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>>From: Viktor Golubik <Diverge247.nul>
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>>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
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>>>Balsa wood is used as a filler; it has no strength and doubles as
>>>an airspace between two outer layers of laminated carbon-fiber
>>>cloth skins. It's called composite construction.

>>Hi Don,

>>Yes, composite construction has a long history, whether it was
>>the intended purpose or not.

>>It was clearly used as a structural element in this application.

>>It was used historically as a light weight structural component
>>in surfboards and has a history.

>>It is relevant to bring up it's improved strength since it was in
>>contact with other materials that would clearly do this: The
>>questioning did not challenge nor clarify enough situational
>>differences.

>Balsa wood has no strength to weight ratio. It needs a binding or
>cloaking agent to give it any structural strength.

You are joking, right? Don, you need to read the witness
testimony and my previous posts. Much of this has already been
discussed - read directly below: these are not my words quoted.

>>"Balsa wood has a long history of being an excellent core
>>material offering high compression properties, high shear
>>strength, and great fatigue endurance. It has been used in a wide
>>variety of applications ranging from recreational boats to high
>>performance wind turbine blades."

>Yeah, not so much these days.

Yes, but see the Humvee example...

>>>Early on, Balsa was used in the construction of kit-built/home-
>>>built private aircraft - which incidentally led the way with the
>>>aircraft companies following along 10-20 years later - wings,
>>>flaps, horizontal stabilisers, elevators, etc.

>>>My CP 328 Super Emeraude airplane's flaps and horizontal

>>>stabiliser are constructed in this manner.

>>I've built and flown remote controlled gliders and airplanes. A
>>thin coat of plastic film also adds tremendous strength.

>What do you mean by plastic film? Certainly not a binding agent
>used to glue layers together. On it's own the binding agent has
>no strength. If that were so more aircraft would be built using
>it as a structural material rather than as a filler agent over
>which to form the coverings I mentioned above including
>fiberglass for boats, etc.

>Just painting it with varnish -available in 1947 - would have not
>given it any strength whatsoever.

see below

>>Such film prevents the balsa from reaching it's fracture point and
>>serves to evenly distribute an applied force over an arching type
>>bend: glue, tape, paper, and/or foil can serve a similar purpose
>>here.

>Again you are not saying varnish but some film; such as what?

Adhesive tape, reinforced Aluminum foil, and intervening glue
adhesives.

>>>This type of construction is extremely light and very tough. Most
>>>modern airliners have a large percentage of their bodies and
>>>control surfaces constructed of composites. But Balsa was
>>>abandoned in favor of foam-core - polyurethane, polystyrene,
>>>diviney cell, last-a-foam and styrofoam-small cell.

>>This was 60 years ago and is clearly_SMALL_scale.

>No this is present day and not the least small scale. Balsa wood
>mind you is small scale.

Clarifying: what I was referring to was that these_radar
targets_are small. You were providing larger scale examples.

>>>Balsa wood is too expensive for even small scale private and
>>>commercial applications, so high density foam core is now used -
>>>see previous paragraph - a high quality styro-type-foam which is
>>>not the stuff styrofoam cups or home insulation is made of. The
>>>foam is shaped and then the skins are laid up over the foam and
>>>then vacume bagged.

>>>Kevlar, Ceramic, Graphite, E and S Glasses and other fiber
>>>products can stop bullets but the foam or balsa-wood filler in
>>>the sandwich would not stop a straight pin. Hence the fiber
>>>application in a Humvee and armored tanks.

>>The amount used was clearly not that expensive, not to mention,
>>that it was obviously employed. As far as I can recall, Cavitt
>>used the term "Bamboo" to describe it... and he also rejected
>>that he had seen muted lavender flowered tape... on the elements.

>Again I was referring to present day uses of balsa not the smaall
>amounts used in the construction of radar reflectors and model
>airplanes.

Exactly.

>>It is clearly used as a light weight structural element in the
>>humvee. In fact, one can make very strong, alternating-grain,
>>plywood from Balsa.

>Alternating-grain, plywood from Balsa is not what was used in
>radar reflectors. As a plywood, it does not come close to be as
>strong as - for example - Finnish plywood used in both aviation
>and marine applications. Finnish ply [as an example] is made from
>spruce and poplar etc. Marine applications will use mahogany. No
>one would trust their lives to balsa wood as a structural agent.

My point is to illustrate that Balsa is not as flimsy as you make
it appear.

>>>Finally, you would not see the Balsa wood nor recognize it as so
>>>between the layers of cloth. Additionall, carbon dust is added to
>>>the "prime" coat of sealant to defeat the damaging effect of

>>>sunlight on polymer fibers and the bonding agents used to bond
>>>the fiber layers together.

>>It is unclear what was done and these appear to have been made in
>>New York and brought there. This wood may have been pretreated in
>>some fashion or bought that way. The exact glue that was used is
>>also unclear.

>I think you are reaching for an X-factor that did not exist by
>introducing some unknown glue or varnish.

X-factors like - early witness testimony?

There is more than glue involved, we don't know what glue was
used, and wood glue will re-soften in rain (moist conditions) and
bend/comply more easily.

>>>You can crush Balsa wood between your fingers it is so low-
>>>density in nature. But it supports long enough to accept
>>>coverings and vacume bagging. Since varnishes and such have no
>>>strength on their own it would not support Balsa as a
>>>strengthened once coated. It's only value would be water proofing
>>>and or decorative not structural other than in the reflector
>>>applications used on weather balloons and the Mogal arrays where
>>>structural strength was not a consideration.

>>You cannot easily compress 5/16 - 3/8 inch Balsa wood between
>>two fingers in such a manner. Glues will only harden the surface
>>making it less likely to do so.

>Again it might make it harder but the glue or varnish has no
>shear or tension advantage.

Thanks, Balsa Wood does nicely... and we know it was attached to
other materials. Clearly, decorative tape was available then too.

>>>Just one observation. Back in the 1920s to the 1960s [even now]
>>>kids [and grown-ups] built model airplanes out of Balsa wood.

>>It was not as common then as it is now - see ebay. Nor, was
>>Aluminum foil (Reynolds Wrap,1947).

>Oh yes it was. They were wrapping gum with "tin" foil in the 30s.
>And aluminum foil was not new. It is simply aluminum stock
>rolled to super thin layers. This technology had been around for
>years and was an outgrowth of aviation aluminum which is layered
>up from various alloys which either gives it strong shear or
>breaking qualities from. the most common is 2024-T3 used in many
>applications because of its ability to twist and endure flexing
>and vibration. There are many grades between that and 6061-T6
>which is commonly used in military aircraft applications. It's
>very strong but will fail under predictable conditions which can
>be avoided.

Aluminum foil was not common in households until the introduction
of Reynolds Wrap. That is my point, not that it wasn't commonly
available. Yes, it was also reinforced and layered with other
materials (read Roswell testimony).

>Anyway this pressure layering of aluminum sheet to create various
>properties has been around since the mid 1920s.

>>>Many of these builders ended up in the airforce or commercial or
>>>private aviation. It was commonly known, not a rare model
>>>construction material.

>>>I find it hard to believe that Marcel or anyone else associated
>>>with aviation would not know it when they saw it.

>>They clearly use this word repeatedly... and we have to keep in
>>mind that their testimony came 32 years after the events -
>>contamination and exaggerations may have already been
>>introduced.

>I doubt that.

Read the testimony... pretend you are for the first time and with
an open mind.

>>Yes, and that is why we need to review the evidence and early
>>witness testimony. It is apparent that tape recorded interviews

>>are lurking somewhere - that may resolve or bring greater
>>definition to these material descriptions. As it stands, we have
>>some ambiguity and a Mogul balloon train is enough to quash it.

>If you can prove one was there and stretch credibility as to air
>force personnel not knowing aluminum foil or weather balloons.
>The latter is ignored BTW. Neoprene ballons would have been
>collapsed and laying around on the desert floor and very obvious.

They would have been breaking down, changing color (black), and
turning brittle. Clearly, not a balloon any longer.

>>Do you feel that this completely supports the existence of Extra
>>Terrestrial life? Unfortunately, I'm similarly observant that it
>>does not meet such standards given the resolution of this
>>testimony - when faced with the nature of the similarities, the
>>hype then/now, and coincidence of events.

>Why would I think it supports ET life?

What else would you want me to think? Are you going to deny that
you believe in the Alien Body stories too? Again, read Bill
Brazel's testimony and you'll find out were the body issue was
most likely introduced.

And, you obviously think highly of mundane things and can't bring
all the facts under one roof: Realize the greater coincidences
staring you down and you refusing to look.

>>Remember, Bessy Brazel recalls Mogul-like items not mentioned in
>>the Roswell Incident (testimony struck) and Bill Brazel describes
>>a synthetic fiber string.

>How would Brazel come up with synthetic string? Nylon string is
>still string. It was used all through the war.

Read his testimony and you will be able to figure that out for yourself.
This as an excellent example of early testimony ignorance. How long
has it been in the literature already?

>>If Mogul Balloons were not coming down in this area, clearly the
>>case would take on a different fortifying level of strength in
>>favor or something highly unusual.

>Plural. Again, nothing different here than weather balloons so
>why would experienced Air Force personnel be in awe of balsa wood
>and neoprene balloons which they had seen every day.

They had not seen large scale remains of this magnitude before and
clearly Marcel nor Cavitt launched them as a routine (see other
related comments)

><snip>

>I'm really not interested enough in Roswell to get into what
>Brazel experienced or saw. My interest is in air force personnel
>suddenly getting excited about weather balloons. I don't know
>what happened at Roswell but the Mogal Balloon theory has been
>shot down ad nauseum for ten years now, chiefly because one can't
>be proved to even be in the area.

If your not interested in the evolution of the story, then there
is little else for you to learn.

>Anyway I put my two cents in there for what it's worth re balsa
>and aluminum foil. Seems damn silly to me that no one on an air
>force base would have not said, "What's all the excitement about,
>it's just a bunch of goddamn weather ballons."

Don, read what text is available from the earliest witnesses.

>As for being secret. The purpose behind Mogal might have been
>secret but not the trains themselves. The AF could have just
>claimed that they were testing new weather balloon technology to
>map the Jet Stream or something. The whole Mogal explanation is
>horse manure if you ask me.

As I said before, they would have no idea what was floating
around in the ether - would have taken every available precaution
to shut down any possible leak, prevent talk from getting into
the papers again, and quiet the rumors quickly. This was gaining

world wide attention, remember.

>There were any number of techs around that base that could load,
>arm and deliver an atomic bomb in a sophisticated aircraft
>maintained by well trained techs at a base loaded with other
>technicians who serviced radar bomb sights, radar, avionics,
>launched weather observation balloons but they couldn't identify
>a bunch of weather balloons. The whole idea is absurd.

Have you spent five years investigating this case and
interviewing witnesses. I didn't think so.

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Re: CIA Manipulated By AF [was: The Economy's

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>>>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
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>>>Subject: Re: The Economy's Tanking But...

>>>It seems fairly obvious that, after 1952, the AF came under
>>>direct orders from the CIA - who'd apparently been tasked by
>>>"the President" or more likely a group of insiders, to de-fuse
>>>and de-bunk the growing public interest in the subject.

>>This is indeed the usual interpretation. But I think the idea
>>of CIA ordering the Defence Department around in 1952 is not
>>realistic. I came independently (but much less rigorously) to
>>basically the same conclusion as Brad Sparks on this point:-
>>That, on the contrary, Defence Dept interests actually
>>suppressed and manipulated the CIA/OSI into closing down their
>>own ambitions for a major study programme, into putting all
>>their eggs in the basket of the Robertson Panel and into then
>>unwillingly executing a DoD policy. The later outcome may be
>>substantially the same as in Ray's standard scenario, but I
>>think this short period in UFO history is vitally important and
>>could be better understood (I posted some of these same
>>thoughts a few years ago so apologies for ploughing old ground)

Hi Martin,

Thanks for the excellent summation and recap of the actual CIA history here. I have only some scattered corrections based on additional information I have gathered over the years, and on the extensive interviews I conducted with about 100 CIA Directors and lower level officials, and the numerous CIA UFO documents I have obtained through historical release processes not FOIA.

My comments below are mostly off-the-cuff and based on my careful reconstruction of the CIA history, and cannot be footnote referenced in an email posting (nor do I have time otherwise I will never even finish this posting).

I was the one who secured the release of the full CIA Robertson Panel report and Minutes (Durant Report) and got the CIA to officially release all of it including "tab" attachments without redactions. I provided the CIA with most of the redacted CIA officer names and components so they decided to release all of it to me, and then others who wrote in. I also convinced the CIA to release the briefing memos to the DCI which no one had known or suspected even existed, since no one had known that the DCI had been involved.

>The "official" scenario that the CIA responded to Presidential
>curiosity sounds plausible in the light of the CIA's 1976
>statement:

This 1976 CIA statement to Bill Spaulding (see below) contains such outlandish and preposterous falsehoods about intelligence

history that it seems hard to believe anyone in the CIA could have written such insane drivel. The CIA did not establish the IAC to study the UFO matter in 1952. The IAC was the "board of directors" of the US Intelligence Community and was created in 1947 by NSC directive (NSCID 1, Dec. 12, 1947). This bizarre claim would be like claiming the CIA established the Presidency of the United States to carry out spy missions or whatnot. Insane.

>'In order that you may be aware of the true facts concerning
>the involvement of the CIA in the investigation of UFO
>phenomena, let me give you the following brief history. Late in
>1952, the National Security Council levied upon the CIA the
>requirement to determine if the existence of UFOs would create
>a danger to the national security of the United States. The
>Office of Scientific Intelligence established the Intelligence
>Advisory Committee to study the matter. That committee made the
>recommendations found [in] the Robertson Panel Report. At no
>time prior to the formation of the Robertson Panel and
>subsequent to the issuance of the panel's report, has the CIA
>engaged in the study of the UFO phenomenon. The Robertson Panel
>Report is the summation of the Agency's interest and
>involvement in this matter.'

>But this is a tissue of untruths and half-truths.

Indeed, as I mentioned above.

>The agency
>did _not_ address the problem at the behest of the National
>Security Council; on the contrary, the CIA's Office of
>Scientific Intelligence fought hard to get the matter brought
>before the NSC.

Exactly right.

>And CIA _did_ have a clearly documented
>interest in the matter before the Robertson Panel Report, and
>continued to have an interest - though with changed emphasis -
>subsequently. OSI did not "establish the IAC" to do the Panel
>study; OSI did not even want the Panel; rather the IAC tasked
>the CIA/OSI against its better judgment to establish the UFO
>consultant panel when OSI had already been through expert
>consultation which it hoped would lead to a much wider inquiry.

Again exactly right. The CIA had been trying since August 1952 to get a permanent scientific UFO study, not a one-time one-shot deal, set up at MIT. This is the dream scenario of every UFO researcher, a genuine, fair, scientific study by the leading experts in the world at a top-notch university like MIT (second choice was to be Cal Tech). In fact, the CIA had targeted the most logical group at MIT to deal with the UFO problem, the air defense and radar physics-engineering experts at MIT's Project Lincoln (Lincoln Laboratory). No one could possibly think of a better group of scientists to study UFOs and especially the best evidence of radar-visual cases.

The AF went ballistic over the CIA plan, which would have put the CIA-friendly agencies of the DoD in charge of UFOs jointly with the CIA in a government-wide program that would take control of the AF's UFO intelligence program. The AF did not like this brazen stepping on its toes, not one bit. The AF proceeded to plot and scheme to sabotage CIA efforts, including forcing a hurried Robertson Panel on the bewildered CIA through AF manipulation of the IAC proceedings on Dec. 4, 1952.

The AF wanted a rush-to-judgment in which its cleverly planted IFO cases, falsely labeled as "best Unknowns," would explode under quick scrutiny by hurried scientists at the Robertson Panel. The CIA actually cancelled the Robertson Panel after heeding pleas from Battelle Memorial Institute that Battelle's massive statistical study of the AF's UFO files was not ready yet. But the CIA Director under AF pressure overruled CIA/OSI and reinstated the canceled Panel, and did not even give the OSI a time extension! (OSI wanted the Panel at least delayed till after March 1953, to give sufficient time for preparations such as Battelle's.)

>According to acting ADSI Ralph Clark they had arrived at the
>view that UFOs merited community-wide attention as a result of
>3=BD years monitoring of the problem, and a special study begun

>in July 1952 (post-Washington) which had reviewed "a
>considerable volume" of intelligence reports, conferred with
>Air Force Special Studies Group and ATIC staff, and brought in
>a "selected group" of CIA science consultants, "all leaders in
>their scientific fields", to review the problem.

President Truman ordered the CIA study on July 28, 1952, after getting upset at the AF's inability to handle two weekends in a row of UFO activity over Washington, DC., including over restricted areas. This fact was extremely sensitive and kept off the CIA documents, at least the ones that have been released. Truman apparently phoned CIA Director, Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, and asked for, in effect, a CIA investigation of the AF's handling of UFOs. Smith evidently set a 1-month deadline to report back to the President.

The CIA took advantage of this fumbling by the AF on UFOs to try to gain a CIA foothold into military intelligence which DCI Smith had just forbidden the CIA from engaging in, after AF and other military complaints against CIA. OSI was among the prime CIA culprits in intruding into AF intelligence areas.

>On September 24, 1952, Assistant Director for Scientific
>Intelligence (ADSI) Dr. H. Marshall Chadwell sent a report to
>DCI General Walter Bedell Smith. It was the opinion of his
>Office, he said, based on internal review and on discussions
>with ATIC, the Air Force Special Studies Group and CIA science
>consultants, that the matter was "of such importance that it
>should be brought to the attention of the National Security
>Council..." This plea was repeated without success.

Again quite correct, except that the Sept. 24 memo was a slightly condensed version of Chadwell's Sept. 11, 1952, memo to the DCI, which also attached proposed draft letters by the DCI to the NSC and PSB which the DCI refused to approve and sign.

This was the beginning of OSI's formal written proposals to, in effect, take over the AF's UFO project and set it up as a legitimate scientific inquiry run by scientists, not by military intelligence.

The AF "Special Studies Group" was actually the AF Directorate of Intelligence Special Studies Group (AFOIN/SSG) under Col. Edwin Sterling, and Dr. Stefan T. Possony, the latter whom I believe was the psychological warfare mastermind behind the AF sabotage of the CIA's UFO plans. The SSG reported directly to the AF Director of Intelligence, then MGen Samford, and operated as inhouse RAND-like think-tank for AF Intelligence. I interviewed Possony among many others in the CIA and AFIN.

>It would hardly seem appropriate for CIA to press that the matter
>be "brought to the attention" of the NSC if it had been
>instructed by the NSC. It is of course possible that the
>Assistant Director of the Office of Scientific Intelligence was
>not informed that he would be acting at the President's direct
>request, but this seems very unlikely.

No, they were just cagey about giving the President plausible deniability. It was the President's direct request not through the NSC.

>Furthermore, Ralph
>Clark's July 29 memo to the DDCI announcing the formation of a
>"special study group" implies that the study had been
>undertaken by OSI unilaterally as a result of "three years'
>continuous review" _as well as_ "a number of radar and visual
>sightings" which had occurred in recent weeks. (This obviously
>includes the Washington incidents, among others.)

Clark acting director of OSI wrote his immediate boss, the DDI Loftus E. Becker, who headed the CIA Directorate of Intelligence, not the "DDCI" of the Agency, Maj. Gen. Charles P. Cabell of the USAF.

