasses every possible event or incident. However, any action or activity that endangers or intends to endanger the sovereignty of the UK or its territory overseas, the general population or UK interests, could be reasonably be termed as a threat to national security.

Evidence as to whether a potential threat is deemed to exist would be decided on a case-by-case basis, on the judgement of those responsible for the air defence of the UK. Essentially, they would look to see whether there was any dependable evidence that required investigation - e.g. a radar trace - before deciding what course of action to pursue.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Webb

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From: Greg Boone [Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 4 Aug 2008 13:48:31 EDT  
Archived: Mon, 04 Aug 2008 14:45:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: The 'Shadow People' & UFOs?

>From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
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>Subject: Re: The 'Shadow People' & UFOs?

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>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Mon, 4 Aug 2008 03:51:59 EDT  
>>Subject: Re: The 'Shadow People' & UFOs?

>>I've got a theory now and it makes sense. Two phenomena mirror  
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>>this is an issue we as a species need to address immediately.

>Yes and it will ultimately cast an entirely new way of looking at  
>the alien visitation phenomenon. Be careful whom you trust.

>JCH

You can say that again about the alien visitation phenom. The off list emails I'm getting won't stop. I've never had this many emails come in ever. The scariest part is these emails are from professional researchers whom I've never, ever communicated with before and our data corroborates to the point of no contest. I'm glad I asked this question because there's something sinister afoot and there's no way any of you could have known my data because I've never disclosed it before. I haven't even disclosed it on this list. All I've done is ask about it but the data coming in is like it's the same person sending in the same data.

So now I know we're not crazy. Something amazing is going on, as well as something sinister, and good.

Best,

Greg  
[ufomafia.com/blog](http://ufomafia.com/blog)

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## Re: UFOs And UK National Security

From: Joe McGonagle <[joe.mcgonagle.nul](mailto:joe.mcgonagle.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 04 Aug 2008 18:59:34 +0100  
Archived: Mon, 04 Aug 2008 14:46:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: UFOs And UK National Security

>From: Frank Fields <[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 4 Aug 2008 13:10:22 -0400 (EDT)  
>Subject: UFOs And UK National Security

>List,

>My original e-mail is below and followed by the British Ministry  
>of Defence's response.

Hi Frank,

By a quirk of fate, this is the subject of an article by me in  
the next issue of 'Alien Worlds'.

I think that recent theatrical demands for a full-scale  
investigation in the UK media based on tabloid reports of what  
for the most part turned out to be wedding lanterns, Jupiter, and  
military flares undermine any appeal to the authorities to  
'properly investigate' UFO reports. There are far better cases in  
the records on which to base any such appeal, and our airspace  
defence is far from comprehensive as I hope my article  
demonstrates.

Cheers,

Joe

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From: Paul Scott Anderson <[paulscottanderson.nul](mailto:paulscottanderson.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 4 Aug 2008 11:53:46 -0700  
Archived: Mon, 04 Aug 2008 16:22:24 -0400  
Subject: Re: Surprise! Water On Mars

>From: Steve Sawyer <[stevesaw.nul](mailto:stevesaw.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 3 Aug 2008 22:42:11 -0700  
>Subject: Re: Surprise! Water On Mars

>Hi, Paul/List

>Actually, Paul, the Mars Science Laboratory, or MSL rover, is  
>\_not\_ designed "to look for traces" of life. While one of its  
>missions is to investigate the past or present ability of Mars to  
>support life, and by various means to analyse components of the  
>Mars environment for potential habitability, it has no  
>instrumentation, or experiment packages, that will have the  
>actual ability to test for biosignatures of actual life, either  
>past or present, microbial or otherwise.

You're right, I was thinking more of ESA's upcoming ExoMars  
rover, which will look for biosignatures, etc. using a variety of  
science instruments. MSL is more like an improved version of  
Phoenix, on wheels. The only way they could directly find life  
would be with the cameras or microscopes (resolution down to 10  
nanometres with the atomic force microscope and 10 micrometres  
with the optical microscope, currently on Phoenix).

My point still stands though, for those that think this is all a  
big conspiracy, that NASA and ESA are following a careful and  
systematic plan for searching for evidence of life. Yes, it takes  
time, but it must be done properly, going to the best locations  
which need to be identified from orbit first. If they wanted to  
hide evidence of any kind of life, even if just microbes,  
wouldn't it have been easier to just stop sending missions there?  
Look at Enceladus; when the water vapour geysers were confirmed,  
as well as evidence for liquid water under the surface, the  
Cassini team practically shouted it from the rooftops as a good  
place to look for life. It was even referred to as a possible  
'holy grail' of planetary exploration. Does that sound like they  
want to hide anything?

Paul

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The Meridiani Journal  
a chronicle of planetary exploration  
[web.mac.com/meridianijournal](http://web.mac.com/meridianijournal)

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Date: Mon, 4 Aug 2008 12:04:21 -0700 (PDT)  
Archived: Mon, 04 Aug 2008 16:24:43 -0400  
Subject: Re: The 'Shadow People' & UFOs?

>From: Greg Boone [Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
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## Re: Surprise! Water On Mars

From: Eleanor White <[ewraven1.nul](mailto:ewraven1.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 04 Aug 2008 15:40:32 -0400  
Archived: Tue, 05 Aug 2008 05:46:19 -0400  
Subject: Re: Surprise! Water On Mars

>From: Paul Scott Anderson <[paulscottanderson.nul](mailto:paulscottanderson.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sat, 2 Aug 2008 11:22:33 -0700  
>Subject: Re: Surprise! Water On Mars

<snip>

>>Jail time for these fraud artists, I say!

>The Mars missions are following a careful step-by-step plan  
>beginning with "follow the water" and then going from there.

Problem is, there had already been a very intriguing 'face' seen,  
and several other anomalies, including what appeared to be  
puddled or at least water streaks.

Not to mention images possibly showing vegetation.

In a legitimate space program, those things would be right at the  
top of the next surface exploration mission.

And there is no reason to not put life detection on every one of  
the landers. Omitting life detection on any surface  
exploration missions is fraudulent use of taxpayer money.

When you have clues, you don't waste billions on missions which  
deliberately avoid locations where the clues have been spotted.

NASA is a fraud and should be investigated in the space  
exploration mission decision department by fully open  
Congressional process, and every single member of Congress should  
be allowed to subpoena one witness from NASA and related  
organizations, and the power structure should not be allowed to  
interfere with such subpoenas or the questions posed by any  
member of Congress.

No testimony behind closed doors. This is about space  
exploration decisions, not military technology.

Only such broad based deposing of witnesses has any chance of  
getting past the degree of corruption evident in the so-called  
"investigation" of 9/11.

Eleanor White

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From: Viktor Golubik <[diverge247.nul](mailto:diverge247.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 4 Aug 2008 16:41:52 EDT  
Archived: Tue, 05 Aug 2008 05:49:31 -0400  
Subject: Re: The 'Shadow People' & UFOs?

>From: Greg Boone [Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 4 Aug 2008 13:48:31 EDT  
>Subject: Re: The 'Shadow People' & UFOs?

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>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
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>well as something sinister, and good.

Art Bell has covered this topic with some splendid details over  
the years. Some of the best reports I've heard came from NIDS.  
They may have some seminal videos on this type of phenomena. I  
would ask them for their current opinions and tap their evidence  
pool. Not sure if they are still active or would share that  
information?

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## Re: The 'Shadow People' & UFOs?

From: Dick Hall <[dh12.nul](mailto:dh12.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 04 Aug 2008 17:21:53 -0400  
Archived: Tue, 05 Aug 2008 05:54:38 -0400  
Subject: Re: The 'Shadow People' & UFOs?

>From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 4 Aug 2008 12:04:21 -0700 (PDT)  
>Subject: Re: The 'Shadow People' & UFOs?

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You people come across as hopelessly paranoid crackpots! Yes, I know, I will be greeted by accusations of being part of the cover-up, part of the "establishment" disinformation program (as if the Establishment were even remotely that well organized and efficient).

You have presented no data whatsoever, and simply are engaging in mystification, rumor mongering, and hinting that you have secret inside information far superior to that available to the rest of us. "Shadow people?" Sounds like a total crock to me, and I think it is time for rational people to take back UFO Updates before the Men in White haul us all away.

Do I have any support out there, or am I really out of it?

Dick

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## Re: Surprise! Water On Mars

From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 04 Aug 2008 22:35:16 +0100  
Archived: Tue, 05 Aug 2008 06:01:24 -0400  
Subject: Re: Surprise! Water On Mars

>From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 4 Aug 2008 06:55:14 -0700 (PDT)  
>Subject: Re: Surprise! Water On Mars

>Please, read any decent book or web site about Mars or the solar  
>Please think, Mr. Anderson. Some of the same telescopes are in  
>use today just as they were 75 years ago. Why don't they still  
>optically illusion the "canals"? And before you side-step again,  
>no they haven't been refurbished in anyway differently than  
>before (to remove aberrancy.)

>Those telescopes just stopped being able to see them!! Or does  
>that mean anything to you? One day they were there and one day  
>they weren't.

>As for the polar caps, that should have settled the question of  
>water (since they migrate as glaciers,) the key word here is  
>prominent. The caps haven't had the same prominence since the  
>"canals" disappeared.

So what are you suggesting happened? The Martians realised we  
were watching and filled them all in and replaced them with  
underground pipelines? Or maybe Martan Global Warming dried them  
all up?

Why is so much debate on this List conducted in nudges and winks  
and vague suggestions about 'information I have received off-  
List'? Can you just be straight and tell us what you think  
happened?

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John Rimmer  
<[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>

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## Re: Important PolySci Paper On Government "UFO"

From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 4 Aug 2008 17:55:19 EDT  
Archived: Tue, 05 Aug 2008 07:10:02 -0400  
Subject: Re: Important PolySci Paper On Government "UFO"

>From: Gildas Bourdais <[bourdais.gildas.nul](mailto:bourdais.gildas.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 4 Aug 2008 12:00:08 +0200  
>Subject: Re: Important PolySci Paper On Government "UFO Taboo"

>>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sat, 2 Aug 2008 23:42:05 EDT  
>>Subject: Important PolySci Paper On Government UFO Taboo

<snip>

>>Judging from the content of the propaganda themes employed by  
>>the US disinformation campaign (noted above), with one  
>>possible specific early exception (ironically it is Roswell-related)  
>>there is no evidence of any awareness by the psych war operatives  
>>of a supersecret being guarded by their program.

<snip>

>I am intrigued by your allusion to Roswell here.

>It reminds me that you already mentioned on this List having  
>found some documents related to Roswell, but you refused to say  
>more about them. Is this what you are referring to, and would you  
>tell us a bit more now?

Those are two separate Roswell-related matters: (1) The TOP  
SECRET policy response to the Roswell incident, and (2) The  
psychological warfare disinformation operation based on Roswell.

I am in the midst of ongoing research on this so I can't really  
add anything further at this time. I have book manuscript  
material totaling more than 7,000 pages dealing with all this, on  
top of the thousands of pages of documents.

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## First Australian PhD In Ufology

From: **Sheryl Gottschall** <[gottscha.nul](mailto:gottscha.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 5 Aug 2008 08:02:50 +1000  
Archived: Tue, 05 Aug 2008 07:10:02 -0400  
Subject: First Australian PhD In Ufology

Source: The Age, Melbourne, Australia

<http://tinyurl.com/6ohra6>

August 5, 2008

Dr who? Why, it's Martin Plowman, PhD UFO  
Andra Jackson

Talk of UFOs is often dismissed as fanciful but at one Australian university, at least, it has entered the realms of academia.

At the University of Melbourne on Saturday, culture and communication student Martin Plowman will become the first Australian to get a doctorate of philosophy in ufology, the study of unidentified flying objects.

First-hand experience of UFOs has eluded him, and consequently he maintains a healthy scepticism on the possibility of their existence.

"When I meet someone who says they've seen something strange, that's fair enough, because maybe they have. I don't know what it is, though," he said.

They might include Melburnians who claimed to have been kidnapped by Martians. "They seem like something has happened to them.

"The first time you meet an abductee, as they are called, it can be quite confronting because they are trying to come to terms with it. They don't know what it is either, and it is something that can stay with people a long time."

In Melbourne 15 years ago, Kelly Cahill claimed to have flashbacks of being taken away in a UFO by strange creatures at Narre Warren.

Mr Plowman's research into UFOs took him to Roswell, New Mexico, where it was claimed a flying saucer crashed in 1947, and Wiltshire, England, where crop circles have been attributed to space ships.

The trail led him to Mexico and Latin America, the latest source of reported sightings.

"In the Andes in Chile, they showed me a rock, where they claimed an alien had stepped and left a footprint in the rock." His interest in UFOs stemmed from boredom as a child while in hospital. His parents gave him a book on UFOs to distract him. "It captured my imagination."

His interest waned and he went on to study physics. But while looking for a topic for his PhD, his interest was reignited when visiting another student's house, where he noticed a bookcase full of books on UFOs.

"Having a look at it, I realised this was a whole world unto itself," he said. "It had rules, and ideas and history and it

hadn't been looked at much so my enthusiasm came back and I thought this is a story that I want to look at."

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## Martian Soil Not So Friendly

From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 4 Aug 2008 19:36:43 EDT  
Archived: Tue, 05 Aug 2008 07:07:00 -0400  
Subject: Martian Soil Not So Friendly

<http://tinyurl.com/6o3kar>

The thing that caught my eye in this story is that the chemical that is the crux of this story pertaining to the soil's inhospitable nature may be a contaminant that somehow got aboard the Phoenix Lander.

Methinks what other contaminants may have 'stowed' aboard as in the biological kind.

Are we polluting Mars even before we get there?

Best,

Greg  
[ufomafia.com/blog](http://ufomafia.com/blog)

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## Re: UFO Sighting Still Haunts

From: Sheryl Gottschall <[gottscha.nul](mailto:gottscha.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 5 Aug 2008 09:52:58 +1000  
Archived: Tue, 05 Aug 2008 07:08:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: UFO Sighting Still Haunts

Source: The Observer, Gladstone, Australia

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

August 5, 2008

UFO Sighting Still Haunts

Peggy Gibson remembers that 1973 Friday night with startling clarity. "It was the most startling thing I've ever seen in my life," she said. "I'll never forget it."

Neither will her son, Gary, who was 13 at the time. Her teenage son had bargained hard for a half a pizza to share with his older brother, Alex.

But the deal included Gary walking the short distance from the family home in Gladstone's Auckland Street down Bonar Street to the pizza house on Toolooa Street. He didn't make the distance.

Confronting him at the intersection of Bonar and Auckland Streets was his first encounter with the third kind. It was coming towards him, not making any noise at all and glowing with light. When he summoned his mum at the top of the stairs he was ashen faced.

PEGGY said she had been living with her mum and dad and her three sons on that night when Gary arrived breathless and scared witless to call them out to see. Peggy said she remembered it clearly.

"It was just after dark and we were watching Marcus Welby MD," she said. "Gary had only been gone for a minute when he came running back up the stairs white as a sheet and pointed to something just two doors up on the opposite side of the street.

"And there was this round UFO with very bright lights. "It stayed there for about three seconds, turned on its side and accelerated out over the harbour and across Facing Island. "It was gone in about four seconds. "It didn't make any noise at all." Peggy said her son said he saw it coming towards him and raced back home.

"We rang the police and they came out to investigate but would only talk to Gary even though we all saw it," she said. "People just look at me if I tell them about it. "But I don't care. I know what we saw that night."

In recent times there have been a number of sightings of strange, airborne light phenomena. Last year at the end of combined US Australia military exercise Talisman Sabre mysterious lights were seen off the Capricorn Coast towards North West Island. The sightings prompted numerous calls to police.

Extensive checks with the defence department revealed that the military had no input into the lights' source. Shortly after, a woman and her husband returning home from dinner on the Capricorn Coast near Yeppoon said they saw an extremely bright light in the north-western sky. It disappeared but the woman declared it was so abnormal it wasn't natural.

Town of 1770 resident and UFO enthusiast Scott Bankier said during an interview in 2007 that the Town of 1770 area was rife with sightings

In any case Peggy Gibson, who still hits a tennis ball with casual grace, knows what she saw on that 1973 Friday night.

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## Canadian Abductee To Present In Utah

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 05 Aug 2008 08:10:00 -0400  
Archived: Tue, 05 Aug 2008 08:10:00 -0400  
Subject: Canadian Abductee To Present In Utah

Source: 24-7 Press Release.Com

<http://tinyurl.com/5l8hzl>

August 05, 2008

Four Corners Area To Be Site Of Presentation By UFO Abductee

Author and UFO abductee Miriam Delicado will speak on her abduction and subsequent contact with aliens. Her presentation will be the first of its kind in the Four Corners Area, home to many indigenous peoples. It will include messages the aliens asked her to share that parallel Hopi Prophecies.

/24-7PressRelease/ - BRYCE CANYON, UT, August 05, 2008 - One evening last January, Utah resident, David Hatch, was listening to a radio interview. What the woman, Miriam Delicado, being interviewed revealed astounded him.

Delicado, author of the book *Blue Star: Fulfilling Prophecy*, was recounting in detail her experience as a UFO abductee and the messages she received from the aliens.

It all began one night along a Vancouver, Canada, highway in 1988. While driving with friends, Delicado noted they were being followed by a vehicle with large round and very bright lights. Finally, she told the driver to pull over. That's when an ordinary evening turned into a mission for Delicado.

As it turned out, the lights belonged to a UFO. The car's passengers, with the exception of Delicado, fell into trance-like states and she found herself being led on board the craft, hand in hand with the aliens. She retains conscious memories of this experience. While on board, the Tall Blond aliens relayed to Delicado messages that they wanted her to share with others. Years later she discovered that the messages the aliens had given her were remarkably similar to the Hopi Prophecies of peace and salvation. Not only that but the language that they had spoken to her in, through telepathic means, was Hopi.

Delicado, who remains in contact with the aliens, was prompted in 2003 to begin sharing what the aliens had told her. Hers is truly one of the most fascinating stories you may ever hear.

Hatch was so intrigued by Delicado's words that upon learning the author would be visiting the Four Corners Area in August 2008, he contacted her offering to set up a venue for her to present the aliens messages. The Four Corners is the only place in the United States where four states come together at one place: Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, and Colorado. The majority of this section is situated on indigenous land, including that of the Hopi.

According to Delicado, indigenous peoples have known about these alien beings from the beginning of their own sacred stories dating back thousands of years. For the first time, she will

publicly share the information that the aliens relayed to her on the very land that is home to the indigenous peoples the aliens related to.

The event, which will be held at Bryce Canyon Lodge, will be one to truly leave people questioning not only the future of the world, but their own future as well.

For more information on Delicado's August 14th evening presentation to be held at Bryce Canyon Lodge, contact David Hatch at Tel: 435-531-1653.

(Note: This event is managed under a Special Use Permit. The National Park Service neither endorses nor promotes this activity.)

For more information about Miriam Delicado's book, visit:  
<http://www.trafford.com>

For more information on Miriam Delicado, visit:  
<http://www.alienbluestar.com>

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## Re: UFOs And UK National Security

From: Frank Fields <[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 4 Aug 2008 20:21:15 -0400 (EDT)  
Archived: Tue, 05 Aug 2008 08:11:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: UFOs And UK National Security

>From: Joe McGonagle <[joe.mcgonagle.nul](mailto:joe.mcgonagle.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 04 Aug 2008 18:59:34 +0100  
>Subject: Re: UFOs And UK National Security

>>From: Frank Fields <[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Mon, 4 Aug 2008 13:10:22 -0400 (EDT)  
>>Subject: UFOs And UK National Security

>>My original e-mail is below and followed by the British Ministry  
>>of Defence's response.

>By a quirk of fate, this is the subject of an article by me in  
>the next issue of 'Alien Worlds'.

>I think that recent theatrical demands for a full-scale  
>investigation in the UK media based on tabloid reports of what  
>for the most part turned out to be wedding lanterns, Jupiter, and  
>military flares undermine any appeal to the authorities to  
>'properly investigate' UFO reports.

Joe,

You may be correct. However, Mr. Paul Webb's statement...  
"Essentially, they would look to see whether there was any  
dependable evidence that required investigation - e.g. a radar  
trace - before deciding what course of action to pursue."  
Indicates that the UK's MOD will only consider investigating  
something that shows up on radar.

This position does not seem to be a reasonably national security  
posture. Given a layman's understanding of stealth technology,  
many modern military aircraft may not be detected by radar. This  
suggests that there may be more to the story.

A prudent national defense agency would use all "dependable  
evidence" to evaluate potential threats. If they are not  
interested in observations from their civilian and military  
personal, they must be relying on something more accurate than  
radar. If the UK does not have additional capability, which I  
think they do, a close ally such as the U.S. would help.

The U.S. has many sensor systems that can be used to track UFOs  
and other aircraft. One that comes to mind is the Space Tracking  
and Surveillance System (STSS), managed by the US DOD Missile  
Defense Agency. STSS involves low earth orbit satellites with  
infrared and visible sensors to track missile launches, midcourse  
travel, and atmospheric entry or reentry.

Each satellite uses an acquisition sensor for missile launch  
detection and a movable-tracking sensor to follow midcourse  
objects in space. The STSS satellites have the ability to pass  
data to system interceptors with the accuracy and timeliness  
necessary to enable them to successfully intercept missiles or  
other targets.

Of course it has not been disclosed that STSS is used to track  
non-earth based vehicles entering our atmosphere. However, the

system would be capable of such a mission. Unclassified missiles are known to travel in excess of 18,000 miles per hour and STSS can track them launching and impacting terra firma as well as moving in and out of our atmosphere.

The bottom line is that the UK, US and other nations do have the capability to identify and investigate objects entering their air space. The question is are they detecting truly unknown objects and keeping that information classified or are they identifying all objects and keeping that information classified.

Frank

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## The Shadow World of UFOs

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 05 Aug 2008 08:12:00 -0400  
Archived: Tue, 05 Aug 2008 08:12:00 -0400  
Subject: The Shadow World of UFOs

Source: NowPublic.Com - Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

<http://www.nowpublic.com/strange/shadow-world-ufos>

August 4, 2008

The Shadow World of UFOs  
by GrayHunter  
Westchester, New York, United States

Every time you pick up a digital camera and take pictures of the sky you will sometimes get these grey to brown shadowy spots on your picture, so what most people do is take them out thinking that they are dust spots on the sensor using photoshop or some other application.

Believe it or not they are not always spots, but UFOs flying in group formation like bees. Now you cant't see them with your eyes because they are using a form of cloaking, either by absorbing the light or bending the light rays around them. But the digital camera picks up their heat signature in ultra violet or infra red.

When they do make themselves visible they appear as a ball of yellow orange or white light. In my opinion they do this when they are recharging to maintain high speeds and invisibility or when they just want to be seen.

If you were to shoot a series of frames 24 or more and put them in a video slide show, you will see these spots are moving very fast popping in and out of existence, some very large others very small moving in many directions.

Enlarge one of the shadowy spots and you will see that its made up of hundreds of tiny black objects, flying in and out in all directions. If you are lucky you will see them transform from a shadow (invisible state) into a ball of light (visible state) doing movements at great speeds that no normal aircraft can do.

I've been photographing and studying these critters for a long time and I've come to the conclusion that they are some type of spacecraft. It is difficult to determine their distance and size due to the fact they move very fast, and the distance is so great. I have found through my studies that they monitor other aircraft specially military jets and planes.

Swooping down like a group of bees surrounding the aircraft in a matter of seconds if there is no threat they will move on in the same manner. You will find them in the clouds hiding as well as in a clear blue sky. Between the hours of 7:30 and 10:00 PM is when they seem to be most active, during rain storms they come in by the hundreds. I've notice also they attach themselves to power lines drawing energy from them (more about that later).

UFOs always fly in groups this is why UFOs appear to look like balls of light of different shapes and sizes. Each one creates

its own plasma light field by flying in close formation they can appear to look large, rod shape, egg shape, whatever shape they want, by simply how they move and distance themselves from each other in that flying formation.

These are some of the tricks they use to fool you. But in that ball of light there is a core made up of many saucers moving in sink with each other, like a swarm of african bees on the march.

So now you know, what the Shadow knows.

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

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## Re: The 'Shadow People' & UFOs?

From: **Martin Shough** <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 5 Aug 2008 12:13:57 +0100  
Archived: Tue, 05 Aug 2008 09:15:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: The 'Shadow People' & UFOs?

>From: Dick Hall <[dh12.nul](mailto:dh12.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 04 Aug 2008 17:21:53 -0400  
>Subject: Re: The 'Shadow People' & UFOs?

>>From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Mon, 4 Aug 2008 12:04:21 -0700 (PDT)  
>>Subject: Re: The 'Shadow People' & UFOs?

>>>From: Greg Boone [Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Mon, 4 Aug 2008 13:48:31 EDT  
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>it is time for rational people to take back UFO Updates before  
>the Men in White haul us all away.

>Do I have any support out there, or am I really out of it?

Dick,

You have my support in this. But speaking as one World Shadow  
Govt disinformation agent to another I think the sneaky strategem  
of trying to distract UpDaters' attention from the important  
issues (the vanishing canals of verdant Mars, desert bases full  
of Greys, ghosts in the mirror etc) by science-based analysis of  
observations of UFOs has finally and disastrously failed. Let's  
face it, it was always a long shot.

They're just too smart to be fooled by archaic appeals to reason  
and evidence. That's the old way. It failed and they have no  
patience with it. They know it was a crock because it failed to  
deliver proof of the Truth (the canals of verdant Mars, desert

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bases full of aliens, phatansms in the mirror etc).

The recent deception based on months studying the Apr 2007  
Channel Islands case looks like being a waste of CIA resources.

I think we're beaten here.

Martin

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## Op-Ed Synchronicity

From: Nick Pope <[nick.nul](mailto:nick.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 5 Aug 2008 13:22:41 +0200 (CEST)  
Archived: Tue, 05 Aug 2008 09:17:00 -0400  
Subject: Op-Ed Synchronicity

Here's a nice synchronicity about my recent op-ed in the Times.

The final edit and fact-check was done while I was travelling.

I was calling/emailing from Chicago O'Hare Airport.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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## The X-Files - I Want To Believe

From: Nick Pope <[nick.nul](mailto:nick.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 5 Aug 2008 14:06:23 +0200 (CEST)  
Archived: Tue, 05 Aug 2008 09:18:00 -0400  
Subject: The X-Files - I Want To Believe

There's lots of interesting UFO material on this X-Files site:

<http://tinyurl.com/6d8dlt>

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 5 Aug 2008 05:21:04 -0700 (PDT)  
Archived: Tue, 05 Aug 2008 09:19:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: The 'Shadow People' & UFOs?

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No, Mr. Hall, I wouldn't accuse you of being anything more  
(or less) than hopelessly predictable.

Not that you always were, though.

JCH

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Date: Tue, 5 Aug 2008 05:34:04 -0700  
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Richard Hall has said what I've been thinking for some time now.

I'd like a return to rational, documented, intelligent discussion  
of the real issues regarding UFO phenomena, also. I thought that  
was what UFO Updates was for. I hope I'm not wrong. And I hope  
that others here will also voice their support for what Mr. Hall  
is asking.

Dick, you have my support.

Steve

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Archived: Tue, 05 Aug 2008 10:21:00 -0400  
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>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Mon, 04 Aug 2008 17:21:53 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: The 'Shadow People' & UFOs?

>>>From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Mon, 4 Aug 2008 12:04:21 -0700 (PDT)  
>>>Subject: Re: The 'Shadow People' & UFOs?

>>>>From: Greg Boone [Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>>Date: Mon, 4 Aug 2008 13:48:31 EDT  
>>>>Subject: Re: The 'Shadow People' & UFOs?

>>>>We are in an area more sensitive than war materials or contact  
>>>>with aliens. We are in the area of covert opportunistic  
>>>>corruption of history.

>>>>You people come across as hopelessly paranoid crackpots! Yes, I  
>>>>know, I will be greeted by accusations of being part of the  
>>>>cover-up, part of the "establishment" disinformation program (as  
>>>>if the Establishment were even remotely that well organized and  
>>>>efficient)....

>Do I have any support out there, or am I really out of it?

>You have my support in this. But speaking as one World Shadow  
>Govt disinformation agent to another I think the sneaky strategem  
>of trying to distract UpDaters' attention from the important  
>issues (the vanishing canals of verdant Mars, desert bases full  
>of Greys, ghosts in the mirror etc) by science-based analysis of  
>observations of UFOs has finally and disastrously failed. Let's  
>face it, it was always a long shot.

Yeah, fellow agent Martin, no matter what we do, they see right  
through us. Why, I'd even given up driving my beloved black  
Cadillac and wearing my traditional black suit. You'd think that  
would have pulled the wool over their eyes, but  
noooooooooooooooooo....

I guess it's time for you, Dick, and me to find a real job. I'm  
afraid that silencing those who know too much about flying  
saucers just isn't the rewarding career path it used to be.

Sigh,

Jerry Clark

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## Re: Surprise! Water On Mars

From: **Jerome Clark** <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 5 Aug 2008 08:11:01 -0500  
Archived: Tue, 05 Aug 2008 10:22:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Surprise! Water On Mars

>From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 04 Aug 2008 22:35:16 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Surprise! Water On Mars

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>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Mon, 4 Aug 2008 06:55:14 -0700 (PDT)  
>>Subject: Re: Surprise! Water On Mars

>>Please, read any decent book or web site about Mars or the solar  
>>Please think, Mr. Anderson. Some of the same telescopes are in  
>>use today just as they were 75 years ago. Why don't they still  
>>optically illusion the "canals"? And before you side-step again,  
>>no they haven't been refurbished in anyway differently than  
>>before (to remove aberrancy.)

Is "optically illusion" a verb? That's a new one. Recently, I saw  
a television newsman render "effort" as a verb, which I thought  
was appalling enough. Are we now at a point where any word we  
want can be a verb?

In any event:

A good history of the Mars-canal controversy can be found in,  
among many other reliable sources, Michael Crowe's The  
Extraterrestrial Life Debate 1750-1900 (Cambridge University  
Press, 1986). Skepticism of the canals even during Percival  
Lowell's time was widespread among his fellow astronomers, who  
couldn't see the alleged features.

I sincerely hope that UpDates is [not?] now about to embarrass  
itself by hosting a debate about whether or not Mars has canals.

Jerry Clark

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From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 5 Aug 2008 05:34:11 -0700 (PDT)  
Archived: Tue, 05 Aug 2008 10:23:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Surprise! Water On Mars

>From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 04 Aug 2008 22:35:16 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Surprise! Water On Mars

snip>

>So what are you suggesting happened? The Martians realised we  
>were watching and filled them all in and replaced them with  
>underground pipelines? Or maybe Martan Global Warming dried them  
>all up?

>Why is so much debate on this List conducted in nudges and winks  
>and vague suggestions about 'information I have received off-  
>List'? Can you just be straight and tell us what you think  
>happened?

Mr. Rimmer, you're not interested in my conjecture. And as for as  
"nudges and winks" and whatever else you're experiencing "off-List",  
I've nothing to do with that either.

My statements were about the record and how it holds up against  
the absurd attempts to squash it, at least to people that will think  
for themselves.

We are told, "sometimes a cigar is just a cigar" (perhaps though  
not to Bill Clinton.) Well, to me in this case, the "cigar" is the  
record, not its cover-up.

JCH

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## Lack Of List Posts

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 09 Aug 2008 06:35:58 -0400  
Archived: Sat, 09 Aug 2008 06:35:58 -0400  
Subject: Lack Of List Posts

Gentle Reader,

What was to be an over-night trip to visit my ole, widowed  
86-year-old mum turned into three days after she fell and broke  
three ribs. She's recovering in hospital.

This coming week her home will be connected so there'll be no  
lack of List Mail during future visits...

Catch-ups follow...

ebk

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## Re: SDI #461 - Twenty Questions

From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 04 Aug 2008 22:22:00 +0100  
Archived: Sat, 09 Aug 2008 06:36:53 -0400  
Subject: Re: SDI #461 - Twenty Questions

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 4 Aug 2008 07:40:25 -0500  
>Subject: SDI #461 - Twenty Questions

>SDI #461 - Twenty Questions

>20 Questions cogently addressed by SDI-nauts Dave Furlotte,  
>Stuart Miller, Chris Rutkowski, and mission commander Errol  
>Bruce-Knapp:

>1. How does water on Mars, all but confirmed, only 'sorta' make  
>the mainstream news?

Because it's old news.

>2. Does Mars water bode well for 'bushes' of all types, other  
>'vegetation', and even Martian 'prairie-dogs' on the surface of  
>Mars?

No.

>3. Have official photos of the Martian surface been heavily  
>doctored in the past, and if so... why, really?

Don't know, but see below

>4. Does Mars have a blue sky?

Shouldn't think so, but all colours on NASA photographs are  
'doctored'

>5. Is Astronaut Edgar Mitchell, with faultless reputation, of  
>sound scientific mind, a holder of an earned PhD from MIT, and  
>the 9th person to walk in the moon... also a doddering old fool  
>'obviously' in the throws of intellectual disintegration or  
>cognitive infarct and grasping at a 'fame' dwindling in twilight  
>years?

No reason why not

>6. As a rule of observed physicality: whatever 'happens'  
>undergoes a 'formality of occurrence' such that it is an  
>unambiguous indication that what can happen, happens?  
>Happenings, having happened, of needs, must be continuing to  
>happen?

Eh?

>Submitted for the reader's approval: are we not ourselves proof  
>of the extraterrestrial because we are our own evidence of an  
>intellectual happening and it is only the destructively obnoxious  
>arrogance which espouses it's first\_or\_last\_in\_any chain of  
>being?

As above.

>7. Have we in fact been 'visited' according to those who might  
>provide a 'briefing' on such, are close to the subject matter at

>hand, and who possess that ephemeral 'need to know' regarding  
>same?

If you mean what I think you mean (are 'they' here?), no.

>8. Is 'disclosure' close at hand, even if at hand at all?

Shouldn't think so, nothing to 'disclose'

>  
>9. Will humanity be overwhelmed or under-whelmed regarding  
>disclosure?

Probably as underwhelmed as I am at Mitchell's 'disclosure'

>10. Are some UFOs 'home grown'?

Lots of nice Chinese lanterns, Mogul balloons, secret aircraft,  
yes.

>11. Does the 'ignorant bliss' we 'enjoy' as a humanity with  
>regard to aliens provide some evidence as to their lack of  
>'hostility' as 'hostility' is presently understood?

No, more probably the result of there being no-one there to be  
'hostile' to us.

>12. What does an alien being have to look like?

Ah, now you're asking!

>13. Who are the other astronauts who correspond with Dr.  
>Mitchell as it pertains to de facto aliens and intelligent life  
>off this planet?

Won't he tell you? I wonder why not?

>14. Is 'knowing' as simple as 'wanting' to know?

It is for most ufologists.

>15. Is an embarrassed NASA damned if they do refute Dr.  
>Mitchell as much as they are damned if they don't?

I think, being basically nice polite people, they'll just stay schtumm.

>16. Did Dave Letterman conclusively ridicule NASA in a recent  
>'Top 10 List' humiliation on national TV?

Sorry, we don't see the Letterman show in England (at least not on the  
channels I get on my TV)

>17. Is the end nigh?

For ufology, yes. Remember: "make ufology history"

>18. Was 'Y2K' a genuine catastrophe averted by early warning, or  
>was it a paranoid nonsense provoking a waste of time and money?

A paranoid nonsense provoking a waste of time and money.

>19. Will the Hadron Accelerator create a black hole and implode  
>the planet?

We can but hope. Solve the Global Warming problem, anyway.

>20. Is our continued greater understanding of aggregate reality  
>worth the risk of the preceding?

Probably not.

Keep smiling

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John Rimmer  
<[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>

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From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 5 Aug 2008 09:37:10 EDT  
Archived: Sat, 09 Aug 2008 06:37:05 -0400  
Subject: Re: The 'Shadow People' & UFOs?

>From: Dick Hall <[dh12.nul](mailto:dh12.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 04 Aug 2008 17:21:53 -0400  
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>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
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>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Mon, 4 Aug 2008 13:48:31 EDT  
>>>Subject: Re: The 'Shadow People' & UFOs?

>>>So now I know we're not crazy. Something amazing is going on, as  
>>>well as something sinister, and good.

>>If we can ferret out the truth before the lid is screwed down  
>>tighter, yes. But we may be dealing with sanctioned criminal  
>>actions by our own military on a very broad scope.

>>Don't expect help from official sources on this no matter what  
>>you find out. And don't trust any information coming from them.

>>We are in an area more sensitive than war materials or contact  
>>with aliens. We are in the area of covert opportunistic  
>>corruption of history.

>You people come across as hopelessly paranoid crackpots! Yes, I  
>know, I will be greeted by accusations of being part of the  
>cover-up, part of the "establishment" disinformation program (as  
>if the Establishment were even remotely that well organized and  
>efficient).

>You have presented no data whatsoever, and simply are engaging in  
>mystification, rumor mongering, and hinting that you have secret  
>inside information far superior to that available to the rest of  
>us. "Shadow people?" Sounds like a total crock to me, and I think  
>it is time for rational people to take back UFO Updates before  
>the Men in White haul us all away.

>Do I have any support out there, or am I really out of it?

We asked a simple question about a phenomenon and professionals  
and public responded overwhelmingly with data and opinions in  
contrast to your curmudgeonly response. How in the world can  
someone like you who has been studying UFOs for decades on end  
have the gall to call someone a crackpot?

We the people have observed something and are sharing notes. If  
you would like to participate then please do, otherwise keep your  
hostile insults to yourself because at this moment we don't need  
them.

Oh and as for presenting scientific data I've spent the entire  
past 24 hours answering emails from people round the world  
including list members and journalists and scientists who have

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been studying this phenomenon and we are sharing data and will present it accordingly. All we did on this List was ask a question. Sorry we didn't include the great Dick Hall in our inquiries and communications but maybe it's because we don't find your legendary condescending know-it-all bs to be anywhere near useful to us.

Best,

Greg  
ufomafia.com/blog

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## Re: First Australian PhD In Ufology

From: **Stanton T Friedman** <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 5 Aug 2008 11:54:22 -0300  
Archived: Sat, 09 Aug 2008 06:39:55 -0400  
Subject: Re: First Australian PhD In Ufology

>From: Sheryl Gottschall <[gottscha.nul](mailto:gottscha.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 5 Aug 2008 08:02:50 +1000  
>Subject: First Australian PhD In Ufology

>Source: The Age, Melbourne, Australia

><http://tinyurl.com/6ohra6>

>August 5, 2008

>Dr who? Why, it's Martin Plowman, PhD UFO  
>Andra Jackson

>Talk of UFOs is often dismissed as fanciful but at one Australian  
>university, at least, it has entered the realms of academia.

>At the University of Melbourne on Saturday, culture and  
>communication student Martin Plowman will become the first  
>Australian to get a doctorate of philosophy in ufology, the study  
>of unidentified flying objects.

<snip>

There is a list of 10 other PhD Theses in the 10page bibliography  
in my book "TOP SECRET/MAJIC". One of the most important is Dr.  
Herbert Strentz' Thesis about Press coverage of UFOs.

Stan Friedman

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## Re: Do Aircraft Magnetos Fail In Presence Of UFOs?

From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 5 Aug 2008 21:02:38 +0100  
Archived: Sat, 09 Aug 2008 07:00:45 -0400  
Subject: Re: Do Aircraft Magnetos Fail In Presence Of UFOs?

>From: Eleanor White <[ewraven1.nul](mailto:ewraven1.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 25 Jul 2008 17:50:18 -0400  
>Subject: Do Aircraft Magnetos Fail In Presence Of UFOs?

<snip>

>What happens to magneto ignition systems when the instruments  
>are severely interfered with? Do the engine/s stop?

<snip>

Hi Eleanor,

Saw a good description of an event on Bob Pratt's pages; here's  
URL and some quotes

[http://www.mufon.com/bob\\_pratt/classic.html](http://www.mufon.com/bob_pratt/classic.html)

"By now the pilot was about fourteen miles away from the tower  
and he reported that every time he came close to the object it  
affected his radio and all his instruments. 'My navigational aids  
are not working,' he radioed and asked, 'What was that emergency  
call?'

"I told him that four other planes had already heard the  
emergency call and he said, 'Yes, I am getting some emergency  
signals now.' But every time he got close to the object his  
navigation aids went out and his radio went dead but his engines  
were working normally and the lights on his instrument panel were  
working. One time as he was talking to me, his radio went dead.

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"The second plane then got within twenty-five to thirty miles of  
the object and the pilot suddenly reported, 'I've lost all my  
navigational aids. I cannot get near the object because I've lost  
every aid I had. What can I do?'

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"He swung his jet around in a tight turn and the light followed  
him, and as they swept over the tower in Tehran the object that  
was chasing him was by now five hundred feet above and just  
behind him. I saw the light for the first time, though only for a  
few seconds.

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"Then the pilot reported that the light had gone back and  
rejoined the main object. This was about fifteen miles away from  
the control tower and the pilot reported, 'Now they have joined  
together.'

"The pilot said it was too dangerous to go any closer and he  
decided to come in and land. He reported that every time he got  
close his navigation and all his electronic systems went crazy.

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Cheers

Ray

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From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 5 Aug 2008 19:50:06 EDT  
Archived: Sat, 09 Aug 2008 07:06:44 -0400  
Subject: Re: Surprise! Water On Mars

>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
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Jerry, you have analysis-ed this enough. This subject has been  
well discussed here, it has been efforted fully without your  
sly disinformation tacticked. Leave us nutballs alone! We have  
our Mars water and we drink it too! It tastes like Kool-Aid with  
cyanide flavoring. This is our drink let's toast!

<tongue profoundly in cheek>

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## Re: Martian Soil Not So Friendly

From: Paul Scott Anderson <[paulscottanderson.nul](mailto:paulscottanderson.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 5 Aug 2008 08:18:48 -0700  
Archived: Sat, 09 Aug 2008 07:40:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Martian Soil Not So Friendly

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>To: [sufoupdates.nul](mailto:sufoupdates.nul),  
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><http://tinyurl.com/6o3kar>

>The thing that caught my eye in this story is that the chemical  
>that is the crux of this story pertaining to the soil's  
>inhospitable nature may be a contaminant that somehow got aboard  
>the Phoenix Lander.

>Methinks what other contaminants may have 'stowed' aboard as in  
>the biological kind.

>Are we polluting Mars even before we get there?

There may have been some perchlorate in the fuel as some have suggested, since it is often used in rocket fuel. If naturally in the soil, it should be noted that in Chile, where it is found on Earth, it is only in the top surface layer of soil, but it is not found deeper down, where the microbes are.

From what I understand, the possible (not yet proven) perchlorate results from Phoenix are from shallower trenches in the surface layers of soil, but not detected yet in the deeper trenches dug so far, at the soil / ice boundary. So any organics (or even microbes) could be preserved and protected deeper down, as the Phoenix team has suggested all along.

Paul

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## Re: The 'Shadow People' & UFOs?

From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 5 Aug 2008 11:09:37 -0500  
Archived: Sat, 09 Aug 2008 07:41:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: The 'Shadow People' & UFOs?

>From: Steve Sawyer <[stevesaw.nul](mailto:stevesaw.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 5 Aug 2008 05:34:04 -0700  
>Subject: Re: The 'Shadow People' & UFOs?

>>From: Dick Hall <[dh12.nul](mailto:dh12.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Mon, 04 Aug 2008 17:21:53 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: The 'Shadow People' & UFOs?

>>>From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Mon, 4 Aug 2008 12:04:21 -0700 (PDT)  
>>>Subject: Re: The 'Shadow People' & UFOs?

>>>>From: Greg Boone [Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>>Date: Mon, 4 Aug 2008 13:48:31 EDT  
>>>>Subject: Re: The 'Shadow People' & UFOs?

>>>>So now I know we're not crazy. Something amazing is going on, as  
>>>>well as something sinister, and good.

>>>>If we can ferret out the truth before the lid is screwed down  
>>>>tighter, yes. But we may be dealing with sanctioned criminal  
>>>>actions by our own military on a very broad scope.

>>>>Don't expect help from official sources on this no matter what  
>>>>you find out. And don't trust any information coming from them.

>>>>We are in an area more sensitive than war materials or contact  
>>>>with aliens. We are in the area of covert opportunistic  
>>>>corruption of history.

>>>>You people come across as hopelessly paranoid crackpots! Yes, I  
>>>>know, I will be greeted by accusations of being part of the  
>>>>cover-up, part of the "establishment" disinformation program (as  
>>>>if the Establishment were even remotely that well organized and  
>>>>efficient).

>>>>You have presented no data whatsoever, and simply are engaging in  
>>>>mystification, rumor mongering, and hinting that you have secret  
>>>>inside information far superior to that available to the rest of  
>>>>us. "Shadow people?" Sounds like a total crock to me, and I think  
>>>>it is time for rational people to take back UFO Updates before  
>>>>the Men in White haul us all away.

>>>>Do I have any support out there, or am I really out of it?

>>>>Richard Hall has said what I've been thinking for some time now.

>>>>I'd like a return to rational, documented, intelligent discussion  
>>>>of the real issues regarding UFO phenomena, also. I thought that  
>>>>was what UFO Updates was for. I hope I'm not wrong. And I hope  
>>>>that others here will also voice their support for what Mr. Hall  
>>>>is asking.

>>>>Dick, you have my support.

Yes, what memes, thoughts, and precepts are to be deemed worthy of continued discussion, indeed, as self-relevant practitioners of the "one true science" prosecute their wire thin world views! Who is it that must be of needs be excised!

I submit myself.

This will become abundantly necessary as I continue to point out that many of the major players who would recues themselves into this too shallow cincture of "authoritarian and reclusive Reductionist Cartesianism" are "two-percenters" guilty of failures more egregious than they accuse, one, and two, have not moved us one flaccid centimeter in 60 years... not because they are brought down to the level of the crazies (only there, at all, because science has not delivered on something the intelligent majority believes is there), but because these "two-percenters" continue to credit a mainstream that, of needs, cannot credit or validate them without upsetting unethical, irrelevant, invalid themselves, but huge apple carts. These "major players" would seem oblivious to their pointed dismissal.

Obviously, ones conscientious adherence to rules of logic, evidentiary process, and critical thinking amounts to bupkis against "officialdom's" requirement to disassociate itself from you, demean you, invalidate you, discount you, marginalize and otherwise dismiss you. Verily, any proactive change in consciousness and social awareness is a result of the "crazies" it might even be argued. You walk a thankless treadmill.

Shadowpeople are just not that much a stretch, given good scholarly work by credible people on subjects much twitchier than that, or maybe the names McDonald, Hynek, Vallee, Ruppelt, Keyhoe, and Friedman, et sig freakin' al, are in no way known. Yeah, Friedman! All vituperations directed at him are explained by the fact that he has managed to stay cutting edge and relevant for decades, when others find they are decidedly out of contribution, which neatly explains a lot of angst on the issue I suspect.

Solution? Of course! Like all best solutions it is not sought or even found. It is faced. James McDonald outlined the solution to the problem set decades ago. Read Druffel's book to find out what it was. In short? Quit whining, show sack, and do something! Individually we'll do what we can.

So, lets cut to the chase. Who among you is to cast their first stone at this unrepentant 'sinner'!

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## Re: Surprise! Water On Mars

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 05 Aug 2008 13:49:25 -0300  
Archived: Sat, 09 Aug 2008 07:42:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Surprise! Water On Mars

>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 5 Aug 2008 08:11:01 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Surprise! Water On Mars

>>From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 04 Aug 2008 22:35:16 +0100  
>>Subject: Re: Surprise! Water On Mars

>>>From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Mon, 4 Aug 2008 06:55:14 -0700 (PDT)  
>>>Subject: Re: Surprise! Water On Mars

>>>Please, read any decent book or web site about Mars or the solar  
>>>Please think, Mr. Anderson. Some of the same telescopes are in  
>>>use today just as they were 75 years ago. Why don't they still  
>>>optically illusion the "canals"? And before you side-step again,  
>>>no they haven't been refurbished in anyway differently than  
>>>before (to remove aberrancy.)

>Is "optically illusion" a verb? That's a new one. Recently, I saw  
>a television newsman render "effort" as a verb, which I thought  
>was appalling enough. Are we now at a point where any word we  
>want can be a verb?

>In any event:

>A good history of the Mars-canal controversy can be found in,  
>among many other reliable sources, Michael Crowe's The  
>Extraterrestrial Life Debate 1750-1900 (Cambridge University  
>Press, 1986). Skepticism of the canals even during Percival  
>Lowell's time was widespread among his fellow astronomers, who  
>couldn't see the alleged features.

>I sincerely hope that UpDates is [not?] now about to embarrass  
>itself by hosting a debate about whether or not Mars has canals.

Not to be a smart ass but the original canal was shortened from  
the Italian word canali first coined by Giovanni Schiaparelli. It  
means means channels but was shortened to the English canals.  
There is photo evidence of what appear to be short damp channels  
[stains] on sloped terrain on Mars-though these are yet to be  
proven to be water stains.

As for canals; where's the locks, where's the gondolas and the  
singing gondoliers.

Absolutely no proof, not even a desicated mandolin.

Don Ledger

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## Re: The 'Shadow People' & UFOs?

From: Dave Haith <[visions1.nul](mailto:visions1.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 5 Aug 2008 18:07:05 +0100  
Archived: Sat, 09 Aug 2008 07:44:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: The 'Shadow People' & UFOs?

<snip>

Why oh why do the heavyweight researchers on this List, so deplore anybody speculating on solutions to the UFO problem which are, shall we say, out of the 'left field'?

As much as I admire these nuts and bolts researchers, let us all freely admit they haven't taken us much closer to what UFOs actually are, in 60 years or more.

So it seems to me the answers could well lie in a science of the future: thus using the tools we have in this century, just won't cut the mustard.

And speculation about what tomorrow's science might look like - and how it might encompass, explain and validate the world we now call paranormal, seems a reasonable pursuit.

I'm not suggesting all UFO research goes 'weird' but why shouldn't some folk be allowed to think 'out of the box' on a subject which is clearly 'out of the box'?

There almost seems a kind of bitterness from the 'old school' and I can understand how they might feel to have slaved away with a million reports and analyses, only to have these armchair researchers yakking on about 'shadow people'.

I have no idea what Greg Boone thinks he's on to, but I feel sure he'll enlighten us at some stage.

As Errol said on a recent podcast - all these areas including the paranormal seem connected.

Mock and laugh if you like you purists, but my feeling is that the final solution to UFOs will be closer to the world of quantum and mysticism, than the nuts and bolts science of the here and now.

Meanwhile can't we accept that UFO research is a 'broad church' - there's room for everybody.

Can't everybody just learn to get on - or at least tolerate one another?

Dave Haith

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>From: Dick Hall <[dh12.nul](mailto:dh12.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 04 Aug 2008 17:21:53 -0400  
>Subject: Re: The 'Shadow People' & UFOs?

>Do I have any support out there, or am I really out of it?

>Dick

And while you're at it, Mr. Hall, why don't you take a vote among your support group to see how many actually recognize validity to the abduction phenomena?

At all?

And if so when?

And how long it took you to allow it discussed here?

JCH

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From: Vincent Boudreau <[vincentboudreau.nul](mailto:vincentboudreau.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 06 Aug 2008 00:25:23 -0400 (EDT)  
Archived: Sat, 09 Aug 2008 09:49:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: The 'Shadow People' & UFOs?

With all due respect to Listers,

I am sure it is not a good idea to ask people to take sides in the present matter. From Imbrogno's recent article, I gather we should all take a deep breath considering 26 dimensions and string theories.

Let us remember that Jacques Vallee, and a couple others, faced with high strangeness cases, have somewhat jumped behind the mirror to land in somekind of a scientific limbo.

It is not a good thing when one claims to be on top of the right hill, especially when the hill happens to be his.

That all leaves a bad taste in my mouth.

We are all entitled to our opinions about the posts on this List.

It is one thing to oppose ideas and to debate them, it is another to declare misfits or engage in chest-drumming.

We can read the posts or not, reply or not.

This great thing is called freedom of speech.

Who are we to decide who gets the freedom?

Vincent Boudreau

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## Durban U Students Detect Alien Source

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Archived: Sat, 09 Aug 2008 09:52:00 -0400  
Subject: Durban U Students Detect Alien Source

Source: The Witness - Pietermaritzburg, South Africa

[http://www.witness.co.za/?showcontent&global%5b\\_id%5d=3D11385](http://www.witness.co.za/?showcontent&global%5b_id%5d=3D11385)

05 Aug 2008

Anyone Out There? DUT Students Detect Alien Source  
Sharlene Packree

A Durban lecturer and his students have detected a radio source, possibly from an alien source, from beyond the solar system with the aid of their specially built radio telescope.

Last week, the Indlebe Radio Telescope, situated on the Steve Biko campus of the Durban University of Technology, successfully detected its first radio source.

The Indlebe Radio Telescope is a transit instrument that operates at the Hydrogen Line frequency of 1420 MHZ and uses a very sensitive radio receiver to detect extraterrestrial radio signals.

Stuart MacPherson, project leader in Electronic Engineering at the university, said he and his students were amazed when they realised the telescope had picked up a signal.

"We had made significant changes to the receiver to increase its sensitivity.

"When we went in that morning to check the data, we found that it had detected a source," he said.

On whether there is alien life out there, MacPherson laughed and said there is hope and a possibility that the radio signal could be generated by an alien source.

He said a strong electro-magnetic source was detected in Sagittarius A, which lies in the centre of the Milky Way.

"It=92s unbelievable. It=92s definitely a great relief for us because now we know that the radio telescope works. The students were excited and shocked at the same time," he said. MacPherson said there are plans to improve the telescope.

"It=92s still early days, but we will move on to bigger things. We are going to increase the sensitivity of the system. The radio telescope will be used for years to come," he added.

He said that the detection of the source is a significant step for the students, as all the hardware =97 the antenna and feed horn, the final analog and the digital converter providing a digital representation of the detected source to a PC =97 has been designed and constructed on campus.

"It is intended that the received data will shortly be made available in real time to interested persons who will be able to

graph the data using freely available software," he said.

MacPherson said that the Indlebe project was started in 2006 by the Department of Electronic Engineering to attract high school pupils to the department and to give undergraduate and postgraduate students an opportunity to work on a real-world, complex electronic system.

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## UFO Mission Has Been Accomplished

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Archived: Sat, 09 Aug 2008 09:53:00 -0400  
Subject: UFO Mission Has Been Accomplished

Source: The Pensacola News Journal - Pensacol,FL,USA

<http://tinyurl.com/5c9kox>

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UFO Mission Has Been Accomplished  
by  
Renee Bookout

Let's just get this out of the way - yes, it was hot, yes, it was crowded, and yes, I had a good time at Disney World. My biggest mistake, however, was running the UFO column while on vacation.

With e-mail after e-mail vibrating into my BlackBerry, I buzzed and lit up more than Disney's Electric Light Parade. Zap, an e-mail; zip, there's another; zzzz, even more. How fitting that several came through while I was entering the Twilight Zone on the Tower of Terror at Disney's Hollywood Studios.

As someone warned me, I "started a meteor shower of controversy" again by writing about the Gulf Breeze UFO sightings and scheduling a radio interview on the subject. Right up until I took the microphone, e-mails were still coming in. I started to panic, envisioning the lines ringing off the hook during the interview with Craig Myers, former Pensacola News Journal reporter and author of War Of The Words: The True But Strange Story Of The Gulf Breeze UFO.

I contemplated canceling my next guest to allow enough time for both sides to air this out. As the interview commenced, we watched the phone lines. Then Chirp, chirp, chirp. Nothing. No calls, no rants, no accusations of biased journalism. Where were all the people who'd been e-mailing me?

Finally, the telephone rings. A live caller - from Miami! That's right; the only call for the entire half hour came from outside the listening area. It was James Moseley, editor of one of Ufology's longest running publications, Saucer Smear. Described by Vince D. as a "very active observer of the Gulf Breeze phenomena," Moseley and Myers chatted away like old friends. Not another call.

I may have a short attention span, but I'm not a slow learner. I get the message that you've had enough of UFOs. But before I drop this into a black hole, I'll share some of the comments sent by e-mail.

First, the debate continues to rage about how much Ed and Fran Walters made on the book The Gulf Breeze Sightings. While many people claim they made "millions" Myers, says the Walters received a \$200,000 advance for their first book, The Gulf Breeze Sightings.

According to one source, I'll call him Don W., the primary publisher only paid \$1 per book. Ed Walters did co-author two

other books, UFO Abductions In Gulf Breeze and UFOs Are Real.  
Here Is The Proof!

Regarding Mars, another point of clarification. In my original column, I surmised that some readers would be happy not to discuss aliens again until "we land on Mars." Don W. chastised me with "P.S. We humans did put a manned base on Mars in 1993. Where have you been?" Well, perhaps not on the same planet as Don. After heavily searching the internet for documented evidence of a manned Mars landing and finding nothing, I called NASA and spoke with Guy Webster of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory on the Phoenix Mars Lander Mission.

Webster confirmed that "there was not a manned base on Mars in 1993 and we are still years, if not decades, away from a manned mission to Mars." Thank you very much.

Bob R. e-mailed questioning Myers' motives: "It will be most interesting to learn what 'inducements' may have caused Myers to participate in the organized repression and cover-up of this, one of the world's best-documented 'alien' events." Bob then challenges me "to interview other witnesses who still live in the area, but of course that's only if you're interested in pursuing the truth."

At the suggestion of another e-mailer, Dave M., I have requested an interview with Dr. Bruce Macabee, a renowned UFO researcher. Macabee and I are working on scheduling an interview for Aug. 11. Stay tuned.

With only several weeks of the controversy under my belt, I have grown weary of the subject. Judging from the lack of "call-in" interest, most of you have had enough too. For those with the energy to continue the pursuit, Joe B. wants you to know that Unlimited Horizons of the Emerald Coast, a forum for open-minded seekers of truth to share knowledge and promote further enlightenment in search of universal truths, meets on the second Sunday of the month at the South Santa Rosa Recreation Center.

With my short attention span taking over, I'm left with one thing to say: "Beam me up, Scotty."

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## Richard Hall's Publications

From: Dick Hall <[dh12.nul](mailto:dh12.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 06 Aug 2008 11:10:40 -0400  
Archived: Sat, 09 Aug 2008 10:55:00 -0400  
Subject: Richard Hall's Publications

In recent months there have been several posts on this List suggesting or implying that I am out of touch and living in the past when it comes to UFOs, and/or unfamiliar with the publishing process. Here is a partial list of my New Millennium publications. (During this time I have also had a book published about the American Civil War, and written a novelette about same.):

The UFO Evidence, Vol. II., Scarecrow Press, 2001.

Alien Invasion or Human Fantasy? The 1966-67 UFO Wave. Fund for UFO Research, 2004.

UFO Sightings in the New Millennium, Fund for UFO Research, 2005.

Journal of UFO History, Vol. I, compendium, Fund for UFO Research, 2006.

Journal of UFO History, Vol., II, compendium, Brentwood Press, 2007.

From Airships to Arnold: A Catalogue of UFO Reports in the Early 20th Century (1900-1946), revised edition. UFO Research Coalition, 2007.

Journal of UFO History, Vol. III, compendium, Brentwood Press, 2008.

Actual research and data compilation. The comments I make on this List are informed by this research, while certain List members have endlessly contributed nothing more than totally ungrounded fantasy and imagination.

Dick

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## UFO Sceptics Report Sightings

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Source: The Birminham Mail - UK

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UFO Sceptics Report Sightings In Kings Heath

Former UFO sceptics have bombarded the Birmingham Mail with reports of sightings of mysterious lights above Kings Heath and Moseley.

Scores of people said they had seen bright orange and red lights hovering inexplicably in the skies over south Birmingham on Friday, July 18.

But even more sightings have been logged since our story ran last week =96 the majority by non-believers who have changed their minds on the question of whether there's anything "out there".

Coun Neville Summerfield, cabinet member for regeneration at the city council, was among the former non-believers forced to change their tune.

He said: "I was walking along Kings Heath High Street and saw a raft of people looking up. I thought =91what's going on?' I looked up and there was a brilliantly coloured orange and red object, then there was another one.

"It was absolutely amazing. I'm not quite as sceptical as I was."

Isha Chapman, of Bloomfield Road, Kings Heath, saw something the same night which has made her question whether there was alien life.

The 23-year-old housewife said: "There were lots of orange lights floating really high in the sky like Chinese lanterns, but in a direct line.

"It was really creepy.

"It's baffled me because I think there's normally an explanation for everything.

"I've got no explanation for this, though."

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## Admiral Never Looked For UFO Data

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Wednesday, August 6, 2008

Admiral: Never Looked For UFO Data

By Billy Cox

A former high-ranking military intelligence official rumored to have been snubbed in his attempts to obtain sheltered UFO data insists he never even bothered to look for it.

"Never.", retired Rear Adm. Thomas R. Wilson replied Tuesday when asked if he'd ever been barred from retrieving classified material, exotic or otherwise, during his career.

Wilson, the former director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, was head of intelligence for the Joint Chiefs of Staff in 1997 when he agreed to meet at the Pentagon with advocates of UFO declassification. Among them, he confirms, was Apollo 14 astronaut Edgar Mitchell.

The driving force behind that meeting was North Carolina UFO researcher and emergency-room doctor Steven Greer. Greer founded The Disclosure Project in an effort to grant amnesty to government whistle-blowers willing to violate their security oaths by sharing insider knowledge about UFOs.

At least seven years ago -

<http://www.ufoevidence.org/documents/doc788.htm>

- Greer was telling audiences about extracting a pledge from Wilson during that meeting to investigate special access projects involving UFO technology. But shortly thereafter, Greer claimed Wilson reported that he didn't have the proper security clearance to inspect those files.

As Greer informed a Portland, Ore., audience in 2001, Wilson said, "'I am horrified that this is true. I have been in plenty of black projects, but when we tried to get into this one,' he was told, and I quote, 'Sir, you do not have a need to know.' The head of intelligence Joint Staffs. You don't have a need to know. Neither did the CIA director, and neither did the President."

This story has been circulating on the Internet ever since, and made it into Greer's book Hidden Truth, Forbidden Knowledge, last year. But the thing didn't sprout legs until Mitchell began discussing the meeting during what turned out to be a media blitz in July.

Mitchell avoided all mention of Wilson's name, but in a July 4 appearance on Larry King Live, the moonwalker told CNN audiences he'd learned the admiral "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."

Now an executive with a Minnesota-based defense contractor, Wilson told De Void he accepted Mitchell's 1997 request "because he was a former astronaut and maybe had more credibility than some person off the street." Wilson says he doesn't remember who else attended that meeting, but he admitted "a certain amount of curiosity" about allegations of deep-black UFO projects.

"What is true is that I met with them", Wilson said in a phone interview. "What is not true is that I was denied access to this material, because I didn't pursue it. I may have left it open with them, but it was not especially compelling, not compelling enough to waste my staff's time to go looking for it."

Mitchell told De Void he never heard directly from Wilson after their initial meeting, but he says he trusts the veracity of the unnamed sources who told him of Wilson's inability to penetrate security.

Mitchell said he was "shocked" by Wilson's response to De Void, but added, "I do not wish to engage him on this matter."

Steven Greer refused to back down.

"I was there and know what was said," he stated in an e-mail. "I was also informed prior to the meeting that, after sending him a secret document with UFO-related code names and numbers, that he located one of the compartments but was specifically denied access to the operation."

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Greetings all...

I chatted with Billy Cox a bit prior to his article, and more to the point, spoke with Admiral Thomas Wilson in late 2006, not long after Dr. Steven Greer's book - Hidden Truth, Forbidden Knowledge - came out in which he mentioned Wilson by name.

I had known about this meeting before Greer published his account. The information came to me through another party. This other source, while not giving me Wilson's name, gave me some explicit information about the nature of the meeting (top level DoD official who met with Greer, then being denied access to black programs dealing with ET technology).

As I understood it at the time, Greer and Edgar Mitchell met with Wilson in April 1997, and that Wilson took two months to continue looking into the matter. At that point, he reached the program but was denied access to it. My source indicated that the primary people who denied Wilson were not even DoD personnel, but rather private contractors... mainly attorneys. They told him that he did not have a need to know, and furthermore, that the only reason he got an audience from them was so they could determine how he learned about the program.

When Greer's book came out, mentioning the meeting and naming Wilson, I checked with my source. "I assume it's Wilson?", I asked. "Yes, it was Wilson", came the answer.

At that point, I decided to try to speak to Admiral Wilson. Before doing so, I wrote to Edgar Mitchell. He also confirmed that the meeting took place, although he was not especially interested at that time in doing much more than stating that Wilson "would look into it."

So, armed with pretty good support from some high profile people that the meeting DID occur, I was able to track down and phone Wilson. This was in October 2006.

Our conversation started very cordially. That is, until I mentioned that I was researching the UFO phenomena and a meeting he had regarding the topic in 1997. He feigned ignorance ("my memory is foggy") until I mentioned confirming statements by Mitchell and my other source. Then his answer was "I vaguely recall....." At that point I mentioned that his name was in Greer's book. I can assure you that got his interest. He asked me to read him the relevant passage, which I did.

At this point, Admiral Wilson's voice changed noticeably. Whereas he had been relaxed and low key when we started, his voice became high pitched. He seemed to be rather annoyed, maybe angry. He told me that, yes, he had met with Greer and Mitchell. That he only did so because he was "curious" why someone of Dr. Mitchell's stature would be pursuing this matter. "Everything else" Greer wrote about the meeting (whatever that means) was "poppycock." Wilson then told me he needed to go to a meeting and ended the conversation.

I was left with a distinct impression that Greer's account of the matter was substantially correct. That is, that Greer and

Mitchell did persuade Wilson to look into it, and that Wilson did so. Furthermore, that he was denied access to said programs.

Wilson was basically a man who was caught off guard. His denials rang very hollow to me.

One final comment on this. After my conversation with the Admiral, I checked back with my source. "What else would you expect him to say?", he told me. "He would lose every security clearance he ever held if he gave you what you wanted."

As well as, quite obviously, threatening to bring down the entire house of cards. After all, an admission from Wilson that this was true.....? Good god. That would be enough to do it. I did not expect him actually to admit anything to me. But I had to try.

I have spoken about this event a few times in various presentations. Now is as good a time as any to make this statement.

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Wednesday, 6 August 2008

Who, What, Why?

Some of the questions behind the headlines

Can Our TV Signals Be Picked Up On Other Planets?

The Magazine answers...

A television company has joined forces with a social networking site to send a message to the nearest theoretically inhabitable planet. But can our television and radio broadcasts already be picked up in space?

There is no widely accepted evidence of intelligent extraterrestrial life.

And yet the idea of sending messages to whoever is out there has been a recurrent theme over the years, whether it has been the plaques on Pioneer 10 and 11, Blur's call-sign for Beagle 2, the Arecibo message of 1974 or the Soviet "Mir" message of 1962.

The latest is a collaboration between RDF and Bebo to send a signal to the planet Gliese C, more than 20 light-years away, carrying 500 messages from earth.

In a letter to the Daily Telegraph, former BBC News website science editor Dr David Whitehouse raised the possibility that transmissions from Earth could draw the attention of "malevolent aliens", were any to exist.

But ordinary television and radio broadcasts can also travel out of Earth's atmosphere and through space, albeit quickly becoming mind-bogglingly diffuse and hard to pick up.

Space scientist Dr Chris Davis, of the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, says it is possible that television and radio signals from Earth could be picked up on other planets, but it isn't easy.

Some radiowaves, such as those of a short-wave frequency, bounce back off the ionosphere and are therefore poor candidates to be picked up in space. But waves like FM radio or television signals can pierce it and travel through the vacuum of space at the speed of light.

"There are two things that you would need to get a signal [to other planets] - firstly, it has to be able to leave our planet, secondly it would have to have as much power as possible," says Dr Davis.

"As you go into space that power would dissipate. They would need more and more sensitive equipment to pick it up."

In the case of the RDF/Bebo message, it is being sent in a concentrated beam by the giant RT-70 radio telescope in Ukraine.

But television and radio broadcasts are omni-directional - albeit focused as much as possible towards the horizon - and that means a lot of diffusion.

Assuming the energy spread out equally in a sphere, and that the receiver on Gliese C was as big as the planned Square Kilometre Array of antennas on Earth, the television signals reaching the planet would be a billion, billion, billion times smaller than the original signal generated on Earth, says Dr Maggie Aderin, a space scientist at technology firm Astrium.

"Detecting a signal like this with lots of background noise would be incredibly hard, but what they would look for is a pattern in the signals to show that they were not naturally occurring."

And that of course is what is going on on Earth in the form of the Search for Extra Terrestrial Intelligence programme.

SETI uses facilities such as the Allen Array in California to, among other things, look for meaningful patterns in radio waves from space. And that means if there were aliens out there, they could be doing the same thing.

"Some of our radars are easily detectable quite far, hundreds of light-years, into space, if the aliens wish to try, and if they're in the beam," says Seth Shostak, an astronomer at SETI.

"Of course, no one more than about 50-70 light-years away will have yet heard from us, but I figure that our earliest broadcasts are washing over about one new star system each day. So the potential audience is growing."

Shostak calculates that Nasa's recent broadcast of Beatles music towards Polaris, the North Star, using a 210ft antenna and 20kw of power, would require any potential aliens to have an antenna seven miles across to be aware of it. To actually receive it as music, this would need to be increased to a 500-mile wide antenna. Polaris is 430 light-years away.

But if aliens can watch our television, there might be a problem. Astronomer Carl Sagan, in his book Contact, suggested the first high-powered television broadcast the aliens would have picked up would be Hitler's broadcasts at the Nuremburg rallies.

The Answer

Many broadcasts penetrate the earth's atmosphere and travel through space at the speed of light

Crossing trillions of miles they would become incredibly diffuse and hard to pick up

[Thanks to Nick Poe for the lead]

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## UFOs Flying Emotions

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<http://www.space.com/searchforlife/080807-seti-flying-emotions.html>

This is an article by Seth Shostak bemoaning the attacks he and others who express ideas and theories that go against the ufological grain.

He has his points but he misses the big issue in regard to whom has been doing the bullying. He's pointing to ufologists who bully - yet what about the 60 years of personal attacks by skeptics, debunkers, disinformation groups, government organizations, the press, etc.?

Sure ufology has it's own brand of knuckleheads. For some reason comfort breeds antagonism to alternative viewpoints, however let us not forget the decades of harrassment and threats against those who report, whistleblow, and research UFOs. Many of these folks to this day fear for their lives and livelihoods and with the indisputable fact that no satisfactory public hearing on the subject since day one has been done by our own U.S. Government it's no wonder nerves and tempers get rattled.

Hard heads make a soft behind the old country saying goes.

Best,

Greg  
[ufomafia.com/blog](http://ufomafia.com/blog)

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'I Thought Maybe It Could Be A UFO'

Tourist videos 'aggressive' lights in sky over Prospect Bay

By John Gillis  
Staff Reporter  
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Mysterious lights spotted over Prospect Bay this week probably weren't extraterrestrial visitors trying to find their way to Shag Harbour for the upcoming UFO festival.

Heiner Kullack of Hamburg, Germany, went to the village southwest of Halifax on Wednesday night to do some birdwatching. But it wasn't hummingbirds or cedar waxwings that left an impression.

At about 9:45 p.m., while sitting in the van he's used to drive all over Canada, the 68-year-old retired school teacher noticed a bright stationary light in the sky over an island across the bay.

That light was joined by a second. Both eventually faded away.

Portions of videos he shot with a hand-held digital recorder can be seen at:

[http://www.thechronicleherald.ca/photo\\_news/video/prospect\\_movie.wmv](http://www.thechronicleherald.ca/photo_news/video/prospect_movie.wmv)

Mr. Kullack, who plans to return to Germany on Sunday, is at a loss to explain what he saw.

"First I thought it was the top light of a sailboat," he said Thursday. "But then when they did not move and disappeared, I thought maybe it could be a UFO or something. A very strange object."

Asked if he believed in UFOs and visitors from other planets, he let out a long sigh.

"I don't believe. But after that, I'm not sure."

In one portion of video, shot using the camera's zoom feature, one of the lights appears to have a border near its edge and a series of swirling dots near the centre. At one point, a pair of black dots obscure a portion of the light from the right side.

Mr. Kullack said he was "a little bit afraid" observing the "aggressive" lights.

All the lights had faded from the sky by about 10:15.



Mr. Kullack said he knocked on the door of a nearby house but the residents had not seen anything unusual.

But they were noticed by others in the area.

Ryan O'Toole, a cook at the Bay Landing restaurant and lounge in Prospect Bay, saw the lights from the bar Wednesday night and recalled seeing similar ones about a month ago.

After that first sighting, a friend explained they were naval flares, so Mr. O'Toole wasn't concerned about the lights this week.

Even so, one bright light followed by a dimmer, more distant light got his attention.

"I kept looking at it," he said. "I was drawn away from conversation looking at it. It didn't really cause any alarm. But whenever you see anything like that, the first thing you do is call the coast guard, because it could be an actual distress signal."

A relative told him the orange colour of the flare meant it was being used for training.

That, in fact, appears to be the explanation for the mysterious lights.

The crew of a CC-130 Hercules airplane from 14 Wing Greenwood was conducting a search and rescue exercise in the area at the time, said Maj. Paul Doucette of navy public affairs.

"They were doing some training with flares. That's what people saw."

Capt. John Pulchny, a spokesman for 14 Wing Greenwood, said illumination flares can be dropped out of planes or helicopters and are equipped with small parachutes so that they float down to the water very gradually.

But what about the apparent activity on the surface of the bright object in the film?

After viewing the video, David Lane, an observatory technician at Saint Mary's University, said those swirls seem to be "optical aberrations" created by a lens that can't focus on a distant light.

The lens can add rings and speckles and colours, said Mr. Lane, who recently had an asteroid named after him. The atmosphere can also alter the appearance of colours and make objects in the sky seem to come and go.

As for the source of the mysterious light, before being told about the navy training exercises, he said the planet Venus is by far the most common culprit behind reported UFO sightings. But Venus would not have been visible from Prospect Bay at that time of night Wednesday.

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Former Prosecutor: UFO Hack Looked Like Terrorist Attack

Investigative resources diverted in crucial weeks, months after  
Sept. 11

By Sharon Gaudin

(Computerworld) After the computer network at the Naval Weapons Station Earle in New Jersey was breached and crashed just a few weeks after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, investigators thought it might be part of a larger al-Qaeda plot against the United States.

Investigators worked around the clock to figure out who had been in and out of the system that runs the weapons station for about five months, stealing passwords, installing remote access software, deleting data and ultimately shutting down the network of 300 computers for an entire week. That weeklong shutdown meant that for that period of time -- in the aftermath of attacks on the U.S. -- the station couldn't do its job of replenishing munitions and supplies to the Atlantic fleet.

Was the break-in organized by a nation-state? A terrorist group? After throwing critical resources at the probe when the government was already investigating not only the 9/11 attacks but the anthrax killings, investigators didn't track the breach to al-Qaeda. They tracked it to an unemployed system administrator in the U.K. -- Gary McKinnon, who was subsequently charged with hacking into 92 computer systems at the U.S. Army, the U.S. Air Force, the Department of Defense and NASA.

It has been seven years since the break-ins and about six since the charges were leveled against McKinnon, 42, of London. Since then, he has been fighting extradition to the U.S., but just last week the highest British court dismissed his latest appeal against the extradition.

McKinnon, who has said he broke into U.S. military computers hoping to uncover evidence of UFOs, plans to appeal the decision to the European Court of Human Rights. According to his attorney, Karen Todner, it's the last appeal he can file.

A resource drain at the worst time

Scott Christie, who at the time was an assistant U.S. attorney in New Jersey, was the first prosecutor brought into the case. Christie, who now leads the information technology group at law firm McCarter & English LLP, said McKinnon simply is "grasping at straws" with his latest appeal.

"I think it reinforces the fact that arguments against extradition had no merit and that he is continuing to avoid the inevitable," said Christie, who worked with investigators from the Naval Criminal Investigative Service on the case. "It is a very significant intrusion case, because it reinforces the fact that a lone individual who is motivated can cause significant damage to the military preparedness of this country. It showed unfortunately that security on computers at military installations was not as robust as it should have been... If that's in fact true, it gives one concern as to what organized groups with sophisticated hacking tools who may be sponsored by organized crime or foreign governments could achieve in this area."

Christie said that since the naval station's system was shut down on the heels of 9/11, it reinforced people's worst fears. And because of the seriousness of the attack and the possibility that it could have been linked to a terrorist organization, the government threw a lot of resources at the problem -- resources that could have been used in the 9/11 investigation.

"The concern was there," said Howard Schmidt, who began working at the White House as the vice chairman of the President's Critical Infrastructure Protection Board in 2002, in the midst of the McKinnon investigation. "When these things take place, you never know till the very end what their motivation is... You don't know if it's a nation-state or a terrorist group. You have to work it as if this was the most important case you ever worked. There is a finite amount of resources. This pulled big resources that could have been used for other things."

Schmidt, who today is CEO of R&H Security Consulting, noted that he was briefed on the investigation when he began working at the White House and that the case was something they were following.

In New Jersey, McKinnon was charged with one count of unauthorized access and causing damage to a protected computer, according to Assistant U.S. Attorney Erez Liebermann of New Jersey, who now is the lead prosecutor on the case.

The government contends that McKinnon first hacked into the naval station's network on April 7, 2001, but wasn't discovered until late in September, when he allegedly deleted computer files that were needed to power up computers on the network. In the five months that McKinnon allegedly was in and out of the system, the government charges that he installed remote access software to make it easier for him to get into the network. He also allegedly stole about 950 passwords and deleted computer logs and files.

Liebermann noted that McKinnon allegedly caused \$290,431 in financial damages to Naval Weapons Station Earle.

In Virginia, McKinnon is facing seven counts of unauthorized access. There, the U.S. attorney's office claims he caused \$900,000 in damages to computers in 14 states.

Liebermann noted that each of the total of eight charges carries a maximum sentence of 10 years in federal prison and a \$250,000 fine. However, based on sentencing guidelines, Christie estimates that the sentences would drop down to the three- to five-year range.

UFO hunter or something more?

Christie added that McKinnon's own statements will come into play during trial. He often has told the British press that he simply was in the military systems looking for covered-up information on UFOs. However, according to a legal judgment from the House of Lords, when McKinnon was being interviewed by law enforcement in the U.K., he admitted to leaving a note on one Army computer reading, "US foreign policy is akin to government-sponsored terrorism these days... It was not a mistake that there was a huge security stand down on September 11 last year... I am SOLO. I will continue to disrupt at the highest levels."

McKinnon confessed to the intrusions but denied causing any damage.

Christie said being inconsistent about his story could hurt McKinnon's case.

"It goes more to jury appeal," he said, adding that McKinnon would be more likely to come off looking like an eccentric if he appears to have been someone on a quest for information about UFOs concealed by the government. But if he strikes the jury as someone who attacked U.S. military computers because he disagreed with the country's foreign policy, that's a whole different matter.

"It [would] show him to be much more deliberate, methodical and vindictive than otherwise," said Christie. "I would imagine that the government is going to... try to show that he's not this eccentric, but that he is using that as his cover story where his real motivation is attacking the government and the military because of U.S. policies... Regardless of his explanation, he still shouldn't have accessed computers and been rummaging around and doing what he was doing."

Christie also noted that a big part of the government's job will be to prove the allegations that McKinnon's actions actually damaged the systems. Prosecutors in both New Jersey and Virginia will have to convince a jury that McKinnon's break-ins were directly linked to computer malfunctions, lost data and subsequent financial damages.

"It appears he has acknowledged gaining unauthorized access to these military computer networks, but it also appears that he does not believe he caused any damage in the course of his rooting around these computer systems," said Christie. "I don't think [this case] is a home run. The government will need to demonstrate that he caused damage... which may not be the easiest thing to prove. The government, through Mr. McKinnon's admissions, is halfway to the goal line but still has a ways to go."

For Schmidt, it doesn't matter why McKinnon was in the system. The issues are that he was in there and that he allegedly opened up easy access for anyone else to secretly get in and out, as well.

"I don't buy 'I was looking for hidden spaceships'," said Schmidt. "That doesn't wash for me... Anytime you create an unauthorized entry point, it means [more than] one person could have used it to get into the system. Who else could have used it to piggyback into the system?"

Schmidt added that while it was "troubling" that the naval station's system could be compromised for five months without anyone noticing, he thinks security has been multiplied since then.

"We're much more focused on cybersecurity now.", he said. "The controls weren't in place then. Emphasis on information security wasn't there at the time. Every year we get better. It doesn't mean we have vulnerabilities, but we are better."

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Subject: Out Of The Blue Into The Black

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

Friday, August 8, 2008

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Out Of The Blue, Into The Black

By Billy Cox

Canadian pilot and author Don Ledger would be a little stunned if anybody got trampled to death while attempting to storm the gates of the Shag Harbour UFO Festival this weekend. He'd be stoked if 200 people showed up at this tiny Nova Scotian coastal village.

The original sighting occurred Oct. 4, 1967, but the festival was moved forward this year to capitalize on summer tourists. Today's schedule includes a yard sale at the post office, a fire department barbecue, and a \$6 turkey burger dinner at the fire station.

The reason this Canadian Mayberry rates a spot in the local news cycles: The Shag Harbour UFO Incident Society acquired a \$2,000 federal grant to, according to the government press release, commemorate "a historical and well documented sighting of an unidentified flying object in the skies above Shag Harbour which later crashed in nearby waters."

As UFOs go, this one's got great gams and a wicked hemline: multiple eyewitnesses, search-and-rescue operations by local fishermen and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, an abrupt termination of recovery efforts, tales of covert military activity and, as always, a question without answers.

But not surprisingly, even that \$2,000 pittance of federal support for the festival has elicited derisive jabs from some corners of the Canadian media. Which naturally sticks in Ledger's craw. "I'll bet Quebec City gets \$2 million in grants for WinterFest", he grumbles.

Ledger, whose investigation became the subject of his 2001 book "Dark Object," is one of the speakers. He documents pilot encounters for the National Aviation Reporting Center on Anomalous Phenomena, and he assisted with the organization's rigorous analysis of the UFO that hovered over Chicago O'Hare's United Airways terminal in 2006 - at:

<http://www.narcap.org/technicalreports.htm>

Also not surprisingly, rather than have to think about what happened, the MSM ignored the NARCAP report altogether.

But it doesn't pay to nurture a grudge, so what the hell, Ledger's decided to go with the flow this weekend. Enjoy the

alien dance, the costume party, all that. And no doubt he'll contemplate the reason he hitched his wagon to this losing cause in the first place.

Ledger recalls a chat with an airline flight officer several years back. It happened during a commercial voyage over South Korea. He and three crewmen watched in fascination as a large, cylinder-shaped object paced them off their left wing. They tracked it for 90 seconds even as air traffic control nearby failed to acquire radar readings. The guy thought he was crazy. He needed a sympathetic listener and found Ledger.

"There wasn't much I could do in terms of independent corroboration, names, that kind of thing," Ledger says. "He said it happened a long time ago, 1987, 1988. But he said there's not a day goes by that it doesn't pop into his head two or three times."

Maybe it's like what Neil Young said. Once you're gone, you can't come back.

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## UFO Sightings In UK This Year Reach 150

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 09 Aug 2008 12:59:16 -0400  
Archived: Sat, 09 Aug 2008 12:59:16 -0400  
Subject: UFO Sightings In UK This Year Reach 150

Source: The Daily Telegraph - London, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/69by47>

09 Aug 2008

UFO Sightings In UK This Year Reach 150

Reported UFO sightings are at their highest level for years - with authorities now hearing about four mysterious objects in Britain's skies every week.

By Laura Clout

So far this year 150 apparent 'flying saucers' have been reported to police, military bases and the Ministry of Defence, compared to just 135 for the whole of 2007, and 97 the year before.

The figures, released after a request under the Freedom of Information Act, suggest that 2008 will be a bumper year for alien activity.

Malcolm Robinson, founder of the research group Strange Phenomena Investigations said: "Something really bizarre is happening in the skies over the UK.

"I've been dealing in sightings for 30 years and we currently have something very real which mankind cannot explain."

A spokesman for the MoD said as long as sightings presented no threat to British airspace, they were not investigated further. The MoD remained 'open-minded' about aliens, he added.

Earlier this summer, recent sightings were plotted on a map of Britain. They stretched from Liverpool to Dover and from Llanelli to Derby.

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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## MoD UFO Job Description

From: Joe McGonagle <[joe.mcgonagle.nul](mailto:joe.mcgonagle.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 08 Aug 2008 15:45:22 +0100  
Archived: Sat, 09 Aug 2008 13:06:00 -0400  
Subject: MoD UFO Job Description

Someone enquired about vacancies with the 'MoD UFO Department', and the response has been posted as a pdf file at:

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

Part of the response includes the following, which is one of the most explicit (in some ways) description of the role I have seen:

"The term UFO "department" is actually rather misleading. I suspect it gives the impression of a large organisation within the MoD dedicated to research into UFO matters and extra-terrestrials.

In fact, there are two posts within the MoD that are dedicated to UFO matters. One (DAS-FOI) is at D Grade, which is the most junior management level within the Ministry and the second (DAS-FOI1) is at E1 grade which is at non managerial level. Both these posts are part of a branch based in London called the Directorate of Air Staff. This branch deals with a wide range of air defence related matters of which UFOs is a minor part.

Although the overwhelming majority of the UFO work in these two posts involves (and has for decades) answering correspondence from the public or recording sightings reported to the MoD, we do on occasion investigate reports. This usually involves liaising with air defence experts (such as radar specialists) on perhaps half a dozen reports per year. These will generally be sightings made by aircrew, members of the armed forces or the police. I think I should make it clear that we do not do field investigations.

The two posts require general office skills, with a preference for strong drafting abilities. When either of them becomes vacant, they are filled by internal competition.

If you wanted to take up one of these posts, you would therefore first need to join the MoD, and then once you had established yourself, apply for the posts as and when they become vacant."

Cheers,

Joe

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## Re: Important PolySci Paper On Government UFO Taboo

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 8 Aug 2008 11:16:26 -0400  
Archived: Sat, 09 Aug 2008 13:07:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Important PolySci Paper On Government UFO Taboo

>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sat, 2 Aug 2008 23:42:05 EDT  
>Subject: Important PolySci Paper On Government UFO Taboo

Thanks for sending the Wendt/Duvall paper.

And thanks for your illuminating commentary. Perhaps you could adapt it for publication and send as a letter to the editor of the political theory journal.

You could site other hard cases to show that the government agencies involved actually had something to "worry" about and attempt to cover up (or ignore).

In other words, there were reasons for secrecy other than the fear that a superior power/entity would usurp human sovereignty.

You could also point out that Stan Friedman has been saying essentially the same thing for years: no government wants to compete with a superior power for sovereignty.

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## UFO Believers Are Tired Of 'Giggles'

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 09 Aug 2008 13:08:00 -0400  
Archived: Sat, 09 Aug 2008 13:08:00 -0400  
Subject: UFO Believers Are Tired Of 'Giggles'

Source: The Times Press Recorder - Arroyo Grande, California

<http://tinyurl.com/6avl6s>

08 Aug 2008

UFO Believers Are Tired Of 'Giggles'

By Janene Scully/Associate Editor  
[janscully.nul](mailto:janscully.nul)

When a UFO symposium lands in Santa Maria, don't expect participants to wear tinfoil hats, but do count on debate about mysterious sightings, crop circles and alien implantations.

The Central Coast Science-UFO Symposium will be Aug. 16 to 17 at The Historic Santa Maria Inn.

Organizers William and Alice Leavy of Santa Maria know the stereotypes that people have about believers in UFOs, but they stress that's not what this conference will depict.

"I want the giggle factor to be gone and the awareness to come in," said Alice Leavy, who says she has been abducted by aliens and has had foreign objects implanted into her body.

She wants people to keep open minds scientifically about the local presentations by UFO researchers and scientists.

"There's a lot of things happening out there - from sightings to abductions to crop circles," she added.

The organizers contend that the UFO conference is a first for the Central Coast, and say this is the first time scientists will speak on the dais with some of the world's leading UFO researchers.

"This has never been done before," said Dr. Roger Leir, a Ventura County-based podiatric surgeon who says he has surgically removed alien implantations from people. "The reason for that is to stimulate a debate between academic scientists and ufologists, and to expose the public to the debate.

"I think if the public gets wind there are some real folks ... attached to academic science who are not laughing about the subject of UFOs, they might not laugh either," he added.

For instance, panel discussions will pair:

n Barbara Lamb, a crop circle researcher who has made trips to England for 18 years to study the phenomenon, with Dr. Horace Drew, who received his doctorate at Caltech in 1981 for DNA related studies and has maintained low-key interest in extraterrestrial visits. He later became involved in studying crop circles, including who might be making them, what they mean and why they're being made.

n Yvonne Smith, a hypnotherapist, and physicist Gary Wade. Smith will share recollections of UFO abductions gathered during hypnotherapy while Wade will tell how physics would make the incidents possible or impossible.

Other expected high-profile personalities from the world of UFOs include William Birnes, publisher of UFO Magazine and host of "UFO Hunters" on the History Channel, and George Noory, host of the national radio show "Coast to Coast AM."

Tickets range from \$25 for individual presentations to \$45 for a George Noory "meet and greet" session to \$95 for a one-day pass or \$299 for an inclusive admission.

A psychic - "You have to have a psychic - it's a haunted hotel," Leavy said - will give audience readings at the Saturday night banquet.

In addition, a crew from the A&E television channel's "Alien Intent" may be present to film a pilot program by following Alice Leavy and other UFO believers at the conference.

"We don't expect everybody to believe, but at least open your mind and listen to people that have done research and doctors that are doing research," she added.

{Thanks to Greg Boone}

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## Re: Surprise! Water On Mars

From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 9 Aug 2008 05:44:57 -0700 (PDT)  
Archived: Sun, 10 Aug 2008 06:30:06 -0400  
Subject: Re: Surprise! Water On Mars

>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 05 Aug 2008 13:49:25 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Surprise! Water On Mars

>Not to be a smart ass but the original canal was shortened from  
>the Italian word canali first coined by Giovanni Schiaparelli. It  
>means means channels but was shortened to the English canals.  
>here is photo evidence of what appear to be short damp channels  
>[stains] on sloped terrain on Mars-though these are yet to be  
>proven to be water stains.

>As for canals; where's the locks, where's the gondolas and the  
>singing gondoliers.

>Absolutely no proof, not even a desicated mandolin.

Mr. Ledger, there is a reason you might discern for why, where I could, I place quotation marks around "canals". This was not my choice of label but that of most prominent astronomers of the 19th century who even went so far as to chart and map those "canals".

You have any idea why they did this? They did this because the view of what they saw in their day was constant. Aberrations, be they mirages or "optical illusions" are not.

Not aiming this at you, sir, for I do well regard your contributions (well, most) but just as those gentlemen in the 19th century, the subject of the "canals" was not ridiculed by any that could read.

It shouldn't be today by any that can read and have regard enough to research before they feel obliged to comment.

In fact, one of the elements that provoked such hysteria among audiences of the radio broadcast of War of the Worlds was references to those "canals".

Perhaps that's one reason for the denial we see here among so many. The mix of science fiction and the known comes just to close to their brittle psyche.

And learn this, sir, the droning out of some abstraction of the word "proof" to stymie further discussion when we all are in such an incomplete discovery of context, represents nothing more than an unwillingness to examine history and to utilize such scientific tools as probability.

This tactic I had hoped you were above.

JCH

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## Re: The 'Shadow People' & UFOs?

From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 9 Aug 2008 09:36:44 -0400  
Archived: Sun, 10 Aug 2008 08:15:06 -0400  
Subject: Re: The 'Shadow People' & UFOs?

>From: Vincent Boudreau <[vincentboudreau.nul](mailto:vincentboudreau.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 06 Aug 2008 00:25:23 -0400 (EDT)  
>Subject: Re: The 'Shadow People' & UFOs?

>We are all entitled to our opinions about the posts on this List.

>It is one thing to oppose ideas and to debate them, it is another  
>to declare misfits or engage in chest-drumming.

>We can read the posts or not, reply or not.

>This great thing is called freedom of speech.

>Who are we to decide who gets the freedom?

You've confused freedom of expression, which I presume everybody here favors (I've certainly seen no contrary evidence, and I doubt you have either), with freedom from criticism. (In any event, even if Errol were to decide to ban all posters whose views he finds intolerable, there wouldn't be a freedom-of-expression issue. It's his List to do with as he wishes, and those who want to give voice to the unwelcome opinions can easily go elsewhere and sound off there.) Your pro forma qualification, where you make some feint in the direction of allowing "debate" before quickly getting on to "chest-thumping," which seems to be your real point, fails to persuade.

What do you want? Nodding heads on one side, silence on the other? "Chest-thumping", I take it, is the vice of those who don't accept the proposition that one opinion is as good as another.

Well, it isn't. Many of those unable to defend their, uh, eccentric notions like to call their critics names when they aren't accusing them of active involvement with Sinister Forces. I hope, however, that the critics - those who've been around, who've contributed measurably to sober inquiry via solid research, analysis, and publication and who know how to separate real evidence from its opposite - will continue to hit hard at those who, by their own credulity, paranoia, and naivete, have done much to retard the scientific study of UFOs. Or maybe, as I suspect in my darkest moments, they want to keep ufology marginalized so that it'll remain their own personal playground.

My impression, and not mine alone, is that the - I'm trying to be charitable here in my characterization - uncritical types are more and more dominating this once more restrained List.

Jerry Clark

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## Re: The 'Shadow People' & UFOs?

From: **Greg Boone** <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 9 Aug 2008 15:15:17 EDT  
Archived: Sun, 10 Aug 2008 08:17:27 -0400  
Subject: Re: The 'Shadow People' & UFOs?

It's been almost a week now since I posted my first inquiry about the Shadow People phenomenon and I'm still receiving emails and communications from researchers all over the world.

To my surprise even Mr. Phil Imbrogno came in and luckily for all of us he's already delved into this and many other phenomena in his new book. It was a real coup to finally get in contact with Mr. Imbrogno because for some strange reason no phone calls nor emails I've sent him in close to ten years ever got through. He and Dr. Hynek covered the Hudson Valley UFO sightings but didn't have my accounts which I've reported. Phil was happy to hear from me and acknowledged my data filled in gaps in he and Dr. Hynek's.

Thanks to Phil Imbrogno and his colleagues as well as the dozens and dozens of people who read here and have contacted me off-List I think we'll solve this mystery. The data so far is quite surprising and of course as with any research it will take time to sift through and crunch the numbers.

So far the one thing about the intelligences behind this abduction thing that is getting scary is that they've had time to perfect their techniques and may be trying new approaches we've not even imagined yet.

Best,

Greg  
[ufomafia.com/blog](http://ufomafia.com/blog)

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## Moderator Message

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 10 Aug 2008 08:24:11 -0400  
Archived: Sun, 10 Aug 2008 08:24:11 -0400  
Subject: Moderator Message

As an observer I'm disappointed that some on the List feel it necessary to attack others for their interest in peripheral areas of inquiry. Particularly when the 'field' cannot be sure that those peripheral areas are not related to the main topic of discussion and information on this List.

I'm also disappointed that "don't bother me with the facts my mind is made up" appears here at times and inquiry/research into the causes and effects of the phenomena are closed. They are obviously not. Were they, many would undoubtedly move on to other things or happily retire, knowing that the mysteries had been solved and their many years of investigation had borne fruit.

The discussion about the personalities and ad hominem attacks on/of those involved in the 'Shadow People' thread is the most recent example of the above. There were only two posts that addressed the 'Subject:' directly. Others were attacks on those posters, contravening this List's 'Posting Rules'.

Please leave the task of moderating to the moderator. Either ignore threads that do not interest/are irritating or address the message, not attack the messenger - allowing others to air their interests/findings here without being jeered into silence.

Thanks,

Errol Bruce-Knapp  
Moderator  
UFO UpDates - Toronto

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## Re: Admiral Never Looked For UFO Data

From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 9 Aug 2008 19:30:43 EDT  
Archived: Sun, 10 Aug 2008 09:25:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Admiral Never Looked For UFO Data

>From: Richard Dolan <[keyhole.nul](mailto:keyhole.nul)>  
>To: <[errol.nul](mailto:errol.nul)>,  
>Date: Wed, 6 Aug 2008 20:49:32 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Admiral Never Looked For UFO Data

>Greetings all...

>I chatted with Billy Cox a bit prior to his article, and more to  
>the point, spoke with Admiral Thomas Wilson in late 2006, not  
>long after Dr. Steven Greer's book - Hidden Truth, Forbidden  
>Knowledge - came out in which he mentioned Wilson by name.

>I had known about this meeting before Greer published his  
>account. The information came to me through another party. This  
>other source, while not giving me Wilson's name, gave me some  
>explicit information about the nature of the meeting (top level  
>DoD official who met with Greer, then being denied access to  
>black programs dealing with ET technology).

>As I understood it at the time, Greer and Edgar Mitchell met with  
>Wilson in April 1997, and that Wilson took two months to continue  
>looking into the matter. At that point, he reached the program  
>but was denied access to it. My source indicated that the primary  
>people who denied Wilson were not even DoD personnel, but rather  
>private contractors... mainly attorneys. They told him that he  
>did not have a need to know, and furthermore, that the only  
>reason he got an audience from them was so they could determine  
>how he learned about the program.

<snip>

I believe this 100% as soon as the reference to lawyers came in.

I'm beginning to think that lawyers are the bane of our existence since they run the country. Judicial, Legislative, Executive, all three branches are run by one occupation, lawyers. Most of them kin and friends I grew up with. Even studied to be a lawyer and may still finish up. I think we need to establish a law limiting which occupations can dominate the country. We're a country of laws but even I have to agree it's too much.

Bring back the farmers says I.

For the past several years a handful of friends of mine who are in the top 20 lawyers here in the states wouldn't touch UFOs with a ten foot poll, but all of them have had top security clearances and posts that even surprised me! A couple of them were shoulder to shoulder with the two past Presidents even. I can talk to them about how we used to chase the same girls in school or how we threw spitballs in class or any other intimate detail, but UFOs is a no-no subject. Mind you, no warnings or rejections, just silence on the matter.

Just the other day in our hometown newspaper a story ran about the Indian Point Nuclear plant in New York. It was about how Strontium 90 was found in a wells near there. They assumed it was due to past above ground nuclear tests but on the website where the story was displayed the commentary by the public included a

rare mention of the 1984 giant boomerang UFO incident regarding the plant. I was on duty at the Poughkeepsie Journal at that time and remember the incident quite well as it shook up the authorities something fierce. Well as soon as that commentary and some feedback appeared, the stories were pulled from the site and dumped into the archives and all commentary optioned deleted.

I had just gotten emails from Phil Imbrogno regarding another matter and this incident happened. Needless to say the folks back home aren't happy at all about it.

Lawyers, you can't live with em' and you can't live without em'.

Best,  
Greg  
[ufomafia.com/blog](http://ufomafia.com/blog)

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## Re: Admiral Never Looked For UFO Data

From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 9 Aug 2008 22:15:57 EDT  
Archived: Sun, 10 Aug 2008 09:26:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Admiral Never Looked For UFO Data

>From: Richard Dolan <[keyhole.nul](mailto:keyhole.nul)>  
>To: <[errol.nul](mailto:errol.nul)>,  
>Date: Wed, 6 Aug 2008 20:49:32 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Admiral Never Looked For UFO Data

<snip>

I noted today's hilarious posts by Billy Cox and Richard Dolan exposing Edgar Mitchell's admiral friend, VADM Thomas R. Wilson, as denying the story Mitchell keeps telling lately. Wilson admits he had a meeting with Mitchell and Greer in April 1997 but denies he ever checked into things further and denies he was told he had no need to know or had no clearance for UFO supersecrets.

It is fascinating to watch pro-AF propagandists such as Greer who set this all up in the first place, and see how they succeed in making the Navy look bad here, like the Navy is the agency covering up UFOs, the Navy is lying, the Navy tells conflicting stories, etc. There is no mention of the AF in this story. The AF comes out smelling like a rose, squeaky clean, untouched and uncriticized once again.

The AF evidently gets its revenge against Navy man Donald Keyhoe (Marines are part of the US Navy) who harassed the AF for so many years over its UFO coverup policy.

Also, I have found Adm. Wilson's job title in 1997 has been exaggerated to spice up the story. He was not the J-2, but was the director of the J-2 Support Office of the DIA, in 1997, apparently. The Director of the DIA is the J-2, wears two hats. Wilson did not become DIA Director and thus the J-2 for another two years, until July 1999.

Brad Sparks

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## 'People Should Be Afraid'

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 10 Aug 2008 09:27:00 -0400  
Archived: Sun, 10 Aug 2008 09:27:00 -0400  
Subject: 'People Should Be Afraid'

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

<http://tinyurl.com/6ftj4t>

August 10, 2008

'People Should Be Afraid'

A UFO spotting former chicken farmer from the Northern Territory outback could hold the balance of power in a new government.

"People should be afraid, I'm afraid," said the independent member for Nelson, who was propelled into the political spotlight after Labor suffered a massive swing in Saturday's poll.

Gerry Wood, who entered parliament in 2001, last month told the local newspaper he thought he saw UFOs flying over Howard Springs.

"It was a dark grey object and it was flying parallel to the ground," he said at the time. "There wasn't a sound, not even a whisper."

Defying all predictions, Labor is expected to lose at least six of its 19 seats in parliament.

Fifty-seven votes are now all that separates the Country Liberals from gaining the seat of Fannie Bay, vacated this election by former chief minister Clare Martin.

If this happens, the conservative party - with the help of Mr Wood who would hold the balance of power - could form a minority government.

But Mr Wood today dodged questions about who he would back.

"I don't want to get, as I said last night, prematurely stressed about it," he told the ABC.

"But if it does happen then I will take due time to make sure that whatever decision that I come up with is what I think is the best decision for Territorians and for the Territory.

Mr Wood last night joked that people "should be afraid".

"I will have to consider their policies for the future and look at the talent on each side," he told the NT News.

"All I want is to go back to the Howard Springs Tavern - have a steak, a cold beer and rest my feet."

Mr Wood is expected to have the biggest majority of any MLA in the Territory after winning 77.4 per cent of the primary vote.

AAP

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## There's Green In Those Little Men

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 10 Aug 2008 09:28:00 -0400  
Archived: Sun, 10 Aug 2008 09:28:00 -0400  
Subject: There's Green In Those Little Men

Source: The Biloxi Sun Herald - Mississippi, USA

<http://www.sunherald.com/local/story/737724.html>

Sun, Aug. 10, 2008

BusinessScene

35 years ago, Our Mothership Came In There's Green In Those Little Men

We blew it.

Back in 1973, our leaders missed the chance to cash in on an extraordinary event that could still be bringing tourists to our shores.

It was 35 years ago that a UFO - let me repeat - a UFO buzzed Pascagoula and, as the story goes, scooped up a pair of shipyard workers who, shucks, just wanted to do a little fishing.

Instead, Charles Hickson and Calvin Parker were mysteriously floated into the hissing, hovering spacecraft, got examined by some weird device and were deposited back to the dock.

Their tale unleashed a media firestorm that should have lit a fire under our leaders to turn the alien encounter into a tourism bonanza.

Can you say Roswell, N.M.?

Everybody knows this story: In 1947, a UFO crashed in the New Mexican desert and Roswell hasn't let us forget it.

"Go beyond the obvious and make Roswell, New Mexico, your brave new destination for fun and intrigue," a city Web site teases. "Learn the truth about our history and see why Roswell is the mother of extraterrestrial connections."

Roswell is home to the International UFO Museum and Research Center which averages 160,000 visitors annually. This year's Roswalien Experience drew more than 7,000 people who came to eyeball Dee Wallace Stone from the movie "E.T.," and Keir Dullea from "2001: A Space Odyssey."

Can't we just kick ourselves all over the banks of the Pascagoula for not taking a page from Roswell's UFO business plan?

Clearly our aliens were smarter than theirs because they pulled off the Pascagoula encounter without crashing.

And yet Roswell, not South Mississippi, is "the mother of extraterrestrial connections."

All we can do is imagine what might have been: thousands attending our alien-themed festival with spaceship rides and a

country-music band; an extraterrestrial Mardi Gras krewe with its own ball, parade and drawdown; and, with Gaming Commission approval, a UFO-themed casino down on the beach. And forget about Keir Dullea, we've already got plenty of, um, mature celebrities here all the time performing at the casinos.

It's easy to imagine our clever entrepreneurs selling bobble-headed alien souvenirs, "I Got Picked Up in Pascagoula" T-shirts and bus tours of the site where Hickson and Parker encountered the curious crew of that stray UFO.

Unfortunately, our spaceship sailed away a long time ago.

For now, all we can do is keep looking up and hope that one day, the next generation of wrinkly little guys will return.

Let's try not to blow it next time.

Business Scene is a column of opinion by business editor Lisa Monti. She can be reached at 896-2311 or [lamonti.nul](mailto:lamonti.nul)

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## Re: Surprise! Water On Mars

From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 10 Aug 2008 12:37:53 +0100  
Archived: Sun, 10 Aug 2008 10:06:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Surprise! Water On Mars

>From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sat, 9 Aug 2008 05:44:57 -0700 (PDT)  
>Subject: Re: Surprise! Water On Mars

>>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Tue, 05 Aug 2008 13:49:25 -0300  
>>Subject: Re: Surprise! Water On Mars

>>Not to be a smart ass but the original canal was shortened from  
>>the Italian word canali first coined by Giovanni Schiaparelli. It  
>>means means channels but was shortened to the English canals.  
>>here is photo evidence of what appear to be short damp channels  
>>[stains] on sloped terrain on Mars-though these are yet to be  
>>proven to be water stains.

>>As for canals; where's the locks, where's the gondolas and the  
>>singing gondoliers.

>>Absolutely no proof, not even a desicated mandolin.

>Mr. Ledger, there is a reason you might discern for why, where I  
>could, I place quotation marks around "canals". This was not my  
>choice of label but that of most prominent astronomers of the  
>19th century who even went so far as to chart and map those  
>"canals".

>You have any idea why they did this? They did this because the  
>view of what they saw in their day was constant. Aberrations, be  
>they mirages or "optical illusions" are not.

As I asked before, to a resounding silence, what happened to them?

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John Rimmer  
<[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>

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## Australian UFO Sightings Surge

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 10 Aug 2008 10:30:00 -0400  
Archived: Sun, 10 Aug 2008 10:30:00 -0400  
Subject: Australian UFO Sightings Surge

Source: The Courier Mail - Brisbane, Queensland, Australia

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

August 10, 2008

Australian UFO Sightings Surge  
by Lea Emery and Darren Cartwright

This year could set a record for UFO sightings across Australia as the new X-Files movie sparks renewed interest in extra terrestrial lifeforms.

That's according to Diane Harrison, national director of the Australian UFO Research Network, which has recorded more than 50 apparent UFO visits across the country in the past fortnight.

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"We usually only get between 10 and 20 reports a week", she told [couriermail.com.au](http://couriermail.com.au).

The release of the X-Files film I Want to Believe is being credited with encouraging the recent surge in UFO reports - which is all the more remarkable as sightings usually dip in the winter months as people spend less time out of doors.

The most likely place you'll see strange lights in the sky is in northern Queensland.

"There are a lot of sightings around the Atherton Tablelands, Ravensbourne, Tully and Dalby", she said.

"I'd say that is because the sky is clearer and lights in the sky are easier to see. The Sunshine Coast also has a little bit of activity."

Closer to Brisbane, Ipswich is considered the southeast's alien hotspot.

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## Re: Moderator Message

From: **Jerome Clark** <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 10 Aug 2008 07:44:04 -0400  
Archived: Mon, 11 Aug 2008 05:52:04 -0400  
Subject: Re: Moderator Message

>As an observer I'm disappointed that some on the List feel it  
>necessary to attack others for their interest in peripheral areas  
>of inquiry. Particularly when the 'field' cannot be sure that  
>those peripheral areas are not related to the main topic of  
>discussion and information on this List.

Errol,

Since no names are mentioned, I'm not entirely sure whom you have  
in mind here. For what it's worth, my observations:

I have thought that the issue was not "peripheral areas" - after  
all, my own ideas about what UFO phenomena comprise have changed  
over the years -- but about critical thinking. There is a  
difference between open-mindedness and puerile mystery-  
mongering. In my observation that's what has set off much of the  
discussion, at least the discussion that I've read.

Anybody who has read my writing (apparently a category that does  
not include several who have attacked me on this List) knows that  
I am informed about a range of anomalies and have addressed them,  
I hope, intelligently in some well-reviewed (and, if I may put  
modesty aside for the moment, even award-winning) books. I have  
many faults, but intellectual rigidity is not one of them. But if  
someone seeks to declare that X is related to Y, he or she has to  
make a case and demonstrate the evidence, not just declare the  
relationship and slander all who fail to see it.

Jerry Clark

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## Re: Moderator Message

From: Dick Hall <[dh12.nul](mailto:dh12.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 10 Aug 2008 09:31:42 -0400  
Archived: Mon, 11 Aug 2008 05:56:43 -0400  
Subject: Re: Moderator Message

UFO UpDates - Toronto wrote:

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>necessary to attack others for their interest in peripheral areas  
>of inquiry. Particularly when the 'field' cannot be sure that  
>those peripheral areas are not related to the main topic of  
>discussion and information on this List.

Errol,

Obviously this criticism is directed at me, so I feel obliged to respond. I couldn't disagree more with the view expressed that we must not criticize the purveyors of crazy stuff. How does one "address" BS other than by labeling it as such and demanding that the proponents of such off-the-wall assertions either provide evidence and rational argument for their claims, or shut up?

Jerry Clark's post yesterday pretty well sums it up. The notion that everyone's opinion is equally valid (rampant on this List) and that you must not criticize people who repeatedly spout dubious claims is about as unscientific as it comes, but it is just that irrational pseudoscientific thread that needs to be forcefully confronted.

After all, we are simply pointing out the need to critically examine data, adduce evidence, and argue logically and rationally. If the people who fling out any wild notion that occurs to them are to be exempt from these basic rules, then we are left with a pseudoscientific morass.

Okay, I accept the slap on my wrist and will fade into the background as a lurker and observer of everything that is wrong with Ufoology.

Dick

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## Un-Attributed Responses To Moderator Message

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 11 Aug 2008 06:22:27 -0400  
Archived: Mon, 11 Aug 2008 06:22:27 -0400  
Subject: Un-Attributed Responses To Moderator Message

Excerpts from private e-mail & an intended post

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>Please leave the task of moderating to the moderator. Either  
>ignore threads that do not interest/are irritating or address the  
>message, not attack the messenger - allowing others to air their  
>interests/findings here without being jeered into silence.

Hi Errol

Thank you for this guidance.

I know of several folk who are reluctant to post - myself  
included - because of the sometimes venomous attacks of others.

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The basis for the conflict in the first place, IMO, was how  
limited a "hang out" on relevant info Horak and Boone were  
playing or hinting at.

I want more free expression, not less, but I also want more  
coherent, informed content and detail that would allow an  
intelligent discussion to proceed, and with serious consideration  
of at least some alternative explanations and theorems other than  
some claim of "...now I'm convinced this is real" - without saying  
what it is that's real, or "... I've got a theory now and it  
makes sense" - and again, without saying what the theory is and  
why it makes sense. I mean, "where's the beef", here? Give us  
something to chew on, so that proper digestion and sustenance may  
be realized, if possible. Neither Boone nor Horak have done so,  
and so my question is why and what are they convinced of is real,  
and how did you derive their case evidence and theorem(s)? What  
gives?

This kind of mysterioso repartee would have been better conducted  
off-List between Boone and Horak, other than Boone's initial post  
to the List, which I had no real problem with, or they should  
have provided more examples, details, and theories, including  
some of the more obvious possibilities which occur to me, rather  
than this back and forth on list while simultaneously keeping us  
in suspense, or frustration, with the near complete lack of any  
form of substantiation, content for debate, and thus preventing  
honest, constructive critique, or at least an opportunity to  
compare and contrast with others' input.

Anything less is kind of bogus, which is what I think Dick  
reacted to, along with others, such as Martin Shough and Jerry  
Clark (although their attempt at some 'covert humor' did fall kind  
of flat), and prior posts by both B & H, among others (remember  
the little to-do some months back over dark hints and suggestions  
of evil aliens by both, conducting some horrifying but vague  
experiments and/or human mutilations, for example?) of a similar  
nebulous, evanescent nature really do need to be addressed, and  
critiqued, as that's a basic kind of feedback, and informal 'peer

review' procedure from an open, and honest, skeptical perspective. And my use of the term skeptical is meant as it was originally defined, to be open to question and rigorous debate, not debunking, which seems to confuse some on List, unfortunately.

The purpose, and integrity, of the List should require no less an appropriate give and take, or such seemingly paranoid, and possibly delusional exchanges (which is how they came across not to just Dick and myself, but several others also, which suggests some merit, and probably is what triggered the somewhat dismissive reaction), and should occur off-List, rather than potential participants being effectively told, well, we just can't talk about it or document that in a meaningful way. Then why drop all the sinister hints on the List? It just doesn't make good sense or science, and that kind of obscuratory drama is regressive, diversionary, and basically kind of inadequate.

Friedman's four laws, that he applies to debunkers and pseudo-skeptics, could just as well apply to such miasmatic and opaque dialogues as Boone, Horak, and, at times, even Lehmborg have engaged in.

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Well said Errol and thanks for this.

I see this latest salvo from the cheap seats as nothing more than whizzing on trees in a futile attempt to establish dominance.

Any primatologist and animal behavior specialist can see that for a country mile.

"Hey! How dare you introduce a concept or ask a question regarding something I'm too irresponsible and unable to confront! Everyone knows I'm more important than everyone else and as pseudo alpha male I won't have it!"

That's the mentality that ruins this field of research and has brought many a civilization to ruin. The irony is the more advanced we get the more the chimp in us takes over. I'm starting to think we've got this evolution thing backwards and some bizarre allele frequency has already hit a high note and it ain't us.

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## Scientists Discover 'Shadow Person'

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Date: Mon, 11 Aug 2008 06:48:43 -0400  
Archived: Mon, 11 Aug 2008 06:48:43 -0400  
Subject: Scientists Discover 'Shadow Person'

Source: Cosmos Magazine - Strawberry Hills, New South Wales,  
Australia

<http://tinyurl.com/6cfj6c>

Monday, 25 September 2006

Scientists Discover 'Shadow Person'

by Erica Harrison  
Cosmos Online

SYDNEY -- Ever feel as though you're being followed? As if someone is behind you, shadowing your every move? It might be your 'shadow person', created by unusual activity in a specific brain region, a new study shows.

The paper, published in the British journal Nature, describes the case of a 22-year-old woman with no history of psychiatric problems who was being evaluated for treatment of epilepsy. When a region of her brain called the left temporoparietal junction was electrically stimulated, the woman described encounters with a 'shadow person' who mimicked her bodily movements.

"Electrical stimulation repeatedly produced a feeling of the presence of another person in her extra-personal space", said Olaf Blanke, co-author of the study conducted by a team of researchers from University Hospital in Geneva, Switzerland.

When the patient was lying down, stimulation of this brain region caused her to feel that someone was behind her. She described the person as young, of indeterminate sex, "a shadow who did not speak or move, and whose position beneath her back was identical to her own", according to the researchers.

When the patient sat up, leaned forward and clasped her knees, she felt that the figure was also sitting, embracing her in its arms - a feeling she described as "unpleasant".

During a language task, in which the seated patient held a card in her right hand, she described the person sitting next to her and trying to interfere with the task. "He wants to take the card =85 he doesn't want me to read", she said.

Because it was possible to induce the sensation repeatedly, and because the 'shadow person' closely mimicked the patient's posture and movements, the researchers conclude that the patient was experiencing a perception of her own body.

"The strange sensation that somebody is nearby when no one is actually present has been described by psychiatric and neurological patients, as well as by healthy subjects", said Blanke. Until now, however, it was not understood how the illusion was triggered in the brain.

The temporoparietal junction is known to be involved in creating

the concept of 'self', and the distinction between 'self' and 'other'. According to the researchers, stimulation of this region interfered with the patient's ability to integrate information about her own body, leading to her experience of a 'shadow person'.

Although the woman was aware of the similarity between her own movements and those of her doppelganger, she didn't recognise the experience as an illusion of her own body.

Similar shadowy encounters have been described by people with schizophrenia, as well as by healthy subjects, leading the researchers to believe that: "Our findings may be a step towards understanding the mechanisms behind psychiatric manifestations such as paranoia, persecution and alien control."

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>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
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>Subject: Re: Surprise! Water On Mars

snip

>As I asked before, to a resounding silence, what happened to  
>them?

I'll respond with this slight alteration in the question: What  
might have happend may have been the same as what happened to our  
Salton Sea and Fertile Crescent.

JCH

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James Horak gives the impression that there was once an expert consensus in favour of artificial canals, that observations of these by "most prominent astronomers" were a "constant" of the era, and that the lack of consternation today about the mysterious disappearance of these features can only be explained by a conspiracy of "deception" and "denial" on the part of modern astronomers. Mr Horak also criticises Don for an "unwillingness to examine history and utilise scientific tools", and enjoins us all to "research before [we] feel obliged to comment."

So I have done some research. The following is a summary of the history of the vanishing canali as it is represented to us by Horak's "bogus science world" of "side-stepping crabs". I trust he will find here something of interest to "throw in their lying faces".

The word "canale" was first used in 1859 by the astronomer Secchi, not to describe anything geometrical or artificial but to describe the major feature today called Syrtis Major. Schiaparelli's original 1878 map of his own "canali" likewise shows nothing geometrical or artificial looking, rather it shows a spaghetti of snaking curved channels separating what he thought were large islands at the edge of the vast southern ocean on Mars (BTW, should we be asking where those huge oceans disappeared to in a few decades?). Schiaparelli believed that his canali were natural features.

When the word canali was translated to English as "canals" Schiaparelli apparently didn't publicly protest. Why, if he only drew natural features? Firstly because an English "canal" was not and is not necessarily a geometrical artifice any more than is an Italian "canale" (it can just mean "waterway", and the human body

contains several "canals" for example), and secondly because it was not until Flamarrion's popular writing in 1892 and then Lowell's observations from about 1894 that the notion of mathematically-straight engineered waterways gained currency, so there was initially nothing to protest about.

The first observer to see what he thought were straight-line features was an assistant to the Earl of Rosse, called Charles Burton. But his maps did not match Schiaparelli's and he is said to have put about the idea that they were magical features created by Martian sorcerers to assist in casting spells (that from his Wikipedia entry - anyone know more about him?). Almost all of the consistent observations of artificial-seeming canals came years later from Lowell and Lowell's staff at his own observatory. Schiaparelli himself thought that Lowell was a victim of his own imagination. Burton eventually doubted his own early belief in the lines.

It was certainly not the case that Lowell's network of straight lines was seen by "most prominent astronomers". Several observers in Europe and the US made observations in 1886 that seemed to support Schiaparelli, but few placed any credence in Lowell's canals. Many more astronomers tried to see any linear features and failed, including influential names such as Antoniadi, Hale, Barnard, Hall, Maunder etc and it was shown by experiment (Evans & Maunder) that such features might be caused by optical illusion. By about the turn of century canal fever was waning and the 1910 Encyclopaedia Britannica summed up the authoritative consensus saying that claims of artificial canals were implausible.

Observers such as Barnard had described seeing hints of lines that broke up into more ragged natural features with better resolution and better seeing conditions. And as later telescopic and spacecraft observations revealed the Martian surface in increasing detail, the same thing happened. The origin of the canals was revealed in the natural mottling of blobs and streaks, seen through the wavering atmosphere of earth and joined by the pattern-seeking minds of humans into a web of illusory alignments. And that's how the canals disappeared.

So, there in a nutshell we have the revisionist hoax cooked up by lying astronomers.

And now I would like to hear about Mr Horak's research. Perhaps he would tell us the real history, taking a little time to justify his sources and to ensure of course that none of them are lying scientists.

Martin Shough

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## UFOs Are Real

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### Opinion

Eyes On The Sky: UFOs Are Real, Whether The Government Admits It Or Not  
By Harry Willnus

The most recent UFO survey of Americans found that about 42 million of us have seen something in the sky that we couldn't identify. UFO researchers generally believe that about 90 percent of sightings can be attributed to natural causes such as meteorites, planets, birds, aircraft, satellites, or the moon shining through clouds. However, the remaining 10 percent of reports cannot be so easily explained away. The most intriguing reports often include close-encounter events (within 500 feet) with multiple witnesses who often are highly respected members of the community, such as police officers and pilots.

By UFOs I mean "flying saucers" or alien crafts.

The modern wave of UFO sightings and reports began with the July 1947 Roswell, N.M., event. More than 60 years later the phenomenon is alive and well with at least 100 sightings per day around the world. An O'Hare Airport sighting in November 2006 was also given wide press coverage after a story by Jon Hilkevitch was published in the Chicago Tribune. A disc was seen in broad daylight hovering over gate C-17, just below the 1,900-foot cloud ceiling. After some moments the saucer left, leaving a doughnut hole in the clouds for several moments and allowing airport personnel to see the blue sky through the hole that had been created.

The most recent series of UFO events took place in Stephenville, Texas, between December and March. Some of the activity was not far from President Bush's ranch in Crawford, Texas. The most dramatic sighting occurred on Jan. 9. A huge craft, some estimates put it at a mile long and a half mile wide, was reported by dozens of witnesses. The Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) has recently obtained radar readings via the FOIA that show something strange and unexplained was seen on that night in the skies over Texas and that a craft traveled at 1,900 mph without breaking the sound barrier.

Let's not forget a couple of the most well-known UFO cases of all time, one that occurred right in our own backyard, and which remains a true classic UFO event. In 1966 cases in the Dexter and Hillsdale areas created quite a ruckus and news of these sightings was reported in every major newspaper in the country. The Air Force sent its "front man" for UFO investigations (Project Blue Book), Dr. Allen Hynek, to investigate.

Hynek carried out an investigation and a press conference was held in Detroit. He admitted he didn't know for sure what people had seen in Dexter and Hillsdale but that swamp gas was a possible culprit. This, unfortunately, was what the press picked up on. Hynek became the laughingstock of the nation for a time as the press and citizens just didn't buy that explanation. The Air Force finally got out of the UFO business (publicly anyway) and Project Blue Book was terminated in 1969. The business of publicly investigating UFO cases today is undertaken by individuals and groups such as MUFON.

Hynek eventually became one of the few scientists of the day who saw the need to take the UFO topic seriously and that it needed further study. He eventually came to believe that some UFOs were interplanetary crafts. In 1973, after leaving government work, Hynek founded the Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS). I call Hynek the "grandfather of ufology" and it was an honor for me to work with him as an investigator for a time. Hynek died in 1986.

Many scientists agree that the chances for life existing someplace else in the universe are a slam dunk.

There's a nearby galaxy that's a billion years older than our home, the Milky Way. And if life somewhere else was just a bit more evolved than us, they easily could be thousands of years ahead of us technologically.

Having had a recent online discussion with several skeptics/debunkers, I noted two arguments they continually pointed to. First, they argued, the distances are simply too far and it would take too long for trips between star systems. Second, they seemed to think that UFO sightings are nothing but faraway, hazy lights in the sky. Both arguments demonstrate a lack of knowledge about the phenomena, and narrow thinking.

Some scientists believe that space itself can be bent, warped, or folded and that "worm holes" may allow for shorter space travel times. Time slows as one approaches light speed.

Many UFO reports are not just "hazy lights" in the sky. Some sightings are daylight events. Skeptics/debunkers overlook the landing trace cases on record which show remarkable evidence that a physical object was present. Former NASA astronaut and moonwalker Dr. Edgar Mitchell has just recently claimed that aliens exist and are visiting Earth.

And what of our own military and the UFO phenomenon? Richard Dolan's exhaustive work, "UFOs and the National Security State: Chronology of a Cover-up 1941-1973," is a true eye-opener regarding UFO activity that our military has encountered. There is not sufficient space herein to answer the \$64 question, "why is the government hiding the truth?" Since 1947 there has been a government policy to debunk, make fun of, and discredit people who have had a UFO encounter. However, there appears to be some movement in bringing to light what many of us know to be true: We are not alone in the universe and we are being visited now. Keep your eyes on the sky.

For video on this topic, try "UFO video" in an Internet search.

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>Date: Sun, 10 Aug 2008 12:37:53 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Surprise! Water On Mars

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>>>means means channels but was shortened to the English canals.  
>>>here is photo evidence of what appear to be short damp channels  
>>>[stains] on sloped terrain on Mars-though these are yet to be  
>>>proven to be water stains.

>>>As for canals; where's the locks, where's the gondolas and the  
>>>singing gondoliers.

>>>Absolutely no proof, not even a desicated mandolin.

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>>19th century who even went so far as to chart and map those  
>>"canals".

>>You have any idea why they did this? They did this because the  
>>view of what they saw in their day was constant. Aberrations, be  
>>they mirages or "optical illusions" are not.

>As I asked before, to a resounding silence, what happened to them?

They were filled in John; land reclamation. Its diameter is only  
4,218 miles so there's not much left to go around when you take  
away the ice caps. Progress...

Don Ledger

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>Date: Tue, 05 Aug 2008 13:49:25 -0300  
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>the Italian word canali first coined by Giovanni Schiaparelli. It  
>means means channels but was shortened to the English canals.

Hi Don,

Not to pick on you but you bring up a point that has bothered me  
since childhood. Hasn't research been done to find out what  
astronomer Schiaparelli actually meant? I thought I read some  
history of the Martian canals that Schiaparelli did mean  
artificial canals but wasn't sure so he used an ambiguous term.

Wikipedia article on Martian Canals states:

"It is often stated that Schiaparelli intended the meaning  
"channels" and that "canals" was a misunderstanding or  
mistranslation into English. Nevertheless, the English term  
"canals" was used from the very earliest accounts in English, and  
as far as is known, Schiaparelli made no effort to correct the  
supposed misunderstanding if he was aware of it. As the word  
"canal" can also mean "channel" or "watercourse" =E2=80=93 not  
necessarily artificial in English, the charge of "mistranslation"  
is unwarranted."

Maybe some historians of astronomy can weigh in here.

Brad

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>Subject: Re: Admiral Never Looked For UFO Data

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>>Date: Wed, 6 Aug 2008 20:49:32 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Admiral Never Looked For UFO Data

<snip>

>The AF evidently gets its revenge against Navy man Donald Keyhoe  
>(Marines are part of the US Navy) who harassed the AF for so many  
>years over its UFO coverup policy.

>Also, I have found Adm. Wilson's job title in 1997 has been  
>exaggerated to spice up the story. He was not the J-2, but was  
>the director of the J-2 Support Office of the DIA, in 1997,  
>apparently. The Director of the DIA is the J-2, wears two hats.  
>Wilson did not become DIA Director and thus the J-2 for another  
>two years, until July 1999.

Mr. Sparks,

As a former U.S. military officer, I believe my experience qualifies me to offer an expert opinion. I can verify that rivalry between the U.S. military services does occur. However, today's U.S. military is very integrated and I don't think that service rivalries would impact how the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) handles an issue as important and highly classified as the reality of extraterrestrial beings or ships.

As you said the "Director of the DIA is the J-2". The "J" in J-2 stands for Joint. Meaning that DIA is a command that is made up of officers from all branches of the U.S. military. The "2" refers to intelligence functions. So the J-2 simply means a joint (integrated) command with intelligence being the primary function.

Congress began implementing joint requirements as part of the Goldwater-Nichols Act passed in 1986. This law, as well as others, specifically directs the military to groom and assign high-caliber officers to joint duty assignments. As a matter of fact, the current director of the DIA is an Army General (General Maples, was appointed the 16th DIA Director on November 4, 2005) as are many of the other officers assigned to the command.

To get an assignment to a joint position within DIA, an officer would be viewed by his service as one of their top performers. One that has received extensive schooling and that is expected to rise in the ranks. In addition, the officer would already have been assigned to intelligence assignments within their respective service and would have performed well.

On the issue of Admiral Wilson's job assignment in 1997, he would not have been in his assignment if he were not being groomed for the top job or one like it. He would have been privileged to most

if not all of the information known by his boss. It is safe to say that Admiral Wilson was someone that would have been "in the know". Categorizing his assignment as only administrative or in some way not an important and active member of DIA's leadership would be a gross misunderstanding of the U.S. military.

Lastly, the Defense Intelligence Agency is the responsible agency that conducts analysis of threats from ALL foreign entities. DIA directly supports the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Military Departments, the world wide Combatant Commanders, and the Heads of other DoD Components. It is the agency within the U.S. DoD that should logically analyze threats such as UFOs. If Admiral Wilson truly did not know about the program or have access, it seems logical that Wilson would have looked outside DoD to civilian private contractors or to non military agencies such as the CIA.

Best,

Frank

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>Florida, USA

><http://tinyurl.com/572rja>

>Wednesday, August 6, 2008

>Admiral: Never Looked For UFO Data

>By Billy Cox

>A former high-ranking military intelligence official rumored to  
>have been snubbed in his attempts to obtain sheltered UFO data  
>insists he never even bothered to look for it.

>"Never.", retired Rear Adm. Thomas R. Wilson replied Tuesday when  
>asked if he'd ever been barred from retrieving classified  
>material, exotic or otherwise, during his career.

>Wilson, the former director of the Defense Intelligence Agency,  
>was head of intelligence for the Joint Chiefs of Staff in 1997  
>when he agreed to meet at the Pentagon with advocates of UFO  
>declassification. Among them, he confirms, was Apollo 14  
>astronaut Edgar Mitchell.

Astronaut Edgar Mitchell has revealed to me what he believes is  
the reason that Admiral Wilson is now denying what he previously  
said.

He refers me to an article in Jane's Defence Weekly entitled  
"Pentagon's Hidden Budget" by defense analyst Bill Sweetman in  
which he discusses Special Access Programs in great detail.

[http://www.janes.com/defence/news/jidr/jidr000105\\_01\\_n.shtml](http://www.janes.com/defence/news/jidr/jidr000105_01_n.shtml)

Dr Mitchell points to a quote from that article:

"An unacknowledged SAP - a black program - is a program which is  
considered so sensitive that the fact of its existence is a 'core  
secret', defined in USAF regulations as 'any item, progress,  
strategy or element of information, the compromise of which would  
result in unrecoverable failure'. In other words, revealing the  
existence of a black program would undermine its military value."

Dr Mitchell told me: "The UFO program that the admiral sought  
would be in this category. Thus by law he would be required to  
deny the existence of such a program. For a core secret SAP, even  
a "no comment" would be a breach of security."

Dr Mitchell believes that the Billy Cox blog above, together with  
the Jane's article "tells it all".

He writes: "They somewhat go together and validate the entire  
episode."

He adds: "This SAP designation is the reason it is so difficult  
to get any truthful information to the public. NO INFORMATION is  
exempt from containment"

I understand Dr Mitchell has no wish to fan any flames of conflict between he and Admiral Wilson who is, as he put it, "caught in the political security rules dilemma as is anyone with inside knowledge whether they like it or not."

Dr Mitchell has given full permission for me to post his comments:

"The more people and media get to see this, the sooner we can break open the alien visitation issue."

Dave Haith

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## Raelians UFOs & Nukes

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Archived: Mon, 11 Aug 2008 09:33:00 -0400  
Subject: Raelians UFOs & Nukes

All,

See: <http://www.raelpress.org/news.php?item.107.1>

My response:

Re: Your recent online article: "Raelians comment on nuke missile failures caused by UFOs"

I appeared on Larry King Live on July 18, 2008. I am the researcher referenced in your piece, although I was misidentified as a fourth military man, which I am not. However, I have spent 35 years investigating nukes-related UFO activity and have interviewed nearly 100 former or retired U.S. Air Force personnel.

Larry King's producers allowed me to hand-pick the three former USAF officers who appeared with me, all of whom described their involvement in nukes-related UFO incidents.

Your article contains factual errors. Actually, there have been a number of incidents during which UFOs have responded with lethal force when pursued by military jet fighters. For you to say otherwise is simply untrue. In my view, those incidents involved actions related to self-defense, however, pilots' lives were indeed lost. I offer two statements by those in-the-know:

"We have lost many men and planes trying to intercept them."  
--General Benjamin W. Chidlaw, USAF, Commander in Chief,  
Continental Air Defense Command 1954-55

"What bothers me is what's happening to our aircraft."  
--Anonymous Air Force officer, 1955

If you wish to perpetuate your religious beliefs about UFOs on the Internet, that's fine with me. However, when you mention me and my ex-military sources (although not by name) as if my research, or my sources' statements somehow confirm your views about aliens and their actions toward nuclear weapons, then I feel the need to respond to your uninformed opinions.

For a factual recounting of the nukes-related UFO activity, you may wish to visit my website, [ufohastings.com](http://ufohastings.com)

I intend to post this message on a number of websites. If you are an honest group, capable of admitting your mistakes, you will post it on yours. Sorry if all of this conflicts with your own dogma.

Sincerely,

Robert Hastings

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From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
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Archived: Mon, 11 Aug 2008 09:35:00 -0400  
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>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Tue, 05 Aug 2008 13:49:25 -0300  
>>Subject: Re: Surprise! Water On Mars

>>Not to be a smart ass but the original canal was shortened from  
>>the Italian word canali first coined by Giovanni Schiaparelli. It  
>>means means channels but was shortened to the English canals.  
>>here is photo evidence of what appear to be short damp channels  
>>[stains] on sloped terrain on Mars-though these are yet to be  
>>proven to be water stains.

>>As for canals; where's the locks, where's the gondolas and the  
>>singing gondoliers.

>>Absolutely no proof, not even a desicated mandolin.

>Mr. Ledger, there is a reason you might discern for why, where I  
>could, I place quotation marks around "canals". This was not my  
>choice of label but that of most prominent astronomers of the  
>19th century who even went so far as to chart and map those  
>"canals".

>You have any idea why they did this? They did this because the  
>view of what they saw in their day was constant. Aberrations, be  
>they mirages or "optical illusions" are not.

>Not aiming this at you, sir, for I do well regard your  
>contributions (well, most) but just as those gentlemen in the  
>19th century, the subject of the "canals" was not ridiculed by  
>any that could read.

>It shouldn't be today by any that can read and have regard enough  
>to research before they feel obliged to comment.

>In fact, one of the elements that provoked such hysteria among  
>audiences of the radio broadcast of War of the Worlds was  
>references to those "canals".

>Perhaps that's one reason for the denial we see here among so  
>many. The mix of science fiction and the known comes just to  
>close to their brittle psyche.

>And learn this, sir, the droning out of some abstraction of the  
>word "proof" to stymie further discussion when we all are in such  
>an incomplete discovery of context, represents nothing more than  
>an unwillingness to examine history and to utilize such

>This tactic I had hoped you were above.

James, do I understand you to say that you think that NASA - or  
whomever - is coving up the existance of canals on Mars? Are you  
basing this on faulty science and weak telescopes of 100 years  
ago?



Don Ledger

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## Re: Moderator Message

From: Roy Hale <[roy.nul](mailto:roy.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 11 Aug 2008 12:37:28 +0100  
Archived: Mon, 11 Aug 2008 10:40:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Moderator Message

>From: Dick Hall <[dh12.nul](mailto:dh12.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 10 Aug 2008 09:31:42 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Moderator Message

>Errol,

>Obviously this criticism is directed at me, so I feel obliged to  
>respond. I couldn't disagree more with the view expressed that we  
>must not criticize the purveyors of crazy stuff. How does one  
>"address" BS other than by labeling it as such and demanding that  
>the proponents of such off-the-wall assertions either provide  
>evidence and rational argument for their claims, or shut up?

List,

This is not to detract from any points mentioned by listers on  
this topic, but I keep seeing the word Science sprinkled in these  
mails and it has made me somewhat curious.

Just for the record, can someone on here please publish a list of  
more than ten recognized scientific research organizations who  
actually publicly take the study of UFOs as an objective  
scientific research subject and who are currently carrying out  
their own scientific research into the UFO phenomena?

Can someone also provide the web links to their studies for all to  
read?

Roy

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## Re: Scientists Discover 'Shadow Person'

From: Rick Nielsen <[nilthchi.nul](mailto:nilthchi.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 11 Aug 2008 05:38:07 -0700 (PDT)  
Archived: Mon, 11 Aug 2008 10:41:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Scientists Discover 'Shadow Person'

>Source: Cosmos Magazine - Strawberry Hills, New South Wales,  
Austria

><http://tinyurl.com/6cfj6c>

>Monday, 25 September 2006

>Scientists Discover 'Shadow Person'  
>by Erica Harrison  
>Cosmos Online

<snip>

When I clicked on the link above the Cosmo site yielded, "Page not found".

Try this one instead:

<http://www.cosmosmagazine.com/node/686>

Why was this 2006 article just posted here? Does it have to do with the current Boone and Horak exchange?

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## From Canali To Canals

From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 11 Aug 2008 08:18:50 -0400  
Archived: Mon, 11 Aug 2008 10:42:00 -0400  
Subject: From Canali To Canals

Listfolk:

What follows is an excerpt from a book I am currently writing on  
imagined life on other worlds. -- J. Clark

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=46rom canali to canals

In 1877, with Mars in opposition, astronomers around the world turned their telescopes as the planet rolled close to earth. No viewing that year would have the historical resonance of those made at the Brera Observatory, in Milan, by Italian astronomer Giovanni Schiaparelli (1835-1910). Ironically (and, as it would turn out, significantly), his telescope - a refractor with an eight-inch aperture - ranked among the most modest in use by a professional in the discipline. Yet in 1877 Schiaparelli was a highly regarded scientist of international reputation, winner of an award from Britain's Royal Astronomical Society (RAS) for his work on meteors and comets.

In a technical memoir published the following year, he devoted a portion to his alleged sightings of canali (singular canale) on the Martian surface during the opposition. Canali translates into English as either "channels" or "canals." Both imply life. Channels, ordinarily regarded as natural features, carry water, and water is one prerequisite to living things. Canals, of course, unambiguously suggest intelligent beings with engineering skills. Schiaparelli did not claim credit as the first to see canali - they had been observed at least as far back as 1830, he wrote - but he did assert discovery rights to a planet-wide system of them. Beyond that, he was cautious in what he speculated publicly about the nature of the canali. He was, however, deeply interested in the prospect of intelligent extraterrestrial life, and this fascination would lead him to be privately more sympathetic to the extraordinary theories about "Martian canals" that soon would tear the astronomical world apart.

English speakers were alerted to Schiaparelli's reported discovery at an April 12, 1878, RAS meeting when a letter from the Italian was read and drawings shown. The presenter, mapmaker and artist Nathaniel E. Green, was largely skeptical, suggesting in effect that the supposed canali were likely the products of optical illusions. Soon other astronomers who expressed an opinion were echoing that view. But with the 1879-80 opposition and a raft of new observations, a few astronomers stepped forward to back Schiaparelli, and even Green changed his mind. Particularly influential was the report from Irish astronomer Charles E. Burton, who stated that he had "independently detected" some of the same canali.

In 1882, reporting on his own studies conducted during the previous opposition and confirmed that same year, Schiaparelli described a new and remarkable phenomenon: "gemination." By that he meant that at least 20 of the canali known to him had doubled since he had last seen them. As he put it, "To the right or left of a pre-existent line, without any change in its course or prior position, another line is produced equal and parallel to the

first.. Between the lines thus generated the distance varies from . 350 to 700 kilometers." These, he insisted firmly, were not mere tricks of the eye. "I am absolutely sure of what I have observed," he said.

In the wake of these revelations, a spate of articles in the press and in scientific journals such as Nature and Scientific American brought the controversy to the forefront of scientific discourse that spring. It also brought forth a suggestion, quickly withdrawn as "rash," from the already mentioned inhabited-Mars proponent R. A. Proctor. In a letter to the London Times, Proctor noted that perhaps the canali were indeed canals, "engineering works on a much greater scale than any which exist on our globe." More cautious Mars observers argued that they were no more than "boundaries of differently tinted districts."

The 1884 opposition, which occurred during poor viewing conditions, did nothing to settle the seething controversy. Still, Schiaparelli's supporters were growing in number, and some were aggressively asserting that the debate had now been settled. "The 'canals' of Mars," Agnes Clerke wrote in her book Popular Astronomy During the Nineteenth Century (1885), "are an actually existent and permanent phenomenon." The 1886 opposition, which Schiaparelli met with a brand-new 18-inch refractor, produced a sighting of only one new gemination, but more important, "confirmation" from French astronomers at the Nice Observatory of the canali and doublings that Schiaparelli had mapped four years earlier. Other astronomers were similarly impressed, and references to "large engineering works" on the Martian surface began to appear in the popular press.

Over the next few years observers reported bewilderingly inconsistent and sometimes blatantly contradictory results - sometimes by the same observers. Even the popular French astronomer and extraterrestrial-life enthusiast Camille Flammarion (1842-1925) fretted, "The more one dedicates time, study, and care to the analysis of the numerous and varied observations made of this mysterious planet, the more one is obstructed from arriving at a definite opinion." Yet where the question of intelligent life there was concerned, Princeton astronomer Charles A. Young noted, "Probably there is no astronomical subject concerning which opposite opinions are so positively and even passionately held."

The 1892 opposition, in which viewing conditions were the finest they had been in years, produced a wealth of papers in scientific journals, many affirming the presence of canals, however interpreted, and even - if not in all cases - some doublings. Among the most extreme claimants, William H. Pickering, who had done his observing from an observatory he had set up in Arequipa, Peru, for Harvard University, produced papers for Astronomy and Astro-Physics declaring that the "so-called canals exist upon the planet, substantially as drawn by Professor Schiaparelli." There were also clouds, lakes, and vegetation. For his efforts, Pickering was sent packing by his disapproving Harvard astronomer brother E.C., who had dispatched him to South America in the first place. William, however, would be heard from again.

#### Lowell and the dying race

A recurring issue of interest to Martian-life possibilities concerned the question of whether water vapor existed in the atmosphere, and thus ultimately of whether Mars is more like the earth or the moon. Conflicting analyses of spectroscopic readings collided in the scientific literature of the latter nineteenth century, with much of the discussion focused on whether Mars' polar caps - one natural feature whose reality no one disputed - were composed of water or carbon dioxide. But even some canal skeptics, notably the English astronomer E. W. Maunder (1851-1928), still considered channels, water vapors, and aqueous polar caps to be settled matters.

This was the state of affairs when Percival Lowell (1855-1916), born into one of Massachusetts' most prominent families, heretofore a caretaker of the Lowells's Asian business interests and author of four books on what was then called the "Oriental mind," left Japan in 1893 to pursue a longstanding interest, dating back to his days at Harvard, in astronomy. Early the next year he proposed to Harvard that his deep pockets and its co-sponsor an astronomical observatory, to be located in the Southwest. Harvard agreed, but Harvard Observatory director E. C.

Pickering rejected him as a dilettante, "a man without good judgment" - a view widely shared, he said, by those who knew Lowell. Nonetheless, the university leased Lowell a 12-inch telescope (to be supplemented by an 18-inch refractor borrowed from another astronomer), sending William Pickering and Andrew Douglass with him to the chosen site, the high mesa near Flagstaff, Arizona.

As early as May 1894 Lowell was telling scientific colleagues that his observatory intended to watch Mars not sporadically but nightly, on the likelihood that Schiaparelli's canals were "the work of some sort of intelligent beings." These words generated unease among some who heard them, though probably none was prepared for what was to come, a controversy that future historians of science would characterize as astronomy's "most famous folly."

Before the year was out, Lowell claimed to have viewed no fewer than 184 canals, including eight doubles. By July he had devised a theory from which he never deviated until his death 22 years later. In Lowell's belief, Mars, its atmosphere one-seventh the thickness of the earth's, is a dying world whose inhabitants depend upon a vast system of canals to divert water from the polar ice caps for irrigation purposes. At the intersections where the canals crossed are small dark regions, "oases" where plant life grows and all of life is sustained. Of the physical forms of the Martians themselves, Lowell refused to speculate beyond the suggestion that they are giants, far more physically efficient than their terrestrial counterparts, and technically brilliant -- in other words, they are superhuman. A Social Darwinist, Lowell thought that wealthy oligarchs directed Mars' social order; "only the fittest have survived," he maintained.

Lowell's book Mars, published in December 1895, met with a blistering response in many quarters but warm ones in others, especially in Britain. Schiaparelli quietly supported Lowell's theories, while carefully weighing his public pronouncements, which ran to the nuanced likes of statements holding, for example, that theories about canals as "due to intelligent beings ought not to be rejected as an absurdity." The Italian, befitting a personal politics more liberal and optimistic than Lowell's, contended, "The institution of a collective socialism ought indeed result from a parallel community of interest and of a universal solidarity among the citizens, a veritable phalanstery which can be considered a paradise of societies." Suffering failing eyesight and distaste for the growingly rancorous dispute, however, Schiaparelli withdrew from the controversy in the mid-1890s.

After expanding his staff and setting up a temporary observatory in Mexico for viewing Mars during the end-of-the-year observation in 1896, Lowell himself began experiencing health problems - neurasthenia specifically -- and retired for four years. Meantime, supporters and detractors continued to fight it out. Among the latter, whose ranks came to include no less than Lowell's assistant Andrew Douglass (who was fired for his indiscretion), the conviction grew that the so-called canals were merely "illusions of vision" (Douglass's phrase).

The influential European astronomer Eug=Ène M. Antoniadi (1870-1944) monitored developments as head of the British Astronomical Association's Mars Section. When he compared astronomers' sketches of alleged canals from the 1896 opposition, he found them wildly various and not credible on their face. Another fierce critic, the Italian Vincenzo Cerulli, conducted observations which persuaded him that "the canals of Mars are themselves only simple alignments of spots similar to those which the telescope shows us on the moon"; when more powerful telescopes became available, "the canals . will lose that linear form which presently make them so mysterious and so interesting."

Spectroscopic analyses conducted during the 1896 opposition found, according to American astronomers W. W. Campbell and J. E. Keeler, no difference between water vapor on Mars and that on the moon. In other words, Mars was lifeless except to those suffering the sorts of optical illusions that caused them to believe they were seeing canals.

In June 1903, speaking before the RAS, E. W. Maunder, who years before (see above) had believed in the existence of channels even if not of extraordinary interpretations of them, reported on

experiments with schoolboys who had "seen" canals on drawings of Mars when none were present. One listener, the leading American astronomer Simon Newcomb, was moved to join the anti-canal forces. For his part, Lowell would return, in 1905, with what he identified as the first photographs ever taken of the canals, making the statement so forcefully that some were at least temporarily swayed. The photographs - of 38 canals and one double -- were taken at the Lowell Observatory on May 11 by staff member Carl Otto Lampland. Thousands more were taken from Flagstaff and from the Andes (where Lowell had sent an expedition) during the 1907 opposition. Despite confidence pronouncements by Lowell and his supporters, others failed to detect the claimed images in the photographs and attendant negatives.

Even so, theories about Martians abounded even as, in the judgment of most scientists, the evidence was - almost literally - drying up. In Nature E. H. Hankin put forth the most fantastic of all: "Perhaps on Mars there is only one living being, a gigantic vegetable the branches or pseudopodia of which embrace the planet like the arms of an octopus, suck water from the melting ice caps . and are visible to us as the Martian canals."

But canal theories were in retreat, the subject of ever more devastating criticisms by some of the most important scientific figures of the time, including Alfred Russel Wallace (1823-1913), with Darwin the co-discoverer of the modern theory of evolution. In various forums, including one full-length book, Wallace argued against the unlikelihood of intelligent Martian life on biological grounds. Other scientists continued to stress the evidence that the "canals" were no more than optical illusions, and telescopic scrutiny - with ever more refined instruments -- of the red planet during its 1909 close approach gave little encouragement to the dwindling band of Lowellians.

The controversy staggered on for another two or three years before effectively concluding. In 1913 Antoniadi wrote that though "the discovery of new canals" would continue to be announced, "the astronomer of the future will sneer at these wonders; and the canal fallacy, after retarding progress for a third of a century, is doomed to be relegated into the myths of the past." On the other hand, Lowell was unbowed, declaring before his death in 1916, "every new fact discovered has been found to be accordant to it."

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>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 10 Aug 2008 16:51:32 +0100  
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<snip>

>And now I would like to hear about Mr Horak's research. Perhaps  
>he would tell us the real history, taking a little time to  
>justify his sources and to ensure of course that none of them are  
>lying scientists.

Mr. Shough, I've written a number of submissions that have dealt  
in depth with different topics, given names, references, and  
been, in some cases able to claim the experience as first-hand.

I spent time doing so, and they were not accepted.

Of course, like you, I didn't conduct my research wholly online  
but from personal records and investigations. It seemed the  
better I did this, the less likely it was to be accepted.

The bad thing about referencing sources online is that you can,  
with selectivity, justify any bent. I suspect this is what you  
have done here.

Go to the library, review the subject card catalogue under,  
Martian features detected as prominent in the nineteenth century  
and be objective. It won't hurt.

But I'm not going to do that for you and then run the risk it  
won't be posted. Your opinion alone doesn't have that much value  
to me and only getting it out to those to which I might directly  
email it, doesn't answer well the challenge either.

Selectivity and integrity don't mix.

JCH

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Forgive me for butting in here, Don, but I doubt that James will  
tell you anything about his sources.

I had the pleasure of an off-list email from him explaining that  
in the past he has spent time and effort assembling sources and  
references for list posts only to have them rejected by our  
(usually scrupulous) moderator, and he is not inclined to risk  
another possible waste of time and effort in this case. It seems  
to me this is an explanation that the list should hear.

Well, why he could he not reference his sources in that private  
email, without risk of moderator rejection, is one of many  
mysteries. Instead he writes: "Your opinion alone doesn't have  
that much value to me and only getting it out to those to which I  
might directly email it, doesn't answer well the challenge  
either."

I was advised that if I wished to find the sources for his  
research I should go to the library, but he would not indicate  
which books I should consult - which is a shame, since I might  
have some or all of them on my own shelves, as might others on  
the List who would then be spared the necessity of having to  
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detected as prominent in the 19th century" as we are enjoined.

Martin Shough

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## Coast To Coast On Shoot Them Down

From: **Stanton T Friedman** <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 11 Aug 2008 12:16:12 -0300  
Archived: Mon, 11 Aug 2008 11:46:00 -0400  
Subject: Coast To Coast On Shoot Them Down

I thought some listers might like to know that Frank Feschino Jr. and I will be on Coast to Coast Radio Wednesday night August 13 to talk about Shoot Them Down and his research on the Flatwoods Monster case of Sept. 12, 1952.

We will be promoting the Big Extravaganza in St. Albans WV on Sept. 12, and 13. Good chance for those who might possibly be dubious about the case to join in with objective criticism.

Stan Friedman

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USA

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West Virginia Almost A UFO Heaven?

by  
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West Virginia prides itself as a land of majestic mountains, sparkling streams, coal to feed hungry power plants, a unique place in American history and a fiercely independent people accustomed to overcoming hard times with a resiliency unrivaled by anyone else.

Now add another chapter to the 35th state's storied history - more documented UFO activity than any other place in America.

Even eclipsing Roswell.

For proof, author-researcher Frank Feschino points to his exhaustive study that revealed three separate alien aircraft crash-landed a combined 10 times on the historic night of Sept. 12, 1952, the benchmark of the UFO phenomena, when the 'Flatwoods Monster' was born.

All of the craft escaped, although heavily damaged by hopscotching across the rugged terrain of West Virginia, flying low to avoid radar detection, he says.

"They were damaged and puddle jumping, and taking off - that's what they were doing," Feschino says.

On a steep hillside, a bevy of youngsters drawn away from a game of sandlot football, along with some adults, were shaken out of their shoes by the spectacle of a 12-foot, metallic object that emanated a pungent odor of sulfur and made sounds that reminded one witness of bacon sizzling in a fry pan.

Feschino has two books published on the Flatwoods incident, and a third is a work in progress to be titled The Flatwoods Monster - From Myth To Reality.

Come Sept. 12 - the 56th anniversary of that riveting episode in Mountain State folklore - Feschino and renowned UFO researcher-lecturer Stanton Friedman plan to headline the opening of a two-day, second extravaganza, this one set in St. Albans, where the author says a craft landed in a frenzy of activity half a century ago.

This year's show is titled Flatwoods Monster Meets Mothman, the latter a reference to a bird-like creature said to have haunted

Point Pleasant just before the 1967 collapse of the Silver Bridge. A key player will be Freddie May, one of the youngsters lured from a pickup game of football back in 1952 and a surviving witness to the 'Flatwoods Monster'. An illness kept him from appearing at last summer's first such event.

Feschino gleaned up to 70 percent of his findings in plowing through the Air Force's official document on unknown aircraft, titled Project Blue Book and finds it amazing that Roswell, N.M., for all its reputation, is covered very little in government papers.

"You have some newspaper reports that say the Army captured the saucer, but as far as the case itself, the official standing on the Roswell case is that it didn't happen," he says.

Based on Blue Book, 1952 was the high water mark for UFO activity, with 1,501 reports and 303 officially listed as "unknowns," and the largest concentration - 1,134 reports - came in the summer months of July, August and September.

Officially, the government uses the term 'flap', describing it as "a condition, a situation or a state of being, of a group of persons, characterized by an advanced degree of confusion that has not quite reached panic proportions."

For some reason, Feschino says, no one paid any attention to Flatwoods, but the author invested 17 years of his life digging into the story, learning of 100 different locations where suspected alien craft were spied in nine states, largely along the Eastern Seaboard.

"There were thousands of people who saw these things, up and down the East Coast," he says.

"What I did was to figure out the flight path trajectories. I worked with all types of people - aeronautical people, pilots, astronomers, scientists, jet people, police officers, Air Force people. They helped and assisted me by putting this whole mess of sightings together."

Using his own master map, he pinpointed the flights unearthed by exhaustive research.

"And over all the years researching the story, it just kept getting bigger and bigger and bigger", Feschino said.

"By using the 'Blue Book' as my primary source, I would go into local newspapers and just pick up the trails. When I figured out what direction these UFOs were flying, I would go from the Baltimore area and through Maryland, West Virginia and Ohio, and I picked up the trail these UFOs were flying that night."

On the critical night of Sept. 12, Feschino says, he learned of 21 hours of sustained UFO activity, and West Virginia was the hub of it all.

"There were 10 actual crash landings that night in West Virginia", he says. "They're all documented. This is what took 17 years to figure out."

In order, some of those landings occurred when the first spaceship crashed at Oglebay Park near Wheeling, at St. Albans, in Charleston, then up in a suburb named South Hills, back into the Watt Powell Park area of the capital and in Cabin Creek, where the same UFO landed five times, the author says.

A second craft buzzed the nation's capital, flew over Virginia, then landed in Flatwoods at 7:25 p.m., where the local denizens christened it the "Green Monster", Feschino said.

Finally, a third ship hit the earth in a community called Holly, just outside Flatwoods, took off and crashed a second time in Sugar Creek along the Elk River, lifted off again and then went into a third tailspin at Frametown, the author said.

Some debris was scattered at the Flatwoods crash site and was shipped off by an Air Force officer to Washington, including pieces of metal and chunks of an unknown, plasticlike material.

"I suppose if you went digging through some of these areas, you

might find something", Feschino speculated.

Feschino cannot say if any effort was ever made by any of the alien invaders to make contact with West Virginians or other earthlings, but says their ships ranged from the standard saucer-shape model to the round ones with a flat side, to ones that resembled cigars.

Yet, his long-running and exhaustive research have convinced him that he has unearthed the truth.

"I actually re-drove and re-enacted that whole night, driving all through Braxton County", he said.

"It took me years to do it. It was a cold case and I reconstructed it."

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To all who sent well-wishes for the recovery of my ole mum - I passed them on to her. She smiled and said that was "very nice", and asked me to relay her thanks...

So, many "thanks" from us both,

ebk

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I was able to retrieve article from New York Times about this  
incident:

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Aug 25, 1984

Strange Sightings Brighten The Night Skies Upstate

by Schmalz, Jeffrey  
New York Times. (Late Edition (East Coast)), pg. 1.25

The public hearing was plodding along routinely at the Town Hall  
one night last month.

"All of a sudden, a cop burst in yelling: 'The UFOs here! The  
UFOs here!' " said Peter A. Brandenburg, a 43-year-old real-  
estate developer. "Everyone jumped up and jolted out. We went  
flying down the stairs to see this thing, just staring at it."

On a night before that, William A. Pollard was driving along  
Interstate 84 near Brewster.

'Whoa! Wait a Minute Here'

"My neighbors said they had seen something," said Mr. Pollard,  
29, the manager of an automobile service center. "I said, 'Yeah,  
yeah, yeah.' I never believed in that stuff. But off in a field I  
saw this gigantic triangle with lights, about 30 feet off the  
ground - hovering. Then it turned off its lights and shot  
straight up - straight up. That's when I said, 'Whoa! Wait a  
minute here.' "

Throughout northern Westchester County, Dutchess and Putnam  
Counties and western Connecticut this summer, thousands of

residents have reported strange objects in the sky - each usually in a V-shape or a circle, about the size of a football field, absolutely noiseless and outlined in brilliant lights of white, red or green.

At night, the curious sometimes crowd the Taconic Parkway, a prime site for viewing. A hot line has been set up in Westchester to field inquiries. And in shopping centers and at parties, the talk is of a secret weapon or of close encounters.

#### The Police Call It a Hoax

The state police say the "object" is really five or six small planes flying in tight formation as part of a hoax. Some residents are not so sure. And others say that if that really is the case, authorities ought to put an end to it.

"If it's not a UFO," said Irene Lunn of Mahopac, "I want to know exactly what it is and what it's doing around here. And I want it stopped."

Mrs. Lunn was among those who reported the most recent sighting, this past Monday night. She was coming home from the supermarket at 9 P.M. with her 5-year-old daughter, Erica, when, she said, "I saw it over a pond on a nearby farm, high enough to just clear the trees, traveling south."

"It wasn't an airplane, it wasn't a helicopter, it wasn't a hang glider," Mrs. Lunn went on. "There was no sound at all, you could hear the crickets."

She described an object "about three-quarters the size of my house, with an L-shaped structure suspended underneath it."

"It actually stopped over the house," Mrs. Lunn said. "At one point, all the lights went green, then red, then they went back to a pattern of green and red and white. I felt like it was letting us know it knew we were watching it. That was scary. It went on for about 10 minutes."

The state and local police are flooded with calls every time the objects are seen. Many of the sightings have been reported by police officers on patrol.

One officer, according to Sgt. Kenneth V. Spiro of Troop K of the state police, which is responsible for the area in which sightings have been, followed the object.

"He tracked it to Stormville airport," the sergeant said. "It was a group of light planes. They fly in formation. The undersides and under the wings are painted black, so they can't be seen from the ground. The planes are rigged with bright lights that they can turn from one color to another. It's the lights that give the shape to the UFO

"The trooper spoke to a couple of the pilots, and they're getting a big kick out of it. There's no violation of the law here." He refused to give the name of the trooper or of the pilots the trooper spoke to. The airport, a small field in Dutchess County, was deserted the other evening. Neighbors said they had seen no activity on recent nights.

But for many people, questions remain. Some wondered how airplanes could hover over an object or how they could shoot straight up into the air. Others said that they had seen the hoaxers but that they had also seen something different.

"I've seen those jerks five or six times," Mr. Pollard said of the pilots flying in formation. "They were nothing like what I saw the first time, nothing like it at all."

Mr. Pollard said that "the first thing I saw was rigid - absolutely rigid."

#### F.A.A. Seems Uninterested

Many residents want a thorough investigation by the Federal Aviation Administration. But the agency does not seem interested.

"Why would we care about a UFO?" said Louis Achitoff, a spokesman for the eastern region of the F.A.A., in an interview.

"If the pilot's up there with a clearance and at the right altitude, we don't care what planet he comes from."

Residents were angry when told of the F.A.A. comment.

"That's horrendous," Mrs. Lunn said. "That thing's not flying over the F.A.A. Well, it's flying over my house and my treetops and I want to know for sure what it is." As Low as 500 Feet

Pressed for additional comment, Timothy L. Hartnett, the deputy director of the Eastern region of the F.A.A., said of the hoaxers that there were no regulations prohibiting planes from flying in formation.

"They can fly as close together as they feel safe," he said. And in areas of sparse population, planes could fly as low as 500 feet, Mr. Hartnett said.

In an effort to pull together information, Peter A. Gersten, a criminal lawyer who has made sightings from his Peekskill apartment, has organized a meeting for Saturday at the Henry H. Welles school in Brewster. He has invited UFO experts and local officials.

Among those attending will be Dr. J. Allen Hynek, who is a retired head of the astronomy department at Northwestern University, former associate director of the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory and former consultant to the Air Force on UFOs.

'You Have to Look Into It'

Dr. Hynek, the head of the Center for UFO Studies, a private group that acts as a clearinghouse for UFO reports, said, "When you have highly trained technical people, lawyers, C.P.A.'s, government people seeing what they're seeing, you have to look into it."

The experts should have plenty of photographs to study at the meeting.

"We're seeing quite a few UFO pictures," said Greg Dunlap, 22, the manager of CPI Photo Finish in Yorktown. "People come in and hand you the film and say: 'Be careful with these. We ran outside with our camera because something was flying over our house.' It breaks up the day for us. You get tired of seeing Hawaii."

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## ABC News' Garbage Pit Journalism

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Archived: Tue, 12 Aug 2008 09:05:02 -0400  
Subject: ABC News' Garbage Pit Journalism

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<http://abcnews.go.com/Technology/story?id=5451107&page=1>

Out Of Sight Or Out Of Mind

Do Astronauts Change After Going Into Space?  
By Emily Friedman  
July 28, 2008

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ABC News Reaches Garbage Pit Level Journalism

Out Of Sight Or Out Of Mind essay is outrageous.

Listers, ABC NEWS has reached a new low, a shameful and pitiful exercise of the worst reporting and disgusting innuendo and salacious sick suggestion in an essay that has the three letters "ABC" and the four letters "News" juxtaposed.

The very title of the opinion piece is an outrage, Out Of Sight Or Out Of Mind Apollo Astronaut Believes In UFOs, the only thing missing is the snickering, giggling, arched eyebrows, and the twilight zone theme.

ABC NEWS committed another trash piece of journalism a few years back with their "special" on UFOs where they hinted breathlessly in their ads, for the much touted "investigation" headed by the late Peter Jennings that they were finally going to get the facts straight and do a no nonsense piece on the subject. It started out seriously but turned into a bait and switch into statements of flagrant distortion and for example turning Stan Friedmans long serious research in the field into a Carnival con artists in it for the buck. Outrageous smear and misrepresentation of his record.

The clear and wicked train of thought is that the good doctor is somewhat touched in head, that his trip to the moon was a trip all right that had inculcated long mental decline, that he was well along on a path, induced by his space "trip" into the foothills of dementia. Pat the good doctor on the head, for he now has the early confusion and mind frost of such beliefs as ESP and Flying saucers and cover ups.

Well. Emily Friedman you should consider whether your work at ABC NEWS has altered your brain into pathology. Whether being in that workshop of missing stories, the failure to investigate many scandals whether it be TWA 800, or JFK murder, or what happened on Nov 6 2006 at gate C-7 at O'Hare airport in broad daylight when a metallic disk 30-40 ft across seen by over a hundred UAL employees and even pilots landing, until it shot skyward breaking a hole in an overcast sky.

Do you suppose all those UAL pilots and employees were drinking the same stuff Dr. Ed Mitchell has been drinking?

You, Ms. Friedman owe the good doctor an apology. and a million others who have seen what you snicker at,. no I've never seen a UFO myself. And NO, Dammit I don't believe in UFOs., but I am

rationally convinced they exist.

What passes for reasoning in your contemptible excuse for serious journalism is a reflexive ignorance, that will leave you in ignominious humiliation, on some day when the lying by secrecy makers ends and a day of truth and honor of the many who paid such a high high costs for seeking truth and justice on this greatest national security issue.

Vince White

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## Re: Admiral Never Looked For UFO Data

From: Gildas Bourdais <[bourdais.gildas.nul](mailto:bourdais.gildas.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 12 Aug 2008 11:17:45 +0200  
Archived: Tue, 12 Aug 2008 09:04:32 -0400  
Subject: Re: Admiral Never Looked For UFO Data

>From: Franklin D. Fields <[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 10 Aug 2008 19:31:14 -0400 (EDT)  
>Subject: Re: Admiral Never Looked For UFO Data

>>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sat, 9 Aug 2008 22:15:57 EDT  
>>Subject: Re: Admiral Never Looked For UFO Data

>>>From: Richard Dolan <[keyhole.nul](mailto:keyhole.nul)>  
>>>To: <[errol.nul](mailto:errol.nul)>,  
>>>Date: Wed, 6 Aug 2008 20:49:32 -0400  
>>>Subject: Re: Admiral Never Looked For UFO Data

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>On the issue of Admiral Wilson's job assignment in 1997, he  
>would not have been in his assignment if he were not being  
>groomed for the top job or one like it. He would have been  
>privileged to most if not all of the information known by his  
>boss.

>It is safe to say that Admiral Wilson was someone that would  
>have been "in the know".

>Categorizing his assignment as only administrative or in  
>some way not an important and active member of DIA's leadership  
>would be a gross misunderstanding of the U.S. military.

<snip>

>If Admiral Wilson truly did not know about the program or  
>have access, it seems logical that Wilson would have looked  
>outside DoD to civilian private contractors or to non military  
>agencies such as the CIA.

Frank, and List,

I would like to be sure that I fully understand your interesting  
message.

On one hand, you say that Admiral Wilson would have been in the  
know of military UFO studies at the DIA, at the time he met with  
Edgar Mitchell. But then you add that, if he did not know, he  
would have looked outside DoD for information. So, do you admit  
that he could have been denied access at that point, and told  
that he did not have the "need to know"? In other words, do you  
consider that the story of Mitchell is credible, although it is  
now contradicted by Wilson?

Gildas Bourdais

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From: **Cathy Reason** <[CathyM.nul](mailto:CathyM.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 12 Aug 2008 13:58:23 +0100  
Archived: Tue, 12 Aug 2008 09:10:34 -0400  
Subject: Screening For Color-Blindness

Hello List

This may or may not be relevant to Rendlesham Forest.

I'm interested in how personnel are screened for color-blindness in the USAF. I'm interested in what sort of screening is used, how long it has been in use, and whether it covers all personnel or just some (such as aircrew).

Any information would be appreciated.

Cathy

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From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 12 Aug 2008 09:14:25 EDT  
Archived: Tue, 12 Aug 2008 10:10:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Indian Point Nuclear Plant UFO Incident

>From: Sergey Shpakovsky <[sergejsh.nul](mailto:sergejsh.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
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Thanks Sergey!

That refreshes the memory. Some never before posted details:

First of all, I used to work at the Poughkeepsie Journal as a staff artist and administrative assistant. I was very young and was there when these UFO incidents occurred.

On two occasions they flew directly overhead of myself and others at the Poughkeepsie Journal itself and believe you me they were not ultra-light flyers from Stormville airport.

The reports of ultra-light flyers are true however in some cases but not a blanket explanation for all of them. It's easy to tell an ultra-light because you can do something miraculous, it's called seeing them. Not only that but they sound like flying lawn mowers.

Troop K and the surrounding police stations knew full well everything from boomerangs to saucers were all over the place. You couldn't avoid them they were so numerous.

Now here's a tidbit I've never mentioned. A source that I've been trying to coax out of the woodwork is still scared to testify.

This person not only has tons of photos of these craft but photos collected from others.

When it comes to what the police have to say I would take it with a big grain of salt because the main reason this person won't talk isn't because they're afraid of the government or MIB or some such stuff, they're afraid to talk because on the nights in question when they got the irrefutable physical evidence they got it while they were having an affair with a high ranking police official.

Badda bam, badda bing.

So you can see why the cops up there won't talk much and the witnesses too.

This has pissed me off no end because this entire UFO situation could be wrapped up in a bow with just a small handful of people with proof but won't because they're scared someone's angry spouse will kick their tails.

Go figure.

Now here's another tidbit...

On August 1st, there was another UFO incident near Kingston, NY. The woman reporting it was coaxed to report it to MUFON and NUFORC. She, her husband, and son saw a disc right over the bridge there in Kingston and stared at it for some time. She stated that others must have seen it and I'm trying to get her to get on the air to with Jeff Rense or George Noory while the incident is fresh in their minds.

The UFO stuff in the Hudson Valley has been covered up by only certain branches of the press and law enforcement. The questions remain as to why. As for me, I've seen an array of excuses that just make me shrug my shoulders.

Best,

Greg  
ufomafia.com/blog

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>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
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Somehow I didn't find the article offensive, but each to their own I suppose.

Steve

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## Re: Admiral Never Looked For UFO Data

From: Franklin D. Fields <[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 12 Aug 2008 09:54:20 -0400 (EDT)  
Archived: Tue, 12 Aug 2008 10:12:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Admiral Never Looked For UFO Data

>From: Gildas Bourdais <[bourdais.gildas.nul](mailto:bourdais.gildas.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 12 Aug 2008 11:17:45 +0200  
>Subject: Re: Admiral Never Looked For UFO Data

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>>On the issue of Admiral Wilson's job assignment in 1997, he  
>>would not have been in his assignment if he were not being  
>>groomed for the top job or one like it. He would have been  
>>privileged to most if not all of the information known by his  
>>boss.

>>It is safe to say that Admiral Wilson was someone that would  
>>have been "in the know".

>>Categorizing his assignment as only administrative or in  
>>some way not an important and active member of DIA's leadership  
>>would be a gross misunderstanding of the U.S. military.

><snip>

>>If Admiral Wilson truly did not know about the program or  
>>have access, it seems logical that Wilson would have looked  
>>outside DoD to civilian private contractors or to non military  
>>agencies such as the CIA.

>Frank, and List,

>I would like to be sure that I fully understand your interesting  
>message.

>On one hand, you say that Admiral Wilson would have been in the  
>know of military UFO studies at the DIA, at the time he met with  
>Edgar Mitchell. But then you add that, if he did not know, he  
>would have looked outside DoD for information. So, do you admit  
>that he could have been denied access at that point, and told  
>that he did not have the "need to know"? In other words, do you  
>consider that the story of Mitchell is credible, although it is  
>now contradicted by Wilson?  
>

Yes, I consider Dr. Mitchell's account very credible and I  
believe what I have written supports his statements.

When I said that Admiral Wilson would have been "in the know", I  
only meant that his position within DIA would have been one that  
by it's nature would know the secrets that the DIA had to offer.

I did not mean he knew something specifically. I have no way of  
knowing that type of information. I can only attest to the nature  
of his position with the military rank he held.

On another note, Dave Haith's post regarding his conversation  
with Dr. Mitchell is very consistent with my knowledge of  
security rules. By law, Admiral Wilson would be required to deny  
the existence of such a program.

Best ,

Frank

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## Re: Indian Point Nuclear Plant UFO Incident

From: Steve Sawyer <[stevesaw.nul](mailto:stevesaw.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 12 Aug 2008 07:52:31 -0700  
Archived: Tue, 12 Aug 2008 11:43:03 -0400  
Subject: Re: Indian Point Nuclear Plant UFO Incident

>From: Sergey Shpakovsky <[sergejsh.nul](mailto:sergejsh.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 11 Aug 2008 12:07:05 -0700 (PDT)  
>Subject: Indian Point Nuclear Plant UFO Incident [was: 'Admiral Never Looked For UFO Data']

>>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sat, 9 Aug 2008 19:30:43 EDT  
>>Subject: Re: Admiral Never Looked For UFO Data

><snip>

>>Just the other day in our hometown newspaper a story ran about  
>>the Indian Point Nuclear plant in New York. It was about how  
>>Strontium 90 was found in a wells near there. They assumed it was  
>>due to past above ground nuclear tests but on the website where  
>>the story was displayed the commentary by the public included a  
>>rare mention of the 1984 giant boomerang UFO incident regarding  
>>the plant. I was on duty at the Poughkeepsie Journal at that time  
>>and remember the incident quite well as it shook up the  
>>authorities something fierce. Well as soon as that commentary and  
>>some feedback appeared, the stories were pulled from the site and  
>>dumped into the archives and all commentary optioned deleted.

>>I had just gotten emails from Phil Imbrogno regarding another  
>>matter and this incident happened. Needless to say the folks back  
>>home aren't happy at all about it.

>I was able to retrieve article from New York Times about this  
>incident:

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>Aug 25, 1984

>Strange Sights Brighten The Night Skies Upstate

>by Schmalz, Jeffrey  
>New York Times. (Late Edition (East Coast)), pg. 1.25

>The public hearing was plodding along routinely at the Town Hall  
>one night last month.

>"All of a sudden, a cop burst in yelling: 'The UFOs here! The  
>UFOs here!' " said Peter A. Brandenburg, a 43-year-old real-  
>estate developer. "Everyone jumped up and jolted out. We went  
>flying down the stairs to see this thing, just staring at it."

<snip>

Hi, Sergey, Greg, List

Greg, where you said:

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and all commentary optioned deleted."

I got curious about this comment excerpt, and did a little

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See this link for the August 6th story, for example:

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Do you know about this alleged video?

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Date: Tue, 12 Aug 2008 17:49:43 +0100  
Archived: Tue, 12 Aug 2008 13:02:33 -0400  
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>"ABC" and the four letters "News" juxtaposed.

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As a former journo myself I have regularly fallen foul of headline writers who very often sacrifice truth for a quick quip or pun.

All Emily did was point out that space appears to change astronauts - some for the better like Edgar Mitchell for whom the experience was transcendental and others for the worst because depression can set in after such a unique and high experience.

To be fair, the author of this piece drew on the experiences of several astronauts and the space museum expert and she obviously tried to get hold of Mitchell but failed.

Although times are changing Vince, we really can't expect mainstream writers to embrace the idea of alien visitation without some eyebrow raising.

After years following the subject I am still unsure about what's going on.

By all means criticise lousy and uninformed journalism but we risk being thought nutty ourselves by going over the top at perfectly reasonable reports.

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From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 12 Aug 2008 13:27:14 EDT  
Archived: Tue, 12 Aug 2008 13:32:58 -0400  
Subject: Re: Indian Point Nuclear Plant UFO Incident

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Yes Steve the stories are back up but there were three stories  
not two.

As for video of that incident or even pictures I'll hold comment  
til the future. All I can say is during that time and well up 'til  
now there are so many pictures and videos it's amazing. Most people  
don't know where to send them or are afraid to send them. It's a  
very hostile part of the country with bigotry rampant to this day  
and well up to the early 2000s if you mentioned anything out of  
the way you were very close to having being sent to a mental  
institution against your will.

To tell you the truth I don't know what's worse, the visitors or  
the headshrinkers. At least the visitors let you go but the  
headshrinkers fill you full of pharmaceuticals and in the old

days used to use electro shock or surgery to remove chunks of brain.