No, this was written in a cagey way so that the eight people on the special access list Clark set up who read this would not know where the orders had come from, i.e., from the President and the DCI. Only a very few knew that, and OSI had to have some kind of written orders plausibly explaining why they were suddenly mounting a high priority project with special task force.

Yes, OSI had been reviewing UFO reports since its founding on Dec. 31, 1948, and so had its predecessor the Scientific Branch of ORE since 1947.

>In other
>words, the agency - and OSI in particular - appear to have been
>fully cognizant of the way the problem was developing and of
>the need for more study, and perhaps required little if any
>encouragement from the office of the President.

See above. The President ordered it, but not the NSC.

>An August 14 CIA document that mentions the White House query
>to the Air Force is actually the text of an agency briefing
>following the OSI/consultant review, and states that the review
>was undertaken because "OSI felt it would be timely" as well as
>mentioning the "wide interest within the Agency".

Again, OSI did not know how many people would be briefed or get access to this briefing and who would or would not be cleared to know the President ordered the CIA review. This Aug. 14 draft briefing was updated with an Aug. 19, 1952, introduction, both written by OSI Operations Staff Chief Philp G. Strong as his briefing of DCI Smith and Smith's top CIA staff, on Aug. 20.

Smith then briefed the President at his next regular Friday briefing on Aug. 22, based on this Aug. 20 briefing and followup memos from other CIA directorates.

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>So although the potted "history" issued by the CIA in 1976
>confirms the impression that the agency was humouring the
>President and merely delegated responsibility for a ruling on
>the UFO problem to the Robertson Panel, this was not the case.
>That Panel was convened some six weeks after strong
>recommendations for a major study programme - emphatically
>not another review panel - had been made to the IAC by
>CIA/OSI in December 1952 as a result of its own internal and
>consultant reviews. CIA appears to have been bulldozed by DoD
>into taking part in a sham.

Quite right. Bulldozed by the AF, not DoD. The AF viewed the DoD, CIA and Navy as hostile agencies, the former created by what was seen as a Navy conspiracy to outvote the Army and the Army's splinter service the AF. Remember Forrestal? He was the Secretary of the Navy before he became the Secretary of Defense under the National Security Act of 1947 that he helped write and shepherd into existence over Army and AAF opposition.

>There are many suspicious facts and anomalies, but consider
>only one point, CIA consultant Frederick Durant's summary in the
>Panel Report itself, which he opens with the dismissive observation
>that the CIA's scientific intelligence personnel themselves
>were "impressed in [sic] the lack of sound data", as were the Panel
>members. But we now know that OSI, for whom Durant was working,
>were urging a "priority project throughout the intelligence and
>the defense research and development communities" to study
>"unexplained objects [which] are not attributable to natural
>phenomena or known types of aerial vehicles." CIA officers do
>not urge major and expensive programmes on the National
>Security Council on the basis of what they see as "a lack of
>sound data"! Why should Durant misrepresent the views of OSI in
>the Report when those views were well-known to the Report's DoD
>consumers?

See above. The AF played a dirty trick on the CIA by planting IFO cases as Unknowns. Until the trap was sprung at the Robertson Panel when these set-up cases imploded, the CIA had misplaced confidence in these AF cases and their purportedly "sound data." Afterwards the CIA was devastated, and thought UFOs were all a bunch of bunk. They thought the "best" cases always dissolve upon the slightest scrutiny. Durant accurately conveyed the skeptical attitude that immediately developed.

Just prior to the Robertson Panel, OSI leadership concluded that UFOs were extraterrestrial, after a sensationalized AF briefing on Nov. 25 that was designed to trick them into thinking ETH based on defective IFO cases. The CIA was never told that the AF had already explained these as IFO's or hoax before the briefing - this was withheld. Ruppelt was ordered by Col. Bower not to

visit CIA to deliver the investigative reports that would show these were IFO's, and Durant found this out from a phone call to Ruppelt on Dec. 9.

Durant's cover was as "consultant." He was a full-time CIA/OSI officer on Strong's OSI Operations Staff. Durant even prepared memos for his bosses Strong and Clark to sign (look for his "FCD" initials at the lower left, like on Clark's July 29 memo).

>And, most important, why is there no record of any demurral in
>the CIA record?

The CIA never discovered the AF's dirty trick with the IFO cases. The trick convinced CIA that UFOs were based on poor data that always fell apart. The Agency never found out that the AF was deliberately hiding its special file of 63+ Best Unknowns (the number was close to 80 by late 1952). Without knowing that one critical fact the CIA was utterly bamboozled and without time to independently investigate UFO cases so as to not have to rely on the AF, the CIA was unable to challenge the AF or figure out it had been tricked.

>But in 1953, when the passing of a Freedom of
>Information Act could scarcely have been imagined, the Durant
>report might have been expected to impress the public, the
>scientific community, or Congress, all of whom would know only
>what the CIA chose to tell them.

The Robertson Panel report and Minutes/Durant Report were never intended by CIA for public release. In fact the reports were buried in classified channels and seen by virtually no one for years. The AF however had manipulated and deceived the CIA into repeating back what the AF wanted CIA to say (there are AF briefings of CIA where this can be traced point by point). The AF held the CIA Robertson Panel reports in reserve so that they could be used in the future to back up AF policy on UFOs. And that is in fact what the AF did when NICAP pushed for Congressional hearings in 1957-62. The AF dragged out the Robertson Panel report and flashed it at Congress and said "See? These illustrious scientists agree with us that UFOs are bunk!"

The rest of your analysis is fairly spot on so I won't repeat it, but should be modified in light of my suggestions above.

Brad

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What: 2008 Mass UFO Show (Third Annual!)

When: 7:00 PM (doors open at 6:00 PM) - Friday, October 17th, 2008

Where: Hibernian Hall,
151 Watertown Street,
Watertown, Massachusetts
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USA

Public Transportation: Yes - 57, 70, 71 bus

Admission: \$25.00

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Website: <http://www.ufoshow.org>

Event Details:

<http://www.ufoshow.org/details2008.html>

The docket for this year's Mass UFO Show includes:

- Esteemed Author, Webmaster of www.intrudersfoundation.org and the foremost authority on Close Encounters of the Third Kind, Budd Hopkins. Budd will speaking about Alien Abduction: What We Know Today. He'll discuss the bizarre interaction between alleged alien invaders and the defenseless human beings that they prey upon.
- Prolific reporter and UFO investigator Leslie Kean. Leslie will be speaking about "UFOs and the Struggle For Government Openness" and the landmark lawsuit that she won against them under the Freedom of Information Act.
- Author and Paranormal Investigator Nick Redfern. Nick will be speaking about "Men in Black" and his book "On The Trail Of Saucer Spies: UFOs and Government Surveillance".
- UFO Investigator Matt Moniz of the radio prgram "Spooky Southcoast". Matt will be taking on Nick Redfern in the "Great Roswell Debate" as they lobby on behalf of their diametrically opposing views in regard to the classic UFO legend.
- There will be a 70th anniversary re-broadcast of Orson Welles'

classic radio program War of the Worlds at a special early-bird
time of 6:00 PM.

- New England Folklorist John Horrigan. John, the event's
creator, will be hosting the event.

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>>>Subject: Re: Blanchard, Lytle And Roswell

<snip>

>>Balsa wood has no strength to weight ratio. It needs a binding or
>>cloaking agent to give it any structural strength.

>You are joking, right? Don, you need to read the witness
>testimony and my previous posts. Much of this has already been
>discussed - read directly below: these are not my words quoted.

No, I'm not joking. On it's own Balsa is not a good structural material. You said see below which I did and do and it says what I said. It has a long history...excellent "core" material... which is exactly what I said. The operative word is "core" or in my case "filler" material when it is sandwiched or wrapped or bonded in another material with fiber [not varnish].

>>>"Balsa wood has a long history of being an excellent core
>>>material offering high compression properties, high shear
>>>strength, and great fatigue endurance. It has been used in a wide
>>>variety of applications ranging from recreational boats to high
>>>performance wind turbine blades."

>>Yeah, not so much these days.

>Yes, but see the Humvee example...

I've already explained that the Balsa in a Humvee is a sandwich material between compressed layers of carbon fiber. It is a filler to make for and does not supply strength or protection, the carbon fiber [or other material chosen] does that.

>>>>Early on, Balsa was used in the construction of kit-built/home-
>>>>built private aircraft - which incidentally led the way with the
>>>>aircraft companies following along 10-20 years later - wings,
>>>>flaps, horizontal stabilisers, elevators, etc.

>>>>My CP 328 Super Emeraude airplane's flaps and horizontal
>>>>stabiliser are constructed in this manner.

>>>I've built and flown remote controlled gliders and airplanes. A
>>>thin coat of plastic film also adds tremendous strength.

>>What do yo mean by plastic film? Certainly not a binding agent

>>used to glue layers together. On it's own the binding agent has
>>no strength. If that were so more aircraft would be built using
>>it as a structural material rather than as a filler agent over
>>which to form the coverings I mentioned above including
>>fiberglass for boats, etc.

>>Just painting it with varnish -available in 1947 - would have not
>>given it any strength whatsoever.

>see below

>>>Such film prevents the balsa from reaching it's fracture point and
>>>serves to evenly distribute an applied force over an arching type
>>>bend: glue, tape, paper, and/or foil can serve a similar purpose
>>>here.

>>Again you are not saying varnish but some film; such as what?

>Adhesive tape, reinforced Aluminum foil, and intervening glue
>adhesives.

So we are back to the Balsa being a sandwiched material to give
it strength such as a foil with a penchant to tear or paper tape.
The gluing adhesive supplies no strength.

<snip>

>>Alternating-grain, plywood from Balsa is not what was used in
>>radar reflectors. As a plywood, it does not come close to be as
>>strong as - for example - Finnish plywood used in both aviation
>>and marine applications. Finnish ply [as an example] is made from
>>spruce and poplar etc. Marine applications will use mahogany. No
>>one would trust their lives to Balsa wood as a structural agent.

>My point is to illustrate that Balsa is not as flimsy as you make
>it appear.

I am making it appear as a totally unreliable material to
construct a scaled up aircraft as a stand alone material. No one
is arguing that Balsa was used for radar reflectors. Of course it
was. The reflectors were flimsy. but they were not supporting
anything, they were along for the ride

>>>>Finally, you would not see the Balsa wood nor recognize it as so
>>>>between the layers of cloth. Additionally, carbon dust is added to
>>>>the "prime" coat of sealant to defeat the damaging effect of
>>>>sunlight on polymer fibers and the bonding agents used to bond
>>>>the fiber layers together.

>>>It is unclear what was done and these appear to have been made in
>>>New York and brought there. This wood may have been pretreated in
>>>some fashion or bought that way. The exact glue that was used is
>>>also unclear.

>>I think you are reaching for an X-factor that did not exist by
>>introducing some unknown glue or varnish.

>X-factors like - early witness testimony?

No, unknown glues or varnishes. Bearing in mind that on their own
neither glue or varnish increases the structural strength [load-
bearing] of Balsa wood without some fibrous sleeve.

>There is more than glue involved, we don't know what glue was
>used, and wood glue will re-soften in rain (moist conditions) and
>bend/comply more easily.

Glues and varnished have two different purposes. Glues are used
to bind; varnishes are used to keep moisture out. Water-logged
Balsa wood becomes heavier. Varnished Balsa becomes heavier.

<snip>

>>>You cannot easily compress 5/16 - 3/8 inch Balsa wood between
>>>two fingers in such a manner. Glues will only harden the surface
>>>making it less likely to do so.

>>Again it might make it harder but the glue or varnish has no
>>shear or tension advantage.

>Thanks, Balsa Wood does nicely... and we know it was attached to

>other materials. Clearly, decorative tape was available then too.

Not really an issue as per structural integrity. Tape is paper with touch sensitive glue on it. Were it silk or linen and glued directly to the Balsa then it could increase it's structural strength to a small degree, but neither of these materials are used as structurally enhancing materials. Linen was used for years as a doped and painted covering for aircraft but only to keep the rain and wind out and to form an airfoil over internal ribs.

>>>>Just one observation. Back in the 1920s to the 1960s [even now]
>>>>kids [and grown-ups] built model airplanes out of Balsa wood.

>>>It was not as common then as it is now - see ebay. Nor, was
>>>Aluminum foil (Reynolds Wrap,1947).

>>Oh yes it was. They were wrapping gum with "tin" foilin the 30s.
>>And aluminum foil was not new. It is simply aluminum stiock
>>rolled to super thing layers. This technology had been around for
>>years and was an outgrowth of aviation aluminum which is layered
>>up from various alloys which either gives it strong shear or
>>breaking qualities from. the most common is 2024-T3 used in many
>>applications because of its ability to twist and endure flexing
>>and vibration. There are many grades between that and 6061-T6
>>which is commonly used in military aircraft applications. It's
>>very strong but will fail under predictable conditions which can
>>be avoided.

>Aluminum foil was not common in households until the introduction
>of Reynolds Wrap. That is my point, not that it wasn't commonly
>available. Yes, it was also reinforced and layered with other
>materials (read Roswell testimony).

Paper is what you are referring to. So were gum wrappers in the
1930s.

>>Anyway this pressure layering of aluminum sheet to create various
>>properties has been around since the mid 1920s.

>>>>Many of these builders ended up in the airforce or commercial or
>>>>private aviation. It was commonly known, not a rare model
>>>>construction material.

>>>>I find it hard to believe that Marcel or anyone else associated
>>>>with aviation would not know it when they saw it.

>>>They clearly use this word repeatedly... and we have to keep in
>>>mind that their testimony came 32 years after the events -
>>>contamination and exaggerations may have already been
>>>introduced.

>>I doubt that.

>Read the testimony... pretend you are for the first time and with
>an open mind.

There again you think I am a dyed in the wool student of the
Roswell incident. I am not. I was getting involved to clear up a
few points about Balsa wood as a structural agent and the
unlikely scenario of AAF personnel such as the base intelligence
officer- Jessy Marcell - not knowing a weather balloon and foil
radar reflectors when he saw one; or fifty for that matter in a
train.

>>>Yes, and that is why we need to review the evidence and early
>>>witness testimony. It is apparent that tape recorded interviews
>>>are lurking somewhere - that may resolve or bring greater
>>>definition to these material descriptions. As it stands, we have
>>>some ambiguity and a Mogul balloon train is enough to quash it.

>>If you can prove one was there and stretch credibility as to air
>>force personnel not knowing aluminum foil or weather balloons.
>>The latter is ignored BTW. Neoprene ballons would have been
>>collapsed and laying around on the desert floor and very obvious.

>They would have been breaking down, changing color (black), and
>turning brittle. Clearly, not a balloon any longer.

You are right about the neoprene [rubber with nitrogen blown in
during the forming process and still used in wet and dry-diving
suits. But all weather ballons do that once they have been laying

in the sun for awhile after exploding at altitude. Common.

>>>Do you feel that this completely supports the existence of Extra
>>>Terrestrial life? Unfortunately, I'm similarly observant that it
>>>does not meet such standards given the resolution of this
>>>testimony - when faced with the nature of the similarities, the
>>>hype then/now, and coincidence of events.

>>Why would I think it supports ET life?

>What else would you want me to think? Are you going to deny that
>you believe in the Alien Body stories too?

You don't know me very well Viktor. "Believe"? No I don't. Maybe
it happened, I don't know. If this thing "was" some
extraterrestrial craft then something was probably piloting it,
though I'm way past flesh and fluid entities flying these things.
But that's another debate.

>Again, read Bill
>Brazel's testimony and you'll find out where the body issue was
>most likely introduced.

>And, you obviously think highly of mundane things and can't bring
>all the facts under one roof: Realize the greater coincidences
>staring you down and you refusing to look.

I'm refusing to believe that experienced AAF personnel would not
know exotic metals or materials from a silly weather balloon.
That's my whole point.

<snip>

>Have you spent five years investigating this case and
>interviewing witnesses. I didn't think so.

No but I've been a pilot for 29 years, have been around aircraft
construction longer than that. I'm presently the Homebuilder
representative for a flying organization which means I have to
know what exotic materials are sound, light, inexpensive [if
possible] and their bonding agents, coatings, fabrics, paints,
sun barriers as well as aluminum characteristics, 4130 Chrome
molysteel welding [for tubular frames] riveting techniques, steel
welding and other bonding techniques. Long story short, Balsa
wood is not an option.

Again Viktor, the scenario of highly qualified personnel at an
atomic bomb base not knowing a freaking weather balloon with
reflectors- or an array of same - and getting into a tizzy over
it strikes me as absurd.

You stated - I believe - in an earlier submission that you grew
up around Roswell during the early years. Did the base personnel
strike you as being stupid people?

Don Ledger

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UFO Legends Become Reality At Hoboken Arts Show

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Tuesday, September 30, 2008

UFO Legends Become Reality At Hoboken Arts Show

UFOs have come along way from the B-flicks of the 50's to achieve scientific--and now artistic--credibility. The phenomenon of alien contact is explored in "Mythology Is Reality," a multimedia exhibition at Hoboken's Monroe Arts Center from October 10 through November 11.

"Mythology Is Reality" features art in a variety of media that is inspired by contact with extraterrestrial life. Visitors to the exhibit will be treated to the always fascinating, frequently beautiful and sometimes disturbing visions of both professional and amateur artists whose work has been informed by their own first hand experience of UFOs and their otherworldly occupants.

An Interstellar Roster Of Artists

Far from being a fringe exhibit, "Mythology Is Reality" features works by accomplished artists (with credits including MoMA). The exhibition also features Hollywood set pieces, amateur (and child) alien abductee memories and related archeological finds. The wide variety of exhibits collectively present a compelling image of the many ways UFOs have impacted the human consciousness.

Part Of Larger Event

"Mythology Is Reality," runs in conjunction with the 3-day Culture of Contact UFO Festival (at Loews Landmark Theater, Jersey City.) Culture of Contact, now in its second year, is a multimedia event that features top speakers and researchers in the field of Ufology, along with classic and modern movies, live music and more.

Myth is Reality Multimedia Exhibition

Monroe Arts Center
720 Monroe St.
Hoboken NJ 07030
USA

Oct 10 -96 Nov 11: "Mythology Is Reality" art exhibit w/special events throughout the month.

Friday October 10th - Art Show Opening 7-10pm

Sunday October 19th - Culture of Contact Festival After-party
Noon - 4pm

Detailed schedule, tickets, directions available at:

www.cultureofcontact.com=09

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Shag Harbour UFO? Ruth Doesn't Think So

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Thu. Oct 2 2008

A Shag Harbour UFO? Ruth Doesn't Think So

By Peter Duffy
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This weekend, it'll be the anniversary of the Shag Harbour "incident."

Brace yourself for another round of stories about the mystery that's tantalized everyone for decades.

If you remember, it was the night of Oct. 4, 1967, when people in the tiny South Shore community witnessed a lighted object apparently falling into the water, not far from shore.

The only thing that was ever found, however, was a long slick of yellow foam. It wasn't much, but added to what everyone said they'd seen and heard, it was enough to have the "thing" officially recorded as an unidentified flying object.

So what the heck was it? An alien craft? A sea monster? A top-secret government experimental aircraft?

Personally, even though I like a good mystery as well as anyone, my logical, left-brain hemisphere keeps telling me there has to be some sensible explanation for things like this.

And maybe I've found one, thanks to a story I've heard from an elderly Halifax woman.

Ruth Nevills, 85, used to be married to Lawson Doleman, a man who made his living from the sea.

Ruth's late husband was east coast operations manager for John Leckie Inc., once a major player in the fisheries.

The year before Shag Harbour, Ruth was leafing through one of her husband's trade magazines when she came across a story about a new device developed by a Scandinavian company for commercial fisheries.

The thing looked like the upper half of a large, shiny globe fitted with sealed-beam lights inside.

"The idea was for fishing herring," she describes. "The mother ship would have this equipment aboard and it would be lifted off the deck, swung out over a school of fish and lowered into the water, so the light actually went under the water."

When Ruth pointed it out to Lawson, he frowned.

"My husband said, 'It's illegal to catch fish with a light. It would be like jacking deer.' "

The year after the Shag Harbour incident, the pair made their annual visit to the fisheries exhibition in Lunenburg.

Wandering around, Ruth came across a booth with the very same Scandinavian fishing aide she'd read about in the magazine.

By the time she'd returned with her husband in tow, the chrome-plated device had vanished.

"My husband asked, but no one knew anything," she relates. "But it was there; I saw it!"

Ruth is convinced the owner had discovered the thing was illegal and spirited it away. How else to explain its disappearance?

On reflection, she and her husband wondered whether some fisherman had actually invested in one of the big, lighted lures and had been testing it on that dramatic October night, in the waters off Shag Harbour.

The pair theorized that the residual yellow foam could have been from the friction of the catch because some fish shed oily bits of themselves, especially scales, when they're being jostled violently together.

"The only people who'd know the real facts would be the crew on that boat," she declares.

Impressed with Ruth's theory, I began calling around to people in the industry, asking about fishing with lights.

This week, a contact with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans was able to confirm that, yes, during the period in question, it was indeed illegal.

So there you have it, one woman's explanation for the so-far unexplainable.

"I can't really say I know," Ruth admits, "but I think I know."

And more power to her because, frankly, her story makes as much sense as anything else I've heard so far.

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Re: Blanchard, Lytle And Roswell

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Subject: Re: Blanchard, Lytle And Roswell

Bill Brazel's Testimony (The Roswell Incident: March, June, and December, 1979):

Bill and Shirley Brazel of Captain, New Mexico, recall the incident well. Bill Brazel is an employee of Texas Instruments and spends the better part of his time working away from home as a geoseismologist in Alaska's North Slope oil region.

Part 2

It was then that he picked some of it up and brought it back to the ranch house. That evening he went over and talked to Proctor [Floyd Proctor, Brazel's nearest neighbor] about it. But Proctor wasn't interested in coming over to look at it, and Dad was more curious than ever. The next night he went into Corona, and it was then, during a discussion with my uncle, Hollis Wilson, and someone that he knew from Alamogordo, that he first heard about the flying-saucer reports that were sweeping this area at the time. Both Hollis and this other fellow from Alamogordo that there was a chance that Dad had picked up the pieces of one of these things, and they advised him to go to the authorities with it. Dad was still not convinced, but he knew this stuff was like nothing he had ever seen before, so the next day he rounded up the two kids and took off for Roswell by way of Tularosa, where he stopped off and left the kids with Mother. I believe his original intention was to go to Roswell and buy a new Jeep pickup truck--he certainly wouldn't have made the trip just on account of the stuff he had found--but I don't believe he bargained for what he got himself into. One thing's for sure, he didn't get the pickup on that trip anyhow.

Now some of the news reporters have it that he went to Roswell to sell wool. I don't know where they got that story, or some of the other information they printed along with it, but I can say for sure that Dad never sold any wool in Roswell. He always contracted for all his wool with some company up in Utah, and they always picked up the wool at the ranch with their own trucks. Anyway, I know he didn't go there to sell wool -- it was about trading his pickup that he went.

Question: Did he ever describe what he had found to you?

No, not exactly; but then, he didn't need to since I had some of it myself. He had showed me the place where this stuff had come down, but of course you couldn't see anything there since the Air Force had had a whole platoon of men out there picking up every piece and shred that they could find. Still, every time I rode through that particular pasture I would make a point to look. Seems like every time after a good rain I would manage to find a piece or two that they had overlooked. After about a year and a half or two years I had managed to accumulate quite a small collection--about enough that if you were to lay it out on this tabletop it would take up about as much area as your briefcase there.

Question: Can you describe what you found?

Yes, I can. There were several different types of stuff. Of course all I had was small bits and pieces, but one thing that I can say about it was that it was light in weight. It weighed almost nothing. There was some wooden-like particles I picked up. These were like balsa wood in weight, but a bit darker in color and much harder. You know the thing about wood is that the harder it gets, the heavier it is. Mahogany, for example, is quite heavy. This stuff, on the other hand, weighed nothing, yet you couldn't scratch it with your fingernail like ordinary balsa, and you couldn't break it either. It was pliable, but wouldn't break. Of course, all I had was a few splinters. It never occurred to me to try to burn it so I don't know if it would burn or not.

There were also several bits of a metal-like substance, something on the order of tinfoil except that this stuff wouldn't tear and was actually a bit darker in color than tinfoil--more like lead foil, except very thin and extremely lightweight. The odd thing about this foil was that you could wrinkle it and lay it back down and it immediately resumed its original shape. It was quite pliable, yet you couldn't crease or bend it like ordinary metal. "It was almost more like plastic of some sort, except that it was definitely metallic in nature. I don't know what it was, but I do know that Dad once said the Army had told him that they had definitely established it was not anything made by us.

There was some thread-like material. It looked like silk and there were several pieces of it. It was not large enough to call it string, but yet not so small as sewing thread either. To all appearances it was silk, except that it wasn't silk. Whatever it was, it too was very strong material. You could take it in two hands and try to snap it, but it wouldn't snap at all. Nor, did it have strands or fibers like silk thread would have. This was more like a wire--all one piece or substance. In fact, I suppose it could I have been a sort of wire--that thought never occurred to me before.

The stuff was something I had never seen the like of before. None of his stuff had an exactly natural appearance about it, it was more like something synthetic now that I think about it.

To be continued...

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Prominent Argentine UFO Researcher Dies

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Subject: Prominent Argentine UFO Researcher Dies

Prominent Military UFO Researcher Dies

We received the following note from Guillermo Gimenez of Planeta UFO this morning:

It is with deep sorrow that we inform you of the passing of Captain Daniel Alberto Perisse on September 27, 2008.

Periss=C3=A9 was one of the most active Argentinean military men involved in the field of ufology since 1965, when he witnessed the maneuvers of a UFO over the Argentinean naval facility at Decepcion Island in Antarctica.

Our deepest sympathy to the Perisse family and our admiration of Captain Perissefor his work, his research and his contributions to Argentinean ufology.

Scott Corrales - Inexplicata

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Mayor Calls For Witnesses After Seeing UFO

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Subject: Mayor Calls For Witnesses After Seeing UFO

Source: The Evening Leader - Wrexham, Wales, UK

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02 October 2008

Flintshire Mayor Calls For Witnesses After Seeing 'Pipe-Like' UFO

Flint's town mayor is seeking witnesses after spotting a mysterious 'pipe-like' object in the sky.

Flint mayor Terry Renshaw was making lunch at his home in Bagillt at about 1.30pm on Saturday, when he noticed a strange pipe-like object flying through the air.

"I thought at first that it was a plane trailing a big streamer behind it, but then I realised it was something else," he said.

"It looked like a big, flexible aluminium pipe and it was travelling very fast, with no sound.

"I took a picture of it on my camera and carried on watching it for a bit and then it disappeared, behind what I thought was a cloud, but there were no clouds.

"I then looked at the picture on my camera but there was nothing there =96 just a clear blue sky."

However, the sighting is not the first unusual object to be spotted in Flintshire's skies in recent months.

During the Christmas and new year period, dozens of residents reported seeing a series of strange orange lights travelling quickly across the sky.

So far, no-one has been able to offer a concrete explanation as to exactly what these objects were.

Following this latest sighting, Cllr Renshaw is looking for anyone in the area who may have noticed something similar.

He said: "I have contacted the UFO Society to see if it has received any similar reports, but I have not heard anything from them yet.

"I would be really interested to know if anyone in Flintshire spotted the same thing."

Did you see the object in the sky?

Let us know by leaving a comment below or emailing digitalnews.nul

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Alien Jigsaw - October Updates

From: Katharina Wilson <K.Wilson.nul>
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Subject: Alien Jigsaw - October Updates

Dear List:

I have a new article on my Web site for those of you who are interested in the subject of alien abduction.

Eye Of the Storm: Interview With Lisa

<http://www.alienjigsaw.com/Whats New/Whats new.html>

Lisa first went public with her abduction encounters in 1994 when she agreed, along with seven other women, to have her case featured in Karla Turner's book Taken: Inside The Alien-Human Abduction Agenda. I published a chapter about Lisa's experiences in 1996 in MILABS- Project Open Mind. Three years later in 1999, Lisa again shared some of her encounters with Marion and Helmut Lammer in their book MILABS: Military Mind Control and Alien Abduction.

This interview updates readers about Lisa's more recent abduction experiences and covers an array of beings she has encountered, MILABS (including possible names of the perpetrators as well as the places she has been taken), visions of what may come, and bloodlines and ancestry.

Katharina Wilson
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Credibility Of Major Jesse Marcel & Jesse Marcel

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It appears that there are still those that refuse to give credibility to Major Jesse Marcel and his son Jesse Marcel Jr., who after all these years, are still two of the most credible first-hand witnesses of the 1947 Roswell Incident. I never had the opportunity to meet Major Marcel, but have had many conversations about him with Stanton Friedman, who was the first to interview him in 1978. I do personally know Jesse Jr., and have had conversations with him, and have read his book The Roswell Legacy (the revised edition shown below, published in 2008), which it appears as usual, that the debunkers, critics and skeptics that are the loudest, have not read.

In defense of the Marcells, I'd like to share some of the comments made by Jesse Jr. in his book not only about his Dad, but also about his own life since 1947. The book is obviously written by someone that had a deep respect for his father, and presents the information in the only way he knows---honestly from the heart, as his father desired, to get the truth out to the public eventually.

Both of these gentlemen deserve our highest respect for the many years they both gave to serving our country in the military, (Major Marcel as probably the top intelligence officer in the military in the 1940's, and his son Jesse as a helicopter pilot, flight surgeon and a civilian physician.) Talk about credibility and integrity as compared to many of the other witnesses that have surfaced over the years in relation to the Roswell Incident. Those with backgrounds such as theirs are rare when researching the Roswell Incident. It took Jesse Jr. 60 years to set the record straight about his Dad and himself, and those that still question these two gentlemen are ignoring the truth about their first-hand knowledge of the event.

Major Marcel voluntarily enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Force in December 1941.

Up until his death in 1986, Major Marcel repeatedly stated that the material we examined was as he described it, not of this earth, and that the truth about Roswell had yet to be revealed to the public. In order to reveal that truth, Jesse Jr.'s. father made him promise to see the true story told. Jesse Jr. fulfilled that promise with his book in 2007, and anyone seriously interested in the Roswell Incident would benefit from reading it, before criticizing or demeaning them.

As an eleven year old boy Jesse Jr. was privileged to be one of the individuals who actually saw and handled debris from the crash site, that his Dad and Captain Sheridan Cavitt had recovered from the site. This occurred at his home in Roswell, prior to his Dad returning to the base from the Foster ranch debris field, when the Marcel's lives would be forever changed.

One of the things Jesse Jr. observed which again silences the critics and debunkers, is the fact that the foil material did not

have a paper backing for rigidity like the foil of a radar target. Also of importance was the fact that none of the debris spread out on the Marcel's kitchen floor that Jesse Jr. observed that night, or any material that Major Marcel saw at the debris site where the material was recovered, contained any electronic components which a weather balloon or Mogul balloon would have had such as radio transmitters, microphones, and sensors for detecting and recording weather data, or pressure waves in the atmosphere from a possible Russian nuclear test. It's important also to note that the Russians didn't do any nuclear testing until 1949, Mogul balloon launch No. 4 (which skeptics like to use as what crashed near Roswell), was cancelled due to weather related problems, and finally, the pictures taken in General Ramey's office on July 8, 1947 also did not contain any electronic equipment.

In 1942 Marcel attended the Army Air Force Intelligence School as a 1st Lieutenant. After graduation he was invited to join the school's faculty, an honor bestowed upon only the brightest and most talented students.

Two years later Marcel would be assigned to the 509th Composite Bomb Group in Nevada as their S-2 Intelligence Officer. He was now part of a special, hand-picked group, where the work was classified as Top-Secret. While in Nevada he helped work out the details of dropping the atomic bombs on Japan. The 509th was then assigned to the island of Tinian, where Marcel participated in briefing the flight crews before the missions to Nagasaki and Hiroshima.

Upon returning to the states, Major Marcel enrolled in a radar training school at Langley Air Force Base in Virginia, graduating in September 1945, and became an expert on the state-of-the-art radar devices, including varieties of the rawin radar targets, including the ML-307 reflector used on the Mogul balloons. As Jesse Jr. states in his book, for those that say his father confused UFO debris with a radar target is ludicrous. So the same government that paid for his advanced radar school in 1945 would accuse him of not knowing the difference between a UFO and a weather balloon 2 short years later, while assigned to the 509th in Roswell, New Mexico. Copies of the radar and intelligence school diplomas Major Marcel attended are in Jesse Jr's. book. I have several other commendation and recommendation documents for Major Marcel in my file for his intelligence work, before and after the Roswell Incident.

Setting aside my thoughts about the Marcel's credibility, lets not forget that the debris Major Marcel took to General Ramey's office was changed to a weather balloon for the photos taken by James Bond Johnson. I interviewed Johnson as did Kevin Randle and David Rudiak, prior to my interview with him. In all three interviews James Bond Johnson's remarks were less than factual about his involvement. He did take the photographs, but was not involved in any other way, in fact telling me in our first conversation, that he knew very little about the Roswell Incident. The interview can be read here.

The really sad part for me is the fact that when General Ramey ordered Major Marcel to pose for the pictures with the obvious weather balloon on the floor of the Generals office, General Ramey ordered Marcel to keep silent, and to not make any comments in the presence of the civilian photographer. That appears to be when the cover-up became a reality, and Major Marcel realized he was in the middle of it, and had become the scapegoat. For those that have seen the photographs taken in General Ramey's office, it's apparent to me that there are unopened packages along the wall, and more importantly the brown paper on the floor under the debris staged for the photographs is from a new roll of paper and shows no indication of ever being wrapped around any debris or anything else brought to Fort Worth by Major Marcel.

I firmly believe that as a researcher part of my responsibility is to provide information that is truthful and factual for my future generations as well as yours.

I believe Major Marcel and his son Jesse Jr. have done that.

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Monsignor Corrado Balducci Passes

From: **Stanton T Friedman** <fsphys.nul>
Date: Thu, 2 Oct 2008 14:19:04 -0300
Archived: Thu, 02 Oct 2008 15:28:50 -0400
Subject: Monsignor Corrado Balducci Passes

Re: UFO new container for news and more.
by Maya 2012 1 Giorno, 4 Ore fa by Maya 2012 1 day, 4 hours ago

ROMA - All'eta di 85 anni e morto monsignor Corrado Balducci, teologo, demonologo ed esorcista della diocesi di Roma. ROME -

At the age of 85 years died Monsignor Corrado Balducci, theologian, demonologist and exorcist of the diocese of Rome.

Il decesso e avvenuto il 20 settembre, ma la notizia e stata diffusa solo oggi, a funerali gia celebrati.

The death occurred on September 20, but the news was released only today, a funeral has already been held.

Il prelato era conosciuto dal grande pubblico per i suoi interventi televisivi in cui si occupava di satanismo, occultismo, astrologia ed extraterrestri.

The prelate was known by the general public for his television speeches which dealt with Satanism, occultism, astrology and extraterrestrials. (Agr)

Una grande perdita.

A great loss.

The translation says Father Balducci died on Sept. 20.He spoke out about UFOs several times

Stan Friedman

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Re: Credibility Of Major Jesse Marcel & Jesse

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Thu, 2 Oct 2008 12:11:10 -0700
Archived: Thu, 02 Oct 2008 16:10:59 -0400
Subject: Re: Credibility Of Major Jesse Marcel & Jesse

>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 02 Oct 2008 08:22:58 -0700
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Roswell base PIO Walter Haut, who as most of us know put out Col. Blanchard's flying disc press release, was actually made the public scapegoat at the time. The San Francisco Chronicle, e.g., labeled him an "eager beaver" public relations officer trying to put his base on the map. Some AP stories specifically blamed Haut as being the one to mistakenly ID the object as a "flying disc":

http://roswellproof.com/AP5_July9.html

Marcel, instead, was just portrayed as the intelligence officer who made the recovery. Ramey had him tell a weather balloon recovery story in Fort Worth, widely reported by AP in their Roswell stories.

However, according to son Jesse Jr. in his recent book "The Roswell Legacy", his dad did suffer personally. On pages 71-72, he indicates that both his father and Blanchard were "offered" three week leaves of absence afterwards (includes a copy of Marcel's leave orders):

"This could have been for reasons unrelated to the discovery and ensuing cover-up, but my father felt that it certainly was suspect, especially since he wasn't allowed to come home for those three weeks. Instead, he inadvertently became part of the cover-up, spending this period being de-briefed on what he saw, as well as how to handle the public and other government agencies' inquiries."

That's an awful lot of debriefing for a mere balloon crash. It seems like half an hour should have covered it along with a short cover story like, "It was an experimental scientific balloon we found that the militay doesn't want fully disclosed as yet."

Marcel Jr. then describes the psychological toll (pp. 139-142):

"He couldn't conceive of the reasons that people he had trusted were acting differently toward him, or why people who were well aware of his capabilities and expertise had begun to question those capabilities and deny that expertise. ...the change in the

institutions and the people he had respected for so long began to take its toll on him."

He grew embittered against the military, where previously he had loved it. Jesse Jr. indicates that both his parents began drinking heavily afterwards from the stress, basically becoming alcoholics.

However, none of this is reflected professionally in his post-Roswell performance reviews, in which his numerical rating from Blanchard actually went up. Ramey called him "outstanding" a year later and command officer material.

http://roswellproof.com/marcel_evaluations.html

It is possible that senior officers in-the-know felt a little guilty about what happened to Marcel. Blanchard and Col. Dubose (probably expressing the wishes of Ramey) both recommended Marcel for promotion in the Air Force Reserve to Lt. Colonel afterwards, which he got. Dubose cosigned Blanchard's next performance review of Marcel and recommended him for command officer training.

Another telling point is that Marcel's officer commission ended that Spring. The military post-war was still bloated with officers and rapidly downsizing to save money. Commissions were relatively hard to get.

If the Air Force thought they had an incompetent intelligence officer on their hands who couldn't make a simple balloon ID, or simply an officer who couldn't do his job anymore, they could have let his commission run out and dropped him. Instead, Marcel was recommissioned and Ramey was writing, as Marcel was being transferred to higher intelligence work a few months later, that not only was Marcel's work "outstanding", he had no other intelligence officers in his command to replace him.

Then Marcel got kicked upstairs, sent to Washington, still with a top-secret clearance, and became chief intelligence analyst and briefing officer for the Special Weapons Project, which was analyzing remote-sensing intel as to whether the Soviets had an A-bomb. Of course, this intel would have included anything from Project Mogul. Again Marcel received superior performance reviews.