Anyhow, that wasn't the only incident of a huge airship over Indian Point. I recall at least 2 other incidents as one of our reporters came back to the office all shook up about it. He passed away from cancer many years ago. Very sad.

Best,

Greg  
ufomafia.com/blog

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From: **Franklin D. Fields** <[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 12 Aug 2008 14:35:55 -0400 (EDT)  
Archived: Tue, 12 Aug 2008 15:45:02 -0400  
Subject: Re: ABC News' Garbage Pit Journalism

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Archived: Tue, 12 Aug 2008 16:53:39 -0400  
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>opinion in check.

Right on Frank! As someone at ground zero I can tell you it's a  
fact but a dangerous one to uncover.

Yes, I agree the article itself wasn't that bad but the headline  
shouldn't have gotten past the desk nor the hierarchy of editors  
it must have gone through. No editor in his or her right mind  
would allow that especially given the notoriety of the persons of

subject in the article. Many of our astronauts, if not all, were not only courageous space explorers but also war heroes and noted for courage and sacrifice on many fronts. Many also sit on boards of directors for many large corporations and also government interests continuing their public service roles.

Insulting these people is very risky indeed!

The hostility of the press towards UFology is legendary now. It's not even worth debating that fact. We've so many instances of it I'm sure if we looked in any of the press style books it might say something about adding disinformation to any UFO stories.

I've said it over and over again not to trust the mainstream press even when they toss around that sincerity angle. I said so when Jennings' special was brewing but it fell on deaf ears. The press is too vulnerable to exactly what Frank has outlined above. I know, I've seen it. It's against the law to reveal them so one's hands are tied.

I've got a feeling that this nonsense is going to end soon and the wolves in the fold revealed and it'll be due to the people on the web who are building their blogs, learning how to research and write and exercising their birthrights.

Then you'll see how right Frank really is.

Best,

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Archived: Tue, 12 Aug 2008 18:24:42 -0400  
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If the report most recently made to NUFORC about a  
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dark cigar or disc shape.

<http://www.nuforc.org/webreports/063/S63843.html>

While your contact probably won't realize that Jeff Rense has  
sufficiently cherished the link to "The Strange, Mysterious  
Eternal Allure Of Adolf Hitler" to keep it on his front page for  
years, or that it originally was found on the neo-Nazi National  
Socialist Movement website, I hope that she will gain enough  
understanding about Jeff Rense's interests by looking at his  
website to decline any invitation to be on his show.

Carol Maltby  
<http://marsinthemorning.blogspot.com/>

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><http://www.nuforc.org/webreports/063/S63843.html>

Nope. Different report entirely. This incident happened August 1st and involved a disc shaped object. She even remarks to it's speed and maneuverability. It wouldn't surprise me that there were more than one UFO report of magnitude near the bridges of the Hudson River so any report is noteworthy. I'm starting to think everyone back home is so used to it now they don't remark on it.

>While your contact probably won't realize that Jeff Rense has  
>sufficiently cherished the link to "The Strange, Mysterious  
>Eternal Allure Of Adolf Hitler" to keep it on his front page for  
>years, or that it originally was found on the neo-Nazi National  
>Socialist Movement website, I hope that she will gain enough  
>understanding about Jeff Rense's interests by looking at his  
>website to decline any invitation to be on his show.

>Carol Maltby  
><http://marsinthemorning.blogspot.com/>

As for Rense, that's between you and him regarding your opinion about him. All I can say is I've known the man for years and he's never, ever made a racist or bigoted comment about anyone or group. Besides if he was that racist he damn sure wouldn't be talking to me of all people.

Best,

Greg  
[ufomafia.com/blog](http://ufomafia.com/blog)

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## Opinion On Gladstone OZ Encounter

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Opinions  
by John Mikkelsen

Fans of the X Files probably loved Tuesday's Observer with the first three pages devoted to tales of a Gladstone woman's UFO encounter, even if it happened years ago.

The many sceptics out there probably felt the newsroom had run out of ideas, but the fact is, like it or not, unusual sightings are very much in the news again hot on the heels of revelations by former astronaut, Dr Edgar Mitchell.

The sixth man to walk on the moon as part of the Apollo 14 mission, Dr Mitchell recently came out as a true believer, claiming world governments had been suppressing evidence of alien visitations for the past 60 years.

While the sceptics probably think Dr Mitchell must have sniffed some moon dust, the fact is such diverse witnesses as air force and commercial airline pilots, other servicemen, priests, doctors and people from almost all walks of life, have reported UFO sightings for many years. Surely they can't all have been delusional, can they?

I've always been a bit amazed, not by the reported sightings but by the closed minds of those who believe intelligent life or any life for that matter, should be confined to one planet in the vast universe.

Our minds can't quite grasp the scope of infinity but the universe is as close as most of us can come to that concept, so what makes the Earth so unique?

Anyway, it seems our extra-terrestrials have fine taste and Queensland rates very highly on their planet hopping destinations. More than 100 of the 128 recorded official sightings around Australia in the two years to late last year were from the Sunshine State. Maybe that controversial international ad campaign featuring Lara Bingle in a bikini on a Queensland beach saying, "So where the bloody hell are you?" wasn't a dud after all.

There were a number of reported sightings in the Sunshine Coast area and Agnes Water is another reputed UFO hot spot, so we could literally be 'Surfing with the Aliens'. Since Dr Mitchell broke the news about being briefed on alien encounters, many people afraid of being ridiculed in the past have now come forward to tell of their own experiences.

This is what inspired Gladstone's own Peggy Gibson to tell her tale of bright lights hovering just outside her house all those years ago.

That's the thing with almost all reported sightings from Central Queensland and other parts of the State which are listed on UFO Research Queensland's website - they happened at night and bright lights were involved.

But, all kidding aside, I had my own encounter of the third kind a few years back, and it was in broad daylight. I had been enjoying the solitude of the kilometres of deserted beach on Wild Cattle Island with only my dog and the sea birds for company on a beautiful cloudless day when I saw it.

Far off to the south it emerged from the tree line and there were no lights of any kind - just an unusual dark-coloured wing-shaped object which appeared to hover or remain almost stationary near Hummocky Island. With conventional aircraft or helicopters, normally some sound would have reached me from that distance, but there was none.

Also, it had no visible body or fuselage, just a flying wing. Intrigued, I reached for my backpack and binoculars but before I could focus on it, the object suddenly moved off out to sea at rapid speed, disappearing soundlessly in a matter of seconds.

My first thoughts were that it could have been something like a stealth bomber or experimental military plane that our friends the Yanks were testing so when I returned home I phoned the aviation authorities and described what I'd seen. But they confirmed there was no known aircraft activity in that area at that time and certainly none matching my description. Hmmm...

Interestingly, Hummocky Island was then the site of a proposed private spaceport for launching commercial satellites, which ultimately proved to be all pie in the sky. Could some extra-terrestrials have been checking out the possible competition?

As the X Files' Fox Mulder would have said, "The truth is out there, Mikko..." No doubt Dr Edgar Mitchell would have agreed.

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## Re: ABC News' Garbage Pit Journalism

From: **Kathy Kasten** <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
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>From: Greg Boone  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 12 Aug 2008 16:01:24 EDT  
>Subject: Re: ABC News' Garbage Pit Journalism

>Right on Frank! As someone at ground zero I can tell you it's a  
>fact but a dangerous one to uncover.

<snip>

Greg,

I need a definition of exactly where "ground zero" is located and what that means with regard to people who investigate UFO stories. So far, there don't seem to be any reports of UFO researchers being in danger while uncovering 'the story'. And, I am sure we would have heard that type of story especially on this List.

KK

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## Alien Worlds Magazine Issue 4

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Issue 4 of Alien Worlds magazine is now out on the newsstands in the UK and will reach foreign climes anon.

You can buy a copy online at our site at

[http://alienworldsmag.com/index.php?option=3Dcom\\_wrapper&Itemid=3D101](http://alienworldsmag.com/index.php?option=3Dcom_wrapper&Itemid=3D101)

FYI, in a week or so, the magazine will also be available as a download. More on this soon.

Here is a rundown on some of the articles and interviews in this edition:

### Interviews

Stan; Why I Hate SETI

Distinguished, eminent and now controversial, Stan Friedman is the most famous UFOlogist in the world. Respected and yet dismissed, lauded, ridiculed, revered, and a general all round punch bag, you love him or you don't, but without his contribution, the world of UFOs would not be what it is today, and there's not a lot of people you can say that about. Although it always seems like Stan has a new book out, surprisingly there have only been four and the latest, Flying Saucers and Science, is a rampage of revenge and vitriol as he cuts and hacks his way through the stupid, the inept, and the downright dumb unfortunates who have dared to tick him off over the years. And nowhere does he reserve his deepest loathing more for than for dear old SETI and his nemesis Seth Shostack. Buckle up and hold tight as Stan bounds out of his corner with both arms swinging. Low blows galore.

### The Aetherius Society

Still going strong after over 50 years, an anachronism that has adapted and stayed the course, The Society is a throwback to the 50's and the contactee movement that has gone full circle and now finds its popularity on the rise again. Never one to push themselves forwards and with virtually a negative recruitment policy, they are a deeply spiritual movement that has much to offer the UFO community in the present day. A lot of what they do and believe remains shrouded in secrecy and ignorance and so we were pleased to be given full access to Richard Lawrence, their European Executive Secretary, for a frank and open interview.

Jon Ronson, Gary McKinnon, Albert Stubblebine III, and a Goat

Jon Ronson is a journalist, author and documentary filmmaker and a very talented and funny guy. A Guardian columnist, he writes in a sardonic and wry style and is drawn to the weird and quirky. It is that trait that has pulled him towards UFOs and more importantly, the strange world attached to it. That isn't the sum of his work by any means, but it is an area that he has returned to more than once.

That is not to say that there is anything weird or quirky about

Robbie Williams or Gary McKinnon for example, or at least I don't think. He recently made a documentary with Robbie for BBC Radio 4 about UFOs and he is turning the Gary McKinnon story into a screenplay.

He is the man who brought us such wonderful visual dramas as The Men Who Stare At Goats, Them: Adventures with Extremists, The Bilderberg Group, The Satanic Shadowy Elite, and David Icke, The Lizards and The Jews, all documentaries shown on UK Channel 4. We caught up with him as he was out walking=85=85=85.

For Christ's Sake, Don't Mention the "God" Word

Next to the war in Iraq, the subject of Intelligent Design in the United States has been the most viscous and hotly contested debate the country has known for some considerable years. At its very core lies the fundamental differences between the Old World and the New, and the fight by the philosophical and political Centre and Left of American Society to keep at bay the perceived gradual ongoing intrusion by religious fundamentalists into the day to day lives of American citizens.

Professor Guillermo Gonzalez was Assistant Professor in the Department of Physics and Astronomy at Iowa State University. In 2004 he published a book called The Privileged Planet which postulated the rare earth argument, namely that the location and conditions and intelligence in and on planet Earth are extremely rare throughout the Universe and possibly unique. He further argued that Earth was particularly conveniently positioned in a prime location for observing the Universe. As a consequence he concluded that the Earth had to have been intelligently designed.

In 2005 and in association with colleagues from other universities in the State of Iowa, over 400 faculty staff members signed a petition opposing all attempts to represent Intelligent Design as a scientific endeavor. Without being named, the petition was obviously aimed at him and in the ensuing uproar, Gonzales was eventually denied tenure and left the University. In a case that has become a cause celebre, he gives us his side of the story..

UFOs And The Politics Of Reality

David Cherniack is a major documentary film maker with a mantelpiece full of Gemini awards from Canadian TV, with over 70 films shown on CBC, TVO, VisionTV, Life, History and APTN. He became attached to the flagship programme Man Alive for 13 years where he visited the subject of UFOs and related areas several times. In 1996 he went independent specialising in what are known as long form documentaries through his company All In One Films. He does pretty much all the production work himself to keep costs down.

In May he came over to the UK and while here gave me a screening of his latest film UFOs And The Politics Of Reality. Made over a four year period, he has interviewed some very impressive people and the film has been very positively critically acclaimed. In this interview, he tells us what he thinks about abductions, UFOs, and the making of the film.

The X Files.

The dynamic duo are back and as a homage and acknowledgement of the debt UFology owes, we carry an interview with David Duchovny.

Features

Albion Dreaming

Drugs are a very bad thing as you know. You have read the tragic stories and you have seen the press. You may know people who have had difficulties with substance abuse or you may have had problems yourself. It is consequently a subject that attracts profound emotional reaction and judgement.

There are two problems related to the condemnation of drug



taking. Firstly, many millions of people take drugs without obvious problems and enjoy doing so. The pleasure of taking them is something rarely mentioned for obvious reasons but it has to be recognised that people do it because they like it. And secondly, despite the drug problem being a phenomenon that started with the permissive 60s, it didn't. Drugs have been around with Man for thousands of years and there isn't a tribal village in Australia or South America or the Pacific or the Far East or frankly anywhere where hallucinatory drugs haven't play a part or still do in the life and culture of that Society. In short, man has been doing his brains in for thousands upon thousands of years and often, when he has done, he has seen strange things.

Researcher and author Andy Roberts gives us a brief background of LSD use in the West and explores the drug's connections to alien sightings.

Are Crystal Skulls genuine artefacts or ingenious fiction?

In a balanced and extensive article, Nick Parkins casts his eye over the history and evidence relating to the Crystal Skull myth, including the latest testing by the British Museum, and asks why this story still stays the course with loose ends that just will not lie down and die.

Sci Fi Worlds

In what we hope will become a regular column, Richard Thomas casts his eye over the ongoing phenomenon that is Dr Who, the characters and parallels with real life.

Alien Interview

Remember Glenn Dennis the mortician at Roswell AFB and the nurse who told him to shove off before the MPs got to him because he wasn't meant to be there "or you're going to be in a lot of trouble."? Well here's a stupid question; wherever did that nurse get to?

Lawrence Spencer has written a book called Alien Interview which purports to carry the Roswell testimony of one Matilda O'Donnell MacElroy. The UFO world has had countless bogus stories foisted upon it by snake oil salesmen who insist their stories are true but can it deal with a man who insists that his story is a work of fiction? Frank Warren gives it a go.

UFOs, Crop Circles and Cryptids: What the Hell is going On?

Some people stand still within UFOlogy and hold on to the same set of ideas during the course of their journey. Others change as they process what they experience and discover, and Nick Redfern is one of the latter. He's moved from Hero to a man with a question mark over him in the eyes of some and yet the inability of anybody to nail an explanation to the mast that answers all of the questions, or even some of them, leads Mr. R down a path that not all would wish to follow - yet. Join him and see where he takes you.

War Of The Worlds

Nigel Watson examines the origins of Sci Fi in the build up to Welles' 1938 broadcast and the cultural fall out that has ensued since.

Opinion

Paul Kimball's Above and Beyond

The Myth of the ETH as ETFact

An outstanding, brilliantly argued perceptive piece from Paul who continues to advance the cause of modern UFOlogy with reasoned, provocative thinking. There are few better minds in the subject today capable of considering the subject from an objective

perspective.

"By focusing on the idea that little green/grey men have been coming here in nuts and bolts spaceships, ETFactors have done a grave disservice to the search for truth about the UFO phenomenon, and its possible alien origins, in the same way that thousands of years of religious leaders have undermined the search for the true nature of God by force-fitting it into a limited paradigm that simply served to reinforce their own worldview. They have not sought wisdom, nor understanding - they have simply proclaimed an "answer" which has been no answer at all."

No Defence Significance

Joe McGonagle examines the weaknesses and reasoning behind the claim from the Ministry of Defence that UFOs are of no defence significance.

"The Round Files: The Real Truth Behind the Real Truth Behind SERPO"

I warned you with Daniel Brenton's first column that you needed to be on your toes and I repeat it again. This man walks the line and when he loses his balance and falls, how and where he lands confuses some people. Stay alert!

Rob Bignell

A subtle examination of just what buttons will be pressed when "life" is discovered somewhere else.

Plus more!!

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## Poli Sci Fi

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Intellectual Affairs

Poli Sci Fi  
By Scott McLemee

All the horse-race drama of the primary season is now but a memory. And there is plenty of time to kill before the spectacle of the party conventions. (In the fullest Guy Debord-esque sense of 'spectacle', no doubt about it.) So lately we have had a chance to contemplate the less heavily vetted aspects of political discourse =96 the rattle of whatever tin can may be tied to the tail of each presidential campaign. Is Barack Obama really the Antichrist? Is John McCain really Grandpa Simpson? Discuss.

Lest anyone think this is the silly season, we turn with relief to the August issue of the journal Political Theory, where a major article finally addresses an issue too long ignored by candidates and scholars alike. "If academics' first responsibility is to tell the truth", write two political scientists, "then the truth is that after 60 years of modern UFOs, human beings still have no idea what they are, and are not even trying to find out. That should surprise and disturb us, and case doubt on the structure of rule that requires and sustains it."

How true! Hold a press conference on immigration here in Washington, DC and the reporters will come. Hold one about the other aliens, and you're lucky if a couple of smartasses turn up to ask questions about The X Files.

I don't know if they read much political theory over at the National Press Club. Probably not. But if Alexander Wendt (professor of international security at Ohio State University) and Raymond Duvall (chairman of the poli sci department at the University of Minnesota) can't get a serious hearing for their paper "Sovereignty and the UFO", then the cause is truly hopeless, and the incessant rectal probing by our reptilian overlords will never end.

The paper came to my attention via blog postings by a couple of political scientists. One took it as an example of the kind of thing you can get away with once you have tenure. The other grappled with the argument itself and found it wanting on its own terms. (The authors of the paper have replied here.)

That argument boils down to a claim that UFO research has never achieved legitimacy because the very possibility of visitation by extraterrestrials poses too many problems for the implicit

metaphysics of the nation-state.

Contemporary ideas about national sovereignty are quite thoroughly anthropocentric. That was not always the case. In the age of kings who ruled by divine right, the ultimate sovereign authority was embedded in God Himself. And if you lived in a community where shamans communicate regularly with bears or fish or the spirit of the mountain, then you would tend to think of nature itself as having, in effect, the franchise.

The modern sense of the nation-state rests on the assumption that politics is a strictly human process. Sovereignty =96 the ultimate authority to make decisions within a territory =96 is embodied in human agents.

Furthermore, a nation-state tends to develop mechanisms for keeping track of its own population =96 a series of institutions and bodies of knowledge devoted to monitoring the people who live within its borders, create its wealth, and obey its laws. (Or don't, as the case may be.) The result is a grid of power and expertise sometimes designated by the rather unwieldy expression "governmentality", coined by Michel Foucault.

Sovereignty and governmentality are related though not identical concepts. But they converge on one point that Wendt and Duvall consider a kind of blindspot: In the modern nation-state, sovereignty and governmentality are, by default, completely anthropocentric.

Even after countless thousands of UFO reports from all over the world =96 often by members of the military =96 the nearly 200 nation-states "have been notably uninterested" in the phenomenon. "One may speak of a =91UFO taboo," write Wendt and Duvall, "a prohibition in the authoritative public sphere on taking UFOs seriously, or =91thou shalt not try very hard to find out what UFOs are.'"

Their argument is, in important respects, the exact opposite of =96 well, "The X Files." It is not a conspiracy theory. "We are not saying the authorities are hiding The Truth about UFOs", write W&D. Nor are they even suggesting that The Truth would necessarily involve extraterrestrial visitation. "We are saying that [the authorities] cannot ask the question."

This claim places their inquiry within a field of study described in this column a couple of months ago: the discipline of agnotology. (Just as epistemology considers the genesis and structure of knowledge, agnotology examines the sources and inner logic of ignorance.) Wendt and Duvall's endnotes neglect the agnotological literature =96 but they have added to it, even so.

"Our puzzle", they explain, "is not the familiar question of ufology, =91What are UFOs?' but, =91Why are they dismissed by the authorities?' Why is human ignorance not only unacknowledged, but so emphatically denied? In short, why a taboo?"

The pattern of avoidance is, the answer, "akin to denial in psychoanalysis: the sovereign represses the UFO out of fear about what it would reveal about itself. There is therefore nothing for the sovereign to do but turn its gaze away from =96 to ignore, and hence be ignorant of =96 the UFO, making no decision at all."

One knows better than to argue with a psychoanalyst, of course. Disagreement only proves that the insight was valid; otherwise, it would not generate so much anxiety. Likewise, the call for UFO research triggers the "extraordinarily resilient" forces of modern sovereignty and its metaphysics: "Those who attempt it will have difficulty funding and publishing their work", write Wendt and Duvall, "and their reputations will suffer."

Wendt and Duvall mention a few cases where governments have, in fact, conducted studies of UFO sightings. But clearly they were efforts to dismiss the question. The decades-long Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence (SETI) project does not undermine the point that anthropocentric sovereignty cannot bear contemplating any challenge. Indeed, the authors write, "SETI advocates have been at the forefront of UFO skepticism."

Theories are always most beautiful when they cannot be falsified. "Sovereignty and the UFO" is a thing of beauty. Anyone who is already a little tired of McCain and Obama should check out Wendt

and Duvall. And keep watching the skies....

Scott McLemee writes Intellectual Affairs each week. He also blogs at Quick Study.

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UFO Doesn't Necessarily Mean Alien

Just Ask  
Bernie Delinski

Q: Am I right in saying this: A UFO doesn't have to be an alien spacecraft in order to be a UFO?

A: Well, now, that's an unusual question. It's downright out of this world, one might say.

But, I think I see what you're getting at, and I think you're correct.

"UFO" simply stands for Unidentified Flying Object. If there's something in the sky and nobody knows what it is, then it is unidentified, flying, and an object, so it's a UFO.

In addition, I checked out some information from the Skeptic Friends Network ([skepticfriends.org](http://skepticfriends.org)).

The Web site explains that, in the early 1950s, U.S. Air Force Capt. Edward Ruppelt coined the term UFO, meaning Unidentified Flying Object, and IFO, meaning Identified Flying Object.

Ruppelt was in charge of the Air Force's Project Blue Book investigation, which looked into reports of UFOs. I remember there was a really cool television series that was based on that some years ago, called "Project UFO."

Anyway, I found some information on Project Blue Book, from an Air Force site ([af.mil/factsheets](http://af.mil/factsheets)).

According to that information, Project Blue Book ran from 1947 to 1969. During that time, 12,618 sightings were reported.

Of those, 701 remain "unidentified."

According to the site, the report concluded, "No UFO reported, investigated and evaluated by the Air Force was ever an indication of threat to our national security; there was no evidence submitted to or discovered by the Air Force that sightings categorized as 'unidentified' represented technological developments or principles beyond the range of modern scientific knowledge; and there was no evidence indicating that sightings categorized as 'unidentified' were extraterrestrial vehicles."

It also states that nothing has occurred since the program's

termination that would cause the Air Force to believe the project needs to be continued. It also points out that it would be difficult to start up the program again, simply because of the stretched defense budgets.

Still, that was a really cool television series.

One other thing, as long as we're talking about UFOs and Project Blue Book, records from the project have been declassified, and can be obtained by writing to: Modern Military Records, National Archives, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001, or calling (301) 713-7250.

If you do that, do me a favor and ask if they have any episodes of that show.

If you've got a question, e-mail it to :

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Riddle Of UFO Spotted In Sky Over Mytholmroyd  
By Suzanne Rutter

Readers reported seeing strange lights flashing above Mytholmroyd on Monday between 8pm and 9pm.

Chris Granger, 45, of Vale Mill Cottages, Cragg Vale, said he was shocked to see six bizarre lights for two to three minutes before they disappeared.

The ex-RAF avionics technician, said: "The bright yellow lights emerged from the cloud base in pairs and moved towards Hebden Bridge.

"They moved in a very erratic manner and did not display the flight characteristic of a conventional aircraft. Nor did they display the normal lighting array of a conventional aircraft =96 flashing white strobe, and red and green navigation lights."

And Peter and Marion Ackroyd, of Cleveley Gardens, Mytholmroyd, also saw something spooky.

Mr Ackroyd, 62, said: "I have no clue what they were. I thought they were balloons but they were going too fast and there was no engine noise at all."

Last month residents in Hebden Bridge and Sowerby Bridge reported being woken by the sound of a UFO.

Teacher Sarah Smith told the Courier the mystery object circled Hebden Bridge in a slow 10-minute loop.

Click here to read the story:

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## Re: Indian Point Nuclear Plant UFO Incident

From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 13 Aug 2008 08:42:23 -0500  
Archived: Wed, 13 Aug 2008 10:47:49 -0400  
Subject: Re: Indian Point Nuclear Plant UFO Incident

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 12 Aug 2008 18:36:02 EDT  
>Subject: Re: Indian Point Nuclear Plant UFO Incident

>>From: Carol Maltby <[carolmaltby.nul](mailto:carolmaltby.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Tue, 12 Aug 2008 17:43:36 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Indian Point Nuclear Plant UFO Incident

>>>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Tue, 12 Aug 2008 09:14:25 EDT  
>>>Subject: Re: Indian Point Nuclear Plant UFO Incident

>>>On August 1st, there was another UFO incident near Kingston, NY.  
>>>The woman reporting it was coaxed to report it to MUFON and  
>>>NUFORC. She, her husband, and son saw a disc right over the  
>>>bridge there in Kingston and stared at it for some time. She  
>>>stated that others must have seen it and I'm trying to get her to  
>>>get on the air to with Jeff Rense or George Noory while the  
>>>incident is fresh in their minds.

>>If the report most recently made to NUFORC about a  
>>Kingston-Rhinecliff Bridge sighting is the one you are referring  
>>to, she said it happened on June 10, and it could have been a  
>>dark cigar or disc shape.

>><http://www.nuforc.org/webreports/063/S63843.html>

>Nope. Different report entirely. This incident happened August  
>1st and involved a disc shaped object. She even remarks to it's  
>speed and maneuverability. It wouldn't surprise me that there  
>were more than one UFO report of magnitude near the bridges of  
>the Hudson River so any report is noteworthy. I'm starting to  
>think everyone back home is so used to it now they don't remark  
>on it.

>>While your contact probably won't realize that Jeff Rense has  
>>sufficiently cherished the link to "The Strange, Mysterious  
>>Eternal Allure Of Adolf Hitler" to keep it on his front page for  
>>years, or that it originally was found on the neo-Nazi National  
>>Socialist Movement website, I hope that she will gain enough  
>>understanding about Jeff Rense's interests by looking at his  
>>website to decline any invitation to be on his show.

>>Carol Maltby

>><http://marsinthemorning.blogspot.com/>

>As for Rense, that's between you and him regarding your opinion  
>about him. All I can say is I've known the man for years and he's  
>never, ever made a racist or bigoted comment about anyone or  
>group. Besides if he was that racist he damn sure wouldn't be  
>talking to me of all people.

Well said Mr. Boone. Ms Maltby seems to believe that the twitchy  
stuff doesn't exist if you don't talk about it, feel that one is  
individually improved by speech so free it's revolting, or that

the devil you know is better than the devil you don't. She doesn't seem to understand that freedoms of thought and expression are paramount without regard to cost. She can be consoled that we are heading, perhaps, into just the kind of quality of life she would prefer.

Too, I just cleared a decade and change with Jeff Rense and he has always been an intelligent and honorable man of quiet dignity and thoughtfulness who believes, as I do, that there is no 'thing' in heaven or Earth that is beyond concern, consideration, or critique.

The truth though heaven falls, eh?

[alienview.nul](http://alienview.nul)

[www.AlienView.net](http://www.AlienView.net)

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## Radar Data Signals A New 'Openness Policy'

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 15 Aug 2008 07:01:44 -0400  
Archived: Fri, 15 Aug 2008 07:01:44 -0400  
Subject: Radar Data Signals A New 'Openness Policy'

Source: OpEd News - Newtown, Pennsylvania, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/5fe5pm>

August 13, 2008 at 08:00:35

FAA Release Of Radar Data Signals A New 'Openness Policy' On UFOs

by Michael Salla

Significant support for the testimony of multiple witnesses of a UFO seen near Stephenville Texas on January 8, 2008 came in the form of radar data recently released by the Federal Aviation Authority (FAA). Responding to a series of Freedom of Information requests by the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), the FAA supplied 2.8 million radar returns from five sites covering the area where the UFO was sighted. A report by MUFON titled, "Special Research Report, Stephenville, Texas," provided a detailed analysis of raw data released by the FAA. The authors of the MUFON Stephenville Report, Glen Schulze and Robert Powell, stated: "data was obtained that indicates unidentified aircraft without transponder beacons which were not military jets, were found in the same compass direction and time frame as cited by the witnesses (Stephenville Report, p. 5)."

The radar returns supported witness testimonies that the object was at times stationary and also able to accelerate at tremendous speeds. Schulze and Powell claimed that some of the radar data confirmed that the object reached speeds up to 2100 mph. This was done without creating a sonic boom. They note:

Much more important than the possible sudden acceleration shown by the object is its trajectory heading. This object was traveling to the southeast on a direct course towards the Crawford Ranch, also known as President Bush's western White House. The last time the object was seen on radar at 8:00pm, it was continuing on a direct path to Crawford Ranch and was only 10 miles away (Stephenville Report, p. 7).

Schulze and Powell also revealed the extent of military activity in the area using log books and radar returns from Carswell Air Force Base, and were able to distinguish these from the sighted UFO. The radar returns confirmed witness testimonies of significant military aerial activity in relation to the UFO despite initial denials by military authorities. Schulze and Powell further examined the data in terms of witness testimonies of the UFO being chased by jets at a very low altitude. They concluded:

The Selden witnesses also indicated that the unknown object returned and was being chased by jets at very low altitude. These chase jets do not show up on radar. If their altitude was below 2000 feet, as described by the witnesses, then they would have been too low to be detected by the nearest FAA radar (Stephenville Report, p. 7).

In what appears to be a notable national security lapse, they continue:

During this entire episode of over an hour, there is no indication that any of the military jets reacted to this unknown aircraft, that was without a required transponder, and that was headed directly to the Western White House.

Two questions arise here. First, why would military authorities would allow a UFO to get so close to the Crawford Ranch? Second, why would the FAA allow radar data to be released that confirm an apparent national security breach at the =93Western White House=94 involving a UFO? Answers to these questions may be found by first examining past FAA policy on releasing UFO information, and the role of senior national security officials in dictating this policy to senior FAA officials.

Earlier FAA policy concerning UFOs appear to have two elements. One was to deny witness or pilot sightings of UFOs regardless of the credibility and/or number of witnesses. The second was to remove any radar evidence that could confirm witness testimonies of UFOs. These elements of what appears to be a long standing policy of the FAA regarding UFOs is exemplified in two well documented cases.

The first concerns the 2006 multiple witness sighting of a UFO over O'Hare International Airport. In a comprehensive report of the O'Hare incident titled: =93Report of an Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon and its Safety Implications at O'Hare International Airport on November 7, 2006,=94 by Dr Richard Haines, he notes:

According to the FAA nothing was detected by radar at this location or time of day or seen by air traffic controllers from the main tower. An examination of primary radar data supplied by the FAA confirmed the first claim. Nevertheless, an FAA inbound ground controller remarked about the =93UFO=94 (UAP) ... long before the object had departed. (O'Hare Report, p. 5).

Furthermore, Haines reported on the result of FOIA requests for tower logs and communications that: =93clearly showed (1) three separate telephone inquiries from the United ramp tower (and management) concerning the UAP [UFO] and (2) a written notation of one of these calls in the FAA's tower's Daily Record of Facility Operations (O'Hare Report, p. 19). More incriminating was a series of interviews with United Airline employees by a journalist for the Chicago Tribune, Jon Hilkevitch, wherein it was alleged that they were =93told to not talk about what they saw to anyone=94 (<http://tinyurl.com/y7tv88>). Was the management of United Airlines muzzling its employees because of FAA pressure, and was the FAA muzzling its own employees? Regardless of the answers to these questions, the FAA's policy seemed to be one of dismissing testimonies of a UFO at O'Hare international airport regardless of witness reliability and quantity.

The second documented case involves a former section chief for the FAA, John Callahan, who revealed what occurred to radar and other evidence of a UFO witnessed in the vicinity of a Japanese Airline 747 flying over Alaska in 1986. After the event, Callahan requested all the data to be transferred first to Atlantic City for initial analysis by him and his team, and then to Washington D.C. for a personal viewing by the FAA Administrator, Vice Admiral Donald Engen. He subsequently describes what happened after Admiral Engen saw the data:

Well a few minutes later the Admiral calls down and says, I have set up a briefing tomorrow morning at 9:00 am in the round room. Bring all the stuff you have Bring everybody up there and give them whatever they want... They [a group of national security officials] brought in three people from the FBI, three people from the CIA, and three people from Reagan's Scientific Study team =96 I don't know who the rest of people were but they were all excited. When they got done, they actually swore all these other guys in there that this never took place. We never had this meeting. And this was never recorded.

<http://preview.tinyurl.com/6g7nxu>

Callahan went on to disclose in his public testimony how the data was confiscated by the national security team from the Reagan administration who were concerned about public reaction to the reality of UFOs. Callahan further described how he was able to

hold on to a duplicate set of data in his office which he revealed at a May 2001 National Press Club Conference. Callahan believed that the FAA was complicit in a cover up of what the radar evidence clearly showed was a UFO that backed pilot and passenger testimonies of a UFO following a Japanese 747.

For those people that say that if these UFOs existed, they would some day be on radar and that there'd be professionals who would see it, then I can tell them that back in 1986 there were enough professional people that saw it. It was brought down to headquarters, FAA headquarters, Washington D.C. The Administrator saw the tape of it. The people that we were debriefing, they've all seen. Reagan's Scientific Study team, three of those professors, doctors, they've seen it. As far as I was concerned they were the ones that verified my own thoughts about it. They were very, very excited about the data. They had said that this was the only time a UFO was ever recorded on radar for any length of time where it is 30 some minutes. And they have all this data to look at... <http://tinyurl.com/6q7nxu>

The two well documented case studies from the 2006 O'Hare incident and the 1987 Japanese 747 Alaska incident reveal that the FAA has been complicit in the dismissal of credible witness testimonies of UFOs, and more significantly of deliberately withdrawing corroborating data. Senior national security officials in various Presidential administrations have played key roles in dictating this policy to the FAA and its administrators.

Consequently, I now return to the earlier two questions concerning the FAA's release of radar returns from the Stephenville incident, and why it authorized this release in the case of a UFO that was tracked heading towards President Bush's Crawford Ranch. The release of the radar returns suggests a significant policy change by senior national security officials within the Bush administration has occurred. Rather than debunking UFO testimonies and withholding corroborating data, the FAA is now releasing key data that helps confirm these testimonies. A new policy of openness appears to be underway. The testimony of former FAA chief Callahan wherein he revealed the role of national security officials in secretly directing FAA policy when it comes to UFO sightings, suggests they have approved the new openness policy. This may account for why major television programs such Larry King Live have been running an unprecedented series of programs on UFOs since the Stephenville sighting. Importantly, the new openness policy may be related to a set of secret meetings at the United Nations from February 12-14 wherein a new policy of openness on UFOs was approved by member nations. <http://exopolitics.org/Exo-Comment-67.htm>

Furthermore, the release of radar evidence pointing to a possible national security breach concerning the Western White House, suggests that the UFO was something other than a classified military project. If the Stephenville UFO was a classified military project, secrecy could easily have been imposed, and the FAA prevented from releasing its radar data for obvious national security reasons. Also, if the UFO belonged to a foreign nation, it would be highly unlikely that the military jets tracking the UFO would not have engaged with the UFO as it approached the Crawford Ranch, as Schulze and Powell implied in their report.

A more plausible explanation for the FAA's release of the radar data is that senior national security officials are signaling that the Stephenville UFO sighting was not part of any classified program, nor does it belong to any other national government. The FAA and more senior officials are directing the general public to contemplate a genuine enigma over the UFOs' origin. Consequently, it appears that the goal of the shift in FAA policy on UFOs is that a program to acclimate the American public to the reality of UFOs, and the possibility that they have something other than earthly origin is well underway. It can therefore be predicted that in the months ahead, more persuasive empirical data by the FAA and other government agencies will be allowed to emerge into the public arena increasingly pointing to the reality of UFOs and the possibility of an extraterrestrial origin.

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From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
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Archived: Fri, 15 Aug 2008 07:07:05 -0400  
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Source: The Tech Herald - Indianapolis, Indiana, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/6kkmu4>

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UFO Hacker Mckinnon Granted U.S. Extradition Reprive  
by Steve Ragan

When we last heard from Gary McKinnon (a.k.a. the NASA hacker), he had lost his appeal against extradition to the United States. Following that decision, McKinnon's lawyers said they would fight the recent dismissal in the British House of Lords and take the case to the European Court of Human Rights in France. They did just that, and the European Court of Human Rights has duly granted McKinnon "interim relief".

This means, for the time being, that Gary McKinnon, the thirty-nine-year-old systems administrator accused of hacking several United States Government computers, will not be visiting a U.S. courtroom anytime soon.

The Strasbourg-based court said that McKinnon would be allowed to remain in the U.K. until the court returns for another session on August 28. At that time, he will learn if his "Hail Mary" of an appeal has worked. If this final appeal is rejected, McKinnon will be promptly dispatched to the U.S. to face trial.

"The presidents of the European Court of Human Rights have granted interim relief to Gary McKinnon for a period of two weeks until 28 August, 2008, for the application to be heard before the full chamber," said McKinnon's lawyer Karen Todner in a statement.

The charges against McKinnon stem from hacking sessions that deleted or accessed critical systems and files between February of 2001 and March of 2002. Among the systems accessed were computers owned by NASA, the U.S. Army, the U.S. Navy, the U.S. Department of Defense, and the U.S. Air Force.

McKinnon's reasoning for the hacks was to uncover confidential information related to anti-gravity propulsion systems and extraterrestrial technology, which he believed the authorities were hiding from the public.

If extradited and found guilty in the U.S. courts, McKinnon could face up to 70 years in prison and fines of up to \$1.75 million USD.

McKinnon does not deny the charges that he gained administrator rights and accessed the listed systems, even saying that he used a program called 'Remotely Anywhere', which is similar to 'PC Anywhere' in terms of scope and functionality.

"I got caught because I was using a graphical remote control tool and I forgot what timezone I was in," McKinnon said shortly after



his arrest. "Somebody was in the office when I was moving the mouse around."

According to what amount to mostly rumors in the press, U.S. prosecutors have offered McKinnon a four-year sentence if he pleads guilty to the charges; if he doesn't, then they will push for the full 70-year sentence.

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## Re: Indian Point Nuclear Plant UFO Incident

From: Carol Maltby <[carolmaltby.nul](mailto:carolmaltby.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 13 Aug 2008 12:49:33 -0400  
Archived: Fri, 15 Aug 2008 07:08:18 -0400  
Subject: Re: Indian Point Nuclear Plant UFO Incident

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 12 Aug 2008 18:36:02 EDT  
>Subject: Re: Indian Point Nuclear Plant UFO Incident

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>speed and maneuverability. It wouldn't surprise me that there  
>were more than one UFO report of magnitude near the bridges of  
>the Hudson River so any report is noteworthy. I'm starting to  
>think everyone back home is so used to it now they don't remark  
>on it.

I've lived in Ulster County for over 20 years. Haven't seen a  
UFO, nor had anyone I personally know here ever mention they saw  
one (other than one possible sighting in the area where Whitley  
lived), so I guess not everyone is jaded about them yet.

There's a bit of a lag time between reporting and reports getting  
up on the NUFORC website, so I'll keep an eye out for your  
contact's report. I'd been through the NUFORC database a couple  
of years ago trying to extract the few local sightings that are  
listed there, and don't recall seeing anything listed around the  
Kingston-Rhinecliff bridge before, at least not in the past 15  
years or so. For the sake of completeness of documentation, there  
isn't just the Rhinebeck Aerodrome in the area -- there's a tiny  
airport right at the western foot of the bridge.

Carol

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## Pascagoula Abduction Case

From: S. Peter Resta <[spr100.nul](mailto:spr100.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 13 Aug 2008 14:49:02 EDT  
Archived: Fri, 15 Aug 2008 07:11:29 -0400  
Subject: Pascagoula Abduction Case

I'm in the process of doing research on the Hickson-Parker abduction case of 1973 (including unsuccessfully attempting to contact Hickson).

I'd very much appreciate if anyone on the List who might know Mr. Hickson would ask him to contact me. Also, I'd be interested in any input that List members might have about the status of the case in general, and/or the parties involved (Hickson & Parker) in particular.

Responses may be sent to me directly at:

[spr100-at-aol.com](mailto:spr100-at-aol.com) or at 410-544-4927 X 8.

Thanks all,

S. Peter Resta

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## Re: Indian Point Nuclear Plant UFO Incident

From: **Stuart Miller** <[stuart.4.nul](mailto:stuart.4.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 13 Aug 2008 21:39:13 +0100  
Archived: Fri, 15 Aug 2008 08:15:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Indian Point Nuclear Plant UFO Incident

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>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
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>She doesn't seem to understand that freedoms of thought and  
>expression are paramount \_without regard\_ to cost.

And in that vein I am happy to offer the opinion that Jeff Rense  
is a pernicious, nasty little piece of work and I offer my thanks  
to Carol for all the work she has done in Rense watching.

Without people like her, we'd still be cutting down people of  
colour each morning from the previous night's KKK jamboree.

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

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## Crop Circle News On UK TV

From: Dave Haith <[visions1.nul](mailto:visions1.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 13 Aug 2008 22:05:23 +0100  
Archived: Fri, 15 Aug 2008 08:16:00 -0400  
Subject: Crop Circle News On UK TV

Listers

Quite a fair and balanced report here on UK crop circles showing their incredible geometry and precision.

What the piece didn't show was any of the anomalies uncovered by Nancy Talbott's work or the fact that the human circlemakers are reporting paranormal happenings - lights, orbs etc - as they are pressing out the designs.

But the formations are a delight even as art for art's sake.

Dave Haith

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## Re: Alien Jigsaw August Updates

From: Katharina Wilson <[K.Wilson.nul](mailto:K.Wilson.nul)>  
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Subject: Re: Alien Jigsaw August Updates

The Starchild Skull Is Out Of This World  
By Lloyd Pye

I'm happy to share this very interesting article on my Web site with the permission of Lloyd Pye.

The final results of the DNA analysis on The Starchild Skull appear to be within grasp. We only have a short, two-year wait - or less - until science unlocks its mysteries. Quoting Pye,

"...we can now sequence every gene in every chromosome contributed by its human mother and its father, whatever he was. We will be able to recover its genome and - just as others will do with the Neanderthal genome in 2008 - we will be able to compare the Starchild's father's DNA, gene by gene, with those of normal humans to precisely determine how far or near he was relative to the human norms."

[http://www.alienjigsaw.com/Whats\\_New/Whats\\_new.html](http://www.alienjigsaw.com/Whats_New/Whats_new.html)

Question to the List:

While considering the implications of the Starchild Skull Project, I was reminded of the strand of red hair that was retrieved after an abduction experience and on which DNA analysis had been done. Could the same or similar DNA tests be conducted on this strand of hair (see below) that is going to be conducted on the Starchild Skull?

From CUFOS' Web site <http://www.cufos.org/>

"This article is a supplement to Bill Chalker's 'Strange Evidence' published in the Spring 1999 International UFO Reporter, which recounts the details of an Australian abduction case that yielded a strand of apparent alien hair suitable for mitochondrial DNA analysis. The results were surprising, yielding a DNA sequence that was human, though very rare. Here Bill Chalker describes the bizarre experiences of Kary Mullis, winner of the 1993 Nobel Prize in chemistry for his invention of a process that allows scientists to identify a fragment of DNA genetic code and then reproduce it in very large quantities. The DNA procedure described in the IUR article was made possible by Mullis's discovery."

[http://www.cufos.org/IUR\\_spring99\\_addendum.html](http://www.cufos.org/IUR_spring99_addendum.html)

Thanks,

Katharina  
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## Re: The 'Shadow People' & UFOs?

From: Katharina Wilson <[K.Wilson.nul](mailto:K.Wilson.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 13 Aug 2008 17:38:05 -0500  
Archived: Fri, 15 Aug 2008 08:23:42 -0400  
Subject: Re: The 'Shadow People' & UFOs?

>From: Greg Boone [Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 3 Aug 2008 09:29:01 EDT  
>Subject: The 'Shadow People' & UFOs?

>So What's With The Shadow People?

>Are there any experts or research on this phenomenon? It seems to  
>be spreading and far too many credible folks reporting it on my  
>side of the block. It may seem recent but I recall incidents  
>going back to the mid 1980's.

>If you've not seen this phenom it manifests itself in several  
>ways. Sometimes it's just a shadowy form, human form, that is  
>caught out of the corner of the eye. On other occasions it passes  
>before one or more people in clear sight. Sometimes the forms are  
>far more detailed and actually interact with persons, objects,  
>pets, animals. Some of these interactions aren't pleasant  
>according to the victims.

>The most frightening manifestation is the closed eye one. People  
>report when they close their eyes like when in sleep or resting  
>they continually see these beings and they resemble the Greys of  
>UFO legend. It's as though someone is trying to send a message  
>and it's either intimidation, misinterpretation, or some other  
>data.

>Good or bad it's disturbing and hazardous. The closest reference  
>I could find was actually in my family history of Cherokee lore  
>pertaining to the same phenomenon and it's not a pretty picture.  
>One of some sort of sinister attachment to a person.

>Whatever it is, it should be addressed and I only mention it in  
>regard to UFOs because it manifested itself severely for us back  
>east during the height of the Hudson Valley UFO incident and it's  
>popped up continually therefore I'm asking.

I actually had to do a search and quite a bit of reading in order  
to figure out what this phenomenon is all about, which is why it  
has taken me so long to comment on this post. With sincerity  
intended, I have a few comments and questions.

From what I read, it seems to me that this is of a paranormal  
nature and perhaps deserves a new paranormal 'category' if you  
will. The personal accounts I read seem more ghost-like than  
extraterrestrial.

For what it's worth, I've been meeting with and corresponding  
with abductees for 20 years now and I have never had one alien  
abductee mention this phenomenon. I have never experienced  
anything like this either. This is not to imply that the 'shadow  
people' phenomenon does not exist; it just has not come up in my  
personal research or experience in my twenty years of actively  
seeking information about alien abductions and trying to learn  
the various aliens' intentions.

I would be very hesitant to infer the phenomenon of the shadow  
people is in any way associated with alien abductions. It think  
all this would do is add confusion to an already 'difficult to

accept' phenomenon that has been occurring on our planet for at least 50+ years.

It's possible that some of the shadow people accounts were alien abductions. Aliens are reported to have red eyes, yellow eyes, blue eyes, black liquid-like eyes, etc. Aliens have also been reported to be seen wearing capes or cloaks with and without hoods or cowls.

I have no reason to think the people who are relaying their accounts of seeing the shadow people are lying or making this up; I just don't think they are extraterrestrial.

Greg - you wrote:

>It's as though someone is trying to send a message and it's  
>either intimidation, misinterpretation, or some other data.

Since you said you had received many, many emails from other people about the shadow people, can you share what the message is?

>Good or bad it's disturbing and hazardous.

I can certainly understand how seeing these shadow people would be disturbing, but how are they hazardous?

>I only mention it in regard to UFOs because it manifested  
>itself severely for us back east during the height of the  
>Hudson Valley UFO incident and it's>popped up continually  
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Could you elaborate on this by sharing what happened? Is it possible that the shadow people phenomenon and the appearance of UFOs at that time was a coincidence or was there a noticeable relationship, i.e., interaction between the two?

The posts concerning this subject have been varied and at times colorful. I hope this helps to expand this discussion so that we may learn the true relationship between the shadow people and aliens/extraterrestrials if there really is indeed a relationship. Right now, I just don't see it.

Thanks,

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## Re: FOIA Request Re CIA UFO Cover-Up

From: Larry W. Bryant <[overtci.nul](mailto:overtci.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 13 Aug 2008 21:15:27 -0400  
Archived: Fri, 15 Aug 2008 09:25:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: FOIA Request Re CIA UFO Cover-Up

To: Freedom of Information Manager  
Office of the Director of National Intelligence  
Washington, DC 20511

FROM: Larry W. Bryant  
3518 Martha Custis Drive  
Alexandria, VA 22302

DATE: August 13, 2008

John J. Callahan -- a retired U. S. Federal Aviation Administration official (and now also one of several recent UFO-cover-up whistleblowers) - has publicly revealed his and other FAA employees' participation in a 1987 special meeting at FAA headquarters in Washington, D. C., to discuss and evaluate certain official evidence of the intrusive UFO encounter experienced on Nov. 17, 1986, by the Japanese flight crew (No. 1628) of a 747 cargo jet during that night in Alaskan sky. Also taking part in the 1987 meeting were representatives from President Reagan's scientific staff and three personnel from the U. S. Central Intelligence Agency. At the meeting's conclusion, one of the CIA attenders announced, "This event never happened; we were never here; we're confiscating all this data ..."

Accordingly, I hereby request that you furnish me a copy of the following CIA-received and CIA-generated records:

- (1) As pertain to the convening, attendance roster, briefings, minutes, and all other related documentation of the above-identified meeting;
- (2) As pertain to all other similar cases of airborne UFO encounters reportedly occurring since Nov. 17, 1986, to date.

Since I submit this request as a representative of the news media (principally as a columnist for the monthly newsstand periodical "UFO Magazine"), I ask that you waive all records-search/review fees incident to your fulfilling this request. For a sampling of my free-lance publication credits, see the author's blog at:

<http://ufoview.posterous.com> .

By snail-mail, I'm sending to you a signed printout of this e-formatted letter.

LARRY W. BRYANT  
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## Re: Indian Point Nuclear Plant UFO Incident

From: Carol Maltby <[carolmaltby.nul](mailto:carolmaltby.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 14 Aug 2008 00:20:07 -0400  
Archived: Fri, 15 Aug 2008 09:26:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Indian Point Nuclear Plant UFO Incident

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 13 Aug 2008 08:42:23 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Indian Point Nuclear Plant UFO Incident

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>individually improved by speech so free it's revolting, or that  
>the devil you know is better than the devil you don't. She  
>doesn't seem to understand that freedoms of thought and  
>expression are paramount without regard to cost. She can be  
>consoled that we are heading, perhaps, into just the kind of  
>quality of life she would prefer.

>Too, I just cleared a decade and change with Jeff Rense and he  
>has always been an intelligent and honorable man of quiet dignity  
>and thoughtfulness who believes, as I do, that there is no  
>'thing' in heaven or Earth that is beyond concern, consideration,  
>or critique.

I'd appreciate your refraining from putting words in my mouth or  
ascribing beliefs to me that I've not claimed.

Jeff Rense's non- UFO interests are off-topic for this List, and  
I don't see any point in discussing them further right now.

A few years ago I did some substantial analysis of Rense's posts,  
including the approval many on the neo-Nazi and white supremacist  
forums express for his website's links. While the forum on which  
I originally presented the information is no longer available, I  
still have some 20 pages of notes and quotes that I may turn into  
an updated critique some day.

Carol

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## Americans Dropped Satellite On Rendlesham?

From: John Chambers <[lartington.nul](mailto:lartington.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 14 Aug 2008 11:32:34 +0000  
Archived: Fri, 15 Aug 2008 09:27:00 -0400  
Subject: Americans Dropped Satellite On Rendlesham?

Dear List,

Can point me in the right direction with regard to a publication referenced by the French website below:

<http://tiny.cc/demFD>

The article referenced is Did tHe Americans Drop A Satellite On Suffolk?, by Richard Kidd and Michael Akeroyd, August 1996 and briefly details the recovery of a film capsule from a Hexagon 'Big Bird' #16 spy satellite over Suffolk during the timeframe of the Rendlesham Forest incident.

Any help would be gratefully received.

John

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## Re: Australian UFO Sightings Surge

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 14 Aug 2008 12:21:28 -0400  
Archived: Fri, 15 Aug 2008 09:28:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Australian UFO Sightings Surge

>Source: The Courier Mail - Brisbane, Queensland, Australia

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

>August 10, 2008

>Australian UFO Sightings Surge  
>by Lea Emery and Darren Cartwright

>This year could set a record for UFO sightings across Australia  
>as the new X-Files movie sparks renewed interest in extra  
>terrestrial lifeforms.

>That's according to Diane Harrison, national director of the  
>Australian UFO Research Network, which has recorded more than 50  
>apparent UFO visits across the country in the past fortnight.

>Fact or fantasy: Check out our UFO sightings gallery

>"We usually only get between 10 and 20 reports a week", she told  
>[couriermail.com.au](http://couriermail.com.au).

>The release of the X-Files film I Want to Believe is being  
>credited with encouraging the recent surge in UFO reports - which  
>is all the more remarkable as sightings usually dip in the winter  
>months as people spend less time out of doors.

Amusing, and even more remarkable since the new X-files film is  
not about UFOs.

One recalls that at the time of the release of Close Encounters  
Of The Third Kind in the late 70's, the Center for UFO Studies  
found that there was an increase in the number of reports, but  
most of them were of old sightings. That is, the "surge" of  
reports of old sightings was apparently stimulated by the movie,  
but there was no surge of - new - sightings. I suspect that in this  
case the increase in new sightings is un-related to the X- files  
movie.

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## UFOs More Feasible Than Principled Politicians

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 15 Aug 2008 10:30:00 -0400  
Archived: Fri, 15 Aug 2008 10:30:00 -0400  
Subject: UFOs More Feasible Than Principled Politicians

Source: The Daily Telegraph - Sydney, Australia

<http://tinyurl.com/5b8z2a>

August 15, 2008

UFOs More Feasible Than Principled Politicians  
By Brendan Shanahan

Gerry Wood, independent candidate in the recent Northern Territory elections, has been the subject of much recent attention - partly because he may hold the balance of power in the new Territory government, but mainly because he claims to have once seen a UFO.

In the last few days, this latter fact has drawn many sniggers from our nation's southern regions and done little for the reputation of the IQ levels in the Top End.

What scoffers fail to see, however, is that Wood's belief in UFOs represents not a damning indictment of democracy, but strong evidence that UFOs are going mainstream. Currently, announcing you've seen a UFO still marks you as anything on a continuum from "mildly eccentric" to "Belinda Neal".

History teaches us, however, that values shift with remarkable speed; only 15 years ago, for instance, to suggest that someone was gay was a defamatory "accusation". These days unless you're, say, a US marine or Anglican minister, nobody cares.

I, for one, welcome the change - why people should be reluctant to believe those who claim to have seen UFOs is beyond me. After all, why would they lie?

As an attention-seeking device, UFO-spotting has only disadvantages: people immediately assume you're a nut job redneck and/or borderline psychotic who spends all day sitting in a room with the curtains drawn, alphabetising your Star Trek DVD collection and fantasising about being probed by Agent Scully.

If you wanted to draw attention to yourself with a lie, you'd be better off promising to either lower petrol prices or build a high-speed train link to Penrith.

Belief in UFOs is not, contrary to popular opinion, limited to the mullet-and-road-kill regions of our nation. True, our friends in certain areas of rural Queensland and the Northern Territory are statistically more likely to report UFO sightings than anywhere else, but this seems to me less indicative of their supposed stupidity than their immunity to social ridicule. Trust me: People in the Eastern Suburbs see UFOs; they just wouldn't have the guts to tell you.

Knowing as we do the sheer vastness of the universe, the assumption that we are the only intelligent life in it seems to me arrogant, a view I suspect I share with a large proportion of

the population.

The notion that any such creatures would travel billions of kilometres to investigate our wheat industry or excretory systems seems to me slightly less likely, but not outside the realm of possibility.

After all, in a world where the globe's most powerful politicians can sit through a lip-synched song of peace at a party hosted by one of the world's most repressive regimes before flying home to declare war on a neighbour, a belief in UFOs seems like the least difficult stretch of the imagination.

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## Super-Carrier JFK Had Strange Experience

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 15 Aug 2008 10:31:00 -0400  
Archived: Fri, 15 Aug 2008 10:31:00 -0400  
Subject: Super-Carrier JFK Had Strange Experience

Source: The McDowell News - Marion, North Carolina, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/62m4jy>

Thursday, August 14, 2008

Mike Conley's Tales Of The Weird:

Supercarrier Had Strange Experience

By Mike Conley  
[mconley.nul](mailto:mconley.nul)

Last week, this column took a look at the ghosts that are believed to haunt the battleship USS North Carolina. Today, we shall consider the tale of the crew of an aircraft carrier encountering a UFO while sailing through the infamous Bermuda Triangle.

Sometime in 1971, the USS John F. Kennedy, one of the U.S. Navy's supercarriers, was returning to its port in Norfolk, Va. after a two-week readiness exercise in the Caribbean. The carrier and its crew were sailing through the Bermuda Triangle, that section of the Atlantic Ocean where so many ships and planes are believed to have mysteriously vanished. Since the time of Christopher Columbus, sailors and later pilots have also reported seeing weird objects in the sky while traveling through the dreaded Triangle.

During that voyage, one of the John F. Kennedy's crewman was on duty in the communications center, monitoring eight separate teletype machines. If any messages were received on the teletype machines, they had to be sent to the Facilities Control Center, which would in turn monitor the incoming messages. In the same room, the crew had equipment that allowed them to communicate with the shore and other ships at sea.

Sometime that evening, the crewman noticed that all the information coming in over the teletypes was garbled and didn't make any sense.

He checked the other machines and they too were sending out garbled messages. Walking to the intercom, he informed the Facilities Control Center about what was happening. He heard back that all of the carrier's communication hardware was malfunctioning, according to a Web site.

The room had another intercom that allowed the crewmen to communicate with the bridge. All of those on duty in the communications center heard someone in a loud voice say on the intercom: "There is something hovering over the ship!" A moment later, someone else shouted: "It's the end of the world."

The six men in the communications room immediately went to see what was happening outside. As they looked up, the men were stunned to see a large, glowing sphere hovering above the carrier. They later estimated it was about 200 to 300 feet in

diameter. It made no sound but it gave off a yellowish-orange color.

The men looked at the UFO for about 20 seconds, then the ship's battle station alert sounded. Their commanding officer met them on their way back to the communication room and told them they had to return to their duty posts. The men returned to the duties and about 20 minutes later their communications equipment started working properly again. The John F. Kennedy didn't send out any messages about the massive UFO that hovered in the evening sky, according to the Web site.

Nothing else happened that night but the crewmen of the John F. Kennedy were busy talking to each other about the UFO. One shipmate said all of the radar screens glowed when the object hovered over the carrier.

Another crewman who worked on the navigation bridge said all of the compasses malfunctioned during the event. Another piece of scuttlebutt concerned a rumor about some strange men in trench coats who somehow boarded the carrier and interrogated those men who had seen the UFO.

A few days later, the captain addressed the crew on the ship's closed circuit TV system as the John F. Kennedy was nearing its destination of Norfolk, Va. The captain reminded the crew anything that happens on the ship stays on the ship.

He didn't mention the UFO specifically but the crew knew what he was referring to. They also knew his reminder was not a suggestion.

Even though it has been almost 40 years, some of the former crewmen of the USS John F. Kennedy are still haunted by the incident.

They will never forget what they saw while sailing through the Bermuda Triangle.

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From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 15 Aug 2008 09:49:40 -0400  
Archived: Fri, 15 Aug 2008 10:41:47 -0400  
Subject: Re: Indian Point Nuclear Plant UFO Incident

>From: Carol Maltby <[carolmaltby.nul](mailto:carolmaltby.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 14 Aug 2008 00:20:07 -0400  
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>an updated critique some day.

Thank you for raising this issue, which ought to be of interest  
to any thoughtful Lister. Speaking personally, I would have less  
than zero interest in knowing or working with somebody who  
espoused "neo-Nazi and white supremacist" beliefs.

Ufologists too often act as if they exist in a vacuum, as if they  
had no larger responsibility to the world's moral order. Thus,  
the bristling but fact-free response to Ms. Maltby's troubling  
post, which raises questions to which surely we need to give  
consideration. "Freedoms of thought and expression" are not, of  
course, at issue, unless freedoms of thought and expression  
equate to freedom from criticism, a view some on this List appear  
to hold. It's another way of pronouncing that one opinion is as  
good as another.

I don't know Jeff Rense - basically, most of what I know is what  
I read here - but it seems to me that a more apt response would  
be to argue that appearances notwithstanding, Rense is not in  
sympathy with hate groups and to cite evidence which would  
persuade any reasonable oberver. Instead, we get... well, see  
Greg's words above.

Jerry Clark

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From: Steve Sawyer <[stevesaw.nul](mailto:stevesaw.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 15 Aug 2008 06:03:11 -0700  
Archived: Fri, 15 Aug 2008 10:44:32 -0400  
Subject: Re: Indian Point Nuclear Plant UFO Incident

>From: Stuart Miller <[stuart.4.nul](mailto:stuart.4.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 13 Aug 2008 21:39:13 +0100  
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>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Tue, 12 Aug 2008 18:36:02 EDT  
>>>Subject: Re: Indian Point Nuclear Plant UFO Incident

>>>>From: Carol Maltby <[carolmaltby.nul](mailto:carolmaltby.nul)>  
>>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
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>>She doesn't seem to understand that freedoms of thought and

>And in that vein I am happy to offer the opinion that Jeff Rense  
>is a pernicious, nasty little piece of work and I offer my thanks  
>to Carol for all the work she has done in Rense watching.

>Without people like her, we'd still be cutting down people of  
>colour each morning from the previous night's KKK jamboree.

This might be educational in learning more about the issues  
regarding Jeff Rense, the data contained on his website, and  
concerns raised here, and elsewhere, about his interests in  
"freedom of speech," among other related matters:

<http://www.rensewatch.blogspot.com/>

Quite intriguing, to say the least, for now.

Steve

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Date: Fri, 15 Aug 2008 10:52:22 -0400  
Archived: Fri, 15 Aug 2008 11:45:00 -0400  
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>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 15 Aug 2008 09:49:40 -0400  
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>>>quality of life she would prefer....

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>Greg's words above.

Oh, wow, rereading this just now, I see that I have falsely put words  
in Greg Boone's mouth. My profuse apologies to Greg.

I see that the words on which I was commenting critically are  
from Alfred Lehmborg. Sorry to all for my confusion, for which I  
blame advancing age.

Jerry Clark

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Archived: Fri, 15 Aug 2008 11:48:19 -0400  
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Source: The Royston Crow - Yorkshire, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/6xm8uk>

14 August 2008

UFO Group 'Serious' Over New Sightings

Barely a week has passed this summer without one national newspaper or another carrying a story about UFO sightings across Britain.

And now UFOs are claimed to have been spotted over Royston, too.

The Crow was contacted by paranormal investigation group Scope Paranormal, which said that four employees on the York Way industrial estate had spotted an unusual object in the sky at 1am on July 25.

The witnesses said that they saw a "bat-winged" shape with an orange circle of light in the middle hovering silently over the industrial estate for about 20 seconds. It then disappeared at speed.

And when Scope Paranormal decided to visit the industrial estate to investigate further, we went to meet them.

Sharon Chesterman, one of the group's investigators, said that most of this summer's sightings can be dismissed as Chinese lanterns, which are often lit and released into the night sky at parties and barbecues.

But she does NOT believe that Chinese lanterns are responsible for the sightings in Royston.

"We are taking this sighting seriously because the shape of the bat wings is very rare and there was also more than one witness," she said.

"Out of hundreds of sightings nationally this summer, we believe this is the first bat-winged object."

According to information released by the Ministry of Defence, the last reported UFO sighting over Royston was on September 2, 2001.

The report states that a witness saw a rectangular-triangle shaped object with a white pulsating light moving north-east.

Scope Paranormal was founded in November 2007 and offers a free, confidential investigation service for all things paranormal, including UFO sightings.

Trevor Shreeve, one of the co-founders of the group, said: "We use scientific techniques to try and prove or disprove whether something is paranormal or a natural or man-made occurrence."

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Archived: Fri, 15 Aug 2008 11:54:19 -0400  
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>>From: Sergey Shpakovsky <[sergejsh.nul](mailto:sergejsh.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Mon, 11 Aug 2008 12:07:05 -0700 (PDT)  
>>Subject: Indian Point Nuclear Plant UFO Incident [was: 'Admiral Never Looked For UFO Data']

<snip>

>>I was able to retrieve article from New York Times about this  
>>incident:

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>>Aug 25, 1984

>>Strange Sights Brighten The Night Skies Upstate

>>by Schmalz, Jeffrey  
>>New York Times. (Late Edition (East Coast)), pg. 1.25

><snip>

>>Throughout northern Westchester County, Dutchess and Putnam  
>>Counties and western Connecticut this summer, thousands of  
>>residents have reported strange objects in the sky - each usually  
>>in a V-shape or a circle, about the size of a football field,  
>>absolutely noiseless and outlined in brilliant lights of white,  
>>red or green.

><snip>

>>The Police Call It a Hoax

>>The state police say the "object" is really five or six small  
>>planes flying in tight formation as part of a hoax. Some  
>>residents are not so sure. And others say that if that really is  
>>the case, authorities ought to put an end to it.

<snip>

>The reports of ultra-light flyers are true however in some cases  
>but not a blanket explanation for all of them. It's easy to tell  
>an ultra-light because you can do something miraculous, it's  
>called seeing them. Not only that but they sound like flying  
>lawn mowers.

I didn't want to get into this, but once again the ultra-light  
myth arises. When ultra-lites get together in anything resembling  
a formation it sounds like a busy day at the woodlot - chain saw  
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constructed in the early 1980s over 25 years ago. They were  
basically hang gliders with a chainsaw engine as a power source.

These aircraft had no electrics - the engines were pull started  
on the ground - and with their "pilots" having no night

endorsements, nor could they get one if they applied. Basically these drivers had about 3 -4 hours of training and were highly inexperienced.

It is illegal for an ultra-lite class aircraft to fly at night - even now - because they do not have the licence requirements. An engine failure while in flight at night in one of these machines would have been disastrous with the "pilot" hang gliding into darkness or some subdivision. Their visual skills at night would be practically nil.

Were any conscientious pilots aware of some stunt to fly at night with these things they would not have hesitated to report them because they would have been in heavily controlled airspace, the biggest in the world, the New York TRACON. This is not the only reason why they would have been reported.

Flying during the daylight hours is one thing but doing it at night requires considerable skill and many hours of training and flying in formation at night requires experience magnitudes above what any ultra-lite driver would have. Where would these pilots have come up with the night training considering that it is illegal for them to fly at night, trained or not?

If the state police claimed these were ultra-lites then the FAA would have had to have investigated this gross infraction of the Federal Aviation Regulations [FARs]. Where is that report? The FAA knew that the State Police were blowing hot gasses on this one.

Don Ledger

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>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 13 Aug 2008 12:49:33 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Indian Point Nuclear Plant UFO Incident

>I'd been through the NUFORC database a couple  
>of years ago trying to extract the few local sightings that are  
>listed there, and don't recall seeing anything listed around the  
>Kingston-Rhinecliff bridge before, at least not in the past 15  
>years or so. For the sake of completeness of documentation, there  
>isn't just the Rhinebeck Aerodrome in the area - there's a tiny  
>airport right at the western foot of the bridge.

In looking into these Kingston sightings I found a little Fortean bonus. A sea serpent had been sighted off Kingston Point - about a mile south of the bridge - in the summer of 1886, and later slightly north of the bridge area. The coverage of this anomalous event brings out many familiar responses.

The Sea Serpent Disporting Himself Near Kingston. The original sighting.

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

The Sea Serpent On Ice

A Winter sighting. The article concludes with a snarky dig at the "wise Washington scientists who gave their views so gravely to the public and who fought so bitterly among themselves over the matter, when the serpent was seen at Kingston Point."

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

Exit The Sea Serpent

A contemporary pelicanist (driftwoodist?) claims that he was watching the river from the bank opposite Kingston Point, and saw a tree trunk floating downstream that he predicted some would later say was a sea serpent.

The width of the Hudson at that point is such that it is highly unlikely that the same tree trunk could be seen from both sides of the river. --CM

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

Carol

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>Thank you for raising this issue, which ought to be of interest  
>to any thoughtful Lister. Speaking personally, I would have less  
>than zero interest in knowing or working with somebody who  
>espoused "neo-Nazi and white supremacist" beliefs.

More than reasonable Mr. Clark. I, too, would have "less than  
zero" interest in "working with" or "knowing" anyone who espoused  
fascist beliefs, of any flavor, or supremacist beliefs, of  
any color. To do so would be repugnant, repellent, and  
revolting on any level. There are no "buts." There are no  
"however's."

I would suggest, instead, that there is a decided difference  
between "espousing," signifying agreement and support, as opposed  
to "reporting," which should be altogether devoid of those two  
things. I perceive that you choose not to know the difference,  
Sir.

Espousal of certain things deemed objectionable must, of course,  
be met with ardent critique, passionate criticism, or lasting  
condemnation. It is my feeling that these criticisms, critiques,  
and condemnations remain unemployed where the "objectionable"  
thing does not see the light of day, to start. I believe, as it  
happens, that Jeff Rense has always functioned as a strong light  
on these things we find objectionable. All these things Mr.  
Clark. Rense has never seemed to be one to play favorites. Neo-  
cons call him a liberal, and liberals call him a neo-con.

>Ufologists too often act as if they exist in a vacuum, as if they  
>had no larger responsibility to the world's moral order.

My responsibility is to the consequences of my own behavior,  
Mr. Clark, loyalty to friends who have who have earned that  
loyalty over time and have not betrayed same, the consistency of  
my own personal integrity in the prosecution of that loyalty, and  
speaking truth as I understand it to superiors, contemporaries,  
subordinates, alike, with candor and honesty. I suspect that that  
is abundant contribution to the world's "moral order."

>Thus,  
>the bristling but fact-free response to Ms. Maltby's troubling  
>post, which raises questions to which surely we need to give

>consideration. "Freedoms of thought and expression" are not, of  
>course, at issue, unless freedoms of thought and expression  
>equate to freedom from criticism, a view some on this List appear  
>to hold.

An interesting thing to proffer, Mr. Clark, given the horrible disintegrations to our national "moral order" in the last eight years concerning attacks on those lighthearted "freedoms of thought and expression," our Constitution, Our Bill of Rights and the utter waste of the men and women who volunteered to defend and protect same for all of us in the current illegal war.

Too, where there is freedom from criticism, you allude to, there has only been the corruption generated by the absolute power corrupting absolutely, so, where then is the profit in getting anxious when the "critique" is then, in turn, held up for criticism? Ms. Maltby can speak her piece. Offended, I can criticize same. You upbraid me in turn... is this not the natural order of things? Where we depart from that... is that not the trouble nexus? Who, Sir, demands they not be criticized? What's the honest answer to that?

>It's another way of pronouncing that one opinion is as good as another.

But then, it's not, is it? Stanton Friedman's opinion with regard to UFOs can certainly displace more water than the opinion of the "selected" other, or you're not being honest with yourself.

>I don't know Jeff Rense -

The truly un-conflicted might have stopped right there.

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Negatives are notoriously hard to prove I understand. That said, my feeling over many years generates a belief - one not taken on dodgy faith but by deeds and actions - that Jeff Rense is not in sympathy with hate groups and the evidence cited for that belief was briefly iterated above if summarily snipped and dismissed.

Yes - some of what I read or see on the Jeff Rense site makes my flesh crawl, but I have to push past that revulsion to ask myself three questions.

Does the objectionable expression or material go away for my not having been alerted to it? No. Would I have been alert to the material but for Rense kicking over its rock and throwing a light on it? Likely, not. Does Rense perform a rare service in providing this alert to objectionable material so that one may choose to be aware of it and have a forum to critique it in turn. I know he does. I have provided such critique many times. Rense's site can be searched for same.

I expect that one who "espouses" fascism and supremacy would not allow my published dissent in his own program. Rense, a "reporter," has allowed me such, many times.

You see, I believe I'm better off with the devil I know than the devil I don't. Too, as "Reasonable observers" never seem to have to qualify their "reasonableness," "objectivity," or "lack of cant" we are perhaps expected to be made content with, well... your words above.

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Finally some sense hits the wind.

Again, I was there, ground zero when these big delta/boomerang/triangular craft flew right over us. I wasn't alone. On two occasions there were multiple witnesses and on a third right over the IBM main manufacturing plant. Damned thing flew right over our car.

The Stormville pilots did indeed fly ultra lights at night and you could hear them from a country mile. They even have a website. The reports that every UFO sighting were ultra lights came from two sources, a reporter at our paper and the cops. The reporter I still chat with now and then and the cop who reported it for the City of Poughkeepsie Police Dept. is a friend I've known since we were toddlers. The State Police reported ultra lights too. When these reports came in none of the aviation overseers went further. I was there the very first night someone brought photos in of one of these big boomerang. He and his brother were childhood friends of mine and were in a group of friends who saw it and it scared them silly. I was at work that night as we were a morning paper meaning we went to press at lam so the latest news hit the public's doorstep. I personally developed the pics and we could only see the lights and vague outline of the craft. It scared folks crazy that night and that was around 1981. No one mentioned loud engines etc. that we all know accompanied ultra lights.

So yes, you're right Don Ledger, the ultra lights explanation doesn't was and the authorities didn't comply. I know because it was my job to contact the authorities on several occasions whenever people would report UFOs and I got tired of the hostile attitude the authorities took when we called to confirm or ask data. Bottom line is they were lying then and are still lying.

I've had to wait almost ten years for another source to come to me and tell me about these boomerang shaped craft. What they tell is not good news. I shoved it all off as our government's top secret aircraft based on the flying wing technology of Lippisch and the Horten brothers. Unfortunately coming from the sources that ain't so. Heck at one point one of the guys in our aircraft club even found Walter Horten still living in Germany and we got a chance to ask him about UFOs.

The Hudson Valley sightings are still controversial today and a good hotbed of argument back home.

Phil Imbrogno and Dr. Hynek investigated but Phil now has my testimony and let me know it filled in the gaps of their research. There's lots more I've not told yet and will do so soon. I've had to ask some old colleagues if I could go with two sources instead of three which I'm accustomed to. There's still numbers to crunch so I'll have to be patient. I don't see a need for panic but you can be the chaps at Indian Point and other areas where these big craft have shown up would love to have some answers.

Best,

Greg  
ufomafia.com/blog

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## WUFO-TV Off The Air

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
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WUFO-TV Off The Air

Posted by Mark Athitakis

The best local TV channel has gone dark. Earlier this week the Sarasota Herald-Tribune reported that WFTD, Channel 49, has ceased broadcasting after the majority owner of the channel sold its lease to Albritton Communications. "WUFO-TV" had been using the channel, and the change left founder Michael Gravino to decide whether to keep the station going till November 1, running its mix of UFO-conference footage, NASA conspiracy fodder, and other tinfoil-y fare through Halloween. Ultimately he decided to pull the plug on both the channel and its Web site.

"It made no economic sense to stay on", says Gravino.

Though Gravino's ambition to create a national network of conspiracy-and-aliens programming is now sidelined, he's proud of what he's accomplished since going on the air last November. He says that of the 8,600 hours of airtime that WUFO filled, a third of it was direct testimony from people who sighted aliens, making it what he calls the longest sustained UFO disclosure effort ever. Gravino doesn't have hard numbers on viewership, and notes that the channel's weak signal didn't help encourage more people to (ahem) furiously fiddle with their rabbit ears. Also potentially problematic was WUFO's stew-like mix of programming. "We ran it like a jukebox," he says. "We never had a schedule, nobody knew what was coming on next." But, he adds, "we got a lot of content out to people."

The WUFO Web site, Gravino says, may come back soon: "We're doing a little video for a legacy site," he says. As for whether his next project will be WUFO-like, that, like so many blurry cigar-shaped objects, is up in the air.

"We fought the good fight for disclosure," he says. "We'll see what's next."

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Source: The Sarasota Herald Tribune - Florida, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/54s3th>

Friday, August 15, 2008

De Void

USAF Still Silent On Stephenville  
By Billy Cox

It's been five quiet and patient days now since De Void began pressing the U.S. Air Force for a response to MUFON's report on the UFO tracked by FAA radar near Stephenville, Tex., on Jan. 8.

The unenviable man in the middle is Maj. Karl Lewis, the media chief for the 301st Fighter Wing at the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base at Carswell Field. On Monday, Lewis said he hadn't read the analysis, released in July, so he couldn't address its conclusions.

De Void sent him the link at:

<http://www.mufon.com/documents/MUFONStephenvilleRadarReport.pdf>

and followed up with phone calls. Lewis, who's already been burned once by getting caught outside the information loop, said Wednesday he was kicking it upstairs for comment. On Friday, the major said he was still "hammering away" for a response.

De Void doesn't expect much; a simple "no comment" would suffice. Government bureaucracies are all pretty much alike, and the Air Force's public position that it no longer collects UFO data is like the Drug Enforcement Administration's robotic insistence that marijuana is a Schedule I drug on par with heroin and crank. Never let massive evidence to the contrary alter policy positions that might affect federal funding.

The downside of such calcified obstinacy is that it makes loyal employees charged with disseminating official nonsense to the real world look worthless.

When Lewis was initially queried in January about witnesses seeing the UFO being pursued by jet fighters, he said they probably mistook the planes for airliners because the USAF had nothing in the sky that night. Nearly two weeks later, Lewis had to reverse himself and said there were 10 F-16s in the vicinity.

Because the MSM never follows up on UFOs, the USAF paid no penalty for its initial obfuscation. But last month, MUFON used civilian radar records to profile an aircraft without a transponder making a beeline for restricted airspace over President Bush's 'Western White House' in Crawford. FAA data indicates jet interceptors never responded.

Even though civilian agencies had no trouble complying with

MUFON's Freedom of Information Act requests, the military refused to release uncensored flight logs of its planes, and claimed it couldn't find its own radar records from that night.

Memo to the brass: Do the right thing. Issue a "no comment" press release on Stephenville and quit hanging people like Karl Lewis out to dry.

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## Re: Australian UFO Sightings Surge

From: Diane Frola <[auform06.nul](mailto:auform06.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 16 Aug 2008 09:57:03 +1000  
Archived: Sat, 16 Aug 2008 09:26:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Australian UFO Sightings Surge

>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 14 Aug 2008 12:21:28 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Australian UFO Sightings Surge

>>Source: The Courier Mail - Brisbane, Queensland, Australia

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

>>August 10, 2008

>>Australian UFO Sightings Surge  
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>>This year could set a record for UFO sightings across Australia  
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Hi Bruce

>Amusing, and even more remarkable since the new X-files film is  
>not about UFOs.

Yes amusing as I told the reporter the X File movie has nothing to  
do with UFOs or aliens.

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>found that there was an increase in the number of reports, but  
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>reports of old sightings was apparently stimulated by the movie,  
>but there was no surge of - new - sightings. I suspect that in this  
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Warmest regards,

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## The Small Blue Man Of Studham Common?

From: Theo Paijmans <[th.paijmans.nul](mailto:th.paijmans.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 16 Aug 2008 15:20:24 +0200  
Archived: Sat, 16 Aug 2008 09:46:19 -0400  
Subject: The Small Blue Man Of Studham Common?

This 1967 unusual encounter case as referred to here:

<http://www.ufologie.net/ce3/1967-01-28-uk-studhamcommon.htm>

apparently was chronicled for posterity in a booklet titled The Small Blue Man Of Studham Common and in an article published on March 3rd, 1967, in the Dunstable Gazette.

Does anyone have ready access to these sources?

Or perhaps someone knows where I can direct my request to?

Kind regards,

Theo

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Subject: One Weird Weekend

Source: The Santa Barbara Independent - California, USA

<http://www.independent.com/news/2008/aug/16/one-weird-weekend/>

Saturday, August 16, 2008

One Weird Weekend

Aliens, Zombies, Bonsai, And Ukulele: Who Could Ask for More?  
By Elena Gray-Blanc

Perhaps it=92s something in the air - the thunderstorms, the ash still stirred up from the Gap Fire - and perhaps it=92s the alignment of the stars. Whatever the cause, the Santa Barbara area is the place to be this weekend for anyone seeking a little extra weirdness. On both Saturday and Sunday, here in town and up the coast, there are UFOs, zombies, bonsai trees and ukeleles lurking everywhere.

As any regular readers already know, the Central Coast Science-UFO Symposium is in full swing in Santa Maria, and going through Sunday. No UFOs are expected to land here in Santa Barbara, but we should be prepared to help out any flying saucer pilots who may need to stop for directions.

Santa Barbarans who=92ve opted to stay close to home over the weekend to avoid the Santa Maria UFO Symposium should nevertheless beware of zombies. On Sunday, a zombie photo shoot will be held here, although the precise location was not available at press time. Anyone sighting a horde of zombies, therefore, should remain calm =96 unless they live next door to the cemetery.

Sunday is also an important day for Santa Barbara bonsai enthusiasts. The Bonsai Club of Santa Barbara is holding its Annual Potluck and Workshop, where anyone with an interest will be welcome =96 with or without tiny trees. It may be too late to attend this particular event, but the club holds regular Saturday workshops.

For anyone looking for a way to fill both days of the weekend profitably, Weird SB would like to suggest attending the S.B. Ukelele Club meeting on Saturday, followed by a workshop on 'Non-Violent Expressing Skills' on Sunday afternoon. The second event will allow attendees of the first to properly explain how they spent the previous afternoon, with no smashing of beginners=92 ukeleles necessary.

Other musical events this weekend include an accordion performance by Alexander Cargnelli at the Trinity Lutheran Church. He will be playing =93pieces from the classical repertoire, including compositions by Bach and Mozart,=94 according to Santa Barbara=92s Accordion Club=92s website. Admission is \$8 - which means that you actually pay to go, in case anyone is confused.

In short, Santa Barbara=92s experiencing an unusual surge of

weirdness for such a laid-back town. It might be wiser to simply stay at home - you never know when an accordion-playing zombie might be right outside your door.

Seen anything strange lately? Let us know about it, and you may see a solution to the mystery here. Contact Elena at:

[weirdsb.nul](mailto:weirdsb.nul)

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## Re: Indian Point Nuclear Plant UFO Incident

From: Eleanor White <[ewraven1.nul](mailto:ewraven1.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 16 Aug 2008 16:03:13 -0400  
Archived: Sun, 17 Aug 2008 07:56:55 -0400  
Subject: Re: Indian Point Nuclear Plant UFO Incident

>From: Alfred Lehmsberg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 15 Aug 2008 14:22:30 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Indian Point Nuclear Plant UFO Incident

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>and condemnations remain unemployed where the "objectionable"  
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>happens, that Jeff Rense has always functioned as a strong light  
>on these things we find objectionable. All these things Mr.  
>Clark. Rense has never seemed to be one to play favorites. Neo-  
>cons call him a liberal, and liberals call him a neo-con.

I apologize for seeming to be trying to pull this thread away  
from ufocentric issues, but I think a comment really does need to  
be made here to clear the air.

I'm not a Rense listener, however, I've been a Patriot Radio  
listener for about six years. I strongly suspect what is being  
labelled as "anti-semitic" are the same issues, either of Rense  
origin or Patriot Radio origin.

Many of the Patriot broadcasters object long and loud to alleged  
crimes of the Israeli government and people of powerful influence  
who have strong ties and loyalty to the Israeli power structure.  
Especially members of the Bush cabinet.

To my mind, "anti-semitic", when used in the "anti-Jewish"  
sense, means hostility towards people of Hebrew lineage and/or  
the Jewish religious faith, simply because the targets of their  
hostility are Jewish. "Anti-semitism" as I see it is totally  
different from actual crimes committed by, or at the urging of,  
the secular government of Israel.

Being retired for almost all of the six years, and having Patriot  
Radio on in the background almost around the clock, I have taken  
in a huge amount of dialogue relating to alleged crimes which  
have been committed to further the interests of the government of  
Israel.

Never, not once, have I heard a broadcaster condemn anyone for  
being of Hebrew lineage or of the Jewish religious faith.

Furthermore, quite a bit of evidence, which I have not bothered  
to research as I'm not particularly interested in crimes of the  
government of Israel, has been tendered to support such crimes.  
Incidents like the Israeli nearly successful attempt to sink the  
USS Liberty in 1967, killing 31 sailors.

The Patriots also complain that Bush's cabinet is loaded with  
people whose first interest is not to support and defend the U.S.  
Constitution, but the programs, including wars, originating with  
the government of Israel.

I'm not going to debate how valid such claims are, either on this

List or privately, because that is not relevant to my point.

My point is simply that to trumpet crimes of any government, including Israel, is not the same thing as disparaging people who are citizens under that government.

No government deserves a 'get out of jail free' card, and no one should be condemned for presenting allegations backed up by evidence.

If this is the problem with Jeff Rense, then I say more power to Jeff Rense - all I ask of him is to present his evidence along with the allegations.

Eleanor White

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Subject: Re: Indian Point Nuclear Plant UFO Incident

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>>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Fri, 15 Aug 2008 09:49:40 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Indian Point Nuclear Plant UFO Incident

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>>Thank you for raising this issue, which ought to be of interest  
>>to any thoughtful Lister. Speaking personally, I would have less  
>>than zero interest in knowing or working with somebody who  
>>espoused "neo-Nazi and white supremacist" beliefs.

>More than reasonable Mr. Clark. I, too, would have "less than  
>zero" interest in "working with" or "knowing" anyone who espoused  
>fascist beliefs, of any flavor, or supremacist beliefs, of  
>any color. To do so would be repugnant, repellent, and  
>revolting on any level. There are no "buts." There are no  
>"howeverers."

>I would suggest, instead, that there is a decided difference  
>between "espousing," signifying agreement and support, as opposed  
>to "reporting," which should be altogether devoid of those two  
>things. I perceive that you choose not to know the difference,  
>Sir.

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>cons call him a liberal, and liberals call him a neo-con.

>>Ufologists too often act as if they exist in a vacuum, as if they  
>>had no larger responsibility to the world's moral order.

>My responsibility is to the consequences of my own behavior,  
>Mr. Clark, loyalty to friends who have who have earned that  
>loyalty over time and have not betrayed same, the consistency of  
>my own personal integrity in the prosecution of that loyalty, and  
>speaking truth as I understand it to superiors, contemporaries,  
>subordinates, alike, with candor and honesty. I suspect that that  
>is abundant contribution to the world's "moral order."

>>Thus,  
>>the bristling but fact-free response to Ms. Maltby's troubling  
>>post, which raises questions to which surely we need to give  
>>consideration. "Freedoms of thought and expression" are not, of  
>>course, at issue, unless freedoms of thought and expression  
>>equate to freedom from criticism, a view some on this List appear  
>>to hold.

>An interesting thing to proffer, Mr. Clark, given the horrible  
>disintegrations to our national "moral order" in the last eight  
>years concerning attacks on those lighthearted "freedoms of  
>thought and expression," our Constitution, Our Bill of Rights and  
>the utter waste of the men and women who volunteered to defend  
>and protect same for all of us in the current illegal war.

>Too, where there is freedom from criticism, you allude to,  
>there has only been the corruption generated by the absolute  
>power corrupting absolutely, so, where then is the profit in  
>getting anxious when the "critique" is then, in turn, held up for  
>criticism? Ms. Maltby can speak her piece. Offended, I can  
>criticize same. You upbraid me in turn... is this not the natural  
>order of things? Where we depart from that... is that not the  
>trouble nexus? Who, Sir, demands they not be criticized? What's  
>the honest answer to that?

>>It's another way of pronouncing that one opinion is as  
>>good as another.

>But then, it's not, is it? Stanton Friedman's opinion with regard  
>to UFOs can certainly displace more water than the opinion of the  
>"selected" other, or you're not being honest with yourself.

>>I don't know Jeff Rense -

>The truly un-conflicted might have stopped right there.