You will never see any debunker touch this actual factual information about Marcel's actual post-Roswell career with a ten-foot pole, instead always portraying Marcel as a drooling idiot who publicly embarrassed the Air Force.

David Rudiak

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>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 2 Oct 2008 12:11:10 -0700
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>>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
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In a similar vein some debunkers have claimed that Colonel
Blanchard was a loose cannon. Fact is he had 4 promotions after
Roswell. He was a 4 star general and Vice-Chief of Staff of the
USAF when he died of a massive heart attack at the Pentagon.

He held several important posts with SAC in the interim including
Director of Operations overseeing many Nuclear weapons.

Hardly a loose cannon.

There was a large obituary in the NY times and a major ceremony
at the Air Force Academy.

Stan Friedman

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Book Expands 'Alien' Life Biological

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Date: Thu, 2 Oct 2008 12:11:31 -0400
Archived: Fri, 03 Oct 2008 08:19:54 -0400
Subject: Book Expands 'Alien' Life Biological

To All:

I found this on a site named Bio-Medicine, ChongQingShi, China:

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

New Book Expands Biological Classifications To Account For
'Alien' Life

What would you call an alien if you encountered it on the street tomorrow? What if that alien didn't come from another world but rather was created in a laboratory right here on Earth and functioned differently from other Earth life?

Either way, Peter Ward has the beginnings of an answer. In a new book, the University of Washington paleontologist puts forth an expanded "tree of life," or biological classification system, to account for a variety of life forms that would not fit in the current system.

Among them are viruses, long considered to be non-living bits of protein and nucleic acid but which Ward argues are as alive as the many parasites that infect humans and other organisms. The revamped classification system also would include life based on RNA instead of DNA, and life found away from Earth that likely would be based on silicon or elements other than the carbon-hydrogen-oxygen-nitrogen mixture that is the backbone of life on Earth.

"To get to DNA life you had to go through non-DNA life, which we no longer have," Ward said. "But just because a type of life goes extinct doesn't mean you don't classify it. Otherwise you wouldn't have dinosaurs on the tree of life. And until now there hasn't been any place to put RNA life."

In the current popular classification system the highest levels are three domains ?bacteria, archaea and eukarya, the last of which includes all animals. Ward's plan places those three domains within a larger dominion, which he calls "terroan" to signify Earth origins. Another dominion he calls "ribosa" because it is based on ribonucleic acid, or RNA. Other dominions could be formed to cover life discovered to have a different base than DNA or RNA.

The dominions would be placed within broader classifications called "arborea," which contain life that does not mix with that of other arborea. The Earth arborea would contain all life forms found on this planet and other arborea would contain life found away from Earth.

Ward presents his new model in a book called "Life As We Do Not Know It: The NASA Search for (and Synthesis of) alien Life," published by Viking and being released Thursday. The new system is already necessary, he said, because "alien" life has been created in laboratories on Earth. That includes microbes with at least one amino acid beyond the 20 in the DNA of native Earth life, or organisms that have been genetically modified, Ward

said. It also includes some life forms that have been modified to be much simpler than what is normally found on Earth.

"We may never find other life away from Earth, but we have already made aliens on this planet and we will continue to do so at an increasing pace," he said. "In the last five years we've come to realize that we can make microbial life in a lot more ways than Mother Earth did."

Ward believes that if life is found away from Earth, at least some could be based on elements such as silicon, perhaps in combination with carbon. Because environments are far colder on moons and planets farther from the sun, he said, it is less likely that life on the moons of Saturn and Jupiter, for instance, will use water as Earth life does. Instead, those organisms are more likely to use compounds such as ammonia that remain liquid at very low temperatures.

Ward is one of several faculty members in the UW's groundbreaking graduate program in astrobiology. The program, the first of its kind, started in 1998 with a grant from the National Science Foundation and has since been bolstered by funding from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Students work in a variety of areas, such as astronomy, microbiology and oceanography, to prepare themselves for the search for life away from Earth.

Ward also was a co-author, with UW astronomer Donald Brownlee, of a popular book called "Rare Earth," published in 2000. The book advanced the idea that simple microbial life might be very common in the universe but complex life is probably so rare and dispersed that Earth inhabitants might never encounter another intelligence. Ward said his beliefs haven't changed from the basic "Rare Earth" premise, but it is becoming clearer that simple life found away from Earth could take forms not previously expected. That's already happening in Earthbound laboratories.

"I hope people will wake up and realize this is a whole new biology," Ward said. "There's going to be a zoo of aliens on Earth in the next two decades just from what we make."

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>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 02 Oct 2008 08:22:58 -0700
>Subject: Credibility Of Major Jesse Marcel & Jesse Marcel Jr.

>Source: The UFO Chronicles

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

I agree with your sentiments. And, I will also agree with you anticipatorily that when Marcel Sr says he was photographed holding some of the debris in Ramey's office we must support his testimony. All of it!

golubik

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NASA 'Solves' Ribble Valley UFO Mystery

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Subject: NASA 'Solves' Ribble Valley UFO Mystery

Source: Clitheroe Today - Clitheroe, England, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/52zw5r>

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NASA Solves Ribble Valley UFO Mystery

Explanations and further eye witness accounts have been flooding in after a possible UFO sighting in the night sky over Chatburn.

Sarah Bryant, of Greenfield Avenue, Chatburn, raised the alert over the "UFO", which she and her husband say was blazing a trail in a slow arc across the sky just after 8 p.m. on Monday, September 22nd.

Puzzled as to what the object was, Sarah wrote: "I know my husband and I were not seeing things and wonder if anyone else saw it? I'd love to know we were not alone and I'd love to know what it was!"

More people have confirmed the story. Carol Leonard was outside St Peter's Club, in Hurst Green, with a friend when they both witnessed the mystery object. "It wasn't a shooting star =96 I've seen enough of those to know what they look like =96 so I thought it might be a meteorite that had burnt out," said Carol. "And no... I don't drink!"

Judith Hughes e-mailed: "I also saw the blazing, flying object on Monday. At first my heart skipped a beat as I thought it was a shooting star, but I quickly realised it was around for far too long for that. Just one significant difference from Sarah's sighting =96 the object I saw was definitely flying East!"

Susan Humphries, of Chatburn, told us: "I also saw the flaming object. I saw it clearly from indoors, and it appeared as a disc =96 not a point like a meteor =96 with a tail, just as she describes. It was travelling approximately east, though, and falling."

John Jardine also spotted the mystery object over Longridge, writing: "Sarah's description was just what I would have said =96 a low, slow trajectory ... like a meteor, but bigger and slower. The whole episode lasted for about 10-15 seconds and then it was lost to my view. But here's the thing =96 it was at 9-40 p.m. so this bright light had been around for some time."

John added: "I live on a hill and I regularly see over big distances at night. I do know what aircraft navigation lights are like and have seen the police helicopter hovering and searching too many times to be mistaken. It was weird and fascinating."

Several more people reported similar sightings, but Clitheronian Peter Townson shed most light on the mystery. He believes it is "highly likely" it saw was the International Space Station, orbiting the earth.

Regular Space Shuttle missions to extend and modify the ISS mean it is growing in size and is now often visible in the night sky, where it reflects light like a bright, slow moving star.

The NASA website confirms the ISS was visible above the Ribble Valley on September 22nd for three minutes from 8-12 p.m. and again for less than a minute from 9-46 p.m., tying in exactly with the Chatburn sightings and John Jardine's sighting over Longridge.

Still not convinced? The website also predicts when the ISS will be visible over your location (the nearest choice being Preston) if the atmospheric conditions are right. Today it should be visible for three minutes from 8-17 p.m., quite low in the sky, if it is clear. For those keen to see the ISS in orbit, the website address is:

<http://tinyurl.com/44ocol>

Other information about the ISS can also be found on www.nasa.gov

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[Video & some images]

Lunar Orbiter Tapes Found

Behind the counter of an abandoned McDonalds lie 48,000 lbs of 70mm tape the only copy of extremely high-resolution images of the moon.

These tapes were recorded 40 years ago as part of the Apollo program to map the lunar surface to plan landing spots for Apollo 11 onward. They have never been seen by the public because at the time, they were classified as they reveal the extreme precision of our spy satellites. Instead, all we have ever seen are the grainy photo-of-a-photo images that were released to the public.

The spacecraft did not ship this film back to Earth. Instead, they developed the film on the Lunar Orbiter and then raster scanned the negatives with a 5 micron spot (200 lines/millimeter resolution) and beamed the data back to Earth using yet-to-be-patented-by-others lossless analog compression. Three ground stations on Earth (one was in Madrid) recorded the transmissions on these magnetic tapes.

Recovering the data has proven to be very difficult, requiring technological archeology. The only working version of the Ampex tape player (\$300K when new) was discovered in a chicken coop and restored with the help of the original designer. There is only one person on Earth who still refurbishes these tape heads, and he is retiring this year. The skills to read this data archive are on the cusp of disappearing forever.

Some of the applications of this project, beyond accessing the best images of the moon ever taken, are to look for new landing sites for the new Google Lunar X-Prize robo-landers, and to compare the new craters on the moon today to 40 years ago, a measure of micrometeorite flux and risk to future lunar operations.

More...

[See many images at Ted Ted Twietmeyer's site:

<http://data4science.net/essays.php?EssayID=848>]

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List-submissions continue to intermittently disappear into a digital blackhole, or arrive here several days late.

My hosting company claims that they don't know why this is happening and suggest that its the fault of the originating ISPs.

Frank Fields sent me the following a few days ago, which may, or may not, explain the disappearances:

Errol,

With your email problems I thought you might like to see this article. The article does not even scratch the surface of what is going on, but it does show some of the capabilities and practices. Information Week is a main stream IT industry Magazine.

Regards,

Frank

Quote from article:

"To put it simply, Deep Packet Inspection is the Internet equivalent of the postal service reading your mail," she said. "They might be reading your mail for any number of reasons, but the fact remains that your mail is being read by the people whose job it is to deliver it."

"In some cases, ISPs are actually passing copies of the envelopes on to third parties who do the actual reading and use," she said. "In others, ISPs are using the contents to change the normal ways that the Internet works. And for the most part, customers are not aware that their ISPs are engaging in this behavior - much like if the postal service were to open your letter, photocopy it, hand that copy to a third party and then re-seal the letter, so that you would never know it had even been opened in the first place."

Source: <http://tinyurl.com/4uzr46>

I don't know what the solution is. Its frustrating and really annnoying - for all concrened.

ebk

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Why am I now inundated with visions of the ending to the movie
Raiders of the Lost Ark?

From this story I can assume the wreckage and bodies to the
Roswell saucers will be found found in the back of Al's Fried
Chicken store off of I-84 in Hopewell Junction.

Best,

Greg

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Re: Credibility Of Major Jesse Marcel & Jesse

From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
Date: Fri, 03 Oct 2008 11:11:49 -0700
Archived: Fri, 03 Oct 2008 14:53:07 -0400
Subject: Re: Credibility Of Major Jesse Marcel & Jesse

>From: Viktor Golubik <Diverge247.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 2 Oct 2008 20:44:19 EDT
>Subject: Re: Credibility Of Major Jesse Marcel & Jesse Marcel Jr.

>>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 02 Oct 2008 08:22:58 -0700
>>Subject: Credibility Of Major Jesse Marcel & Jesse Marcel Jr.

>>Source: The UFO Chronicles

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

Good Day Viktor, et al,

>I agree with your sentiments. And, I will also agree with you
>anticipatorily that when Marcel Sr says he was photographed
>holding some of the debris in Ramey's office we must support his
>testimony. All of it!

Thanks for the kind words; however, I am only the messenger;
Dennis Balthaser wrote the aforementioned article.

Cheers,

Frank

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Re: Prominent Argentine UFO Researcher Dies

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac.nul>
Date: Fri, 3 Oct 2008 16:41:23 -0400
Archived: Fri, 03 Oct 2008 18:43:59 -0400
Subject: Re: Prominent Argentine UFO Researcher Dies

>From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 1 Oct 2008 06:30:57 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>Subject: Prominent Argentine UFO Researcher Dies

>Prominent Military UFO Researcher Dies

>We received the following note from Guillermo Gimenez of Planeta
>UFO this morning:

>It is with deep sorrow that we inform you of the passing of
>Captain Daniel Alberto Perisse on September 27, 2008.

>Periss=C3=A9 was one of the most active Argentinean military men
>involved in the field of ufology since 1965, when he witnessed
>the maneuvers of a UFO over the Argentinean naval facility at
>Decepcion Island in Antarctica.

>Our deepest sympathy to the Perisse family and our admiration of
>Captain Perissefor his work, his research and his contributions
>to Argentinean ufology.

Perisse was a featured speaker at the 1987 MUFON International
Symposium in Washington, DC. (Dr. Willy Smith did the translation
from Spanish.) His paper is in the proceedings of that Symposium.

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Ghost Lights Of Bragg Texas?

From: **Steve Bass** <steven.s.bass.nul>
Date: Fri, 3 Oct 2008 20:34:18 -0400
Archived: Sat, 04 Oct 2008 08:35:00 -0400
Subject: Ghost Lights Of Bragg Texas?

List Members,

I have a college student working on her Masters thesis and is wanting information. Does anyone know a researcher who has studied connections between UFOs and the Ghost Lights of Bragg Texas?

Thanks

Steve Bass

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UFO Buffs Convene To Discuss Sightings

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Sat, 04 Oct 2008 09:45:26 -0400
Archived: Sat, 04 Oct 2008 09:45:26 -0400
Subject: UFO Buffs Convene To Discuss Sightings

Source: The Smith Mountain Laker - Roanoke, Virginia, USA

<http://www.roanoke.com/smithmountainlake/recreation/wb/179016>

Friday, October 03, 2008

UFO Buffs Convene To Discuss Sightings

By Laurie Edwards
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For UFO enthusiasts, there are few places in Virginia better than Smith Mountain Lake to gather for a conference. Since the lake's inception, there have been numerous accounts from late-night or early morning anglers who reported seeing orbs floating in and out of the lake.

On Saturday, about 30 people, including eight presenters, convened at Mariners Landing Resort and Conference Center for the daylong conference hosted by the Virginia and North Carolina chapters of Mutual UFO Network. Some attendees had their own theories about the lake's orb sightings.

"There are quite a lot of reports of that," said Adrian Olivo, a North Carolina resident who has a background in physics.

Unidentified submerged objects are almost as common as unidentified flying objects, he said. The orbs could be lights on extraterrestrial vessels, seen floating in and out of the water as it attempts to avoid human detection.

Olivo also weighed in on one of the area's most prominent orb sightings, one followed by both UFO and paranormal groups.

In the 1980s, a Huddleston woman reported seeing three orbs flying through her home. The following morning, she found three discolored circles on one of her living room window screens. An analysis of the screen in 2003 found traces of cobalt-60, a radioactive isotope.

"From the description, it sounds like ball lightning," said Olivo.

Robert Swiatek, whose background is in physics and Earth science, touched on this phenomenon during his presentation: "Natural IFOs & Claims of the Skeptics." He said 90 percent of UFO sightings can be explained by five naturally occurring phenomena -- meteors, marsh/swamp gas, ball lightning, earthquake lights and plasma manifestations -- or are hoaxes conjured up by people seeking attention.

UFO enthusiasts, said Swiatek, use science to rule out natural causes for UFO accounts. Ball lightning, one of the more common, usually occurs near thunderstorms or tornados, he said. The balls

present in varying sizes and colors, and freely move in any direction. They usually explode and leave behind some evidence of their presence.

"Ball lightning has been said to cause a lot of UFO sightings," said Swiatek. "But if you look at the characteristics, it's easy to rule it out."

But it wasn't the lake's UFO sightings that brought the group together for MUFON's conference. They came for the presentations, which included investigation techniques, Virginia cases and physical evidence from South American cases.

The evening's final session, "The Cape Fear River Case," focused on a North Carolina abduction case from earlier this year. The Discovery Channel interviewed UFO enthusiasts, abductees and witnesses in the case for a program that is set to air in December.

It's one of the 10 percent of cases that has not been explained by natural phenomena or hoaxes. And that, said Swiatek, is what UFO enthusiasts are interested in: the 10 percent.

"When you eliminate scientific facts and explanations," said Olivo, "it must be real."

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Re: Blanchard, Lytle And Roswell

From: Viktor Golubik <Diverge247.nul>
Date: Sat, 4 Oct 2008 10:40:52 EDT
Archived: Sat, 04 Oct 2008 11:08:52 -0400
Subject: Re: Blanchard, Lytle And Roswell

Bill Brazel's Testimony (The Roswell Incident: March, June, and December, 1979):

Bill and Shirley Brazel of Captain, New Mexico, recall the incident well. Bill Brazel is an employee of Texas Instruments and spends the better part of his time working away from home as a geoseismologist in Alaska's North Slope oil region.

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Question: Was there any writing or markings on any of the material you had?

No, not on what I had. But Dad did say one time that there were what he called "figures" on some of the pieces he found. He often referred to the petroglyphs the ancient Indians drew on rocks around here as "figures" too, and I think that's what he meant to compare them with.

Question: What ever became of this collection of yours? Do you still have it?

Now that's the curious part of the story. No, I don't have it. One night about two years after Dad's incident, I went into Corona for the evening. While I was there, I guess I talked too much - more than I should have. I know I mentioned having this collection to someone. Anyway, the next day a staff car came out to the ranch from Roswell with a Captain and three enlisted men in it. Dad was away at the time; but it turned out they didn't want him anyway. They wanted me. Seems the Captain--Armstrong, I think was his name was, Captain Armstrong--had heard about my collection and asked to see it. Of course I showed it to him, and he said that this stuff was important to the country's security and that it was most important that I let him have it to take back with him. He seemed more interested in the string-like stuff than in any of the rest of it. I didn't know what else to do, so I agreed. Next he wanted me to take them out to the pasture where I had found this stuff. I said O.K. and took them there. After they poked around a bit and satisfied themselves that there didn't appear to be any more of the material out there, the captain again asked me if I had any more of this material or if I knew of anyone else who did. I said no, I didn't; and he said that if I ever found any more that it was most important that I call him at Roswell right away. Naturally, I said I would, but I never did because after that I never found any more.

Question: Could this material have been part of a balloon of some sort?

No, I can answer that for sure. It was definitely not any kind of balloon. We've picked up balloons all over this country and any time we found one we always turned it in because there was sometimes a reward for them. This was no balloon, although I once asked Dad if he ever found anything like an instrument package connected with this stuff. He said no, there was no instrument package.

Strangely enough, when Dad first got into Roswell it was the weather bureau he called first about this stuff he had found. It was the weather bureau that told him he had better see the sheriff about it.

One more thing you might be interested in. One time I asked Dad whether there was any burned spot on the ground where this wreckage was. He said no, but that he had noticed on his second trip out there that some of the vegetation in the area seemed to have been singed. I don't recall seeing anything like that myself, but that's what he said.

Question: Did your father ever mention anything about any creatures with this wreckage?

No, Dad never mentioned anything like that, but it's curious you should ask. There was a fellow who worked with me on a job in Alaska for a while who seemed to know something about that. We were talking about a number of things one evening and the topic of that flying saucer that was supposed to have touched down for a while on the Alaskan tundra came up. I mentioned to him about what Dad had been involved in, and to my surprise he asked me if I wanted to know more about that. Then he said that they had discovered the rest of that thing after it had come down in a desert area, and that there were some creatures found with it. He told me that when they had got inside of this wrecked saucer, that two of these creatures --he said they were about three and a half or four feet tall and bald--were still alive but that their throats had been badly burned from inhaling burning gases or fumes or something, and that they couldn't communicate. He said they were taken to California and kept alive on respirators for a period of time afterwards, but that both had died before we could figure out how to communicate effectively with them. This fellow's name was Lamme, and he told me the names of two other men who had been involved with this incident, but I can't recall what names they were right now. That's really all I can tell you on that one, except it sure surprised me to hear such a story.

golubik

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Re: Ghost Lights Of Bragg Texas?

From: **Peter Davenport** <director.nul>
Date: Sat, 4 Oct 2008 10:41:56 -0700
Archived: Sat, 04 Oct 2008 16:03:35 -0400
Subject: Re: Ghost Lights Of Bragg Texas?

>From: Steve Bass <steven.s.bass.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 3 Oct 2008 20:34:18 -0400
>Subject: Ghost Lights Of Bragg Texas?

>I have a college student working on her Masters thesis and is
>wanting information. Does anyone know a researcher who has
>studied connections between UFOs and the Ghost Lights of Bragg
>Texas?

Steve,

Ronald D. Story, well-known author of several books on UFOs, "ghost lights", and other subjects, might be a good place to start. I don't know that he has written on the Bragg case, but he did an in-depth investigation of similar (?) lights in southwest Missouri.

For contact information, please feel free to contact me off-list.

Peter Davenport
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Re: Blanchard, Lytle And Roswell

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Sat, 4 Oct 2008 17:09:45 -0700
Archived: Sun, 05 Oct 2008 10:13:13 -0400
Subject: Re: Blanchard, Lytle And Roswell

>From: Viktor Golubik <Diverge247.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 22 Sep 2008 12:46:31 EDT
>Subject: Re: Blanchard, Lytle And Roswell

>>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 21 Sep 2008 15:10:39 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Blanchard, Lytle And Roswell

>>>From: Viktor Golubik <Diverge247.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Sat, 20 Sep 2008 22:07:36 EDT
>>>Subject: Re: Blanchard, Lytle And Roswell

>>>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Thu, 18 Sep 2008 14:37:31 -0700
>>>>Subject: Re: Blanchard, Lytle And Roswell

>>>>>From: Viktor Golubik <Diverge247.nul>
>>>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>>>Date: Thu, 18 Sep 2008 02:57:39 EDT
>>>>>Subject: Re: Blanchard, Lytle And Roswell

<snip>

>>>I think Charlie Moore, having made one or two UFO reports
>>>himself, should at least be trusted on this. You have to
>>>"vector-in" the data in order to have a balanced view -
>>>taking the good with the bad. Ignoring one credible witness
>>>in favor of another demeans both accounts. But, accounting
>>>for both often leads to the better solution.

>>I'm of the opinion that Charles Moore's opinion can be
>>dismissed out of hand due to his fluctuating testimony,
>>depending on his payback. Sorry, but I have a very low
>>opinion of the gentleman.

>>If I recall correctly, Moore had been interviewed many years
>>ago regarding the Roswell incident and he categorically stated
>>that his work had nothing whatsoever to do with anything that
>>came down near Corona. But, after a visit by McAndrews, who
>>reportedly was carrying the Jesse Marcel Sr's military records
>>in hand, he suddenly recalls Flight 4, which he now believes
>>was the object that had been recovered. How convenient.

>He was asked whether one of his balloons could have left a
>long gouge or scar mark on the ground and he responded accurately,
>that it could not have left such a marking. No where in these
>earliest of testimonies (see post of Marcel's testimony) do you
>find any of the pertinent witnesses at the scene describing a
>gouge mark. This question was merely put to him in order to
>decouple this obvious connection from the beginning... and, not
>necessarily intentionally either - since we all may simply
>"want to believe."

><snip>

>>But I guess my point is that Moore changed his tune regarding
>>Roswell after a visit from McAndrews, which leads me to
>>question his veracity. His immediately joining the book writing
>>set and putting out his "explanation" of the Roswell event in
>>time for the 50th Anniversary seems just a bit much to me.

><snip>

>He never changed his opinion. I talked with him before this
>episode...

>He brought up Moore's interview without even asking and
>reaffirmed how it was mishandled and not representative of his
>true opinion. Unfortunately, he was manipulated by the UFO
>researchers not "McAndrew."

Really? You've related to me your own experiences with McAndrew,
including how he may have blocked your access to student nurse
cards in the NIH archives that you planned to review. But now
McAndrew is the boy scout and the "UFO researchers" are the bad
guys?

Also I find it a trifle amusing how you question Bill Moore's
handling of his interview with Charles Moore, but elsewhere in
other posts accept without question his handling of his interview
with Marcel (concerning whether Marcel said he was photographed
with real debris).

My God Viktor. You are like a Raggety-Ann doll, flip-flopping
from one position to another. You're just all over the place.

You have said before that you like being argumentative and want
both sides of Roswell aired out. OK. But if this is your intent
in your recent posts, you are doing a very bad job of it.
Instead, you are playing pure debunker, pitching the gospel Air
Force Mogul line. I have seen no critical thinking on your part,
no presentation of the other side, misrepresentation of testimony
(such as witnesses saying they saw balsa wood sticks), ridiculous
arguments about extraordinary debris properties of ordinary
materials (like balsa wood), unconvincing apologetics for the
lying of Mogul witnesses like Moore, and all the usual tactics of
a Roswell debunker.

It's gotten real tiresome! If you can't debate straight, stop
wasting our time.

>Concerning whether it was an early or later flight of Mogul, he
>only refined his opinion in as much as he was able to with new
>information that was put before him in bits and piece by UFO
>researchers. He just needed to be shown the 'correctly quoted'
>earliest of testimonies in order to 'put the pieces' together
>in reflection of the facts. The earlier that could have been done
>the less adjustments later.

>Many UFO researchers have adjusted their opinions when presented
>with new information... So, why does that exclude C.B. Moore ?
>Just because its convenient to do so?

>Even in the "Roswell Incident" he says that Polyethylene was
>not used until 1948. But, we all know now that it was used prior
>to the Roswell episode in New Mexico.

False. Why do you keep saying this? (A very good example of how
you persistently distort even well-established historical facts.)
The first polyethylene balloons were not used until July 3, 1947.
ALL of these are accounted for. End of story.

Even Pflock, who originally pushed this theory, eventually
abandoned it, because records disproved it.

That left the early June 1947 balloons. There is no Flight 4 in
the official records, so that became the official explanation of
Moore and the Air Force (and Pflock). They could spin it into
anything they chose it to be (even though the one and only
mention of an attempted balloon launch on June 4, the supposed
"Flight 4" says that it was cancelled on account of cloud cover).

Moore initially said he had no memory of this flight, but his
"memory" of what happened kept getting more and more elaborate as
to how this nonexistent flight was configured, the tracking of

it, where it went, and so on. But there are zero documents to back him up.

In fact, the Mogul official records list Flight 5, June 5, as their first "successful" Mogul flight, yet Moore claims it was his imaginary Flight 4. Go to the NASA website of flight history, and again it is Flight 5, June 5, listed as the "first" of the rubber balloon launches, with the polyethylene balloons starting July 3:

<http://history.nasa.gov/Timeline/1945-49.html>

"June 5: _First_ AAF research balloon launch (a cluster of rubber balloons) at Holloman, by New York University team under contract with Air Materiel Command."

"July 3: Start of polyethylene balloon operations at Holloman, a 10-balloon cluster launched by New York University staff with a payload of less than 50 pounds, which reached an altitude of 18,500 feet."

Ironically, just after I wrote the above, I went to a used book store and stumbled across an official 2006 USAF history:

US Air Force: A Complete History, Lt. Col. Dik Alan Daso USAF (ret), Curator of Modern Military Aircraft, National Air & Space Museum, The U. S. Air Force History Foundation, Smithsonian National Air & Space Museum, publisher Hugh Lauter Levin Assoc. Inc.

...which on p. 300 has the following:

"5 June: A New York University team under contract with Air Materiel Command launches the Army Air Force's _first_ research balloon. The cluster of rubber spheres is released at Holloman, New Mexico."

"3 July: The AAF sends aloft a 10-balloon cluster carrying a 50-pound set of atmospheric instruments proved by New York University scientists. The balloon cluster reaches 18,550 altitude."

So there you have it. The June 5, Flight 5 balloon was the _first_ Mogul balloon launch in New Mexico according to official NASA and Air Force histories. There is nothing about a June 4 balloon launch being "first". But, of course, the latter assertion was not by professional, impartial historians but by counterintelligence people of AFOSI operating out of the Pentagon using Moore's supposed "memories" and true manipulation of testimony and data to try to bolster it. If real history doesn't support you, just rewrite it.

Moore even went so far as to concoct a hoax trajectory in 1997 for a 50th anniversary book on Roswell in order to promote his little lost "Flight 4" and debunk Roswell. He now claimed he had a "clear" memory of the launch and them tracking it near the Foster Ranch and near "exotic" New Mexico locations. The trouble was his "clear" memory was obviously of a later flight, #17, that did pass over these locations, even though Moore said he never would have heard these locations associated with any other flight other than "Flight 4".

>His memory was as good as it could get at that time in 1978-79.
>In as much as project records are accurate,
>so too can be his recall on other aspects.

There are NO project records for "Flight 4". Moore just kept filling in the blanks with his "memories" to make it so. "In as much as project records are accurate", Flight 5 was the first flight, as reflected in the official histories of NASA and the USAF, not to mention Project Mogul.

Besides his "memories", Moore also resorted to manipulating the data to get his hoax flight trajectory to work. He invented a ridiculous late night launch time (whereas the actual project records of ALL early Mogul flights were of daytime flights, obviously so they could optically track the balloons from the ground and air).

He misrepresented weather records and a diary entry in order to try to justify this and flip-flopped from his earlier position

that "Flight 4" would probably have been launched at dawn, just like Flight 5, 6, 7, etc. He also secretly used overly short rise and fall times to drastically shorten the trajectory. These were much shorter than the actual rise/fall times of the neoprene Moguls 5, 6, 7, that he claimed to be modeling after (particularly flight #5, listed in Mogul records as the first successful Mogul flight--why not #4 if it worked perfectly like Moore claimed?)

So rather than paying attention to the actual records, Moore only said he did, then ignored them. Furthermore, he altered the actual records, as Brad Sparks found out. E.g., the actual Mogul plot for Flight #5 showed that it passed about 4 miles south of Roswell base and ended up about 16 miles due east of the base. In addition, it lingered near the base for around 2 hours, plenty of time for the base to have caught sight of it. But this flew in the face of another Moore claim that the base knew nothing about Project Mogul.

So what to do? Simple. State on replot in his book that he was reproducing the Flight #5 plot "without change", but secretly erase Roswell base plotted on the original map and substitute Roswell town, 6 miles north of the base. Now the balloon trajectory passes 10 miles south of "Roswell" instead of 4 miles. Then move the crash site from 16 miles to 29 miles east. And further move Roswell town back 2 miles the other way, so now the distance between "Roswell" and the balloon crash site becomes 31 miles. That he did this is irrefutable when you examine the original Mogul plot and compare it to his supposed "without change" plots:

http://roswellproof.com/Flight4and5_changes.html

Then when Brad Sparks confronted him in email about his disingenuous map changes, Moore compounded the lie, saying that the balloons probably weren't visible because they never got closer than 16-18 miles from the base. He further compounded the lie by saying the base may not have seen the balloons because of cloud cover, knowing full well that they tracked the balloon optically clear to Roswell from the ground with a theodolite (almost 100 miles). This too is in the actual project records.

So Moore is not one to let the real project records get in the way of his pet theories about Flight 4.

>Once he was shown documents from the project, he adjusted his
>recall... just as we should our opinions.

Yes, he did indeed "adjust his recall." (Hee!)

Frankly, I find your attempts to rationalize his shifting story and outright lying both ridiculous and disingenuous. You sound like a PR agent trying to put lipstick on a pig.

>Always go to the earliest or least contaminated sources for
>"up to the minute" accurate information...

The earliest, least contaminated sources for the Mogul Project, namely the historical project documents, say there never was a Flight 4. You ignore this.

The earliest, least contaminated sources for the Mogul Project say there are no polyethylene balloons "before Roswell" that could possible account for crash. You ignore this and in post after post continue to assert that there might have been such a polyethylene balloon.

As for "earliest", "least contaminated" official stories, which one are we supposed to believe? The true "earliest" base press release of the "flying disc" found "sometime last week." Or the "up-to-the minute" change by Gen. Ramey 3 hours later of a singular weather balloon/radar target found mid-June? Or the new, 1994 AFOSI "least contaminated" "up-to-the-minute" nonexistent Flight 4 of multiballoons and multi-radar targets, to the latest "least contaminated" "up-to-the-minute" 1997 crash dummies?

You also don't take into account that the so-called earliest "least contaminated" sources can be very contaminated when officials aren't telling the truth and have reason to cover up.

E.g., when the U-2 spy plane was shot down in 1960, the CIA/U.S.

government put out a cover story that it wasn't a spy plane but an errant NASA weather plane, had NASA manufacture phony transcripts of the pilot's last moments supposedly passing out from oxygen deprivation, repainted a U-2 with a NASA logo and false ID for a press photo shoot, etc. If you went just by the "earliest" official sources, there never was a U-2 spy plane shot down.

The difference is that the government couldn't totally control the situation in 1960 by pressuring civilians and ordering around military personnel as in 1947. They were dealing with a powerful and unfriendly foreign country which broke the cover story a few days later by presenting the very live pilot and surviving spy gear.

Earlier in the 1950s, the Russians were also publicly complaining that we were violating their airspace with spy balloons (offshoots of the original Mogul Project). You can again read our government denials in the newspapers.

Or Watergate... When that story first broke, the White House, of course, said they had nothing to do with it. We all know how that one turned out.

The point is government coverups are not just conspiracy theories but historical facts of life. You can't always believe what you first read in the newspapers from "original sources".

If you do read the Roswell newspaper accounts from 1947, you will also find numerous, very serious contradictions in the official story from the participants who were quoted: Ramey, Marcel, Brazel, Wilcox. These include key differences as to what happened, when things were found or reported or acted on, debris field size & amount of debris, debris descriptions, and other points. That alone sends up red flags of a cover story in the works. Further, the main event was immediately followed by a nationwide military debunking campaign of Roswell and the saucers using weather balloon demonstrations. Again, that is another indication of a counterintelligence effort to bury something.

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>Bill Brazel Jr. does mention that someone he met in Alaska
>told him about Alien bodies associated with a crash in New
>Mexico...us to wonder which: this one or the one on the Plains
>of St. Agustin. It may also be the sole source for much of the
>"body issue" questions rumored through the years. He clearly
>states that his father did not tell him such a story.

More nonsense. You seem to be largely out of touch with the large mass of body testimony that has come out since the "The Roswell Incident" was published in 1980. I bet very few of the other witnesses were even aware of Bill Brazel's body anecdote.

>I'm not sure when Bill was told that either, making us also
>>wonder if that person read these early accounts from such
>sources as Frank Scully, Aztec, etc...

Bill Brazel's story was that the person told him that he was part of the body recovery team, not that he had heard the story from somewhere else.

>Even then people were trying to put the pieces together and
>sometimes they fused various sources trying to make sense of
>their experiences - later passing it along to us... but more
>importantly, other people living in the area. That's just the
>reality of it... and if you do ground investigation this
>becomes readily apparent.

Well let's discuss just one story that recently came out, that of Chester Lytle, who was interviewed by Robert Hastings in 1997. Lytle worked on the Manhattan Project, helped build the first implosion device, and held a top-secret clearance on nuclear weapons for years afterwards.

Hastings was actually just inquiring about Lytle's UFO sighting above Sandia base in the 1950s, but then Lytle out-of-the-blue told Hastings that he was friends with Roswell base commander William Blanchard, now a general, and Blanchard in the early 1950s told him that an alien spacecraft had indeed crashed and four alien bodies were recovered. Lytle also indicated that he

found out from other sources that the bodies and craft eventually ended up at Wright-Patterson.

This had nothing to do with Roswell residents "fusing various sources" and then passing on their confused stories to us.

(Of course, when debunking Roswell, the confused witness scenario never seems to apply to witnesses cited as supporting a Mogul balloon crash, an example of the debunker double standard.)

>The only credible source for body counts comes from Barnett,

"The only credible source?" Why is he the only credible source?

>who I found to be much more reliable as a source on that
>issue...

Oh, because you say so.

>Stan should be happy about that too... I'm not trying to erase
>all of Roswell, either.

Seems that way to the rest of us. You currently sound like a any other debunker, including trying to rationalize and sugar-coat the obvious lying of other debunkers, like Moore.

>Why has Barnett suddenly been forgotten?

Again I'm left scratching my head wondering what you are talking about. Barnett was never "forgotten". Even people skeptical of the Plain's crash believe Barnett was a highly reputable person, but he was never interviewed and his Plain's crash story came second-hand through other witnesses. Further, it is hard to know where to fit his crash into the events closer to Roswell. Stan thinks there was a duel crash. Another theory is that he was describing a crash from another time, maybe 1946.

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Massive Mexican Balloon Launch September 30

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Date: Sun, 5 Oct 2008 09:40:29 -0400
Archived: Sun, 05 Oct 2008 10:16:43 -0400
Subject: Massive Mexican Balloon Launch September 30

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology
October 5, 2008

Mexico: Massive Balloon Launch on September 30

According to a message sent by Lic. Efrain Guzman, hundreds of balloons were launched from various parts of the Mexican Republic on September 30, 2008.

Guzman explains that this was done at the behest of Lic. Jose Antonio Nieto as a call to attention and symbol of peaceful protest against the violence and lack of safety that Mexicans are experiencing at the present time.

The concept of a balloon launch emerged as a consequence of the terrorist attacks on September 15 in Morelia.

"Let us launch a balloon on the morning of 30 September for each of our family members or friends who have fallen prey to delinquency. This is the name of all Mexicans and a specific political party," adds Lic. Nieto.

This massive balloon launch will almost certainly give rise to claims of UFO sightings. We thank Ana Luisa Cid for keeping us informed--Ed.

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Date: Sun, 05 Oct 2008 12:06:42 -0400
Archived: Sun, 05 Oct 2008 12:10:30 -0400
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>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 26 Sep 2008 09:10:45 EDT
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Thanks for bringing that up Kelly.

We all need to stand vigilant to those who are incarcerated who
might be so because of their beliefs.

Far too often sanity in this world is based on whether one goes
along with the grain and should one go against the grain one is
labeled crazy.

If anyone with a strange belief were insane then you'd have to
lock up 6 billion or more of us. That Easter Bunny thing alone
would be a radar target for sure.

I've often pondered how many people have suffered or are
suffering imprisonment for UFO related issues. I can only talk
about it from first hand experience with people I've met. The

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stories from people I've gotten emails from are so horrific as to be unbelievable in their cruelty.

In Ford's case perhaps calling up the psychiatric watch dog groups out there. They've been having astounding success at overturning cruel practices worldwide.

I, having never been treated for any psychiatric disorder was way out of the loop until I started to investigate. Actually it was thrust upon me as these victims had UFO and other data I needed and they just happened to be blocked up from psychiatric abuse. It's a plague in the U.S. and who knows what's going on worldwide.