>>basically, most of what I know is what  
>>I read here - but it seems to me that a more apt response would  
>>be to argue that appearances notwithstanding, Rense is not in  
>>sympathy with hate groups and to cite evidence which would  
>>persuade any reasonable observer. Instead, we get... well, see  
>>Greg's words above.

>Negatives are notoriously hard to prove I understand. That said,  
>my feeling over many years generates a belief - one not taken on  
>dodgy faith but by deeds and actions - that Jeff Rense is not in  
>sympathy with hate groups and the evidence cited for that belief  
>was briefly iterated above if summarily snipped and dismissed.

>Yes - some of what I read or see on the Jeff Rense site makes my  
>flesh crawl, but I have to push past that revulsion to ask myself  
>three questions.

>Does the objectionable expression or material go away for my not  
>having been alerted to it? No. Would I have been alert to the  
>material but for Rense kicking over its rock and throwing a light  
>on it? Likely, not. Does Rense perform a rare service in  
>providing this alert to objectionable material so that one may  
>choose to be aware of it and have a forum to critique it in  
>turn. I know he does. I have provided such critique many times.  
>Rense's site can be searched for same.

>I expect that one who "espouses" fascism and supremacy would not  
>allow my published dissent in his own program. Rense, a  
>"reporter," has allowed me such, many times.

>You see, I believe I'm better off with the devil I know than the  
>devil I don't. Too, as "Reasonable observers" never seem to have  
>to qualify their "reasonableness," "objectivity," or "lack of  
>cant" we are perhaps expected to be made content with, well...  
>your words above.

Thank you Alfred!

Now maybe we can get back to the topic of the Indian Point  
Nuclear Power Plant and UFOs instead of the gobnobbing from the  
derailers.

Off-List I've received dozens of emails, all supportive I might  
add, regarding the UFO incidents at Indian Point. The reports are  
online and quite a number of them! It begs to ask how many other  
nuclear sites had UFO problems.

I've stated umpteen times already that when Chernobyl happened  
there were crystal clear photos that came over the wire photo  
service of a saucer right next to one of the structures. These  
photos showed said saucer descending and then apparently  
attaching itself to the side of, not the top of the structure.

These were multiple photos showing it in stages and the slug on the photos did not mention UFO or saucer. Just some generic slug and generic caption. It was one of my duties to collect wire photos from the AP Laserphoto machine and distribute them to the appropriate editors and to file them in our art bank.

So Indian Point definitely isn't the only nuclear facility to have had UFOs show up. I'd like to know what happened at Three Mile Island.

Best,

Greg  
ufomafia.com/blog

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## Mountains And UFOs

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Source: WSAZ-TV - Huntington, West Virginia, USA

<http://www.wsaz.com/news/headlines/27051849.html>

Aug 16, 2008

Mountains And UFOs

BECKLEY, W.Va. (AP) -- West Virginia prides itself as a land of majestic mountains, sparkling streams, and coal to feed hungry power plants. Now add another chapter about more documented UFO activity than any other place in America.

For proof, author-researcher Frank Feschino points to his exhaustive study that revealed three separate alien aircraft crash-landed a combined 10 times on the historic night of September 12, 1952. This is the benchmark of the UFO phenomena, when the "Flatwoods Monster" was born.

On a steep hillside, a bevy of youngsters drawn away from a game of sandlot football, along with some adults, were shaken out of their shoes by the spectacle of a 12-foot, metallic object that emanated a pungent odor of sulfur and made sounds that reminded one witness of bacon sizzling in a fry pan.

Feschino has two books published on the Flatwoods incident, and a third is a work in progress to be titled "The Flatwoods Monster From Myth to Reality."

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## Re: The Small Blue Man Of Studham Common?

From: Carol Maltby <[carolmaltby.nul](mailto:carolmaltby.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 16 Aug 2008 17:12:35 -0400  
Archived: Sun, 17 Aug 2008 09:00:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Small Blue Man Of Studham Common?

>From: Theo Paijmans <[th.paijmans.nul](mailto:th.paijmans.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sat, 16 Aug 2008 15:20:24 +0200  
>Subject: The Small Blue Man Of Studham Common?

>This 1967 unusual encounter case as referred to here:

><http://www.ufologie.net/ce3/1967-01-28-uk-studhamcommon.htm>

>apparently was chronicled for posterity in a booklet titled The  
>Small Blue Man Of Studham Common and in an article published on  
>March 3rd, 1967, in the Dunstable Gazette.

>Does anyone have ready access to these sources?  
>Or perhaps someone knows where I can direct my request to?

AddAll, the book search site I use, has no copies listed.

<http://www.addall.com/Used/>

WorldCat shows no copies in the 10,000 libraries in their database,  
but that is hardly surprising.

<http://www.worldcat.org/>

However, the Bedfordshire Libraries have an "enquiry service" to  
which you can email questions.

<http://tinyurl.com/29qbzg>

Their website says that they have some issues of the Dunstable  
Gazette from that period on microfilm.

<http://tinyurl.com/6rnu4s>

Carol

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## Are Aliens Targeting Wales?

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
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Source: Wales On-Line - UK

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

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[Video at site]

Are Aliens Targeting Wales?  
by Ben Glaze, Wales On Sunday

Could this prove that UFOs are targeting Wales?

Housewife Jane Usher contacted Wales on Sunday with the photograph she believes shows dozens of UFOs in the skies over South Wales.

It follows a series of high-profile sightings this summer, including one by a police helicopter crew near Cardiff.

Mrs Usher claimed she watched in amazement as the crafts buzzed her property while she sat in her garden on a warm summer evening.

Mrs Usher, 38, said: "I was with my husband, aunt and uncle when I spotted a bright orange light coming over the trees.

"Two more came side by side, followed by many more =96 about 24.

"There was no noise, they just came over. We watched in amazement until they all disappeared."

Mrs Usher, who was just starting her second glass of red wine and insisted she was sober when the flying objects arrived, rushed inside to grab her eight-megapixel Lumicron LDC825 digital camera.

But despite trying to focus on the lit-up sky, she was unable to capture a clear image.

Instead, she snatched a picture on her two-megapixel Nokia 6300 mobile phone and filmed a 24-second clip, which can be viewed today at [www.WalesOnline.co.uk](http://www.WalesOnline.co.uk). It shows exceptionally faint orange lights moving across the night sky as witnesses can be heard exclaiming in amazement.

Mum-of-four Mrs Usher, whose children are aged from 14 to 22, says: "I don=92t know what that is. Oh my God!

"How amazing! Look at that, it=92s going on forever!"

She was enjoying a drink in the garden of her detached home in Pencoed, near Bridgend, having just finished dinner when she noticed the illuminations approaching from half a mile away at 10.37pm.

Mrs Usher said the objects were at 100ft in the south-west sky

and flew over the high-speed Bridgend to Cardiff railway line.

They cruised above the fields backing onto her property before vanishing near pylons alongside the A473 dual carriageway, which leads to Junction 35 of the M4.

"It was pitch black when I saw a big, bright orange light coming over the tree line followed by two more side by side," said Mrs Usher.

"They were going higher and higher but getting closer and closer. My neighbour came out with her daughter and they saw them too.

"First I thought they could be aeroplanes or helicopters, but when I saw the others there was no way in this world they were planes or helicopters.

"I counted 24 in total, but one by one they just disappeared."

Mrs Usher admitted she has always believed in extra-terrestrial life, but said her photo and video were conclusive "proof" that had made her "definite".

She added: "I can't explain it, but they were absolutely fantastic. If people don't believe me, tough."

South Wales Police and the Ministry of Defence said there were no reports of any UFO sightings that night.

MoD community relations officer for Wales, Squadron Leader Peter Sinclair, believes the lights may have been Chinese lanterns released by guests at a wedding reception.

"I have nothing I can put my finger on for that night," added Sqn Ldr Sinclair.

"But I'm personally convinced they were lanterns.

"Even on a still night or one with very gentle breeze they can travel miles."

The latest incident, on Saturday, July 12, follows the well-publicised apparent near-miss above RAF St Athan in the Vale of Glamorgan on June 7.

The South Wales Police helicopter was hovering at 500ft awaiting clearance to land when its three-man crew spotted a UFO speeding towards them from below. Reports claimed they chased it out over the Bristol Channel before it flew away.

Smash hit American investigative show UFO Hunters, which screens on the History Channel, visits St Athan a week tomorrow to explore the incident and discover if the truth really is out there.

Producer Dave Peroni said: "We have been monitoring what has been going on in Wales over the summer and it has been absolutely crazy."

Have you seen UFOs over Wales this summer? If so, contact Wales on Sunday by e-mailing: [wosmail.nul](mailto:wosmail.nul) or by calling our UFO desk on 029 2024 3629.

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## Ideas & Trends

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Ideas & Trends

Please Call Earth. We Still Haven't Found You.  
By Dennis Overbye

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dolphins.

Dr. Drake's equation consisted, and still consists, of seven factors, which range over all human knowledge and aspiration. Some are strictly astronomical, like the rate at which stars are born in the Milky Way and the fraction of those stars with planets =  $97 \times 10$  per year and half, respectively according to the Dolphins. Others are impossibly mystical, like the average lifetime of a technological civilization =  $97 \times 1,000$  years to 100 million years was the guess.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

So the cosmic glass is still half full or half empty, depending on your personal inclinations. You can make your own guesses online, at:

[msnbc.com/modules/drake/default.asp](http://msnbc.com/modules/drake/default.asp).

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

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

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

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

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

[Thanks to Greg Boone for the lead]

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August 17, 2008

Symposium Speaker Pledges Continued Forum For UFO Facts

By Sam Womack/Staff Writer

With adoration in her eyes and a hitch in her breath, one Bakersfield woman waited in anticipation for national radio show host George Noory to arrive Saturday at the first Central Coast Science-UFO Symposium.

Noory hosts the radio show Coast To Coast AM, which listeners faithfully tune in after 10 p.m. to hear guests speak on conspiracy theories, UFOs, ghosts, politics and alternative medicine.

The cheers for Noory filled the room at the Santa Maria Inn as he was introduced and then he quickly had the crowd laughing with an old story from Art Bell, the founder and previous host of Noory's paranormal-themed show.

"We're making a lot of government leaders listen very closely", Noory told the crowd.

He explained that guest speakers who call in on the program often get their phone lines cut when they hit a controversial topic.

"But we aren't going to stop. We're getting bigger and bigger", Noory said over the applause from the crowd.

A 79-year-old Santa Maria woman said she was excited to see Noory as opposed to just hearing him on the radio.

"I just have a lot of curiosity", said Louise, who preferred not to give her last name, when asked why she came. "I think there is always a possibility."

David Evans, 58, of Cambria, came to the symposium for his interest in politics, although he said he does believe extraterrestrial beings exist.

Awareness, Evans said is the reason nearly 300 people had registered for the symposium Saturday and Sunday. Like himself, he said, they are aware that there is more to life than meets the eye.

Many of the speakers at the UFO symposium brought books and DVDs of their studies and their findings. There were also vendors selling alien sculptures and paraphernalia and also vitamins and supplements.

Symposium attendees could also get aura imaging done, where a

person's energy balance is captured on film in the form of a colored haze.

Jason Arguello, 34, of Lompoc said he has always been interested in paranormal phenomena like UFOs, Bigfoot and the Loch Ness monster.

"I'm a fan because they're a mystery and with all the science and technology we still haven't figured it out", Arguello said. "It's about discovery and a personal journey."

The Central Coast Science-UFO Symposium was organized by William and Alice Leavy of Santa Maria and included panel discussions from the world's leading UFO researchers.

One Santa Maria man said he came to the symposium for the chance to learn more.

"When we unite we learn what's going on", said 27-year-old Adrian Soto. "We read between the lines and start to learn how things are hidden then we can start to discover who we are."

The symposium ends today, and tickets are still available, either for the whole day or a specific presentation. Registration begins at 8 a.m. followed by the first presentation by Dr. John Lerma and his recounting of his patients' near death experiences. Noory will again be present later in the day as the moderator for a panel discussion at 1:15 p.m.

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## Re: Indian Point Nuclear Plant UFO Incident

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>From: Eleanor White <[ewraven1.nul](mailto:ewraven1.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sat, 16 Aug 2008 16:03:13 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Indian Point Nuclear Plant UFO Incident

>I apologize for seeming to be trying to pull this thread away  
>from ufocentric issues, but I think a comment really does need to  
>be made here to clear the air.

<snip>

>My point is simply that to trumpet crimes of any government,  
>including Israel, is not the same thing as disparaging people  
>who are citizens under that government.

>No government deserves a 'get out of jail free' card, and no one  
>should be condemned for presenting allegations backed up by  
>evidence.

>If this is the problem with Jeff Rense, then I say more power to  
>Jeff Rense - all I ask of him is to present his evidence along  
>with the allegations.

Eleanor, you raise a very important point, and I want to make  
sure everyone understands that this is an appropriate question  
that we must ask in this context.

Israel, as a government and a national entity, acts in so many  
spheres in a way that are truly disturbing and unacceptable to  
many people on this list and in the wider world. It is legitimate  
to examine and critique the actions of the Israeli government or  
other institutions that act on its behalf. Similarly, it is  
imperative to be able to examine and critique the actions of our  
own governments concerning Israel and its interests, and vital to  
understand the personal stances and actions of our own elected  
and appointed officials regarding Israel, no matter what country  
we hail from.

But that is not what we are talking about here.

I first started visiting Jeff Rense's website around 1998. His  
website provided a lot of access to interesting and useful news  
and commentary about paranormal and UFO subjects, and was always  
one of the first to post fast-breaking news in those areas. I'd  
occasionally offer corrections or additional material regarding  
stories that were there, and they'd be appended to the original  
stories.

Back then, as now, Rense posted a lot of negative material  
criticising the Israeli government, which I wasn't particularly  
interested in reading. I think we'd be fair and accurate in  
labelling it as "anti-Israel" material..

The tone started to shift maybe five years ago. Along with the  
criticism of the Israeli government, the opinion and commentary  
pieces on the website began to have more and more writers  
complaining about "the Jews". There were more Holocaust denial  
articles. The shift was to condemn Jews as a group, not as  
individuals. That's anti-Jew. That's "anti-semitic."

One poster on the the white supremacist website Stormfront in 2003 echoed the approval of Jeff Rense's focus that I've seen elsewhere on similar white power websites: "On a positive note, rensen.com has been very friendly to the National Alliance and Ernst Zundel, in particular. Some ADV broadcasts have been published there." They can hear the dog whistles.

Please take a moment to understand the kind of groups producing the objectional articles at rensen.com that are at issue here:

Stormfront:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stormfront\\_%28website%29](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stormfront_%28website%29)

ADV (American Dissident Voices ) broadcasts are archived on the National Alliance site:

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

Ernst Zundel (see also article discussing Zundel's UFO writings regarding Nazi saucers in Antarctica):

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ernst\\_Zundel](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ernst_Zundel)

<http://tinyurl.com/56rd8r>

What does Jeff Rense personally have to say about white power or the philosophies and actions of the neo-Nazi movement? Someone else would have to try to find out, because as far as I could tell at the time I was originally researching this, Jeff didn't write articles or forum posts on the subject, or express his opinion in any way in writing.

Any thoughts he may have on this are written on the water, in his audio material, unless someone has made transcripts.

It's up to Greg and Alfred and those who say Jeff Rense really disapproves of racism and anti-semitism despite the articles he showcases, to give us well-documented examples of Rense saying those guys are losers and jerks and their philosophies are dangerous, divisive crap.

I don't care if Jeff Rense loves puppies and kittens and apple pie and gives lip service to practices he defines as exemplifying freedom of speech. Show us his frequent, specific and sincere condemnation of the neo-Nazi and white supremacist material he features on his site.

Carol

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>>>Subject: Re: Indian Point Nuclear Plant UFO Incident

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>>>The reports of ultra-light flyers are true however in some cases  
>>>but not a blanket explanation for all of them. It's easy to tell  
>>>an ultra-light because you can do something miraculous, it's  
>>>called seeing them. Not only that but they sound like flying  
>>>lawn mowers.

>>I didn't want to get into this, but once again the ultra-light  
>>myth arises. When ultra-lites get together in anything resembling  
>>a formation it sounds like a busy day at the woodlot - chain saw  
>>noises galore. And these were ultra-lites as they would have been  
>>constructed in the early 1980s over 25 years ago. They were  
>>basically hang gliders with a chainsaw engine as a power source.

>>These aircraft had no electrics - the engines were pull started  
>>on the ground - and with their "pilots" having no night  
>>endorsements, nor could they get one if they applied. Basically  
>>these drivers had about 3 -4 hours of training and were highly  
>>inexperienced.

>>It is illegal for an ultra-lite class aircraft to fly at night -  
>>even now - because they do not have the licence requirements. An  
>>engine failure while in flight at night in one of these machines  
>>would have been disastrous with the "pilot" hang gliding into  
>>darkness or some subdivision. Their visual skills at night would  
>>be practically nil.

>>Were any conscientious pilots aware of some stunt to fly at night  
>>with these things they would not have hesitated to report them  
>>because they would have been in heavily controlled airspace, the  
>>biggest in the world, the New York TRACON. This is not the only  
>>reason why they would have been reported.

>>Flying during the daylight hours is one thing but doing it at  
>>night requires considerable skill and many hours of training and  
>>flying in formation at night requires experience magnitudes above  
>>what any ultra-lite driver would have. Where would these pilots  
>>have come up with the night training considering that it is  
>>illegal for them to fly at night, trained or not?

>>If the state police claimed these were ultra-lites then the FAA  
>>would have had to have investigated this gross infraction of the  
>>Federal Aviation Regulations [FARs]. Where is that report? The

>>FAA knew that the State Police were blowing hot gasses on this  
>>one.

>Finally some sense hits the wind.

>Again, I was there, ground zero when these big delta/boomerang/  
>triangular craft flew right over us. I wasn't alone. On two  
>occasions there were multiple witnesses and on a third right over  
>the IBM main manufacturing plant. Damned thing flew right over  
>our car.

>The Stormville pilots did indeed fly ultra lights at night and  
>you could hear them from a country mile. They even have a  
>website. The reports that every UFO sighting were ultra lights  
>came from two sources, a reporter at our paper and the cops. The  
>reporter I still chat with now and then and the cop who reported  
>it for the City of Poughkeepsie Police Dept. is a friend I've  
>known since we were toddlers. The State Police reported ultra  
>lights too. When these reports came in none of the aviation  
>overseers went further. I was there the very first night someone  
>brought photos in of one of these big boomerang.

Actually the Stormville pilots are a story with no evidence to support it. I haven't found that website but how stupid do you have to be to advertise what you have done. I've come across a couple of sites that reference these supposed ultra-lite flights during the Hudson Valley sightings but nothing that actually claims to be the idiots that were supposed to have done such a thing.

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There is no mistaking them when they fly - and this was particularly so during the early 1980s. Even today's ultra-lites which use - predominantly - the Bombardier 2 stroke engine and they still sound like chainsaws albeit with 50-100 horsepower engines. But they still can't fly at night and are restricted to flying when the winds are less than 7 mph. They can't fly at night even with a licenced pilot with a night endorsement "on that aircraft" because the aircraft has to be fitted with instrumentation and nav lights certified for IFR flight. That's really expensive and makes additional weight on an aircraft that is already restricted to a specific gross weight. I don't want to get into specifics but instrumentation involves having redundancy such as electrically driven gyro instruments as well as pneumatically driven instruments that do the same or similar job.

There must be an engine generator/alternator to supply the power to run everything, plus a battery plus radio plus a transponder in certain zones which in the New York TRACON is almost a must.

The list is extensive and each instrument adds weight. The Chainsaw engines of 1980-1984 had no generators or alternators, batteries as such though a battery could be dragged along for the lights.

I'll believe it when more than one of these turkeys comes forward and admits to having done this and from what field.

Don Ledger

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## 8 Questions For Astronaut Buzz Aldrin

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Movies

8 Questions For Astronaut Buzz Aldrin  
by Nicole Carter with Amy Eisinger

Buzz Aldrin

Age: 78

Job Title: Astronaut, moonwalker and narrator in new movie Fly Me To The Moon

Time On The Job: 45 years

Since becoming the second man to walk on the moon in the famous Apollo 11 landing in 1969, Buzz Aldrin has spent his life supporting space exploration. His latest project is lending his voice to the animated family film "Fly Me to the Moon," which opened Friday, about a group of flies who try to land on the moon.

What was your role with the film?

I was asked to participate in the epilogue, to do the narration. I was filmed walking toward the camera, setting up the film. It's the cutest film. It has much more valid entertainment and lessons than other movies I've seen recently.

What are your hopes for the future of space exploration?

We are in a very crucial time in electing a new President, with the things he will think about and do with the space program. I'm very interested in leadership and cooperation from other countries - but not racing, of course.

What future projects are you working on?

Well, I'm helping to celebrate 40th reunions of all the Apollo missions and developing lotteries for people to travel in space - like Richard Branson's flight, but also for orbital flights. In California, I'm also developing some education programs. I'm also strongly supporting and working with oilman T. Boone Pickens and his plan for energy alternatives. I want him to include solar power on satellites in space.

Wow, so outer space is even going green.

Even down to the [construction]. In order to build the satellites to collect the solar energy in space, it requires many many, very big rockets, and my engineers are developing reusable rockets to

be able to do that.

I'm sure you get this a lot, but what's it like to walk on the moon?

I would describe it in two words: magnificent desolation. The magnificence of human beings to be able to travel and land on the moon but also the utter desolation and lifelessness of the moon and everything around it.

Do you believe in any of the rumors that spacecraft have landed here on earth?

I do not believe that any spacecraft has been here; I do not believe that information would be withheld.

It has been reported that you saw a UFO while on Apollo 11. What's the truth behind this?

We saw a light outside the spacecraft moving relative to the stars, and we asked Mission Control where we were relative to it. When they answered, we felt that we were not looking at parts of the ship that had fallen away.

What was misinterpreted from our statements is just evidence of the bizarre fantasy people want to believe.

Do you think there's any possibility of life in other galaxies?

A possibility, yes. But when you use the statement "I believe," you really should have something to back that up and I have nothing to back that statement up - unless you're just going on faith. So I'm not sure I can say, "I believe," but it is a possibility.

[Thanks to Greg Boone for the lead]

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>Source: Wales On-Line - UK

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

>Aug 17 2008

>[Video at site]

>Are Aliens Targeting Wales?  
>by Ben Glaze, Wales On Sunday

I thing as an almost invariable rule you can assume that any newspaper headline ending in a question-mark requires the answer "no".

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John Rimmer  
<[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>

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>Date: Sun, 17 Aug 2008 11:12:27 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Indian Point Nuclear Plant UFO Incident

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>>Date: Sat, 16 Aug 2008 16:03:13 -0400  
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>I don't care if Jeff Rense loves puppies and kittens and apple  
>pie and gives lip service to practices he defines as exemplifying  
>freedom of speech. Show us his frequent, specific and sincere  
>condemnation of the neo-Nazi and white supremacist material he  
>features on his site.

As we assess a person looked to by many as a conduit for  
unfiltered (the reader is expected to supply her own filters)  
information on UFOs it is perhaps useful to explore this a bit  
further.

I suspect Jeff Rense would remark that it is not his job to  
confirm, deny, celebrate, or condemn. He would than "espouse" in  
one direction or another and cease to be a "reporter." He doesn't  
manufacture the material... but he sure lets you know it was  
there. Condemning the horrific material objectionable to us is  
our job, ma'am, not his.

In conversation with me about this subject, Jeff Rense writes:

"Words and opinions of those I revile or disagree with shall not  
be censored in a free press...the moral, ethical and professional  
OBLIGATION of which is to present a full and legitimate spectrum  
of 'life' on this planet and the events surrounding us. To play  
political favorites, to adhere to a strict PC 'code' out of fear  
and trepidation, would make me no better than a street whore.

The genesis of the problems of people like those you address  
reside deep within... it is their inability or unwillingness to  
understand the term 'journalism.'

Unless a journalistic platform is proffering material they find  
'acceptable' it must be doing the bidding of evil... and must be  
smeared and/or destroyed in their view.

They are the fascist globalist cartel's greatest assets as they  
blindly (?) do the bidding of those who consider themselves our  
abject masters."

This seems a pretty clear statement of intent, ma'am. Moreover,  
Jeff Rense has ever demonstrated a certain integrity, or has with  
me... and numerous Jews, among others, who have remarked to me or  
provided other indications of respect, admiration, or a  
willingness to associate. These have been called "self-hating"  
Jews.

Right.

Rense walks a tough line, ma'am - is one of the few of his stature to do so, for my money.

If you want to shoot the piano player because you don't like the music repertoire, fine, but he's not writing the tune. Don't call it more than that. Ignorance is not bliss and does not serve. I'd rather know, and know where.

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>witnesses, none of whom reported hearing chainsaws in the sky.

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>particularly so during the early 1980s.

I recall that recently someone had mentioned that they'd done  
some camcorder coverage of escaping helium balloons, so that it  
would be available as a visual reference if the comparison (or  
attribution) was made. Perhaps someone who has ultra-light  
activity nearby could video them at ground level and in flight,  
so that there would be a baseline example of current ultra-  
lights.

Greg, what is the website URL of the Stormville pilots that you  
mention?

Carol

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>thing.

I doubt you will find someone admitting to it. No they won't admit it and yes some ultra lights did fly at night. We could see them because we could hear them coming. Dogs and critters would start acting up because they could hear them before we humans could. We were told by official sources they were Stormville pilots flying ultra light craft. Two friends followed the aircraft to Stormville airport. One was a reporter, the other a cop. That's where the stories of Stormville pilots came from. None of those guys gave a damn about the officials. They did what they wanted to do. It's like that up there. We're talking about an area of great wealth and influence and some people are above the law.

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>around the so-called ultra-lite flight but nothing to  
>substantiate it. The Hudson valley events actually have  
>witnesses, none of whom reported hearing chainsaws in the sky.

That's wrong right off the bat. I can name a half dozen times we saw and heard ultra light craft at night. You couldn't mistake them for anything else other than ultra light craft because we could see and hear them clearly. The ultra light explanation is a combination of mistakes and deliberate disinformation.

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>I'll believe it when more than one of these turkeys comes forward  
>and admits to having done this and from what field.

I'll go into my files to see the sites I dug up a while back  
featuring the alleged suspects. They actually spoke openly about  
committing these acts on their site which surprised the heck out  
of me.

But back to the main point, I and who knows how many others have  
witnessed craft from 150ft in width to about 2 miles in width  
that are silent, dark, hover. No one in the U.S. government is  
claiming ownership and I doubt they will because they're not  
ours.

And that, my good Joe Gargery, is what we should be focusing on.

Best,

Greg  
ufomafia.com/blog

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Hello Carol and Eleanor,

You and me want truthful information, and I personally don't want any psychological buttons being pressed to make me think untrue things.

I've found that all conceptual 'labels' - like religion (as opposed to beliefs), like race (as opposed to family or friends), like nation (as opposed to country or people), like politics (as opposed to ethics), are all psychological buttons that unscrupulous folk can and will use to make us think or do things we wouldn't otherwise want to do.

By that criterion all sources are (initially) equally valid, and 'label smears' should be suspect - as psychological button-pressing.

Cheers

Ray D

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>>apple pie and gives lip service to practices he defines as  
>>exemplifying freedom of speech. Show us his frequent, specific  
>>and sincere >>condemnation of the neo-Nazi and white  
>>supremacist >>material he features on his site.

>As we assess a person looked to by many as a conduit for  
>unfiltered (the reader is expected to supply her own filters)  
>information on UFOs it is perhaps useful to explore this a  
>bit further.

>I suspect Jeff Rense would remark that it is not his \_job\_ >to  
>confirm, deny, celebrate, or condemn. He would than "espouse" in  
>one direction or another and cease to be a "reporter." He  
>doesn't manufacture the material... but he sure lets you know  
>it was there. Condemning the horrific material objectionable to  
>us is \_our\_ job, ma'am, not his. In conversation with me  
>about this subject, Jeff Rense writes:

>"Words and opinions of those I revile or disagree with shall not  
>be censored in a free press...the moral, ethical and professional  
>OBLIGATION of which is to present a full and legitimate spectrum  
>of 'life' on this planet and the events surrounding us. To play  
>political favorites, to adhere to a strict PC 'code' out of fear  
>and trepidation, would make me no better than a street  
>whore.

>The genesis of the problems of people like those you address  
>reside deep within... it is their inability or unwillingness to  
>understand the term 'journalism.'

>Unless a journalistic platform is proffering material they find  
>'acceptable' it must be doing the bidding of evil... and must be  
>smeared and/or destroyed in their view.

>They are the fascist globalist cartel's greatest assets as they  
>blindly (?) do the bidding of those who consider themselves our  
>abject masters."

>This seems a pretty clear statement of intent, ma'am. Moreover,  
>Jeff Rense has ever demonstrated a certain integrity, or has with  
>me... and numerous Jews, among others, who have remarked to me or  
>provided other indications of respect, admiration, or a willingness  
>to associate. These have been called "self-hating" Jews.

>Right.

>Rense walks a tough line, ma'am - is one of the few of his  
>stature to do so, for my money.

>If you want to shoot the piano player because you don't like the  
>music repertoire, fine, but he's not writing the tune. Don't call  
>it more than that. Ignorance is not bliss and does not serve. I'd  
>rather know, and know where.

Well said Alfred - and Jeff.

I admire your strong stand on his behalf Alfred. When the  
allegations are flying - it's amazing how so few people will go  
to those targeted for their response. After all that is the  
ultimate free speech In my minor dealing with Jeff I have always  
found him to be fair.

And I certainly have never got any impression from his interviews  
that he is bigoted in any way - more a humble kind of guy.

Having said that - this is not a simple issue. Jeff's view goes  
much further than most newspaper/media editors who would draw a  
line above giving voice to racists and peodophiles and some  
others.

It seems Jeff's yardstick is broader and probably simply the law  
itself.

He seems to be saying - if it's legal, we'll publish it.

Well done for getting this discussion out in the open

Dave Haith

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>>Date: Sun, 17 Aug 2008 13:54:59 -0300  
>>Subject: Re: Indian Point Nuclear Plant UFO Incident

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>>Actually the Stormville pilots are a story with no evidence to  
>>support it. I haven't found that website but how stupid do you  
>>have to be to advertise what you have done. I've come across a  
>>couple of sites that reference these supposed ultra-lite flights  
>>during the Hudson Valley sightings but nothing that actually  
>>claims to be the idiots that were supposed to have done such a  
>>thing.

>I doubt you will find someone admitting to it. No they won't admit  
>it and yes some ultra lights did fly at night. We could see them  
>because we could hear them coming. Dogs and critters would  
>start acting up because they could hear them before we humans  
>could. We were told by official sources they were Stormville  
>pilots flying ultra light craft. Two friends followed the aircraft to  
>Stormville airport. One was a reporter, the other a cop. That's  
>where the stories of Stormville pilots came from. None of those  
>guys gave a damn about the officials. They did what they wanted  
>to do. It's like that up there. We're talking about an area of great  
>wealth and influence and some people are above the law.

<snip>

>>I'll believe it when more than one of these turkeys comes forward  
>>and admits to having done this and from what field.

>I'll go into my files to see the sites I dug up a while back  
>featuring the alleged suspects. They actually spoke openly about  
>committing these acts on their site which surprised the heck out  
>of me.

>But back to the main point, I and who knows how many others have  
>witnessed craft from 150ft in width to about 2 miles in width  
>that are silent, dark, hover. No one in the U.S. government is  
>claiming ownership and I doubt they will because they're not  
>ours.

>And that, my good Joe Gargery, is what we should be focusing on.

Well I disagree. That's like saying just focus on the murder and  
ignore possible suspects.

That's how we investigators work it. We eliminate all  
possibilities and see what we are left with.

Sadly I have to admit that these aircraft might very well have  
flown and got away with it because the United States has been  
burdened with that disaster known as the FAA for some 40 odd

years.

Anyway, Greg, you do it your way, I do it mine. The reports of these huge craft are a done deal. The trick is eliminating what they are not.

One of the latest explanations I've heard from exopolitics is that the US is now spending hundreds of millions of dollars on the development of large Lighter Than Air craft as a mask to cover for the the huge craft that they have been using for years.

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>Subject: Re: Indian Point Nuclear Plant UFO Incident

>You and me want truthful information, and I personally don't want  
>any psychological buttons being pressed to make me think untrue  
>things.

>  
>I've found that all conceptual 'labels' - like religion (as  
>opposed to beliefs), like race (as opposed to family or friends),  
>like nation (as opposed to country or people), like politics (as  
>opposed to ethics), are all psychological buttons that  
>unscrupulous folk can and will use to make us think or do things  
>we wouldn't otherwise want to do.

>By that criterion all sources are (initially) equally valid, and  
>'label smears' should be suspect - as psychological button-  
>pressing.

Moderation in all things, Ray. Discerning and making distinctions  
are useful tools, and I haven't noticed you giving up all nouns,  
adjectives and adverbs.

We are animals with buttons, and will always be such . Ethical  
and scrupulous people try from the start to have us response  
positively to healthy stimuli, and to discern which buttons are  
there for a very useful and benign purpose.

A "WALK" light is your button to start your programming to stop,  
look (left, right, left for Americans) and cross the road safely.  
A loud beep from a horn is another button that you should  
immediately respond to, especially when finding yourself being  
yanked back by the collar in England, where you don't have the  
button internalised that says to look right, left, right instead.

Similarly, "DANGER WILL ROBINSON," "Oh look, the canary has just  
fallen off its perch," and "People using that self-identification  
put my friend's parents in a concentration camp, be alert for  
trouble"  
are useful buttons to have pushed.

"Button, button, who's got the button?"

Carol

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Don,

If you have a paper or book on these boomerang/delta craft please send me the link. I must've missed your analysis.

All I can tell you as an eyewitness to multiple sightings where the crafts were as close as 40 ft above my head, that I would say man made. However, having done years of research and finally having the two sources explain to me these craft aren't of U.S. origin, that explains alot. One of my sources has worked on all the major top secret aircraft for 30 years or more. You don't get higher than him. The reason he told me was because not only was he a neighbor of mine and I didn't know it, but he and his family were abducted by one of these craft and he and his wife contacted me terrified. He not only worked with friends and relatives of mine but I didn't even know he lived in our home area! He found me on our old Parascopes forum on AOL where I had the UFO beat and also hosted our nightly Art Bell chat where Art would show up to discuss his nightly schedule and guests. It took me years and years to digest what this witness told me until just a few weeks ago another witness who never believed in UFOs went to the source as he's had top security clearance for 40 years. He came back and told me something that shook me up and I can't say it here but will shake up everyone else too.

So again, some, I say, some, of the Hudson Valley UFO sightings were ultralight craft. Many were absolutely, positively without doubt, not ultralight craft and not of U.S. design and ownership.

That leaves two possibilities and the late Dr. Ellen Crystal got the closest and I'd love to see what the latest digital technolgoey would say about her photos.

Unfortunately even more conclusive proof isn't being disclosed because we have wolves in the fold and fear in our hearts.

Maybe if we took out an ad where we showed some UFO witnesses surrounded by bikini clad blondes next to hot race cars and

million dollar homes in an infomercial like advertisement we'd have witnesses and whistleblowers crawling out of the woodwork, but no dice so far.

I do know however that there are hundreds if not thousands of great videos and pictures from the region but no one is giving them up. There aren't many happy camper UFO witness stories round these parts.

Best,

Greg  
ufomafia.com/blog

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Star Trek Warp Drive Is A Possibility, Say Scientists  
By Roger Highfield  
Science Editor

Two physicists have boldly gone where no reputable scientists should go and devised a new scheme to travel faster than the speed of light

The advance could mean that Star Trek fantasies of interstellar civilisations and voyages powered by warp drive are now no longer the exclusive domain of science fiction writers.

In the long running television series created by Gene Roddenberry, the warp drive was invented by Zefram Cochrane, who began his epic project in 2053 in Bozeman, Montana.

Now Dr Gerald Cleaver, associate professor of physics at Baylor, and Richard Obousy have come up with a new twist on an existing idea to produce a warp drive that they believe can travel faster than the speed of light, without breaking the laws of physics.

In their scheme, in the Journal of the British Interplanetary Society, a starship could "warp" space so that it shrinks ahead of the vessel and expands behind it.

By pushing the departure point many light years backwards while simultaneously bringing distant stars and other destinations closer, the warp drive effectively transports the starship from place to place at faster-than-light speeds.

All this extraordinary feat requires, says the new study, is for scientists to harness a mysterious and poorly understood cosmic antigravity force, called dark energy.

Dark energy is thought responsible for speeding up the expansion rate of our universe as time moves on, just like it did after the Big Bang, when the universe expanded much faster than the speed of light for a very brief time.

This may come as a surprise since, according to relativity theory, matter cannot move through space faster than the speed of light, which is almost 300,000,000 metres per second. But that theory applies only to unwarped 'flat' space.

And there is no limit on the speed with which space itself can move: the spaceship can sit at rest in a small bubble of space that flows at "superluminal" - faster than light - velocities through normal space because the fabric of space and time itself (scientists refer to spacetime) is stretching.

In the scheme outlined by Dr Cleaver dark energy would be used to create the bubble: if dark energy can be made negative in front of the ship, then that patch of space would contract in response.

"Think of it like a surfer riding a wave," said Dr Cleaver. "The ship would be pushed by the spatial bubble and the bubble would be travelling faster than the speed of light."

The new warp drive work also draws on "string theory", which suggests the universe is made up of multiple dimensions. We are used to four dimensions - height, width, length and time but string theorists believe that there are a total of 10 dimensions and it is by changing the size of this 10th spatial dimension in front of the space ship that the Baylor researchers believe could alter the strength of the dark energy in such a manner to propel the ship faster than the speed of light.

They conclude by recommending that it would be "prudent to research this area further."

But hold the dilithium crystals: Dr Chris Van Den Broeck of Cardiff University commented: "The problem with this and previous schemes (including my own) is that part of the exotic matter would have to travel faster than the \*local\* speed of light (roughly speaking, it would need to go faster than the speed of light with respect to the portion of space it occupies), and that's not allowed by any established physical theory."

And even if this criticism can be met, Richard Obousy computed the amount of energy required to start up a "warp" process (but not the total energy required to travel a specific distance) around a 10x10x10 metre-cube ship based on the required change in dark energy in a space equal to the volume of the ship.

The energy to kick start the drive turned out to be equivalent to turning the entire mass of Jupiter into energy, by Einstein's famous  $E = mc^2$  equation, where  $c$  is the speed of light. Given the mass of Jupiter is around 2000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 kilograms, that is a big number.

"That is an enormous amount of energy," Dr Cleaver said. "We are still a very long ways off before we could create something to harness that type of energy."

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## Residents Snap Pictures Of Possible UFOs

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[Slide show at site]

Local Residents Snap Pictures Of Possible UFOs  
Dozens Of Sightings Reported Since June

Bucks county residents have snapped pictures of what they believe are UFOs.

There have been dozens of sightings recently in the suburban Philadelphia county, and Fox 29's Gerald Kolpan found neighbors aren't afraid to talk about it.

Slideshow: Caught On Camera: Local UFO Sightings?

So far, nobody has reported taking a ride in any unidentified flying objects. But people who never believed in them before say they've sighted them, literally, in their own backyards.

Kolpan reported that, back when he was a kid, it seemed people spotted UFOs every few minutes and there was something of a panic over them. Most of that panic has subsided, but people still see them -- especially people in Bucks County.

"The first time I've ever seen it was above this yellow townhouse," said Denise, who believes she was a UFO witness.

Denise -- who said she has never believed in little green men and didn't want her last name used for fear of weirdoes -- has seen UFOs over her backyard five times since April.

"It was kind of like oval shaped and it was about the size of a car, a small car, and it had three giant headlights on the bottom of it," she said.

Since June 25 between Bucks and Philadelphia, 44 such bogeys have been spied.

How do we know? Well, people like Denise have pictures.

"Between the malls to my right and Don Pablo's is right here there's been V-shaped objects," said Bob Gardner, a field investigator for MUFON -- the Mutual UFO Network.

He says the sightings over Bucks are legion, in regular old neighborhoods, right over the Oxford Valley Mall and above the site of the now-shuttered Don Pablo's restaurant.

"With the universe that vast, it's like Columbus discovered America, these aliens or extraterrestrials are trying to discover

new worlds," Gardner said.

Of course, none of this explains the mystery of why the Don Pablo's closed down. But maybe the aliens are like everyone else and love Mexican food and they abducted the kitchen staff.

"I understand they do that with people they like," said Kolpan, right before beaming out.

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Museums & Culture

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A local UFO expert reports back on the mysteries of the sky.

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Lakeview

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## Yes Kreskin Is Pretty Amazing

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Tue, August 19, 2008

Denis Armstrong at the SuperEx The Ottawa Sun's entertainment reporter dropped by the SuperEx Monday to see what was going on.

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Yes, Kreskin Is Pretty Amazing  
By Denis Armstrong

Before interviewing The Amazing Kreskin, the world's foremost mentalist, I wonder -- would he answer questions I have yet to ask? Or would he telepathically penetrate my feeble imagination with his highly charged third-eye to know what I'm really thinking? Should I have the chili or the vegan roll for lunch? Then the phone rings. Kreskin's secretary is on the line.

Coincidence?

"The Amazing Kreskin is waiting for your call," she says hypnotically.

"You were supposed to call him 30 minutes ago."

I forgot to call Kreskin? Amazing!

Calling from his home office in New Jersey, Kreskin denies that the paranormal act he brings to SuperEx tomorrow is anything but legitimate.

"I don't do hypnosis," Kreskin said before I had the chance to ask the question. "Hypnosis doesn't exist the way it does in movies. It's actually the power of suggestion. I can make people think what I want them to think by repeatedly, and forcefully, suggesting it to them."

There are many examples on YouTube of Kreskin "suggesting" that victims do strange things such as crawl around on their knees.

You have to admit after watching him in action, the guy's good.

And in his most famous test of his psychic powers, Kreskin has to find the one person in the audience holding his cash. He's performed the stunt more than 6,000 times and has gone home without the money only nine times.

"Once, the guy was hiding the cheque underneath his dentures," Kreskin says incredibly.

"I don't read people's minds," he adds, casting off my unspoken doubts. "We think that human beings are mysterious but actually we wear our thoughts on our sleeve. People give off lots of

subconscious signals about what they're thinking and we used to be sensitive to that kind of communication."

Yes indeed, the brain is a terrible thing to waste. But waste it we do, according to the 73-year-old showman, who became world famous as host of the TV series The Amazing World of Kreskin, which was shot at CJOH (now CTV Ottawa) between 1971-1974.

"We spend so much time communicating through machines, computers and cellphones, we're losing our ability to communicate with other human beings. Most communication is not verbal, it's visual. It looks like magic, but it's really like learning another language."

Then, as if insight into our human condition weren't amazing enough, Kreskin drops a seemingly spur-of-the-moment prediction and complete non sequitur into our chat.

"There will be a UFO experience before I appear at SuperEx," he barks, though he refuses to elaborate.

Amazing. And I bet there will be, too.

Following his stint on Canadian TV, the former George Kresge became a semi-regular guest on The Late Show with David Letterman and a surprisingly accurate predictor on CNN every New Year's Day. In January 2001, he predicted the terrorist bombings of Sept. 11 in his book Amazing Kreskin's Future with the Stars. He also foresaw Paul Martin's slim minority victory in 2004.

The Amazing Kreskin performs at SuperEx tomorrow.

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## What If They Aren't Really Out There?

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2008-08-19

Denyse O'Leary

Aliens: What If They Aren't Really Out There?

(Note: This was my science column for Canada's Christian Week for August 15, 2008)

Science writer Marc Kaufman informs us in "Search for Alien Life Gains New Impetus" (Washington Post, July 20, 2008) that

"Few believe that the discovery of extraterrestrial life is imminent. However, just as scientists long theorized that there were planets orbiting other stars - but could not prove it until new technologies and insights broke the field wide open - many astrobiologists now see their job as to develop new ways to search for the life they are sure is out there."

And if they fail, it certainly won't be for lack of trying. On Mars for example, NASA's robotic lander Phoenix is scooping up soil and ice, in pursuit of material that could only come from life forms, perhaps long dead ones. So far, Phoenix has found many of life's essential nutrients. Mars also had plenty of water long ago. In the wake of these discoveries, there is much talk of the earth-shattering implications of finding life on other planets. But, Kaufman cautions,

"To some, debating the implications of discovering extraterrestrial life is premature at best, because - all UFO 'sightings' aside - none has ever been found."

Actually, debating the implications isn't premature, it's "postmature." The discussion is already over as far as most of the public is concerned. As Kaufman's reference to UFOs hints, many people already believe that civilizations far more technologically advanced than ours exist. They are hardly going to settle for long-extinct one-celled organisms on Mars!

In a 2005 poll in connection with National Geographic Channel's Extraterrestrial, two-thirds of Americans said they believe life exists on other planets. Of these, eight out of ten think that alien civilizations exist that are more advanced than ours. I can't find a recent Canadian poll just now, but Tiffany Crawford notes (Canwest News Service, July 18, 2008) that there were 836 alleged UFO sightings by Canadians in 2007 - a near 12 percent increase over 2006. The higher number of "sightings" is likely due to the fact that more people are looking more often, perhaps

because of specials such as Extraterrestrial.

In other words, given that so much of the public already believes in extraterrestrial life without evidence, the idea's effects should be evident now. And that is why I am skeptical of the oft-heard claim that finding extraterrestrial life will be a world-changing science discovery. Quite the contrary, persistent failure to find such life would have a much more profound effect. That effect can be glimpsed from a most revealing conversation between Richard Dawkins and Ben Stein in the recent Expelled documentary, featuring the intelligent design controversy. Well-known atheist Dawkins, recognizing the hopeless snaffle of current origin of life research, admitted that he could accept the idea that life was brought here by intelligent aliens. In other words, he could accept the idea that intelligent aliens created life - but not that God did.

Dawkins is the leading edge of a trend. Belief in extraterrestrial life is much higher among non-churchgoers than among churchgoers, and that's no accident. Non-churchgoers have a much bigger investment in advanced (and godless!) alien civilizations. In that case, the aliens might, as Dawkins suggests, be able to do some tasks that most churchgoers attribute to God.

But suppose all our searches turn up nothing more than this: Simple life forms once existed on Mars but not any more. We already know that bacteria got started on Earth almost as soon as the planet cooled (an awkward fact for those who believe in a long, slow evolution of life). Bacteria may also have got started on Mars, but failed to thrive there. Or possibly, they migrated from Mars on material flung through space by the seething early planets. In that case, we are worse off than before in understanding the origin of life. Currently, we do not know how life came into existence, but such a discovery would mean that we also don't know where.

And suppose we also find that many Earth-like planets orbit stars other than our sun (exoplanets) but few or none have life - until we go there ourselves? Is that God's providence? Either finding will probably move the public in the direction of increased belief in God.

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Journalist Denyse O'Leary is the author of *By Design or by Chance?* (Augsburg Fortress 2004), an overview of the intelligent design controversy and co-author, with Montreal neuroscientist Mario Beauregard, of *The Spiritual Brain* A neuroscientist's case for the existence of the soul (Harper: August 2007).

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## Rugby Ball-Shaped UFOs Seen In Winchmore Hill

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19th August 2008

Orange Rugby Ball-Shaped UFOs Seen In Winchmore Hill  
By Hannah Crown

A stream of orange, rugby ball shaped UFOs making their way purposefully through the skies has been seen in Winchmore Hill.

Mystified Alison Moynihan, of Hillcrest, said she was watching television with her husband at 10.30pm on Sunday 10 when she first caught a glimpse of what appeared to be a procession of lights.

She said: "My husband saw this bright orange light. We ran up to the loft to have a look and it suddenly zoomed out and up. It was like a bright orange rugby ball and it had a sort of halo around it like a street light. It moved up and to the left quite swiftly."

Describing the lights as being only about 300 yards away, she said it wasn't until about half an hour later that she and her husband caught sight of the second light which also appeared to be travelling from the south to the north and appearing on the right hand side of their field of vision.

She said: "It disappeared into the clouds. Then soon after another one did exactly the same at the same point in the clouds. There were four in all."

Mrs Moynihan, who works for a city investment company, said she lived in a flight path but had never seen anything like that before. She said: "I got onto the internet after it happened and so many people have seen similar things. I don't think it was a Chinese lantern because we would have seen a flame underneath it. We thought maybe it was some military plane. But we couldn't hear any engine at all. I have never seen anything like it in my life. I hadn't been drinking alcohol I promise! I am the first one to be sceptical of anything like that."

Unfortunately the Independent has not seen any pictures of this baffling phenomenon.

Do you have any or were you witness to it? Contact the newsdesk on 0208 884 7414 or email [hcrown.nul](mailto:hcrown.nul)

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## National Security Directive On Space Exploration

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National Security Directive On Space Exploration Policy (2004)

A newly disclosed National Security Presidential Directive on space exploration illustrates the broad topical scope of such directives, as well as their practical limitations.

The Bush Administration directive, issued in 2004, ambitiously called for "a sustained and affordable human and robotic program to explore the solar system and beyond" and even a "human presence across the solar system."

The document has not been formally released to the public, and multiple requests for its disclosure have been rebuffed by the National Security Council. It was obtained and released by Wikileaks.org, a website that publishes confidential documents.

See "U.S. Space Exploration Policy," National Security Presidential Directive (NSPD) 31, January 14, 2004:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/offdocs/nspd/nspd-31.pdf>

The National Security Presidential Directive largely replicates the contents of the Bush Administration's Vision for Space Exploration, which was announced on the same day the Directive was signed. But it has some remarkable features of its own.

For one thing, it has nothing at all to do with national security as the term is commonly understood. Although space exploration was also addressed in national security directives in previous administrations, such as the Clinton Administration's PDD-49, in such cases it was considered along with intelligence and national security space. NSPD-31 by contrast is purely a statement of science and technology policy with no national security component. This raises the possibility that other Bush Directives, yet undisclosed, also address topics outside of the usual national security framework.

Aside from that, the Bush Directive serves as a reminder that just because a President orders an agency to perform a certain action, that doesn't guarantee compliance. Thus, in 2004 the President directed NASA to undertake a series of robotic missions to the Moon "starting no later than 2008." But that is not going to happen. Instead, NASA may launch the Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter "no earlier than" February 2009.

Some other Bush Administration National Security Presidential Directives are available here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/offdocs/nspd/index.html>



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## Abduction Explanations

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## Re: Abduction Explanations

From: **Gerald O'Connell** <[gac.nul](mailto:gac.nul)>  
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Archived: Thu, 21 Aug 2008 07:39:05 -0400  
Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

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Rick, though I sympathise with the underlying logic of your  
remarks, and I genuinely believe that the abduction phenomenon  
cannot be easily dismissed, there is one factor that could have  
extremely powerful explanatory force in the area in question, and  
which your post ignores.

Stigmata.

The simple fact is that, in a warped and totally mysterious  
fashion, 'wishing' a thing really can make it seem to be so - at  
a very real physical level.

While whatever psycho-physical process lies behind the phenomenon  
of stigmata cannot explain away all the types of unexplained  
abduction phenomena to which you refer, it could at least be the  
case that it brings the number down to a more manageable group  
worthy of detailed research.

It surprises me that researchers and sceptics alike have tended  
to ignore stigmata to the extent that they have.

I would be interested to hear list members' views on this -  
especially if I am unaware of the extent to which this  
explanatory avenue has been explored.

-- Gerald O'Connell

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My view is that there is something to the abduction phenomena. As we know, the Travis Walton case had six witnesses in addition to Mr. Walton, many passed polygraphs more than once. There was physical trace information and no conventional explanation for the set of events.

Kelly Cahill's 1993 abduction in Australia is another that stands out. Multiple witnesses in three different and unrelated cars and trace evidence of the landing found by one of Australia's universities.

I am personally involved in an abduction investigation where the lady has multiple witnesses and since she is dying of cancer, I see no reason for her to lie.

These cases show that there is something to the phenomena and that the subject warrant's serious study and consideration

From what I have heard MUFON has a study called the Ambient Monitoring Project. Its goal is to determine if abductees are actually being abducted, or if there is a mental connection, a change in realities, a temporary transfer to an alternate dimension or has some other cause.

MUFON should publish findings in the near future. Does anyone know more about the project?

Frank

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Yes, and more's the pity. Many of the so-called experiencers that I worked with hoped that they were going crazy rather than actually being abused and experimented on by unknown beings. They felt that they could be treated for mental problems, but if it were real...

And all sane UFO abduction investigators (other than those who allow religious beliefs to dictate their findings) devoutly hope that it is all imaginary somehow. But we are faced with scary facts that must be dealt with honestly.

Dick

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Hi Rick:

Thanks for your post. You brought up some good points that people  
should never forget about regarding alien abduction.

Along with OBEs, past lives, sleep disorders, repressed sexual  
'whatevers',, and now shadow people, let's not forget the Fantasy  
Prone Personality and False Memory Syndrome excuses that caused  
such an uproar back in the early 1990s.

The American Psychiatric Association continually comes up with  
new acronyms and titles for 'dis-ease' to try to explain away  
events that are happening to thousands of people in our country  
alone. Sure, some people exhibit behaviors that fit the criteria,  
but they are not an explanation for abduction and they should  
never be used as a label, excuse or a psychological or  
sociological 'weapon' against abductees.

I also wanted to make a note that my post regarding the original  
Shadow People post was not commented on and my questions went  
unanswered.

I also note that your question regarding the article titled  
'Scientists Discover 'Shadow Person' was ignored as well.

>Why was this 2006 article just posted here? Does it have to do  
>with the current Boone and Horak exchange?

A quotation regarding the scientists' findings:



"Our findings may be a step towards understanding the mechanisms behind psychiatric manifestations such as paranoia, persecution and alien control."

The term 'abduction' was not used, but it is heavily implied by the phrase 'alien control.'

So, now we're not being 'abducted' by aliens; we are being 'controlled' by aliens - and guess what?

It's still 'all in our heads.'

Katharina  
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## Re: Yes Kreskin Is Pretty Amazing

From: Terry Groff <[terry.nul](mailto:terry.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 19 Aug 2008 11:09:53 -0500  
Archived: Thu, 21 Aug 2008 08:50:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Yes Kreskin Is Pretty Amazing

>Source: The Ottawa Sun - Ontario, Canada

><http://ottsun.canoe.ca/News/National/2008/08/19/6497021-sun.html>

>Tue, August 19, 2008

>Denis Armstrong at the SuperEx The Ottawa Sun's entertainment  
>reporter dropped by the SuperEx Monday to see what was going on.

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>Yes, Kreskin Is Pretty Amazing  
>By Denis Armstrong

>Before interviewing The Amazing Kreskin, the world's foremost  
>mentalalist, I wonder -- would he answer questions I have yet to  
>ask? Or would he telepathically penetrate my feeble imagination  
>with his highly charged third-eye to know what I'm really  
>thinking? Should I have the chili or the vegan roll for lunch?  
>Then the phone rings. Kreskin's secretary is on the line.

>Coincidence?

>"The Amazing Kreskin is waiting for your call," she says  
>hypnotically.

<snip>

Somewhere, in a box in my garage, I have an original Kreskin  
'game'. It's not really a game but rather different tools for  
testing ESP. I grew bored with it when it consistently showed I  
had no psychic powers at all.

I wonder if it has any collector value.

Terry

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## Chile Promotes UFO Tourism

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 21 Aug 2008 08:51:00 -0400  
Archived: Thu, 21 Aug 2008 08:51:00 -0400  
Subject: Chile Promotes UFO Tourism

Source: The Times - Johannesburg, South Africa

<http://www.thetimes.co.za/News/Article.aspx?id=826136>

Aug 20, 2008

Chile Promotes UFO Tourism

Santiago - When it comes to attracting tourists to a remote region in central Chile, the town of San Clemente is aiming high - playing up its reputed connection to visitors from outer space.

The Andean municipality, 240 kilometres south of Santiago, has opened the country's first UFO trail, a 30-kilometre long stretch that takes in a supposed landing site for flying saucers and optimal lookouts for extraterrestrial craft.

Sernatur, Chile's tourism service, is backing the initiative.

"We support the creation of this UFO trail because experts say that it is a 'hot zone' for watchers," the service's director, Oscar Santelices, told AFP.

However, just in case hordes of foreign tourists of the terrestrial variety turn up expecting to get a close encounter of a first, second, third or - heaven forbid - fourth kind (alien abduction) out of their trip, Sernatur had a bucket of cold water.

"In no way can we guarantee that a tourist coming to San Clemente will see a UFO," it said in its brochure.

The Chilean town has long been an unofficial destination for UFO-watchers in the know, though mainstream curiosity-seekers looking for a bit of interplanetary mystery have been more often drawn to neighbouring Peru to see the Nazca Lines, those centuries-old gigantic representations of animals in a desert which can only be fully appreciated from the air.

UFO researchers say hundreds of UFO sightings have been reported in San Clemente since the mid-1990s.

Rodrigo Fuenzalida, president of the Chilean Grouping for UFO Research (AION), said between January 1995 and the middle of 1996 there was around one sighting per week.

The last unidentified flying object spotted was in the third week of February this year, he said.

"It was an orange object located about 400 meters (1,312 feet) in the distance, with oscillating movements," he said.

A site of special interest is a flat zone of huge volcanic blocks known as El Enladrillado, 60 kilometers (37 miles) from San Clemente and at an altitude of 2,300 meters (7,546 feet), which locals claim is a UFO landing pad.

"There, sightings have been made of shining spheres going into the water and into wooded zones without any human explanation," Fuenzalida said.

El Enladrillado, which can only be accessed after hours of trekking over rough terrain, forms the central part of the UFO trail.

Other points along the path include signs detailing sightings, as well as restaurants, camping sites, hostels and cabins to serve hungry or weary Earthlings, Juan Carlos Cerro of the local tourist office said.

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Archived: Thu, 21 Aug 2008 08:52:00 -0400  
Subject: Hubble Spies Beautiful Beastly Monster Galaxy

Source: Universe Today - Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada

<http://tinyurl.com/5v4kxq>

August 20th, 2008

[Image]

Hubble Spies Beautiful, Beastly Monster Galaxy

Complete with tentacles, a supermassive black hole and x-ray emitting gas, a monster of a galaxy has been found by NASA's Hubble Space Telescope, and is helping astronomers answer a long-standing puzzle. The very active galaxy NGC 1275 has giant but beautiful and delicate filaments influenced and shaped by a beastly-strong extragalactic magnetic field. But how the delicate structures such as those found in this galaxy can withstand the hostile, high-energy environment has been a mystery. But researchers say the beauty and the beast co-exist and are dependent on each other for survival.

One of the closest giant elliptical galaxies, NGC 1275 hosts a supermassive black hole. Energetic activity of gas swirling near the black hole blows bubbles of material into the surrounding galaxy cluster. Long gaseous filaments stretch out beyond the galaxy, into the multimillion-degree, X-ray-emitting gas that fills the cluster. Astronomers thought these delicate filaments should have heated up, dispersed, and evaporated by now, or collapsed under their own gravity to form stars.

These filaments are the only visible-light manifestation of the intricate relationship between the central black hole and the surrounding cluster gas. They provide important clues about how giant black holes affect their surrounding environment.

Using Hubble's view, a team of astronomers led by Andy Fabian from the University of Cambridge, UK, have for the first time resolved individual threads of gas that make up the filaments. The amount of gas contained in a typical thread is around one million times the mass of our own Sun. They are only 200 light-years wide, are often very straight, and extend for up to 20,000 light-years. The filaments are formed when cold gas from the core of the galaxy is dragged out in the wake of the rising bubbles blown by the black hole.

A new study published in the August 21 Nature magazine proposes that magnetic fields hold the charged gas in place and resist the forces that would distort the filaments. This skeletal structure is strong enough to resist gravitational collapse.

"We can see that the magnetic fields are crucial for these complex filaments - both for their survival and for their integrity," said Fabian.

Similar networks of filaments are found around other more remote central cluster galaxies. However, they cannot be observed with comparable resolution to the view of NGC 1275. In future

observations, the team will apply the understanding of NGC 1275 to interpret what they see in other, more distant galaxies.

[Thanks to Greg Boone for the lead]

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## Re: Abduction Explanations

From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 21 Aug 2008 08:49:47 EDT  
Archived: Thu, 21 Aug 2008 09:54:40 -0400  
Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>From: Rick Nielsen <[nilthchi.nul](mailto:nilthchi.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 19 Aug 2008 16:47:07 -0700 (PDT)  
>Subject: Abduction Explanations

>OBES, Past Lives, Sleep Disorders, Shadow People Do Not Alien  
>Abductions Make

>On and off-List I've seen several explanations proposed to alien  
>abduction accounts.

>If all alien abduction accounts could be passed off as  
>out-of-body experiences, so-called 'past lives' memory  
>interference, sleep disorders due to suppressed sexual abuse or  
>other means, or 'shadow people' caused by seizure-disorder-like  
>brain over-activity, what about the scoop marks, scars, real  
>sexual disorders, 'phantom' pregnancies, and implants, multiple  
>witnesses, missing time, etc?

>Did those abductees with physical evidence just make it all up,  
>disfigure themselves, perform surgeries on themselves, and  
>implant terrestrial and non-terrestrial objects into themselves?

>Or did they consciously submit themselves to other humans for  
>these procedures?

>Wishing a thing, does not make it so. Wishing alien abduction  
>accounts all had mundane explanations, does not make them so.

We've gone through decades of alien abduction accounts and  
there's far more than just anecdotal evidence.

It's a broadscoped experience that has yet to be addressed  
properly by modern science.

That's the key to the UFO phenom, and that it constantly shows us  
that we don't know everything about ourselves. When we fail to  
solve something we sometimes toss about blame or ridicule or  
condescending attempts at invalidation at another's observations.

I can only speak for myself when I say that I've talked to people  
of every race, creed, political affiliation, and their abduction  
stories mirror one another's to such a degree it's not even  
debateable as to what's happened to them.

I grew up in the 60's and 70's so stories of aliens interacting  
with humans was part of my daily life via fiction and fact. I  
didn't think too much of it other than I hoped it didn't happen  
to me because it scared the snot out of people and because of  
some other side effects I won't mention here as it would derail  
the topic.

To others it was a terrifying prospect that to this day brings  
out the worst in them.

Bottom line is, it's real. Just because our sciences haven't or  
won't resolve the matter doesn't mean it's less real. Sure some  
accounts are fantasy or downright fibs but there's reality there  
without question.



When we get these broad based headshrinker excuses they're only uttered because they're afraid of something that's not within their sphere of control. Anything that goes against the grain of the crowd has far too often been dismissed as some sort of mental disorder until it becomes popular and generates capital and suddenly it's declared common viewpoint or acceptable public viewpoint.

Change frightens the cowardly.

I often hear the expression that something defies the laws of physics.

Nothing defies the laws of physics, we just don't know everything about physics yet and in our irresponsibility we bark out such exclamations.

We can't solve the UFO mysteries because we don't have the smarts and or courage yet to do so. It's tough for big headed egotistical scientists to admit they're ignorant or wrong but that's human nature.

We still have lots of homework to do.

Best,

Greg  
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## Re: Abduction Explanations

From: Carol Maltby <[carolmaltby.nul](mailto:carolmaltby.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 21 Aug 2008 09:07:29 -0400  
Archived: Thu, 21 Aug 2008 10:00:41 -0400  
Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>From: Franklin D. Fields <[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 20 Aug 2008 09:02:26 -0400 (EDT)  
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As with any investigation, if the witness accounts match, her  
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But with all due respect for her condition and I'm not addressing  
her particular case, the dying process itself is not a guarantee  
of greater or more verifiable truth. The dying can be in a  
natural altered state of consciousness, reacting to medication,  
driven by physical changes brought on by their illness, or  
continue to be in the state of denial about something that  
they've maintained for decades. And people can lie to themselves  
or others for all sorts of reasons that we can never see, or  
think is justified.

Carol

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From: Dick Hall <[dh12.nul](mailto:dh12.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 21 Aug 2008 09:39:21 -0400  
Archived: Thu, 21 Aug 2008 10:00:33 -0400  
Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>From: Franklin D. Fields <[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
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>we know, the Travis Walton case had six witnesses in addition to  
>Mr. Walton, many passed polygraphs more than once. There was  
>physical trace information and no conventional explanation for  
>the set of events.

>Kelly Cahill's 1993 abduction in Australia is another that  
>stands out. Multiple witnesses in three different and unrelated  
>cars and trace evidence of the landing found by one of  
>Australia's universities.

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>actually being abducted, or if there is a mental connection, a  
>change in realities, a temporary transfer to an alternate  
>dimension or has some other cause.

It is a project of the UFO Research Coalition, of which MUFON is  
one member, the other two being the Fund for UFO Research and the  
Center for UFO Studies.

This was discussed here at some length in the recent past, and  
some funds were raised to do the final statistical analysis.

In my capacity as past chairman of the Fund, I was one of the  
organizers of the project.

Dick Hall

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From: **Steven Kaeser** <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 21 Aug 2008 10:02:59 -0400  
Archived: Thu, 21 Aug 2008 10:31:07 -0400  
Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

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>change in realities, a temporary transfer to an alternate  
>dimension or has some other cause.

>MUFON should publish findings in the near future. Does anyone  
>know more about the project?

<snip>

Hi Franklin,

The AMP Project was sponsored by the UFO Research Coalition, of which MUFON is a part. Any findings will probably come from the Coalition, which still exists as a framework.

The data collection was completed a few years ago, but the effort to fund the analysis continues. It has proven to be more time consuming than originally thought, and the cost is by the hour. There's unfortunately no time frame as to when that analysis will be completed, but let's keep in mind that this was started over a decade ago and technology has advanced tremendously. When I have asked if the data has any interesting aspects or "WOW" events, the response, thus far, has been negative.

While it's important that we complete this study and provide the results, I'm afraid it will be more of a learning experience for those involved in the process. A lot of hurdles were overcome in the Project, and many of those weren't technical.

Steve

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From: Joe Merrell <[joe.nul](mailto:joe.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 21 Aug 2008 07:37:43 -0700 (PDT)  
Archived: Thu, 21 Aug 2008 11:08:11 -0400  
Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>From: Gerald O'Connell <[gac.nul](mailto:gac.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 20 Aug 2008 13:28:21 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>Rick, though I sympathise with the underlying logic of your  
>remarks, and I genuinely believe that the abduction phenomenon  
>cannot be easily dismissed, there is one factor that could have  
>extremely powerful explanatory force in the area in question, and  
>which your post ignores.

>Stigmata.

>The simple fact is that, in a warped and totally mysterious  
>fashion, 'wishing' a thing really can make it seem to be so - at  
>a very real physical level.

>While whatever psycho-physical process lies behind the phenomenon  
>of stigmata cannot explain away all the types of unexplained  
>abduction phenomena to which you refer, it could at least be the  
>case that it brings the number down to a more manageable group  
>worthy of detailed research.

>It surprises me that researchers and sceptics alike have tended  
>to ignore stigmata to the extent that they have.

>I would be interested to hear list members' views on this -  
> especially if I am unaware of the extent to which this  
>explanatory avenue has been explored.

=46rom David Jacobs 'Secret Life' (p. 293):

"Finally, it has been posited that the physical effects  
associated with abductions -- scars, internal injuries, blood  
loss, and gynecological and urological sequelae -- are a form of  
'stigmata'...

If abduction sequelae are stigmata, however, then stigmata or  
other psychosomatic physical symptoms can achieve a life of their  
own apart from the conscious thoughts and activities of the  
victims.

For example, the abductee may have only a passing and vague  
concern with abductions, but she may develop marks on her body  
associated with them even though she is not in any way obsessed  
with the subject or aware that she may be an abductee.

Far from being obsessed with it to the point of incorporating  
some functions of the abductions into the physical structure of  
her body, the aware abductee usually desperately wants the  
abductions to end.

Moreover, scars are often found by accident: a friend will notice  
it behind the abductee's knee, or the abductee will feel something  
'funny' on her body and then notice the mark.

Thus the physical aftereffects of an abduction do not conform to

our knowledge about stigmata."

One more thing: I've read a fair amount about the abduction phenomenon and none of the "rational" explanations can really account for the wide range of uniform details of a lot of the accounts or the multiple-witness events.

JM

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Date: Thu, 21 Aug 2008 10:48:59 -0400 (EDT)  
Archived: Thu, 21 Aug 2008 11:10:30 -0400  
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>think is justified.

The case started years before she was diagnosed with cancer. I  
mentioned her illness and impending death because it is a long  
established legal precedence that testimony from dying persons is  
given more weight.

If she had been lying or deluded before she became ill, her  
knowledge of impending death might help her to set the record  
straight. That entirely aside, she is credible and her story  
matches the witnesses. She also provided video evidence of a UFO,  
to corroborate her belief that something physical occurred.

Frank

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## Physical Evidence Related To UFO Reports

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 22 Aug 2008 07:23:01 -0400  
Archived: Fri, 22 Aug 2008 07:23:01 -0400  
Subject: Physical Evidence Related To UFO Reports

Source: Blue Alien - Las Vegas, Nevada

<http://tinyurl.com/6d3f63>

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Physical Evidence Related To UFO Reports: Vehicle Interference

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The Tully "saucer nest" has a very special place in UFO lore. The famous Tully "UFO nest" affair of 1966 is one of the best known accounts of an apparent UFO landing report. It is the focus of a very important nexus in the pivotal question of UFO reality. 1966 was a major year for UFO activity in Australia.

The classic UFO landing at Horseshoe Lagoon near Tully, far north Queensland, and witnessed by 28 year old banana farmer George Pedley, entered the term UFO "nest" into popular UFO parlance. The locality was the centre of an extended UFO milieu that continued for many years, particularly in 1969, 1972 and 1975. The area was also the site of controversial experiments in UFO detection through remote sensing and filming.

The Tully incident has been mentioned extensively in the UFO literature over the years, and yet surprisingly many inaccuracies and misconceptions have developed. These problems became more critical when the famous incident once again became the focus of attention, this time due to the English "crop circle" controversy.

The prominent schools of thought on the crop circle formations adopted the 1966 Tully incident as a classic example of their perceived explanations for the circle complexes. Their claims about the relevance of the Tully incident as the progenitor or a classic example of the currently perceived crop circle phenomenon were flawed and generally unfounded. Doug and Dave, the notorious "circle" hoaxers, also cited the Tully incident as the inspiration of their crop circle creation escapades.

Instead of being an example of a wind vortex effect, "spaceship" landing site, the result of occult paranormal forces, "plasma vortex" evidence or hoaxed "saucer nest", the Pedley "nest" is a remarkable example of a UFO physical trace case. The choice of "UFO" is deliberate in that an unidentified phenomenon was apparently involved and a definitive explanation currently eludes us.

The Site

The actual site of the 1966 "nest" was in a locality called Horseshoe Lagoon. The lagoon is approximately 40 feet wide and about 90 feet across in an approximately east to west direction. The locality gains its name from the horseshoe shape of the site. The water in the lagoon at the time of the incident was

approximately 6 feet deep, but was largely obscured by dense swamp (sword grass) reed growth. These reeds were about half an inch thick and extended about 2 feet above the lagoon surface. The floor of the lagoon was a clay base soil.

In terms of access and view, Horseshoe Lagoon is open on its eastern side - the base of the U shape. This shape wraps around an area of trees and scrub. The lagoon is surrounded in all directions for some 6 kilometers by flat lowland country. Some heavily forested areas are located some 2 kilometers to the south - south east and to the south. Further isolated patches of trees are found amongst the sugar cane fields that dominate the area.

The lagoon is situated on property owned by Albert Pennisi. The Pennisi family have lived there since 1947. His residence is approximately 1.6 kilometers to the north. A line of trees about a kilometer north of the lagoon obstructs the view from the house.

#### The Encounter

At about 9 am, on January 19th, 1966, George Pedley was driving a tractor heading south along a narrow track on Albert Pennisi's sugar cane farm. The weather that morning was calm, with the sun shining at approximately 30 to 40 degrees east. When he was approximately 25 yards from Horseshoe Lagoon, Pedley heard above the noise of the tractor, a loud hissing sound, "like air escaping from a tyre."

"The tractor tyres seemed O.K. to me, so I drove on," Pedley said. "Suddenly, an object rose out of the swamp. When I glanced at it, it was already 30 feet above the ground, and at about tree-top level. It was a large, grey, saucer-shaped object, convex on the top and bottom and measured some 25 feet across and 9 feet high. While I watched, it rose another 30 feet, spinning very fast, then it made a shallow dive and took off with tremendous speed. Climbing at an angle of 45 degrees it disappeared within seconds in a south-westerly direction ...". He added, "I saw no portholes or antennas, and there was no sign of life either in or about the ship."

#### A Physical Trace

When Pedley drove around the bend of the track to the lagoon, there, at the spot beneath where the object had risen, was a huge, round cleared area in the swamp grass. The water in this circular area was slowly rotating and appeared to be completely cleared of reeds. With this evidence of what he had observed, Pedley concluded, "I have really seen something!" He had passed the same spot some three hours earlier, as close as 12 feet, and had not seen anything unusual.

Within a few minutes he returned to his tractor which he found he had to restart. He had noted just immediately prior to hearing the hissing sound a sound like a misfire in the tractor motor. He was sure it had not stopped. As with most farmers it was not his habit to switch off the tractor motor until finished with it.

Later in the day, apparently about noon, George returned along the track and stopped for another inspection. The cleared area of the lagoon surface was no longer visible. What was clearly evident was a floating mass of reeds, approximately 30 feet in diameter, that had apparently come to the surface of the lagoon during the time Pedley was absent. The floating mass of reeds and grass was noticeably distributed in a radial pattern, in a clear clockwise manner. Pedley was certain the reeds were quite green in this mass, as they were in all the surrounding reeds in the lagoon.

#### Original Tully "Saucer Nest"

(Image courtesy Paul Jackson - TUFOIC)

Unable to keep this experience to himself, by about mid-afternoon George Pedley had told a friend, and also Albert Pennisi, the property owner. He led them both to the spot where the extraordinary evidence lay. Both were astounded. Neither had ever seen anything like this before, despite being experienced bushmen. Pennisi "knew" his lagoon and a circular effect like this was totally unprecedented in his experience.

Pennisi and Pedley waded out to the floating mass and found that it was possible to swim from either side under the mass. The water was clear of any obstructions and the lagoon floor beneath it was smooth and clear of any roots. Pedley and Pennisi were most struck by a particular feature of the surface of the floating reed bed - what seemed to be a clear "print" or impression of the UFO.

The outer perimeter of the floating mass was thrust down markedly as if indented by a massive inverted saucer shape, with a circular centre about 6 to 8 feet in diameter. Pennisi rushed to his house and returned with a camera to take a series of photos. By then the upper surfaces of the reeds on top of the "nest" had turned brown. The underside of the reeds remained green. This browning had occurred by late afternoon, some 8 hours after the sighting by Pedley.

#### Other Trace Anomalies

About 6 feet to the north of the "nest" a rectangular patch of the swamp couch grass, approximately 5 by 6 feet had been clipped at water level and pulled out completely. Pedley apparently noticed this initially with his original observation of the circular area. A further interesting anomaly was found by Christine Rounland, whose husband helped Pedley with crop fertilizing.

She came across some ground markings that resembled curious tracks in loose ploughed soil of an adjoining paddock between Pedley=92s banana palms. They led from the direction of the lagoon area and extended a short distance into the ploughed field. They were shaped like a tear drop, pointed on one end and rounded at the other. Each were about 3 to 4 inches in length and about 2 inches across at their widest point. They were spaced out at about 12 inch intervals and in a straight line.

Subsequent underwater checks indicated 3 large holes in the muddy floor of the lagoon beneath the Pedley nest. Whether these were there at the time of the sighting could not be absolutely proven, but to some they suggested the possibility of tripod landing indentations. Pedley also reported later that he noticed the presence of a "sulphur" smell in the area around the nest, just after the UFO had departed.

#### The Nest Milieu Develops

While only the "nest" associated with George Pedley=92s sighting had an explicit connection with a UFO close encounter, other "nests" were found in quick succession in Horseshoe Lagoon. While intriguing none of the subsequent finds were as compelling as the original "nest". The area became the focus of ongoing "nest" phenomena and indeed Tully became known as the UFO capital of Australia. Tully had long been known as the locality with one of the highest regular rain falls in Australia.

The period of Pedley=92s encounter fell within the "wet" season, namely January to February. Usually this takes the form of heavy to drizzling rain. Hence it is easy to see why weather phenomena was deemed a possible explanation. However the facts do not lend themselves to this convenient answer. Strong winds during this "wet season" usually occur when cyclones are present. Pedley=92s encounter occurred during calm fine weather. The prevailing weather for the area in the 24 hours proceeding the incident were not conducive for the formation of local windstorms.

Locals are familiar with wind damage, even those involving small scale vortices. These usually feature rougher and messy grass coverage disturbance and evidence of debris and trails in the immediate locality. None of this was evident. When the news of George Pedley=92s encounter and the "nest" started to spread, coverage through the media proliferated. It was front page news. All sorts of theories abounded for the "nest". Helicopters, nesting birds ("Big Bird?"), crocodiles, dogs, secret military devices, "spaceships", reed eating grubs, willy willy and whirlwinds were amongst the many ideas trotted out.

There was some confusion with regard to the direction of the nest spiral which persisted in various accounts over the years. The Pedley "nest" had a clockwise swirl. This aspect at least ruled out one explanation. The Brisbane paper, The Courier Mail, of January 25th, 1966, stated, "RAAF officials discounted the theory

that =9lnests=92 have been made by helicopters. The RAAF said that in depressions left by helicopters the grass usually ran in an anti-clockwise direction - the main nest found at Tully ran in a clockwise direction."

Alf Macdonald, the Stock Routes Inspector for Northern Queensland, who had lived in the area since 1933, thought the wind vortex theory was unlikely. He said that the district had not had a strong whirlwind, and indicated that they left a path anyway. George Pedley also commented, "I=92ve seen wet whirlwinds and dust whirlwinds. If the police believe this, let them. I know what I saw. It wasn=92t a whirlwind."

The Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society (now VUFORS) published an excellent item, "The Tully =9lnests=92: How freakish can whirlwinds be?" which concluded that "the atmospheric vortex hypothesis" was untenable, despite cyclonic rotation in the southern hemisphere being clockwise. Large scale vortex weather systems such as cyclones and whirlwinds largely have their rotation determined by the Coriolis Effect, but local factors can negate these tendencies, particularly in smaller vortex systems such as "willy willies".

Stan Seers of the Queensland Flying Saucer Research Bureau (QFSRB) arranged for samples to be taken by Albert Pennisi, namely reeds, mud and water from the "nest" area and also from nearby grass. These were received in Brisbane on January 24th, and submitted for examination by the Queensland University Botany and Physics departments. Results for radioactivity were minimal. All samples bar one were negative. The sample taken from the centre of the nest showed a small increase in beta activity, much less than from a luminous wristwatch dial.

Mr. G. Taylor, the staff physicist confirmed that this was an insignificant result and was probably within background readings. Dr. Langdon of the botany department reported that the grass apparently died from submersion in swamp water. No evidence for parasitic infestation or burning was found. The submersion theory was not supported by the facts or local tests conducted by Albert Pennisi at the suggestion of QFSRB. It seemed the reeds in the nest had turned brown in about 8 hours. Reeds that were uprooted and submerged in swamp water turned brown after about 3 days.

Aerial and ground searches of the area were conducted in the wake of the Pedley find. Another two nests were found on January 20th by local farmer Tom Warren and school teacher Hank Penning, only 25 yards from the original "nest". They were a few feet apart and only about a third of the diameter of the original. The reeds were flattened, one clockwise and the other counterclockwise. This find led to extensive searches. A week after the original find, cane farmer, Lou Lardi, and his nephew, Van Klaphake, discovered another two "nests", both apparently much older than the Pedley find.

One was about 12 feet in diameter and the other was 8 feet, with distinct signs of burning in a circular patch of reeds in its centre. A few days later, another identical "new" nest with an apparent scorched centre was found among the earlier nests. The last 3 nests all had their reeds flattened in anti-clockwise fashion.

The traces found after the original nest, although interesting, are less compelling, because of the huge interest and presence of many people in the wake of the initial publicity. Although not proven, hoaxing may have been possible in the later finds. None of these nests had an apparent UFO connection. There was extensive UFO activity being reported but none of it was related to explicit UFO landing events.

#### The Fallout

George Pedley, a bachelor, lived with Ashley Butler, 64, a neighboring farmer. He was known to be a quiet, hard worker. None of the locals had anything against him, even those who did not believe in his sighting. He said to journalists, "Had anyone asked me five days ago if I believed in flying saucers I=92d have laughed and thought they were nuts. But now I know better." Farmer, George Pedley=92s sighting at Horseshoe Lagoon and the physical evidence found there caused a media sensation.

The Brisbane newspaper, The Sunday Mail, of January 23rd, 1966

"quoted" Pedley:

"I was driving the tractor through a neighboring property on my way to my farm about 9 a.m. on Wednesday when I heard a loud hissing noise above the engine noise of the tractor. "At first I ignored the sound, but suddenly I saw a spaceship rise at great speed out of Horseshoe Lagoon, about 25 yards in front of me. It was blue-grey, about 25 ft. across, and nine feet high. It spun at a terrific rate as it rose vertically to about 60 ft., then made a shallow dive and rose sharply. Traveling at a fantastic speed, it headed off in a south-westerly direction. I saw no portholes or antennae, and there was no sign of life either in or about the ship.

"But on my way home to Tully that night I met Albert Pennisi, who owns the property where I saw the saucer. He said that about 5.30 a.m. on Wednesday his dog suddenly went mad and bounded off towards the lagoon."

The UFO Milieu

While George Pedley was himself a skeptic converted by his experience, the January 20th sighting did not occur in a vacuum. One surprising element came out in an article by Sun-Herald journalist John Dickson on January 23. Pedley attributed the following to Albert Pennisi, the property owner:

"He believed me straight away and told me he had been dreaming for a week that a flying saucer would land on his property.

"He said that about 5.50 am on Wednesday [the morning of the discovery of the original nest - B.C.] his dog suddenly went mad and bounded off towards the lagoon."

Pennisi elaborated on these dreams in an interview with the Sydney newspaper The Sun on January 24, 1966. He was quoted by journalist Ben Davie:

"I=92d get them almost every night. And they were beginning to worry me. I couldn=92t understand them. It was always the same. This thing like a giant dish would come out of nowhere and land nearby. And I would watch it in my dream and get real afraid before it went away. Then on Wednesday morning about 5 o=92clock my dog suddenly seemed to go out of its mind. It was howling like a mad thing and raced off towards the lagoon."

While Pennisi did not clarify this strange element to the Tully UFO saga, there were suggestions of paranormal happenings. Much of this information was anecdotal and unconfirmed. More than a decade later, according to information I received, at nearby Murray Upper, a similar situation apparently unfolded. A young woman was woken up by her father, apparently because he thought the house was on fire. There was a huge orange glow outside.

They tried to wake up other family members without success. Fear started to overcome them and they ran down the hallway of the house away from the light. Their next recollection was that they both woke up the next morning extremely puzzled by what seemed to be a bizarre shared dream. Over breakfast they heard radio reports of UFO sightings. They then realized their "memories" were not dreams. A circular area of flattened sugar cane was found near the house.

I subsequently spoke with the young woman. While she only confirmed these events in a vague sort of way she did have a history that many would consider to be a classic UFO abductee. I even spoke to her father but he did not confirm the experience and was not keen to elaborate further. I was not able to confirm the validity of the affair.

There were other accounts in the surrounding area that were somewhat suggestive but ultimately unconfirmable. For example Ted Phillips=92 Physical Traces associated with UFO Sightings catalogue (CUFOS, 1975) describes the following intriguing event:

At about 10 pm, on November 5th, 1971, in the South Johnstone area,

"two locomotive men of the South Johnstone Cooperative Sugar Milling Assoc., Ltd. were in the Number Two Branch area when the traffic control officer tried to contact them by radio. Jumbled

and incoherent voices were heard. Believing an accident had occurred, a rescue party was sent out. One of the group observed a dazzling and powerful light in the area where burnt cane scarred by great heat was found. When they reached the driver and fireman they found them stupefied with one man repeatedly pointing to the sky. Both were taken to a hospital."

The source is cited as the Evening Advocate.

The UFO Investigation Centre (UFOIC) files of the early seventies reveal a possible partial confirmation of the story. A correspondent referred to what was apparently this incident:

"It was either during the inward or the outward trip of a loco that the driver and his mate saw a strange light in one of the fields. On investigation of the light, the men are reported to have seen some kind of strange object in the field... The upshot was that they were placed in hospital under sedation, for about 2 weeks, due probably to hysteria ..." One of the most prolific sources of UFO stories from the Tully area was local witness, Claire Noble. She reported on extensive activity that preceded the famous Pedley sighting of January, 1966. According to Mrs. Noble there had been aboriginal stories spanning many years from Tully Gorge, Murray River and mountain areas around Tully. Apparently aboriginal folklore suggested similar occurrences from earlier times although I have not come across explicit evidence of this.

One of the earlier reports came from near Euramo, the closest village to Horseshoe Lagoon. In September, 1959, a Max Menzel was driving a tractor when he spotted "a brilliant, large, conical craft, approximately 30 feet long", which seemed to be hovering over the top of sugar cane, just 100 feet away. A nearby house was illuminated in a vivid red and orange light. There was a proliferation of sightings through 1965, including an apparent night time landing on the slopes of Mount Mackay on November 29th.

Activity surged for months in the wake of Pedley=92s experience. The Tully district seemed to be haunted by UFOs. "Nest" activity reoccurred during early 1968 culminating in a strange affair involving a remote "UFO detector" and linked camera at Horseshoe Lagoon being triggered and running off footage. The undeveloped footage was posted off to Kodak.

The package was returned with a note from Kodak saying the container contained no film on arrival in Melbourne, despite the original postage being indicative of a film being present. Investigators even used a local member of parliament to try to get to the bottom of the missing film mystery, but all to no avail.

"Nest" activity also occurred at Horseshoe Lagoon during subsequent years including 1969, 1972, 1975, 1981 and 1987. By 1990 Albert Pennisi was indicating there had been 22 nests at his lagoon since 1966. However none were as compelling with regard to an explicit UFO connection as George Pedley=92s find in 1966. While hoaxing and misinterpretation was suggested in some of the later finds, such allegations were not applicable to the original nest.

#### Pedley Speaks

I have spoken to George Pedley on a number of occasions. Initially I found him to be reluctant to resurrect his experience. However he was interested to assist a serious attempt to clarify what had happened. For example, I spoke with George Pedley on June 3rd, 1981:

B.C.: From what I have read you saw what you called a spaceship? You didn=92t really describe it in much detail.

G.P.: Oh, I would never have said I saw a spaceship!

B.C.: That=92s what the papers were quoting you as saying.

G.P.: Well, that=92s wrong for a start. I saw an object... something going up and that=92s it. Just what it was, I don=92t know.

B.C.: What did you really see?

G.P.: Well ah, I just saw this thing in the sky and it took off!



It was about 25 feet when I saw it. 25 to 30 feet in the air, when I saw it.

B.C.: It was in the air when you saw it?

G.P.: Oh yes, I didn't see it in the lagoon as they say. That's wrong. The marks were in the lagoon... and it just took off from there (in the air). It went up another 25 feet and it just flew straight out.

B.C.: So you saw it rise up from a position of about 20 feet when you first saw it.

G.P.: That's right.

B.C.: And the position where you first saw it, was that in the same spot where the nests were found?

G.P.: You mean the object?

B.C.: Yes, where you saw the object rise up, you say you saw it originally from 20 feet in the air, roughly about 20 feet in the air...

G.P.: Yeah...

B.C.: Where the nests were subsequently found, was that directly beneath that position or...

G.P.: That's correct.

B.C.: What sort of size would you have put on it?

G.P.: Size? Oh, the size was pretty right. I'd say 29-30 feet, something like that.

B.C.: Did you get the impression of an object, or was it sort of a solid-looking thing or gaseous...

G.P.: Well I thought it was a solid thing, at the time. I didn't see any portholes, or anything like that, antennas or anything like that. They could have been there, I'm not saying they weren't there.

B.C.: What sort of shape would you have put on it?

G.P.: Something similar to like 2 saucers, you know, face to face...

B.C.: What sort of color?

G.P.: It seemed a silvery grey, a blue grey, like that.

G.P.: (with regard to the media assertions that he saw the object rise up out of the lagoon) I think there was a little bit of misunderstanding there. I would say it was their fault. Anyway, I'd never say that.

B.C.: So how long in sight was it for?

G.P.: We worked it out to say 30 seconds.

#### The RAAF Files

The RAAF files describe the famous Tully incident in the following manner:

At about 9.00 a.m. on 19th January, 1966, Mr. G.A. Pedley, a banana grower of Tully, Qld, observed a light grey non reflecting dull object, reported to be about 25 feet long and 8 feet deep, rise vertically then climb on an angle of 45° from a height of about 30 feet above marshland which was situated about 25 yards away from his position.

There was an associated hissing noise which decreased as the object rose. The apparent shape was described as two saucers, face to face, but no structural detail was observed. The duration of the observation was approximately 15 seconds and it disappeared in mid-air whilst receding into the distance (not assessed).

"A clearly defined near circular depression remained in evidence in swamp grass at the point from which the object was seen rising, and measured about 32 feet long by 25 feet wide. The grass was flattened in clockwise curves to water level within the circle and the reeds had been uprooted from the mud. There was no scorching of grass or surrounding trees and the observer stated that there was no smell of combustion..."

My research of the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) files uncovered the original police report on the incident. As these are the earliest documented sources, extracts of it are included here of details not included in the above statement made in 1973 in response to an enquiry from the Australian newspaper.

George Pedley reported his experience to Tully Police at 7.30 pm, on January 19th. At 7 am, January 20th George Pedley and Sgt. A.V. Moylan went to the site of the incident. Sgt. Moylan then contacted Townsville RAAF Base by telephone, on the morning of January 20th. Flt. Lt. Wallace advised Sgt. Moylan that he would forward a proforma questionnaire for completion by George Pedley. On Friday, January 21st, Flt. Lt.

Wallace confirmed despatch of two copies of the sighting proforma by mail that same day and also requested Sgt. Moylan obtain "a sample of the grass from the scorched area." At 3.30 pm, on the same day, Moylan returned to the site and took a sample "of the grass from the depression in the swamp grass at the site." The proforma was filled out by Moylan based on his interviews with George Pedley and was dated 26/1/66. Sgt. Moylan despatched the report and the sample on 26/1/66.

The following details are extracted from the RAAF REPORT ON AERIAL OBJECT OBSERVED Moylan filled out with George Pedley. Because so many conflicting claims have been made about what George Pedley said at the time, it is worthwhile to go back to the original official documentation filled out at the time of the incident:

Name of Observer: George Alfred PEDLEY aged 28 years

Manner of observation: travelling on a tractor about 1/2 mile from farm house of Albert PENNISI, Rockingham Road, Euramo. Attention attracted by hissing noise, clearly heard over noise of tractor - similar to air escaping from tyre; checked tyres and was looking about for source of noise when he saw object about 25 yards ahead. No optical instruments used in sighting.

Height or angle of elevation: First seen at treetop height 30?. Rose vertically to about twice that height, then departed, climbing at about 45 degrees.

Speed, or angular velocity: Extremely fast; No estimate of speed, but much faster than an aeroplane. It was near treetops and these gave observer a good basis for estimating height.

Direction of flight with reference to landmarks or points of the compass: Rose vertically to about 60 feet and departed south west climbing at about 45 degrees; appeared to be rotating for full time observed. (object appeared to remain on) straight climbing path.

Existence of any physical evidence: Clearly defined near-circular depression in swamp grass at point from which object seen rising, about 32? long and 25? wide. Grass flattened to surface of 4? of water lying in xxxx-clockwise curves.

[Sgt. Moylan in his report had typed in anti-clockwise initially and then corrected it to clockwise, by overtyping "anti" with "xxxx". The direction of the swirl at the site of the 19 January 1966 incident was to become a matter of ongoing confusion. The clockwise direction was the correction direction - B.C.]

Weather conditions experienced at time of observation:

Clear sky; Hot sunshine.

Location of any air traffic in the vicinity at the time of sighting: Unknown but checked by RAAF Garbut.

[Flt. Lt. Wallace of Townsville RAAF base in a covering minute paper confirmed that "there were no service or Civil aircraft

operating in the area.. at the time of the sighting.."- B.C.]

Any additional information: (Sgt. Moylan wrote)

Observer reported this matter to Tully Police at 7.30pm on 19/1/66 and at 7am, 20/1/66 went with me to the site of the depression in the swamp. His version then included the information that the object rose vertically, appeared to dip slightly and then went off in straight climbing path.

He then said...further that there was no smell of combustion and no scorching of grass or trees visible; that the the flattened grass or rushes was quite green when he first saw the depression; on his return that afternoon the grass had turned brown.

(Sgt. Moylan further added:)

In this matter I formed the opinion that the depressed area in the swamp grass had been caused by a small helicopter and that the observer, in the early morning bright sunlight shining on the rotor may have mistaken the shape. His description of the take off lent some strength to my opinion. However there was cleared land to the east for about 200 yards where such an aircraft could have more safely landed instead of the position indicated by the observer, close to trees.

Later I was informed by Wallace Evans of ...Tully, an electrician, that he has seen similar markings in a swamp at Kurrumine Beach and is quite certain that it was caused by a whirlwind, sucking up water into a waterspout, uprooting the grass and laying it out in a similar pattern. At 3.30pm, 21/1/66 I took a sample of the grass at the site and have forwarded it under separate cover on even date.

Flt. Lt. T.D. Wright, for Air Officer Commanding, Headquarters Operational Command, RAAF, Penrith, New South Wales (NSW), on-forwarded police Sgt. Moylan=92s report on George Pedley=92s UFO sighting and Flt. Lt. Wallace=92s covering minute paper, to the Department of Air, Russell Offices, Canberra. His communication classified RESTRICTED, which was channeled to the Directorate of Air Force Intelligence (DAFI), also indicated, "This headquarters believes that the depressions of the swamp grass were caused by small isolated waterspouts."

In response to an enquiry, dated 2nd February, 1966, from the Commonwealth Aerial Phenomena Investigation Organization (CAPIO), the Secretary, Department of Air, Mr. A.B. McFarlane, wrote on 11th February, 1966:

"Investigations of the area surrounding the reported "Nests", testing of samples taken from around them and interrogation of persons involved in the report failed to reveal anything of significance.

"However, during enquiries a number of local residents stated that the reported "nests" are fairly common during the onset of the "wet". Furthermore, the University of Queensland stated that there was nothing unnatural in the samples submitted and assessed that the "nests" could have been the result of severe turbulence, which normally accompany line squalls and thunderstorms prevalent in NORTH QUEENSLAND at the time of the year.

"There is no explanation for the visible phenomena reported but it could have been associated with or the result of "down draughts", "willy willies" or "water spouts" that are known to occur in the area.

".. for information ...in January of this year from an airfield in the tropics (a number of photographs taken give) a fine example of the type and growth of a cloud formation occurring with a severe "down draught". This whirling mass of tropical air associated with thunderstorm activity, on reaching the earth=92s surface may dissipate and subside or persist giving rise to dust eddies, water spouts, etc, leaving a telltale circular pattern on the ground.

Should it occur over a swampy reed bed the effect would be to flatten the reeds with a circular pattern. Resultant photographs and investigations of the "nests" seem to fit in with this theory and is accepted as a possible cause of the phenomena."

It is fascinating to note how Secretary McFarlane=92s cursory explanatory exposition, no doubt inspired by "the tornado-like meteorological phenomena" that infested skies over Willow Grove, Victoria (Charles Brews famous 1963 close encounter) and Vaucluse Beach, NSW (Dennis Crowe=92s striking suburban encounter in 1965), anticipated by almost 2 decades Dr. Terence Meaden=92s early theoretical attempts to explain the English "crop circles" of the 1980s. Dr. Meaden would mistakenly assume that George Pedley saw his "vortex" at 9 pm, not 9 am, which was a fatal flaw in the mechanism he originally put forth to explain the report.

The Willow Grove

"Tornado-Like Meteorological Manifestation"

At 7 am, February 15th, 1963, Charles Brew bore witness to a classic close encounter. With his 20 year old son, Trevor, Brew was at work in the milking shed on their farm, "Willow Grove", near Moe, Victoria. It was light, but rain clouds lay overhead. Charles Brew was standing in an open area, with a full view of the eastern sky. It was from that direction that he saw a strange object appear and descend very slowly towards the milk shed.

The objects approach was coincident with the cattle and a pony reacting violently. The 2 farm dogs fled. A local newspaper even reported that the cows turned somersaults, a suggestion the Brews denied. The UFO descended to an apparent height of between 75 and 100 feet, hovering over a large Stringy-Bark tree. It was about 25 feet in diameter and 9 to 10 feet high. The top section appeared to be a transparent dome of a glass-like material, from which protruded a 5 to 6 foot high mast or aerial. The "aerial" appeared to be as thick as a broom and resembled bright chrome.

The top portion of the disc itself was battle-ship grey in color and appeared to be of a metallic luster. The base or underside section glowed with a pale blue color and had "scoop-like protuberances about 12 to 18 inches apart around the outside edge." This section rotated slowly at about one revolution per second. This spinning motion apparently caused the protuberances to generate a swishing noise, somewhat like a turbine noise, that was clearly audible not only to Brew but also to his son Trevor, who was located inside the shed near the operating diesel-powered milking machine units.

Charles Brew described how he felt his eyes were drawn towards the object "as though beams of magnetic current" were between it and him. He also experienced a peculiar headache which came on with the approach of the object. Even though Brew normally did not suffer migraine, the use of tablets did not subdue the headache.

After hovering for a few seconds, the object began to climb at roughly a 45 degree angle, continuing on its westward course and passing up into the cloud deck again. Trevor did not see the UFO, but confirmed the unusual sound, like a "diggerydoo" or "bullroarer" - aboriginal artifacts which can produce a pulsating wind rushing noise.

Flt. Lt. N. Hudson and Sqd. Ldr. A.F. Javes of the RAAF interviewed Charles Brew on site on March 4th, 1963. While impressed with his credibility, the weather at the time of the sighting - heavy continuous rain with very low cloud and poor visibility, and with a fresh wind in an easterly direction, caused them to focus on weather-related explanations. Their report describes the basis of their somewhat extraordinary "explanation" for the incident:

"On 6th March, Dr. Berson and Mr. Clark (of the CSIRO (Commonwealth Scientific & Industrial Research Organization) Meteorological Physics division) were interviewed to see if clouds give this type of phenomenon. They agreed that a tornado condition could give this effect. The direction of rotation of Brew=92s report of the object was consistent with known facts for the Southern Hemisphere.

The blue-ish coloring has been reported previously and is probably due to electric discharge and there would be a smell of ozone. The only difference in Brew=92s report was that the object moved from East to West because all previous reports to the CSIRO Met section of this nature have been from West to East. Mr. Brew stated that the wind was fresh from an easterly direction.

However, (a) meteorological report states that wind was westerly at 8 knots."

The report notes that the met report was from a Yallourn observer, which is about 20 kilometers away; therefore local variations in the weather would not have been unusual. Despite this lack of rigor in determining how relevant their hypothesis was, the RAAF officer's report concluded, "There is little doubt that Brew did witness something, and it is most likely that it was a natural phenomenon. The phenomenon was probably a tornado. There was no reported damage along its path, therefore one could assume that it was weak in nature."

The Department of Air responded to a civilian UFO group enquiry about the incident with the following statement,

"Our investigation and enquiries reveal that there are scientific records of certain tornado-like meteorological manifestations which have a similar appearance in many ways to whatever was seen by Mr. Brew. The information available is such however, that while we accept this is a possibility, we are unable to come to any firm conclusion as to the nature of the object or manifestation reported."

The official sighting summaries removed any such doubt. By then the "possible cause" was listed as a "tornado-like meteorological manifestation." In correspondence with the Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society, the CSIRO's Dr. Berson indicated, "we are unable to come to any firm conclusion as to the nature of the object or manifestation reported."

It seems clear that the RAAF were largely parroting the CSIRO's conclusions and taking things a little further without any realistic justification. Their musings pre-empted Terence Meaden's "vortex" hypothesis by some 2 decades.

Dr. Berson and an associate visited Charles Brew at the Willow Grove property. According to Brew, Dr. Berson was interested in the headache that he had, and indicated that Berson had said that it tied in with their theory of a possible electromagnetic nature of the incident. The CSIRO's field investigation had in fact preceded the RAAF by about a week.

There was evidently extensive interest from the military and government scientists. Brew indicated that the RAAF officers told him that the object he saw was similar to those seen overseas and that it was the best sighting they had looked at.

What the Department of Air referred to as a "tornado like meteorological manifestation" elicited the following emotive description from Charles Brew. It mirrors the striking nature of his encounter with the "unknown". He said, "I wished it would come again. It was beautiful. I could feel the life pulsating from it."

A local bard penned a witty ballad, placing the sighting as happening at night, not in the morning, but lets indulge him. The local newspaper, The Moe Advocate, described it thus:

"... the following heretical ballad has been submitted by a Moe resident who asks us to preserve his anonymity as he is "strongly against capital punishment":

=46rom Mars TO Moe (MO)  
"At Willow Grove, north west of Moe,  
One starry summer's night,  
A flying saucer appeared on high,  
And gave the cows a fright.  
Don't scoff or scorn at Willow Grove,  
Or throw jokes at its face,  
For Willow Groves not far from Moe  
And Moe's the queerest place.

"For we who've lived here long enough,  
Are not surprised one bit,  
That men from Mars should visit us,  
And give the cows a fit.

"... perhaps these saucer jokers,  
Wandering lost amongst the stars,  
Thought Moe's like nothing else on earth,  
And reckoned it was Mars."

With the help of VFSRS, Dr. James McDonald visited Charles Brew during his 1967 Australian trip and interviewed him at the site of the 1963 incident. McDonald concluded, "like that of many other UFO witnesses, it is extremely difficult to explain in present-day scientific or technological terminology."

Despite the extraordinary nature of the Willow Grove incident and the high level of official interest in it, the sighting was listed in a subsequently released "Summary of Unidentified Aerial Sightings reported to Department of Air, Canberra, ACT, from 1960" as having a possible cause of "tornado like meteorological manifestation."

#### The Vaucluse Beach "Tornado"

Between showers and high winds, Dennis Crowe, a former technical artist with English aircraft companies, was walking along Vaucluse Beach, one of Sydney's beach suburbs, at about 5.30 pm, on July 19th, 1965. He became aware of a glow coming from what appeared to be a huge disc shaped object resting on leg-like structures. The object's diameter was estimated at some 20 feet.

It had a glowing, greenish blue rim, while the top and bottom halves were dull silver grey in appearance. Crowe thought a hollow in the top could have been a glass dome. He could not make out any sign of movement in the object. When he approached the object to within 50 to 60 feet, it suddenly lifted off the ground. A noise, like air being forcibly released from a balloon, was noticed. The UFO climbed rapidly and within 10 seconds had disappeared into clouds.

There were no other witnesses to the encounter save a dozen or so dogs. While the object was stationary they were all barking loudly at it. After it took off they were all strangely silent. A geologist made independent calculations at the landing site which confirmed definite traces of an unusual object having rested there. He stated that the vegetation there was dying and would remain dead for a number of years. The Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) put forward a possible explanation for this extraordinary incident. They suggested it was a "tornado"!

The Vaucluse "tornado" was another remarkable example of an unlikely explanation put forward by the RAAF, that perhaps anticipated meteorologist Terence Meaden's "plasma vortex" hypothesis and his extreme applications of it to English "crop circles" of the 80s and 90s, and significant UFO physical trace events.

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#### The Tully "Willy Willy"

The only other significant official statement on the Tully sighting I found in the RAAF files was included in a letter by Mr. G.J. Odgers, Director of Public Relations, Department of Defence (Air Office), dated 17th December, 1973, directed to Charles Wright, a journalist working on a article for the national newspaper, The Australian.

George Odgers's Air Office public relations department had clearly gleaned from the 1966 DAFI files details of an explanation of what George Pedley had seen that the original RAAF officers and Department officers back in 1966 had not determined:

Although a conclusive determination could not be made, the most probable explanation was that the sighting was of a "willy willy" or circular wind phenomenon which flattened the reeds and sucked up debris to a height of about 30 feet, thus forming what appeared to be a "flying saucer", before moving off and dissipating. Hissing noises are known to be associated with "willy willies" and the theory is also substantiated by the clockwise configuration of the depression. Mr. Odgers further added, more generally,

"All too often unusual occurrences are reported in sensational terms with little or no attempt made at rational assessment. The general subject is "newsworthy" and lends itself to sensationalism and guesswork, but in most cases logical explanations follow from careful investigation. You will appreciate that there is nothing to be gained from reopening old cases." [a sentiment I would not agree with - B.C.]

### Circular Perspectives

The "crop circle" controversy is a very recent phenomenon on the unusual ground effects stage, with specific and limited physical and social dimensions. My "physical traces" review in UFOS 1947 - 1987 highlighted the rich tradition of UFO related ground traces. The English "crop circle" controversy is a belated aberration which was done more damage than good for the credibility of the physical dimensions of the UFO phenomenon.

The "crop circle" controversy has also been embraced by the new age community, some of whom view the striking complex patterns as vindication of obscurely expressed signs that "mother earth" is in trouble and this is her way of alerting us to wake up and "do the right thing" - noble thoughts, but in this context more a tribute to wooly thinking and gullible belief in very dubious "crop circles".

I took an early interest in the English crop circle saga as it unfolded in the early 1980s, alert for any potential implications for the UFO mystery. However it quickly became evident that the English crop circle milieu was a startling example of a modern myth in the making.

In the majority of cases no clear correlation exists with apparent physical unidentified flying objects, whereas in the better documented UFO landing events substantial correlations exist. The Tully incident is a clear example. The 1980 Rosedale (Australia) landing, the 1974 Landenberg (Canada) encounter and the 1981 Trans-en-Provence (France) event are further strong examples of impressive UFO physical trace cases.

It was indeed puzzling that where a very dubious connection exists between the UK "crop circles" and UFOs, that a theoretical mechanism emerged that sought to explain both, namely the Meaden "plasma vortex" hypothesis. However the mechanism was on very shaky ground in its patently flawed attempts to explain the more provocative UFO landing cases.

I initially gave a guarded endorsement of the possible utility of the early versions of the hypothesis, in the BUFORA booklet Controversy of the Circles (1989): "It appears to be a possible explanation for many of the circle formations, that fit the topographic restrictions of the theory... Providing researchers understand the limitations of the vortex theory, then I see it as a reasonable hypothesis."

It seems that advocates of the theory have gone way beyond its limitations, and by so doing have critically damaged the credibility of a hypothesis, which may still have a place in explaining some cases.

In The UFO conspiracy (1987) Jenny Randles suggested that the Tully "nest" affair may be explained by meteorologist Terence Meaden=92s developing "vortex" theory. In Controversy of the Circles (1989) I was quoted as indicating, "I have spent some considerable time assessing the evidence of the 1966 Tully =91UFO landing nest" ...

I have to state that the vortex model does not apply here for many reasons. The RAAF suggested this as an explanation at the time. It did not fit the facts then, nor does it fit the =91vortex=92 model as it is currently understood." The theory was to evolve into the =91plasma vortex" hypothesis, but my reasons (which were omitted from the BUFORA report) are equally valid, namely:

1. The topography does not fit the theory. The Horseshoe lagoon is part of an extensive flat coastal area. The nearest hill/mountain/high ground is literally miles away.
2. There was no prevailing wind conditions. In fact the weather had been fine and sunny.
3. The witness saw a UFO described as 2 saucers end on end - in broad daylight at close proximity for some 10 to 15 seconds. To argue that he saw a =91vortex=92 is to categorically reject his evidence and the physical evidence at the site. The reeds did not disappear from the site.

They were floating on the surface. There was no evidence that a sufficient quantity of reeds were lifted up to create the

impression of the UFO Pedley saw. He saw it directly above the nest. It then rose up and then moved off at speed, rotating as it went. I think it is extremely difficult to reconcile this to an observation of a vortex."

While the evolved "plasma vortex" theory moved closer it was still untenable.

In Crop Circles - A Mystery Solved (1990)

Jenny Randles made an untenable attempt at suggesting the striking 1980 Rosedale Australia UFO landing was an example of "the Meaden Vortex Theory in action". The duration alone makes this an unrealistic explanation. Also where Jenny Randles interpreted in the Rosedale witness's description of a "tube", "a vortex funnel", in reality he was describing an explaining annulus like a black inner tyre tube, situated on the base of the object, something significantly different to a "vortex".

Suggestions that the Tully "nest" and "UFO" were similar to a "vortex" incident at Marple in 1988 are strained at best. While the flying hay "vortex disc" at Marple is intriguing it should be pointed out that the hay body was clearly recognized as such by witnesses. Light hay had clearly been lifted up by midday summer vortex thermals and was drifting. In the Tully incident we are dealing with water-laden reeds, a fast moving "object" and an apparent lack of absent reeds from the lagoon.

In other words the RAAF's suggestion of a Willy Willy "vortex" of reeds from the lagoon cannot be sustained. The 1966 Tully UFO physical trace case still stands as a classic example of the impressive physical dimensions of the UFO phenomenon. We should continue with our efforts focused on the physical reality of UFOs and use this as a basis of understanding the phenomenon rather than anchoring much of our speculations on less credible dimensions of the phenomenon.

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Are UFOs Aliens?  
Robin Hanson

I'm a social scientist with a high estimate of the power of social science (especially economics and sociobiology) to trace the outlines of a wide variety of social behavior. I even use social science to estimate our distant descendants' future, and the astronomical signatures that aliens might leave.

Some complain that such efforts reflect an overconfidence in social science, that academic insights today have little power to generalize to such distant situations. Some even say social science does not exist, i.e., that it fails to offer much insight even into human society today. But most of these social science skeptics also want to say we are pretty sure UFOs are not aliens - that aliens are not regularly visiting Earth today. And during a long drive from DC to Indianapolis and back with Bill and Chris Dickens (to attend GenCon), I realized this is contradictory: social science is our main theoretical basis for thinking no UFOs are aliens!

Humans have long reported various rare and odd phenomena, from angels to faeries to bigfoot to sea monsters to ghosts. We are pretty sure most such "weird" reports are errors, i.e., mistakes, frauds, or misunderstandings. We also reasonably believe most weird report categories are entirely errors -- for example, we reasonably believe all faery reports are errors.

Nevertheless, we can't be especially confident that a category of weird reports is all error, merely because it is weird. After all, some weird categories have been vindicated, i.e., we now think many reports really were as weird as claimed. Meteorite reports, for example, were once thought to be crazy - why the heck would rocks fall from the sky? I'd love for someone to survey categories of weird reports made a few centuries ago, identifying the categories most clearly settled by now, and seeing what fraction of settled categories have been vindicated. My guess would be roughly 5%.

Coming back to UFOs as aliens, if all we knew about this report category was that it is weird, we would have to assign roughly a 5% chance that some UFOs really are aliens. And given such a dramatic conclusion, a lot of UFO research would then be justified. So do we know something more about UFO reports, to let us adjust this 5% estimate?

Some are impressed by the wide range and sometimes high prestige of folks who make UFO reports. And perhaps an analysis of historically vindicated weird reports would show these to be positive indicators. But it seems to me that the main correction

we apply is theoretical: we think it quite theoretically implausible that any UFOs are aliens.

But why exactly is that implausible? Since the universe is thirteen billion years old while human civilization is only a few thousand years old, alien civilizations out there would most likely be millions and perhaps billions of years more advanced than us. Given such a lead, it is quite plausible they could make devices able to display all of the phenomena reported for UFOs. There is nothing in physics that suggests UFOs are not aliens.

No, the main argument against UFOs as aliens is that this is an implausible social scenario. People ask: why would aliens travel for light-years merely to squash some corn fields? Why wouldn't they introduce themselves to those in power? Why haven't they made more of a visible mark on our planet or solar system?

These are fine questions, and I do agree that they tend to support a more skeptical conclusion. (Though even I can't see how the chance goes much below 1%, still justifying substantial UFO research.) But my main point is that such skepticism is only reasonable if we actually know enough social science (broadly conceived) to be able to say something about alien behavior. And if we know this much social science, we should also be able to make some progress using social science to estimate our distant descendants' future, and the astronomical signatures of distant aliens.

You can't have it both ways: you can't say we know too little social science to project our distant future and distant alien astronomical signatures, but we do know enough social science to be confident UFOs are not aliens.

[Thanks to Stuart Miller for the lead]

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Skeptics In The Pub  
Ben Emlyn-Jones

On Monday evening I went to Skeptics in the Pub:

<http://www.skeptic.org.uk/pub/>

This was the second time I've attended. Last time, last month, I wrote about it here:

<http://hpanwo.blogspot.com/2008/07/skeptic-in-pub-21808.html>

I arrived early at the Penderel's Oak, but was momentarily taken aback because it has a new signboard; it's been renamed the Left-Brain Arms. Clustered outside on the street were a group of customers huddling in self-conscious poses as they had a quick irrationality break (It's not been easy for them since the ban. The pub's landlord scoffed at my idea of setting up a separate irrational-thinking bar.) As before the cellar bar was enthusiastically crowded. The attendees looked fresh-faced and optimistic. These are people living the Skeptic Dream! They wear Skeptic clothes and eat Skeptic food; they drive Skeptic cars and ride on Skeptic buses! Their MBA's were pinned like figureheads to their chests, scintillating in the dusky wash of the overhead ceiling lights. I tried to order my usual tippie from the bar, but the barmaid curtly informed me: "I'm sorry, Sir; we're only serving Skeptic drinks here tonight." So I settled down with a cool, refreshing pint of James Randi Bitter and listened to the speaker.

Doug Ellison is a multimedia designer for e-learning, but in his spare time is a space enthusiast. He runs a web forum dedicated to sharing and developing practical ideas for exploring the solar system:

<http://www.unmannedspaceflight.com/index.php?>

The subject of his address that evening was Mars. It's a planet that has come to symbolize all that is alien and unreachable, but in fact Mars is more similar to Earth than any other planet we've discovered so far. It rotates only a little bit slower so the Martian day is a mere 40 minutes longer. It is the only other place in the universe where it is known that you will find liquid water, albeit not much. Today it is very arid and its atmosphere is 100 times thinner than Earth's, but its surface shows signs that in the distant past it had a thicker atmosphere with a large amount of water: rivers, lakes and even oceans. It was once very Earth-like and life could have emerged there. Unfortunately without a strong magnetic field the water soon evaporated into space. With a magnetic field to protect it from solar radiation Mars might have been like Earth today, a blue-green planet! The

question of whether life did ever occur there, or even that it might still be there, is one of the biggest questions in modern science. As a result Mars has been targeted with dozens of space probes from several different nations. Today there is a virtually permanent robotic presence there and the USA, Russia and China all have manned missions on their drawing boards. But Ellison believes that the increasing interest in the Red Planet has a dark side: what he calls "crap". This "crap" is the astonishing theory that there is more to Mars than what official science tells us and that the space agencies involved in its exploration are covering something up. The most prominent figure in alternative Martian investigation is Richard Hoagland and Ellison doesn't mince his words when he mentions Hoagland: "I hate him so much!" He is an unequivocal and very cynical believer in the Strong Hoaglandic Principle, that the man is a money-grabbing blackguard, pure and simple. He's talking nonsense and he knows it, but doesn't care because it sells books and DVD's! (The Weak Hoaglandic Principle states that he's talking nonsense, but that he is honestly deluded and really thinks that what he's saying is true.) Ellison denies that a conspiracy is possible because there's more than one space agency involved nowadays, not just NASA. The European Space Agency and others would have to be in on the plot for it to work; too many people would have to know, making the conspiracy unacceptably top-heavy. (This is one of the criticisms of the Moon-landing hoax theory too, not a criticism I accept for reasons I state below). The idea that the data from Mars is subject to censorship is, according to Ellison, wrong because the signal from Mars Express and other relay satellites in Mars orbit is made available unedited on the Net just 30 minutes after it arrives. There is no human interference in the data-stream. To demonstrate this he put up a photo on the projector screen that had just been sent from Spirit. Apparently if you have the right receiver you can pick up the signal yourself at home, bypassing all the usual channels; somebody in Belgium has done just that! He also demonstrated that the notion that the pictures taken on Mars prove that NASA are lying about the atmosphere being thin and poisonous, and that the planet really has a thick, breathable atmosphere, are misunderstandings based on the various effects of photograph processing. For example in some of the Mars photos the sky looks blue, but this is simply because the "Pancam" cameras with which the Spirit Rover and other probes are equipped have a separate blue-filtered field. This part of his research is very persuasive and it became obvious to me that some of the ideas of the Martian cover-up based on photo-colour are wrong; here's a good example of the kind of notions he debunked:

[http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=DZU\\_pPdNedc&feature=related](http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=DZU_pPdNedc&feature=related)

I'm sold! They are genuine photos. (but whether they are genuine photos of the real Martian surface is another matter; as is whether the Martian surface depicted is both real and natural; but that's a long story, beyond the immediate scope of this article!) However I don't share Ellison's confidence that a conspiracy is out of the question just because many different space agencies from many different nations are involved. Corruption is far more insidious, durable and widespread than is commonly known. I have witnessed firsthand, in very benign-looking institutions, the most appalling deceit, destruction and social violence concealed under a frighteningly thin veneer. I was also dismayed at how willing so many people are to turn a blind eye. The "just get on with your job and don't rock the boat" ethic is a commonly-upheld one indeed. The recent organized child abuse scandals in North Wales and the Channel Islands are a good example. Some space agencies also have a few skeletons in their cupboard, and as far as NASA is concerned it is an ossuary! NASA works on classified military operations and always has done, from launching spy satellites to "Star Wars" experiments. They've employed some very dodgy characters and given fame and respectability to people who really belong in jail! In my opinion NASA has not earned the people's trust.

Ellison then went on to address some other Martian scoops that he thinks have been blown out of all proportion by the media, like the "Sedimentary Sasquatch". I didn't know it was called that, but I've heard about it and written about it myself:

<http://hpanwo.blogspot.com/2008/01/prood-of-alien-on-mars.html> .

With the passing of time since I wrote the article, this object looks less convincing. It could be simply a "cloud-teddy"; our brains' visual centre tends to seek out recognizable shapes in random chaotic images. The continued media interest in gimmicky

curiosities like this actually begins to feel a bit like a "public relations exercise" to me. What better way to make people reject any real Martian anomalies than to focus their attention on something so obviously unimpressive and easy to disprove? Other anomalous objects that have been spotted in Mars photos are actually just parts of the spacecraft that have been jettisoned in their descent, like the heat-shield and parachute.

For a while I thought Ellison was going to avoid the most famous alternative Mars investigation subject of all: the Face on Mars, but he didn't disappoint. He views the Face in a very similar way to the "Sedimentary Sasquatch", a cloud-teddy; and to support his opinion, he put up pics of many other face-like objects on the surface of Mars that none of the "conspiracy theorists" point to. The Face dates back to the 1976 Viking mission, where it was spotted at a press conference. Since then more recent pictures of the Face have been published by modern craft like the Mars Global Surveyor; or at least NASA have told us that's what they are. Here are some of them:

<http://tinyurl.com/55plrr>

It looks a lot less face-like and more like a cloud-teddy now; Ellison thinks that's all it is. However, I once again disagree with Ellison's assertion that this closes the case. The original Viking images were subjected to fractal analysis, a military system that was used on spy-plane and satellite photos to spot enemy tanks in the Gulf War. The system is specifically designed to eliminate the natural cloud-teddy function of human vision. It concluded that the Face was the most unnatural object for hundreds of miles around. Other researchers have also analyzed the more recent Face pictures and disagreed that it is natural. This vid is very interesting. I jumped out of my seat when they first showed the Face!:

<http://tinyurl.com/6y9lnz>

"The Face on Mars is not artificial!" exclaimed Ellison "This is what artificial objects look like!" and he showed us a Google Earth picture of the Egyptian Pyramids. But I wonder what the Pyramids will look like in the future. If the Face on Mars is the creation of an extinct Martian civilization then it is extremely old, billions of years old, maybe even predating life on Earth itself, let alone terrestrial human civilization! I wonder how "artificial" the Pyramids will look after a few more millennia of environmental weathering. So you see, it's not a suitable comparison. As far as Hoagland goes I personally believe in the "Super-Weak Hoaglandic Principle"; in that I believe he's genuine about what he says, what's more he's not talking complete nonsense either. But I certainly don't go along with all his views. I concur with Ellison's opinion that "Topogly" is all bollocks. You can generate significant mathematical constants out of almost anything, so long as you have enough points to link angles between! But there are some interesting "coincidences" with Cydonia which involve far more basic mathematical geography (or to be pedantic: "Areography") and deserve further study in my view: The complex lies on the 120th Meridian, taking Olympus Mons as the prime one; that's exactly one third of the way round the planet. The whole complex around the Face matches the layout of ancient monuments on Earth, like the Avebury circle and its environs in Wiltshire; the resemblance is uncanny! Of course you could put it down to "coincidence", but if you do that why not do the same for the Mona Lisa? You could claim it wasn't really a portrait at all; it's just that Leonardo spilled a few pots of paint onto a canvas by accident! That's the big problem with Coincidence Theory: where's the cut-off point?

Whatever Ellison and anyone else asserts, the truth is that there is an opaque veil that covers human activity in space and that when the authorities tell us what space is like and show us data to support their claims, we have to take their word for it to a large extent. We can't see what's going on out on Mars with our own eyes! We have to rely on authorities and trust them. I've stated above that I think that space authorities have the means and opportunity to conduct a hoax. How? And what is there to cover up? Well, I can't elaborate on that in this article. But seeing as they have a means and opportunity, do they have the motive as well? Well, imagine for a moment the effect it would have on our society if it was announced that we had absolute proof of intelligent extraterrestrial life, even if it was extinct; what would happen to our political, religious and social

structures? There are some very powerful people in the world whose only mission is to hang on to that power at all costs. Public acknowledgement that intelligent life "Out There" is real could threaten it in many ways; and there are psychological PR studies that say this in as many words, like the Brookings Institute Report of 1961. I'll be writing a lot about that in the future. Let's assume for a moment that official History is correct and that the Mariner and Viking missions really were humanity's first encounter with the Red Planet (I'm not certain of that they were, but that's a story for another time!). The pics come back showing the Face on Mars, NASA say: "Oh dear! What are we going to do!? Everyone can see a relic of alien intelligence!" They can't airbrush it out in future publications, nor can they from pictures from future missions because anyone looking would spot the Face's absence, so the solution?: downplay it and seed false data and disinformation.

I had a chat with Ellison after the lecture and got on rather well with him, but this is probably because I held back a lot of my opinions! He said: "Mars is an amazing and intriguing enough place already without inventing secret conspiracies about it." That's true... not that this is a reason to declare that there can't possibly be any conspiracies when there could be, but I see what he means. He is currently reading one of my favourite novels. The Mars Trilogy by Kim Stanley Robinson

<http://tinyurl.com/6r39p8>

Unlike me, Ellison is only interested in the nuts-and-bolts scientific aspect to the story whereas I also appreciate its exploration of sociology and politics. It's an amazing sci-fi book that is set in official future History (Just in case anyone's thinking that I don't read normal books!). Unlike my first visit to SITP I managed to strike up some conversations with the other patrons. I had a good chat with a nice bloke called Colin and also met a friendly fellow called Jack of Kent who runs his own blog:

<http://jackofkent.blogspot.com/>

He's posted comments on my first SITP article, see above. He explained to me that the reason people were so reserved and standoffish at the last SITP was because that's what Londoners tend to be; it's a habit. I can accept that after having a much more social experience there this time. I also admit that I have suffered a bit from paranoia and prejudice because of the Skepper who's been harassing me for the last three years! The latest SITP has reassured me that not all Skeppers are like him! I'll look forward to the one next month and hope I can go along!

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## Re: Yes Kreskin Is Pretty Amazing

From: Carol Maltby <[carolmaltby.nul](mailto:carolmaltby.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 21 Aug 2008 12:34:40 -0400  
Archived: Fri, 22 Aug 2008 07:48:25 -0400  
Subject: Re: Yes Kreskin Is Pretty Amazing

>From: Terry Groff <[terry.nul](mailto:terry.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 19 Aug 2008 11:09:53 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Yes Kreskin Is Pretty Amazing

>Somewhere, in a box in my garage, I have an original Kreskin  
>'game'. It's not really a game but rather different tools for  
>testing ESP. I grew bored with it when it consistently showed I  
>had no psychic powers at all.

>I wonder if it has any collector value.

Like it has for most antiques and collectibles, eBay has driven  
the prices down on the Kreskin game. A look at recent entries  
shows that it is not getting any interest, even at less than \$10.

<http://www.samstoybox.com/toys/KreskinESP.html>

Carol

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## Re: Abduction Explanations

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 21 Aug 2008 14:13:03 -0300  
Archived: Fri, 22 Aug 2008 08:50:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>From: Carol Maltby <[carolmaltby.nul](mailto:carolmaltby.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 21 Aug 2008 09:07:29 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>>From: Franklin D. Fields <[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Wed, 20 Aug 2008 09:02:26 -0400 (EDT)  
>>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>>I am personally involved in an abduction investigation where the  
>>lady has multiple witnesses and since she is dying of cancer, I  
>>see no reason for her to lie.

>As with any investigation, if the witness accounts match, her  
>credibility is of course enhanced.

>But with all due respect for her condition and I'm not addressing  
>her particular case, the dying process itself is not a guarantee  
>of greater or more verifiable truth. The dying can be in a  
>natural altered state of consciousness, reacting to medication,  
>driven by physical changes brought on by their illness, or  
>continue to be in the state of denial about something that  
>they've maintained for decades. And people can lie to themselves  
>or others for all sorts of reasons that we can never see, or  
>think is justified.

Ignoring dying declarations in this particular case, though not a  
deathbed statement [more Franklin's field than my own-no pun  
intended Franklin] one would think that getting down to the  
serious business of dying would cause people to narrow their focus  
as to what was or was not important in the scheme of things.  
Clinging to some curiosity in their lives doesn't seem to make  
any sense.

In Franklin's abduction case does this woman have religious  
beliefs separate from her abduction experiences. If so then that  
should satisfy her need to have hope for some continuance in the  
afterlife-which after all is what religion is about. So in that  
case I can't see her abduction experience contributing to her  
comforting herself about the inevitable outcome.

Like most investigators I've had my share of abductee claims.  
There are those who told me their suspicions but were afraid of  
their friends finding out and being ridiculed. Then there are  
those who have had experiences if which these were made public,  
would ruin them professionally. In each case they were looking  
for answers and wanted to get the monkey off their backs.

In some small way by confiding in me [me for christ sakes] and me  
not smirking at them and telling them to seek psychiatric help  
[though in the case of three of the professionals being crazy  
seemed more desirable than the other option] they got some small  
degree of comfort from just telling someone about it that  
actually had heard of these experiences before.

We can make up all of the buzz words we want about this  
phenomenon, run down all of the blind trails we care to invent,

trust in a science that at best is just barely a science-the psychiatric profession; or we can confront it, stop beating up on the claimants with vague allusions to mental health and find out some answers.

Don Ledger

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## Re: Abduction Explanations

From: Bert Reijersen van Buuren <[bert.nul](mailto:bert.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 21 Aug 2008 20:52:33 +0200  
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>From: Joe Merrell <[joe.nul](mailto:joe.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 21 Aug 2008 07:37:43 -0700 (PDT)  
>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>>From: Gerald O'Connell <[gac.nul](mailto:gac.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Wed, 20 Aug 2008 13:28:21 +0100  
>>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>>Rick, though I sympathise with the underlying logic of your  
>>remarks, and I genuinely believe that the abduction phenomenon  
>>cannot be easily dismissed, there is one factor that could have  
>>extremely powerful explanatory force in the area in question, and  
>>which your post ignores.

>>Stigmata.

<snip>

>"Finally, it has been posited that the physical effects  
>associated with abductions -- scars, internal injuries, blood  
>loss, and gynecological and urological sequelae -- are a form of  
>'stigmata'...

>If abduction sequelae are stigmata, however, then stigmata or  
>other psychosomatic physical symptoms can achieve a life of their  
>own apart from the conscious thoughts and activities of the  
>victims.

I strongly believe that stigmata is something that has to do with chemistry!

A natural - biologist working in Africa said that animals produce more energy than they use and that that to much of energy which the animal has to get rid of is being send through the feet into the earth.

Animals who don't send that energy into the earth but sending/spreading it around are much more detectable and those animals are the first to become victim of a predator.

My hands produce that energy too and I use that for when I do have pain etc. I can feel it from two meters - seven feet. In the UK lives a granddaughter of a New Zealand Maori chief and she can heal broken bones in minutes! Everybody has those energy transmitters in hands and feet.

I believe that stigmata is nothing more than a transmitter which doesn't work properly.

Bert ( A W RvB )  
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From: **Gerald O'Connell** <[gac.nul](mailto:gac.nul)>  
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>From: Joe Merrell <[joe.nul](mailto:joe.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 21 Aug 2008 07:37:43 -0700 (PDT)  
>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

<Snip>

>>From David Jacobs 'Secret Life' (p. 293):

<snip>

>If abduction sequelae are stigmata, however, then stigmata or  
>other psychosomatic physical symptoms can achieve a life of their  
>own apart from the conscious thoughts and activities of the  
>victims.

<snip>

How ironic.

Not all instances of stigmata occur as the wish-fulfilment of religious fanatics. The whole stigmata phenomenon revolves around unconscious processes that are not understood, and which have secret lives of their own.

To re-iterate: I don't regard stigmata as a credible 'blanket solution' to the physical evidence in the abduction phenomenon. I do think that there are a significant number of instances where a sophisticated and informed understanding of stigmata would be more likely to lead to a credible explanation than would other avenues of research.

In any case, many thanks for the reference Joe. It is good to see that the issue has at least been raised in the right quarters.

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Gerald O'Connell

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## Re: Abduction Explanations

From: Rick Nielsen <[nilthchi.nul](mailto:nilthchi.nul)>  
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Archived: Fri, 22 Aug 2008 08:53:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 21 Aug 2008 08:49:47 EDT  
>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>>From: Rick Nielsen <[nilthchi.nul](mailto:nilthchi.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Tue, 19 Aug 2008 16:47:07 -0700 (PDT)  
>>Subject: Abduction Explanations

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>We've gone through decades of alien abduction accounts and  
>there's far more than just anecdotal evidence.

<snip>

>Bottom line is, it's real.

<snip>

>Change frightens the cowardly.

<snip>

>We can't solve the UFO mysteries because we don't have the  
>smarts and or courage yet to do so. It's tough for big headed  
>egotistical scientists to admit they're ignorant or wrong but  
>that's human nature.

>We still have lots of homework to do.

I agree Greg. I'd like to see an open forum intelligently  
discussing this topic currently too taboo to test true.

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>From: Dick Hall <[dh12.nul](mailto:dh12.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 20 Aug 2008 09:14:47 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>>From: Rick Nielsen <[nilthchi.nul](mailto:nilthchi.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Tue, 19 Aug 2008 16:47:07 -0700 (PDT)  
>>Subject: Abduction Explanations

>>OBES, Past Lives, Sleep Disorders, Shadow People Do Not Alien  
>>Abductions Make

<snip>

>>Wishing a thing, does not make it so. Wishing alien abduction  
>>accounts all had mundane explanations, does not make them so.

>Yes, and more's the pity. Many of the so-called experiencers  
>that I worked with hoped that they were going crazy rather than  
>actually being abused and experimented on by unknown beings.  
>They felt that they could be treated for mental problems, but if  
>it were real...

>And all sane UFO abduction investigators (other than those who  
>allow religious beliefs to dictate their findings) devoutly hope  
>that it is all imaginary somehow. But we are faced with scary  
>facts that must be dealt with honestly.

Exactly.

It is experience where denial is preferred over confrontation.

I would rather identify my own scars as normal wear and tear. But  
they are obviously not. I want to believe my own missing time was  
dreamless sleep, and my own memories as weird dreams I try hard,  
but can't forget.

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## Truth Is Out There And Science Can Prove It

From: **Sheryl Gottschall** <[gottscha.nul](mailto:gottscha.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 22 Aug 2008 10:39:25 +1000  
Archived: Fri, 22 Aug 2008 09:57:00 -0400  
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Source: The Age - Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

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

August 21, 2008

[Link to video]

The Truth Is Out There - And Science Can Prove It

One of the myths Michael Shermer is quick to debunk is that being a sceptic means he is a non-believer. "I believe in lots of things", he says, "just show me the evidence."

Author, scientist and founder of the US Skeptics Society, Dr Shermer would like to see everyone exercise "an ounce of scepticism".

From alien sightings to 9/11 conspiracy theories, he says, many topics cry out for a sceptical mind. "If you claim you have Big Foot, if you claim you have an alien from another planet, show me the body."

A fundamentalist Christian during his high school years, Dr Shermer became a sceptic as he trained to become a scientist. That's because science is scepticism, he says, and vice versa.

Dr Shermer believes UFO sightings are sightings of objects such as weather balloons or blimps and he links "alien abductions" to sleep disorders.

Dr Shermer will give presentations as part of National Science Week, which runs until Sunday.

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## Re: Abduction Explanations

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Date: Fri, 22 Aug 2008 02:10:37 -0700  
Archived: Fri, 22 Aug 2008 09:58:00 -0400  
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>Date: Thu, 21 Aug 2008 08:49:47 EDT  
>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>>From: Rick Nielsen <[nilthchi.nul](mailto:nilthchi.nul)>  
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>>Date: Tue, 19 Aug 2008 16:47:07 -0700 (PDT)  
>>Subject: Abduction Explanations

>>OBES, Past Lives, Sleep Disorders, Shadow People Do Not Alien  
>>Abductions Make

>>On and off-List I've seen several explanations proposed to alien  
>>abduction accounts.

>>If all alien abduction accounts could be passed off as  
>>out-of-body experiences, so-called 'past lives' memory  
>>interference, sleep disorders due to suppressed sexual abuse or  
>>other means, or 'shadow people' caused by seizure-disorder-like  
>>brain over-activity, what about the scoop marks, scars, real  
>>sexual disorders, 'phantom' pregnancies, and implants, multiple  
>>witnesses, missing time, etc?

>>Did those abductees with physical evidence just make it all up,  
>>disfigure themselves, perform surgeries on themselves, and  
>>implant terrestrial and non-terrestrial objects into themselves?

>>Or did they consciously submit themselves to other humans for  
>>these procedures?

>>Wishing a thing, does not make it so. Wishing alien abduction  
>>accounts all had mundane explanations, does not make them so.

>We've gone through decades of alien abduction accounts and  
>there's far more than just anecdotal evidence.

>It's a broadscoped experience that has yet to be addressed  
>properly by modern science.

>That's the key to the UFO phenom, and that it constantly shows us  
>that we don't know everything about ourselves. When we fail to  
>solve something we sometimes toss about blame or ridicule or  
>condescending attempts at invalidation at another's observations.

>I can only speak for myself when I say that I've talked to people  
>of every race, creed, political affiliation, and their abduction  
>stories mirror one another's to such a degree it's not even  
>debateable as to what's happened to them.

>I grew up in the 60's and 70's so stories of aliens interacting  
>with humans was part of my daily life via fiction and fact. I  
>didn't think too much of it other than I hoped it didn't happen  
>to me because it scared the snot out of people and because of  
>some other side effects I won't mention here as it would derail  
>the topic.

>To others it was a terrifying prospect that to this day brings  
>out the worst in them.

>Bottom line is, it's real. Just because our sciences haven't or  
>won't resolve the matter doesn't mean it's less real. Sure some  
>accounts are fantasy or downright fibs but there's reality there  
>without question.

<snip>

At the apparent risk, considering the discussion so far in this thread, of being considered some kind of "heretic's heretic," I would like to venture a few questions that some here may think simply rhetorical, but truly are not :

What if, despite all the anecdotal accounts, there are actually no alien abductions occurring? What if, rather than assuming extraterrestrials, be they grays or otherwise, there is not just one, but a number of other phenomena, some known, and others unknown, as yet, that may account for what is generally considered evidence for "alien abductions"? What other kinds of explanations, evidence, or data is there to necessarily think we are, absolutely, dealing with aliens in these kinds of events and reports? Could we, by making either assumptions or some forms of conclusion, or even just belief, be diverting ourselves here by not considering alternative explanations or possibilities?

For example, regarding implants: can someone here cite for me an analysis or peer-reviewed paper that involves investigation and examination of any implant ever removed from a person that is undeniably, or in some scientifically provable way, not either prosaic or the result of some inadvertent, accidental, or human-created object? Is there any evidence of any implant that has either construction, materials, or other evidence of something truly non-terrestrial, whether natural in composition or artificial (in the sense a person may have created it)?

I would honestly like to know what, if any, evidence exists that a serious researcher has or could hold up or use as a basis to say, "Here is a proof of an extraterrestrial or alien artifact" and also be able to say empirically how and why.

Steve Sawyer

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## Buyer Keen On Caravan Park UFO Hot Spot

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Subject: Buyer Keen On Caravan Park UFO Hot Spot

Source: ABC Online - Sydney, Australia

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22 August 2008

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A potential buyer has been found for a caravan park in central Australia reportedly ranked fifth in the world for reportings of UFO sightings.

The owners say a buyer from Adelaide is interested in the roadhouse and camp ground at Wycliffe Well, despite fears of alien invasion.

Maintenance worker Russell Redding says there is nothing to fear from the numerous 'visitors' who do not arrive with cars and caravans.

Mr Redding says sightings have happened as recently as this week.

"I saw a black line in the sky. A huge amount of lights came on. Then all of a sudden the lights closed like a building closing down, but it was parallel and it closed right down to one light and it lifted off and it went on an angle then that light turned off," he said.

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>Source: Overcoming Bias - Burke, Virginia, USA

><http://www.overcomingbias.com/2008/08/are-ufos-aliens.html>

<snip>

>we think it quite theoretically implausible that any UFOs are  
>aliens.

>But why exactly is that implausible? Since the universe is  
>thirteen billion years old while human civilization is only a  
>few thousand years old, alien civilizations out there would most  
>likely be millions and perhaps billions of years more advanced  
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>aliens.

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>implausible social scenario. People ask: why would aliens travel  
>for light-years merely to squash some corn fields? Why wouldn't  
>they introduce themselves to those in power? Why haven't they  
>made more of a visible mark on our planet or solar system?

Maybe we should applaud Robin Hanson for making an effort, but he failed to grasp the implication of his own statement. We can't even question the motives of beings possibly millions or billions of years ahead of us.

D'you think a bacterium or an earthworm could 'understand' or forecast human behavior?

Cheers

Ray

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Source: The Rocky Mountain News

<http://tinyurl.com/54u438>

Thursday, August 21, 2008

UFO Believer Offers Obama A Briefing On Extraterrestrials  
By Daniel J. Chacon  
Rocky Mountain News

The Denver man who is pushing a ballot initiative to create an Extraterrestrial Affairs Commission in the Mile High City is offering to give Barack Obama a briefing on space aliens and their alleged visits to Earth.

"I can get him information that I believe is better than what he would get as president," Jeff Peckman said Thursday.

Peckman said he realizes his chances of meeting with Obama when the presumptive presidential nominee comes to Denver are slim.

"I don't expect anybody to let me meet him in person," he said, laughing.

Peckman also is asking the Democratic Party "to include a plank in the their platform" during the Democratic National Convention that includes holding "open, secrecy-free hearings on the UFO/extraterrestrial presence on and around Earth."

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## Lights Fuel Calder Valley UFO Speculation

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Subject: Lights Fuel Calder Valley UFO Speculation

Source: Hebdenbridge Today - Hebden Bridge, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/6jk5t7>

23 August 2008

Mystery Lights Fuel UFO Speculations Throughout Calder Valley

It's not the first time that Calder Valley residents have seen mysterious lights in the night sky, but a number of sightings over the past few weeks are remarkably similar in description.

Between the end of July and this week householders up and down the length of the valley, from Todmorden to Mytholmroyd, have described seeing silently moving bright yellow or orange lights make their way across the sky in a way that does not seem like conventional aircraft.

And another possible explanation, that they are hot air balloons, seems unlikely because the lights are seen in the night sky.

First residents in the Burnley Road area of Todmorden saw patterns of lights on the night of Saturday, July 26.

Gemma Kipping said family guests were visiting. "Some of them left before the others and were walking home but rang us after they had set off to say 'there are aliens above your house!'

"So we went outside and I saw three bright orange lights moving uniformly with what looked like a straggler at the end. The three at the front looked like a triangle effect. They weren't making any noise," she said.

While the family watched, a dozen or so customers from the nearby Hare and Hounds pub on Burnley Road, Todmorden, were also watching the lights move across the sky, said Gemma.

"I didn't know what they were," she added. "The ideal explanation would have been that they were a hot air balloon, but surely not in the dark?"

Similar lights were also seen on the night of Saturday, August 2, at 11.15 pm by other Burnley Road residents including Sylvia Sinclair, who contacted the newspaper after reading about similar descriptions of lights in the sky from residents of Mytholmroyd in our sister paper the Evening Courier.

Sylvia explained that friends were leaving her home at Lineholme when they all saw the lights, which appeared to be coming over to the Whirlaw side of the valley.

"They came in twos and looked like big orange lights. They were making no noise and there were six, in pairs. The last one seemed to float over," she said.

Like Gemma, Sylvia wondered if they could be balloons but thought

they were too high for that.

"While we were looking a teenager came down the street and said they were out at the Hare and Hounds looking at the lights. They were just silent, going slowly across the sky," she said.

The next sighting of strange lights came further down the valley, on Monday, August 11, in the Mytholmroyd area.

Cragg Vale resident Chris Granger told the Courier he was shocked to see six strange lights for two to three minutes before they disappeared, emerging from the cloud base in pairs and moving towards Hebden Bridge.

The ex-RAF avionics technician said: "They moved in a very erratic manner and did not display the flight characteristics of a conventional aircraft. Nor did they display the normal lighting array of a conventional aircraft - flashing white strobe and red and green navigation lights."

Cleveley Gardens residents Peter and Marion Ackroyd also saw something spooky.

They also wondered if they were balloons but thought they were going too fast, in addition to the lack of any engine noise.

Earlier this week Mytholmroyd resident Mark Jeffreys said his wife Mandy called him and sons Matthew and Liam outside where they saw seven orange lights coming over, two together, another two, then one and then a final two.

Mandy said: "It couldn't have been helicopters because they were orange lights, not white. I've never seen anything like it, but Mark said he thought he'd seen something similar when he was a kid."

The Calder Valley is home to one of the world's most famous cases involving Unidentified Flying Objects, that of Todmorden's Alan Godfrey, then a serving policeman.

Alan's case, which dates back to 1980, was examined by a Channel 5 documentary only weeks ago. While on mobile patrol in Burnley Road he described and sketched in his police notebook an object which appeared to be hovering over the road.

He then cannot consciously remember anything for a period of time, coming round further down the road. Under hypnosis with a senior police officer present he described being taken aboard an alien spacecraft and examined - but remembers none of this consciously.

Police officers from two different forces reported seeing an unexplained object zip across the valley on the night in question and the amount of information officially logged made it one of the best documented cases in the world, and one which continues to fascinate people who discover it.

Can anyone explain the latest series of so far unexplainable sightings?

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An exception to the hearsay rules is the 'dying declaration'. The  
precedence would fill volumes. I won't bore the List, but what is  
relevant is that any statement made outside of court is usually  
considered hearsay and therefore not admissible. The hearsay  
exception is mainly used in criminal trials but has been expanded  
and used in other cases.

The medieval English courts had the principle of "Nemo moriturus  
praesumitur mentiri", meaning a dying person is not presumed to  
lie. I believe this theory originated during the 12th-century  
reign of Richard the Lionhearted, when Christianity was gaining  
influence. Since most U.S. law is derived from the body of  
English common law, it is understandable that we follow the  
precedence.

However, the rule is not applied uniformly in different  
jurisdictions. To my knowledge all jurisdictions allow the  
exception but some restrict its use in some form or another. It  
is allowed under the U.S. Federal Rules of Evidence and under the  
State of Florida's Rules of Evidence, being the two I am  
familiar.

It is safe to say that present-day courts follow the medieval  
precedence. In recent years, many judges have used their  
discretionary powers to admit dying declarations that probably  
shouldn't have been aired in court. The bottom line is that it  
has weigh when admitted. For whatever reason, judges and juries

seem to feel that a dying person is less likely to lie.

Regards,

Frank

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Steve wouldn't need to prove that it came from Earth, only that  
it didn't come from his home planet in Orion. This is plainly  
not impossible. Materials, manufacturing techniques and physical  
principles unknown to his Orion science could very well serve as  
proof for all practical purposes.

If that is to be regarded as insufficient for the Orionids(?)  
then we are setting their standards of proof so high that Ray's  
own emphatic claim of a "proof" of ET presence in our local space  
(based on Bonilla's 1883 telescopic sightings and the "miracle"  
of Fatima, IIRC) would seem even less compelling to the Orionids  
than it does to us.

Of course, it's possible to argue that Orionid ufologists would  
be unable to distinguish between alien technology and advanced  
and highly secret black-world Orionid technology. So even unknown  
materials, unknown manufacturing methods and unknown physical  
principles might technically not be a perfect proof of off-world  
origin. Maybe this is what Ray has in mind, without saying so.  
But that would be a cop-out, and I suspect Ray knows that.

I think what Steve would like to know from Franklin (and so would  
I) is where to find sound documentation of analyses of implants  
which prove, or very strongly indicate, materials, manufacturing  
techniques or physical principles unknown to contemporary white-  
world science.

As someone who admits having not made a close study of abduction  
cases, I would actually be interested in the answer to a less  
demanding question with more latitude: What is the most  
compelling chain of evidence of an artefact of unusual  
nature/origin being recovered from the body of a human abductee?

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Source: The Northern Territory News - Darwin, Australia

[http://www.ntnews.com.au/article/2008/08/23/5404\\_ntnews.html](http://www.ntnews.com.au/article/2008/08/23/5404_ntnews.html)

August 23rd, 2008

[Photograph]

Armada Of UFOs Buzzing Territory  
by  
Matt Cunningham

Could the Northern Territory be under attack from an armada of UFOs?

The Northern Territory News has been inundated in recent weeks with readers' pictures of possible UFO sightings.

The objects captured on camera have ranged from dark disks flying in broad daylight to strange lights glowing in the night sky.

Roger Perner, 52, of the Hunter Valley in NSW, was taking pictures of eagles at Policeman's Point in Timber Creek on the Victoria River last month when he noticed a strange object in one of the shots.

"As soon as I dropped the camera I looked around everywhere and there was nothing in the sky," he said.

Mr Perner said he had believed in extra-terrestrial life since seeing a strange object in the sky in Queensland about 30 years ago.

"It was miles and miles away and as big as a football," he said.

He said he had no idea what the object he photographed last month was.

"It wasn't there when I took the camera away from my eye but it was there when I took the photo," he said.

In March, Ruth Palmer, 27, of Rosebery, Palmerston, took a picture of her husband Richard Magree in front of the Devils Marbles, near infamous UFO town Wycliffe Well.

When she looked at the photograph she noticed a strange object in the sky flying above her husband's shoulder.

"You don't want to think you are crazy, and I don't want to be one of those crazies, but I thought, being near Wycliffe Well, who knows what it is?"

Stephen Jones, of Alice Springs, was also baffled when he photographed strange lights in the sky near Banka Banka, while driving from Darwin to Alice Springs in February.

The UFO-spotters have come forward after Alan Ferguson photographed strange objects flying above his home in Acacia Hills last month.

Territory Independent Member of the Legislative Assembly, Gerry Wood made headlines down south for his UFO-spotting last month.

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That's why I said my comments were more general, and not at all  
about her particular case. There are a number of ways to  
corroborate what she reports, and her being on her deathbed may  
rank the least of them.

I've not heard before that comments from the dying actually  
carried more weight legally. Do you have some references for that  
that I could look at?

Even if it is indeed a common or long-established legal  
precedent, I'd have concerns about those legal assumptions about  
death embodying out-of-date ideas that modern thanatology has  
moved on from.

People who have been delusional while healthy don't usually have  
things happen that can suddenly convert them to accurate  
observers of themselves or anything else.

Liars? It's too stretchy a term to use for all untruths. Some  
people may hold the truth buried inside because it could have  
hurt them or scared them, or impacted other relationships they  
have. I'd be more likely to trust a death-bed confession from  
those people.

Then there are the other liars who breathe when they lie, and lie  
when they breathe. Death is not going to stop them from  
compulsive lying, and if you are holding their hand, count your  
fingers afterward.

Carol

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>>>From: Steve Sawyer <[stevesaw.nul](mailto:stevesaw.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Fri, 22 Aug 2008 02:10:37 -0700  
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>artifact came from Earth, say, if you and your audience were  
>somewhere in the Orion cloud.

>>It's impossible. And I suspect you know that.

>Steve wouldn't need to prove that it came from Earth, only that  
>it didn't come from his home planet in Orion. This is plainly  
>not impossible. Materials, manufacturing techniques and physical  
>principles unknown to his Orion science could very well serve as  
>proof for all practical purposes.

>If that is to be regarded as insufficient for the Orionids(?)  
>then we are setting their standards of proof so high that Ray's  
>own emphatic claim of a "proof" of ET presence in our local space  
>(based on Bonilla's 1883 telescopic sightings and the "miracle"  
>of Fatima, IIRC) would seem even less compelling to the Orionids  
>than it does to us.

<snip>

>As someone who admits having not made a close study of abduction  
>cases, I would actually be interested in the answer to a less  
>demanding question with more latitude: What is the most  
>compelling chain of evidence of an artefact of unusual  
>nature/origin being recovered from the body of a human abductee?

What about Roger K. Leir and his research - book and Web site?

<http://www.alienscapel.com>

Katharina  
<http://www.alienjigsaw.com>

[There has been much discussion of Leir & his 'implants' here in  
the past: See:

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<http://tinyurl.com/6cs3q3>

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Date: Fri, 22 Aug 2008 19:21:37 +0000 (GMT)  
Archived: Sat, 23 Aug 2008 07:45:31 -0400  
Subject: FOTOCAT Project Update August 2008

Dear List members:

The most recent update of the FOTOCAT Project's blog is at

<http://fotocat.blogspot.com/>

I hope you find it interesting.

Very best regards,

Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos

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Date: Fri, 22 Aug 2008 15:33:56 -0400  
Archived: Sat, 23 Aug 2008 07:51:30 -0400  
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>From: Carol Maltby <[carolmaltby.nul](mailto:carolmaltby.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 22 Aug 2008 13:08:04 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>>From: Franklin D. Fields <[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Thu, 21 Aug 2008 10:48:59 -0400 (EDT)  
>>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>>The case started years before she was diagnosed with cancer. I  
>>mentioned her illness and impending death because it is a long  
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<snip>

>That's why I said my comments were more general, and not at all  
>about her particular case. There are a number of ways to  
>corroborate what she reports, and her being on her deathbed may  
>rank the least of them.

>I've not heard before that comments from the dying actually  
>carried more weight legally. Do you have some references for that  
>that I could look at?

>Even if it is indeed a common or long-established legal  
>precedent, I'd have concerns about those legal assumptions about  
>death embodying out-of-date ideas that modern thanatology has  
>moved on from.

>People who have been delusional while healthy don't usually have  
>things happen that can suddenly convert them to accurate  
>observers of themselves or anything else.

I think we're discussing "deathbed statements" in terms that are  
really too generic to be of value. A "confession" to a crime  
might be acceptable to a legal system that is unable to prove the  
case otherwise, but I somehow doubt that such a "confession"  
would generate a paradigm shift in beliefs.

The acceptance of such statements as true is based more on  
Christianity, than it is in legal precedence. Limited research  
would indicate that deathbed confessions were often an attempt to  
save one's soul from damnation before you visit St. Peter at  
Heaven's Gate. Indeed, many confessions were obtained before  
people were put to death, giving a different view of a "deathbed  
confession" and its history.

In literature and history I believe there is precedent for giving  
weight to information obtained from someone who is about to die,  
but rarely is this information controversial (in a general sense)  
or at odds with the testimony of others. I would ask if there are  
any cases in which a "deathbed confession" was given greater  
weight than the testimony of living witnesses or experts? I can't  
think of any; or find any reference to such cases, but it would  
be interesting to see how they arrived at that decision.

The concept that someone is going to tell the truth before they

die, after having lied about it through their life, is based on the concept that they believe they'll go to Hell if they don't 'fes up. As with any confession, one is faced with the veracity of the person giving testimony, and in the end we probably use our own faiths and beliefs to help establish that veracity for ourselves.

Steve

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>>>If she had been lying or deluded before she became ill, her  
>>>knowledge of impending death might help her to set the record  
>>>straight. That entirely aside, she is credible and her story  
>>>matches the witnesses. She also provided video evidence of a UFO,  
>>>to corroborate her belief that something physical occurred.

>>Hi Frank,

>>Can you provide details on the "legal precedence" given to  
>>deathbed confessions or affidavits? It was interesting to note  
>>that a Google search of "Deathbed Affidavits" brought up a full  
>>page of links related to the Walter Haut statement. But these  
>>indicated an increased interest in Roswell as a result of his  
>>claims, not that the case was being given any greater credence.

>An exception to the hearsay rules is the 'dying declaration'. The  
>precedence would fill volumes. I won=E2=80=99t bore the List, but what is=

>relevant is that any statement made outside of court is usually  
>considered hearsay and therefore not admissible. The hearsay  
>exception is mainly used in criminal trials but has been expanded  
>and used in other cases.

It is a hearsay exception to allow dying declarations into  
evidence, not to give them any extra weight. Dying declarations  
get a foot in the door at a court trial where they would  
otherwise be excluded as hearsay, not a free pass to overwhelm  
all other evidence as if some kind of conclusive truth. As one  
law review has pointed out, "The desire to justify one's own  
actions, to have the approbation of one's friends, moreover, may  
lead to conscious or unconscious falsification even in extremis  
[near death]."

Dying declarations are only allowed as testimony about the cause  
or circumstances of the witness' impending death, not on any ole  
subject under the sun! A dying homicide victim who states on  
their deathbed that "I saw John Doe shoot me" is the kind of



"dying declaration" contemplated in law, not "Roswell was an alien crash."

The dying declaration must be of percipient testimony, something the dying person actually witnessed, not their mere opinion.

Dying declarations are not universally allowed in all types of court proceedings. That fact hardly makes dying declarations into some kind of superevidence whose power of credibility overwhelms other categories of evidence.

Furthermore there are criteria that must be followed in order to allow a dying declaration into evidence, besides the fact it must be a homicide case involving the dying person.

The dying declaration has to be the person's "last words," not something where the person has months or years of future ahead.

If the dying person has the slightest hope of recovery, no matter how unreasonable, the supposed "dying declaration" is not admissible into evidence. Judges are never going to allow declarations from someone who is years away from death to be admitted into evidence without cross-examination by the other party's counsel.

Furthermore, if a dying declarant was available for cross-examination but the proponents of the declaration did not make the person known and available for cross-examination, the dying declaration will be inadmissible.

The dying declarant must also be competent and of sound mind when making the declaration, otherwise the declaration is inadmissible.

I can imagine that if there was ever any conceivable UFO-related actual dying declaration that the other side would immediately pounce on the UFO aspects to argue that the dying declarant was therefore not of sound mind. Maybe they would prevail on that argument, maybe not. But it would suddenly become a key issue.

Some studies have shown that dying persons are often like the oxygen-deprived at high altitudes. Their mental functioning is impaired.

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Cite me current case law recognizing this medieval common law principle applies to make dying declarations of heavier weight than other categories of evidence. Non-cross-examined testimony such as dying declarations are considered inherently untrustworthy, and only this one exception is allowed under strict controls. It may have a dramatic impact on a trial but it is a prejudicial impact.

Needless to say, but I'll say it anyway, using tricks of legal precedence to try to bootstrap some kind of "proof" of Roswell does not make it testable scientific evidence. It's a political argument, not scientific evidence. A political argument tries to sway people and can be based on sound evidentiary grounds but there is no requirement for such and usually it is based on appeals to prejudice and popular biases.

Brad Sparks

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Origin of an artifact is known when the point of origin is observed.

Markings on an artifact or statements made by occupants could be deceptions.

US B-29's flying into Alaska at the end of WWII had US markings but their point of origin was Russia, not the US, because they were part of a Lend-Lease deal. Relying on the artifact's markings instead of radio and radar observations of the actual point of origin would have been misleading, resulting in a false conclusion.

One cannot still say, "Well, the US origin would not have been entirely wrong because the B-29's were indeed manufactured in the US." Later USAF war planners believed the Soviets might paint their Tu-4 Bear copies of the B-29 to look like USAF B-29's with (false) USAF markings, so they could slip through our air defenses. So if such "B-29's" had been observed their point of origin would have been completely false if based on the "USAF" markings. Again, the artifact alone does not give proof of its point of origin.

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>From: John Chambers <[lartington.nul](mailto:lartington.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 14 Aug 2008 11:32:34 +0000  
>Subject: Americans Dropped Satellite On Rendlesham?

>Can point me in the right direction with regard to a publication  
>referenced by the French website below:

><http://tiny.cc/demFD>

>The article referenced is Did tHe Americans Drop A Satellite On  
>Suffolk?, by Richard Kidd and Michael Akeroyd, August 1996 and  
>briefly details the recovery of a film capsule from a Hexagon  
>'Big Bird' #16 spy satellite over Suffolk during the timeframe of  
>the Rendlesham Forest incident.

Hi John,

I had to do a little digging, apologies for the delay. I think  
that you will find the article on the 'Look back' machine at:

<http://tinyurl.com/6bvc3f>

I hope that is useful to you,

Joe

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>Brad Sparks

Exactly Brad!

How do we know what we know? By direct observation, if we can trust our senses, and our instruments, that is. But maybe even that is wishful thinking.

'Whose final analysis?' is the question. And peer review is the key.

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Exactly Brad!

How do we know what we know? By direct observation, if we can trust our senses, and our instruments, that is. But maybe even that is wishful thinking.

'Whose final analysis?' is the question. And peer review is the key.

Surely we know far more than what we learn from direct observation. Tokyo doesn't exist if I haven't seen it?? Hardly.

Surely also we don't need to see a vehicle start from Zeta Reticuli to know where it came from - off the earth. I usually have to take two flights from Fredericton to get anywhere and to get home. But my origin was the airport from which I left on the first flight, not the last one.

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>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 22 Aug 2008 13:53:05 -0500  
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>>Steve wouldn't need to prove that it came from Earth, only that  
>>it didn't come from his home planet in Orion. This is plainly  
>>not impossible. Materials, manufacturing techniques and  
>>physical principles unknown to his Orion science could  
>>very well serve as proof for all practical purposes.

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>>As someone who admits having not made a close study of  
>>abduction  
>>cases, I would actually be interested in the answer to a less  
>>demanding question with more latitude: What is the most  
>>compelling chain of evidence of an artefact of unusual  
>>nature/origin being recovered from the body of a human  
>>abductee?

>What about Roger K. Leir and his research - book and Web site?

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

Thanks, Katharina

I appreciate your taking the time to post this response.

I took a look at this. Actually that link is some sort of  
dead-end merchandising website, but when I added the suspected  
missing "l"  
in "scal]pel" it took me to the right place:

<http://www.alienscalpel.com>

Clicking on "Research" and then "Alien Implant Removal Surgery" I  
found an account of surgery performed on the anonymous subject  
"Betty" for removal of a suspect object embedded in her mouth.  
She exhibited dental x-rays and after further x-rays and a CAT  
scan it was apparently determined that the object was not in the  
gum but in adjacent soft tissue. Leir says it was about "1mm  
across and 6mm long" (but the photograph clearly shows a much  
more slender needle-like object with an axial ratio not 6:1 but  
nearer 16:1, so one or other of these figures seems to be an  
error).

This subject did not apparently claim an abduction experience but  
had a history of dreams, hypnopompic/gogic imagery and aversions  
(e.g. to clowns and bears) that Leir states are characteristic.  
She was referred to Leir by a friend. How the dental x-rays fed  
into the process by which she came to see herself as a possible  
abductee is not made clear in the short article on the site.

Might this metal pin have been something like an old dental crown post? These are pins made of steel or titanium and an image here shows one with an axial ratio of about 13:1.

[http://www.agokadental.com/images/rc\\_img16.jpg](http://www.agokadental.com/images/rc_img16.jpg)

Apparently the lifetime of a crown tooth is reckoned as 5-15 years and decay can continue in the remnant root even after implantation. Is it possible that nonexistent or negligent dentistry after a crown broke off could have allowed the steel post to remain in place after which it migrated through the gum over the course of some years?

I'm not saying that this supportable, but it's an obvious speculation. I don't see any discussion of the possibility here. Has it been checked and ruled out?

One sure way of doing that would be to show that the object did not have the materials characteristics of a dental crown post. But there's no further information given on the object removed. Results of an analysis are said to be pending and will be "made available at a later date". There is no date at all on the web page, but the date of the surgery was apparently Dec 2003 so it could be over four years old. Where are the results of this analysis?

Clicking on "Articles" produces the NIDS/New Mexico Tech report on other objects reportedly removed surgically from other subjects in 1995. It says that Dr Leir had fully documented the links in the chain of transfer of evidence from his operation to NIDS which is reassuring (although the nature of this procedure isn't described - or if it was checkable other than by reference to Dr Leir). Assuming the chain of evidence from the subject to the lab is indeed sound then this is more interesting.

The analysis report (which a bit easier to read on the NIDS site

<http://www.nidsci.org/articles/metal/metal.html>

although I notice that the photomicrographs missing from the Aliensscalpel site are frustratingly not shown here either)

says:

"In an attempt to learn more about the iron, or iron-alloy core of these samples, traditional metallography using an optical microscope was performed. The ground and polished cross-section of sample T1,2-B was etched using "Nital" (HNO<sub>3</sub> & methanol). The fact that nital etched the sample very quickly affirms the presence of an iron-rich alloy. Etching revealed a very fine (too fine to produce a good photograph) maze-like pattern of light and dark regions, reminiscent of a slowly-cooled eutectic composition. Although the microstructure did not reveal a "classic" Pearlite structure, the system is presumed to be iron-carbon, with the dark phase being perhaps cementite (Fe<sub>3</sub>C) in a matrix of ferrite (alpha-Fe). A high percentage of finely dispersed carbon may account for the very high hardness (VH=821) as reported earlier. Ferrite is favored over austenite (gamma-Fe) due to the fact that the sample core is apparently ferromagnetic."

"Summary

"Sample T1,2 can be described as needle or lamellar in shape, with a predominantly iron core and a non-conducting, dark gray-black coating. This coating or surface layer material has Fe, Ca, P, Cl and very possibly some lighter elements (i.e. C, O) as its constituents. The phase analysis via x-ray diffraction was not absolutely conclusive due to the extremely small sample size, however the best fit to the obtained pattern suggests Anapaite, Ca<sub>2</sub>Fe(PO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>O, Goethite, FeO(OH), iron phosphide, FeP<sub>4</sub>, and phosphorus oxide, P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, as likely phases. The microstructure of the core (polished and etched) as observed under an optical microscope resembles an iron rich alloy with large amounts of carbon, probably in the form of iron carbide. The iron is likely to be alpha-Fe with a body-centered-cubic packing (bcc structure) since the samples are magnetized. The hardness of this core material is very high, in the neighborhood of high carbon tool steels."

In short, analysis showed a thin needle-like eutectic iron alloy with a bcc crystal structure (i.e., steel) coated in a layer of minerals. The metal core was "iron, with major quantities of silicon, phosphorous, molybdenum, chlorine, sodium, calcium and a trace of copper". Copper, molybdenum, phosphorus and silicon are characteristic additives in high-strength and hard steels. Chlorine could maybe come from ferrous chloride which is a waste product of a hydrochloric acid "pickling" process used to de-scale carbon steel prior to processing. I don't know about the sodium, but really this all seems conventional to me. At least, if there's anything unconventional it must be some subtle metallurgical detail of mixture ratios, nothing that screams "exotic materials technology" or "unknown physics". I see mention of some rough surface or shape defects that sound like corrosion or something; but other than that we have what sounds like a fragment of a steel needle or similar.

The mineral coating was a calcium phosphate (in a phase thought possibly to be Anapaite, or hydrated calcium iron phosphate), Goethite (an iron oxydioxide) and phosphorous oxide. Phosphate minerals are very closely related to the composition of human bone and teeth, and for that reason calcium phosphates similar to Anapaite are widely used as "bioceramic" coatings on dental and other surgical implants and as bone fillers because they bind with the bone, and they are also used in toothpastes as carriers to transport fluorine atoms into the tooth mineral.

<http://www.azom.com/details.asp?ArticleID=107>

A possibly related factor is that Anapaite whilst usually classified as a mineral, is regarded by some as not being a true mineral because it may have a partially organic origin, being found in association with fossil shell remains.

<http://www.galleries.com/minerals/phosphat/anapaite/anapaite.htm>

The common implant coating material is hydroxyapatite, a calcium phosphate phase closely related to anapaite but containing no iron. However when it is bound to the iron alloy it appears that other related phosphate phases may form:

"The plasma spraying process produces coatings on the order of 40-60 micrometer thick. The chemistry and structure of the coatings are similar to those of HA [hydroxyapatite]; however, the plasma spraying process will result in the formation of amorphous and other Ca-P [calcium phosphate] phases in the resulting coatings"

<http://cat.inist.fr/?aModele=afficheN&cpsidt=4273826>

So again I'm not convinced that there is strong evidence of exotic materials or exotic technology in the mineral coating which looks similar to the types of coatings used on conventional medical steel implants especially those like pins and posts (dental or otherwise) designed to bond to bone. It isn't at all clear what part of a person's anatomy these samples were supposedly taken from, or what the subjects' history of medical procedures might have been. I'd like to see a lot more information about the samples, the procedures and the subjects before concluding there is evidence of exotic alien or exotic terrestrial technology. Maybe this information is out there - somewhere? But why not put it here - or at the very least links or references to it - on what Dr Leir promotes as

"the only website dedicated to the victims of the Alien Abduction Phenomenon. - click here to help support the research"

In the place of useful scientific information what we get are book and DVD promos, an Online Store and an announcement that the "internationally famous" niece of Hollywood legend Carmen Miranda has been signed as Assistant Executive Producer on a motion picture called 'Earth's Original Sin', to fund which Dr Leir invites \$500.00 "donations" in return for a "gift" of 1/8% gross profits after 20 years.

Also under "Articles" there's one by a reporter, describing two other operations he witnessed (via video monitor) in 1995 where Dr Leir apparently removed unidentified small objects from the big toe of one subject and the hand of another. According to the reporter:

"Then the specimens were to be x-rayed and ultimately sent to Dr. Bryant\* at M.I.T. for a complete analysis. The final results from testing of the objects may not be available for several weeks. Dr. Leir will be in contact with the laboratory who will forward the results of the tests. . . . In conclusion, there are two significant questions that remain unanswered: What are the objects made of? Hopefully, we will learn the answer within a matter of weeks. I expect to write a report summarizing the results of the implant testing and analysis. That report will appear in a subsequent edition of the VORTEX. In addition, how did the implants become embedded in the hands and feet of these two individuals? The answer to that question may never be known. We may each draw our own conclusions."

That was 1995. Apparently Dr Leir's website is not as up-to-date as it might be. It would surely be more scientifically interesting to read the results of this "MIT complete analysis" from "Dr Bryant\*" than a reporter's anecdotal account of what he thought he saw over a video monitor from another room? Thirteen years later, does this analysis report exist anywhere? Indeed I have to ask, does Dr Bryant exist? I would be more encouraged if it were not the case that an asterisk was attached to the name of "Dr Bryant" in the above story - this is used elsewhere against several names involved, including the alleged abductee subjects, and appears to indicate a pseudonym (although, tellingly, even this is not explicitly stated on the page and we are left to infer it).

The final link under "Articles" that promises any relevant evidence is "Phillip S. Duke Ph.D. and Roger K. Leir D.P.M." which I hoped might contain some joint scientific paper or statement on the implant removals. But I was disappointed to find only mutual endosements and an advert for a book by Dr Duke called "The ET-AIDS Connection", claiming (it would appear) that AIDS is an ET-borne illness and has connections to cattle mutilation and human abductions.

I say "it would appear" because clicking on the link provided for "immediate information"

[homestead.com/truthsetsfree/AIDS\\_ET.html](http://homestead.com/truthsetsfree/AIDS_ET.html)

brought up a page exclaiming:

"Create a Website, Create an Online Store, Let Us Design Your Site, Get Traffic - Homestead makes it easy: build your own website, market it, sell online!"

Apparently not as easy as all that.

Undeterred, I tried a second link on this page, which promises:

"Report Relating ToThe Presence Of Physiologic Abnormalities in Abductees" at

<http://drpduke.com/report.htm>

This one takes you to the following terse message:

"This domain is expired, please renew it. Please contact us for more information"

The page offers one final chance of getting to know Dr Duke's thinking, at

<http://www.anomalies.net/~pduke/>

No longer expecting much I tried it. It leads to the promisingly titled page "ANOMALIES NETWORK - FIND THE TRUTH" but immediately beneath is the desperately ironic message:

"404 - File Not Found".

So there we are. Thanks again to Katharina. I apologise if the wry tone which has crept in here is offensive to supporters of Leir and his associates, but it was irresistible. I asked for the "most compelling chain of evidence" of exotic artefacts implanted in abductees. Is this really it? If so, then frankly several



hours spent reading and researching it was more than long enough.  
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The "leader's" statement makes sense. If Betty didn't know where

she was located in our galaxy then where her "captors" were from would have had little significance for her. These spacefarers, obviously, would not have Zeta 1 or Zeta 2 Reticuli as the names for their home planets if they are their home planets. Chances are that at the time Betty could not identify her own Solar system if it was pointed out to her.

Is it not an assumption that the map she saw was even germane to the origin of those who abducted her? Why assume this map was associated with their parent planet. Come to my home and you will see maps laying around in my office. One laying open right now is an airnav chart of New Mexico. If I abducted some tourists and brought them here blindfolded and they saw that map, should they assume that I am from New Mexico?

Having done a lot of navigation in my time it doesn't make sense to me that you would need a star map of where you came from. Navigation is done piecemeal using lots of local maps and references along the way. These map references are verified as you come up to and pass them then on to the next reference. Unless the map Betty "saw" was just hanging there as a picture like us having a map of the solar system on the wall of some super space ship for aesthetic or nostalgic reasons, I see no need of it.

But I can't discount the possibility of it's being a depiction of their own home turf as seen from the general direction of Earth. If Marjory Fish did generally match it up it was from our viewpoint on the outer edge of a sphere 36 light years in diameter with ZR1 and ZR2 as the center. Move around that sphere and the positions of the stars would shift.

Any intelligence capable of star travel is going to have some mind boggling navigation devices at their fingertips; super computers we could only imagine. The whole ships systems would likely be an entity of it's own with the intelligence to travel to the stars. The biologicals on board would just be along for the ride. And it sure wouldn't be some little 60 foot diameter "saucer".

I don't subscribe to the point to point theory, meaning that the extraterrestrials in question in the Hill case came from there to here purposefully-particularly not in some little craft. Anyway the odds for the former happening are astronomical.

Like anything else - i.e. evolution for example - pure chance seems to have a better shot at being the case rather than some discovery of our little planet from their's however there is the possibility of of some sophisticated determination of our location and other scientific evidence of a chance of life here through the use of direct observation [like a super Hubble-bending light through gravity - a manufactured gravity lens ?] and subsequent spectro-analysis. There wasn't time [25 years from the first video transmissions] to receive VHF/UHF emissions from Earth 36 light years away and then travel here to check it out. The mind boggles at the possibility of having the technology in place that could permit these space farers to leave at a moments notice just to check out seemingly intelligent/coherent signals coming from a singular point in space.

In the Hill case Betty might have just seen a map-if it was a map-of the last place visited, or the next stop on their mission. Chances are these abductors-if extraterrestrial-have been in our locale for decades, centuries of millennia.

If the ETH is indeed the right "H", I'm more comfortable with the theory that some extraterrestrial presence is here on outpost duty and have been for a very long time. I've expounded before on my belief that if there is anything to the ETH then this planet was probably discovered while ancient intelligences were exploring the outer reaches of this galaxy. I have not read or seen any other theory to change my mind.

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>>maybe wishful thinking.

>Exactly Brad!

>How do we know what we know? By direct observation, if we can  
>trust our senses, and our instruments, that is. But maybe even  
>that is wishful thinking.

Well Stan, you seem to agree with me on one hand, but take away  
the agreement with the other hand, in your last sentence.

>Surely we know far more than what we learn from direct  
>observation. Tokyo doesn't exist if I haven't seen it?? Hardly.

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>first flight, not the last one.

We know that an airliner came from Tokyo because hundreds of  
passengers, flight crew, air traffic controllers armed with radar  
and navigation instruments verify that it came from Tokyo, was  
seen visually and on radar taking off from Tokyo. We accept  
evidence like this every day without requiring special  
investigations.

But if the issue is an important one or subject to controversy,  
then a higher standard of investigation is required to verify  
that there were indeed direct observations that the airliner came  
from Tokyo and not somewhere else. But direct observations are  
still needed.

This is not a silly or frivolous issue. Suppose our hypothetical  
Tokyo airliner became an instrument of mass destruction, a weapon  
of terrorism. In that case every aspect of its flight path and  
departure would be thoroughly investigated and not entrusted to

merely looking up and uncritically believing a flight schedule.

Suppose a terrorist showed a passenger aboard the Tokyo flight a navigational map showing the flight seemingly coming from North Korea not Tokyo based on the passenger's limited understanding of geography and brevity of seeing the map, and phones a message to someone on the ground saying that.

Would we accept such highly inferential evidence and say that the airliner really came from N Korea, maybe after diversion from Tokyo, and that N Korea should be attacked in retaliation? Or would we still demand direct observational evidence before making some serious decisions with enormous consequences?

Suppose a nuclear explosion occurs in the US. It is considered an attack of some kind. Who was responsible and how do we know? If radar and satellites track the flight path of an ICBM or a cruise missile all the way from launch in Russia or China or North Korea or Iran or wherever, then we know the point of origin from direct observation. This does not depend on the markings seen on the missile, which could be falsified (yes, cruise missiles can be slow enough that fighter pilots can come alongside and see markings).

Suppose we have no radar or sensor observations of any missile or vehicle impacting at the time of the nuclear explosion. If we have an airtight sensor grid then we can deduce that it was most likely a terrorist nuclear bomb smuggled in overland, but we really won't know for sure because we won't have direct observation of the bomb's point of origin. We just have inferences, maybe guesses. Maybe it was a stealth cruise missile that slipped through our air defense sensor array, maybe we really don't have any way of knowing whether it was or was not a stealth missile or a bomb on the ground, without direct observations of launch at the point of origin.