What extra hurts is that there are doctors in the field of psychiatry who've been pushing for reforms and their cries fall upon deaf ears because of the greed of the investors in pharmaceuticals.

That's low when doctors stops doctors from helping.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com/blog

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Date: Sun, 5 Oct 2008 10:07:49 -0700
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>>From: Viktor Golubik <Diverge247.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 22 Sep 2008 12:46:31 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Blanchard, Lytle And Roswell

<snip>

Hi David,

Clearly David you believe in this event. But, have you ever conducted a field investigation and an interviewing process involving hundreds of the locals living in these two parts of New Mexico? I have. I also believed in this event when I started out. However, I quickly learned that the case is better couched in terms of probabilities not certainties. How much clearer can I be. Stark negatives exist in the early witness testimony - I can't change that nor should you.

If I only presented the positive witness accounts it would negate the more alarming pool of negative witnesses. It would also be unethical for me to slant the case to my own wishes especially if the early witness testimony supports a more direct route to a solution. It is up to all researchers to show these potentialities. I actually posted early witness testimony to support my arguments.

I also do not have a web site promoting Roswell such as you do, nor do I have to make any embarrassing sidesteps or retractions in my public position which supports a probability scenario not a absolute one. Really, how can there be any other?

I shared my positive witness testimony with you because that is what I knew we wanted to hear. But you also know that my stance on the case has not changed. I would certainly post my own positive and negative findings on my own hypothetical web site or Blog. This case is not so clear cut by any stretch - that is what needs to be conveyed without prevarication!

If Mogul flights had not been landing in this area, clearly the case would take on a different meaning. If Marcel did not say he was actually holding the flying saucer debris in his hand when he was photographed - that too would further distance the Mogul theory. How plain is that - how simple is that! We can all understand this without resorting to name calling. How is that debunking unless it is only you engaging in it!

But, that is how to present a position unabashedly in face of all the unbelievable coincidences that you would instead have me buy into - and no less for the sake of someone else's own pocket book. How dumb do you want your audiences to be . . . I actually believe them capable of making their own decisions without having to name call.

Clearly, you should let "actual" Roswell investigators speak for

themselves and not try to classify nor temper researcher positions into common demeaning language brackets such as "Debunker". This is so silly to me since it speaks more to your own needs and naivete - not mine.

I'm merely bringing up all the doubts that a normal person would go through in an investigative process - in it's raw form. I would do this with any case. Just because Roswell has reached epic status doesn't make it any different for me.

I've known about the case longer than you and have researched it first hand. Why do I have a Roswell Yearbook and a Mogul type Balloon - shouldn't these other researchers have collected similar artifacts? I say this only to demonstrate how much time I put into this and that I may have been asking the right types of questions - that my comments are likewise non-trivial!

The actual witness accounts place the Barnett incident in the 1946 - not the 1947 time frame (all sites derived from the locals are west of Magdalena!). This may actually support the diary entry which does not 'support' the 1947 incident as well. You have to go where the evidence leads you - the mind will likewise follow without prejudice. I'm also open to new information.

Arguing about a hypothetical flight (honestly called such by Moore) using weather data from another day is already comical. The broader issue is that a set of balloons launched from the same location and time will not land in the same location due to an understanding of chaotic systems - or just use of plain common sense.

I see already that Timothy Printy also makes some of the very same points worthy of reading... and quotes the actual witnesses in doing so. The Linda Corley interview of Marcel Sr in 1981 is also part of his data stream. It's quite easy to find negatives and to forget about including the historical relevant contexts of that time period.

><http://members.aol.com/timprinty/myhomepage/Rosmyths.html>

Just some obvious corrections: And I don't agree with all his statements either...

The only Roswell Nurses that were there at the time were the ones pictured in the year book. Some left just prior and just after - as both the witnesses and "Hospital Morning Reports" reveal.

I also gave Kimball the location of Jack Comstock after making contact with them both. Kimball is relaying Comstock's opinion accurately. Kimball told me he would have been the mortuary officer and directly challenged the Glenn Dennis claims. I also have personal photographs from him. Kimball posted to UFO updates if I recall correctly too.

golubik

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Thanks Ed,

I spent a lot of time on the Plains and the only sites referred
to by the locals are all west of Magdalena. Interesting, a radar
tower existed (and/or was being built) in the plains at that time
near Datil (1947?). The remains exist and have all been
sufficiently photographed.

One of the men operating it was a former manager at Texas
Instruments and the father of the only American spy ever to seek

asylum in the Soviet Union. The little town of Horse Springs, in which he, his mother, and his father lived in the late 40's/early 1950's, was raided at the time he evaded capture in the 1980's. The government left no possible leads escape their notice. A missile also crashed not more than 100 feet from the Gerald Anderson site in the early 1960's. I was able to track both these stories down to their reasonable conclusion - all derived from witness testimony and local leads on names.

If you heard this little town of 30 people was invaded by men in black in the 1980's, what would you have concluded? The witness turned out to be correct . . .and I followed logical local leads to get there.

><http://query.nytimes.com/gst/fullpage.html?res=9A0CE6DC1438F930A15754C0A9649C8B63>

I spent time in the spot you refer too after following leads from the alien Autopsy story unfolding at that time period. I also spent time trying to identify the cameraman.

I can tell you personally that it does not connect with the local witness accounts.

I'm merely telling you this, but you can believe how you would like to. Or, perhaps you have more information to relay . . .

Like I've implied before, Barnett is a solid lead and I'm still open to learning more. It is also very possible Gerald Anderson is simply placing himself into a story scenario he had heard about while growing up (quite common to find this). I do not believe he was there though - unless other members of his family come forward (most, conveniently dead), but not all?

Still, he has lost much credibility - but, since I think in terms of probability, I can't simply discard links yet to be drawn conclusively, however tenuous they may actually be. It is just a matter of how much time you want to spend on various leads that may go to no where. Anderson, has given researchers much more reasons do discount his scenario of events completely. Read up on it as you wish.

Best,

golubik

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I have worked in an ER for a decade and a half. I am friends with
one of the Mental Health Associates.

People are put inpatient against their will _only_ if they are a
danger to themselves or others. Physical danger.

There is not a legal reason to put someone in a mental
institution against their will for any other reason unless they
are so delusional they can't take care themselves. They even have
"agreements" to start outpatient treatment. They have people on
illegal drugs sign when they are sober just so they _don't_ have
to commit them.

Now if his doctors think he is schzoid and a danger they may hold
him. Or if he is so delusional that he can't take care of himself
they might hold him. There probably is more going on here.

Anyway, you can research reasons for involuntary committal, which
varies by State.

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This UFO Updates post from 1998, of an article by Elaine Douglass
(formerly with Operation Right To Know), carried a fairly
detailed writeup by Douglass about John Ford's case:

<http://tinyurl.com/48ogwr>

Ford Fund?

From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates.nul>
Date: Mon, 08 Jun 1998 10:09:37 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 08 Jun 1998 10:09:37 -0400
Subject: Ford Fund?

In view of the interest in the John Ford on UFO UpDates I'm re-
posting the following. I don't know if the E-Mail addresses still
work - I've Cc:'ed the interested parties.

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From: RSchatte.nul [Rebecca Schatte]
Date: Tue, 8 Oct 1996 11:00:25 -0400
To: updates.nul (ufoupdates-toronto)
Subject: FORD

A friend of mine received this and I thought it was interesting
enough to pass along. I'm not saying whether I support this or
not... This is just being forwarded for information only.

-- Rebecca

Forwarded Message:

Subj: Ford
Date: 96-10-06 14:31:53 EDT
From: [pic.nul](#) (don jernigan)
To the concerned:

Mr. John Ford, President of the East Long Island UFO Network has been jailed. We believe that he has been "Setup" by those involved in the UFO coverup, and is being used as an "Example" and "Warning" to all UFO researchers. It was John Ford's organization, that uncovered the shooting down of an "Aien Mothership" over East Long Island on November 24th, 1992. They were able to uncover evidence that seems to implicate "Brookhaven National Laboratories" in this major incident. Right now, and very pressed for time, we are try to raise donations for Mr Ford's legal expenses.

We need a "Web Page," or some means to to obtain such donations. We don't have anyone experienced enough, to create a Web page. can you help us? We are working with Elaine Douglas in Washington D.C., to bring this about. If you wish to contact Her, Her E-mail is: [elaine26.nul](#)

We would greatly appreciate any assistance you can provide.

Don Jernigan
President of PIC
Phenomenon Investigation Committee of Columbus Ohio

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THE ORDEAL OF JOHN FORD Was Long Island UFO Researcher Busted
For Making Waves?

[Several years ago CNI News became aware of investigations undertaken by UFO activist John Ford. According to Ford, a spacecraft had crashed on Long Island in 1992. Ford sought out witnesses and began accusing public officials of a coverup. Then, earlier this year, Ford was busted for allegedly masterminding an outrageous scheme to murder some of those officials. In the following text, writer Elaine Douglass recounts the events leading up to John Ford's arrest and raises the disturbing possibility that his crime was not conspiracy to murder, but getting too close to the truth.]

by Elaine Douglass

The arrest June 12 of Long Island New York UFO activist John Ford is deeply troubling. Founder in the mid-80s of the Long Island UFO Network (LIUFON), Ford became known for his relentless investigations of UFO events and for his startling allegations that alien craft had come down on Long Island three times in recent years and been retrieved by federal and local authorities.

The Suffolk County Long Island Police Department is one of the agencies John accused. John said the police helped recover a fiery object witnesses told John came down in Long Island's Southhaven Park in 1992. John made this claim at public meetings up and down Long Island, and he held a demonstration at Police Headquarters.

About a year ago scary things started happening to John Ford. He

repeatedly phoned friends and said someone was harassing him and maybe, he thought, trying to kill him. Was there a campaign to destabilize John Ford?

If so, it reached its climax June 12, 1996 when John was arrested in a sting operation involving phone taps and a "wired" paid informant. Police charged John with conspiracy to murder and possession of radium without a license. Suffolk DA James Catterson told news reporters John Ford planned to murder an individual by the name of John Powell, head of the Suffolk County Republican Party, by putting radioactive radium in his toothpaste.

An improbable charge, to put it mildly. Nonetheless, the DA seemed unable to restrain himself in the media following John's arrest. He sponsored two press conferences, compared John to the unibomber, and made additional charges against John for which no indictments were subsequently returned. Amid a flood of sensational news, John's bail was set at half a million dollars. Naturally, he hasn't been able to raise it.

In the meantime, the UFO community, unused to investigators being arrested and charged with crimes, has met this unsettling drama with a stunned silence. Nor has John, on advice of his attorney, issued any statement in his own defense other than his plea of not guilty.

Not mentioned in the newspapers was John's claim of harassment, of himself and others in LIUFON: auto accidents (too many), vandalism of cars, and a physical attack on LIUFON member Joe Mazzuchelli, who was arrested with John June 12. Mazzuchelli says last winter four men dragged him out of John's truck, beat him up, and warned him to "stay out of our business."

John founded LIUFON about 1985. From then on, he maintained a hot line. He investigated sightings and abductions. He held public meetings. He talked to the press. He sponsored conferences. He held demonstrations, he published a newsletter, he leafletted. John was tireless. I know John Ford, and he is the most determined UFO investigator I ever met.

John believed that in 1989 Americans forced down an alien craft over Moriches Bay Long Island. He believed that in 1992 an alien craft crashed in Southhaven Park on the Island. And he considered the possibility that in 1995 another mysterious object came to earth in the Pine Barrens area of the Island and that "diversionary fires" were set to distract public attention. John further believed the Long Island police, fire, parks and other local agencies were commandeered by the federals to assist in these emergency operations and then, naturally, gagged. John claimed he had "sources" in the Police and Fire Departments who privately told him information on which he built his cases. The details are too numerous to cover here, but one treatment of the Moriches Bay case can be found in Len Stringfield's Status Report VI.

John Ford's friends all attest he lived a moral life and never, as far as anyone can remember, threatened another person with bodily harm. Murder wasn't in John's character, people say, and breaking the law wasn't John's style. John Ford was a law and order advocate who spent most of his career as a Court Officer in the Suffolk County court system. John knew the law and how to use it. John was litigious, not violent. If John Ford had a gripe against you, he'd sue you in a minute.

If John was going to kill someone, would he use radium? Readers will recall the famous radium dial painters of the 1920s who licked radium paint brushes for 40 years before they got cancer. Yet the DA would have us believe that John's "murder weapon" was radium. Would an individual who thought people were watching him leave illegal radium in the back of a pickup truck in front of his house. I repeat, John knew the law.

The charges against John strain credibility, but that didn't seem to embarrass the DA. Catterson was so eager to incriminate John that he made several serious charges at his press conferences for which no indictments were returned. "This," says attorney John Rouse, "is called poisoning the jury pool."

Catterson's overstep raises questions: Did the DA believe he had more evidence against John than he ended up with? Is it possible

the DA never thought he had evidence to convict John of anything, and that instead the purpose of the arrest is simply to ruin John Ford's reputation and wipe him out financially with legal bills?

The purported case against John rests on the taped conversation made in John's house the night of his arrest. The tape has now been released on discovery. "It's unintelligible," says Preston Nichols, John's friend in LIUFON. Attorney John Rouse doesn't disagree. He's waiting for an "enhanced" version of the tape to see if the conversation becomes clearer. Rouse warns, however, that John's situation is serious. If a jury believes the DA's charges, John Ford could get 25-75 years at an upstate New York prison.

As for the radium, it was allegedly found outside in John's truck. Outside is where the police were, waiting and listening to the informant talking with John and Joe. Could the police have planted the radium?

I have in my files a letter from the Suffolk County Police Department, dated April 1993. I wrote to them, at John's request, complaining about police violations of LIUFON member's civil rights. They had been leafletting near Southhaven Park and going house to house looking for witnesses -- constitutionally protected activity. The police stopped them and ordered them out of the area. This was the kind of thing John did, and this was the kind of response he got from the Suffolk Police, as far back as 1993.

There is plenty of reason to think the Suffolk Police were "out to get" John Ford. That is why John's colleagues, including myself, have organized the John Ford Defense Committee. Our purpose is (1) to give people true information on the arrest of John Ford, and (2) collect funds and other resources essential for John's defense.

My support for John Ford, and the support of the other members of the Defense Committee, is based on our conviction that John did not, would not, and could not conspire to murder anyone. On this point our support is complete and total.

As for John's allegations, I speak only for myself and not for other members of the Defense Committee. I always found John's allegations hard to believe but impossible to dismiss. Taken as a whole, what John's claims suggest is a low intensity military conflict between the United States and the aliens. Is that possible? Yes it is.

John Ford is the first UFO investigator to be seriously persecuted by the authorities. Shall we sit idly by while our colleague's life is destroyed? If John Ford is silenced, who is next? Contact the John Ford Defense Committee at web site www.iwaynet.net/~pic or email elaine26.nul

The Committee needs funds for John's legal defense and donations of several kinds: a psychiatrist expert witness; professional audiotape analysis; and a Long Island-based legal investigator.

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Revealed: How The Government Studied The Paranormal For Use In
War On Terror

By Annie Brown

Secret documents have revealed the MoD have been studying the
paranormal and other unexplained scientific phenomenon for use in
the war against terror.

The newly released files show that just after 9/11, the Ministry
of Defence conducted a research project into psychics - with the
possibility they could be used to locate terrorist cells.

Last night saw the UK debut of the eagerly anticipated US TV show
Fringe, which takes its name from fringe science, an umbrella
term for such bizarre notions as ghosts, UFOs, psychics and
invisibility.

The series, from JJ Abrams, the creator of Lost, centres on FBI
agent Olivia Dunham and uses paranormal plots following in the X-
Files tradition.

Coincidentally, as the show takes off, the truth of just how
seriously our Government have taken fringe science is slowly
emerging.

As Abrams has said: "Though you could say it's science fiction,
the weird thing about Fringe is that a lot of the stuff is at
least in the realm of possibility.

"When Star Trek came out and they had their communicators, that
was a cool dream. Now, in our pockets, we all have communicators.
We read a week ago that invisibility is coming. There's stuff you
wouldn't think in a million years is possible, and it's happening
every day."

That's also the official approach according to Nick Pope, who
once ran the MoD's UFO project.

He said: "Everything that you think is Sci-Fi, someone in
government or in the private sector is trying to get it to work."

In the Nineties, he worked for the MoD in a department blandly
named Secretariat (Air Staff), looking at strange phenomena
including UFOs, crop circles and even ghost sightings on military
bases.

The research continues today.

Nick said: "As with all these fringe sciences, the reason we are

doing this isn't necessarily that the MoD corporately believe in things such as anti-gravity, mind control and telepathy.

"But it is a classic example of what we call low probability, high consequence - which is basically saying it is a long shot, but if we can get just one of these fringe science things to work, the military applications would just be phenomenal."

Freedom of Information has led to the disclosure of top secret MoD documents which show the Government have been looking seriously at fringe sciences. We can assume they didn't want us to know about it as the documents are marked "Secret UK eyes only" - one of the highest classifications used by the MoD.

One study into the phenomenon of psychics, or remote viewing as the MoD call it, was secretly commissioned only a month after the New York terror attacks.

A questionnaire was sent to psychics, none of whom knew it was an MoD project, and it was probably disguised as an academic study. NICK said: "It raises the question of what other academic studies looking at fringe sciences are being run by the military?"

In the documents, there are hints of small breakthroughs. Testers asked psychics to identify a series of hidden images including a wine glass and a picture of Mother Teresa.

The files reveal the psychics "may have accessed some features of the target" - that is, the images. Later, it even talked about recruiting one or two of the psychics to "go after the sensitive targets".

The next part of the study was blacked out but coming so close to 9/11 would suggest that terrorists were the "targets".

It is well known that most police forces have used psychics for years, but the extent to which the Government and the MoD use them is unknown.

Nick said: "According to documents recently released, it transpires that defence intelligent staff have also been dabbling in other fringe science areas.

"These include exotic propulsion systems and even the possibility of using energy fields to modify people's behaviour, hinting at the exploration of mind control."

Nick suspects much of the research is contracted out to defence corporations run by ex-military, which means the MoD can get round the Freedom of Information Act.

Quinitiq, the recently privatised UK defence research organisation, have been doing research into invisibility and Bae Systems were looking at anti-gravity.

Nick admits that when he was first given the job of looking into unexplained phenomena, he was sceptical.

But his research into UFO sightings and access to formerly classified files soon convinced him that the phenomenon raised important defence issues, especially when the witnesses were military pilots or where UFOs were tracked on radar.

He said about 80 per cent of UFO sightings could be explained as misidentifications of something ordinary, such as aircraft lights or satellites.

And he admitted that in about 15 per cent of cases there was insufficient information to draw any firm conclusions.

But he said approximately five per cent of sightings, including some in Bonnyrigg, Midlothian, seemed to defy conventional explanation.

A new survey has shown that 88 per cent of people in the UK didn't know their Government had fringe science projects and 77 per cent thought it was a waste of money.

But Nick said: "At first, I probably thought it was a waste of time and money as well, but these are fairly modest bits of research.

"Tome, all the scientific progress we have made has come about because we dared to dream and push the envelope of human understanding to the limit.

"If we took the view that all these things are a waste of money, we probably would never have developed the aeroplane or the rocket.

"There were always people in history saying that things were impossible but we did it anyway. Some of these things may just be things we haven't figured out how to do yet. It seems crazy not to try."

Fringe stars relatively unknown Australian actress Anna Torv, probably best remembered for playing a lesbian love interest in the BBC series Mistresses, and the two-hour pilot cost =A35million.

The show will stick to familiar paranormal territory but, in a departure from JJ Abrams' Alias and Lost, each episode can stand alone.

Abrams hopes people's fascination with fringe science will get them tuning in to his latest production on Sky.

He said: "It's definitely meant to scare the hell out of you, but it's also meant to make you laugh."

Fringe continues this Sunday at 9pm on Sky1 and Sky1 HD.

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>Eleanor White

Everybody:

John Ford was not imprisoned because of his beliefs. He was
imprisoned because he was accused of commission of a crime
against another person.

Please.

Can we be accurate in the basis for this case.

KK

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He's in Mid Hudson?

Anyhow, the history of psychiatry is rife with accounts of people
being incarcerated for all sorts of nonsensical and vindictive
reasons.

There's so much information it's best to get it from the source
documents acquired via FOIA from the psychiatric watch dog
groups. Most are non-profit but they have a huge amount of
documentation and the recent convictions of psychiatrists world
wide for abuses of all sorts is just astounding and definitely
not for the faint of heart.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com

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<http://stangordonufo.com/news/2008/october/glowingcreature.htm>

October 7, 2008

Glowing Creature-Strange Lights Reported In Pennsylvania

By Researcher Stan Gordon

On October 4, 2008, two hunters in Elk County, Pennsylvania, encountered something strange which they are still trying to find an explanation for. The two men entered the woods at about 4:45 a.m. It had been raining, and it was very dark. For lighting they had only a "hat light" and a mini mag light.

As the fellows walked further into the wooded area, they heard the sound of a coyote howl and the two men stopped. A short time later, they heard coyotes howling from various locations all around the woods. It appeared to be three different packs of the animals. The men had hunted quite often. The one witness told me that he had never heard so many coyotes howling like that before. At times, it was hard for the two men to communicate with each other.

Suddenly about 150-200 yards ahead on the other side of a field, they noticed two very dim glowing lights. The lights were about the size of a baseball and about two feet apart, and estimated to be about 15 feet above the ground. They glowed, "like the indiglo color of a watch." The two men thought the lights were odd, but considered that maybe there were some hunters ahead. The men shut off their lights. As they walked forward, in the distance toward where they saw the first glowing lights, they now observed what looked like a flashlight beam flashing back and forth between the tree line.

They did not think this was odd, since it was archery season, and there was the possibility that other hunters were in the area. Within minutes of seeing the single light beam, about 10 individual white beams of light suddenly appeared. These light beams which "flashed around," seemed to originate from one point, and were not moving around as if being carried by someone. The beams appeared to be about 10 feet above the ground, and projected parallel with the ground, and extended straight out from the originating location.

The other hunter asked out loud, "how many are there?" It seemed odd to the two hunters that these lights did not seem to be trying to find a path through the woods. The men were confused as to what they were seeing. Their attention was then drawn to a glowing figure, moving from the area of the beams of light. "It seemed as though one light beam led it to the field." The glowing human-like form moved about 20 feet out into a grass field. The grass in the area was about six inches tall. The other beams of light suddenly went out.

One witness described the being as similar to "a silhouette of a person just glowing, completely glowing." The man said the best way to describe what they saw was if someone took glow in the dark paint, and rubbed it on a person's body. The being was estimated to be about three feet tall, the head may have been a little larger than a human, and the upper part of the body seemed to lean forward.

The arms appeared to hang straight down, and were longer than that of a human. The legs were hard to see, as the glow was blocking out the shape. The color of the glow was described as a light green, lime color. The being seemed to be moving at twice the speed of the two men, who were walking fast. It actually gave the impression that it was gliding, and no sound was heard.

The one man recalled that he was becoming quite shook up during the incident, and he began to whistle out loud. Moments later, the being, which had been moving steadily, just "stopped on a dime." It remained motionless for about 30 seconds. It then moved about 20 feet into the field, "then suddenly just vanished." It disappeared in front of their eyes, and was not seen again. Within about two minutes after the being disappeared, all of the coyotes in the area suddenly stopped howling. The entire incident lasted a total of about five minutes.

As one witness told me, "I know what I saw. I just don't know what it was." The men went back to the location later that day and looked around for any traces where they had seen the lights and the mysterious being, but nothing was found. The men tried to rationalize what they had experienced, and would be interested to know if anyone has seen anything similar in that area.

This incident occurred amongst a series of other UFO reports, which have been ongoing across Pennsylvania in recent weeks and months. Actually, UFO activity has been active all year across the state. My PA UFO Hotline, as well as the National UFO Reporting Center, and the PA MUFON, have all been receiving sighting reports. While there have been numerous observations reported in the eastern part of the state, there has also been UFO activity in the southwestern areas as well. Among the recent UFO sightings which I have been investigating are the following.

About 2 a.m. on the morning of August 12, 2008, a witness who lives in a rural area between Greensburg and Youngwood, PA, in Westmoreland County, observed a bright light shining in a window. Upon looking outside, the witness observed what was described as two huge double headlights side by side. The lights, which had a yellow cast to them, were just across the road in front of another house, and very low above the ground. At first the observer thought that it must have been a helicopter, but there was no sound, and no rotor blades were apparent. After several minutes, the lights rose very slowly, and moved off into the sky over the trees.

There were a number of independent UFO reports from Allegheny and Westmoreland counties, reported during the early morning hours of September 5, 2008. About 12:30 a.m., near New Stanton, a witness observed some oddities in the sky. In the distance, what looked like a fire in the sky above a tree line was observed. (Another similar report came in later from another area.) The luminous display soon disappeared, and a strange object was soon observed in the western sky. This object was round and glowed white, with flashing blue and red lights at the bottom area. The object suddenly vanished, as though someone turned off a power switch.

A second object soon appeared toward the south. This object was moving and was larger in size than the first, and somewhat football shaped. This object moved rather fast, and appeared to drop close to the ground in the distance. With binoculars, the glowing white object, appeared to be perfectly round, with glowing red rectangular lights that did not flash, and were evenly spaced around the outside perimeter.

At almost the same time, another report was received from a man who was driving near South Park, outside of Pittsburgh. The driver suddenly observed two brilliant lights which were equally spaced, which he noticed as they came into view above his windshield. The lights came from the back of his car, and had moved towards the front. Within seconds, a second set of similar lights came into view. These lights were about three feet in diameter and did not blink.

The driver indicated that the layout of the lights would mimic the proportions generally of a standard piece of typing paper with a large light at each corner. The lights seemed to be attached to an object, which was estimated to be about 20 feet wide, and 50 feet long. The object was no more than 100 feet above the ground and was completely silent. The object made a sharp bank and accelerated into the sky above some trees.

At about 2:50 a.m. that same morning near Jeannette, a large orange ball of light was observed moving slowly across the clear sky. The light was estimated to be about a 1,000 feet up, moving east to west, and seemed to be almost floating. It suddenly vanished from sight as though someone shut off a switch.

I am looking into a number of other recent UFO reports. If you have any information on these cases, or if you have seen anything strange in Pennsylvania, please get in contact with me.

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Human-Alien Hybrids?

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<http://www.aboutseti.com/blog/human-alien-hybrids>

Tuesday, September 30, 2008

Human-Alien Hybrids? By Mac Tonnies

A central motif of reported alien abductions, as well as folkloric accounts of kidnappings by nonhuman beings, is the goal of producing "hybrid" offspring: humanoid children who are able to straddle the bridge between human society and that of the "others."

Because of its alarming (and peripherally erotic) overtones, the "hybridization program" has become a staple ingredient in many books purporting to explain alien abductions, such as "The Threat" by David Jacobs and Budd Hopkins' "Sight Unseen." Jacobs, Hopkins and their peers believe that the UFO and abduction phenomena are necessarily interlinked: UFOs are exotic vehicles used by the abductors to further their agenda. (In what I've termed the "Silent Invasion Scenario," the ubiquitous Grays are suffering from some sort of genetic malady and must rely on infusions of human DNA to survive - sometimes with governmental complicity.)

The problems with this interpretation have been noted by eager critics. Geneticists ridicule the notion that humans would be genetically compatible with extraterrestrials, comparing the effort to a person trying to successfully mate with an insect. And although recent discoveries in transgenics allow radically disparate species to reproduce (albeit artificially), the notion that advanced aliens - presumably thousands of years more advanced than us - would rely on kidnapping unsuspecting humans to obtain genetic samples seems singularly clumsy.

It's more likely that a civilization capable of traveling between stars (or burrowing through space-time itself) would possess a knowledge of genetic engineering surpassing our own. Indeed, it's tempting to speculate that a civilization only a few hundred years in advance of our own would have mastered the fundamentals of nanotechnology, rendering the need for "punch biopsies" and forcible semen extraction - let alone craft with portals and landing gear - obsolete.

This leaves us to consider that the "aliens," instead of hailing from some distant star system, are in fact closely related to us and may originate much closer to home. Their frequent allusions to outer space, such as the celebrated "star map" shown to abductee Betty Hill, may be a subterfuge crafted to further our collective infatuation with "space visitors" - a fascination set firmly in place by the controversial "contactees" who preceded the emergence of the modern abduction epidemic by at least a decade.

(Former Ministry of Defense UFO investigator Nick Pope deals

refreshingly with the contactee movement in his book "The Uninvited," questioning the conventional wisdom that all those claiming benevolent contact with human-looking ETs were hoaxers and cranks. Instead, noting the distinct vein of duplicity that accompanies the history of paranormal visitation, he proposes that at least some of the contactees may have been dealing with genuine "others." That these "others" made their first appearance as space travelers shortly after the creation of nuclear weapons, while typically attributed to social factors, may belie their terrestrial origin: If you lived among savages with increasingly destructive devices at their disposal, it may prove all too tempting to intervene, but in a way than denies your own existence at the same time it propagates your message.)

If we share our planet with indigenous humanoids - and I think the case for terrestrial origin is at least as robust as the Extraterrestrial Hypothesis - then it would certainly appear that we're numerically - if not technically - superior. The "others" would be forced to live at the periphery of normal human perception, perhaps utilizing techniques analogous to recent breakthroughs with brain-machine interfaces and "mind control."

I find it highly suspicious, for example, that so many encounters with apparent aliens involve exposure to chemicals and needles inserted into the victim's head. Sometimes close encounter witnesses are asked to drink noxious-tasting beverages prior to conversing with the "crew," or subjected to imagery that can be ascribed to psychedelic "conditioning." It would certainly seem that the aliens - terrestrial or otherwise - prefer to alter our perceptions prior to establishing contact. Given the selfish motives attributed to UFO occupants by researchers like Hopkins, the most coherent explanation for these techniques is that we're being compelled to participate without the luxury of trusting our senses.

Thus, even discounting the innumerable reports of "missing time," the abduction experience is consummately secretive - an aspect that fails to concur with the popular image of dispassionate ET scientists (who, presumably, care as little about our earthly affairs as lab workers sympathize with their rats). The mere fact that the "extraterrestrials" posthypnotic commands to forget the experience can be overridden with such surprising ease suggests we're dealing with something other than extrasolar aliens.

Whoever these others are, their grasp of our psychical vocabulary is nothing short of startling; this enduring human aspect suggests, gently, a long and intimate relationship with our species - not the quick, pragmatic harvest we might reasonably expect from genuine ETs.

But if the "others'" interest in reproduction can be accepted at face value - and its ubiquitous nature indicates that it's an integral component of the contact experience by almost any measure - what does it portend?

Once we finish sifting through esoteric hypotheses, we're left with the troubling prospect that at least one "cryptoterrestrial" society in our midst is suffering from a potentially debilitating genetic syndrome - and they're desperate and savvy enough to harvest our population for a possible long-term fix. I don't think this implies malice; if the situation were reversed, we'd almost certainly do the same thing, taking equally distressing measures to ensure our anonymity.

Needless to say, the anthropological considerations are enormous. Delving further requires a healthy sense of "recreational paranoia" - as well as the ability to suspend deep-rooted preconceptions.

Mac Tonnies

[Thanks to Stuart Miller for the lead]

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70 Years Of Pilots' Sightings

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The famous yachtsman Francis (later Sir Francis) Chichester actually began his career as a pioneering aviator. In 1931 he made the historic first solo flight from Australia to New Zealand across the Tasman Sea and during this flight he was suddenly startled by a group of flashing lights moving at high speed across the sky.

One of the strange objects approached his aircraft - he described it as "like a silver pearl and flashing like a searchlight". The object moved in front of his aircraft before disappearing.

For well over 7 decades Pilots, both military and commercial, have reported the sighting of objects that they could not identify or explain.

For a detailed account of some highly relevant sighting reports see:

<http://www.thewhyfiles.net/pilotsightings.htm>

Of course, during the Second World War allied pilots, returning from missions, began to report the sightings of strange "balls of light" which hovered close to their aircraft. The concern of Allied military chiefs began to grow when these reports not only increased in numbers but even stranger, included reports of disrupted electrical equipment in aircraft in the direct vicinity of these unidentifiable objects. These mysterious objects became known as "Foo Fighters". See:

http://www.thewhyfiles.net/foo_fighters.html

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Outback Station Stalked By UFOs Again

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Source: Northern Territories News - Darwin, Australia

http://www.ntnews.com.au/article/2008/10/07/7941_ntnews.html

October 7th, 2008

Outback Station Stalked By UFOs... Again
by
Matt Cunningham

They're back! Cattlemen at a remote Northern Territory station say strange lights have reappeared in the night sky.

As reported on the Northern Territory News website, Ray Aylett first saw the weird flashing lights zipping above the farmhouse at Muckaty Station early last month.

Mr Aylett, the station's manager, said the lights returned on Friday night, stranger than ever.

"I went down the front to close the gate and you could see this light coming," he said.

"It was flashing from bright orange to red."

"It came at me and stopped, moved off to one side and then moved back."

"Then it went around in a circle and came straight towards me, this bright light."

"He came around and the light went really white."

"Then he did another circle and took off to the west."

Mr Aylett said it was the third time he had seen the strange lights in the past month.

He said he thought his fellow station workers would laugh at him when he told them what he had seen.

"I said 'I suppose you reckon I'm mad, you bastards', but they reckon they saw it too," he said.

Mr Aylett said he had no idea what the light was.

"Someone said 'maybe it was an army helicopter or a plane', but planes don't do what this thing was doing," he said.

"There was no noise at all."

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

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<http://tinyurl.com/3p58c4>

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Book Review

The Silver Bridge Returns!

The Silver Bridge
by
Gray Barker
ISBN: 978-1-4392-0427-6
Publisher: Metadisc
Seattle, Washington

This is great news! Gray Barker's own take on the Mothman controversy, namely his classic and much-sought-after book, The Silver Bridge, has just been re-published by Metadisc of Seattle, Washington.

I had my review-copy arrive today; however, Andy Colvin - who has put the new edition together - told me just now that it won't be up on Amazon until later this week or maybe next. So, when I get an alert it's at Amazon, I'll let you know.

Here's what the back-cover blurb of the book justifiably says:

What kind of book is The Silver Bridge?

Well, it is primarily not about the collapse of the "Silver Bridge" in Pt. Pleasant, West Virginia, which killed almost 50 people back in 1967 - though it does describe the strange events that preceded the collapse.

Is it about Mothman, the hypnotic bird-man who terrified the Ohio and Kanawha Valleys in 1966 and later became as famous as Bigfoot and the Loch Ness Monster. Or=85Is it a dramatic, emotional docudrama, such as when we hear the sobbing of a sad child, calling for his dog after the unfortunate animal has been mysteriously snatched out of this world?

And what about Woody Derenberger, wondering whether he should tell his neighbors about the otherworldly Indrid Cold, who stopped his van on Interstate 77 for a mind-shattering "interplanetary" interview? It can't be science fiction, because these events actually occurred, as a search through the newspaper files of this time will prove.

One suspects that Barker has in fact written something completely different. It's a new genre of sorts, about a creature that, ironically, may be very old. Ancient lore tells us that flying avatars similar to the Mothman, such as the Garuda, Thunderbird,

and Piasa, have been around a long time.

The Silver Bridge is multi-layered and will likely be interpreted differently by each reader. Some will rave of its "deep psychological content," others its "social commentary". Many will be content to sit back and simply enjoy this hair-raising narrative - though it might well creep nightmarishly back into their minds late at night, like the barely audible chanting of robed figures in the foggy, moonlit woods. Regardless of what The Silver Bridge really is, one thing is certain: it will haunt you forever=85

This 2008 edition features new introductions by ufology legends Alan Greenfield and Jim Moseley, as well as a foreword by paranormal researcher Andy Colvin, aka 'The Mothman's Photographer' whose book trilogy of the same name renewed interest in the MIB conspiracies discovered by Barker.

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Re: John Ford

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Subject: Re: John Ford

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 7 Oct 2008 08:05:32 EDT
>Subject: Re: John Ford

>There's so much information it's best to get it from the source
>documents acquired via FOIA from the psychiatric watch dog
>groups. Most are non-profit but they have a huge amount of
>documentation and the recent convictions of psychiatrists world
>wide for abuses of all sorts is just astounding and definitely
>not for the faint of heart.

Greg,

It would be interesting to see the reports that have been written
up on John Ford. Could be revealing and bring us closer to some
truth.

Kelly

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Hadron Implodes?

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
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Archived: Wed, 08 Oct 2008 08:11:21 -0400
Subject: Hadron Implodes?

A very creative individual provided their impression of what would happenif the Hadron Collider was turned on:

<http://www.cyriak.co.uk/lhc/lhc-webcams.html>

KK

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Re: 'Happy-Camper' Abduction Stories?

From: Kelly Freeman <Khfflsciufu.nul>
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Subject: Re: 'Happy-Camper' Abduction Stories?

>From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 05 Oct 2008 16:42:11 -0400
>Subject: Re: 'Happy-Camper' Abduction Stories?

>That's probably because imprisoning people based simply on their
>beliefs is totally illegal.

Eleanor,

Time out...

First of all, John Ford took the insanity plea, lost and was
committed to a state hospital, Mid-Hudson Psychiatric Hospital.

Second, anyone familiar at all with the John Ford case knows he
wasn't incarcerated because of his beliefs.

It was the charges against him and the bizarre events that took
place preceding his arrest that are so controversial.

Kelly

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April 2007 Channel Islands Sighting

From: **Martin Shough** <parcelular.nul>
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Dear List

Those who would like to read a concise summary of the investigation into this sighting can find an article in the new issue of Journal of Scientific Exploration:

Jean-Francois Baure, David Clarke, Paul Fuller & Martin Shough, 'Unusual Atmospheric Phenomena Observed Near Channel Islands, UK, 23 April 2007', JSE, Vol 22, No 3, pp. 291-308, 2008.

A version of the article will in due course be available alongside the complete report which is still available at:

www.guernsey.uk-ufo.org

The bottom line for those who haven't read it is that we tried very hard to explain the observations in as conservative a way as possible, putting a number of different conventional hypotheses under the microscope. Many were eliminated quickly as impossible or highly implausible. We narrowed the remaining options down to two, neither of which was very compelling despite our best efforts.

We acknowledge that there are several features of the main sighting which, taken alone, would seem suggestive of an atmospheric-optical mechanism, but we failed to make this work convincingly.