Maybe it was a terrorist theft of a US nuclear weapon, so the bomb actually "came from here" (not so absurd a possibility after the recent Minot AFB incident where the supposedly error-proof nuclear inventory system lost track of 6 nuclear-tipped cruise missiles). In the 1950's there was a lot of fear about accidental nuclear detonations before fail-safe systems were fully matured, but maybe accidental explosion is still a remote possibility.

In that scenario, we cannot tell if the bomb came "from here" or "came from elsewhere" and we cannot tell if it is "elsewhere" without knowing for sure exactly "where" this "elsewhere" place represents, by directly observing its point of origin, not by inferring it or guessing at it. (The analogy to the UFO situation should be obvious.) Was it a terrorist nuke smuggled in from elsewhere, or a terrorist nuke assembled from parts stolen here, or a complete bomb stolen here, or a bomb accidentally detonated here and not coming from "elsewhere" at all?

The only way we can be certain the bomb came from elsewhere is if it was observed being launched from elsewhere, in China or Iran or wherever -- likewise with a UFO's point of origin. Everything else is lesser degrees of certainty, in reality just probabilities of inference and at the lowest end, sheer guesses.

Suppose we have a partial radar track of the very end of the flight path of the missile just before impact in the US. Suppose back projection leads to a point of origin in Asia. But both ICBM's with MARV (maneuverable reentry vehicle) warheads and cruise missiles are maneuverable.

What if the backprojection of the launch point pinpointed North Korea as the launch origin point, but it was a deliberate ruse by the Chinese using the terminal maneuvering of the warhead to falsely project back to N Korea and pin the blame on them? We really don't know for sure what the missile's point of origin was without direct observation at the point of origin. It would be a crucially important issue and we would probably not want to accept guesswork or logical inference no matter how compelling it seems.

Many people would regard the question of alien visitation of earth as on the same level of importance as a terrorist nuclear attack. If it was a trivial issue, such as determining whether a Tokyo airliner routinely landing in the US really came from Tokyo, we wouldn't insist on special investigation. But the issue

of ET visitation requires more evidence than would a routine situation.

If we would require direct evidence of the point of origin of a nuclear blast before launching a counterstrike then we would similarly require direct evidence of the point of origin of a UFO before we decide one of the most important questions in human history, whether we have been visited by an ET civilization.

The argument by exclusion claims that if we exclude Earth as the origin of UFO's then we have proved their ET origin, without the need to identify a specific point of origin in ET space such as Alpha Centauri or Zeta Reticuli 2. It's just "from elsewhere." But argument by exclusion is an inference trying to prove a negative, not a direct observation of a fact. It is not a certainty, like direct observation of a UFO taking off from Zeta Reticuli 2 might be. Some will always be able to claim a possibility that UFO's did come from Earth after all, from top secret "black projects" or more exotic sources such as bizarre natural phenomena (with or without intelligence).

To sum up, statements made by UFO occupants to abductees or others are of no more value and credibility than if the statements had been written out on the hull of the UFO, like "Made in the Zeta Reticuli 2 system." Such statements are ad hoc deadends that lead nowhere or lead no farther than the statements themselves (i.e., they are "ad hoc"). We need our own direct observations.

Alleged "alien" statements must be testable, falsifiable and reproducible, that yield new knowledge, maybe even new fields of science that cannot be hoaxed or unconsciously fabricated by a researcher's self-delusion. They must have heuristic power which we can independently test for ourselves. The Betty Hill star map doesn't give us a new scientific principle, a verifiable unified field theory or a testable cure for cancer or even the common cold.

The alleged "alien" didn't even tell Betty Hill that they came from Zeta Reticuli, not that that would constitute credible evidence (again, if the "alien" had put "Zeta Reticuli" on the outside of his ship would we believe it? so it would make no difference if stated verbally in conversation inside the ship, as it could just as easily be deception).

This ZR star system identification only comes from Marjorie Fish's efforts. As inference it is only as strong as the weakest link in her work, and many have pointed out problems of subjectivity, selection criteria, and uncertainties in astrometric data over the years. At minimum there is the basic question whether the Fish model of the Hill star map can even be reproduced using today's best available astrometrics from the Hipparcos satellite.

The Hill star map still does not lead to a new law of science. It still does not give us the certainty of a point of origin that direct observation of a UFO taking off from the ZR star system would provide. If we wouldn't decide important matters based on thin inferences of where a terrorist nuke came from, neither should we decide important matters based on thin inferences of where a UFO came from. We need direct observations.

Brad Sparks

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>In the Betty and Barney Hill case, they were not told that the  
>craft originated on a planet around Zeta 1 or Zeta 2 Reticuli.  
>Betty was shown a map, reproduced it. Marjorie Fish built 26 3D  
>models and with great care and persistence was able to identify  
>the stars connected with lines.

>The base stars with many lines between them turned out to be ZR 1  
>and ZR 2. The craft could have come from a local "coaling  
>station", resort, training facility, Etc.

>The important point is that somewhere other Stars were  
>involved... and as it happens that ZR 1 and ZR 2 are a unique  
>pair of sunlike stars being only 39.3 LY from here and 1/8th of  
>an LY apart from each other and a billion years older than the  
>sun.

I sure wish I could have sat next to Marjorie Fish in school!

Her scientific and detective work with the Betty Hill star map sketch is the stuff movie suspense is made of.

I'd often wondered if anyone had done review work on Ms. Fish's calculations and found out several noted professionals had with surprising results.

[http://www.gravitywarpdrive.com/Zeta\\_Reticuli\\_Incident.htm](http://www.gravitywarpdrive.com/Zeta_Reticuli_Incident.htm)

With today's computers it makes analysis of Ms. Fish's work more tantalizing. One wonders about what exists on the other stars of the map and if our planet scouring astronomers have trained our multi million dollar telescopes on them yet.

I'd guess every star within a comet's throw of Earth has been scanned and every result given except the ones in this star map.

It would figure.

Best,

Greg  
ufomafia.com/blog

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Wednesday, 20 August 2008

Stan Friedman On UFO Skeptics And SETI

Below is an extract of an interview with Stan from issue 4 of Alien Worlds Magazine.

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SM: When you are on shows like Larry King, why don't you hammer the sceptics? You need to be ruder.

STF: I've been that. I've been strong and harsh. I'm not a namby pamby proponent. I'm a hard hitting nasty guy when it comes to not tolerating crap from idiots like Michael Shermer for example or Seth Shostak when we've been on Coast to Coast radio. I give no mercy to those guys because as a scientist I resent somebody standing up and acting as if he was a scientist and yet who knows nothing about the subject. That's not a good database for a sensible thought if you know what I mean. Bill Nye for example who I've recently been on Larry King with is a science educator who's done a lot of television and he's worked in aerospace a little bit many years ago, but he's basically just an entertainer.

SM: Isn't he a children's TV scientist?

STF: Yes. He did a lot of that. I was looking on Amazon and I couldn't find any books by him on UFOs, of course, because that would take some work, just as Shostak hasn't written one, nor has Shermer. It takes work and you've got to look at some evidence and these guys don't want to bother with that. Whenever I meet them, I always look forward to a nasty, noisy, negative bashing going on. I've lost my patience with these guys a long time ago to tell you the truth. I did an interview yesterday with a guy I've known for forty years and he was a little surprised about how strong I came on in the new book about the SETI guys and astronomers in general and mostly in particular.

But I'm at an age in my life when I feel no need to be kind. I'm not looking for jobs from any of these people and I've got to tell it as it is. This shocks some people and that's too bad. But I give specifics when I blast these guys. I'll give you an example of that because it illustrates the difference. When I was on Coast to Coast radio with Michael Shermer he starts off by saying, "Look, there's nothing to this. You get a 5% residue of crap when you look at anything unusual." So I blasted him with "That's obviously untrue. In the biggest study ever done for the Air Force Project Blue Book Special Report 14, 21.5% of the 3,201 examined could not be explained completely separate from the 9.3% for which there was insufficient information. In the University of Colorado study, according to a special UFO sub committee of

the world's largest group of Space scientists, the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, 30% of the 117 cases studied in detail could not be examined."

"In the UFO Evidence, 18% of the 4,500 cases examined by the mostly professional members of NICAP could not be explained." I think I gave them a couple of other examples as well. He never recovered and I got 80% of the vote at the end of the show. But the comment I kept getting from people was, "Shermer didn't know anything." I had read two of his books.

But they won't know anything, will they, because it's very easy for them to say, "There's no evidence". I know that you jump back in and say there is but the bottom line is Stan you cannot show them a UFO and you cannot show them an alien and they've got that. Whatever other evidence you can hold up...

I've got physical trace cases, I've got multiple witness radar/visual cases, I've got five large scale scientific studies and I also point out there are many other areas where we don't have a hunk of something. Give me a piece of a neutron star please. Give me a piece of a super nova. They're real. If a 747 goes by and I look up and say, "Oh that's interesting. They don't usually fly by here" and I write it down, well, I can't prove that it flew over. Will they ask me to give them the 747? That's nonsense. Have I got to shoot it down? You have to adapt your method, your evidential method of proof, to the situation at hand.

SM: I think that is a justified comment in relation to the subject of UFOs. But what happens if you are dealing with a scientist who is based in practicality and hard science and who can conduct an experiment and has a result that he can see and that he can test and replicate. How do you convince somebody like that?

STF: Carl Sagan raised that argument the last time I visited him. Reproducibility; that is the essence of science. I sent him a letter with details about this. There are at least four kinds of science. Yes, one is the reproducible, controllable experiment. You set it up and describe exactly what you've done and what your results are. You submit it for peer review, you publish a paper and you hope other people can duplicate it. That's fine. We need a lot of that sort of science.

There's a second kind of science however where you can predict but you can't control. If I tell you that sometimes the Moon comes between the Earth and the Sun and makes it dark, well you know that to be true but I can't control it but I can predict when an eclipse will occur. And if I have equipment and the weather is clear, then I should be able to make some measurements. That's science even though I can't control it.

The third kind however is when I can neither predict nor control but I can hope to observe. Earthquakes for example: I can set up a network of seismographs and I can't tell you when and where one is going to happen but when it does, I can examine the seismographs.

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>>>As someone who admits having not made a close study of abduction  
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>>>nature/origion being recovered from the body of a human  
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>So again I'm not convinced that there is strong evidence of  
>exotic materials or exotic technology in the mineral coating  
>which looks similar to the types of coatings used on conventional  
>medical steel implants especially those like pins and posts  
>(dental or otherwise) designed to bond to bone. It isn't at all  
>clear what part of a person's anatomy these samples were  
>supposedly taken from, or what the subjects' history of medical  
>proceedures might have been. I'd like to see a lot more  
>information about the samples, the procedures and the subjects  
>before concluding there is evidemce of exotic alien or exotic  
>terrestrial technology. Maybe this information is out there -  
>somewhere? But why not put it here - or at the very least links  
>or references to it - on what Dr Leir promotes as

A very detailed post Martin, I appreciate the information and  
analysis. I was previously asked to comment on the evidence.  
However, I am not that familiar with implant retrieval cases. I

have heard of Dr. Roger Leir and Whitley Strieber's cases as well as a few others but have not followed them closely. From what I do know they are not definitive.

I would like to point out that it is premature to conclude that an alien implant must be constructed of materials, manufacturing techniques, or physical principles unknown to us. I acknowledge that finding an implant made of such would be substantial but the absence of that type of implant proves nothing.

An intelligent alien would recognize that we might detect the implants and develop ways to prevent their exposure. Why would they introduce material that was foreign to our world, when it would be safer to produce them with earth based materials? A logical construct would be to develop bio-implants made of our own biological material. Something that has a "self-destruct" feature, that would dissolve when disturbed.

Ray Dickenson indicated we might be like bacterium or earthworms to them. I suspect the relationship is more akin to our relationship with chimpanzees. How difficult would it be for a team of our best scientists and engineers to monitor, watch, or implant a chimpanzee without detection?

I understand my comments are mostly supposition the List's indulgence is appreciated.

Best,

Frank

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>found an account of surgery performed on the anonymous subject  
>"Betty" for removal of a suspect object embedded in her mouth.  
>She exhibited dental x-rays and after further x-rays and a CAT  
>scan it was apparently determined that the object was not in the  
>gum but in adjacent soft tissue. Leir says it was about "1mm  
>across and 6mm long" (but the photograph clearly shows a much  
>more slender needle-like object with an axial ratio not 6:1 but  
>nearer 16:1, so one or other of these figures seems to be an  
>error).

<snip>

>So there we are. Thanks again to Katharina. I apologise if the  
>wry tone which has crept in here is offensive to supporters of  
>Leir and his associates, but it was irresistable. I asked for  
>the "most compelling chain of evidence" of exotic artefacts  
>implanted in abductees. Is this really it? If so, then frankly  
>several hours spent reading and researching it was more than long  
>enough. I don't feel compelled to look any further on the strength  
>of it.

Martin,

Your long post may give the impression of a thorough research,  
but it is not. It looks like a search on the Internet is good  
enough for you.

Apparently, you have not read the book of Roger Leir, Aliens and  
the Scalpel, which would have provided more information to you.  
You have not tried to contact him either. Had you done so and  
asked him, honestly, he might have given you more information, as



he did to me. To tell the truth, he may be a little difficult to reach now by people he does not know, having been subjected to so many mean attacks.

As for the study of Philip Duke, for your information, yes, it exists. I have a copy of it, that I bought to him many years ago. It is well written and argumented but, in two words, I hope he is wrong!

Gildas Bourdais

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## Roswell UFO Museum Has CE Of CAD Kind

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International UFO Museum And Research Center

UFO Museum Has Close Encounter Of The CAD Kind  
By James Murdock

Have intelligent beings from other planets visited Earth? The International UFO Museum and Research Center, in Roswell, New Mexico, lacks a definitive answer, such as an alien spacecraft=97but it does have plenty of intriguing photographs and affidavits from people who say they have seen one. "If visitors walk out of here with more questions than they had when they came in, that's all we ask," says executive director Julie Shuster.

In designing a new home for the institution, Kevin Schopfer, AIA, a principal of Boston-based Ahearn-Schopfer Associates, also sought to arouse curiosity. Although his 18,000-square-foot, one-story building features a rectangular footprint and mostly rectilinear concrete volumes, a warped plane cants from the west elevation and soars nearly 90 feet above the main entry. This surface, which will likely be gel-coated fiberglass, folds over on itself while a funnel-shaped hole connects the top and bottom facets.

"The concept is that this is a found object emerging from a file cabinet, kind of like information hidden in a drawer somewhere," Schopfer explains, referring to the purported government cover-up of extraterrestrial evidence. "It's meant to grab your attention and question what it is."

The funnel represents a wormhole, he continues, which some physicists hypothesize is a shortcut between distant parts of the universe=97and that ufologists believe extraterrestrials use to visit Earth. It's a billboard building that "entices people from the roadway," Schopfer admits, but it avoids the ubiquitous alien and UFO iconography common in Roswell, an isolated desert town whose name is synonymous with the alleged crash of a flying saucer there in July 1947.

What the museum lacks on its exterior it will contain inside. A large mock-up of a flying disc will hang from the ceiling in the lobby. It's this "iconic moment" that visitors will remember afterward, hopes Penny Sander, senior associate and project manager at Cambridge Seven Associates, based in Cambridge, Massachusetts, which is designing the exhibits.

Chances are there will be many visitors. Annual attendance has grown from 3,000, when the museum opened in 1992, to more than 160,000=97one reason why it has already moved twice into bigger

accommodations. It is now raising \$15 million for construction of the new building and hopes to break ground in early 2009; later phases might include a 30- to 40-room boutique hotel.

Schopfer learned that the museum needed a new home while watching a TV program about the Roswell crash. The project allowed him to pursue his interests in architecture and outer space. "UFOs make a great story," he says, "and the subject matter is really endless."

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Good Afternoon All

A point of note.

America is still the alien abduction capitol of the world with more alleged abductions than more than most of the rest of the world put together.

It does beg credibility does it not?

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In an infinite universe infinitely anything is possible.

<http://www.tedric.demon.co.uk/>

Sean Jones

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>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 24 Aug 2008 21:46:31 EDT  
>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>>From: Stanton T Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sat, 23 Aug 2008 16:01:25 -0300  
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>>>Zeta Reticuli 2. Everything else is inference or guesswork or  
>>>maybe wishful thinking.

>>Exactly Brad!

>>How do we know what we know? By direct observation, if we  
>>can trust our senses, and our instruments, that is. But  
>>maybe even that is wishful thinking.

<snip>

>>Surely also we don't need to see a vehicle start from Zeta  
>>Reticuli to know where it came from - off the earth. I usually  
>>have to take two flights from Fredericton to get anywhere and  
>>to get home. But my origin was the airport from which I left on  
>>the first flight, not the last one.

>The only way we can be certain the bomb came from elsewhere is  
>if it was observed being launched from elsewhere, in China or Iran  
>or wherever -- likewise with a UFO's point of origin. Everything  
>else is lesser degrees of certainty, in reality just  
>probabilities of inference and at the lowest end, sheer  
>guesses.

<snip>

>If we would require direct evidence of the point of origin of a  
>nuclear blast before launching a counterstrike then we would  
>similarly require direct evidence of the point of origin of a UFO  
>before we decide one of the most important questions in human  
>history, whether we have been visited by an ET civilization.

>The argument by exclusion claims that if we exclude Earth as the

>origin of UFO's then we have proved their ET origin, without the  
>need to identify a specific point of origin in ET space such as  
>Alpha Centauri or Zeta Reticuli 2. It's just "from elsewhere."  
>But argument by exclusion is an inference trying to prove a  
>negative, not a direct observation of a fact. It is not a  
>certainty, like direct observation of a UFO taking off from Zeta  
>Reticuli 2 might be. Some will always be able to claim a  
>possibility that UFO's did come from Earth after all, from top  
>secret "black projects" or more exotic sources such as bizarre  
>natural phenomena (with or without intelligence).

>The Hill star map still does not lead to a new law of science. It  
>still does not give us the certainty of a point of origin that  
>direct observation of a UFO taking off from the ZR star system  
>would provide. If we wouldn't decide important matters based on  
>thin inferences of where a terrorist nuke came from, neither  
>should we decide important matters based on thin inferences of  
>where a UFO came from. We need direct observations.

Since direct observation of ultimate point of origin (or home base) is quite impossible for us (unless it was within our own solar system), at best we will still be left with inferential evidence as to where they come from.

The logic has always been pretty simple and shows up in various early military intelligence (such as the Estimate of the Situation). The craft are undeniably real, their technology is far beyond that of any nation on Earth, therefore they come from somewhere else. That's about all we can say. It is also rather academic as to where they come from, unless one plans to launch a counterattack.

What else might we be able to deduce about origins with actual hard physical evidence, such as bodies and craft? Bodies could be examined to determine if the beings have any evolutionary relationship to us. E.g., if the genetics and biochemistry were totally different, then one could rule out the theory that these are time traveling distant descendants of us or have other Earth origins.

If the elements are the same as those in our Universe, then they probably come from our Universe, and not some parallel Universe (though this wouldn't be a certainty since parallel Universes could have the same physical laws as our own).

If the isotope ratios of elements are different from those of our solar system, then they ultimately come from beyond our solar system. If they are the same, then the beings/craft we encounter probably come from within our solar system (though this might not ultimately be the origin of the specie/species, since they may simply have bases within the solar system where they crank out the craft and beings).

If the isotope ratios are different, we might look to nearby Earth-like stars as being the most likely source of ultimate origin. By examining the spectra of these stars, one might be able to determine if the isotope ratios are similar to the alien materials. If they are, then this would be a good candidate for a home base.

If a SETI-type organization picked up intelligent signals from a nearby star, then this would again be a good candidate, and would be a very likely be THE candidate for a home base.

In addition, infrared interferometer space telescopes under development should be able to directly detect earth-like planets in nearby solar systems. So if a stellar system has an earth-like planet, we are picking up signals from there, and isotope ratios match up, then there would be a very strong circumstantial case that this is the home solar system, even if we can't observe them directly leaving or flying back there.

Of course, they could also be space nomads, perfectly adapted for living in space, roam from solar system to solar system living off the land, and long ago left their home planet, which could be on the other side of the galaxy for all we know. Or even if the home planet were nearby, they could be an expeditionary force having taken up residence in our solar system for thousands of years, and are pretty much independent from the home planet.

Again, I don't see that this necessarily matters. The bottom line is that ultimately they ain't from here. Also one doesn't need to know exactly where they come from to know with reasonable certainty that they are an alien species.

The main point is that we might conceivably be able to determine likely point of origin with physical samples, remote sensing, and inferential reasoning. Watching them fly in and out of Zeta Reticuli O'Hare Intergalactic may not be necessary.

David Rudiak

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[http://www.eveningsun.com/ci\\_10298684](http://www.eveningsun.com/ci_10298684)

08/25/2008

Brady: UFO Or Just My Imagination?  
By Anna Brady  
For The Evening Sun

The story about the astronomer David Deitz seeing and taking pictures of Unidentified Flying Objects was very interesting. I sure hope he can find an answer.

Many, many moons ago, I too, was very interested in this subject and still wonder about it. There were the occasional speakers that would give talks and show pictures of their supposed sightings.

One man said that if we watched the clouds carefully and saw "a cigar shaped cloud" that was the mother ship and they would send these "beings" down to live and work alongside us humans and not be detected while they studied our habits and lifestyle. Now this information was heady stuff to me. Maybe, just maybe I would be able to detect one of these creatures. Hanging clothes on the line to dry, my eyes were on the sky more often than the clothesline. If we were occasionally out at night, my eyes were always on the sky.

One night we went to visit my husband's sister and husband who lived along the Lincoln Highway. Coming home, my eyes were glued to the sky.

Having been to a recent meeting about the sky and UFOs. I noticed a red light in the sky for quite sometime. It wasn't blinking, but a steady red light and it seemed to be coming closer. I kept my eyes on it and yes, it was coming our way.

We were driving an old Greenbrier van, the snub nose kind with no hood, so we had a very good view.

Just as it got within a close range over us, a super bright light shone right down on our van. We pulled over to the side of the road and stopped.

Believe me, this was too real. My imagination soared! I could see these little green guys coming down a ladder to take us prisoner to use for whatever experiments or whatever they were going to do. The light just seemed to hover over us, so I started to open my door. My husband grabbed me and said, "What are you doing?" I said, "If something is coming for us, I want to see what it is." By that time, as I started to get out, I heard it! It was just an airplane that had turned on the landing lights for the Thomasville airport.

Weak with relief, I just sat there and laughed. I couldn't



believe I was that stupid, but it was so real in my imagination, I just took it too far. Needless to say, I was the family joke for a long, long time.

With all the signs of things unearthed from ancient times like Stonehenge to show how intelligent those people were, who's to say there aren't other people in other galaxies?

When we were kids, Flash Gordon was just a comic book adventure. The next generation was raised with Star Trek. Several other series were just make-believe and fantasy. Look how far we have advanced by sending people to the moon.

What is next?

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>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 24 Aug 2008 18:20:00 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>>From: Katharina Wilson <[K\\_Wilson.nul](mailto:K_Wilson.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Fri, 22 Aug 2008 13:53:05 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>>>From: Martin Shough <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Fri, 22 Aug 2008 17:57:54 +0100  
>>>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>>>Steve wouldn't need to prove that it came from Earth, only that  
>>>it didn't come from his home planet in Orion. This is plainly  
>>>not impossible. Materials, manufacturing techniques and  
>>>physical principles unknown to his Orion science could  
>>>very well serve as proof for all practical purposes.

>><snip>

>>>As someone who admits having not made a close study of abduction  
>>>cases, I would actually be interested in the answer to a less  
>>>demanding question with more latitude: What is the most  
>>>compelling chain of evidence of an artefact of unusual  
>>>nature/origin being recovered from the body of a human  
>>>abductee?

>>What about Roger K. Leir and his research - book and Web site?

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

>Thanks, Katharina

>I appreciate your taking the time to post this response.

Hello Martin, Katharina, All,

Jumping in for just a second if I may...

Martin wrote:

<snip>

>Clicking on "Articles" produces the NIDS/New Mexico Tech report  
>on other objects reportedly removed surgically from other  
>subjects in 1995. It says that Dr Leir had fully documented the  
>links in the chain of transfer of evidence from his operation to  
>NIDS which is reassuring (although the nature of this procedure  
>isn't described - or if it was checkable other than by reference  
>to Dr Leir). Assuming the chain of evidence from the subject to  
>the lab is indeed sound then this is more interesting.

>The analysis report (which a bit easier to read on the NIDS site

><http://www.nidsci.org/articles/metal/metal.html>

>although I notice that the photomicrographs missing from the  
>Alienscalpel site are frustratingly not shown here either)

Martin, the photos you seek have been on display, along with the NIDS analysis report, at the Abduction Information Center website for many years. Follow this URL:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/aic/pa.htm>

The electron microscope photos are on that page. Maybe you ought to take a little time and look around the site, there may be other 'goodies' you'll find that can't be found anywhere else. I put a lot of work into this bugger, someone should benefit from it.

Many thanks to EBK for hosting the site. I'd like to invite anyone who hasn't paid a visit in awhile, to spend some time there studying the material I have posted. There is a lot of information there that cannot be found anywhere else on the Web. Enjoy.

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net>

Click on the Link for the Abduction Information Center.

One final comment if I may. I have never thought much of Dr. Lier or his 'methods'. There are many posts from me to this List - see The Archive - regarding the fact that proper chain of custody had never been established by Dr. Lier, or his crony at that time, Derrel Simms.

Simms is and remains one of the biggest snake oil salesmen ever to attach himself to the UFO phenomenon. Early on, Simms and Lier were 'partners' in the effort to recover alleged implants and all of it financed, sponsored by Robert Bigelow and his NIDS. Bigelow proved to be one of the largest 'informational black holes' ever to exist in ufology.

Too incestuous a situation right from the gate and one which inspires little or no trust, or confidence, in the results obtained under such 'kissin-cousins' circumstances.

The fact remains, that a proper study has yet to be performed on a single abductee. Something I spent years advocating and stumping for. The day an accredited hospital or university recovers, performs and publishes the results of analyses of one or more of these alleged 'alien implants,' - a study where chain of custody is documented and assiduously maintained - we will not be able to have much faith in any of the extant published analysis results especially as produced under the carnival-like conditions Dr. Lier has created.

It's all about the lecture circuit and book and video sales. The Lier website's intention as a commercial venture is clear and unequivocal. It has, much to my chagrin as an abductee, from the very beginning, had little to do with genuine science or investigation. I don't trust any of it.

I'm still waiting for a serious scientific investigation. BTW, I'm also not naive enough to believe that we, (abductees,) will ever actually get one. It's way cheaper and easier to simply dismiss us all as a bunch of deluded Looney-Tunes who only want to get a shot on Oprah. It's a sad state of affairs and one which shows no promise of resolution.

Guess we'll All just have to wait for UFOs to land... until that day,

warmest regards to All,

John Velez  
sitting out this dance...

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>>Exactly Brad!

>>How do we know what we know? By direct observation, if we can  
>>trust our senses, and our instruments, that is. But maybe even  
>>that is wishful thinking.

>Well Stan, you seem to agree with me on one hand, but take away  
>the agreement with the other hand, in your last sentence.

>>Surely we know far more than what we learn from direct  
>>observation. Tokyo doesn't exist if I haven't seen it?? Hardly.

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<snip>

>To sum up, statements made by UFO occupants to abductees or  
>others are of no more value and credibility than if the  
>statements had been written out on the hull of the UFO, like  
>"Made in the Zeta Reticuli 2 system." Such statements are ad hoc  
>deadends that lead nowhere or lead no farther than the statements  
>themselves (i.e., they are "ad hoc"). We need our own direct  
>observations.

>Alleged "alien" statements must be testable, falsifiable and  
>reproducible, that yield new knowledge, maybe even new fields of

>science that cannot be hoaxed or unconsciously fabricated by a  
>researcher's self-delusion. They must have heuristic power which  
>we can independently test for ourselves. The Betty Hill star map  
>doesn't give us a new scientific principle, a verifiable unified  
>field theory or a testable cure for cancer or even the common  
>cold.

>The alleged "alien" didn't even tell Betty Hill that they came  
>from Zeta Reticuli, not that that would constitute credible  
>evidence (again, if the "alien" had put "Zeta Reticuli" on the  
>outside of his ship would we believe it? so it would make no  
>difference if stated verbally in conversation inside the ship, as  
>it could just as easily be deception).

Good points there Brad Sparks!

I've said over and over again, no messenger, no message.

This avoids the abuse coming from abductees with questionable motivations with their messages from the benevolent space brothers that somehow leads to the absconding of the money of those too eager to listen or in the worst case scenario ye olde Heaven's Gate cult.

If this leader spoke so much to Mrs. Hill it says more about this leader than her. She was just being inquisitive. If this leader was such a smarty pants he would have known off the bat she hadn't the data, not saying she didn't have the mental capability, but she didn't have the data regarding her position in space in the first place so why get into a conversation? We only have Mrs. Hill's interpretation that she felt she was in communication with this being and that his actions were in response to her inquiries.

When he pulled out said panel containing a map how do we know it wasn't some visual test and that Hill dubbed in the conversation as we have a tendency to do with missing information during traumatic events?

We don't know. We can't find out, and it's now just her testimony.

However, if that testimony proves past, present, or future phenomena then it has value and so far we need to look back as we're doing now and keep re-evaluating that data. If for some reason we get visual or radio or some other information from said star systems that point to intelligence then that's more support for Mrs. Hill and vaults her and her husband's experiences into the realm of human history worthy of a musical.

We still have a mystery with the Hill's account and it's good we look back now and then and compare notes.

It either is or it isn't. Either way, it's historical and a great way for seeing how science works when applied properly.

Best,

Greg  
ufomafia.com

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Rocket Scientists Say We'll Never Reach the Stars

Many believe that humanity's destiny lies with the stars. Sadly for us, rocket propulsion experts now say we may never even get out of the Solar System.

At a recent conference, rocket scientists from NASA, the U.S. Air Force and academia doused humanity's interstellar dreams in cold reality. The scientists, presenting at the Joint Propulsion Conference in Hartford, Connecticut, analyzed many of the designs for advanced propulsion that others have proposed for interstellar travel. The calculations show that, even using the most theoretical of technologies, reaching the nearest star in a human lifetime is nearly impossible.

"In those cases, you are talking about a scale of engineering that you can't even imagine," Paulo Lozano, an assistant professor of aeronautics and astronautics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a conference attendee, said in a recent interview.

The major problem is that propulsion - shooting mass backwards to go forwards - requires large amounts of both time and fuel. For instance, using the best rocket engines Earth currently has to offer, it would take 50,000 years to travel the 4.3 light years to Alpha Centauri, our solar system's nearest neighbor. Even the most theoretically efficient type of propulsion, an imaginary engine powered by antimatter, would still require decades to reach Alpha Centauri, according to Robert Frisbee, group leader in the Advanced Propulsion Technology group within NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

And then there's the issue of fuel. It would take at least the current energy output of the entire world to send a probe to the nearest star, according to Brice N. Cassenti, an associate professor with the Department of Engineering and Science at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

That's a generous figure: More likely, Cassenti says, it would be as much as 100 times that. "We just can't extract the resources from the Earth," Cassenti said during his presentation. "They just don't exist. We would need to mine the outer planets." Interstellar propulsion systems are not a new idea. Rocket scientists, aeronautical engineers and science-fiction enthusiasts have proposed such designs for several decades.

In 1958, U.S. scientists explored the possibility of a spaceship propelled by dropping nuclear bombs out the back, a so-called nuclear-pulsed rocket. The research, called Project Orion, was killed by the signing of the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty and the budgetary requirements of the Apollo Project.



In 1978, the British Interplanetary Society designed a mission to Barnard's Star, almost 6 light years away, using a pulsed fusion rocket fueled by deuterium. Building such a spaceship would require mining the outer planets for fuel for at least two decades, scientists said at the Joint Propulsion Conference this year.

But the thought experiments continue. At the conference, Frisbee presented a theoretical design for a ship using antimatter to propel its way to nearby stars.

Frisbee's design calls for a long, needle-like spaceship with each component stacked in line to keep radiation from the engines from harming sensitive equipment or people. At the rocket end, a large superconducting magnet would direct the stream of particles created by annihilating hydrogen and antihydrogen. A regular nozzle could not be used, even if made of exotic materials, because it could not withstand exposure to the high-energy particles, Frisbee said. A heavy shield would protect the rest of the ship from the radiation produced by the reaction.

A large radiator would be placed next in line to dissipate all the heat produced by the engine, followed by the storage compartments for the hydrogen and antihydrogen. Because antihydrogen would be annihilated if it touched the walls of any vessel, Frisbee's design stores the two components as ice at one degree above absolute zero.

The systems needed to run the spacecraft come after the propellant tanks, followed by the payload. In its entirety, the spaceship would resemble a large needle massing 80 million metric tons with another 40 million metric tons each of hydrogen and antihydrogen. In contrast, the Space Shuttle weighs in at a mere 2,000 metric tons.

"Interstellar missions are big," Frisbee said, in part because of the massive amounts of energy (and hence fuel) required to get moving fast enough to make the trip in anything like a reasonable amount of time. "Any time you try to get something up to the speed of light, Newton is still God."

With that fuel, it would still take nearly 40 years to travel the 4.3 light years to Earth's nearest neighbor, Alpha Centauri, he said.

Even improving humans' access to near space is not easy. Scientists have all but discarded ideas for rockets that can reach orbit using a single stage. Instead, private space ventures have focused on lightening the payload and rocket and on increasing reliability. If space tourism comes into vogue, then launch providers could benefit from economies of scale.

But alternative-propulsion systems? They are not in short supply in people's imaginations, but most fail the test of reality, Marcus Young, a researcher at the U.S. Air Force Research Lab's Advanced Project Group, told conference attendees. Young and his team surveyed ideas for launch vehicles that could be accomplished in the next 15 to 50 years and found most to be unworkable.

Space elevator? Even if the engineering made sense, the design requires a breakthrough in materials science to create cables long and strong enough. Rail guns? A vehicle would have to shoot down a 100-kilometer track at 50 times the force of gravity to achieve orbit. Nuclear power? Radioactivity would limit its use to outside Earth's atmosphere, and the politics are positively toxic.

"There are a lot of ideas that initially you say, 'Hey, that might work,'" Young said. "But after a little research, you quickly find that it won't."

Yet, just because science fiction is not yet a reality is not a reason to make science suffer, said MIT's Lozano. "There is a lot of interesting stuff that you cannot do even in the solar system," he said. "We have the technical means to do it. But some of the most sophisticated technologies ... we have not developed. Not because we can't, but because we have not made it a priority."

As for interstellar travel, even the realists are far from giving

up. All it takes is one breakthrough to make the calculations work, Frisbee said.

"It's always science fiction until someone goes out and does it," he said.

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Archived: Tue, 26 Aug 2008 09:17:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 24 Aug 2008 15:49:06 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>In the Hill case Betty might have just seen a map-if it was a  
>map-of the last place visited, or the next stop on their mission.  
>Chances are these abductors-if extraterrestrial-have been in our  
>locale for decades, centuries of millennia.

>If the ETH is indeed the right "H", I'm more comfortable with the  
>theory that some extraterrestrial presence is here on outpost  
>duty and have been for a very long time. I've expounded before on  
>my belief that if there is anything to the ETH then this planet  
>was probably discovered while ancient intelligences were  
>exploring the outer reaches of this galaxy. I have not read or  
>seen any other theory to change my mind.

My interest Don has been in UFO shapes While perhaps not germane  
to the ongoing discussion UFO shapes has led me to speculate on  
some of the points you raised in your post.

The dilemma is in trying to figure out the relationship between  
old and perhaps what could be termed 'New wave' reports.

There is I suspect a relationship between our detonation of the  
first Atomic bomb to the subsequent influx of UFO sightings  
Arnold et al.

It is possible that, as you stated there has been a  
'Extraterrestrial presence' on earth for a long time.

But it is also possible that this knowledge of Earth and its rich  
environment was kept under wraps so to speak, until our Atomic  
fumbling detonated not only a bomb, but a free for all plundering  
of Earths bio diversity.

While it could be argued a UFO shape could not intrinsically be  
said to point to more than one alien presence (We have many car  
shapes and makes for instance) The counter argument could be that  
a UFO shape could be indicative of a wide range of craft and  
aliens, who have mastered intergalactic travel.

If so, it would also be apparent that some form of alien  
co-operation or federation would be in force.

And one could also wonder at what point, we the people of Earth  
can join the club.

Regards,

Joe Faccenda [www uforth.com](http://www.uforth.com)  
Scotland

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## Want To Meet A UFO?

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Subject: Want To Meet A UFO?

Source: iAfrica.com - Cape Town, South Africa

<http://travel.iafrica.com/destin/northamerica/1103500.htm>

Tue, 26 Aug 2008

Travel

Want To Meet A UFO?  
AFP

When it comes to attracting tourists to a remote region in central Chile, the town of San Clemente is aiming high =97 playing up its reputed connection to visitors from outer space.

The Andean municipality, 240 kilometers south of Santiago, has opened the country's first UFO trail, a 30-kilometer long stretch that takes in a supposed landing site for flying saucers and optimal lookouts for extraterrestrial craft.

Sernatur, Chile's tourism service, is backing the initiative.

"We support the creation of this UFO trail because experts say that it is a 'hot zone' for watchers," the service's director, Oscar Santelices, told AFP.

However, just in case hordes of foreign tourists of the terrestrial variety turn up expecting to get a close encounter of a first, second, third or =97 heaven forbid =97 fourth kind (alien abduction) out of their trip, Sernatur had a bucket of cold water.

"In no way can we guarantee that a tourist coming to San Clemente will see a UFO," it said in its brochure.

The Chilean town has long been an unofficial destination for UFO-watchers in the know, though mainstream curiosity-seekers looking for a bit of interplanetary mystery have been more often drawn to neighbouring Peru to see the Nazca Lines, those centuries-old gigantic representations of animals in a desert which can only be fully appreciated from the air.

UFO researchers say hundreds of UFO sightings have been reported in San Clemente since the mid-1990s.

Rodrigo Fuenzalida, president of the Chilean Grouping for UFO Research (AION), said between January 1995 and the middle of 1996 there was around one sighting per week.

The last unidentified flying object spotted was in the third week of February this year, he said.

"It was an orange object located about 400 meters in the distance, with oscillating movements," he said.

A site of special interest is a flat zone of huge volcanic blocks

known as El Enladrillado, 60 kilometers from San Clemente and at an altitude of 2300 meters, which locals claim is a UFO landing pad.

"There, sightings have been made of shining spheres going into the water and into wooded zones without any human explanation," Fuenzalida said.

El Enladrillado, which can only be accessed after hours of trekking over rough terrain, forms the central part of the UFO trail.

Other points along the path include signs detailing sightings, as well as restaurants, camping sites, hostels and cabins to serve hungry or weary Earthlings, Juan Carlos Cerro of the local tourist office said.

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## UFO Sighting In Zimbabwe

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<http://tinyurl.com/5dt8nw>

26 August 2008

UFO Sighting In Zimbabwe  
By Tom Powell  
[tom.powell.nul](mailto:tom.powell.nul)

American film-maker Randall Nickerson is in Cape Town this week seeking inspiration for a documentary he is putting together about a UFO sighting in Zimbabwe in 1994.

During morning break on September 14 of that year, 62 schoolchildren between the ages of eight and 12 saw a strange craft land 150 metres from the Ariel School in Ruwa, from which two small beings emerged which were described as having "big eyes like rugby balls".

The children's individual descriptions of the phenomenon were so similar that news of the sighting spread around the globe.

Nickerson was approached with footage taken by the late Pulitzer Prize-winning Professor John Mack, who travelled to Zimbabwe to interview the children after the event.

Nickerson said: "This is a story the world needs to see. Personally, I think it's moving. I've found hundreds, if not thousands, of people who believe it and couldn't find anyone who didn't. It blew my mind when I saw it."

Although Nickerson admits the footage of the event makes it difficult to disprove the phenomenon, he doesn't want his film to be biased.

"I don't want to steer the documentary in any direction at all. I'd rather present all the evidence and let people make up their own minds."

Refusing to believe so many people can be mistaken, Nickerson is visiting southern Africa to shed light on those events.

Having visited the school itself, Nickerson is now in Cape Town to track down some witnesses and investigate some "unearthly" sightings that occurred in South Africa, including two UFO sightings in Port Shepstone and Johannesburg in April.

Anyone who saw the event in Zimbabwe can contact Nickerson on 082 815 4731 or by e-mail at [rsnick.nul](mailto:rsnick.nul)

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Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 24 Aug 2008 12:47:23 EDT  
>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>I sure wish I could have sat next to Marjorie Fish in school!

>Her scientific and detective work with the Betty Hill star map  
>sketch is the stuff movie suspense is made of.

I sure wish I could have sat next to Betty Hill at examinations and been able to read her paper. Her amazing photographic memory, demonstrated by her ability to see a random pattern of dots for a few moments, remember their sizes and positions exactly for years, and then recall them in such detail that the multi-talented Marjorie Fish was able to reconstruct them exactly, must be totally unprecedented.

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John Rimmer  
<[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>

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>From: Gildas Bourdais <[bourdais.gildas.nul](mailto:bourdais.gildas.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 25 Aug 2008 15:55:37 +0200  
>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>>From: Martin Shough <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 24 Aug 2008 18:20:00 +0100  
>>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>>>From: Katharina Wilson <[K.Wilson.nul](mailto:K.Wilson.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Fri, 22 Aug 2008 13:53:05 -0500  
>>>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

><snip>

>>>What about Roger K. Leir and his research - book and Web site?

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

>>Thanks, Katharina

>>I appreciate your taking the time to post this response.

>Martin,

>Your long post may give the impression of a thorough research,  
>but it is not. It looks like a search on the Internet is good  
>enough for you.

>Apparently, you have not read the book of Roger Leir, Aliens  
>and  
>the Scalpel, which would have provided more information to you.

Of course I haven't read it. As I said, I had not done any systematic study of implant claims and for that reason asked where I should look to find the most compelling chain of evidence. Katharina suggested Roger Leir's book and website. Clearly I had not ordered and read this book in a couple of days! I did however spend several hours following up as much as I could find on the website, which is both figuratively and literally an advert for the book and related merchandise, in order to judge whether it seems worth spending money and a lot more time. This seems entirely reasonable to me. My impression, based on that website and the considerations it prompted, is that my money and time could probably be better spent. I think it is Leir's responsibility to represent his scientific case well if he wants me to spend my time and money on him. IMO he presents himself and his case badly and I'm entitled to be discouraged. (But perhaps he doesn't see the likes of me as among his target clientele anyway.)

>You have not tried to contact him either. Had you done so and  
>asked him, honestly, he might have given you more information,  
>as he did to me. To tell the truth, he may be a little  
>difficult  
>to reach now by people he does not know, having been  
>subjected to so many mean attacks.

Since you have read the book, and have been given the benefit of personal clarifications by Leir, perhaps you can tell us what was reported in the MIT lab analysis said in 1995 to have been due "in a few weeks" and the 2003 lab analysis of "Betty's" needle advertised as forthcoming "at a later date". I think MUFON was mentioned. Presumably these lab reports - important enough to have been trailed on the website - are published in the book? Or at least summaries thereof? Or references to sources that you have followed up?

Martin Shough

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>From: Franklin D. Fields <[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 25 Aug 2008 09:46:42 -0400 (EDT)  
>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>>From: Martin Shough <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 24 Aug 2008 18:20:00 +0100  
>>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>A very detailed post Martin, I appreciate the information and  
>analysis. I was previously asked to comment on the evidence.  
>However, I am not that familiar with implant retrieval cases. I  
>have heard of Dr. Roger Leir and Whitley Strieber's cases as  
>well  
>as a few others but have not followed them closely. From what I  
>do know they are not definitive.

OK, thanks anyway.

>I would like to point out that it is premature to conclude that  
>an alien implant must be constructed of materials,  
>manufacturing  
>techniques, or physical principles unknown to us.

I agree, I would not assume that. Nevertheless we must allow at  
least the possibility than an alien artefact might have something  
- well, 'alien' in its nature, else we deny ourselves the  
possibility, even in principle, of ever identifying one.

>I acknowledge  
>that finding an implant made of such would be substantial but  
>the  
>absence of that type of implant proves nothing.

Its absence would prove something: It would prove that we don't  
know of any evidence that it exists.

>An intelligent alien would recognize that we might detect the  
>implants and develop ways to prevent their exposure. Why would  
>they introduce material that was foreign to our world, when it  
>would be safer to produce them with earth based materials?

True, but the possibility that any ordinary-looking splinter of  
metal might in principle have been made to look ordinary by  
aliens is not very helpful. One would want to show some reason to  
suppose that this is so, surely? Otherwise we could collect every  
rock and twig as a possible alien artefact on the same basis.  
There ought to be something in the thing's composition or  
construction or placement that at least strengthens the suspicion  
of an ulterior function or an exotic origin.

>A logical construct would be to develop bio-implants made of  
>our own biological material. Something that has a  
>"self-destruct"  
>feature, that would dissolve when disturbed.

Self-eradicating evidence is certainly a logically possible  
concept, but not one that it is possible to test - unlike Leir's

"implants", which are testable. The question remains: Is there any evidence, yet, that any such test has indicated an object with an inexplicable composition, structure or function?

>Ray Dickenson indicated we might be like bacterium or  
>earthworms  
>to them. I suspect the relationship is more akin to our  
>relationship with chimpanzees. How difficult would it be for a  
>team of our best scientists and engineers to monitor, watch, or  
>implant a chimpanzee without detection?

Well, not difficult at all. I agree. In fact considering the whole cosmic picture (as we presently perceive it) I incline towards Ray's view. Which gives emphasis to the question of why truly suspicious implants would be so often detected and recovered - unless the aliens wanted them found.

Martin Shough

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Archived: Tue, 26 Aug 2008 11:30:14 -0400  
Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>From: Sean Jones <[Sean.Jones.nul](mailto:Sean.Jones.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 25 Aug 2008 17:13:52 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>Good Afternoon All

>A point of note.

>America is still the alien abduction capitol of the world with  
>more alleged abductions than more than most of the rest of the  
>world put together.

>It does beg credibility does it not?

We don't know how many abductions take place in each country of the world. (Assuming that abductions are real.) All we know is how many abduction reports there are. If the U.S. leads in abduction reports, that could very likely be because abductions are widely studied in the U.S., and also because people know about abductions, and decide on their own that they've been abducted.

This doesn't happen - or at least not nearly as readily - in many other countries, maybe in most other countries. To use an obvious example, abductions could be occurring by the thousand in North Korea, and we'd never hear about them.

Greg Sandow

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>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 25 Aug 2008 16:47:46 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>Hello Martin, Katharina, All,

>Jumping in for just a second if I may...

<snip>

>Martin, the photos you seek have been on display, along with the  
>NIDS analysis report, at the Abduction Information Center website  
>for many years. Follow this URL:

><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/aic/pa.htm>

>The electron microscope photos are on that page. Maybe you ought  
>to take a little time and look around the site, there may be  
>other 'goodies' you'll find that can't be found anywhere else. I  
>put a lot of work into this bugger, someone should benefit from  
>it.

>Many thanks to EBK for hosting the site. I'd like to invite  
>anyone who hasn't paid a visit in awhile, to spend some time  
>there studying the material I have posted. There is a lot of  
>information there that cannot be found anywhere else on the  
>Web.

>Enjoy.

><http://www.virtuallystrange.net>

>Click on the Link for the Abduction Information Center.

Thanks John.

It's at least now clear to me that the NIDS/New Mexico Tech report refers to the same 1995 surgery described by the Santa Barbara VORTEX reporter on the Leir site, so my question about where that analysis report went is answered (the MIT report of "Dr Bryant" relating to the 2003 surgery remains elusive.)

The photomicrographs of a section through the little clove-like lump are odd looking (I assume this is T3-B, composed only of calcium phosphate, no metal). As Mark Cashman observes there is no sign of any kind of orderly structure, more a kind of twisted grain or layering that looks like a natural growth. As he also concedes, so might an alien device. But that's not a strong point.

I note the "letter of opinion" re the New Mexico Tech analysis mentioning the similarity of the calcium phosphates to well-known bioceramic dental etc coatings which it is said had been in use (at the report date of 1995) for 20 years, and also to the types of mineralisation that might form in situ around foreign objects that happen to get embedded in the tissue. Note two of the three objects were removed from the big toe of one subject, a third from the hand of another subject. Toe and hand are I should think

two quite likely places for people to get small penetrating splinters in the course of activities, maybe in childhood, that are long forgotten.

I also note John's extreme scepticism of Leir's motives, and I think that coming from John this opinion has to carry a good deal of weight.

Martin Shough

BTW the links on this page

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/aic/implant.htm>

to the NIDS report and commentaries lead instead back to the UpDates home page. Seems to be a space glitch in the url.

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Date: Tue, 26 Aug 2008 10:54:09 -0400  
Archived: Tue, 26 Aug 2008 11:33:36 -0400  
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Not at all. The conductor Dmitri Mitropoulos was going to premiere a new piece by an American composer. When the composer gave him the score, he browsed through it, looking for a few moments at each page. Then he put the manuscript aside, and began discussing the score with the composer, making specific references to tiny details. "On the first page, the oboe part in measure 13- you've marked it to be played softly, but it seems to me that the sound won't cut through the other instruments." And so on through the entire piece, page after page. (I'm making the oboe example up, because the composer - the source of this anecdote - didn't give specific examples of what Mitropoulos asked him about. But this is the kind of thing, as I know from my own experience as a composer, that conductors ask about.)

There was also a British scholar - Macauley? - of the past, who corrected galley proofs of his books from memory. That is, he didn't have to refer to the proofs to suggest corrections. He'd simply sit with a notebook, go over the proofs in his mind, and mark down the mistakes. "Page 54, 12th line from the bottom, 'constitution' is misspelled." (Again I'm making up this example.) When he got bored, he'd translate the proofs into French, again from memory (retaining both his original English version and his French translation), and write his corrections based on the French text.

And there are other examples, maybe many. One famous one in the history of music concerns the young Mozart, who visited the Vatican, and heard the Sistine Chapel choir sing a piece that the Vatican kept secret. It could be performed in public, but nobody outside the Vatican was allowed to see the written score. Mozart, after one hearing, broke the Vatican's monopoly by writing the music down from memory. (Well, OK, I don't know that anyone from the Vatican ever looked at Mozart's version and said, "Yes, you've got it right." But Mozart was famous for other feats of concentration and visualization - he could, for instance, compose a piece simply by hearing it in his mind, and then write it down while simultaneously composing another one. These make the Vatican story seem entirely plausible. If he thought he remembered the music precisely, he probably did.)

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From: Katharina Wilson <[K.Wilson.nul](mailto:K.Wilson.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 26 Aug 2008 10:22:20 -0500  
Archived: Tue, 26 Aug 2008 11:35:31 -0400  
Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>From: Sean Jones <[Sean.Jones.nul](mailto:Sean.Jones.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
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Source: The Battle Creek Enquirer - Michigan, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/5q5fed>

August 25, 2008

Classic UFO Cases Program At Marshall District Library

Marshall District Library will host Dr. Charles Lietzau as he presents "Classic UFO Cases" to adults on Tuesday, September 9 at 7 pm in the Meeting Room. Space is limited. Registration is necessary. Marshall District Library cardholders may register beginning August 26, and all others register August 29. To register, pick up a free ticket at the Information Desk.

Of course, UFOs, Unidentified Flying Objects, exist. However, is there any credible evidence that these UFOs represent an unknown advanced technology? Join us as we tour some "classic" cases that offer support for this hypothesis. The phenomenon of apparently advanced flying craft has been multifaceted from its earliest origins. Our perception of it however, has been a step by step linear process keeping pace with advances in science. The "classic cases" are outstanding for a number of different reasons, such as multiple credible witnesses, public notoriety, turning points in the credibility of the government, and increasing sophistication in both the detection of extraordinary characteristics and the development of our own technological advances for compassion. No one case may present conclusive evidence for the "alien technology" hypothesis. However, taken as a whole, the accumulated evidence is compelling. In addition, when certain critical pieces of evidence are taken into account, the alternatives of misidentification or outright hoaxing often come up short. Why not decide for yourself? Plan to attend this unique presentation and find out why Roswell, Washington D.C., Los Angeles, and Phoenix are more than just place names in "Ufology", how Michigan became notorious as the "Swamp Gas State", and more! Light refreshments will be provided.

Dr. Chuck Lietzau is a Consultant with MUFON, the international Mutual UFO Network, the Michigan chapter, MIMUFOR, and a Board Member of ICCRA, the Independent Crop Circle Researchers' Association. MUFON's motto is "dedicated to the Scientific Study of UFOs for the Benefit of Humanity". ICCRA proposes that "the data is the only authority". These principles guide his investigations at all times, especially when they cross the frontiers into regions of study generally considered to be "unorthodox".

Lietzau recently retired from the Detroit Public School system, where he was a High School Biology teacher. Over the years, has been an Adjunct Assistant Professor at several community colleges and universities. Lietzau holds a Ph.D. from Wayne State University, and lives with his wife in Waterford.

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From: **Martin Shough** <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 26 Aug 2008 16:17:07 +0100  
Archived: Tue, 26 Aug 2008 12:45:30 -0400  
Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>From: Martin Shough <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 26 Aug 2008 11:01:39 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>Since you have read the book, and have been given the benefit of  
>personal clarifications by Leir, perhaps you can tell us what was  
>reported in the MIT lab analysis said in 1995 to have been due  
>"in a few weeks" and the 2003 lab analysis of "Betty's" needle  
>advertised as forthcoming "at a later date".

Apologies, Gildas.

As mentioned in my reply to John Velez I have since discovered that the rept in the former case appears to be the same NIDS/NMTEch report already discussed (it was confusing because this analysis was described on the website as having been assigned to MIT, not to NM Tech). So it's only "Brenda's" 2003 report which is not presented.

Martin

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Date: Tue, 26 Aug 2008 12:51:43 -0300  
Archived: Tue, 26 Aug 2008 12:47:30 -0400  
Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>From: Sean Jones <[Sean.Jones.nul](mailto:Sean.Jones.nul)>  
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From: Sean Jones <[Sean.Jones.nul](mailto:Sean.Jones.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 26 Aug 2008 16:55:20 +0100  
Archived: Tue, 26 Aug 2008 12:50:45 -0400  
Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>From: Greg Sandow <[greg.nul](mailto:greg.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 26 Aug 2008 10:32:14 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>>From: Sean Jones <[Sean.Jones.nul](mailto:Sean.Jones.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Mon, 25 Aug 2008 17:13:52 +0100  
>>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

<snip>

>We don't know how many abductions take place in each country of  
>the world. (Assuming that abductions are real.) All we know is  
>how many abduction reports there are. If the U.S. leads in  
>abduction reports, that could very likely be because abductions  
>are widely studied in the U.S., and also because people know  
>about abductions, and decide on their own that they've been  
>abducted.

>This doesn't happen - or at least not nearly as readily - in many  
>other countries, maybe in most other countries. To use an obvious  
>example, abductions could be occurring by the thousand in North  
>Korea, and we'd never hear about them.

>Greg Sandow

Valid points. \_but\_...

When UFOs are in favour there is an increase in sighting reports.

Now is this because more people feel that it is 'safe' to report  
their sighting or because there is an increase in sightings?

I hate to say it, but I treat reports of alien abduction the same  
way that I treat sightings, I expect ninety plus percent will be  
mis-identification. I have only had the opportunity to thoroughly  
investigate three alleged abductions here in the UK. And in all  
three cases I found that I very much doubted that it was indeed  
an abduction. In one case, I'm pretty sure it was attention  
seeking as the persons story "grew" as they received more  
attention.

So this makes me wonder if the vast number of alleged abductions  
are in reality a persons cry for attention??

To my mind, and I am open to evidence to the contrary, ninety  
plus percent plus of alleged abductions are not alien in nature.

All the best,

Sean

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Archived: Tue, 26 Aug 2008 13:50:00 -0400  
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>From: Katharina Wilson <[K.Wilson.nul](mailto:K.Wilson.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 26 Aug 2008 10:22:20 -0500  
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>How did you come up with the notion that the U.S. has more  
>abductions than the rest of the world put together?

By simple rule of thumb. Simply by the volume of reports from the  
US of A as compared to "the rest of the world".

I have been involved in UFO research for an awfully long time. I  
am on numerous UFO mailing lists. I have yet to hear of a spate  
or even of a noticeable increase of abductions in any other  
country.

If anyone cares to prove me wrong, I am willing to be corrected.

>I haven't seen any data that supports this idea, or the notion  
>that higher numbers of abductees "begs credibility".

A higher number of reports, significantly higher than any other  
country begs credibility in my eyes. As simple as that.

Best regards

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Date: Tue, 26 Aug 2008 13:27:19 -0300  
Archived: Tue, 26 Aug 2008 13:51:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 26 Aug 2008 09:16:59 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sun, 24 Aug 2008 12:47:23 EDT  
>>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

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John, as usual you haven't done your homework.

How convenient to forget the three kinds of lines connecting the  
dots, and the base stars the size of nickels, and the strong  
admonition of Dr. Simon to present the facts and to draw the map  
later on only if she could remember it accurately.

The test, of course, of meaning is the star identifications by  
Ms. Fish after building a whole host of 3D models and finally  
getting new and more accurate stellar distance data.

The head of the Ohio State University Astronomy department, Dr.  
George Mitchell, is on camera in UFOs ARE Real testifying to  
her accuracy.

Check the literature.

There are many instances of hypnosis being used to get accurate  
recall of license plate numbers, rapist identities, cement blocks  
used in construction.

The noting of the unique pair of sun-like stars Zeta 1 and Zeta 2  
Reticuli as the base stars as a result of Marjorie's careful  
work, though not paid any attention to previously, is very  
important.

Much of this is, of course, detailed in "Captured! The Betty And  
Barney Hill UFO Experience, by myself and Kathleen Marden,  
Betty's niece. Try reading it. You might learn something.

Stan Friedman

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Very interesting commentary on memory, however, my understanding  
of Betty Hill's memory is that it was quite normal and not  
extraordinary. It is important to note that Betty and Barney  
were unable to remember most of their experience.

From how I interpret the information in "Interrupted Journey", by  
John G. Fuller the full account was obtained when Dr. Simon began  
hypnotizing the Hills, which he did several times each. The full  
account was recovered through hypnotism not exceptional memory.  
Of course hypnotism opens up a new set of problems.

Specifically, Betty sketched the map after Simon suggested she do  
so. At first she hesitated because she thought she would be  
unable to accurately draw the three-dimensional aspects of the  
map but went ahead and drew it (under hypnosis). I think that  
she said the map had more stars than she could remember and only  
drew a portion of it?

Frank

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of sightings get reported, I don't agree that abductions are less  
known about.

A similar (though very different) study could be made of  
chupacabra sightings. How many of these occur outside the Mexican  
arena?

One could argue in both cases localised (!! ) occurrences??

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## Re: Abduction Explanations

From: **Jerome Clark** <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 26 Aug 2008 13:21:46 -0400  
Archived: Wed, 27 Aug 2008 08:07:48 -0400  
Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>From: Sean Jones <[Sean.Jones.nul](mailto:Sean.Jones.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 26 Aug 2008 17:01:59 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>>From: Katharina Wilson <[K.Wilson.nul](mailto:K.Wilson.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Tue, 26 Aug 2008 10:22:20 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>A higher number of reports, significantly higher than any other  
>country begs credibility in my eyes. As simple as that.

No, it isn't "as simple as that." Not by a long shot.

There are all sorts of variables which you're ignoring. It's the  
reason, for example, that polling is so complicated. Raw,  
randomly collected numbers tell us nothing.

Until serious scholarly work is devoted to the question, all we  
can say is that - for whatever reason - more abduction accounts  
have been recorded in America than elsewhere. That doesn't tell  
us anything about the true frequency of the experience or about  
its cause or causes.

Jerry Clark

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## Re: Abduction Explanations

From: **Kathy Kasten** <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 26 Aug 2008 18:41:02 +0000  
Archived: Wed, 27 Aug 2008 08:14:32 -0400  
Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>From: Katharina Wilson  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 26 Aug 2008 10:22:20 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>>From: Sean Jones  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Mon, 25 Aug 2008 17:13:52 +0100  
>>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>>A point of note.

>>America is still the alien abduction capitol of the world with  
>>more alleged abductions than more than most of the rest of the  
>>world put together.

>>It does beg credibility does it not?

>How did you come up with the notion that the U.S. has more  
>abductions than the rest of the world put together?

>I haven't seen any data that supports this idea, or the notion  
>that higher numbers of abductees "begs credibility".

Listers:

The Russian academics who were charged with investigating the phenomena stated in their report that any Soviet citizen who had been offered a "ride in a saucer" had refused to go. Saving themselves from a rude physical examination. Those academics did decide the way to determine what was behind the phenomena was to research/investigate human neurological, physiological and psychological aspects.

So far, during the very lengthy discuss in this List, I have seen no one suggest any of the many studies/research that has been done to support I very different solution than a straight forward nuts and bolts approach of 'things coming from the sky'.

The reporting instrument of the phenomena - in almost all cases I can think of - is the human. Therefore, the effects of neurological, physiological and psychological must be assessed in each and every case. And, yes, these fields of research have advanced in the last few years. Since the phenomena of alien abduction was first started to be reported.

KK

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## Re: Abduction Explanations

From: John Velez <[jvelez49.nul](mailto:jvelez49.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 26 Aug 2008 15:48:00 -0400  
Archived: Wed, 27 Aug 2008 08:15:04 -0400  
Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>From: Martin Shough <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 26 Aug 2008 15:46:20 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>>From: John Velez <[jvelez49.nul](mailto:jvelez49.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Mon, 25 Aug 2008 16:47:46 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>>Jumping in for just a second if I may...

><snip>

>>Martin, the photos you seek have been on display, along with the  
>>NIDS analysis report, at the Abduction Information Center website  
>>for many years. Follow this URL:

>><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/aic/pa.htm>

>>The electron microscope photos are on that page. Maybe you ought  
>>to take a little time and look around the site, there may be  
>>other 'goodies' you'll find that can't be found anywhere else. I  
>>put a lot of work into this bugger, someone should benefit from  
>>it.

>>Many thanks to EBK for hosting the site. I'd like to invite  
>>anyone who hasn't paid a visit in awhile, to spend some time  
>>there studying the material I have posted. There is a lot of  
>>information there that cannot be found anywhere else on the  
>>Web.

>>Enjoy.

>><http://www.virtuallystrange.net>

>>Click on the Link for the Abduction Information Center.

Hi Martin, All,

You wrote:

>Thanks John.

You're quite welcome, I'm just glad the material is seeing the  
light of day again and serving the purpose it was posted to  
accomplish... providing 'useful' information to serious students  
of the subject.

>It's at least now clear to me that the NIDS/New Mexico Tech  
>report refers to the same 1995 surgery described by the Santa  
>Barbara VORTEX reporter on the Leir site, so my question about  
>where that analysis report went is answered (the MIT report of  
>"Dr Bryant" relating to the 2003 surgery remains elusive.)

If it was never posted to the Web, you'd have to go direct to the  
publisher (if known,) or to Dr. Bryant himself. Have you  
attempted to track down the elusive Dr. Bryant?

>The photomicrographs of a section through the little clove-like  
>lump are odd looking (I assume this is T3-B, composed only of  
>calcium phosphate, no metal). As Mark Cashman observes there is  
>no sign of any kind of orderly structure, more a kind of twisted  
>grain or layering that looks like a natural growth. As he also  
>concedes, so might an alien device. But that's not a strong  
>point.

Just a side-step here...

I've often wondered about the rather 'clunky' size/appearance of the so called 'alien implants' that Dr. Lier has surgically recovered. Wouldn't a science that has conquered the maze of human genetics and space/time itself, have developed a virtually undetectable nano-technology to perform the same functions as these almost cumbersome and easily detected amorphous lumps? Reminds me of the enormous 'Russian mini-cam' from the old SCTV comedy sketches.

Just one of those little nagging contradictions that works away at me regarding the subject of alien implants. The size and easy detectability of the objects recovered by Lier seem to work against the apparent alien agenda of stealth and secrecy. Abductions are acts generally performed under the cover of night. Seems like a stupid thing to utilize devices large enough to be (eventually) discovered by the unwitting host.

Makes the aliens seem a little Homer Simpson-ish in their tactics.

D'oh!

>I note the "letter of opinion" re the New Mexico Tech analysis  
>mentioning the similarity of the calcium phosphates to well-known  
>bioceramic dental etc coatings which it is said had been in use  
>(at the report date of 1995) for 20 years, and also to the types  
>of mineralisation that might form in situ around foreign objects  
>that happen to get embedded in the tissue. Note two of the three  
>objects were removed from the big toe of one subject, a third  
>from the hand of another subject. Toe and hand are I should think  
>two quite likely places for people to get small penetrating  
>splinters in the course of activities, maybe in childhood, that  
>are long forgotten.

At the time I assembled the 'Implant' material for inclusion at the Abduction Information Center, I scoured the Web for any documents that bore relevant and thoughtful comments on the objects -regardless of their pro or con stance. As you can see, I didn't find much. But what I did find was well thought out and presented by the authors. I'm glad you got some mileage out of it!

>I also note John's extreme scepticism of Leir's motives, and I  
>think that coming from John this opinion has to carry a good deal  
>of weight.

My "extreme scepticism of Leir's motives" as you say, is well founded my friend. Allow me cite just two of the reasons I am of such a mind about Dr. Lier.

1. He's never published any of his findings in a peer review journal. Not in 15 years!!!

Many years ago I engaged in a heated debate (on this List) with Dr. Lier regarding the number of abductees he had cut, along with several questions I proffered regarding the number and status of the twenty-odd 'objects' he had recovered to date. After about 20+ such procedures I wondered why the good doctor had not published any of his analysis results of the recovered objects in any peer reviewed journals. In response to my inquiries I received a litany of explanations about the why's and why not's regarding publication and flowery promises that the material would soon be published in the aforementioned professional journals. Never happened!

He simply went on conducting surgeries, working the UFO lecture circuit for all its worth, while continuing to appear on UFO specials on TV as some kind of "expert" and writing his books. Not one word -ever- published in a peer review journal the entire time.

That stinks! Period.

2. He refused to allow physicians and others at Columbia University Hospital (in New York) to examine or analyze any of the objects!

Martin, after asking Dr. Lier if he'd be interested in having an independent analysis conducted, I contacted one of the department heads at Columbia U. Hospital. I simply came out and asked him if he'd be interested in examining surgically recovered 'alleged' alien implants. After a long conversation, he told me he'd ask a few colleagues and that I should get back to him. A week later the dept head at Columbia gave me a green light and requested Dr. Lier's contact information, which I provided. I promptly informed Dr. Lier to expect a contact from the head of surgery at Columbia University Teaching Hospital in New York. I felt good about having secured the assistance of Columbia and I started to look forward to whatever results Columbia would produce.

Long story short... I was eventually informed by the head doctor at Columbia that Dr. Lier was being extremely uncooperative and offering up obstacle after obstacle to providing the materials to the University. There are established procedures for transferring such documents and materials between doctors. The man at Columbia was just not getting any cooperation from Lier at all.

In plain English, he told me he was, "tired of getting the run-around from Dr. Lier and his staff.

When I questioned Lier about it, he told me that he didn't have the time to deal with it. He was just 'too busy' at the time.

Speaks volumes to me, what does it tell you?

No, I don't trust our rotund Dr. Lier as far as I can throw him. Trust/confidence must be earned. He's done nothing to deserve it.

>BTW the links on this page

><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/aic/implant.htm>

>to the NIDS report and commentaries lead instead back to the  
>UpDates home page. Seems to be a space glitch in the url.

Good catch! Thank you, will fix ASAP. ;)

Regards,

John

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## Re: Abduction Explanations

From: Eleanor White <[ewraven1.nul](mailto:ewraven1.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 26 Aug 2008 16:17:26 -0400  
Archived: Wed, 27 Aug 2008 08:16:26 -0400  
Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 24 Aug 2008 15:49:06 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

<snip>

>The "leader's" statement makes sense. If Betty didn't know where  
>she was located in our galaxy then where her "captors" were from  
>would have had little significance for her.

She should have replied, "Why don't you point out both Earth  
and your home planet to me?"

Eleanor White

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## Re: Abduction Explanations

From: Philippa Wintle <[philippa.wintle.nul](mailto:philippa.wintle.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 26 Aug 2008 13:30:19 -0700 (PDT)  
Archived: Wed, 27 Aug 2008 09:20:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>From: Sean Jones <[Sean.Jones.nul](mailto:Sean.Jones.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 25 Aug 2008 17:13:52 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

<snip>

>America is still the alien abduction capitol of the world with  
>more alleged abductions than more than most of the rest of the  
>world put together.

>It does beg credibility does it not?

It is possible that many people around the world having what  
Americans call alien abduction experiences interpret them  
according to their own cultural beliefs and world views.

Perhaps indigenous people view the experiences as interactions  
with beings from the mythology/religion of their own culture? I  
would imagine that many people outside America might interpret  
the experiences as paranormal events rather than alien abduction.  
Nevertheless, it may be the same experience, and occur with the  
same frequency, as in America.

Philippa

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From: Katharina Wilson <[K.Wilson.nul](mailto:K.Wilson.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 26 Aug 2008 15:43:48 -0500  
Archived: Wed, 27 Aug 2008 09:21:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>From: Sean Jones <[Sean.Jones.nul](mailto:Sean.Jones.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 26 Aug 2008 17:01:59 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>>From: Katharina Wilson <[K.Wilson.nul](mailto:K.Wilson.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Tue, 26 Aug 2008 10:22:20 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

<snip>

>>How did you come up with the notion that the U.S. has more  
>>abductions than the rest of the world put together?

>By simple rule of thumb. Simply by the volume of reports from the  
>US of A as compared to "the rest of the world".

>I have been involved in UFO research for an awfully long time. I  
>am on numerous UFO mailing lists. I have yet to hear of a spate  
>or even of a noticeable increase of abductions in any other  
>country.

>If anyone cares to prove me wrong, I am willing to be corrected.

>>I haven't seen any data that supports this idea, or the notion  
>>that higher numbers of abductees "begs credibility".

>A higher number of reports, significantly higher than any other  
>country begs credibility in my eyes. As simple as that.

Sean, you can "beg credibility" all you want. You admitted in a  
previous post:

"I have only had the opportunity to thoroughly investigate three  
alleged abductions here in the UK."

It sounds to me like you have a lot to learn about the  
abduction phenomenon and abductees.

Katharina  
[www.alienjigsaw.com](http://www.alienjigsaw.com)

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## Re: New BLT Reports

From: Nancy Talbott <[bltresearch.nul](mailto:bltresearch.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 26 Aug 2008 16:56:49 -0400  
Archived: Wed, 27 Aug 2008 09:22:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: New BLT Reports

Two New Pages Now Up & Running on the BLT Web-site.

In the new Field Reports section a report has been added on the 2nd & 3rd crop formations found near Duncan, British Columbia:

<http://www.bltresearch.com/fieldreports.html>

In the 2nd Duncan-area formation a dandelion seed-head in "full fluff" was found entwined in the center swirl of the crop circle, totally intact and undamaged. And a local woman has reported witnessing a bright white column of light coming down from the sky prior to the discovery of the 3rd formation in the same area.

The other new section is the Robbert van den Broeke page:

<http://www.bltresearch.com/robbert.html> .

This young Dutchman is, as far as we know, the only person in the world who has for 14 years consistently and accurately predicted when and where new crop formations in his area will occur, including their design. But the crop circles are now only a small part of Robbert's story. Various articles previously written documenting some of these events are all now posted on this page, and new reports are being added as quickly as possible. Although Robbert's case is not the only one in which the BLT inquiry has indicated a connection between crop circles and a wide variety of other so-called "paranormal" occurrences, it is both the most thoroughly documented situation and the most diverse.

More info about Robbert coming soon...

Nancy Talbott

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From: Stanton T Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 26 Aug 2008 20:28:12 -0300  
Archived: Wed, 27 Aug 2008 09:24:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>From: Stanton T Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 26 Aug 2008 13:27:19 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>>From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Tue, 26 Aug 2008 09:16:59 +0100  
>>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>>>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Sun, 24 Aug 2008 12:47:23 EDT  
>>>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>>>I sure wish I could have sat next to Marjorie Fish in school!

>>>Her scientific and detective work with the Betty Hill star map  
>>>sketch is the stuff movie suspense is made of.

>>I sure wish I could have sat next to Betty Hill at examinations  
>>and been able to read her paper. Her amazing photographic memory,  
>>demonstrated by her ability to see a random pattern of dots for a  
>>few moments, remember their sizes and positions exactly for  
>>years, and then recall them in such detail that the  
>>multi-talented Marjorie Fish was able to reconstruct them  
>>exactly, must be totally unprecedented.

>John, as usual you haven't done your homework.

>How convenient to forget the three kinds of lines connecting the  
>dots, and the base stars the size of nickels, and the strong  
>admonition of Dr. Simon to present the facts and to draw the map  
>later on only if she could remember it accurately.

>The test, of course, of meaning is the star identifications by  
>Ms. Fish after building a whole host of 3D models and finally  
>getting new and more accurate stellar distance data.

>The head of the Ohio State University Astronomy department, Dr.  
>George Mitchell, is on camera in UFOs ARE Real testifying to  
>her accuracy.

>Check the literature.

>There are many instances of hypnosis being used to get accurate  
>recall of license plate numbers, rapist identities, cement blocks  
>used in construction.

>The noting of the unique pair of sun-like stars Zeta 1 and Zeta 2  
>Reticuli as the base stars as a result of Marjorie's careful  
>work, though not paid any attention to previously, is very  
>important.

>Much of this is, of course, detailed in "Captured! The Betty And  
>Barney Hill UFO Experience, by myself and Kathleen Marden,  
>Betty's niece. Try reading it. You might learn something.

In reading over this post I must take note of a couple of other

items. Betty had an almost photographic memory and she made her drawing within days of when Dr. Simon so carefully extract- ed her memory of the "map" encounter with professional hypnosis. The notion that there were years for her to stew over the memory is totally untrue.

Stan Friedman

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From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 27 Aug 2008 02:25:49 -0300  
Archived: Wed, 27 Aug 2008 11:35:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>From: Joe Faccenda <[Uforth.nul](mailto:Uforth.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 25 Aug 2008 20:51:17 EDT  
>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sun, 24 Aug 2008 15:49:06 -0300  
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>>In the Hill case Betty might have just seen a map-if it was a  
>>map-of the last place visited, or the next stop on their mission.  
>>Chances are these abductors-if extraterrestrial-have been in our  
>>locale for decades, centuries of millennia.

>>If the ETH is indeed the right "H", I'm more comfortable with the  
>>theory that some extraterrestrial presence is here on outpost  
>>duty and have been for a very long time. I've expounded before on  
>>my belief that if there is anything to the ETH then this planet  
>>was probably discovered while ancient intelligences were  
>>exploring the outer reaches of this galaxy. I have not read or  
>>seen any other theory to change my mind.

Hi Joe,

Responded to in your text.

>My interest Don has been in UFO shapes While perhaps not germane  
>to the ongoing discussion UFO shapes has led me to speculate on  
>some of the points you raised in your post.

Many models. Not surprising considering the 100,000 or more  
aircraft we've developed in the last 1005 years. Of course our  
"motherships are airports and aircraft carriers; but that's just  
now.

>The dilemma is in trying to figure out the relationship between  
>old and perhaps what could be termed 'New wave' reports.

Something I and other's have wondered about. But the old models  
keep popping up as well.

>There is I suspect a relationship between our detonation of the  
>first Atomic bomb to the subsequent influx of UFO sightings  
>Arnold et al.

Yeah, but why nearly two years later? And there was the Trinity  
detonation a few weeks earlier. Let's not forget the "Foo  
fighters" that were about during the war. They were numerous as  
well.

>It is possible that, as you stated there has been a  
>'Extraterrestrial presence' on earth for a long time.

Or near it with occasional visits.

>But it is also possible that this knowledge of Earth and its rich  
>environment was kept under wraps so to speak, until our Atomic  
>fumbling detonated not only a bomb, but a free for all plundering

>of Earths bio diversity.

"They" kept it from "the galactic federation" as it were? Is that what you mean?

>While it could be argued a UFO shape could not intrinsically be  
>said to point to more than one alien presence (We have many car  
>shapes and makes for instance) The counter argument could be that  
>a UFO shape could be indicative of a wide range of craft and  
>aliens, who have mastered intergalactic travel.

That's my take on it [posted such thoughts before] if we can get over the mental block about the ETH. Doesn't have to be just one.

>If so, it would also be apparent that some form of alien  
>co-operation or federation would be in force.

Well I suppose so if you model it on our thinking. That's usually the stumbling block for me; our limited ten or twenty thousand years of crude to sophisticated technology against their possible millions of years.

>And one could also wonder at what point, we the people of Earth  
>can join the club.

Well if there is one, probably when we learn to travel without wings, wheels or thrust.

Tough question.

Don Ledger

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## Re: Abduction Explanations

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Archived: Wed, 27 Aug 2008 13:11:55 -0400  
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>From: Sean Jones <[Sean.Jones.nul](mailto:Sean.Jones.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 26 Aug 2008 17:59:34 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>>From: Stanton T Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Tue, 26 Aug 2008 12:51:43 -0300  
>>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

><snip>

>>Not really. How much investigative effort is conducted elsewhere  
>>to find abductees? I have found that while about 10% of the  
>>public may have observed a UFO, fewer than 1/10th of them  
>>reported what they observed. Being both aware of an abduction and  
>>reporting it seems much less likely.

>The yard stick that I am using is reported cases.

>Now while I am happy to agree with you that less than ten percent  
>of sightings get reported, I don't agree that abductions are less  
>known about.

>A similar (though very different) study could be made of  
>chupacabra sightings. How many of these occur outside the Mexican  
>arena?

Hi Sean, Stan, All,

Sean writes:

>One could argue in both cases localised (!! ) occurrences??

Sorry, not with abduction reports. I don't mean to pee on your parade but all of my many years of experiences as webmaster of Budd Hopkins' Intruders Foundation and later as webmaster of the Abduction Information Center, contradicts your assumption.

I received abduction reports from every corner of the globe. So did Budd Hopkins and I'm sure Dave Jacobs and John Mack as well. Geez, I even had one guy who lived for months each year alone, isolated on a mountain-top in Switzerland. The guy presented all the same symptoms I was getting from Americans and everyone else. He barely spoke English and he claimed never to have read any of the UFO abduction related books. He was looking for help on the Internet and found me purely by accident. Not to wander too far from my point, Japan, Mexico, UK, Spain, Brazil, Australia, Canada, you name it, I have received UFO abduction reports from there.

Ditto for Hopkins and likely Jacobs, Mack, Fowler et al.

Sure, it could easily be argued that the people who wrote to Budd or myself or any of the others was already familiar with the published material and aware of many of the recorded details from American case reports. But then, that is sometimes how abductees,



myself included, eventually make the connection between our own consciously recalled experiences and the details of UFO related abduction reports.

Again, sorry dude, I'm afraid we're dealing with a world-wide phenomenon. I've got an archive full of evidence for my assertion.

Whatcha got for yours?

\*Stan... hope this note finds you and your girls happy, healthy and prospering.

Regards to All,

John Velez, Former webmaster of the Intruder Foundation and currently webmaster of the Abduction Information Center. Now, seriously, back to lurking for me! ;)

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## Re: Abduction Explanations

From: Gildas Bourdais <[bourdais.gildas.nul](mailto:bourdais.gildas.nul)>  
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Archived: Wed, 27 Aug 2008 13:14:52 -0400  
Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>From: Martin Shough <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 26 Aug 2008 16:17:07 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>>From: Martin Shough <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Tue, 26 Aug 2008 11:01:39 +0100  
>>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>>Since you have read the book, and have been given the benefit of  
>>personal clarifications by Leir, perhaps you can tell us what was  
>>reported in the MIT lab analysis said in 1995 to have been due  
>>"in a few weeks" and the 2003 lab analysis of "Betty's" needle  
>>advertised as forthcoming "at a later date".

>Apologies, Gildas.

>As mentioned in my reply to John Velez I have since discovered  
>that the rept in the former case appears to be the same  
>NIDS/NMTEch report already discussed (it was confusing because  
>this analysis was described on the website as having been  
>assigned to MIT, not to NM Tech). So it's only "Brenda's" 2003  
>report which is not presented.

Martin,

Thank you for your apologies.

I repeat my suggestion to, at least, read his book, and  
eventually contact him if you are curious to know more. You will  
learn, for instance, that there were two successive reports of  
New Mexico Tech.

From memory: In the first report, the metallurgist, who had not  
been informed by NIDS of the origin of the metallic fragment,  
wrote that it had a composition similar to meteoritic fragments.

When Roger Leir received it, he called the metallurgist to inform  
him that it was retrieved from the body of an alleged abductee.  
Then, the metallurgist issued a second, negative report. Some  
people don't want to get involved in troubling stories,  
apparently.

Gildas Bourdais

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## UFOs Reported During Mexico's San Luis Potosi

From: Scott Corrales <[lornis1.nul](mailto:lornis1.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 27 Aug 2008 08:19:46 -0400 (GMT-04:00)  
Archived: Wed, 27 Aug 2008 13:19:47 -0400  
Subject: UFOs Reported During Mexico's San Luis Potosi

Source: [www.analuisacid.com](http://www.analuisacid.com)

Date: 08.26.08

Mexico: UFOs Reported During San Luis Potosi Floods

As far as the UFOs were concerned, Abel Zamudio reported that was surprised, on the 7th of this month, when he looked toward the sun at arriound 9 am, he saw strange black objects surrounding the solar disk. "I first thought these were spots produced by the brightness, but feeling intrigued by it, I took one of the smoked glass, like the kind welders use in their masks, to see it better."

It was then that he discovered, to his surprise, at least 14 flying objects surrounding the sun. He was unable to identify them. "One thing is clear," says Zamudio, "and its that these were not physical phenomena or flashes caused by the sun, but rather UFOs spinning and forming a circle, remaining like that for several minutes. The unfortunate part is that the distance made them impossible to photograph," he remarked.

But not only that: on the 11th, Jaime Chavez Stevens took a photo of a UFO near one of the helicopters used to deliver humanitarian aid to the flood victims on his 2 megapixel cell phone. He managed to print several photos of a dark spot that appeared and disappeared, providing them to "El Manana" to be analyzed by the paper's experts.

Moreover, Javier Alvarado Colon noted that in Tamasopo, Sierra de Aquismon and El Naranjo there was nearly imperceptible seismic activity only days before the rainstorms. "I don't know if this was due to barometric pressure or some related physical phenomenon, but the tremors were a fact."In both cases, research is left in the hands of the experts.

Personal comment by Ana Luisa Cid: The author of this note, Mr. Antonio Martinez Chavez, also participated in the investigation of the Xilitla UFO Crash, transmitted on The History Channel with the journalist's participation.

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## UFO-Style Lights In Sky Confirmed

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Archived: Wed, 27 Aug 2008 14:26:45 -0400  
Subject: UFO-Style Lights In Sky Confirmed

Source: The Enfield Independant - UK

<http://tinyurl.com/66lk6j>

Wednesday 27th August 2008

UFO-Style Lights In Sky Confirmed

The sighting of a strange orange rugby ball-shaped UFO in Winchmore Hill has been confirmed by more readers.

Last week investment banker Alison Moynihan told the Independent how she had seen the objects making their way purposefully through the skies close to her home in Hillcrest.

Now, five more people have contacted the Independent with reports of UFOs, ranging from a cone-shaped light with an orange halo to a rugby-ball shaped spacecraft.

It has emerged that in the neighbouring street the lights were also seen by Trina Archer when they appeared on the night of Sunday, August 10.

She said: "I saw one circling the tree in Barber Close and it went off towards Grange Park. I think it's quite fascinating. It was very bright orange."

Ms Moynihan ruled out the possibility of it being a Chinese lantern or an aircraft but it seems it has not been the only unexplained sighting.

Mrs Archer, of Wades Hill, was alarmed by a sighting of lights above her street the previous weekend.

She said: "The only way I can describe it was as a jellyfish type of light. They changed colour from white to green and they appeared to be playing.

"My husband called the police and while he was on the phone I called one of my neighbours out.

"She went inside and rang her husband and he said he could see them from Chase Farm."

After the incident, Mrs Archer's husband Neil Edwards contacted the Ministry of Defence to see if they knew anything about it, but they told him that the only sighting they had received that evening was from Somerset.

He said: "But when I spoke to the police they told me there had been lots of other sightings that night."

Mr Edwards, a former member of the Paratroop Regiment, said: "It takes a commercial aircraft 45 seconds to travel from one side of the sky to the other and this thing took three seconds."

\* Do you have an explanation?

Call the newsdesk on 8884 7414 or email:

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## The Right To Access Information

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Archived: Thu, 28 Aug 2008 07:43:13 -0400  
Subject: The Right To Access Information

EBK,

The List might be interested.

<http://www.americanchronicle.com/articles/72219>

My article mentions the United States Air Forces's secrecy and their failure to reply to the FOIA request for radar records that tracked a UFO near Stephenville, Texas, on Jan. 8, 2008.

Frank

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>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 26 Aug 2008 15:48:00 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>>From: Martin Shough <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Tue, 26 Aug 2008 15:46:20 +0100  
>>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>>>From: John Velez <[jvelez49.nul](mailto:jvelez49.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Mon, 25 Aug 2008 16:47:46 -0400  
>>>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>>>Jumping in for just a second if I may...

>><snip>

>I've often wondered about the rather 'clunky' size/appearance of  
>the so called 'alien implants' that Dr. Lier has surgically  
>recovered. Wouldn't a science that has conquered the maze of  
>human genetics and space/time itself, have developed a virtually  
>undetectable nano-technology to perform the same functions as  
>these almost cumbersome and easily detected amorphous lumps?  
>Reminds me of the enormous 'Russian mini-cam' from the old SCTV  
>comedy sketches.

John,

Will you please, at last, stop calling him Lier instead of Leir!

>Just one of those little nagging contradictions that works away  
>at me regarding the subject of alien implants. The size and  
>easy detectability of the objects recovered by Lier seem  
>to work against the apparent alien agenda of stealth and  
>secrecy. Abductions are acts generally performed under the  
>cover of night.  
>Seems like a stupid thing to utilize devices large enough to be  
>(eventually) discovered by the unwitting host.

>Makes the aliens seem a little Homer Simpson-ish in their  
>tactics.

What do you know about the functions of these alleged implants?  
Not much, I am afraid.

What do you know about the possible intents of these alleged  
alien abductors? Not much either.

If they wanted to operate completely unnoticed, it's fair to  
suppose that they could do that, probably. A possible  
deduction is that they don't want to operate completely  
unnoticed. The whole story of sixty years of UFO sightings looks  
like a program of progressive awareness of their presence. Who  
knows? It might be the same with abductions. For that reason, and  
many others, your argument seems very hollow to me.

<snip>

>>I also note John's extreme scepticism of Leir's motives, and I  
>>think that coming from John this opinion has to carry a good  
>>deal of weight.

>My "extreme scepticism of Leir's motives" as you say, is well  
>founded my friend. Allow me cite just two of the reasons I am  
>of such a mind about Dr. Lier.

>1. He's never published any of his findings in a peer review  
>journal. Not in 15 years!!!

Apparently, it does not occur to you that no peer reviewed  
journal would have accepted such an article.

Just imagine: an article on the retrieval of alien implants in a  
medical Journal!

NIDS had promised that to Roger Leir, but they were never able  
(or willing) to do it.

In France, the popular and very mediatic astronomer Andre Brahic  
has just stated again publicly that people who believe in Ufos  
are either crooks or extremely naive people (in the magazine  
Science et Inexpliqu=E9, September-October 2008). But the same  
issue, amusingly, has published five historical documents, FBI  
and military (which I provided to the publisher at his request  
with a series of others), on the multiple sightings of Ufos in  
the vicinity of "vital installations", at the end ao the 40's.  
But Brahic and his colleagues will not read that, probably. The  
world of sciences is still very uptight on Ufos.

>  
>2. He refused to allow physicians and others at Columbia  
>University Hospital (in New York) to examine or analyze any of  
>the objects!  
>

Seing how you treat him here again, I am not surprised that he  
did not want to work with you.

Gildas Bourdais

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>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 26 Aug 2008 13:30:19 -0700 (PDT)  
>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

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>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Mon, 25 Aug 2008 17:13:52 +0100  
>>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

><snip>

>>America is still the alien abduction capitol of the world with  
>>more alleged abductions than more than most of the rest of the  
>>world put together.

>>It does beg credibility does it not?

>It is possible that many people around the world having what  
>Americans call alien abduction experiences interpret them  
>according to their own cultural beliefs and world views.

>Perhaps indigenous people view the experiences as interactions  
>with beings from the mythology/religion of their own culture? I  
>would imagine that many people outside America might interpret  
>the experiences as paranormal events rather than alien abduction.  
>Nevertheless, it may be the same experience, and occur with the  
>same frequency, as in America.

>Philippa

Well said and thank you Philippa!

I and many others have brought this same point up. I found out that you're right on target as I would constantly ask family and friends in other countries about UFOs. The orthodox Christians, Muslims, Jews, Hindus, had no problem with it. Same with the Buddhists. They wanted to know why we Americans were so uptight about it. They wanted to know why we didn't read our scriptures and know what was going on.

I'm fortunate to live in a neighborhood in Hollywood that is filled to the brim with folks from Armenia and Russia. This year alone my contacts in both countries and the surrounding countries has gone through the roof. Two thirds of my business day is used in talking with people from these countries. If as a child growing up in the 60's during the Cold War one would have told me that as an adult I'd be working mostly with Russian people I wouldn't have believed it. However, I've learned so much about the Russian people that they seem more like family we've lost contact with than some foreign menace portrayed by the media.

I often ask my friends in Russia, mostly media and computer professionals about UFOs. I was stunned to find out recently none of them care so much about UFOs. They admit people are interested but the professional economic engine that is now Russia sees the subject as grist-for-the-mill for as one friend over there said were tv stations that shows "weird stuff".

On occasion I do get a good tidbit of data about how Russians feel about UFOs and many ex government employees give up some data too. I'll have to dig deeper but the skeptibunker thing does go on over there which says alot. You would figure having been an enemy of the U.S. for half a century if there were anything to UFOs the Russians or Red China would have spilled the beans and ruined the evil secret UFO conspiracy here in the states.

Maybe it's something nobody wants to divulge.

Best,

Greg  
ufomafia.com/blog

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>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 26 Aug 2008 15:43:48 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

<snip>

Hi Katharina,

>Sean, you can "beg credibility" all you want. You admitted in a  
>previous post:

>"I have only had the opportunity to thoroughly investigate three  
>alleged abductions here in the UK."

Yup, but let me re-emphasize the word thoroughly

I have investigated to one degree or another nearly a dozen cases  
here in the UK, and more in a number of other countries (via the  
Internet).

Whilst that isn't in the same league as some of our US  
researchers, that also simply underlines that there is a distinct  
lack of cases here in the UK!

And I repeat, thoroughly investigate.

>It sounds to me like you have a lot to learn about the  
>abduction phenomenon and abductees.

No doubt one so immersed in the subject as you would see my lack  
of investigative cases as poor experience, but let me remind you,  
I have been a genuine, bona fide get my backside out of the arm  
chair investigator a lot longer than an awful lot of alleged  
"experts" have in years of age!

I would also respectfully suggest that before you start making  
digs about my knowledge on the subject that you do a quick Google  
on my name & UFOs and perhaps even the amount of time I spent  
with Bud Hopkins "learning" about the subject.

I tell you what. I will give one hundred dollars to a charity of your  
choice if you can prove me wrong.

Prove that the USA does not have the vast majority of reported  
abduction cases.

When you can't, I rest my case.

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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## Betty Hill & The Star Map [was: Abduction]

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>Date: Tue, 26 Aug 2008 20:28:12 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>>From: Stanton T Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Tue, 26 Aug 2008 13:27:19 -0300  
>>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>>>From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Tue, 26 Aug 2008 09:16:59 +0100  
>>>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>>>>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>>Date: Sun, 24 Aug 2008 12:47:23 EDT  
>>>>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>>>>I sure wish I could have sat next to Marjorie Fish in school!

>>>>Her scientific and detective work with the Betty Hill star map  
>>>>sketch is the stuff movie suspense is made of.

>>>>I sure wish I could have sat next to Betty Hill at examinations  
>>>>and been able to read her paper. Her amazing photographic memory,  
>>>>demonstrated by her ability to see a random pattern of dots for a  
>>>>few moments, remember their sizes and positions exactly for  
>>>>years, and then recall them in such detail that the  
>>>>multi-talented Marjorie Fish was able to reconstruct them  
>>>>exactly, must be totally unprecedented.

>>John, as usual you haven't done your homework.

>>How convenient to forget the three kinds of lines connecting the  
>>dots, and the base stars the size of nickels, and the strong  
>>admonition of Dr. Simon to present the facts and to draw the map  
>>later on only if she could remember it accurately.

>>The test, of course, of meaning is the star identifications by  
>>Ms. Fish after building a whole host of 3D models and finally  
>>getting new and more accurate stellar distance data.

>>The head of the Ohio State University Astronomy department, Dr.  
>>George Mitchell, is on camera in UFOs ARE Real testifying to  
>>her accuracy.

>>Check the literature.

>>There are many instances of hypnosis being used to get accurate  
>>recall of license plate numbers, rapist identities, cement blocks  
>>used in construction.

>>The noting of the unique pair of sun-like stars Zeta 1 and Zeta 2  
>>Reticuli as the base stars as a result of Marjorie's careful  
>>work, though not paid any attention to previously, is very  
>>important.

>>Much of this is, of course, detailed in "Captured! The Betty And  
>>Barney Hill UFO Experience, by myself and Kathleen Marden,  
>>Betty's niece. Try reading it. You might learn something.

>In reading over this post I must take note of a couple of other  
>items. Betty had an almost photographic memory and she made her  
>drawing within days of when Dr. Simon so carefully extract- ed  
>her memory of the "map" encounter with professional hypnosis. The  
>notion that there were years for her to stew over the memory is  
>totally untrue.

Hi Stan,

To support this I received this email from Kathy Karden whom I'd  
emailed last night.

Don Ledger

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Dear Don,

I disagree with the allegation that Betty reproduced the star map  
from memory years later. To be factually accurate, she  
reproduced the star map shortly after she recalled it during a  
true hypnotic regression and as the result of a post hypnotic  
suggestion to reproduce it only if she could remember it  
accurately. This is vastly different than drawing it from memory  
years later.

Also, Betty had a mathematical mind and the rare gift of a  
photographic memory. She had the ability to recall facts and  
figures accurately.

You can post this if you wish.

Very best regards,

Kathy Marden  
researcher/author/lecturer  
Captured! The Betty and Barney Hill UFO Experience

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## Re: Abduction Explanations

From: Sean Jones <[Sean.Jones.nul](mailto:Sean.Jones.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 27 Aug 2008 14:47:52 +0100  
Archived: Thu, 28 Aug 2008 08:55:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>From: Philippa Wintle <[philippa.wintle.nul](mailto:philippa.wintle.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 26 Aug 2008 13:30:19 -0700 (PDT)  
>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>>It does beg credibility does it not?

>It is possible that many people around the world having what  
>Americans call alien abduction experiences interpret them  
>according to their own cultural beliefs and world views.

The best reply I've had to date!

Yes, there is a possibility of that. But since both the US and here in the UK we have limited reports of UFO sightings in foreign countries let alone alien abduction in the press/media we have to rely on what is published on the Internet.

>Perhaps indigenous people view the experiences as interactions  
>with beings from the mythology/religion of their own culture? I  
>would imagine that many people outside America might interpret  
>the experiences as paranormal events rather than alien  
abduction. >Nevertheless, it may be the same experience, and  
occur with the >same frequency, as in America.

>Philippa

Unfortunately this also goes to underline my original statement.

The sheer quantity of alleged abductions in the US begs credibility  
\_IMHO\_

Likewise, here in the UK we have far more crop circles than anywhere else in the world.

In Mexico that have far more chupacabra sightings than anywhere else in the world.

What does that say? Anything? Nothing? Everything?

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: Abduction Explanations

From: **Jerome Clark** <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 27 Aug 2008 09:45:27 -0400  
Archived: Thu, 28 Aug 2008 08:56:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 27 Aug 2008 00:30:30 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>>From: Greg Sandow <[greg.nul](mailto:greg.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Tue, 26 Aug 2008 10:54:09 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>>>From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Tue, 26 Aug 2008 09:16:59 +0100  
>>>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>I think not. The Fish 'Star Map' is a desperate attempt to provide some  
>sort of 'physical evidence' for a case that relies entirely on the  
>fallible recall of two distressed people.

Unlike you, John, I have no dog in this fight. I have no opinion  
whatever about the alleged star map, but I am certain of this  
much:

You have no more idea than I do whether or not the Hills's recall  
was "fallible". You just need it to be.

Me: hell, I admit I don't know one way or another.

Jerry Clark

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From: Katharina Wilson <[K.Wilson.nul](mailto:K.Wilson.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 27 Aug 2008 10:22:22 -0500  
Archived: Thu, 28 Aug 2008 08:57:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>From: Kathy Kasten <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 26 Aug 2008 18:41:02 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>>From: Katharina Wilson <[K.Wilson.nul](mailto:K.Wilson.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Tue, 26 Aug 2008 10:22:20 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>>>From: Sean Jones <[Sean.Jones.nul](mailto:Sean.Jones.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Mon, 25 Aug 2008 17:13:52 +0100  
>>>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>>>>A point of note.

>>>>America is still the alien abduction capitol of the world with  
>>>>more alleged abductions than more than most of the rest of the  
>>>>world put together.

>>>>It does beg credibility does it not?

>>>>How did you come up with the notion that the U.S. has more  
>>>>abductions than the rest of the world put together?

>>>>I haven't seen any data that supports this idea, or the notion  
>>>>that higher numbers of abductees "begs credibility".

<snip>

>The reporting instrument of the phenomena - in almost all cases I  
>can think of - is the human. Therefore, the effects of  
>neurological, physiological and psychological must be assessed in  
>each and every case. And, yes, these fields of research have  
>advanced in the last few years. Since the phenomena of alien  
>abduction was first started to be reported.

Hello all:

As a reminder, I have repeatedly published the types of physical,  
neurological and psychological testing that I have undergone as  
part of my personal investigation.

See The Alien Jigsaw, The Alien Jigsaw Researcher's Supplement,  
the free e-book I Forgot What I Wasn't Supposed To Remember, and  
my Web site.

I do not have any neurological afflictions and I have been  
evaluated by three neurologists in three different areas of the  
country.

My physical problems consist of migraine headaches, and  
fibromyalgia, which do not create alien abduction. As a matter of  
record, these usually occur or flare up after an abduction.

My psychological diagnosis was PTSD, Post-Traumatic Stress  
Disorder. Something I think many people would suffer from after  
having been through a life-time of abduction, alien or otherwise.

I am 100% confident in what I'm dealing with here: It's called 'alien abduction.' and it's physical, as in real

Katharina  
[www.alienjigsaw.com](http://www.alienjigsaw.com)

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## Goddard Roswell & Rockets [was: Abduction]

From: Carol Maltby <[carolmaltby.nul](mailto:carolmaltby.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 27 Aug 2008 14:08:31 -0400  
Archived: Thu, 28 Aug 2008 09:19:00 -0400  
Subject: Goddard Roswell & Rockets [was: Abduction]

>From: Joe Faccenda <[Uforth.nul](mailto:Uforth.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 25 Aug 2008 20:51:17 EDT  
>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>There is I suspect a relationship between our detonation of the  
>first Atomic bomb to the subsequent influx of UFO sightings  
>Arnold et al.

To what extent have Robert Goddard's rocket tests in Roswell in  
the 1930s been factored in as possible motivation for aliens to  
be in the area observing?

I don't remember hearing of the connection before picking up a  
copy of Modern Mechanix magazine from the thirties and having it  
open right to a page discussing Goddard's work at Roswell.

While my own UFO library is somewhat thin, checking the indices  
of the books I have, and those I was able to find at local  
libraries and a large Barnes and Noble, didn't bring up much of  
anything. Nor did emails to a couple of List members asking if it  
was something they'd known about.

For those unfamiliar with the magazine, Modern Mechanix (an early  
version of what many of us remember as Mechanix Illustrated) had  
wonderful covers illustrating technology of the near future.

<http://blog.modernmechanix.com/>

We often hear on this list, "If the aliens can do  
[insert assumed wondrous nano-tech or galaxy-hopping feat here],  
then why can't they

[insert medical or technological thing we do routinely here]?"

A look through some of the older issues of the magazines will  
show that there are a myriad of inventions people were working on  
back then that only now are finally being commercially produced.  
Not to mention those false starts that we still haven't picked up  
on. We can't assume that alien blindspots would be more puzzling  
than our own.

Carol

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## Re: Betty Hill & The Star Map [was: Abduction]

From: Joachim Koch <[koch.nul](mailto:koch.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 27 Aug 2008 20:23:31 +0200  
Archived: Thu, 28 Aug 2008 09:23:01 -0400  
Subject: Re: Betty Hill & The Star Map [was: Abduction]

>From: Eleanor White <[ewraven1.nul](mailto:ewraven1.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 26 Aug 2008 16:17:26 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sun, 24 Aug 2008 15:49:06 -0300  
>>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

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>>The "leader's" statement makes sense. If Betty didn't  
>>know where  
>>she was located in our galaxy then where her "captors"  
>>were from  
>>would have had little significance for her.

>She should have replied, "Why don't you point out both  
>Earth  
>and your home planet to me?"

Hi Eleanor,

She had no time to ask that because the "leader", according to Betty, "made the the map disappear " after she could not show where the Earth was.

No word, nothing about Zeta Reticuli at all.

Maybe Betty had missed one great opportunity get astronomical information from an alien lifeform. The "leader" knew that Betty had no larger astronomical knowledge, he started with simple questions: "Where are you on the map?"

Would it have made sense in this context to show her a map of several squareparsecs? And if it was a 'star map' it still is not correct to ask for planets because planets couldn't have displayed there. So what was shown to Betty?

Then Majorie Fish did her admirable work, because she was as fascinated as I would have been at that time.

It was her assumption to look for G-type stars and all this started the (manmade)Zeta Reticuli Myth which is now so greatly supported by so many.

As Stanton asked: "How do we know what we know?" Very often by assumptions at the beginning of revealing process.

Another assumption could be that because the "leader" knew that Betty had only little knowledge about astronomy, in fact she hardly knew our planetary system, so he had shown her something with the map that he could hope that Betty would recognize at least something in it.

So he showed her our planetary system around the time of her abduction hoping to calibrate with her about astronomical basics. It might have been either a "map" or a hologram or Betty really



looked down to our planetary system from above, because in one of her interviews she said: "..there was an opening in the wall..".

And in fact, about one month after her abduction, when all the excitement started to settle a bit with Betty and Barney and questions arouse within them, all the circles and dots on her famous "map" match the state of our planetary system, the largest asteroids with their special compounds included, exactly from a viewpoint behind Saturn.

<http://www.kochkyborg.de/BBHill/hill.htm>

Maybe there is something special in that region of our solar system? Are there any anomalies in that area? Do you remember any?

Whatever we dare to think about extraterrestrial intelligence, it seems to be far more closer to us than we are allowed to know.

Help them to help us!

Joachim

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Project Wandsdyke Path July 25, 2009  
Avebury/Alton Barnes, Wiltshire, UK  
In Contact With The Cosmic Matrix

<http://www.kochkyborg.de>

For those in U.S.A. who want to join  
and come over to the UK please contact Ron Russell:  
<http://www.cropcircles.org/TourSite/Welcome.html>

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## Re: New BLT Reports

From: Eleanor White <[ewraven1.nul](mailto:ewraven1.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 27 Aug 2008 14:38:14 -0400  
Archived: Thu, 28 Aug 2008 09:24:27 -0400  
Subject: Re: New BLT Reports

>From: Nancy Talbott <[bltresearch.nul](mailto:bltresearch.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>,  
>Date: Tue, 26 Aug 2008 16:56:49 -0400  
>Subject: New BLT Reports

<snip>

Nancy -

Remember that crop circle TV documentary in which a black helicopter (hired by the circle researchers, not the proverbial conspiracy black helicopter) was taking video footage of a circle, and when it got around 500 feet above ground, the video recorder went into monochrome mode then stopped working? And then when the copter dropped below about 500 feet the engine quit and the pilot had to autorotate out of the circle? And most surprising of all, the engine restarted once the copter was away from the circle?

I can't recall if that was a North American circle or one in the United Kingdom.

If you do recall that documentary and perhaps have some detailed information on it, do you know if that copter was turbine powered (and maybe what the make/ model was?)

Eleanor White

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## The Vatican Allegri & Mozart [was: Abduction]

From: **Gerald O'Connell** <[gac.nul](mailto:gac.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 28 Aug 2008 00:33:47 +0100  
Archived: Thu, 28 Aug 2008 09:30:01 -0400  
Subject: The Vatican Allegri & Mozart [was: Abduction]

>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 26 Aug 2008 23:42:31 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>Anyway as for Mozart re the Vatican piece,

Allegri's 'Miserere' for those who might have been wondering...

In an act of typical Christian generosity the Pope for whom it had been composed was so impressed by the music's haunting beauty that he decreed that it should never be written down, and, therefore, never be heard outside the Vatican. So it seems that Mozart wasn't the only one with a good memory for a tune.

However - and with a nod of acknowledgement in Brad Sparks' direction for his timely reminders on chain of evidence verification - given the nature of the music's provenance, we will never know whether the piece memorised by Mozart and now performed wherever man has the wherewithal actually resembles the music that Allegri originally wrote.

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Gerald O'Connell

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Date: Thu, 28 Aug 2008 11:05:00 -0400  
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From: Robert Hastings <[hastings444.nul](mailto:hastings444.nul)>  
To: [PROJECT-1947.nul](mailto:PROJECT-1947.nul)  
Date: Wed, 27 Aug 2008 14:54:42 -0600  
Subject: Reporter Duped by UFO Debunkers

Listfolk,

This will be posted on the Internet later today.

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Reporter Duped By UFO Debunkers

By Robert Hastings

On August 11, 2008, I sat down with Albuquerque Journal reporter John Fleck to discuss my extensive research on nuclear weapons-related UFO activity and the publication of my 600-page book, *UFOs and Nukes: Extraordinary Encounters at Nuclear Weapons Sites*. Over the last 35 years, I have interviewed nearly 100 former or retired U.S. Air Force nuclear missile personnel, including launch officers, targeting officers, maintenance personnel and security guards. These individuals report ongoing UFO surveillance of our strategic weapons sites, as well as the occasional disruption of those weapons' functionality, just after UFOs were observed to be in their vicinity.

To verify these veterans' statements to me, I provided reporter Fleck with copies of verbatim testimony from a few of them, a copy of my book which contained the testimony of a great many more, and four pages of USAF/NORAD documents, declassified via the Freedom of Information Act, which describe multiple UFO incursions at Minuteman missile sites outside of Malmstrom AFB, Montana, in November 1975.

In spite of this well-documented presentation, Fleck subsequently wrote an exceedingly biased and dismissive article about my research, titled "Book Links UFOs to Nukes," in the August 25, 2008 issue of the Journal, which concluded that my contentions of a UFO-Nukes Connection were "wrong" based on the statements of "independent experts." More on those alleged experts in a moment.

During my interview with him, Fleck told me that he was especially interested in the so-called Big Sur UFO case. which I will now briefly summarize: Early one morning in September 1964, an Atlas D Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) was launched from Vandenberg AFB, California, carrying aloft an experimental enemy radar-defeating system and dummy nuclear warhead. Shortly after nosecone-separation, as the warhead raced toward a targeted splash-down at Eniwetok Lagoon, in the Pacific Ocean, it was approached by a disc-shaped UFO. As the saucer chased and then circled the warhead, four bright flashes of light emanated from

the unknown craft whereupon the warhead began to tumble, eventually falling into the ocean hundreds of miles short of its intended target downrange.

Science fiction? Not according to the former USAF officer tasked with filming the Atlas launch through a high-powered telescope located at Big Sur, California. Then Lt. (now Dr.) Bob Jacobs—who was assigned to the 1369th Photographic Squadron at Vandenberg, and held the title Officer-in-Charge of Photo-instrumentation—states that the entire encounter was captured on motion picture film. According to Jacobs, while the UFO's maneuvers were readily discernable, other minute details—including the object's domed disc-shape—were only discovered during a in-depth optical analysis conducted at Vandenberg.

Following the dramatic incident, says Jacobs, a 16-mm version of the amazing film was shown to a small, select group at Vandenberg. At the conclusion of this meeting, which he attended, he was told to "forget" the filmed events and to never mention them again. Years later, Jacobs learned that after he left the room, the crucial frames were cut out and quickly confiscated by two "government agents"—possibly working for the CIA—who had been among those in attendance.

Importantly, Jacobs' account—relating to both the UFO incident itself and the subsequent cover-up—has been entirely endorsed by another officer, retired Major (later Dr.) Florenze J. Mansmann, Jr. At the time, Mansmann had been assigned to Vandenberg AFB's Office of the Chief Scientist, 1st Strategic Aerospace Division. It was Mansmann who had carefully analyzed the amazing film which, he said, showed a "classic disc" shaped object circling the dummy warhead, shooting four beams of light at the warhead as it did so. It was also Mansmann who had ordered Lt. Jacobs to attend the restricted screening of the film in his office at the division's headquarters building.

Because reporter Fleck expressed interest in this case, I provided him with copies of private correspondence between Jacobs and Mansmann, from the early 1980s. In those letters, Jacobs and Mansmann were obviously still stunned by, and marveling over, the Big Sur UFO incident—some 20 years later. It is important to note that this correspondence was never intended for publication, to support the validity of the case. Rather, it represents the private musings of two former USAF officers—involved and knowledgeable insiders—who had experienced what was obviously a life-changing event for each of them.

At the conclusion of my interview with Fleck, he told me that he would be contacting Kendrick Frazier, the longtime editor of Skeptical Inquirer magazine—which has for decades featured articles debunking UFOs and the notion of a U.S. government UFO cover-up—to get Frazier's point-of-view on the Big Sur case. Skeptical Inquirer is the publication of the self-styled Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal (CSICOP) which recently renamed itself the Committee for Skeptical Inquiry (CSI).

One of the articles published by the debunking magazine, written by Kingston George, an engineer who worked with Bob Jacobs on the telescope project at Vandenberg AFB, claimed that Jacobs' statements about having filmed a UFO shooting down a dummy nuclear warhead were just "weird claims" having no basis in reality.

However, when I researched the Big Sur case myself, I discovered that George had badly misrepresented Jacobs' remarks, repeatedly, and had made other crucial factual errors. Indeed, if one compares his article with Jacobs' and Mansmann's published and private statements on the Big Sur incident, it becomes glaringly obvious how erroneous and misleading George's article really is. Nevertheless, Skeptical Inquirer editor Frazier published the badly-flawed piece, apparently without comparing George's claims about what Jacobs' supposedly had said with what he actually had said. Curiously, George's debunking article contains not a single word about Major Mansmann's unequivocal endorsement of Jacobs' account.

Frazier subsequently included Kingston George's badly-flawed article in one of his own books devoted to debunking UFOs, thereby further disseminating George's misstatements and factual errors to an unsuspecting public. Incompetence all around, at the

very least, on the part of the debunkers-if not something more suspicious. As I write in my book,

"I consider it noteworthy that George's article was published in CSICOP's in-house magazine, Skeptical Inquirer. At first glance, this is hardly surprising, given CSICOP's tireless crusade to discredit UFOs. However, because the Big Sur incident reportedly involved a UFO disabling-shooting down-one of the U.S. military's experimental nuclear warhead systems, Skeptical Inquirer's strong endorsement of George's attempted debunking of the incident is particularly interesting.

Why? Many years ago, I discovered that Kendrick Frazier was in fact employed-beginning in the early 1980s-as a Public Relations Specialist at Sandia National Laboratories, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Yes, the same Sandia Labs that has been instrumental to the success of America's nuclear weapons program since the late 1940s, through its "ordnance engineering" of components for bomb and missile warhead systems.

Interestingly, Skeptical Inquirer's publisher's statement, or "masthead", which appears at the beginning of each issue, never once mentioned Frazier's employment at the highly-secretive, government-funded laboratory. Instead, the magazine merely listed, and continues to list, his profession as "science writer"-a reference to his having written several books and articles on various scientific subjects. Also curious is the fact that various online biographies on Frazier-including one written by himself-also fail to mention his two-decade tenure at Sandia Labs. An odd omission indeed.

Consequently, here is the situation: In what is arguably the most dramatic nuclear weapons-related UFO incident ever revealed, two former U.S. Air Force officers insist that one of our experimental nuclear warheads was actually shot down by a flying saucer. And who is responsible for publishing the first debunking article about the Big Sur incident, in which it is claimed that the UFO encounter never happened? Why, a PR guy working for the U.S. government's nuclear weapons program!

.Ironically, over the years, a great many UFO skeptics have used the supposedly accurate "facts" presented in George's article to dismiss the UFO link with nuclear weapons in general, and the Big Sur UFO Incident in particular. Needless to say, very few of those same skeptics will ever buy a book called, UFOs and Nukes, so they will mistakenly continue to believe that Kingston George's article is the last word on the Big Sur case.

Furthermore, the CSICOP-Nukes Connection does not end with Kendrick Frazier. James Oberg, one of CSICOP's leading UFO debunkers, once did classified work relating to nuclear weapons at the Air Force Weapons Laboratory, located at Kirtland AFB, just down the road from Sandia Labs.

From 1970-72, Oberg was an Air Force officer whose assignments with the Battle Environments Branch at the weapons lab involved the development and utilization of computer codes related to the modeling of laser and nuclear weapons. Oberg also served as a "Security Officer" while at the weapons lab and was, therefore, responsible for monitoring the security procedures used to safeguard the classified documents generated by his group.

After Bob Jacobs went public with the UFO shoot-down story, Oberg wrote to him, chastising Jacobs for revealing "top secret" information. In his MUFON UFO Journal article, Jacobs wrote that after he broke his silence, "I was contacted by a variety of investigators, buffs, cranks, proponents and detractors alike. James Oberg, a frequent 'mouthpiece' for certain NASA projects and self-styled UFO Debunker wrote to disparage my story and to ask provocatively, 'Since you obviously feel free to discuss top secret UFO data, what would you be willing to say about other top secret aspects of the Atlas warhead which you alluded to briefly...?' I told Mr. Oberg where to put his misplaced cynicism."

Despite Oberg's charge, Jacobs has correctly pointed out that because Major Mansmann had told him that the UFO encounter "never happened", he had no personal knowledge of the classification level attached to the incident.

In any event, it is almost certain that Oberg would not have

criticized Jacobs for exposing "top secret UFO data", had he known that Jacobs would subsequently publish his remark. So, here we have one of CSICOP's leading UFO debunkers-whose public stance is that UFOs don't even exist-angrily asking Jacobs in a private letter whether he would also openly discuss "other" top secret aspects of the missile test.

For his part, CSICOP's chief UFO-debunker, the late Philip J. Klass, aggressively hounded Dr. Jacobs after he published the warhead shoot-down story, going so far as to write a derisive letter to Jacobs' department chairman-Dr. R. Steven Craig, Department of Journalism and Broadcasting, University of Maine-in which Klass accusingly questioned professor Jacobs' fitness as a representative of the academic community. Jacobs' understandably indignant response to Klass, titled, Low Klass: A Rejoinder, may be found online. It is a must-read for anyone wishing to understand the behind-the-scenes battle that ensued after Jacobs went public with the UFO incident. Among other subjects, the rejoinder touches on acrimonious correspondence between Jacobs and Klass. At one point, after Dr. Jacobs ignored Klass' repeated demands that he respond to the debunker's charges, Klass offered character references, citing Admiral Bobby R. Inman (USN Ret.)-the former Director of the National Security Agency, who also held Deputy Director positions at both the Central Intelligence Agency and the Defense Intelligence Agency-and Lt. General Daniel O. Graham (USA Ret.), the former Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency and former Deputy Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. Klass not only provided Jacobs with their names, but home addresses as well, and told him, "Both men have worked with me and gotten to know me in my efforts for Aviation Week." The character references provided by Klass are certainly interesting, given his stock response over the years to those who questioned his motives. Whenever he was confronted with the charge that he was not really a UFO skeptic, but a disinformation agent for the U.S. government, Klass would always recoil indignantly and ridicule the notion. So who does he choose to present as character references in his letter to Jacobs? Two of the top intelligence officers in the U.S. government."

Major Florenze Mansmann's last written remarks on the Big Sur UFO incident are to be found in a letter to Curt Collier, a producer for the television series, Sightings. Dated November 15, 1995, the letter began, "Dear Mr. Collier, Responding to your Fed Ex letter of November 14, 1995 regarding the validity of the January 1989 MUFON [UFO] Journal story by Dr. Robert Jacobs, it is all true as presented. And yes, I have also responded to other researchers in the past, but only after Dr. Jacobs released the details of these sightings [sic] negating my secrecy bond."

Mansmann continued, "The Image Orthicon camera system we used in capturing the Unidentified Flying Object on film had the capacity to photograph the 'nuts and bolts' of the missile launch and its super sonic flight...In retrospect, I now regret not being able to evaluate the film for more than 3 showings. The only people in attendance of the viewing were: The Director of the Office of the Chief Scientist and his assistant, two Government Agents, Lieutenant Jacobs and myself. [i.e. Kingston George was NOT present! -RH] The two Government Agents confiscated the film and placed it in a briefcase and departed after I had checked their authorization to leave with the film. I was instructed later by the Office of the Chief Scientist, the Judge Advocate General's office and my Commanding Officer to consider the incident top secret." Mansmann concluded his letter to Collier, "I am writing to confirm Dr. Jacobs' account..."

In other words, more than 30 years after the top secret incident and more than six years after Jacobs' article appeared in the MUFON UFO Journal, Dr. Mansmann was once again unreservedly verifying Bob Jacobs' report of a UFO shooting down a dummy nuclear warhead over the Pacific Ocean, in September 1964.

Florenz J. Mansmann, Jr. died on July 4, 2000, but he remained adamant to the end that the extraordinary encounter-involving an extraterrestrial spacecraft-had occurred and was classified Top Secret.

My own definitive, extremely well-documented article on the Big Sur incident is available at my website, ufostastings.com. Had reporter John Fleck read it, or the Jacobs-Mansmann letters I provided him, before he wrote his inept and biased article on my research, he would have saved himself a lot of criticism and

embarrassment.

Although Fleck knows almost nothing about UFOs, he seems unwilling to learn about the subject, even when provided with credible and documented information derived from declassified government files and the testimony of former military personnel. Instead, he readily swallows the unfounded and suspiciously spun claims of Frazier, Oberg and their ilk-hook, line and sinker. In short, Fleck is the perfect mark-uninformed and vulnerable to misinformation-just the way UFO debunkers prefer their journalists to be.

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>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 26 Aug 2008 16:17:26 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sun, 24 Aug 2008 15:49:06 -0300  
>>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

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>>The "leader's" statement makes sense. If Betty didn't know where  
>>she was located in our galaxy then where her "captors" were from  
>>would have had little significance for her.

>She should have replied, "Why don't you point out both Earth  
>and your home planet to me?"

Or asked for a copy of the map. But hindsight is a marvelous  
thing. Often common-sense questions, statements or actions go out  
the window when you are under stress. You have to be trained for  
that.

Don Ledger

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>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
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>>>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>>>I sure wish I could have sat next to Betty Hill at examinations  
>>>and been able to read her paper. Her amazing photographic memory,  
>>>demonstrated by her ability to see a random pattern of dots for a  
>>>few moments, remember their sizes and positions exactly for  
>>>years, and then recall them in such detail that the  
>>>multi-talented Marjorie Fish was able to reconstruct them  
>>>exactly, must be totally unprecedented.

>>Not at all. The conductor Dmitri Mitropoulos was going to  
>>premiere a new piece by an American composer. When the composer  
>>gave him the score, he browsed through it, looking for a few  
>>moments at each page. Then he put the manuscript aside, and began  
>>discussing the score with the composer, making specific  
>>references to tiny details. "On the first page, the oboe part in  
>>measure 13- you've marked it to be played softly, but it seems to  
>>me that the sound won't cut through the other instruments." And  
>>so on through the entire piece, page after page. (I'm making the  
>>oboe example up, because the composer - the source of this  
>>anecdote - didn't give specific examples of what Mitropoulos  
>>asked him about. But this is the kind of thing, as I know from my  
>>own experience as a composer, that conductors ask about.)

>I am well aware of the phenomenal feats of memory of orchestral  
>conductors. I recently read a letter in a British newspaper from  
>the widow of a famous conductor (I'm sorry but my fallible memory  
>cannot now recall his name) telling how her late husband would  
>give a student the full orchestral score of a symphonic work,  
>then, when the student had studied it, ask him to 'conduct' the  
>piece from memory in an empty room. The conductor would from time  
>to time stop the 'performance' asking his student exactly why he  
>had made a particular instrumental introduction in the way he  
>had, or had adopted a particular tempo at a certain point.

>Incredible memory, but all involving intense study and  
>understanding of the material under review. Is there any other  
>evidence that Betty Hill possessed such memory, or studied the  
>'Star Map' in such detail?

>I think not. The Fish 'Star Map' is a desperate attempt to  
>provide some sort of 'physical evidence' for a case that relies  
>entirely on the fallible  
>recall of two distressed people.

John,

You really ought to do your homework or at least admit your ignorance and just shut up.

I have already noted the approval of Marjorie's work by Dr. George Mitchell Chmn. Of the OSU Astronomy Department, on camera in UFOs ARE Real. He used one of the bigger models as a teaching tool.

Dr. David Saunders was present at the Adler Planetarium in Chicago with myself and Dr. J. Alan Hynek when Marjorie brought one of her models and explained her work. Dave used computerized star chart info to verify Marjorie's work and also to check the angle from Betty's supposed location. He approved.

Desperate attempt? Your comments are the desperate ones.

I suppose it is just coincidence that all the pattern stars are in a plane and that all the sun-like stars in the volume of the map are part of the pattern and that all the pattern stars are sun-like? Only 5% of the stars qualify as sun-like.

Terry Dickinson, a member of the Order of Canada, because of his astronomical writing, was the editor of Astronomy magazine when he published one of the first articles (after mine) about the Fish star map work.

Who are you to judge that the people were distressed (whatever that is supposed to mean) and that their recall was fallible?? Based on what? Reading tea leaves?

If you were to read Captured, you might learn something about the people and their status in the community.

I met Barney and met Betty many times. I spoke with Dr. Simon, met with John Fuller, reviewed his papers at the Boston University Archives and have heard some of the tapes made by Dr. Simon. My co-author Kathleen Marden has transcribed all of the tapes, knew Betty and Barney very well... and your qualifications for passing judgement besides believing there is nothing to UFOs are what?

In short then, typical baseless nasty noisy negativism.

Stan Friedman

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>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

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>Sean writes:

>>One could argue in both cases localised (!! ) occurrences??

>Again, sorry dude, I'm afraid we're dealing with a world-wide  
>phenomenon. I've got an archive full of evidence for my  
>assertion.

John, my wording was poor.

What I meant was localised in its intensity.

Having conducted abduction research I am well aware that it happens worldwide. My initial comment is that the USA is the abduction capitol of the world with more abductions happening in the US than in any other country in the whole world.

Would you agree with that?

>Whatcha got for yours?

Years of experience :o) Whilst I don't have "filing cabinets full" of research info, I am researcher who gets off his backside and is not some kind of keyboard hero. Not in any way suggesting you are, of course, just some of these jumped up "experts".

When Budd came over here to the UK a good few years back I travelled many miles to see him at three locations to speak to him regarding abduction research. At the Fortean Times UNConvention we got to have a good long chat, much to the annoyance of Phil Klaus!

So I have a very good idea, I have investigated here in the UK a smattering of cases as well. We don't get that many, certainly reported cases at least.

I still hold that certain phenomena have strongly localised bases.

IE Crop circles here in the UK. Chupacabra in Mexico and alien abductions in the US of A.

Much respect.

Sean

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In an infinite universe infinitely anything is possible.

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## UFOs A Challenge to Mainstream Science

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UFOs - A Challenge to Mainstream Science

By Patricia B. Corbett

"What evidence is needed to convince mainstream scientists=97and perhaps yourself=97that the UFO phenomenon is real and worthy of scientific study?"

--Alexander Imich, Ph.D.  
President, Anomalous Phenomena Research Center (APRC)

For the last half of the 20th century, the UFO phenomenon has perplexed both the public and the scientific community. At the beginning of the 21st century, the overwhelming majority of the American public=97about 70%=97believes that UFOs are real and that they most likely are guided by intelligent beings from other worlds or dimensions. The scientific advances and discoveries that have resulted from our own human space program have helped shape the views of the American public on UFOs and extraterrestrial life.

The scientific community, however, remains uninterested in and scornfully dismissive of the question of the reality of UFOs and the possibility of intelligent extraterrestrial life visiting Earth. Yet, even as scientists and astronomers discover new planets and solar systems; find exotic life forms on Earth that thrive in extreme environments previously thought to be uninhabitable; and uncover tantalizing hints of life on at least 10 bodies within our own solar system, mainstream scientists continue to mock and deride those who take the phenomenon of UFOs seriously.

What is needed to change the prevailing view of mainstream science concerning UFOs? First, it is essential to present this important phenomenon to serious scientists in a context with which they are familiar, namely, the discipline of science as it is practiced today. Second, it is equally important to show that the tools of science can be used to investigate the UFO phenomenon and to reach valid conclusions about it. What is needed to accomplish this? Let's look at what science itself is and what it requires.

Science is an objective, disciplined methodology for investigating natural phenomena. Scientists=97those having expert knowledge of one or more of the existing scientific disciplines-- use the scientific method in their efforts to extend and deepen our understanding of the physical world. The scientific method is defined in the dictionary as "the principles and empirical processes of discovery and demonstration that are characteristic of or necessary for scientific investigation." In general, the

scientific method involves the observation of a phenomenon, the formulation of a hypothesis about the phenomenon, experimentation designed to demonstrate the truth or falseness of the hypothesis, and a conclusion that validates or modifies the hypothesis.

Does the prevailing mindset foster a scientific inquiry into this subject? Unfortunately not. Despite the widespread public acceptance of the reality of UFOs, the impression one receives about the phenomenon from the mass media is that it is not a serious subject worthy of the attention of serious minds. Rather, as presented on TV or in newspapers and magazines, the UFO phenomenon is a goofy, fringe subject of interest only to the uneducated, fans of science fiction and others with over-excited imaginations, or those who have taken too many drugs or drink too much. This general attitude presents a substantial obstacle when it comes to involving scientists in the study of UFOs.

There is an even more serious obstacle in the way of the scientific investigation of UFOs. The scientific and academic communities in particular do not take kindly to the investigation of the UFO phenomenon by their peers and colleagues. There have been significant negative consequences in terms of career and reputation for those scholars and scientists who have taken the subject seriously. The story of the internationally-renowned Harvard psychiatrist John E. Mack, MD is a case in point. After an exemplary 35-year career with Harvard, Dr. Mack was nearly stripped of his tenure and his license to practice medicine because of his investigations of UFOs and encounters with intelligent extraterrestrial beings.

Perhaps the most significant obstacle in the way of scientific research involves the official secrecy<sup>97</sup> based on national security claims--that surrounds the UFO phenomenon. Officially, since at least 1947, the U.S. government has dismissed UFOs as misidentifications of ordinary aircraft, planets, stars, or natural weather phenomena. Unofficially, over the same period, the U.S. government has taken an intense interest in UFOs, classifying them at a secrecy level higher than that for the hydrogen bomb. Even the President of the United States does not receive a full briefing on classified UFO matters. This cloak of secrecy keeps crucial hard data, collected by the military and a range of intelligence agencies, out of the hands of scientists, thus critically hampering a complete investigation of the phenomenon.

The late Carl Sagan, a proponent of the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI) program, which uses radiotelescopes to search for signs of intelligent life in the universe, was the foremost UFO debunker of the last 25 years. A statement that Dr. Sagan made regarding UFOs has been widely quoted, "Extraordinary claims require extraordinary evidence." In his view, the claims of those who accept the reality of UFOs are extraordinary but are not supported by sufficient objective evidence.

Noted UFO expert and best-selling author Budd Hopkins considers Dr. Sagan's remark to be disingenuous. According to Mr. Hopkins, "Extraordinary phenomena require an extraordinary investigation." In other words, the scientific community does not have the proof it needs because the scientific community is not undertaking a serious investigation of the UFO phenomenon. Why? Because the prevailing opinion among scientists is that UFOs do not exist. Since UFOs do not exist, there is nothing to investigate.

Is a scientific inquiry into this phenomenon worth the effort? Nuclear physicist Stanton Friedman, a man who has devoted the last 35 years to a scientific investigation of the UFO phenomenon, believes that if the mainstream media devoted the same amount of effort to solving the Cosmic Watergate that they did to solving the political Watergate, the UFO question could be answered in six months. Recently, Peter Sturrock authored a scientific study of UFOs that was published in the Journal of Scientific Exploration which concluded that there exists a significant body of evidence about UFOs that demands a thorough scientific investigation.

So what do scientists need to conduct a serious investigation of the UFO phenomenon? Scientists need:

1. A physical phenomenon to observe;

2. The formulation of a hypothesis about the phenomenon;
3. Experiments to test the hypothesis; and
4. Conclusions based on the results of the tests that confirm, refute or modify the hypothesis.

The UFO phenomenon meets all four of these scientific requirements:

1. There is a physical phenomenon to observe. UFOs have been seen worldwide for over 50 years and captured on still and motion picture film and on videotape. There are a number of databases available, each of which contains tens of thousands of documented reports of UFO sightings.
2. Hypotheses have been formulated. There are many variations of a simple hypothesis: UFOs are intelligently-controlled, physical craft not of Earthly origin.
3. There is physical evidence that can be scientifically tested. Physical evidence of UFO operations in and around the Earth's atmosphere, as well as on the surface of the Earth, exists and has been studied scientifically (e.g., soil samples, radiation effects, electromagnetic activity).
4. Evidence-based conclusions can be drawn by scientists. The results of the scientific tests will confirm, refute or modify the hypothesis that UFOs are physical craft not of Earthly origin.

#### The Best Available Evidence

The wealth of evidence available for scientific scrutiny cannot be brought out in detail in this brief essay. However, some of the major areas of research and some of the significant scientific contributions can be described as a starting point for scientists interested in the subject.

Contrary to popular accounts in the media, and to many scholarly articles on UFOs, the phenomenon is quite frequently reported by scientists, military personnel, police officers, commercial and private airplane pilots. Also contrary to popular belief, UFO reports are not limited to rural areas or confined to the United States. The phenomenon has been reported in about 150 nations and over major metropolitan areas in the U.S, the U.K, the former U.S.S.R., Germany, France, Spain, all the Scandinavian countries, China, Japan, South Korea, Australia, New Zealand, throughout Africa and Central and South America, and at both the North and South Poles. UFOs have also been reported quite frequently over civilian and military nuclear facilities; at military bases in the U.S. and worldwide; above and beneath the surface of the Earth's oceans; and outside the Earth's atmosphere.

In other words, there is scarcely a place on Earth that UFOs have not been witnessed and reported by reliable people. The best available evidence for scientists to ponder comes from every corner of the world. Scientists should be particularly impressed by the evidence presented by the following professionals:

- Astronomers
- Astronauts and Cosmonauts
- Aeronautical engineers
- Air traffic controllers
- Airline, military and private pilots
- Civil defense and ground corps observers
- Government officials
- Military personnel other than pilots
- Police officers
- Professors of engineering, physics, space science
- Professional photographers (still, motion picture and video)
- Radar operators

The reports made by numerous credible, trained men and women have provided a wealth of "hard data" that scientists can analyze with known instrumentation and procedures. In addition, scientists can review studies of such data that have already been completed by reputable scientists. Two recent examples are described briefly below.



If a serious study of the physical evidence relating to the UFO phenomenon—such as the one conducted by Peter A. Sturrock and his colleagues and described in the book *The UFO Enigma: A New Review of the Physical Evidence*—were conducted by scientists, it would not only raise the level of the debate but also encourage more scientists to study the phenomenon, develop and test new ideas, and draw their own conclusions. This could not help but advance our knowledge of this perplexing phenomenon. Sturrock provides convincing evidence that the UFO phenomenon is accessible to scientific analysis and that it merits and warrants scientific study.

In the book, *Unconventional Flying Objects: A Scientific Analysis*, Paul R. Hill, a well-respected NASA scientist, has put the UFO phenomenon to just the kind of rigorous scientific scrutiny that the phenomenon demands. His research shows that UFOs "obey, not defy, the laws of physics." Dr. Hill has reported on the basic science and technology that is at the heart of the near-miraculous performance capabilities that witnesses describe UFOs as possessing. In precise detail, Dr. Hill shows how the descriptions of UFO behavior, made by credible witnesses, are in accord with what we know about physics. Serious scientists cannot ignore Dr. Hill's important work.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, PhD, a highly respected astronomer, was for years the leading Air Force consultant for Project Blue Book, the official U.S. Air Force investigation of flying saucers. The evidence gathered by the Air Force—which was determined to "explain away" the phenomenon—changed Dr. Hynek from a UFO skeptic to one of the world's leading scientific experts on the UFO phenomenon. Any scientific investigation of UFOs must include the study of Hynek's books *The UFO Experience*, *The Edge of Reality* and *The Hynek UFO Report*. It is crucial to keep in mind that, although Dr. Hynek became aware of the dishonesty and duplicity of the Air Force in its UFO-related efforts, it was the physical evidence that caused Dr. Hynek to make a radical turn from a UFO debunker to a UFO scholar. Even the work of Dr. Edward U. Condon, a man who had prejudged the UFO phenomenon and determined the results of his investigation before he began it, provides scientific evidence supporting the belief that UFOs are a real phenomenon worthy of scientific inquiry.

Dr. Condon was commissioned by the U.S. Air Force to study UFOs. The official goal was to understand the phenomenon. The unofficial goal was to wipe UFOs off the public radar screen once and for all. On January 8, 1969, "The Final Report of the Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects," conducted by the University of Colorado, under contract to the United States Air Force, was released. Dr. Condon was the scientific director.

The results of the report were used by the Air Force as its justification to close Project Blue Book and end its official involvement with UFOs. In a press release that accompanied the complete 900-plus page report, Dr. Condon claimed that the evidence suggested that UFOs were not worthy of scientific inquiry, that nothing of further value would come from such an effort. The media only looked at the press release, not the actual report, accepted Dr. Condon's claims at face value, and trumpeted them worldwide. It seemed the scientific case was closed.

However, serious scientists, such as David R. Saunders (co-Principal Investigator of the Condon Committee), Stanton Friedman, Peter A. Sturrock and others have noticed major discrepancies between what the press release said was in the report and what was actually in the report. For example, the press release stated that only a few percent of cases investigated remained unsolved, whereas, in fact, about 30 percent of the cases investigated remained unexplained. This is a very high figure indeed, one suggesting the need for further scientific study. In addition, a reading of the text of the report clearly shows that UFOs present a significant challenge to contemporary science. Even the work of a determined debunker such as Dr. Condon revealed that the UFO phenomenon is in urgent need of scientific evaluation and comprehension.

Carl Sagan was the co-editor, along with Thornton Page, a professor of astronomy and NASA research associate, of a very useful book for scientists intrigued by the UFO phenomenon, *UFOs: A Scientific Debate*. The book is the result of the proceedings of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Scientists with divergent views from different disciplines=97e.g., astronomy, physics, meteorology, psychiatry, psychology, sociology=97applied the scientific method to the study of this controversial topic.

The scientists analyzed photographs, radar evidence, physical traces of UFOs, witness credibility and psychology, natural phenomena often misidentified by laymen as UFOs, popular belief in UFOs and the role of the mass media in the phenomenon. It should be clear to any scientist reading this book that UFOs are a serious subject and that most major questions about them remain unanswered.

Richard M. Hall is the editor of The UFO Evidence, a report put out in 1964 by the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP). This volume is valuable both historically and in terms of useful scientific information. NICAP focused its research efforts on credible reports from qualified witnesses that showed strong, identifiable patterns and consistencies in the data from one source to another. Later scientific investigations have confirmed the findings of this 1964 report and contributed important new information as well.

The UFO Evidence, a reference that has been cited in nearly every major study of UFOs in the past four decades, is an important summary of the evidence of UFO reality compiled in the early days of the "modern era" of UFO studies. It provides scientists with sample cases that show general features of UFO reports; cases indicating that UFOs are intelligently controlled; reports of sightings by Air Force pilots, navigators, and other personnel; observations by airline, military and private pilots; reports from professional scientists, engineers, astronomers and aeronautical engineers; as well as police officers and credible civilians. In addition, the report contains evidence relating to the electro-magnetic effects of UFOs, radar cases, physical and physiologic effects of UFOs, photographic and acoustical evidence; statistical analyses of patterns of UFO maneuvers, appearance, flight characteristics and recurrent observations; and details about many other important aspects of this phenomenon. The UFO Evidence makes a strong case for both the reality of UFOs and the great value of a scientific study of the phenomenon.

In December 1995, the Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS); the Fund for UFO Research (FUFOR); and the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) produced an exciting and important publication, Briefing Document on Unidentified Flying Objects: The Best Available Evidence. Although it presents only the tip of the iceberg when it comes to the scientific and military evidence available worldwide concerning UFOs, this publication is especially valuable to scientists because it offers readers the most carefully documented information available.

As it makes its case for UFO reality, and for the extraterrestrial origin of UFOs, the briefing document presents radar evidence, visual evidence, physical evidence, descriptions of the shapes of UFOs and of their performance capabilities. All of this information can be evaluated scientifically. The document details prime examples of UFO reports made around the world from the 1950s through the mid-1990s. This briefing document may be the most convincing report yet compiled suggesting that UFOs are real. It definitely makes an undeniable case for further scientific investigation into the UFO enigma and should be required scientific reading.

There are many other valuable scientific books and papers that have been published over the past 50 years, all of which provide evidence that UFOs are not misidentified natural phenomena or man-made objects, the products of the minds of highly imaginative or delusional people, or the malicious hoaxes of merry pranksters around the globe.

In addition to the substantial body of evidence available for scientists to review, there are many astronauts, cosmonauts, scientists and prominent government and military officials from many nations around the world who accept the reality of UFOs. This information has come from either direct public statements or from classified documents that have been released to the public. These individuals include such U.S. military, intelligence and political figures as:

- General Nathan D. Twining, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff= (1957-1960);
- J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the FBI;
- General Walter Bedell Smith, Director of the CIA (1950-1953);
- General Douglas MacArthur;
- Captain Edward J. Ruppelt, Chief of project Blue Book;
- Admiral Roscoe Hillenkoetter, first Director of the CIA (1947-1950);
- General Curtis LeMay, Air Force Chief of Staff;
- Major General E.B. LeBailly, U.S. Air Force Director of Information;
- General George S. Brown, U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff;
- Lt. Col. Lawrence J. Coyne, U.S. Army Reserve helicopter pilot;
- Victor Marchetti, CIA official;
- President Harry S. Truman;
- President Gerald Ford;
- President Jimmy Carter;
- President Ronald Reagan;
- Senator Barry M. Goldwater;
- Representative John W. McCormack, Speaker of the House;
- Representative Jerry L. Pettis;
- Representative Steven H. Schiff.

If military, intelligence and political figures do not impress scientists when it comes to UFOs, perhaps American astronauts will. Among the astronauts who have either witnessed UFOs themselves, or are aware of UFO reality, are Gordon Cooper, Donald "Deke" Slayton, Edgar Mitchell, Al Worden, Eugene Cernan, and Story Musgrave. They are joined by the Soviet cosmonauts Yevegni Khrunov, Vladimir Kovalyonok, and Major General Pavel Popovich.

Scientists who are aware of UFO reality include Dr. Clyde W. Tombaugh, the American astronomer who discovered Pluto; Dr. Frank B. Salisbury, professor of plant physiology at Utah State University; Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Chairman of the Dept. of Astronomy at Northwestern University and scientific consultant for Air Force UFO investigations from 1948 through 1969; Dr. Leo J. Sprinkle, professor of psychology at the University of Wyoming; Dr. James E. McDonald, Senior Physicist at the Institute of Atmospheric Physics at the University of Arizona; Dr. Robert M.L. Baker, Jr., President of West Coast University; Stanton T. Friedman, nuclear physicist and UFO researcher; Dr. Margaret Mead, world-renowned anthropologist; Dr. Richard Haines, psychologist for the Ames NASA Research Center; Dr. Peter A. Sturrock, Professor of Space Science and Astrophysics and Deputy Director of the Center for Space Science and Astrophysics at Stanford University; Dr. Jacques Vallee, astrophysicist, computer scientist and UFO author; and Dr. John E. Mack, Professor of Psychiatry at The Cambridge Hospital, Harvard Medical School.

In addition to these eminent figures, equally impressive military, intelligence and political figures have come forward with information and evidence about UFO reality in Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, Britain, Canada, China, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Mexico, Russia, Spain, Switzerland, Zimbabwe and many other nations.

Scientists can also avail themselves of the hard data about UFOs that are contained in a wide range of databases that are available to researchers. Among them are:

UFOCAT -- a computer catalog of raw UFO reports of sightings from around the world, started in the 1970s by Dr. David Saunders. There are over 50,000 reports from five continents. UFOCAT is maintained by the Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS). GROUND TRACES -- a catalog of UFO cases where plants and soil were affected is maintained by CUFOS.

PILOT CASES -- NASA scientist Richard Haines has a computerized catalog of UFO sightings by military, commercial, private and test pilots that has more than 3600 cases going back to the early 1980s. These are just a few of the databases that are available to scientists who want to investigate the evidence that has been collected concerning UFOs.

#### Obstacles in the Way

The valuable scientific books and papers that have been published over the past 50 years, and the worldwide UFO reports made by highly credible people, cannot be glibly dismissed as errors,

fraud or malicious hoaxes. The body of evidence that diligent researchers have compiled cannot fail to convince any open-minded scientist that UFOs are real and worthy of scientific study.

Yet few scientists look at the evidence and there is no major scientific exploration of this phenomenon by mainstream science. How can this be? What are the obstacles in the way?

In the 1950s, the Brookings Institute issued a report entitled, "The Implications of a Discovery of Extraterrestrial Life." The report suggested that out of all groups in society "scientists and engineers may be the most devastated by the discovery of relatively superior creatures." Is the finding that the discovery of intelligent life would be devastating to human scientists still true today? In a recent survey, 75 percent of scientists said they would like to learn more about UFOs.

In 1976, Peter A. Sturrock conducted a small survey of members of the American Astronomical Society. He found that most of the respondents were curious about UFOs. However, while scientists express interest in the question of UFOs and extraterrestrial life in anonymous surveys, they still remain, in general, derisive and dismissive in their public statements about UFOs.

Michael E. Zimmerman, a professor of philosophy and former Chair of the Department of Philosophy at Tulane University believes that many scientists refuse to discuss UFOs for three reasons: (1) fear of loss of social status through ridicule; (2) superior non-human intelligence threatens personal psychology and worldview; and (3) fear of social chaos in the face of ET superiority. However, Prof. Zimmerman also sees signs of change. He notes that at least some scientists are now beginning to take the UFO and the related ET-abduction phenomena seriously and to study them systematically. Zimmerman even suspects that some scientists and government officials are slowly, carefully leaking information to the public about UFO reality and ET presence to prepare the public for the revelation that extraterrestrials are visiting our planet.

In the opinion of Peter A. Sturrock, the lack of public funds to support UFO research is a major obstacle in the way of significant scientific investigation. Like Prof. Zimmerman, he notes that UFO research is not considered respectable in academic and scientific circles and that this keeps people from pursuing serious work in the area. Dr. Sturrock is of the opinion that, if scientific progress is to be made in this field, public opinion must be galvanized to demand that UFO research be supported with significant funding from the Federal government. The recent study directed by Dr. Sturrock concluded that (1) the UFO phenomena is complex and not likely to be solved by one simple universal answer and (2) the scientific investigation of the unexplained observations that characterize the UFO phenomenon will most likely lead to important new knowledge.

## Conclusion

Sturrock and others have observed that scientists are interested in UFOs but unwilling to become involved publicly. Scientists say "show me the evidence" but do not study the reams of evidence available. Carl Sagan has said that "extraordinary claims require extraordinary evidence." Mainstream scientists often quote Sagan to defend their reluctance to look into the question of UFOs. However, today's scientists are like the scientists of Galileo's day who refused to look into the telescope to see the moons of Jupiter with their own eyes.

What is needed? We do not need objective evidence. There is plenty of hard data about all aspects of the UFO phenomenon just begging for scientific evaluation. What is needed on the part of science today is a radical shift in its worldview, in its mindset. What can bring about this profound change, which some call a "mindshift"?

Perhaps scientists will only change after encountering the UFO phenomenon directly, through a sighting of a craft in the sky, a craft on the ground with entities nearby, or even more dramatically, through a direct, personal encounter with non-human intelligences. Such an experience would most certainly transform even the most die-hard skeptic and debunker. Or perhaps scientists need to undergo the kind of transformative event that

Edgar Mitchell experienced on his return voyage from the moon to the Earth, when he intuitively perceived that the universe is self-aware and that everything is interconnected.

It may take more than objective, physical evidence alone to convince scientists that UFOs are real and worthy of scientific investigation. But a start has to be made somewhere. It can be made with the evidence now at hand, evidence that grows daily as UFO reports continue to come in from around the world. The data gathered by dedicated researchers over the past 50 years await a new Galileo or Newton to synthesize into a worldview that is broader and deeper than today's reigning paradigm. Too many scientists today are demanding proof, instead of doing the hard work needed to demonstrate the reality of UFOs and to uncover the incontrovertible proof of the existence of intelligent life beyond Earth.

In 1956, in his last published work, *Contact with Space*, the pioneering scientist Wilhelm Reich wrote, "What do they want for proof? There is no proof. There are no authorities whatever. No President, Academy, Court of Law, Congress or Senate on this earth has the knowledge or power to decide what will be the knowledge of tomorrow...Only the good old rules of learning will eventually bring about understanding of what has invaded our earthly existence. Let those who are ignorant of the ways of learning stand aside, while those who know what learning is, blaze the trail into the unknown."

Where are the scientists who will lead us in our search for the knowledge of tomorrow? The tools needed are at hand; the information we need is there, waiting to be discovered. The UFO phenomenon, dismissed and derided today, may prove to be the key to the lock that will open the door to our cosmic future.

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The Big Tent In Denver  
By Billy Cox

Still scanning the headlines out of Denver to see if Jeff Peckman got his audience with Barack Obama or the Democratic Party=92s platform committee.

Since the MSM has found time to name Florida as the Worst Dressed Delegation, and to turn a rum peddler dressed as Captain Morgan into a street phenom:

<http://tinyurl.com/5nexs8>

Peckman=92s at-bat can=92t be far behind.

You remember Peckman. You saw him on Letterman a couple of months ago. He wants to get Denver voters to approve an Extraterrestrial Affairs Commission that would help Mile High City residents prepare for interaction with space aliens. On a meager \$75K budget.

He=92s posted the proposed ordinance online at:

<http://tinyurl.com/5aut5v>

De Void=92s favorite provision =97 the part about coordinating =93information and exhibits about extraterrestrial cultures and technology at Denver=92s cultural and scientific facilities=94 =97 is so quixotic that De Void=92s first thoughts are derivative: Oh my my, oh hell yes, honey put on your party dress!

Look, don=92t underestimate this guy. He knows how to draw a crowd as well as Captain Morgan does. In May, Peckman and an alleged UFO contactee named Stan Romanek generated international headlines for staging a press conference around an authentic home video of a space alien peeking into Romanek=92s bedroom. True, it kinda sucked that only a single grainy frame of that footage was released, but hey, a lot of media attended and Peckman wound up on Larry King.

So this week, The Fierce Urgency of Now is reportedly compelling Peckman to lobby the Dems to adopt a UFO disclosure plank. Maybe he could bring some pressure to bear by co-hosting another media event with Romanek and releasing another frame from that space alien film. After all, this issue is too important to be trivialized.

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The call themselves the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal. In fact they are a group of would-be debunkers who bungled their major investigation, falsified the results, covered-up their errors and gave the boot to a colleague who threatened to tell the truth.

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sTARBABY  
by Dennis Rawlins

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Ever since it came into being the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal (CSICOP) has proudly proclaimed itself the scourge of the "new nonsense": astrology, ESP, UFOs and other phenomena of which it does not approve. Its pronouncements on these and other subjects have received widespread attention and uncritical acceptance in the news media.

Critics such as Fate, professional parapsychologists and moderate skeptics like former CSICOP cochairman Prof. Marcello Truzzi, sociologist at Eastern Michigan University, have questioned the Committee's commitment to objective, scientific investigation of paranormal claims and have accused some CSICOP spokesmen of misrepresenting issues and evidence. But such dissenting views were little noticed by media writers eager to headline sensational - although frequently unsupported - debunking claims.

The story that follows, written by a man who is himself skeptical of the paranormal, confirms what critics of CSICOP have long

suspected: that the organization is committed to perpetuating a position, not to determining the truth.

--The Editors of FATE Magazine

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I used to believe it was simply a figment of the National Enquirer's weekly imagination that the Science Establishment would cover up evidence for the occult. But that was in the era B.C. - Before the Committee. I refer to the "Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal" (CSICOP), of which I am a cofounder and on whose ruling Executive Council (generally called the Council) I served for some years.

I am still skeptical of the occult beliefs CSICOP was created to debunk. But I have changed my mind about the integrity of some of those who make a career of opposing occultism. I now believe that if a flying saucer landed in the backyard of a leading anti-UFO spokesman, he might hide the incident from the public (for the public's own good, of course). He might swiftly convince himself that the landing was a hoax, a delusion or an "unfortunate" interpretation of mundane phenomena that could be explained away with "further research."

The irony of all this particularly distresses me since both in print and before a national television audience I have stated that the conspiratorial mentality of believers in occultism presents a real political danger in a voting democracy. Now I find that the very group I helped found has partially Justified this mentality.

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CSICOP originated with the statement "Objections to Astrology," published in the September-October 1975 issue of The Humanist. "Objections" was signed by 186 scientists, including 18 Nobel prizewinners, who were justly upset at the growing newspaper exploitation of a public that wasn't being informed that astronomy and astrology aren't the same thing. "Objections" and its child CSICOP were both the creation of The Humanist's then-editor Paul Kurtz [1] and received widespread national publicity.

Unfortunately the statement was published (both in The Humanist and by Kurtz's own private publishing house Prometheus Books) in conjunction with a largely valuable article which included a misconceived attack (by Lawrence Jerome) upon the claims of the prominent French neoastronomers Michel and Françoise Gauquelin. Almost none of the signers read Jerome's analysis before publication.

Concerned that such an attack could cause trouble for the rationalist movement, I contacted Kurtz for the first time by phone on November 3, 1975. He admitted privately that I was just one of a number of scientists who had called him about this article immediately after The Humanist published it. But the "Objections" statement was rushed into print intact, along with the uncorrected article, by Prometheus.

The embarrassment was compounded when Michel Gauquelin proved to be a more skilled statistician than his critic - and intimated possible legal action. Kurtz, under some pressure from within the AHA for his antiparanormal effort, realized he had a problem. Publicly he admitted no error but privately was frantic to attack Gauquelin in print. Uncle Remus might say, Br'er Kurtz, he could just hardly wait to sock that TARBABY a second time to force him to release the stuck first fist.

During that first phone conversation Kurtz urged me to write an article refuting Gauquelin - in about two weeks - to beat a deadline for the January-February 1976 issue of The Humanist. This is not, it need hardly be said, the way of well-researched scholarship.

All that fall of 1975 Kurtz was mailing Jerome, me and UCLA astronomer Prof. George Abell reams of articles relating to Gauquelin, including the lengthy March 1975 report and alibis of the Belgian Comite Para which some years earlier, to its surprise, had confirmed the approximate successrate Gauquelin had predicted in his strongest alleged neoastronomical correlation, now generally called the "Mars Effect": Gauquelin's results

showed that 22 percent of European sports champions are born with Mars rising (Sector 1) or transiting (Sector 4), to express it roughly. Since Gauquelin divides the sky into 12 sectors, the purely chance probability of Mars' being in a prespecified pair of sectors is about 2/12 or 17 percent, well below the observed rate of 22 percent. For the 2088 sports champions in Gauquelin's sample, such a difference is statistically very significant (because of the largeness of the sample); the odds are millions-to-one against its having occurred by chance.

I did what I could with the material at hand. Even while continuing to analyze this strange problem, I sent Kurtz a paper which he relayed to others interested in the case, among them Jerome, Abell and Marvin Zelen (then director of the Statistical Laboratory of the State University of New York at Buffalo, but soon to move on to Harvard University). The paper, while suggesting that there might be a natural explanation for the Mars Effect, explicitly noted that if the European sampling was unreliable no amount of analysis (based on this sample) could be certain to detect that.

Thus, since a fresh sample and analysis of it would be an enormous labor, my paper recommended that any new test offered Gauquelin be both (a) extremely clear-cut in its predicted result and (b) free from the complexities and subtle bias-problems of sampling and of the astronomical/demographical influences that affected the expected ("chance") level (to which experimental observed data, once collected, would be compared). I suggested a possible experiment that would satisfy these conditions: Could Gauquelin use the position of Mars in competing athletes' horoscopes to beat the posted odds on sporting events?

At this time we all wondered, like other scientists on first acquaintance with the Mars Effect, if there was a possible "natural" (nonoccult) explanation. As seen from Earth, Mars appears near the sun more often than not. And birth rates are higher at dawn, when the sun enters Sector 1, so one would expect all births (not just sports champions') to be slightly more frequent when Mars is in Sector 1. For convenience I will call this astronomical/demographical intrusion (or "influence") the "Mars/dawn" factor. We will return to this since the Keystone CSICOPs' inability to compute this factor (until years after it was too late) was to prove their undoing.

My manuscript (which gently corrected the "Objections"-affiliated false attack on Gauquelin) was not published in January-February Humanist on the grounds that it had arrived too late for the deadline - although it had been written in less than two weeks. Instead Kurtz published two other papers in that Humanist issue: one by Abell, on astrology in general and Gauquelin in particular, which based its discussion of the gravitational effects of Mars on us upon a common popular-science misconception, causing an error by a factor of a few million. The other, by Zelen, was "A Challenge" to Gauquelin.

The Challenge was a classic control experiment: isolate the sports ability variable by comparing the Mars horoscopic positions of the champions Gauquelin had already collected vs. the Mars horoscopic positions of all other persons (nonsports champions), the "control" group, born about the same time and place as the champions. If the control group exhibits the same hit-rate (a "hit": being born when Mars resides in celestial Sector 1 or 4) as the champions, 22 percent, then clearly sports ability has nothing to do with the Mars Effect, which is thus revealed as merely a by-product of purely natural influences. This is what the top CSICOPs expected to happen.

If the nonchampions' hit-rate turns out to be what Gauquelin had said is correct for ordinary people, namely 17 percent, then the control experiment has come out in Gauquelin's favor, since sports ability is isolated as the link to the five-percent difference.

The Challenge concluded (emphasis added): "We now have an objective way for unambiguous corroboration or disconfirmation. ... [Thus we may] settle this question" - statements leaving no doubt at all that if Gauquelin met this test he would achieve confirmation of his claims.

I was appalled at the potential disaster that awaited if Zelen's presumptions (that the European sample was unbiased and that the

cause of the Mars Effect was a natural influence) were wrong. As I checked further into Gauquelin's output, I became convinced there were serious problems in these presumptions. Kurtz said I should speak with Abell whom I did not know personally. When I reached him by phone on December 6, 1976, I said I was worried about the Challenge.

Abell snapped, "Oh-what's-wrong-with-it?" as if uttering one word. I explained politely that the Challenge depended entirely upon the validity of the European sampling. Abell said he was sure that Gauquelin was honest and the Mars Effect was just a natural influence in the data. I agreed that it had looked that way at first to me too but that recent, still-proceeding attempts to verify the Mars/dawn factor's actual effect left me in skeptical suspension of judgment and thus in fear of possible trouble. Why gamble the outcome of a crucial experiment upon such an uncertain factor?

But to Abell that just wasn't worth bothering about. He was more interested in who I was. Had he ever heard of me? Had we met at conferences?

I mentioned a few papers I'd published in top journals. In addition I pointed out a couple of errors in his upcoming paper (such as the gravitational effect of Mars previously referred to) and I urged that these be corrected before the issue went to press. He said they didn't matter; he'd rather leave them as they were.

Since Abell and Kurtz wanted to check Gauquelin's calculations, I offered to help since I had recently prepared an efficient computer program that would calculate all planets' positions to one arcminute accuracy, a program that could be adapted to the Gauquelin project. Abell said fine, just send it along. He spoke as if he were doing me a favor.

Declining his generosity, I repeated my offer to do the work if it would help. He replied that it probably would be "easy" to compile such a program; after all, the astrological outfits now had computer horoscopes. So I suggested he try those routes. In case he wished to construct his own program, I imparted a few elegant mathematical shortcuts to assist him. I mention this because anyone who understood the necessary science would have quickly realized that I was an experienced specialist in this area.

Nonetheless Abell subsequently told Kurtz and other CSICOPs that I was an "amateur" and he continued to say so until October 1978. This was a major factor in CSICOP's decision to ignore me, the only planetary-motion specialist ever involved in the Gauquelin project (which was, of course, a planetary-motion problem). At this point of no return, Kurtz depended upon Abell's astronomical advice in his decisions on the Gauquelin investigation. It was to take them two years (and help) to perform the calculations Abell had called "easy."

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I continued to examine the details of Gauquelin's claims and on January 23, 1976, completed a mathematical analysis showing clearly that the "natural" Mars/dawn factor (a) couldn't come anywhere near explaining the Mars Effect and (b) had been already included by Gauquelin in his reports' expected-frequency values. Although Gauquelin's method was different from mine, our results were so similar that it was clear he had done this part of his experiments correctly.

The Mars/dawn factor was the only possible "natural" influence (although Zelen and Abell didn't seem to realize it) that could have lifted the nonchampions' hit-rate from 17 to 22 percent.

I communicated this to Kurtz immediately and forcefully. Getting no response, I phoned Zelen on March 8 and made an utterly fruitless appeal. By this time the Challenge had been published. And more support for it was in press, to appear (over my strenuous objections) in March-April 1976 Humanist (page 53).

The forces of antioccultism met in Buffalo, N.Y., on April 30 and May 1, 1976, to found CSICOP. I gave one of the Founders' Day speeches. It contained enough good press copy and one-liners to get me selected for the nine-man ruling Council of CSICOP.

Founders' Day was above all a media event. Reporters were wooed and catered to. I certainly had no objection to that, having had largely pleasant encounters with the media. But I was naive about the one overriding reality: a Committee that lives by the media will inevitably be ruled by its publicists, not by its scholars.

Once CSICOP was under way, I found myself not only on the ruling Council but also on the editorial board. Although most of the Fellows sought, like me, to battle pseudoscientific bunk, they disagreed about the means. Except for the agreement to start a magazine (Zetetic, later Skeptical Inquirer) there was little cohesion on public policy, a vacuum that was filled (if not in fact caused) by tacit cohesion on Private Priority Number One for active CSICOP Fellows: maximum personal press coverage. [2]

Neither I nor most other Councilors were to be reinolved in the Gauquelin affair for some time, since Kurtz was handling it in The Humanist, which he still edited.

I referred to Gauquelin's results in a paper for Humanist publication sent to Kurtz on June 5, 1976, a paper soon thereafter sent to Marcello Truzzi and eventually published in Skeptical Inquirer (Fall-Winter 1977). It attacked Gauquelin's Mars Effect on various grounds, pointedly excluding the Mars/dawn factor on which Kurtz, Zelen and Abell (hereafter to be called KZA) were gambling CSICOP's reputation.

The September-October 1976 issue of Humanist published a paper by Abell and son, with commentary (formally coauthorship) by the Gauquelins. I did not see it until much later. Kurtz was no longer sending galleys or confiding to me the details of his increasing obsession with his neoastrological sTARBABY.

The paper had a number of important features. For one thing, Abell affirmed Zelen's "unambiguous corroboration or disconfirmation" statement. As Abell put it, it "appears to be a definitive test." He went on, "The [control] test will be refereed by a disinterested and competent committee of scientists, and we hope that the results will be available in about six months." In fact, the test was never neutrally refereed - and the time estimate was equally ironic.

Reading Abell's article, I was struck, first, with the realization that every calculation was simple arithmetic. His computer analysis relied on an almanac provided by the U.S. Naval Observatory which listed Mars' celestial longitudes at a fixed interval. Instead of using spherical trigonometry to convert Mars' positions to equatorial coordinates (as the Gauquelin experiment required), Abell stuck with the ecliptical coordinates of the USNO program.

Since Abell had indicated in December 1975 that he intended to verify computationally Gauquelin's original calculations, I was amazed to read now, nearly a year later, that "we have not duplicated or checked the Gauquelins' original calculations" (my emphasis). How the devil could this be, when Abell had in hand (and was using in his simple-arithmetic analysis) a Mars almanac and all the birth data for the 2000-plus sports champions of Gauquelin's famous original Mars Effect study?

Incredibly, it appeared that over all the intervening months, Abell, the CSICOP Gauquelin-test subcommittee's sole astronomer, had not performed the elementary calculations of the astrologer he was taking on! Abell drove Kurtz crazy with stalls, mostly variations on not "having time" to do the work. Yet he found time to do all 2000-plus calculations - the wrong way - for the paper we've just been analyzing!

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When 1977 opened, it had been v s the better part of a year since I had had any contact with the Gauquelin matter. But Skeptical Inquirer (then Zetetic) editor Truzzi asked me to referee an antiastrology paper. I found to my astonishment that the paper was promoting The Humanist and Comite Para theory (which heretofore had not disgraced Skeptical Inquirer and CSICOP directly) that Gauquelin's results could be explained away by the Mars/dawn demographical influences.

Incredulous that my 1975-76 warnings were still being ignored, I

sent out on March 29, 1977, a full mathematical explanation of the Mars/ dawn problem - to no avail. The unkillable Mars/dawn misconception appeared intact on page 50 of Spring-Summer 1977 Skeptical Inquirer.

But Truzzi did not ignore the memo's implications. He phoned to ask if I would object to his sending the memo to Gauquelin to show him that not everyone on CSICOP disagreed with him. I told Truzzi to go ahead.

That summer Kurtz phone me in an agitated state. Gauquelin had shown him the memo (apparently in early July). Then in August Gauquelin attempted to quote the memo in an upcoming Humanist paper. Feeling that this would be mistaken as support from me for Gauquelin, I wrote Kurtz to ask that he publish a very short paper (dated September 17, 1977), pointing out that (a) the Mars/dawn effect ( KZA's only "out," their sole semiplausible hope of justifying the Control Test) could not explain away Gauquelin's results; (b) there was in fact no "natural" explanation of the Mars Effect; (c) I believed that the sampling of sports champions was amiss; and (d) I didn't believe Gauquelin's claims merited serious investigation yet.

Angry that I had let the Mars/dawn memo get into Gauquelin's hands in the first place, Kurtz urged that I ask Gauquelin not to make public use of it. He then used the memo's privacy (pretending this was my idea!) as a basis for deleting Gauquelin's comments on the memo - and scratching my proposed September 17 paper altogether! [3]

I did not yet understand Kurtz's anxiety over heading off my public dissent. He neglected to inform me that in press at this very time was the upcoming KZA report on the Control Test (nonchampions) results. This report flew right in the face of the truth revealed in the very memo I'd agreed to keep private only because I believed KZA would pay attention to it.

The KZA Control Test report appeared in November-December 1977 Humanist. It marked the beginning of the end of CSICOP's credibility - because it was at this point that the handling of the Gauquelin problem was transformed from mere bungling to deliberate cover-up.

Before publication the KZA Control Test report was shown to the only other member of the Gauquelin subcommittee, Prof. Elizabeth Scott of the statistics department of the University of California at Berkeley, who was so upset ("I feel that the [paper's] discussion may be misleading") that she telephoned each one of the KZA trio (as I had done two years earlier). They ignored her.

Back in December 1975 Abell had expressed an interest in checking Gauquelin's celestial-sector positions but had not done this even for his September-October 1976 Humanist article. Now the new report (November-December 1977 Humanist, page 29) stated (emphasis added): "The committee ... has not ... yet [!] checked all [any?] of the [Gauquelin's celestial] computations. Prof. Owen Gingerich (astronomer at Harvard) is in the process of reviewing the calculations concerning the position of Mars ..." In addition: "The committee has agreed to make an independent test of the alleged Mars Effect by a study of sports champions born in the United States. This test is now under way."

As the data started to come in, KZA realized they were in deep trouble on the Control Test (based on European data entirely computed by Gauquelin) and so were forced to propose the fresh-sample American test in a July 1977 meeting with Gauquelin. By autumn the birth-record data were coming in for the American test. Now it was not a matter of just using Gauquelin's celestial calculations; CSICOP must compute positions not previously done - and no report could be issued until this was accomplished.

Kurtz started receiving the American birth data as early as September. Stung by his private knowledge that he'd lost the Control Test (as he confessed aloud at least once), he was frantic to get on with the diversion of retesting (using the American sample) as quickly as possible.

By October 20 Kurtz, who was getting nothing from Abell and Gingerich, phoned and asked me, betraying not the faintest sense of irony, if I could do the work. He was so relieved at my

consent that he instantly added me to the subcommittee on Gauquelin (presumably to replace Elizabeth Scott, now a nonperson). A CSICOP check for \$100 accompanied the first installment of 72 athletes' birth data.

Kurtz told me that this time he wanted an advance look at the results, to see what was going to happen. He stressed that his sneak peek was to be strictly confidential. In all innocence I probably broke security first thing by phoning Abell in Los Angeles on October 22 to ask where in San Diego I could gain access to a computer. (I'd only just moved to California.)

Abell protested that he was doing the work with Gingerich, and what the devil was Kurtz in such a rush for anyway? Although I agreed that Kurtz was pushing, I remarked he'd waited two years and one might forgive some impatience. Abell tried to talk me out of getting involved but I stressed that this was entirely Kurtz's idea, not mine. He and Gingerich were free to compute these or any other data but Kurtz was hot to get a look at the way things were going to come out.

Abell gave me the name of John Schopp of the astronomy department of San Diego State University (SDSU) who'd helped Abell with a textbook he'd written. So on October 27, two days after the birth data arrived, I drove out to SDSU and met John and his colleague Fred Talbert. Fred got me hooked up that evening. I fed the problem into the computer, ran off the 72 positions and mailed a printout to Kurtz on the way home.

It's revealing that a lone "amateur" could perform at one sitting a project that the combined CSICOP forces of UCLA, Harvard and SUNYAB didn't get anywhere with for years, despite their access to a highly accurate U.S. Naval Observatory planetary-position program.

In succeeding weeks Kurtz mailed me further birth data as well as unsolicited cash. At one point (after 120 names) I told him by phone (he preferred hearing the accumulated score instantly, without waiting the few days the mail took) that the key-sector score was now at 22 percent. He groaned. I emphasized that the sample size was too small for the result to be statistically meaningful. He drew no comfort from this remark. I asked if he were sure that this was a clean sample. He was, so I assured him that the score was bound to revert to roughly 17 percent as the sample got larger - unless astrological claims were true, which I certainly didn't believe.

Nonetheless he continued speaking in a pained voice, as someone cursed with a demon that would not go away.

Meanwhile KZA's November-December 1977 Humanist Control Test report appeared. No one then on CSICOP's Council (other than Kurtz) had seen it before publication. [4] Yet it committed CSICOP to a cover-up course which ultimately sucked the whole Council into sTARBABY's goo, as one's willingness to go along with the cover-up (to protect The Cause) became a test of loyalty.

In the report KZA tried to obscure the clear success Gauquelin had scored. The Control Test had entailed analyzing 16,756 nonchampions born near (in time and space) 303 champions (a subsample of the original 2088 champions). KZA had believed that they too would score at 22 percent in key sectors (I and 4) thus establishing that the champions' 22 percent hitrate was "natural."

Instead the nonchampions scored at exactly the chance -level (17 percent) that Gauquelin and I had predicted from our Mars/dawn-corrected expectation-curve analysis.

Faced with this disaster KZA pulled a bait-and-switch. (Thus the report will be hereafter called the BS report.) Suddenly converting their nonchampions test into a champions test, they attacked the subsample of 303 champions! The subsample had of course been chosen simply as a means en route to testing the point KZA had proposed the Control Test Challenge for in the first place, namely, was chance level 17 percent or 22 percent?

Since the 303 had scored at 22 percent (like the full 2088) the only play left was to protest that this 22 percent (of the 303) was not strongly statistically significant (not as strong as for

2088). Now, anyone familiar with statistics knows that no sample of 303 cases can produce strongly significant results if one is trying to measure 22 percent versus 17 percent rates. But you don't have to know statistics to realize that the attack on the 303-champion subsample's nonstrength could have been done before the 16,756 nonchampions were collected and calculated - at enormous cost in time and labor to Gauquelin (all 303 champion birth data had been calculated and published years ago).

To sum up: the whole purpose of the Control Test - of collecting nearly 17,000 nonchampions (the control group) - had been to test whether Gauquelin's champions' 22-percent hitrate was just a "natural" (nonastrological) function of the time and place of birth. Had the nonchampions control group shown at the 22-percent rate also, the "natural" hypothesis would have been confirmed and Gauquelin's neoastrology would have been disconfirmed.

However, the opposite occurred. The nonchampions' rate turned out to be 17 percent, establishing the champions' 22-percent rate as a real, highly significant above-chance result.

I first read the Control Test report in March 1978 after seeing a letter in the March-April issue of Humanist from Lawrence Jerome who "congratulated" CSICOP for confirming his erroneous 1975 analysis!

Incredibly Jerome was claiming Confirmation by the Zelen-Abell test, =Alf his (and their) belief that astronomical/ demographical biases explained Gauquelin's 22-percent rate. "The [Control] test proved no such thing," I wrote Kurtz. "To the contrary, [Zelen and Abell] confirmed Gauquelin's expectation values ... showing that there was indeed about a 17-percent probability for being in sectors I and 4 for nonchampions.... If I believed the European sample was clean (which I don't), I would count the [Control] test as a major proof in support of Gauquelin."

Years later I learned that Abell (as well as Kurtz) had known the awful truth all along. In 1980 I obtained a copy of the smokiest Smoking Gun in this case, a letter written by Abell to Kurtz on April 29, 1977, privately telling him what I've explained here in preceding paragraphs - the same thing I'd often explained to KZA.

The Smoking Letter answers the same key question that hung over the Watergate conspirators: When did they know? The answer is astonishing: over half a year before the cover-up Control Test report was published.

The letter admits that "in a sense" Gauquelin's calculation of a 17-percent chance-level had been "vindicated." Abell says the very test CSICOP had urged Gauquelin to carry out had shown his findings to be "significant." He also says that the 22 percent applied to both the 303 subsample champions and the full 2088.

The Smoking Letter to Kurtz reveals that KZA knew they were in trouble. But as Abell learned pronto, Kurtz wasn't about to publish any letter that admitted Gauquelin had won the Control Test. He was going to pretend that nothing had gone wrong.

Abell cosigned the BS report. Despite later claims that he didn't know what he was signing, Abell has never broken publicly with this report's united front.

Early in April I wrote KZA again, exhibiting in tabular form further difficulties with their report. KZA had suggested that the subsample of 303 champions showed geographical variations. This move had broken the subsample into subsamples! (The smaller a group, the weaker its ability to prove anything statistically.)

My April 6 letter's tables simply showed that none of the deviations (of, say, Paris' hit-rate vs. Belgium's) were statistically significant. [5]

Again, Br'er Kurtz, he lay low: still no written reply.

In mid-April Kurtz visited California and we saw quite a bit of each other. He couldn't stop talking about the Gauquelin business. In the middle of conversations on other matters he would grow silent and go back to discussing some possible "out."



During this visit and subsequent phone conversations Kurtz tried out various schemes for getting off the hook. My favorite was the notion that Gauquelin fudged the nonchampions to force the score down to 17 percent. [6]

Hilarious. First, if fraud or bias was involved, it would be lots easier to work it on the smaller original champions sample. Second, it was ridiculous to suspect fraud simply because the nonchampions came out at the very level chance would predict!

This is "scientific investigation" which CSICOP claims as its middle name?

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Incredibly, despite all, I remained largely unsuspecting - indeed I was downright enthusiastic - about CSICOP as a whole.

Late that spring of 1978 I was back East visiting my family. Simultaneously Kurtz was in a tizzy because the last American data in the Gauquelin test had come in and he was as frantically impatient as ever to get them computed - even waking my family one night and then, after finding I wasn't in, hanging up so abruptly that I found a note by the telephone the next morning asking me who this "Curts" was.

Since I was about to fly to Europe (and my files were back in San Diego) I suggested Kurtz get Abell, Gingerich or Jerome to try to do the work. But Kurtz kept pleading.

So I postponed my European trip.

I bothered the Loyola College computer people for a computer number and time. Next I hired trusted friend Mary Kidd to determine time zones (for the whole American test to date). Since she was sympathetic to astrology (and was not told that Gauquelin was involved), this would eliminate possible bias on my part. Needless to say, this is the sort of precaution that should have been applied (much more rigorously) at the sampling stage.

Mary interrupted her affairs to rush the zone-determinations work and get it back to me. I went right to the computer and stayed up all night typing in the program and the data. The next morning, June 8, all 325 athletes' sector-positions were computed, tabulated and dropped in the mail to Kurtz.

No sooner was this task finished and the American test supposedly completed than Kurtz phoned me up and said oops, we accidentally missed a lot of names - they'll be sent right away to the states' birth-record offices and we'll get the birth data back late this summer .

So the whole push-and-shove aggravation of all those helpful people had been as needless as the original Control Test Challenge.

I returned to San Diego some weeks later. The last 82 names came in at summer's end.

I ran off the final data at SDSU. The cumulative score was not 22 percent or 17 percent but only 13<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> percent - strongly anti-Gauquelin. On September 18 I sent Kurtz a table of the totals for all 407 American athletes along with a brief report on the results which included gentle corrections of the various past errors published by CSICOP Fellows throughout this affair.

Since I had performed all the science of the American experiment that had reversed the earlier (Control Test) Gauquelin victory over CSICOP (lifting a three-year curse from Kurtz's shoulders), I innocently thought that Kurtz could hardly refuse again to publish my dissent. In a covering note I made it clear that this time I would insist. The moment Kurtz read this, I was a dead CSICOP in his royal eyes.

When the report arrived on September 20, Kurtz phoned to gush about how much he liked it, adding, however, that Zelen and Abell might not agree. Then he casually asked if I could send along the readout of individual positions too. He spoke of the upcoming Council meeting and press conference (to be held in Washington, D.C., on December 6, 1978) and assured me my travel fare would be paid.

The very next day, without even waiting for the data to arrive, Kurtz wrote Abell to suggest that KZA confer and prepare the test report for publication (excluding me). He did this, I remind the reader, less than 24 hours after assuring me he was eager to publish my September 18 report.

Kurtz's letter also called on Zelen and Abell - the very men whose long immobility on the Gauquelin project had led to my being asked to do the computation - to verify the work! Kurtz enclosed for Abell the readouts of the first 325 celestial-sector positions without saying anything to me about it, since I had emphasized that providing answers is the worst way to get independent checks of them.

It is obvious from his September 21 letter that Kurtz's promise, made the day before, to publish my report was being rethought.

Sure enough, once the calculations for the last 82 athletes had reached him, Kurtz phoned me and made two things clear:

(1) He wasn't so sure that The Humanist was the right place after all for my report. He mentioned Skeptical Inquirer. (Later he welched even there.)

(2) He didn't think he could pay my way to the meeting in Washington.

With Kurtz's letter Abell received my answers for 325 of the American athletes. Ten days later Abell still had not reproduced them. With Kurtz frantically pushing for verification Abell was feeling the pressure. On October 5 he called to rage at me for over an hour. I call it the Jaws phone call.

Abell started it by complaining that KZA hadn't-had-the-time to compute the 407 data, adding that I had. He asked me to describe my method to him allegedly because he was supposed to check my work. Since he now had all the answers from Kurtz, there was no longer any good scientific reason not to. So I did - especially after finding that Abell still had a misconceived idea of how to perform the sector calculations.

Abell asked me to send a copy of my computer-program so that he could verify it. I responded that obviously it would be simpler just to check a few of the answers he now possessed via hand-calculation out of the American Ephemeris & Nautical Almanac.

Nevertheless Abell persisted, eventually justifying himself by saying he wanted to check out all the ordmag 1000 lines of the program to insure its accuracy! At any rate, I refused to give the program to anyone talking such transparent nonsense.

Abell couldn't believe that my calculations were correct because the score had come out at 13 1/2 percent instead of 22 percent. He wondered if I had tampered with the sample. I replied the sample came from Kurtz.

By choice I had had nothing to do with gathering the sample. Obviously neither had Abell. Nonetheless Kurtz insisted that Abell coauthor the lengthy published Skeptical Inquirer report. Unfortunately "coauthorship" in a Kurtz publication need not require that you cowrite "your" paper - or even read it before publication. Your name gets tacked on to add prestige - and you get to read all about it when it's published!

Abell asked countless questions about my academic training. Obviously unaware that my papers on planetary motion had been published in eminent astronomical journals here and abroad, he demanded, "How do I know you're not just a bullshitter?"

On October 6, the day after the Jaws call, Abell phoned San Diego State University to verify his suspicion that someone besides the "amateur" had actually done the Gauquelin experiment computations. He visited SDSU on the 11th, questioning at least two more scholars, who told him I had seemed quite competent when I delivered a recent lecture to an astronomy department symposium.

Between September 20 and late October I spoke fairly regularly with Kurtz regarding the Gauquelin problem and the upcoming December 6 Washington press conference. His private intentions

surfaced as soon as his use for my work was finished.

Soon enough it became apparent that not only was Abell being invited to the press conference, he was to be the CSICOP spokesman on astrology in Washington - this despite Kurtz's open admission in our conversations over the previous months that there had been a screw-up in the UCLA and Harvard experts' calculations. But now suddenly he began disremembering he'd ever said that!

I had now to face the fact that Kurtz was trying to suppress my dissenting report and (by not paying my travel fare) keep me from the December Council meeting, while inviting to Washington as a prominent CSICOP authority the very person whose appointed task I had myself performed.

I phoned Kurtz on October 23 in one final attempt to impress upon him the fact that he was locking CSICOP into an investigation that would curse the Committee to its dying day. It was the only time I ever raised my voice in any CSICOP dealings.

I hammered at Kurtz that the Control Test project he had led us into had been irretrievably lost and it was discreditable to pretend otherwise. Even if Gauquelin had faked the control (nonchampions) sample (which I don't believe for a moment he did), such a point cannot be raised post hoc - because CSICOP should have had the foresight to keep the sample-taking from getting into Gauquelin's interested hands in the first place, especially since prior to the challenge I had warned KZA not to trust Gauquelin's sampling. What use is it to run tests if the side whose hypothesis loses can just scream "fake" as it pleases?

Kurtz seemed uncharacteristically subdued. Finally, when I pointed out that he was backing down on his promise to publish my report in The Humanist, he said he couldn't publish it there now for the simple reason that a day or so earlier he'd been fired as Humanist editor after 11 years at the post.

Concurrently a subplot was developing. On October 15 Councilor James Randi phoned and I mentioned some of my problems with KZA. On the 18th, when Randi phoned again, I remarked how odd it was that I had no written record (despite requests for such made over many months). Would Randi speak with Kurtz and get some firm answers? The next day Randi wrote a trial letter to Kurtz and sent me a checking copy before mailing it.

In the letter Randi agreed I was right in arguing that the Gauquelin test had been ill-designed and should not have been done. Now that the whole thing had backfired, Kurtz - out of his depth when he attempted a scientific experiment - was clearly responsible. Randi also criticized Abell for snooping into my background. If this was the way CSICOP business was going to be conducted, then CSICOPs were no better than the parapsychologists who covered up their mistakes. Randi asked why my expenses to the Washington meeting were not being paid [7] and concluded by admitting that he was "mad," saying he seldom wrote such a letter except to parapsychologists. He assured Kurtz that no one besides him, Martin Gardner and me would see it.

I called Randi on the 21st and urged him to phone Kurtz to get his immediate reaction to the letter. For obvious reasons I didn't want to give Kurtz a lot of time to concoct fresh excuses.

After he had talked with Kurtz Randi called me back on the 23rd saying only that KZA had still not confirmed my calculations. Randi's call, which indicated trouble was brewing, seems to have inspired Abell. Two days later, using the method explained to him on October 5, he got the same answers as I had. He phoned me the news that evening (October 25) and urged that I do an expectation-curve for the American sample. I suggested he do the math. As a matter of fact I'd already done it myself and had mailed copies of the results to Gardner and Randi two days earlier.

On October 23 I had sent some background documents concerning sTARBABY to Randi and Gardner. Gardner wrote back six days later, chuckling about what an incredibly hilarious foul-up the whole thing had turned out to be. To a further packet of documents he repeated his feeling of deep amusement but he wasn't interested in doing anything about it.

When Kurtz phoned me on October 31, 1 (as a member of the CSICOP subcommittee on Gauquelin) asked for copies of Committee records and his correspondence with the various appropriate parties on the Gauquelin experimentation, thus putting to the test my hypothesis that he was deliberately avoiding the written word. Kurtz refused to send anything and said the dealings had been almost entirely by phone. (Later I saw copies of important correspondence and learned this was not true.)

On November 2 I wrote KZA asking:

- (1) What was being looked for in the Control Test?
- (2) Did KZA and Humanist readers know this from the start?
- (3) Wasn't the test designed to show that the control group (nonchampions) would or wouldn't score at 22 percent like the champions? And if the control group had scored at 22 percent, wouldn't you have publicly concluded that Gauquelin lost the challenge?
- (4) If you carry through your current plan to declare the Control Test "invalid," what if Gauquelin then challenges you to repeat it yourself? (Gauquelin would have won regardless; Abell later figured this out . )
- (5) If a "valid" repetition isn't possible, are we not back at square one, where we were at the time of warnings not to get into this mire?
- (6) If the Control Test is repeated, what do we look for?
- (7) What will be your and CSICOP's position if the test again comes out in Gauquelin's favor (as I know it will)?
- (8) Did you (or colleague) make any pretest estimates of approximate magnitude of astronomical/demographic [Mars/dawn] effects - before issuing a challenge, the outcome of which depended entirely upon this question? Were you acquainted with any of Gauquelin's detailed quantitative discussions of these matters?
- (9) The Bait-and-Switch (BS): "Why collect 16,756 new nonchampions - and then attack [in the BS report] a [sub]sample of 303 old champion data because it is too small when it is in fact typical of the whole (22 percent success, just like the full sample of 2088, which is certainly not too small) and is about twice as large as you requested in your original challenge (Humanist, January-February 1976, page 33)? ... I have no written reply ... to this or any other point raised since the beginning of our involvement with the Gauquelin question ... I will ask the CSICOP editorial board to have the nonchampions [Control] test refereed by neutral judges before the Committee becomes any further entangled in this endless thicket, via publication in the hitherto-spared Skeptical Inquirer."

I had strongly protested the high-handedness of the choice of Abell as speaker at the annual meeting because of his involvement with sTARBABY. I emphasized that CSICOP had plenty of astronomers associated with it (Carl Sagan, Bart Bok, Edwin Krupp and others), all of them nearer Washington than Abell who lived all the way across the country, in the Los Angeles area.

Frustrated at being presented with a fait accompli regarding the permanent attachment of the sTARBABY albatross to CSICOP, I indicated that, since this had been done without consultation with me-(the sole astronomer on the Council), I was being forced to register a dissent (which had repeatedly been denied me in the pages of Kurtz's magazine) perhaps at the same press conference at which the damage to CSICOP was to occur, in order to ameliorate that damage. Such a prospect chilled the Council.

Kurtz's initial move was a threat that Zelen and Abell would be on hand personally to settle my hash at the private December 5 Council meeting. I asked if that were a promise.

On November 19 Kurtz called in the worst shape I'd ever found him. The prospect of a discordant CSICOP voice's being heard at his orchestrated press conference had badly frazzled his nerves. During the conversation he invoked, rather emotionally, our past mutual efforts - for example in removing editor Truzzi.

I believe he felt genuinely bewildered and betrayed. To him reportage of contrary results was basically a political, not a scientific, matter. There was no chance of communicating on this. To me Kurtz was a censor. To him I was a traitor. Both of us felt a lack of gratitude.

He got to the point: he didn't want any trouble in Washington. In a strong, emotion-strained whisper he virtually hissed, "I'll do anything to avoid trouble."

I said fine, just get me some written answers to my questions on the Control Test and don't invite Abell to speak at the meeting. Kurtz said he had "no time" (sound familiar?) for written replies; then, contradicting his own account of October (when he'd said to me, hey, let's invite George), he added that Abell had been invited way back in August

Kurtz had earlier maintained his long secrecy about Abell's speech invitation because he thought I would want to speak instead (and would otherwise be so miffed I mightn't finish the U S data if I learned of Kurtz's intentions) So now he offered to let me speak too I told him that he obviously didn't understand the problem

Yet one must realize that in his own mind Kurtz had every reason to believe he'd found his solution Another chapter in our ongoing anthropology lesson: the clash of two alien cultures, public relations vs. scholarship

Kurtz tried another let's-make-a-deal ploy, bursting out. "But I agree with you" He went on to blame the whole sTARBABY mess on Zelen and Abell! They had led him into the pit! But he would do nothing beyond private assent

After we had finished! I phoned Randi to report Kurtz was trying to buy silence on the Gauquelin mess. By the next day (November 20) a Council deal had been concocted (and offered) that would have me chair the astrology section of the press conference. Of course this would entail my introducing Abell. My reply was the old adage that a man who can't be bribed can't be trusted

At this Kurtz exploded in raging fear that his holy press conference would be ruined. He immediately phoned the Councilors and expressed concern that I might attack the Gauquelin project from the floor during the conference; some way had to be found to get me kicked off the Council. (This sudden search for a pretext to eject me - the first suggestion of the need for my demise - should be kept in mind because Council is now at great pains to dredge up any other sort of "offense" on my part as the good reason for booting me To borrow from the business world, let us recall the immortal words of J. P. Morgan: "For every action there are two reasons: a good reason and the real reason.")

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Randi and I drove to Washington together on December 4. Late that afternoon while Michael Hutchinson and I were in Randi's suite, Kurtz called to speak with me.

He immediately accused me of lying and conspiring against him (this only a few days after trying to organize a secret movement to have me thrown off the Council for the crime of dissent). [8] I asked him to cite a single falsehood I'd ever told him. Unable to name one, he asked me to say what I thought his deceits were. I offered to provide a partial catalog if he were really interested - but would do it at the Council meeting the next day.

Kurtz wanted to know if I intended to attack sTARBABY at the press conference. When I refused to make any promises, Kurtz grew more furious. We couldn't have a "schism," he said.

Council met the next day at Councilor Phil Klass' apartment. I noticed that Randi was his usual friendly self when Kurtz wasn't around but when he was within earshot Randi made different noises. He repeatedly cracked loudly, "Drink the Kool-Aid, Dennis." (This was shortly after the Jonestown Kool-Aid mass suicide.) During the afternoon meeting, when we established a rule for expelling Councilors, Randi bellowed that it is called the "Rawlins rule."

Randi meant, of course, that expulsion could come for public dissent. No other Councilor present (Gardner was not) said a word to suggest any other inference. I might add that two months later Randi foolishly boasted about how he "had to work to keep Dennis in line" in Washington, having convinced himself, apparently, that his threats had kept me quiet.

How these things grow! In 1975 and 1976 it was just a dumb, arrogant mistake by only three CSICOP Fellows. In 1977 it was their BS report, deliberate deception-cover-up. The next year, 1978, brought Kurtz's attempts first to bribe me and then (secretly) to eject me. Now there were Randi's threats.

As we were milling around, one Councilor asked where Abell was. Indeed, where was Abell? This, after all, was the awaited moment of the showdown Kurtz had threatened - to blow away the amateur (Zelen also didn't show.) CSICOP's leader announced that Abell had a cold and was confined to his room. I wondered if it was a paranormal flu bug that might wane just in time to permit Abell to give his press-conference speech next day. (It did.)

The evening session studiously avoided the prescheduled Gauquelin discussion. Finally I raised the issue. Klass helpfully jumped in to say that it was too late in the evening. Kurtz perversely objected that Abell and Zelen weren't there Randi said not a word - but Skeptical Inquirer editor Ken Frazier said I'd waited patiently and Ray Hyman suggested we discuss the matter.

I started right out by saying that this was an issue that would determine whether the Committee was worthy of existence. The provisional hope to jettison sTARBABY was now impossible. The language of the original Control Test Challenge and subsequent testaments to its "definitive" nature had left no way around the fact that we had lost and Gauquelin had won.

Klass, ever ready with useful remarks, interrupted to say that all this sounded like "just a lot of griping."

Randi continued to say nothing except at one point he suggested that I not answer even the direct questions of a reporter at the upcoming press conference .

Kurtz wouldn't admit that sTARBABY was a loss. He fell back on the alleged support of the absent Abell and Zelen. so I reminded him of our November 19 phone conversation in which he had tried privately to blame the whole mess on them I then produced and read Councilor Gardner's letter calling the Control Test a hilarious mess At this point Kurtz sprang from his seat and roared, "Well, you're wrong!" He grabbed the letter, glanced at it in disbelief and announced that Gardner didn't know what he was talking about

Continuing with his helpful suggestions, Klass urged that I state the problem in writing! (I was the only party who had )

During all this Kurtz never took into account the depth of my reluctance to harm CSICOP, a movement I had cofounded with him So to Kurtz's surprise and temporary relief I said nothing at the press conference and did not even raise my hand to ask a question Naively, I still had hopes for CSICOP - shortly to be dashed forever

=46rom the press conference we went to lunch I was asked to sit with Abell and Kurtz Disturbed that I was yet again getting into a nonwritten exchange, I quickly went over to Ken Frazier and Bob Sheaffer and told them that things were probably going to be said to which there ought to be an outside witness Would either come and sit in on it? Not a chance - both flatly refused It was then I knew CSICOP would probably never get well

Abell and I were introduced. He remembered to mention his cold and at first sniffed convincingly (especially for someone with no red around his nose) but neglected to do so later. [9]

Now, 10 minutes after the completion of his press conference with no embarrassment, Kurtz's plan to suppress my dissenting September 18 report came out of the closet As the three of us sat down to lunch, Kurtz and Abell said they and Zelen would write the published report and in it thank me for doing the calculations. Whereas earlier Kurtz had tried to disavow blame

for sTARBABY, this time it was Abell who was unloading responsibility for it. When I expressed abhorrence of the BS report, Abell replied that he was in Europe and didn't read it before cosigning it. Kurtz shot back, "Oh, yes, you did!" [10]

A few minutes later Christopher Evans (since deceased) came by and took the empty fourth chair at our table. Within seconds of his joining us Abell had told him of his BBC television series and all three were talking of such matters. Right then it dawned on me I had come to promote open-ended scientific research - but the real purpose here was media wheeling and dealing. And that is why we were meeting at the temple of CSICOP's faith, the National Press Club.

The subsequent afternoon proceedings dealt primarily with international organizing and publicity schemes. But no one seemed interested in defining what all the hoopla was for. Which was reasonable enough - because that was what it was for.

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On January 17, 1979, I wrote a memorandum on the dirty dealing I'd witnessed. I sent it and another memo ("On Fighting Pseudoscience with Pseudoscience") to most of CSICOP's Fellows. I inquired of Bart Bok if he could find a competent astronomer to take over my duties.

The first Fellow to phone Randi about the memoranda asked him about various charges they contained. Randi admitted uncomfortably that they were true as far as he knew - but then he quickly changed the subject.

More often, however, the Councilors - the same ones who had chided me for ad hominem - declared, "Dennis is just a wild man." "Someone who acts on principle probably does appear to CSICOPs to be a creature from the antipodes."

Since we're speaking of "wild": Klass and Randi reacted to my January memos by claiming they couldn't understand the indictment!

Klass added another fantastic touch to Council's reaction, contending that it was fruitless to try to "turn back the clock like Uri Geller." Funny, I used to know a Phil Klass who circulated long lists of conflicting statements made by Allen Hynek, going back many years, asking if these are the same Allen Hyneks. And this was the same Phil Klass who now wasn't interested in the past?

Many of CSICOP's Fellows fell for the unity pitch or copped a none-of-my-business plea. A letter from one Fellow amused me in light of Council pretenses that it didn't understand the charges. His letter, dated January 26 1979, makes plain how clear my January memos were. The writer understood that the experimental results supported Gauquelin, that Kurtz, Abell and Zelen had screwed up the test and that CSICOP's leaders, primarily Kurtz, had tried to cover up the mess, thereby creating a "Buffalogate." This writer said he had long harbored doubts about the way CSICOP was being run.

A later letter written by the same Fellow contains a prescient sentence: "I regard your charges as very serious. ... Something must be done before we read about all of this in FATE."

I received a long letter from J. Derral Mulholland, one of the world's leading celestial mechanics experts. He permitted me to distribute the letter to CSICOP's Fellows.

The letter said Mulholland had been unaware that CSICOP had an elite Council that apparently was answerable to nobody. Council members evidently were using CSICOP's name to advance their personal ends. Some persons associated with the organization were making pronouncements on subjects outside their area of competence. If CSICOP were to remain scientifically credible, it had better use scientific methods such as controlled tests with predefined criteria for success and failure, and nonprotagonists should judge the results. Alibis, image problems and economic concerns were irrelevant to the real issues.

I proposed Mulholland as a Fellow, someone who might replace my astronomical input. This proposal was never even acknowledged.

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By April 1979 Council, which had held its breath for months breathed again, this time a deep sigh of relief: no resignations and no news stories. Kurtz phoned on April 9, hoping to placate me. I said to put the answers to my questions on sTARBABY in writing. That was that.

The next day Frazier offered this alibi for nonpublication of my September 18 report: he wished someone would write an article that straightened out the "mess" once and for all, but there seemed no way to resolve the matter, even though Frazier confessed to a "gut feeling" that I might be right in some of my criticisms .

He claimed that my writings on the controversy were unclear and overheated. But in fact CSICOP's own eventual referee reports found my September 18 report (which for now Frazier refused for lack of clarity) to be clearer than KZA's report on the same material. Also my original unanswered questions to KZA were all exceedingly polite - before the censorial outrages starting in autumn 1978.

I replied on April 19:

... incredible - even aside from the various matters you (along with the rest of the Council) continue to shut your eyes to. In particular, you [all] still attempt to pretend that you don't understand the [sTARBABY] problem and don't know how to go about doing so. This is a ploy fully worthy of the kooks. As you well know, I have urged the refereeing of the matter for months. The only reply has been: silence.

What sort of Committee claims (in its very title) to be in the business of testing occult claims, yet can't even find a way to evaluate its own first and biggest test? What use is its testing, if the Committee cannot be counted upon to report the results honestly?

As for the no-compromise pose:

(1) Most of the Councilors (including Kurtz and Abell) either know or strongly suspect the truth. The problem isn't what's the truth but how to deal with it, p.r.-wise.

(2) Even without any scientific background one can just observe:

(a) Which side has made a complete. Open. written record - vs. a year of refusal to commit answers in writing, while frantically juggling stories privately?

(b) Which has tried to silence the other by expulsion?

(c) Which has called for refereeing-arbitration? Which has steadfastly ignored the suggestion?

In any controversy within the Committee, it is always possible that the mistaken party will (instead of owning up) put up a smokescreen of alibis and pseudocomplexities (just like the occultists do, every time they lose). In that case is the attitude of the Council to be that, well, the whole matter is too complicated to adjudicate?!

At this time Kurtz attempted to persuade Gauquelin to agree to the suppression of even my mild September 18 report. He also tried to dissuade Gauquelin from visiting me during the latter's April trip to San Diego.

He never told me any of this. Instead he pretended (as he had the previous year) that he might be willing to publish my report if KZA got to sum it all up afterward. And this is roughly how it was done eventually.

However, my challenge to call in outside refereeing (as Abell had promised in September-October 1976 Humanist) to determine the truth did not tempt the Committee.

During this period Randi would occasionally phone up for a friendly "just-happened-to-be-thinking-of-you" chat. I suspected he was trying to draw out of me statements of anger or of



dissatisfaction. Despite his private rages Randi wished to make no public waves. When I asked him why, he repeated the tired old alibi that the occultist kooks would whoop it up if Kurtz fell. But he claimed that he had dressed down Kurtz (privately) in Washington in December. He stated without qualification that Gardner Hyman and he all supported my scientific position on the sTARBABY mess. (I knew, however, that he was telling all inquiring Fellows that a little old nonstatistician like himself just couldn't understand the problem.)

Next Randi (and soon afterwards Bob Sheaffer) tried to get me involved in new projects, i.e., diversions. As part of this effort Randi asked my advice on the Helmut Schmidt parapsychology experiment which some CSICOPs had been investigating. I simply urged that it be approached with all the caution KZA had thrown to the winds in 1975 and 1976. He assured me how cautious he was in the testing for his well-publicized \$ 10,000 prize for proof of psychic abilities (for which he acts as policeman, judge and jury - and thus never has supported my idea of neutral judgment of CSICOP tests. "I always have an out," he said.

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Things had quieted down by late spring 1979. All the while I was mercifully occupied at sane, non-CSICOP projects.

Then on June 24 Randi phoned mentioning he'd just talked with Truzzi. Randi seemed suddenly anxious to settle the sTARBABY problem. Two days later he wrote a letter to the Council stamped CONFIDENTIAL on both pages. It said he hoped he and the other Councilors could find a way out of a long-standing problem. Randi observed that CSICOP was always under the watchful eye of irrationalists who chortled at every apparent failing, as witness the response to Truzzi's resignation. [11] At the Washington meeting he had feared the Gauquelin affair would be brought up in front of reporters. That would have been unfortunate because CSICOP cannot afford to wash its dirty linen in public.

But then Randi hit upon a solution. Why should CSICOP worry about the Gauquelin matter? If (Randi's emphasis) the thing was a mistake, Councilors should decide once and for all that it was never a CSICOP project and be done with it.

Randi's letter touched on another subject of interest to both sides of the paranormal controversy, relative to my proposal (in an early issue of Skeptical Inquirer) that the American Association for the Advancement of Science reevaluate its decision to let the Parapsychological Association be affiliated with it if the PA could not produce a repeatable experiment. A petition I had circulated among the Fellows had drawn support from some of CSICOP's leading lights.

His letter said that when physicist John Archibald Wheeler denounced the parapsychologists (as he had done the previous January) and urged that they be kicked out of the AAAS, Councilors "cheered." But they "forgot" [12] that I had suggested the same thing and been rebuffed. [13]

Curiously, the following November Randi cosigned a letter to the PA stating, "We have no intention of requesting the 'expulsion' of the Parapsychological Association from the AAAS and would be opposed to such a move" (Spring 1980 Skeptical Inquirer). I will leave it to the higher theologians on the Council to reconcile this statement with the foregoing CONFIDENTIAL document's statement, "We cheered."

I might have been more impressed with the CONFIDENTIAL letter had it not been for another piece of mail that arrived the same day. It was a letter from Jerome Clark of FATE asking me to relate the sTARBABY episode for publication.

The mystery of Randi's strangely sudden desire to open up sTARBABY evaporated. Before answering FATE I called Randi (on July 6) and asked whether perchance Truzzi had mentioned FATE during their communication just before Randi phoned me on June 24. I got a well-we-talked-about-a-lot-of-things response and hmm-well-maybe-we-did

I mentioned the coincidence of his let's-get-moving CONFIDENTIAL letter arriving the very day I heard from FATE after six months of CSICOP inaction. It was about a 200-to-one shot. He suggested

"synchronicity." (And CSICOP is supposed to be antiparanormal.)

Randi also admitted (having learned elsewhere that I already knew) the Kurtz-NisbetKlass-Randi plan to try to silence my dissent at the December 6 National Suppress Club meeting.

We hung up on slightly better terms than I'd expected although I remained quite disgusted that only the threat of FATE exposure had produced even token motion toward nonsuppression.

I had asked Randi the big question, the question all CSICOPs will be asking themselves for years to come: Why? Why get involved in a conspiracy that was as stupid as it was low? Why do something that would mark him and CSICOP for the rest of their lives? The reply was ever the same: We can't let the mystics rejoice. A lifetime price - just to prevent a little transient cuckoo chirping.

On August 11 Randi again wrote the Council to discuss CSICOP's response to the FATE interview with Truzzi, saying the latter had been dumped because he wanted the journal (then called The Zetetic) to be a scholarly rather than a popular publication. [14]

I told the Council I'd be open with FATE. Part of my reasoning was that, although I didn't wish to hurt rationalism, I felt that realpolitik cynics were taking advantage of that very reluctance and their increasing power was endangering rationalism's reputation. These were the wrong people to be carrying the cause's banner.

As the FATE-story realization set in, Council reacted like the White House when it learned that John Dean had sat down with the prosecution. The awareness of how much I knew and what would happen if I told all - this was the stuff of nightmares. Thus a new game plan was needed: Be nice to the wild man. Soothe. Flatter. Laugh at his jokes. Project as honest and self-critical an image as possible - at least until the problem subsides again.

By August 24 Frazier had received from Kurtz a 45-page package of four papers; the shortest of them was my original September 18 report on my Gauquelin results. Kurtz evidently hoped to bury the embarrassing parts (mild as they were) of my report in the sheer volume of print.

Since I had repeatedly requested refereeing, the board decided it would have to go through the motions.

Refereeing in professional journals is the backbone of the legitimate scientific community. In serious journals the process requires months of careful examination, often back-and-forth communication among author, editor and referees.

But if this were done now, some blunt, explicit revisions I'd already promised (last April 5) might have time to find their way into my previously-gentle September 18 report. So, professing fear that Gauquelin might "skoop" (sic) CSICOP, Frazier suddenly sent the 45-page, four-paper package to various CSICOPs (not neutral referees as promised in September-October 1976 Humanist) - with the demand that the results be back within 10 days! Maybe it was just another of our paranormal coincidences that I was away from home while this was going on.

All of this activity took place without my knowledge - although I was the author of one of the papers, the calculator of the entire study, a Councilor and associate editor of the magazine. Thus two referees, as yet unaware of the problems with the Control Test (defended in KZA's paper in the Gauquelin package), were insulated from my pointing these out to them. And my own paper was being rushed into print not only without my approval of its form but in actual defiance of my written statement that I would have to revise it in the direction of bluntness.

When I returned to San Diego late on October 1, 1979, I learned that Frazier had left a message on September 24 saying that his deadline was October 1. Still no mention of the secret rush-refereeing, which I learned of only upon telephone questioning the next day. I asked for copies.

When the material arrived on the sixth the consensus of CSICOP's

own referees was in my favor (versus Professors Kurtz, Zelen and Abell) in all major departments: (a) clarity, (b) technical competence, (c) honesty and (d) defensibility of conclusions. No scientific criticisms were leveled against my report, while the two statisticians among the referees criticized the KZA paper on various grounds.

Only one of these two referees had been forewarned (not just by me) about the problems with the 1977 BS report, the central nonsense of which KZA were again ladling out. Appalled, he counseled neutral refereeing by appropriate experts before rushing into publication

Here are some excerpts from the referee report (on KZA contributions to the Gauquelin package) by the sole Councilor trained in statistics:

I would be irresponsible if I did not point out serious defects in the documents in their present form .... ambiguities should be avoided - especially if they can be interpreted as evasions or ways to wriggle out of a prior commitment ... quibbling over whether to include [a very few] females in the sample ... looks like post hoc playing around to push the data in their [KZA's] favor. At what point did they [KZA] decide NOT to include females - after they knew the results or before? The same can be said over the splitting of the data to try to show that the major effect is carried by the Paris [-born athletes]. Again this is post hoc. Besides the splitting of the small sample into even smaller subsamples, of course, lowers the power [of the study's significance] considerably .... What is important is that the entire sample, taken as a whole, shows the [Mars] effect .... Such post hoc rummaging [for possible hitherto-unnnoted trends in the data] has to be kept in perspective. It can supply ideas and hypotheses for a new study but it has no basis for drawing conclusions [for this study].

I suspect that as a LEGAL debate G won this first round [Control Test. Afterwards, it appears other factors] than a true Mars effect ... might account for the correlation. But, as originally stated, G has won.... I hope that they [KZA] can see that a neutral reader ... can interpret their criticisms as post hoc attempts to wriggle out of an uncomfortable situation.

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The first weekend after my October 2 call to Frazier, Kurtz phoned, dripping charm. I urged that if the package was to be published, the statistician-Councilor's referee report ought to be published instead of KZA's.

I revised my September 18, 1978, report in the promised direction of bluntness and submitted it to Frazier on October 8, 1979, telling him that if there were any alterations not cleared with me, I wanted a note printed with the paper stating that deletions had occurred over the author's protest and that the missing portions could be obtained directly from me.

On the morning of October 12 Frazier was happily protecting Skeptical Inquirer's innocent readership by blue-penciling out all my report's revelations of KZA's fumbling (leaving intact, of course, all its negative scientific revelations about Gauquelin's claims, including the nonreplication [13 1/2 percent versus the 22 percent in the French data] in the American sample [15] ). Suddenly he came upon my request for a printed note regarding the existence of unauthorized deletions. He lunged for the phone and got through to me with the opening salutation, delivered in a loud growl, tense with rage, "I am pissed off at you." He said my note was "blackmail."

Frazier went on in this vein for some time before easing off to mere exasperation. I reminded him that I had said a year ago that CSICOP would publish non-neutrally-refereed BS sham over my dead body (which is just the way it happened) in a magazine of which I was a responsible associate editor. If Frazier insisted on printing - at great length - what five of his six associate editors privately deemed questionable science and/or intentional pretense, I would insist just as adamantly on protesting such in my brief paper. As the person who had actually performed the experiment, I felt that this was perfectly reasonable.

Frazier, editor of a magazine born to tear down dumb beliefs,

said such criticism would create dissension and "confuse" the readers. We finally left it that he would send an edited version and see if we could agree.

Instead, as the final deadline approached, Frazier just sat on it. I finally phoned on October 20 and left a message - no reply. I telephoned again two days later and was curtly informed that the report would be published his way or not at all. He said that Kurtz opposed publishing my report at all.

I received Frazier's edited version the next day. I phoned him small (undisputed) changes on October 27 and 28 and on November 4, quietly but pointedly reminding him on each occasion that I protested his substantial deletions and his bowdlerization of my very mention of these deletions (into a version designed to indicate to the reader that no deletions had occurred).

On November 6, two days after a last request to Frazier to reconsider, I circulated a memo to all my fellow associate editors:

Alone among the Councilors, I still have no compensation for travel expenses to the last Council meeting (c \$230). I have booked a flight to this one - the cost will be nearly \$400 just for the plane, and I have to stay 7 days (at my own expense) just to keep the rate down to that. This must be paid in a (very) few days - and I won't do that unless all 630 dollars are here beforehand.

My upcoming Skeptical Inquirer article (1979 winter) on the Gauquelin matter has been neatly censored here and there, so I have asked to add a statement saying so and suggesting that readers who wish to consult the original version may do so by contacting me. This sentence has itself been bowdlerized (so that it reads as if no tampering occurred). It seems to me that to distort the meaning of a contributor's statement over his explicit protest, especially when he is an "Associate Editor" - whatever that means - is a serious matter. Therefore, I will here ask the other members of the Skeptical Inquirer Editorial Board whether they concur in this action ... none of this should be published until the KZ&A [Control Test] is competently, independently refereed. Another point I have vainly stressed to Ken [Frazier]: there has been some faint hope of dissociating CSICOP from this disaster. The forthcoming package seals the matter forever: opening and closing arguments (and pseudoscientific obfuscations of the clear outcome) coauthored by CSICOP's Chairman and a CSICOP Fellow who is [senior] editor of the forthcoming Scribner's book [Science and the Paranormal] attacking everybody else's pseudoscience (full of CSICOP contributors).

I must also say that these same two gentlemen have each attempted privately to blame the other authors for the adventure. They had an amusing argument on this point in my presence 1978/12/6. Yet they now [in their upcoming articles] have the brass to pretend to Skeptical Inquirer's readership that there is nothing amiss. This is deliberate sham. And I think most (if not all) of you know so or strongly suspect it.

When he read this Frazier blew his stack again and on November 9 wrote a memo declaring he had deleted only "one sentence from a late-added footnote" (emphasis in original). False - there were in fact a dozen deletions.

Frazier's letter conveniently confused his right to edit (which I never had questioned) with his right to alter the meaning of a brief note telling the reader where to obtain the unedited version .

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On November 15 Randi phoned trying to find out whether I meant my November 6 promise not to come to next month's Council meeting in New York City unless both 1978 and 1979 fares were paid. (After badgering from Frazier, Kurtz in early November had sent the 1979 fare only, citing a ridiculous excuse for not sending the 1978 fare.) I replied to Randi that if he cared (his ostensible reason for calling) he should tell Kurtz to wire the still-unpaid 1978 fare.

I also made an offer which, in view of all that had happened, was

about as forgiving as one could possibly be: I said that Council would have no more trouble with sTARBABY if Skeptical Inquirer would publish the dissents of those Councilors who knew the truth about it - the same suggestion made to Frazier a month earlier in regard to publishing the statistician-Councilor's referee report. They were not interested .

I heard nothing further. Even my November 6 note to Martin Gardner, asking him if he planned to be at the meeting, went unanswered.

As might be expected, at the December 15, 1979, meeting Kurtz (who never really believed I wasn't coming) carefully held a closed-door minipress conference that was kept a secret even from some attending Councilors until they were in the room and the doors were closing.

Equally surprising to some Councilors was the decision, made that same day, to hold an "election." [16] No prior announcement had been made - which violates every established code of parliamentary procedure.

By another of our paranormal coincidences, only one person was "not renominated" and I was replaced by Abell. It was then decided to put off the Abell announcement for some weeks so that there would seem to be no connection.

A comedy high is the December 21 letter I received more than 10 days after the meeting from Randi, the appointed bearer of the tidings that I had been unanimously dumped or, as he so delicately put it, "not reelected." Randi hoped we could continue to be good friends. Also, since I was still on the editorial board, he urged me to write regularly for Skeptical Inquirer.

I thought it was curious that one who was such a horror that he merited unanimous expulsion should at the same time be asked to stay on as associate editor and publish lots in the CSICOP journal.

Along the same line, I received a January 5, 1980, letter from Abell, four solid pages of "gush" (Abell's word). I felt I was in danger of spiritual diabetes from the syrup that had been poured over me all through 1979. (The funniest inundation had come from, of all people, Gardner, at Randi's behest.) The truth is, my admiring "friends," who "reluctantly" (Randi's adverb) voted my ejection at the December 15 meeting, had a long argument at this very meeting trying to identify the boob responsible for getting me onto the Council in the first place!

My reaction to ejection was not quite what Council expected. On December 31 I wired Frazier a request that a note be printed at the end of my upcoming Gauquelin-package article stating that "following editorial disagreement over these articles" I had been "unanimously ejected," which was undeniably true.

Frazier refused this (in a January 9 letter) as "inappropriate and inaccurate in its implication of cause and effect."

Back on December 18 Frazier had written me to say that Skeptical Inquirer Assistant Editor Doris Doyle had emphasized it was too late to make any further changes in the Gauquelin package. Yet, nearly a month later, on January 12, Doyle told me that even then there was time for alterations. Consistency was hard to come by.

So on January 14 I sent Frazier another Mailgram:

Since the mechanicals are still with Doris (who says you refused my ["following editorial disagreement"] statement), please replace "Further commentary ... from the author" with: "Deletions from this paper are available from the author at his address. This December CSICOP Council unanimously decided soon to replace me on the Council with George Abell." If you kill one sentence, consider the other separately. (If some particular words or phrases bother you, have Doris phone me today regarding my OK of possible changes.) I repeat my request for written reasons for your censoring my attempts to make these simple statements to Skeptical Inquirer readers.

At this point, I am not interested in promises regarding future letters column space, since what can one make of Council's word, after its recent clandestine "election" and customary secrecy

regarding Abell's upcoming elevation? - Dennis Rawlins, Associate Editor?

Frazier replied the next day by decreeing that he would allow no more changes. Any announcement of my nonreelection to the Council would have to be carried in Skeptical Inquirer's news column because, he said, it was "irrelevant" in a research report. On February 16 I took Frazier up on his offer and prepared this statement for the news column.

I am resigning from the Skeptical Inquirer Editorial Board (effective on SI publication of this notice) in reaction to the Board's handling of empirical testing (when the results do not come out as expected) as well as (among other matters) the CSICOP Council's surprise December "election" in New York (not even known to some attending Councilors until a fraction of a day before it occurred) - at which private event it was unanimously decided that I should be "not renominated" (in absentia) and that (after a cosmetic interval) George Abell was to be elevated to Councilor. What this sleight of ballot switch portends for the future scientific level and integrity of the ruling body of CSICOP can be most quickly understood from a careful reading of our [Abell's and my] respective contributions (especially the pre edited versions) in the 1979-80 Winter SI.

The Council wants to make it perfectly clear that Abell's (public) support for - as against my long-contained (now surfacing) criticism of - CSICOP's conduct during its four-year involvement in testing Gauquelin's neoastronomy, has NOTHING to do with Council's December move. SI readers who wish to believe in this paranormal miracle of acausal synchronicity are urged not to contact me at the below address.

Meanwhile I privately urged that the other Councilors think of rationalism's reputation ahead of their own immediate interests and resign.

On April 10 Frazier reneged: "The resignation letter you asked to be published is not appropriate for publication. Such internal matters are best dealt with by private circulation. [17] I feel strongly about that."

Although my letter of resignation stated that it became effective only when published, Frazier tossed me off the editorial board anyway - without giving me notice or cause. Abell was my replacement.

One other dissent has been kept from Skeptical Inquirer readers. The identity of the mystery guest in dissent-space? George Abell! In 1980 Abell hired UCLA grad student Albert Lee to compute the expectation curve for the Gauquelin experiment. According to a May 3, 1980, letter Abell wrote to Gauquelin, Lee's results agreed with Gauquelin's and mine. Thus Abell learned (some years too late) that 17 percent, not 22 percent, is the chance figure after all. Poof goes the Control Test (based upon the hope that Gauquelin's 22-percent Mars Effect results were merely chance level in disguise).

As the truth becomes undeniable, what will CSICOP do? Perhaps as the Smoking Letter (as well as the prospect of total exposure in FATE) is considered, CSICOP may be heard to protest that it was most anxious to get the truth to the public but delayed somewhat in the interests of cautious science - thereby explaining, of course, things like 10-day refereeing and rushing a Challenge to press to beat a publishing deadline.

#### EPILOGUE

I can sum up by noting that:

CSICOP's idea of internal scandal-preventing is not to eject the culprits but to eject those who expose them. A Watergate analogy would be to throw Sam Ervin out of Congress and keep Nixon as President on his promise not-to-do-it-again.

The foregoing account was drafted between March 26 and May 15, 1980. The great bulk of it, however, was not typed until December 1980 through January 1981 due in part to the press of researches in nonparanormal-related areas of scholarship. I was reminded of CSICOP in October 1980 by three incidents that occurred together

and not coincidentally:

(1) I was dropped as a CSICOP Fellow without being informed, much less being told why in writing.

(2) I was attacked (along with Gauquelin) in the most insulting fashion in the letters section of Fall 1980 Skeptical Inquirer by the same Fellow whose mistakes in "Objections to Astrology" began sTARBABY.

(3) The last October event explained Item One - my ejection from the full Committee. Council announced its annual meeting and press conference for December 12, 1980, at UCLA. The gathering was described as a closed "press seminar," only for Fellows and invitees.

I telegraphed Kurtz on December 1 to suggest that the neoastrology test be openly debated at the meeting. I received no reply.

Therefore I simply appeared at the meeting, correctly judging that Kurtz wouldn't risk creating a scene by having me ejected bodily before his beloved press corps. I was privately assured that the Gauquelin matter would be discussed at 5:00 P.M. As insurance that it be held, I stood up during the question-and-answer period and mentioned in passing that there would be a 5:00 P.M. hearing concerning sTARBABY and the reasons for my ejection from CSICOP. No Councilor contradicted me.

At 5:00 Kurtz stood up and, instead of announcing the promised discussion, adjourned the press conference.

Twice bit, thrice shy. In anticipation I had with me four pages of XeroXed expos=8E material. After a few minutes' abortive attempts to have Randi and others honor their promise, I simply distributed the material to everyone in the room, including the two or three press persons who had been sufficiently interested in CSICOP to show up.

Phil Klass, looking unwell, rushed over to growl through clenched jaw, "You're sick!" He said that after all this time I should drop it, in effect using the cover-up's long success as a justification for its perpetuation.

The Council then retired to a private meeting. Over Kurtz's protest I just walked into the meeting. Kurtz then tried to preannounce a five-minute limit to a Gauquelin discussion. I never got five minutes of straight narrative. It was a free-for-all orgy of fantasy, with Councilors interrupting so often that they interrupted each other's interruptions.

The Council agreed there was not the slightest connection between my unique expulsion and my equally unique insistence on honest reporting of sTARBABY. It was just that I had behaved rudely.

I pointed out that before Kurtz tried suppressing me, beginning in September 1978, I was patient and gentle, a trusting chump.

My request that offenses justifying expulsion be specified brought on the Morganisms. Kurtz could come up with only two pre-September 1978 claims:

(1) A letter I had written on February 6, 1978, to the University of Toronto regarding an astrology conference to be held there the next month. Supposedly I had put pressure on the university to cancel the meeting. I refuted this phony charge by reading from a Xerox copy of the letter, which made it clear I was objecting only to the grossly unbalanced composition of the proposed panel (which certainly would have disgraced the university); in fact I had encouraged the invitation of a broad selection of experts on both sides, hoping for a meaningful confrontation. Kurtz then referred to an alleged phone call I made to the university president. The only catch is that I never phoned the president of the University of Toronto.

(2) Then Kurtz seriously attempted to define my other excommunicable offense as my proposal that the American Association for the Advancement of Science reevaluate the Parapsychological Association's affiliation with it! The other Councilors in attendance were too astonished to comment. (Kurtz and Frazier had themselves published this proposal in my article

in Fall-Winter 1977 Skeptical Inquirer.)

Obviously it was a hoked-up scenario. When I asked, a Councilor admitted that kicking me off the Council had not even been discussed until just a week before the December 1978 press conference, where Council feared I would expose sTARBABY. Indeed, only 10 minutes previously Council had attempted again to suppress my public dissent at the press conference we had just left.

There were other moments of humor. Phil Klass claimed he didn't understand the neastrology dispute, reviving the alibi first heard early in 1979. I asked then why Frazier had chosen Klass as one of CSICOP's instant referees and why Klass had in fact written one of the five private referee reports. Incredibly, Klass denied having done so! I instantly produced and circulated a Xerox copy of this nonexistent report. As it began passing around the table, Klass said that he had recommended against publishing the package. Those who were reading his report, dated September 10, 1979, learned the very opposite. I knew the refereeing had been pro forma but I wasn't prepared for such obliging confirmation .

The bottom line is:

Every one of the Councilors who say they know something about the sTARBABY knows that it was a disaster. Yet Skeptical Inquirer readers are given to believe nothing went wrong.

The last word Frazier allowed to appear was a letter from Lawrence Jerome (Fall 1980, page 85) in which CSICOP offered congratulations to itself for its Gauquelin project.

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#### Notes

[1] CSICOP began as an offshoot of the American Humanist association. In 1978, after a year of not telling AHA anything of the ongoing legal proceedings, CSICOP seperately incorporated. =AB Text

[2] Bob Sheaffer, Kendrick Frazier, and Martin Gardner never showed a passion for the limelight. =AB Text

[3] I had not begun keeping count of the number of Gauquelin-related papers of mine Kurtz had rejected. In retrospect it is obvious that his reason was that all of them dissented from the KZA party line on Gauquelin. The only paper of mine Kurtz had published was also the only one that did not discuss Gauquelin; it was on ESP (July-August 1976 Humanist); thus in Kurtz's Humanist this astronomer was allowed to discuss matters psychological - but not astronomical! =AB Text

[4] I don't even know how many Councilors saw it after publication until questions were raised about its honesty. For example, although I was on the Humanist mailing list, no copy came to my address. =AB Text

[5] The following May I was startled to see an identical attack by Eric Tarkington in Phenomena. When I phoned Kurtz in shock at the embarrassment of having correct analysis published in that proastrology journal while CSICOP was publishing crap, his reply was, "Nobody reads [Phenomena]." =AB Text

[6] KZA publicly: "Nowhere did we wish to suggest that Gauquelin 'cheated' and we regret any such implication" (Skeptical Inquirer, Summer 1980, page 67) =AB Text

[7] An interesting bit of history, since Kurtz still says my nonreimbursement wasn't brought to his attention until a full year later. And Council pretends to believe this. =AB Text

[8] That Councilors Kurtz, Randi, Philip Klass, and Lee Nisbet conspired to keep dissent (read "schism") from sullyng the press conference was eventually admitted from the inside in a July 6, 1979, conversation. (See also June 26 document prepared by Randi and marked "Confidential," discussed below.) =AB Text

[9] On December 12, 1980, Abell gave a completely different reason for not showing up at the scheduled showdown. He said he



wasn't invited! =AB Text

[10] Abell's December 12, 1980, version: he doesn't remember now whether he read it. In 1979 Abell cosigned yet another KZA paper which repeated the same old BS argument. Then he conceded (privately in 1980) I'd been right all along on the math - leaving Kurtz and Zelen holding the sTARBABY bag. Everyday entertainment at CSICOP! =AB Text

[11] See Jerome Clark and J. Gordon Melton's "The Crusade Against the Paranormal," September and October 1979 FATE, for Marcello Truzzi's account of these events. =AB Text

[12] Not true. Randi phoned me on Januari 9, 1979, the moment he read press coverage of Wheelers proposal, trying to reignite my interest. Sheaffer wrote me along the same lines a few days later. Yet when Frazier published Wheller's statement (Spring 1979 Skeptical Inquirer) he did not mention that he had published my similar proposal a few issues back! =AB Text

[13] By the Council, yes; but backed by Fellows B.F. Skinner, W.V. Quine, Isaac Asimov, and L. Sprague de Camp; Carl Sagan and Ken Frazier supported the request that AAAS clarify the affiliation. =AB Text

[14] In reality Truzzi had been replaced at CSICOP's August 9, 1977, annual meeting by a prearranged conspiracy to which Randi and I were both parties. Privately we all (except Ray Hyman, who was not in on it) spoke freely of the fact that the real reason was our disapproval of Marcello's softness on the mystics and slowness to print tough skepticism. But this reality did not look open-minded, so naturally another reason was given to the public. (When I circulated a letter giving some of the real reasons, Council was horrified.) =AB Text

[15] But the potential significance of the 13 1/2-percent result, which disconfirmed the Mars Effect's 22 percent (at a 10,000-to-one level), was lost due to KZA's 1977 precedent and subsequent obsession with post hoc sample splitting in their own favor. =AB Text

[16] Gardner told me on November 23, 1980, that there had been no election, just a boot (the official minutes, dated Januari 8, do not even mention the matter), adding a week later that since Kurtz owns the CSICOP mailing list, parliamentary rules are "crap." =AB Text

[17] I guess that's why Frazier prevented my stating in Skeptical Inquirer that deleted material was available from my private address! =AB Text

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Date: Thu, 28 Aug 2008 08:25:17 EDT  
Archived: Fri, 29 Aug 2008 08:11:22 -0400  
Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>From: Gildas Bourdais <[bourdais.gildas.nul](mailto:bourdais.gildas.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 27 Aug 2008 15:19:33 +0200  
>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>>From: John Velez <[jvelez49.nul](mailto:jvelez49.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Tue, 26 Aug 2008 15:48:00 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>>>From: Martin Shough <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Tue, 26 Aug 2008 15:46:20 +0100  
>>>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>>>>From: John Velez <[jvelez49.nul](mailto:jvelez49.nul)>  
>>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>>Date: Mon, 25 Aug 2008 16:47:46 -0400  
>>>>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

<snip>

>>I've often wondered about the rather 'clunky' size/appearance of  
>>the so called 'alien implants' that Dr. Lier has surgically  
>>recovered....

>John,

>Will you please, at last, stop calling him Lier instead of Leir!

<snip>

>>>I also note John's extreme scepticism of Leir's motives, and I  
>>>think that coming from John this opinion has to carry a good  
>>>deal of weight.

>>My "extreme scepticism of Leir's motives" as you say, is well  
>>founded my friend. Allow me cite just two of the reasons I am  
>>of such a mind about Dr. Lier.

>>1. He's never published any of his findings in a peer review  
>>journal. Not in 15 years!!!

>Apparently, it does not occur to you that no peer reviewed  
>journal would have accepted such an article.

The Journal of Scientific Exploration (JSE) published by SSE, and  
the Journal of UFO Studies (JUFOS) published by CUFOS, are both  
peer-reviewed journals that are friendly to UFOs. They would  
surely have published a scientifically well-founded article on  
lab analyses of alleged alien implants if it had ever been  
submitted.

>Just imagine: an article on the retrieval of alien implants in a  
>medical Journal!

It is quite possible that the late John Mack at Harvard Medical  
School could have helped secure publication even in a medical  
journal had a scientifically substantial article been submitted.

>>2. He refused to allow physicians and others at Columbia  
>>University Hospital (in New York) to examine or analyze any of  
>>the objects!

>Seing how you treat him here again, I am not surprised that he  
>did not want to work with you.

Columbia staff made direct contacts which were rebuffed,  
according to John. No one had to "work with" John regardless of  
attitude, which developed after this promising interest at  
Columbia was persistently if not rudely brushed off.

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>From: Katharina Wilson <[K\\_Wilson.nul](mailto:K_Wilson.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 27 Aug 2008 10:22:22 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>>From: Kathy Kasten <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Tue, 26 Aug 2008 18:41:02 +0000  
>>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>>>From: Katharina Wilson <[K\\_Wilson.nul](mailto:K_Wilson.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Tue, 26 Aug 2008 10:22:20 -0500  
>>>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>>>>From: Sean Jones <[Sean.Jones.nul](mailto:Sean.Jones.nul)>  
>>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>>Date: Mon, 25 Aug 2008 17:13:52 +0100  
>>>>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>>>>>A point of note.

>>>>>America is still the alien abduction capitol of the world with  
>>>>>more alleged abductions than more than most of the rest of the  
>>>>>world put together.

>>>>>It does beg credibility does it not?

>>>>>How did you come up with the notion that the U.S. has more  
>>>>>abductions than the rest of the world put together?

>>>>>I haven't seen any data that supports this idea, or the notion  
>>>>>that higher numbers of abductees "begs credibility".

><snip>

>>The reporting instrument of the phenomena - in almost all cases I  
>>can think of - is the human. Therefore, the effects of  
>>neurological, physiological and psychological must be assessed in  
>>each and every case. And, yes, these fields of research have  
>>advanced in the last few years. Since the phenomena of alien  
>>abduction was first started to be reported.

>As a reminder, I have repeatedly published the types of physical,  
>neurological and psychological testing that I have undergone as  
>part of my personal investigation.

>See The Alien Jigsaw, The Alien Jigsaw Researcher's Supplement,  
>the free e-book I Forgot What I Wasn't Supposed To Remember, and  
>my Web site.

>I do not have any neurological afflictions and I have been  
>evaluated by three neurologists in three different areas of the  
>country.

>My physical problems consist of migraine headaches, and  
>fibromyalgia, which do not create alien abduction. As a matter of  
>record, these usually occur or flare up after an abduction.

>My psychological diagnosis was PTSD, Post-Traumatic Stress  
>Disorder. Something I think many people would suffer from after  
>having been through a life-time of abduction, alien or otherwise.

>I am 100% confident in what I'm dealing with here: It's called  
>'alien abduction.' and it's physical, as in \_real\_

Katharina we're all lucky to have you around.

I've finally returned to the point of confidence and comfort regarding abductions. As a kid I looked at it as a "so what?" attitude and big deal if aliens were visiting Earth. However after meeting abductees and seeing the trauma they endure it took many years to come to the fact that it is a fact not some delusion or wishful thinking the headshrinkers and debunkers and bigots would espouse.

They're the ones around here doing the wishful thinking.

Abduction is real. No doubt about it. Decades of collected global data is nothing to be sneezed at.

Last night on Coast to Coast AM a doctor was on discussing past life phenomena. I used to laugh at this field too being the arrogant close minded bigot I was. Then one day 20 years ago while reading up on the subject I asked several professors of mine the criteria regarding the issue for validation and they responded that it was just a simple matter of location and object confirmation. Meaning did the data gleaned from conscious and unconscious recall validate tangible artifacts, remnants etc. Was it longitudinal in study?

The doctor on the show last night had been looking at the issue for over 30 years and he's just one of hundreds of professionals globally who have and they all come up with the same results. People do recall tangible data regarding lifetimes not their own. No doubt, it's a fact. There are tens of thousands if not hundreds of thousands of cases studied worldwide for half a century and more.

We won't see headlines saying "Past Lives Are True!" because the psychotic murderers and criminals in our lives in positions of power would totally freak out knowing the people they've murdered might now be the beings inhabiting the bodies of their children waiting to pounce.

It's just facinating to see how with the tens of thousands of credible abduction experiences recorded the debate still going on as if it isn't a reality.

Put a fork in it. Anyone needing convincing is either in denial or hasn't done their homework.

Best,

Greg  
ufomafia.com/blog

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## Re: Betty Hill & The Star Map [was: Abduction]

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>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 26 Aug 2008 13:27:19 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>>From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Tue, 26 Aug 2008 09:16:59 +0100  
>>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>>>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Sun, 24 Aug 2008 12:47:23 EDT  
>>>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>>>I sure wish I could have sat next to Marjorie Fish in school!

>>>Her scientific and detective work with the Betty Hill star map  
>>>sketch is the stuff movie suspense is made of.

>>>I sure wish I could have sat next to Betty Hill at examinations  
>>>and been able to read her paper. Her amazing photographic memory,  
>>>demonstrated by her ability to see a random pattern of dots for a  
>>>few moments, remember their sizes and positions exactly for  
>>>years, and then recall them in such detail that the  
>>>multi-talented Marjorie Fish was able to reconstruct them  
>>>exactly, must be totally unprecedented.

>John, as usual you haven't done your homework.

>How convenient to forget the three kinds of lines connecting the  
>dots, and the base stars the size of nickels, and the strong  
>admonition of Dr. Simon to present the facts and to draw the map  
>later on only if she could remember it accurately.

Hi Stanton

Interrupted Journey pp.218-219:

[Begin Quote]

Betty: ...in here, I could almost draw it. If I could draw,  
I could draw the map.

Doctor: You want to try to draw the map?

Betty: I'm not good at drawing. I can't draw perspective

Doctor: Well, if you remember some of this after you leave me,  
why don't you draw it, try to draw the map? Don't do it if you  
feel concerned or anxious about it. But if you do, bring it in  
next time, all right?

Betty: I'll try to.

Doctor: But don't feel as if you're compelled to do it.

[Note by John Fuller endorsed by Dr Simon] Sometimes a post-  
hypnotic suggestion can be very distressing. The doctor is

guarding against this by leaving it up to Betty's volition.

[End Quote]

I have to say this extremely gentle invitation to Betty to "try" to draw the map, if and when she feels like it, does not read to me like a "strong admonition to present the facts and to draw the map later on only if she could remember it accurately".

Are you referring to some other hypnosis session concerning the map?

>The test, of course, of meaning is the star identifications by  
>Ms. Fish after building a whole host of 3D models and finally  
>getting new and more accurate stellar distance data.

Do you have any comment on conclusions by those who have re-examined Ms Fish's Gliese star selection against the more accurate and up-to-date HIPPARCOS catalogue - that several of the 16 stars selected by Ms Fish would today be ruled out according to her own criteria (newly discovered brown dwarf companions and the like)? Specifically have you answered the objections along these lines made by Charles Huffer of MUFON in his review of Captured?

>The head of the Ohio State University Astronomy department, Dr.  
>George Mitchell, is on camera in UFOs ARE Real testifying to  
>her accuracy.

>Check the literature.

<snip>

Is this the "Dr Walter Mitchell" who originally endorsed the accuracy of Marjorie Fish's model back in the 1970s? But surely her accuracy in transferring her selected Gliese catalogue stars to a 3D model has never really been an issue? It seems to me that critics of the Fish interpretation have by and large not doubted the accuracy of her model but rather the statistical soundness of the claimed similarity to the Hill map.

Granted it would have been an issue, historically, if it had ever been the case that this model was the "one - and only one - three-dimensional pattern that fit, angle for angle, line length for line length" to Betty's map. This is the claim of exactness in Captured! which Huffer finds "astonishing" and completely novel. Huffer points out that Ms Fish herself, in 'Journey Into the Hill Star Map' under the subhead DISCREPANCIES, attributes the mis-match to the facts that Betty "did not draw [different parts of the map] to the same scale" - which alone would make any perfect match impossible - and that "there are slight differences in line length and angles as in any freehand drawing."

And surely this is conceded implicitly in the proponents' oft-repeated defence against criticisms that the two patterns of dots have no resemblance without the "trade routes" etc (which is unarguable)? The defence is that it is not valid to strip away the varying sizes and connections that give an internal logical order to the pattern and then consider crudely only the placement of dots. AFAIK the defence has never been made (until Captured! at least) that these critics are just blind, and that the two patterns really are an exact match, dot for dot.

And now that the Gliese catalogue used by Ms Fish has been superseded by HIPPARCOS with significantly revised parallaxes - therefore distances - for several of the 16 selected stars (and even changes of spectral type in two cases) one assumes that the similarity between the patterns may be still more approximate (this is strongly argued by Charles Huffer for example). So Ms Fish's fidelity, some 40 years ago, to an outdated and inaccurate star catalogue is surely not the heart of the problem - which has always been how to assess the significance of whatever (evolving) degree of dissimilarity exists between Betty's map and Ms Fish's view of 16 selected stars.

Martin Shough

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Briton Who Hacked Into Secret U.S. Military Network Faces  
Extradition To America Within Weeks

By Daily Mail Reporter

A computer expert who hacked into top secret U.S. military networks has lost his last-ditch legal appeal and will be extradited to America in the next two weeks.

Gary McKinnon, 42, from Wood Green, North London, faces up to 70 years in prison if found guilty.

The unemployed systems analyst admits he gained access to 97 U.S. navy, army, Nasa and Pentagon computers, but says he was motivated only by curiosity and only got in because of lax security.

The US government says he stole passwords and deleted files.

He accessed the computers from the bedroom of his girlfriend's aunt's house.

His solicitor, Karen Todner, said he had recently been diagnosed with Asperger's syndrome and that he is 'terrified' of being sent to America.

She said she would now appeal to Home Secretary Jacqui Smith to intervene.

Mr McKinnon claimed he was looking for UFO files but lost in the High Court last year and in the House of Lords last month.

His application to the European Court of Human Rights to stay his extradition was refused.

Ms Todner said: 'He and his family are distraught. He is terrified by the prospect of going to America. This was their last chance.'

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>My physical problems consist of migraine headaches, and  
>fibromyalgia, which do not create alien abduction. As a matter of  
>record, these usually occur or flare up after an abduction.

With all due respect. I have suffered from migraines for years  
and I don't think for one instant that these are because I am an  
abductee!

Regards

Sean

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

>>Sean, you can "beg credibility" all you want. You admitted in a  
>>previous post:

>>"I have only had the opportunity to thoroughly investigate three  
>>alleged abductions here in the UK."

<snip>

>I would also respectfully suggest that before you start making  
>digs about my knowledge on the subject that you do a quick Google  
>on my name & UFOs and perhaps even the amount of time I spent  
>with Bud Hopkins "learning" about the subject.

If you are going to drop names, at least spell it correctly: Budd  
is his name; 'it's not the beer' as he likes to jokingly remind  
people.

And, that's the first thing I did. I Googled your name and "UFO"  
and found very little information. Every link I did find referred  
people to your Web site, which apparently doesn't exist:

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Please let us move on to something more meaningful as it  
relates to the subject of abduction.

Katharina

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## Re: Betty Hill & The Star Map [was: Abduction]

From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 28 Aug 2008 15:34:22 +0100  
Archived: Fri, 29 Aug 2008 09:23:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Betty Hill & The Star Map [was: Abduction]

>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 27 Aug 2008 09:45:27 -0400  
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>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
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<snip>

>>I think not. The Fish 'Star Map' is a desperate attempt to provide  
>>some sort of 'physical evidence' for a case that relies entirely  
>>on the fallible recall of two distressed people.

>Unlike you, John, I have no dog in this fight. I have no opinion  
>whatever about the alleged star map, but I am certain of this  
>much:

>You have no more idea than I do whether or not the Hills's recall  
>was "fallible". You just need it to be.

Absolutely right Jerry, for the sake of my argument. Others, as you will surely admit, "need" Betty's recall to be infallible to support their own pet theories. On balance, if you're talking about how accurately a person might memorise a random pattern of dots and lines, seen for a few moments whilst apparently on board an extraterrestrial spacecraft, I think it's likely to be more towards the 'fallible' than the 'infallible' end of the range of possibilities.

That of course is just my opinion, others differ and think Betty's memory is 'infallible', but that, again, is just their opinion.

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John Rimmer  
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## Re: UFOs A Challenge To Mainstream Science

From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 28 Aug 2008 12:48:05 EDT  
Archived: Fri, 29 Aug 2008 10:25:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: UFOs A Challenge To Mainstream Science

>Source: The Mindshift Institute - New York, New York, USA

><http://www.mindshiftinstitute.org/articles/ufochallenge.htm>

>2002

>UFOs - A Challenge To Mainstream Science

>By Patricia B. Corbett

<snip>

>Where are the scientists who will lead us in our search for the  
>knowledge of tomorrow? The tools needed are at hand; the  
>information we need is there, waiting to be discovered. The UFO  
>phenomenon, dismissed and derided today, may prove to be the key  
>to the lock that will open the door to our cosmic future.

Awesome article to say the least.

I could go through each paragraph and sentence and point out why,  
as I'm sure we'll see many do over the next several days, but  
I'll cut to the chase and just say the following.

The reason mainstream scientists won't delve into UFOs is because  
it's not healthy, wealthy, and wise to do so. No one has ever  
heard of a ufologist living in the lap of luxury surrounded by  
gorgeous women and rolling in dough.

Scientists would love to delve into UFOs but the people who pay  
the bills on this planet want otherwise.

Why? Because if we did find not just that some UFOs are of alien  
origin, but the upgrades in science and mindsets would make the  
grip of power by the sinister elite slip away and that ain't good  
for em' and since they hold the high ground and the purse  
strings, our lowly scientists aren't giving up their juicy grants  
to save mankind until it gets profitable.

Ridicule and poverty do not a happy scientist make.

People have a tendency to fight their entire lives to avoid both  
ridicule and poverty. It's like a reflex or something.

It's what you discover on your way to a prize that may be more  
valuable than what the prize turns out to be. In this case if we  
have scientists studying UFOs and they discover new energy  
sources, new proof that we are indeed spiritual beings that are  
immortal and that death is not final, that we can find better  
ways to heal the sick, grow new limbs, extend physical life to  
levels of unimaginable ages of youthful vigor and downright good  
looks, then just finding out some UFOs are alien spacecraft would  
be a bit of a second rate sideshow act for excitement.

Studying UFOs upsets the applecarts and even Newton knows what  
happens when an apple falls on your head, you might just get a  
bright idea.

Best ,

Greg  
ufomafia.com/blog

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>From: Rick Nielsen <[nilthchi.nul](mailto:nilthchi.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 26 Aug 2008 16:50:01 -0700 (PDT)  
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>I've dusted off my Magic 8-Ball. I shake it. Then I look at it  
>and the answer appears: "Cannot predict now." That's not good  
>enough. So I try once more, and get, "Don't count on it with the  
>humanity you know now." Someone has obviously been messing with  
>my toy!

>More seriously, how can anyone expect equality, even dialogue,  
>with beings who apparently have no regard for us or our desires?

I doubt predictions from your trusty 8-ball, or even close  
examination of a chickens entrails would suffice Rick! (I stand  
corrected if a lister had just dissected a rooster to double  
check!)

To those on the List who have had a close encounter the question  
are there UFOs? Is irrelevant, there are UFOs and occupants. They  
are here, and are quietly and skillfully avoiding any contact  
whatsoever.

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Regards,

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Date: Fri, 29 Aug 2008 10:27:00 -0400  
Archived: Fri, 29 Aug 2008 10:27:00 -0400  
Subject: American Film Maker Randall Nickerson's UFO Film

Source: The Weekly Blitz - Dhaka, Bangladesh

<http://www.weeklyblitz.net/index.php?id=403>

Wednesday August 27, 2008

American Film Maker Randall Nickerson's Film On UFO  
Tom Powell

Randall Nickerson is in Cape Town seeking inspiration for a documentary he is putting together about a UFO sighting in Zimbabwe in 1994. During morning break on September 14 1994, 62 schoolchildren between the ages of eight and 12 saw a strange craft land 150 meters from the Ariel School in Ruwa, from which two small beings emerged which were described as having "big eyes like rugby balls". The children's individual descriptions of the phenomenon were so similar that news of the sighting spread around the globe. Nickerson was approached with footage taken by the late Pulitzer Prize-winning Professor John Mack, who traveled to Zimbabwe to interview the children after the event.

Nickerson said: "This is a story the world needs to see. Personally, I think it's moving. I've found hundreds, if not thousands, of people who believe it and couldn't find anyone who didn't. It blew my mind when I saw it."

Although Nickerson admits the footage of the event makes it difficult to disprove the phenomenon, he doesn't want his film to be biased.

"I don't want to steer the documentary in any direction at all. I'd rather present all the evidence and let people make up their own minds."

Refusing to believe so many people can be mistaken, Nickerson is visiting southern Africa to shed light on those events.

Having visited the school itself, Nickerson is now in Cape Town to track down some witnesses and investigate some "unearthly" sightings that occurred in South Africa, including two UFO sightings in Port Shepstone and Johannesburg in April.

Anyone who saw the event in Zimbabwe can contact Nickerson on 082 815 4731

or by e-mail at [rsnick.nul](mailto:rsnick.nul)

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Yes, several people have quite accurately explained on this List  
why we are working with incomplete numbers. Eddie Bullard is one  
of our most highly regarded abduction case researchers, Sean, and  
he contributed an essay to my book The UFO Evidence, Vol. II,  
from which I quote:

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The phenomenon is international in scope, though available(author  
emphasis) records favor heavily the English-speaking world. Among  
the 300 reports prior to 1985, important sites were the United  
States (132), United Kingdom (23), Australia/New Zealand (16),  
and Canada (8).

South America also provided substantial numbers, especialy  
Argentina (29) and Brazil (28) A few reports came from  
continental Europe and the USSR, but Asia and Africa were poorly  
represented with onle a few scattered cases. [END QUOTE]

I had no problem finding detailed reports for my section on case  
summaries from around the world (N = 38). Ten of these were from  
countries whose first language is not English.

An incident directly related to this question of geographical distribution of abduction reports, which I found quite striking, occurred during the Abduction Conference at M.I.T., one of the landmark events in the history of abduction research. We had mental health professionals and other scientists from all over the world comparing their data and findings.

The question was raised, by a noted skeptic as I recall, about why abduction reports only came from North America (!) One of the professional women stood up in the audience and said that she was from Scandinavia, Norway I think (I could retrieve her name from the proceedings of the conference) and that they had abduction cases all over Scandinavia. They weren't common knowledge because they never made it into the English-language literature.

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So there's another, entirely credible reason why the numbers slant toward English-speaking countries but are far from being the whole story.

Dick

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<http://stopabductions.com/>

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>Date: Fri, 29 Aug 2008 10:30:42 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>>From: K Wilson <[K.Wilson.nul](mailto:K.Wilson.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Thu, 28 Aug 2008 11:31:44 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

Dick, Katrina

<snip>

>The phenomenon is international in scope, though available(author  
>emphasis) records favor heavily the English-speaking world. Among  
>the 300 reports prior to 1985, important sites were the United  
>States (132), United Kingdom (23), Australia/New Zealand (16),  
>and Canada (8).

>South America also provided substantial numbers, especialy  
>Argentina (29) and Brazil (28) A few reports came from  
>continental Europe and the USSR, but Asia and Africa were poorly  
>represented with onle a few scattered cases. [END QUOTE]

Dick, sorry, but you have just proven my statement!

With reported cases the US of A is the capitol of the world for  
alien abduction cases.

Period.

Best regards

Sean

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## Re: Abduction Explanations

From: Sean Jones <[Sean.Jones.nul](mailto:Sean.Jones.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 29 Aug 2008 18:19:28 +0100  
Archived: Sat, 30 Aug 2008 10:01:34 -0400  
Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>From: K Wilson <[K.Wilson.nul](mailto:K.Wilson.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 28 Aug 2008 11:31:44 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>If you are going to drop names, at least spell it correctly: Budd  
>is his name; 'it's not the beer' as he likes to jokingly remind  
>people.

My apologies to Budd.

>And, that's the first thing I did. I Googled your name and "UFO"  
>and found very little information. Every link I did find referred  
>people to your Web site, which apparently doesn't exist:

I am dismally disappointed. A few years ago there was loads.

Probably doesn't help that a lot of the "old" UFO websites are no  
longer out there"

><http://www.tedric.demon.co.uk/> nice message here, by the way.

That was a temporary thing put up four years ago. I really must  
get round to sorting my home page out. <g>

>>I tell you what. I will give one hundred dollars to a charity  
>>of your choice if you can prove me wrong.

>I don't make wagers concerning this subject. Give your money to  
>whom you wish and for the right reasons.

I'm afraid you miss the point.

>>Prove that the USA does not have the vast majority of reported  
>>abduction cases.

>I'm not the one who started this whole nonsense. You are. I must  
>"prove" nothing.

I have made a statement, which can be proved. Dick Hall has  
inadvertently done so in his reply.

>>When you can't, I rest my case.

>Several people on this list have explained how and why this is  
>unprovable. We don't have exact numbers and everyone knows it.  
>Nothing of what you have posted has anything to do with the  
>subject line of this thread, which is 'Abduction Explanations.'

>Please let us move on to something more meaningful as it  
>relates to the subject of abduction.

Katrina, I think you are getting me all wrong.

I am not a sKeptic. I am not a disbeliever. I am a honest to  
goodness ground roots researcher who has been round the block a  
few times.

I don't doubt that there are some genuine cases. However, I think

that there are a few things over looked. The alien abduction phenomenon is without a doubt largely an American thing as the vast majority of reported cases come from the US. Its a fact.

My concern is that it is a "bandwagon" that some people jump on. Not because they are frauds, but because it is an explanation. Its just that it might not be the real one.

Back to topic as you say, possible explanations for abductions.

- 1) The most popular one, Aliens are conducting experiments.
- 2) Black Ops, certain government agencies do them.
- 3) Its all a dream.
- 4) Sleep Apnoea
- 5) Unknown hypnosis
- 6) Telepathic control over the "victim"
- 7) Brain aneurysm
- 8) Alcohol/Drug induced episode
- 9) Demonic/Spiritual possession
- 10) Psychosis

All of those are off the top of my head without even checking with Google, or Wiki. Incidentally, there is a good entry for alien abduction on Wiki.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alien\\_abduction](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alien_abduction)

So I am not fighting you. I am just making a notation which can be proven.

Best regards

Sean

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## Not So Scientific American

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 30 Aug 2008 11:02:00 -0400  
Archived: Sat, 30 Aug 2008 11:02:00 -0400  
Subject: Not So Scientific American

Source: Scientific American - New York, New York, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/5wu3jl>

Aug 29, 2008

Are UFOs Lighting Up The Skies Over Australia's Outback?  
by  
Larry Greenemeier

Move over Roswell. New Mexico's UFO Museum and Research Center may attract more than 150,000 visitors annually who are curious about the alleged 1947 alien crash landing there, but some residents of Australia's outback claim their skies are alive with unidentified flying object activity now.

In June, reports Northern Territory News, the town of Marlinja (population 112) was reportedly visited by three spaceships that hovered just a few meters over several homes. Residents were tipped off to their presence by a "strange, loud noise," the News reported. After running outside, several say they saw three red lights in the distance as the sound grew louder, causing the ground to shake. The encounter lasted "for what seemed like a couple of hours," residents reported, with the UFOs casting enough light to make them feel as though they were "sitting in a football stadium." The lights left as suddenly as they arrived, only to return briefly later that night as residents gathered to sip tea and discuss what they had just seen.

No abductions were reported, so it's safe to say that agents Mulder and Scully were not called in to investigate.

This alleged sighting, combined with a number of suspected UFO's in pictures snapped throughout Australia's Northern Territory, have outback denizens bracing for a possible influx of tourists: The area's unofficial UFO capital, Wycliffe Well, attracts "hundreds of visitors" each year hoping to catch a glimpse of a UFO zipping across the sky, according to a story today on the Northern Territory News Web site.

Other sightings (and photographs) in the Wycliffe Well area reveal a saucer-shaped object that appears in the background of a snapshot taken of an eagle in flight and an unidentified object that appears in the sky just over the shoulder of a man being photographed by his wife. The History Channel plans to send its team of experts to the area to shoot an episode of the cable television series UFO Hunters.

Of course, appearances by little green men aren't limited to Roswell and the Australian outback. The Sun of London reported today that U.K. UFO experts have been unable to identify the white and green lights photographed recently above a 24-hour convenience store in South London. Apparently, even aliens need milk and eggs in the middle of the night.

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## Re: Abduction Explanations

From: Katharina Wilson <[K.Wilson.nul](mailto:K.Wilson.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 29 Aug 2008 13:54:53 -0500  
Archived: Sat, 30 Aug 2008 11:03:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>From: Sean Jones <[Sean.Jones.nul](mailto:Sean.Jones.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 28 Aug 2008 15:30:23 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>>From: Katharina Wilson <[K.Wilson.nul](mailto:K.Wilson.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Wed, 27 Aug 2008 10:22:22 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

<snip>

>>My physical problems consist of migraine headaches, and  
>>fibromyalgia, which do not create alien abduction. As a matter of  
>>record, these usually occur or flare up after an abduction.

>With all due respect. I have suffered from migraines for years  
>and I don't think for one instant that these are because I am an  
>abductee!

Sean:

It's clear you have no respect for me and mine is waning for you.  
However, your ignorance is astounding.

I did not say that because someone suffers from migraine  
headaches, that they are an abductee.

What part of the sentence below were you unable to comprehend?

>>My physical problems consist of migraine headaches, and  
>>fibromyalgia, which do not create alien abduction. As a matter of  
>>record, these usually occur or flare up after an abduction.

FYI: According to the Fibromyalgia Association/Network,  
approximately 50% of people who have fibromyalgia also suffer  
from migraine headaches.

Katharina

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## Re: Dowsing At UFO Crash Sites?

From: **Eleanor White** <[ewraven1.nul](mailto:ewraven1.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 29 Aug 2008 15:59:16 -0400  
Archived: Sat, 30 Aug 2008 11:04:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Dowsing At UFO Crash Sites?

I think we may hear from Kathy Kasten on this one! :-)

Has dowsing ever been used at UFO crash sites to search for debris which the "site cleaners" may have missed?

Eleanor White

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## Re: Abduction Explanations

From: **Sergey Shpakovsky** <[sergejsh.nul](mailto:sergejsh.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 29 Aug 2008 14:04:10 -0700 (PDT)  
Archived: Sat, 30 Aug 2008 11:05:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>From: Philippa Wintle  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 26 Aug 2008 13:30:19 -0700 (PDT)  
>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

<snip>

>Perhaps indigenous people view the experiences as interactions  
>with beings from the mythology/religion of their own culture?

There is good example of that in the documentary It Came From  
Heaven, about giant UFO in Yukon Territory in 1996. It was aired  
at APTN Television, January 21, 2007 and available on Google  
Video:

<http://video.google.ca/videoplay?docid=815382711822393043&hl=en-CA>

Regarding UFOs and aboriginal people - check from 36:40 min.

Elder chief Kenneth B. Harris tells legend about origins of local  
people in Northern British Columbia, Canada. "The story tells of  
the young women, who was taken to the 'house in the sky' by a  
strange visitor."

Sergey

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## Re: Abduction Explanations

From: John Velez <[jvelez49.nul](mailto:jvelez49.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 29 Aug 2008 17:05:56 -0400  
Archived: Sat, 30 Aug 2008 12:10:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 28 Aug 2008 08:25:17 EDT  
>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <[bourdais.gildas.nul](mailto:bourdais.gildas.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Wed, 27 Aug 2008 15:19:33 +0200  
>>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>>>From: John Velez <[jvelez49.nul](mailto:jvelez49.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Tue, 26 Aug 2008 15:48:00 -0400  
>>>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

<snip>

>>>I've often wondered about the rather 'clunky' size/appearance of  
>>>the so called 'alien implants' that Dr. Lier has surgically  
>>>recovered....

>>John,

>>Will you please, at last, stop calling him Lier instead of Leir!

><snip>

>>>>I also note John's extreme scepticism of Leir's motives, and I  
>>>>think that coming from John this opinion has to carry a good  
>>>>deal of weight.

>>>My "extreme scepticism of Leir's motives" as you say, is well  
>>>founded my friend. Allow me cite just two of the reasons I am  
>>>of such a mind about Dr. Lier.

>>>1. He's never published any of his findings in a peer review  
>>>journal. Not in 15 years!!!

>>>Apparently, it does not occur to you that no peer reviewed  
>>>journal would have accepted such an article.

>The Journal of Scientific Exploration (JSE) published by SSE, and  
>the Journal of UFO Studies (JUFOS) published by CUFOS, are both  
>peer-reviewed journals that are friendly to UFOs. They would  
>surely have published a scientifically well-founded article on  
>lab analyses of alleged alien implants if it had ever been  
>submitted.

>>Just imagine: an article on the retrieval of alien implants in a  
>>medical Journal!

>It is quite possible that the late John Mack at Harvard Medical  
>School could have helped secure publication even in a medical  
>journal had a scientifically substantial article been submitted.

>>>2. He refused to allow physicians and others at Columbia  
>>>University Hospital (in New York) to examine or analyze any of  
>>>the objects!

Hi Brad, Gildas, All,

I'm itching to get back to lurking, but it seems that, 'every time I try to get out... they pull me back in again!' ;)

Gildas wrote:

>>Seing how you treat him here again, I am not surprised that he >>did not want to work with you. Brad responded:

>Columbia staff made direct contacts which were rebuffed, >according to John. No one had to "work with" John regardless of >attitude, which developed after this promising interest at >Columbia was persistently if not rudely brushed off.

Well shut my mouth! Couldn't have said it better myself even if I displayed a little 'attitude.'

I suppose it's because I 'went public' as an abductee that certain individuals presume it's ok to assign motives to me, or to analyze me, or my intentions, and do so with complete impunity. Blows my mind.

Gildas...

Contrary to your mistaken belief that I am trying to call 'Leir' a 'Liar' because I spell his name 'Lier,' is an unfortunate leap - to a wrong conclusion - on your part.

You assume without justification that I am intentionally trying to insult Dr. Leir (somehow) by the simple act of misspelling his name. I hope you don't apply the same yardstick to everybody. If you've singled me out for the honor, thanks but no thanks.

Check it out, it's really none of your business but I'll share this with you to show you how quickly you jump to wrong conclusions and because it's pertinent:

I am mildly dyslexic. Always have been.

Even now at age 59 I consistently invert certain letters, 'J' and 'F' in particular. Certain letter combinations as well - 'ie' is one of them. Even when I type. My brain always sees the mistaken inversion as 'correct'. It's something I don't have much control over or need to. Thankfully it's rare for someone to assume the worst of me because of a simple misspelling.

EBK will confirm it for you privately, if you ask him nice. He knows me and he's the one who has had to suffer through editing my chicken scratches and writings for more than a decade.

So you see, contrary to the distorted impression you have of me, I'm not intentionally being nasty or condescending to Dr. Leir. People misspell names all the time, Gildas. It's not always a case of someone being intentionally insulting.

Relax, sometimes a cigar - misspelled name - is just a cigar.

Thanks again Brad. Your response was right on the money and saved me a heap of wind.

Now, back to lurking!

Warmest regards to all,

John Velez

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From: **Kathy Kasten** <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 29 Aug 2008 23:29:39 +0000  
Archived: Sat, 30 Aug 2008 12:11:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>From: Katharina Wilson <[K\\_Wilson.nul](mailto:K_Wilson.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 27 Aug 2008 10:22:22 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>>The reporting instrument of the phenomena - in almost all cases I  
>>can think of - is the human. Therefore, the effects of  
>>neurological, physiological and psychological must be assessed in  
>>each and every case. And, yes, these fields of research have  
>>advanced in the last few years. Since the phenomena of alien  
>>abduction was first started to be reported.

>As a reminder, I have repeatedly published the types of physical,  
>neurological and psychological testing that I have undergone as  
>part of my personal investigation.

>See The Alien Jigsaw, The Alien Jigsaw Researcher's Supplement,  
>the free e-book I Forgot What I Wasn't Supposed To Remember, and  
>my Web site.

>I do not have any neurological afflictions and I have been  
>evaluated by three neurologists in three different areas of the  
>country.

>My physical problems consist of migraine headaches, and  
>fibromyalgia, which do not create alien abduction. As a matter of  
>record, these usually occur or flare up after an abduction.

>My psychological diagnosis was PTSD, Post-Traumatic Stress  
>Disorder. Something I think many people would suffer from after  
>having been through a life-time of abduction, alien or otherwise.

>I am 100% confident in what I'm dealing with here: It's called  
>'alien abduction.' and it's physical, as in real

Katharina:

Let's say for the sake of argument that there are at least two  
different ways to interact with "alien entities." The one you  
experienced where you did not consciously seek contact. And,  
another type where individuals created an environment where they  
controlled contact. This means that these individuals  
deliberately altered their neurology, physiology and psychology  
before the approach. Very different from that of what is now  
considered the "standard" abduction scenario.

A very short list would include:

- 1) Rick Strassman's DMT experiments and his case reports of  
interaction with very colorful, lively, intense entities.
- 2) Terence McKenna's A Conversation Over Saucers and  
another paper discussing the intelligence he discovered behind  
hallucinogens. Very colorful, lively, intelligent dialogs between  
McKenna and various entities. He also researched something  
he called "The Invisible Landscape." His research dealt with the  
human's ability - with or without drugs - to put themselves into  
altered states.

What I found remarkable is the marked difference between the experiences reported by these individuals and the usual abduction experiences. 'Greys' is a very good term to describe the interaction with these robotic, humorless, witless, single-minded entities.

It is rather like dealing with Nazis doctors in a concentration camp. No thank you, spare me that experiment.

Ah, but Wasson's, Strassman's and McKenna's reports create a desire to want to interact with whoever they met up with out there in the alternative universes.

KK

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From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 30 Aug 2008 15:40:07 +0100  
Archived: Sat, 30 Aug 2008 12:12:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>From: Sean Jones <[Sean.Jones.nul](mailto:Sean.Jones.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 29 Aug 2008 18:19:28 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

<snip>

>Back to topic as you say, possible explanations for abductions.

Hi Sean,

That might make this OT. Rather than trying to classify or stereotype abductees, a few years ago I thought about possible reasons for non-abduction - of folk who seem as 'at risk' as others.

And, strangely enough there does seem to be a common factor for 'non-experiencers' as a whole. That is, some 'conviction' or dogmatism that prevents them perceiving or being amenable to influence. Which could mean a 'hard science' dogma, as well as all those 'social' or 'political' or 'religious' dogmas.

There's plenty of evidence that 'convinced' people are less likely to see reality in experiments, which, given my technical background and training, probably explains why I've never seen a UFO.

Cheers

Ray D

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From: Sean Jones <[Sean.Jones.nul](mailto:Sean.Jones.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 30 Aug 2008 16:19:50 +0100  
Archived: Sat, 30 Aug 2008 12:35:56 -0400  
Subject: Re: Abduction Explanations

>From: Katharina Wilson <[K.Wilson.nul](mailto:K.Wilson.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 29 Aug 2008 13:54:53 -0500  
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>>>fibromyalgia, which do not create alien abduction. As a matter of  
>>>record, these usually occur or flare up after an abduction.

>I did not say that because someone suffers from migraine  
>headaches, that they are an abductee.

Neither did I!

>What part of the sentence below were you unable to comprehend?

>>>My physical problems consist of migraine headaches, and  
>>>fibromyalgia, which do not create alien abduction. As a matter of  
>>>record, these usually occur or flare up after an abduction.

Does Budd concur with this??

I think the issue here is that you are so immersed in the field,  
that you can't see the wood for the trees.

Sometimes you have to be able to stand back and view the data  
objectively. Attacking me because I point out things that you do  
not like, and then call me names is a little telling methinks.

Best regards

Sean

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In an infinite universe infinitely anything is possible.

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## Re: Dowsing At UFO Crash Sites?

From: **Kathy Kasten** <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 31 Aug 2008 01:58:43 +0000  
Archived: Sun, 31 Aug 2008 08:06:20 -0400  
Subject: Re: Dowsing At UFO Crash Sites?

>Date: Sat, 30 Aug 2008 11:04:00 -0400  
>To: [UFO-Updates.nul](mailto:UFO-Updates.nul)  
>From: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Dowsing At UFO Crash Sites?

>From: Eleanor White  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 29 Aug 2008 15:59:16 -0400  
>Subject: Dowsing At UFO Crash Sites?

>I think we may hear from Kathy Kasten on this one! :-)

>Has dowsing ever been used at UFO crash sites to search for  
>debris which the "site cleaners" may have missed?

Hear from Kathy Kasten on this one?

I don't think so. I have no experience with dowsing UFO crash sites.

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