Other features, again taken alone, would seem suggestive of objective phenomena in the air at the location triangulated by two lines of sight, but we were unable to find a convincing explanation of this type either (no radar evidence was uncovered to confirm this interpretation and some simultaneous visual observers in other aircraft failed to observe anything when they "ought" to have been able to).

We found no internal reason to discount the problematic features of the observation (that is, the only argument for doing so would be the ad hoc one that they make explanation problematic). In short, the phenomena remain unidentified. It was not our purpose to speculate further.

Martin Shough

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78's UFO Legacy Congress & Mental Health

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Subject: 78's UFO Legacy Congress & Mental Health

Source: Robert Barrow's Blog

<http://tinyurl.com/4jeak2>

Tuesday, October 7, 2008

1978's UFO Legacy, Congress and Mental Health

Regular readers of this blog know that I previously offered a few entries (see) about UFO activity in New York State during 1978. While my efforts and those of other investigators concentrated in large part upon Central NY, other areas of the state were seemingly engulfed in UFO activity as well.

Thirty years have gone by, and that's a long time. Yet, since starting this blog I've received a persistent trickle of comments from readers about their 1978 UFO sightings in New York. Like the original onslaught of reports, these are not the "I saw a light in the sky" sort of thing, which are truly a dime a dozen and usually mean little or nothing in terms of investigations and explanations. Indeed, no, these range from a possible multiple-witness UFO encounter over a highway with a "missing time" aspect, to a close-up daylight encounter. From what little I know (very little) of the witnesses, these dramatic experiences of three decades' vintage have remained with them, sometimes accompanied by disturbing emotions and thoughts.

I need to say from the outset, by the way, that I respect the anonymity they request and expect.

That's the thing about UFO encounters. There are questions, fears and the hope that somebody will tell you you're not crazy (and heaven help you if some ill-informed medical professional attributes your experience to "sleep paralysis", a hopelessly unfashionable explanation akin, in my opinion, to a nonsensical parlor game played by professional people with too much "missing time" in their own educational experiences). Worse, there are so few outlets, none with adequate funding, for UFO observers to contact. For witnesses involved with possible "missing time" issues, my first suggestion is usually The Intruders Foundation and its founder, Budd Hopkins. For those wishing to get their reports (no matter how old) on file, I would suggest the National UFO Reporting Center (see link) or the Center for UFO Studies (see link), and there are also MUFON (Mutual UFO Network) contacts around the country.

However, despite the extreme dedication expressed by a few private organizations and the numerous individuals supporting their work, we're in the same old sinking boat -- abominable funding, inadequate publicity abilities and, unfortunately, woefully insufficient (that is, zero) open government involvement.

In the previous entry, I posed the ongoing question, where is Congress? Well, now we know where Congress is. After the House followed its first impression and defeated bailout legislation, the Senate got into the act last week and pimped so many bribes

and pork into its version that the House, now effectively wined and dined and drunkened by the mere prospect of fiddling away even more of the economy as the nation waits to erupt like Vesuvius, couldn't resist.

So, yes, I still receive the occasional UFO puzzle fragment from 1978, and I'm reminded as recently as last week that a corpuscular governing body so consumed by the greed of itself and others can hardly be expected to see things as they really are. My sympathies are with those who experience disturbing UFO encounters, all the more because there's so little we can do for them under current circumstances.

One little intriguing "bailout" development is Congress's decision to include mental health legislation in the final bill, requiring insurance companies to fund mental health on par with physical health care. I don't know that this was the time or place to attach this issue, with everything else submerged in the glue trap -- not because such care isn't important, and of course it is, but because one can soberly contemplate whether there's an OVERLY ambitious goal at some government levels to label a significant amount of the population with mental disorders. Sleep paralysis comes to mind. Those words again. Hmm. UFO abduction equals sleep paralysis. It must be true -- didn't we see the concept rehashed via David Muir on ABC-TV's recent UFO rehash-rehash?

With the blessings of Congress, maybe sleep paralysis can be entered as an explanation for claims of UFO abductions in hospital DSM directories (the DSM comprises loads of numbers assigned to various medical diagnoses so that everybody's medical records can be easily computerized and statistics compiled into charts and graphs that allow the sum total of one person to be based upon the sum total of a lot of everybody else -- thus requiring one's medical treatment to be based not upon being an individual, but based upon what others like that person are being treated with -- and I hasten to add that few who deal with DSMs would agree with that viewpoint, of course). Besides, it sounds s-o-o-o-o official, so medically all-encompassing, so relevant to every aspect of a purported UFO abduction. Sllleeeeeeeeeeeep par-aly-sis. Wow.

Actually, sleep paralysis is already listed in DSM criteria, so throwing the UFO designation in to create even more medical, insurance and government bureaucracy and human cognitive denigration wouldn't be a stretch.

All things considered, I guess maybe it would be easier to label people observing UFOs as disturbed than to provide funding for a proper UFO inquiry. I don't know, but I suspect that filling out the paperwork at a mental institution and officially diagnosing folks with the assistance of one-size-fits-all standards requires far less effort than completing a detailed UFO report form, investigating and asking Congress to address an extraordinary mystery whose implications may already have humbled us all.

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>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 08 Oct 2008 05:47:49 -0400
>Subject: Re: 'Happy-Camper' Abduction Stories?

>>From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 05 Oct 2008 16:42:11 -0400
>>Subject: Re: 'Happy-Camper' Abduction Stories?

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From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
Date: Wed, 08 Oct 2008 15:48:45 -0400
Archived: Wed, 08 Oct 2008 16:16:59 -0400
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Glad to hear that! The reason my fur stood up was that in our
organized stalking/electronic harassment community, targets _do_
sometimes get forced into the mental health system for simply
reporting that they are group stalked and electronically
harassed. Which is an outrage and a total perversion of what the
mental health system is for.

Eleanor White

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Re: John Ford

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Wed, 8 Oct 2008 15:42:48 -0500
Archived: Wed, 08 Oct 2008 17:11:46 -0400
Subject: Re: John Ford

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 08 Oct 2008 14:41:53 -0300
>Subject: Re: John Ford

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Thanks Don, I have to defer to Mr. Freeman - I got the lion's
share of my info from him. The fund is defunct, but I'm holding
300 dollars for John Ford.

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>more to do with Ford's bringing to attention polluting practices
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That's it in a nut-shell old friend. John Ford was furiously
investigating a corrupt and hugely powerful political boss by the
name of John Powell. John Powell could bear no such
investigation; indeed he pled "no contest" to tip-of-the-iceberg
racketeering charges later on. The reasonable reader can do the
math...

Too - maybe Mr. Freeman knows... Did John Powell spend a day in
jail?

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From: **Sheryl Gottschall** <gottscha.nul>
Date: Thu, 9 Oct 2008 07:54:55 +1000
Archived: Thu, 09 Oct 2008 09:37:41 -0400
Subject: Kaikoura UFO Hunt Flies Again

Source: <http://www.stuff.co.nz/4721269a11.html>

Thursday, 09 October 2008

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He said the flight later this year would take off from Blenheim Airport and head to Wellington, as the Merchant Enterprise had done. It would leave Wellington Airport at 11.50pm and head for Christchurch where they first encountered the strange lights over Kaikoura.

All of those on the original flight had been invited and there would be seats available for those wanting to relive the UFO experience.

The replica flight was one of a number of events taking place to mark the "Kaikoura UFO Anniversary" in Blenheim from 28-31 December.

Also planned is a UFO Symposium at the Marlborough Research Centre, tours of the Argosy aircraft involved and the premiere of

"Kaikoura =96 The Light Inside of Me", a contemporary musical inspired by the events of 1978.

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Date: Thu, 9 Oct 2008 05:11:14 EDT
Archived: Thu, 09 Oct 2008 09:47:59 -0400
Subject: Re: Kaikoura UFO Hunt Flies Again

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[And is for some. See: <http://tinyurl.com/3e9m2j> --ebk]

The only thing missing is it landing on the front lawn of the sheriff's office.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com/blog

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Re: 78's UFO Legacy Congress & Mental Health

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac.nul>
Date: Thu, 9 Oct 2008 12:21:39 -0400
Archived: Thu, 09 Oct 2008 14:27:32 -0400
Subject: Re: 78's UFO Legacy Congress & Mental Health

>Source: Robert Barrow's Blog

><http://tinyurl.com/4jeak2>

>Tuesday, October 7, 2008

>1978's UFO Legacy, Congress and Mental Health

>Regular readers of this blog know that I previously offered a few
>entries (see) about UFO activity in New York State during 1978.
>While my efforts and those of other investigators concentrated in
>large part upon Central NY, other areas of the state were
>seemingly engulfed in UFO activity as well.

1978 was a big year not just in New York. It was a year of world wide sightings. Perhaps the most famous were the Valentich disappearance off the coast of Australia in October (still no trace of Valentich) and the sightings in New Zealand in December (which are being remembered with a special conference this year in NZ).

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From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac.nul>
Date: Thu, 9 Oct 2008 12:37:36 -0400
Archived: Thu, 09 Oct 2008 14:30:20 -0400
Subject: Re: Kaikoura UFO Hunt Flies Again

>From: Sheryl Gottschall <gottscha.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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Proposed explanations: "un-burned meteorites" (by Sir Bernard
Lovell of Greenbank Radio Observatory in England), drug runners,
light reflecting from the breasts of mating mutton birds (by an
ornithologist, coastal lights, light reflected from cabbages in a
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Also the first UFO case to be "argued out" in the refereed
scientific literature (Applied Optics).

See:

<http://brumac.8k.com>

and scroll down to the various articles on the NZ sightings.

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Archived: Thu, 09 Oct 2008 16:09:53 -0400
Subject: Re: Kaikoura UFO Hunt Flies Again

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More importantly, at the top of any documentary producer's
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Eleanor White

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My How We've Changed!

From: **Rick Nielsen** <nilthchi.nul>
Date: Thu, 9 Oct 2008 16:37:47 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Thu, 09 Oct 2008 23:10:18 -0400
Subject: My How We've Changed!

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Welsh Daily's Map Of UFO Sightings

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Fri, 10 Oct 2008 16:28:50 -0400
Archived: Fri, 10 Oct 2008 16:28:50 -0400
Subject: Welsh Daily's Map Of UFO Sightings

Source: Hold The Front Page - Derby, England, UK

<http://www.holdthefrontpage.co.uk/news/081010leader.shtml>

10 October 2008

Welsh Daily Plots Online Map Of UFO Sightings
by holdthefrontpage staff

An evening paper in North Wales has used the latest technology to help UFO spotters follow a series of sightings in the region.

The Evening Leader has used a third-party website to create a record of the sightings on a timeline and map which are now embedded in its own site.

Many residents in the area have reported seeing mysterious lights above their homes and the Leader has carried a series of stories about them.

The third-party site, www.dipity.com, has allowed the Flintshire and Cheshire-based title to collate the growing number of articles in timeline and Google map form, with links back to the stories as they originally appeared on the paper's own site.

The Leader's digital editor Christian Dunn said: "I only came across www.dipity.com a few days ago, but straight away we've found a use for it.

"It saves quite a bit of time because we wanted to create both an ongoing timeline of our UFO sightings and a spotters map for the area. Dipity allows you to do both of these at the same time.

"We turned the whole thing into a widget and embed this onto our site, and by making our UFO spotting 'topic' public on Dipity other users of the site can find it, which helps drive traffic to eveningleader.co.uk.

"We'll definitely be looking at what else we can use Dipity for in the future as our sites don't let us create such good visual timelines - which can be a great way to illustrate how a story has developed."

Barrie Jones, editor in chief of NWN Media Ltd, publishers of the Evening Leader and www.eveningleader.co.uk, said: "We've had a flood of UFO sightings across our region lately and they are always very popular stories, both in the newspaper and online.

"We are always trying develop intuitive ways of presenting the news on our websites and geotagging stories and plotting them on timelines in Dipity is an excellent way of doing this."

Deputy editor Martin Wright added: "Our UFO spotters map is another way that we're trying to improve the user experience of our websites - ensuring that we are not simply replicating our

newspaper online, but giving our online readers something different that they can't get in our printed products."

The UFO spotters map can be found here:

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

[Thanks to Greg Boone for the lead]

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Re: My How We've Changed!

From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
Date: Fri, 10 Oct 2008 09:17:53 +0100
Archived: Fri, 10 Oct 2008 16:30:27 -0400
Subject: Re: My How We've Changed!

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From being an international forum discussing a wide range of topics from a variety of different perspectives, it has become a List largely dominated by American eager-believers discussing the minutae of Roswell, other alleged 'crashes' and barmy mind-control theories.

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John Rimmer
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Re: My How We've Changed!

From: John Velez <jvelez49.nul>
Date: Fri, 10 Oct 2008 13:03:50 -0400
Archived: Fri, 10 Oct 2008 16:34:10 -0400
Subject: Re: My How We've Changed!

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Hi Rick, All,

The main difference between the List now, and in the past can be traced to EBK's opening the List to the public.

Before, Errol opened up membership in the List to allow the participation of the general public, the List membership was composed almost exclusively of individuals who were either directly, or indirectly, involved in the ongoing research into the subject of UFOs and their occupants. In the early days of UFO UpDates you had to be 'invited' in to the conversation. The List was basically an ongoing daily dialog/debate between peers.

Errol deserves much credit for his pioneering work. What my dear friend does best is to facilitate dialog/communication. When the WWW was still in its infancy, Errol created and maintained (without compensation) the only direct connection that existed between the principle research people in ufology.

Several important discussion Lists were spawned by Errol's UFO UpDates. Jan Aldritch's 'Project 1947' being one of the more prominent ones. P-1947 was 'birthed' out of UFO UpDates much like a successful TV series spawns spin-off's. Errol has made ufological history with his creation. The importance to ufology of EBK's contribution cannot, and should not, be minimized in any fashion.

I'm not saying the List was better or worse in the past, it was simply different. We had just as many geniuses and a-holes (if not more) back then. The main difference, I think, was qualitative. The level and the overall quality of the running discussions was much (MUCH) higher in the past. Much more of a give and take among many of the principle investigators in ufology. EBK had assembled a cast of some of the brightest and most well-informed researchers in the field. Errol provided them all a way to communicate on a daily basis. He brought to bear all the best that modern technology had to offer - the InterNet - to facilitate and moderate what is still, to this day, the very best and most educational UFO related information service.

Errol should be acknowledged for his pioneering contribution. 'Ufology' and all involved owe the man a deep debt of gratitude. I know I do. There aren't too many people I would say this about; I love Errol for the glorious human being that he is and I would gladly take a bullet for him if it would extend his life one moment longer than it was intended to.

EBK: You're a pure joy and a light in the lives your friends, and to everyone else who comes to sip water from the river of valuable information you have created. The world is a much

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better place because you're in it, buddy. You need to know that.

Best,

John Velez

Member of UFO UpDates since the Paleolithic era

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MoD's UFO X-Files Use Speedy Redact Tech

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Fri, 10 Oct 2008 16:46:29 -0400
Archived: Fri, 10 Oct 2008 16:46:29 -0400
Subject: MoD's UFO X-Files Use Speedy Redact Tech

Source: Computer Weekly.Com - Sutton, Surrey, England, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/4kk7hy>

09 Oct 2008

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MoD Spins Out UFO X-Files With Speedy Redact Technology
UFO: Close Encounters Of The Third Kind

The Ministry of Defence has released the first in a series of UFO 'X-files' to the National Archives, and it has deployed new redact technology to streamline the process.

Thousands of pages relating to alleged UFO sightings are being declassified and released, and RapidRedact software is being used to redact information exempted under the Data Protection Act.

The time saved in streamlining and automating the redaction process has meant that the MoD have been able to release the "X-files" far earlier than would have been possible with a manual approach.

The MoD has been overwhelmed by a deluge of Freedom of Information requests relating to the alleged UFO sightings. This eventually led to the decision to transfer the collection of documents from Whitehall to the National Archives at Kew.

The MoD decided it needed to streamline the redaction process, and selected Redacta's RapidRedact system to electronically redact non-discloseable information from the electronic files.

Previously defence intelligence staff had to print out all relevant documents, manually use a scalpel or tape to physically remove names and addresses of individuals, then photocopy those documents for release.

This process was highly time-consuming, and wasted a great deal of paper and printer cartridges. RapidRedact can be used with any electronic format document, including scanned documents and images and is far more time and cost efficient than manual redaction.

The first collection of UFO documents released to National Archives consisted of more than 3,000 pages, and it is estimated that altogether more than 50,000 pages in total will be released. The documents are contained in multi-page files, with some files containing more than 900 pages.

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Michio Kaku - Impossible Science
by Greg Taylor

Recently, I was lucky enough to chat with theoretical physicist Professor Michio Kaku. Professor Kaku is one of a rare breed; working at the cutting edge of complex maths and physics, but also able to talk about his research topics with a layperson, in their language. He specialises in string field theory, but is also an eloquent populariser of science, having appeared on nearly every major television network in the United States and hosted a number of documentaries. He also has written numerous popular books on cutting edge science and future thought, the latest being *Physics of the Impossible* (Amazon US and UK).

Our discussion covered everything from the UFO phenomenon, to whether consciousness defines reality, and also touched on some of the more controversial science stories about today (most notably, the LHC and Active SETI). Professor Kaku was quick to assure me that the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) will definitely not destroy the world, instead listing some of the benefits that science could reap from the project - not least, a refining of the current understanding of particle physics. He didn't shy away from the fact that in its current form "the Standard Model...is supremely ugly... It's like gluing together an aardvark, whale, and platypus and declaring it to be nature's supreme evolutionary creation."

We also touched on the 'mainstream' view that human consciousness is simply an epiphenomenon of the brain - which in many respects, does not match up with the supreme importance that some branches of quantum physics accord consciousness. Professor Kaku agreed that "consciousness is one of the great problems facing science," and stated plainly that despite the mainstream view, "most scientists cannot even define it, let alone explain it." To illustrate how consciousness is important to quantum physics, he discussed the well-known "Schrodinger's Cat" paradox, and then explored various theories which might explain it. One of those was put forward by Nobel Laureate Eugene Wigner - he assumed that consciousness is the key factor in creating reality. Furthermore, extrapolating Wigner's theory means that, as Professor Kaku put it, "eventually, we need an infinite chain of observers, each watching the other... Wigner implied that this chain was a cosmic consciousness or even God."

One of the main reasons I was interested in talking to Professor Kaku was his openness to some of the more 'heretical' areas of science. One of those topics is the scientific investigation of the UFO phenomenon, something which he has gone on the public record as supporting. Professor Kaku said that generally UFOs were subject to the "giggle factor" with scientists, because

most assume that the distance between possible civilisations is far too great. But he thinks differently.

"Once you imagine a civilization a million years more advanced (which is a blink of an eye compared to the 13.7 billion year age of the universe) then new laws of physics and technologies open up," Dr Kaku told me. "For such a civilization (a Type III civilization, according to the Kardashev scale), travel between stars might not be such a problem."

He also pondered on how we might struggle to relate to such technically advanced alien civilisations - or more correctly, how they might fail to recognise our 'sophistication'. "Imagine walking down a country road, and meeting an ant hill. Do we go down to the ants and say, 'I bring you trinkets. I bring you beads. I give you nuclear energy and biotechnology. Take me to your leader?' Or we have the urge to step on a few of them??"

Given the likely differences between us and alien civilisations, the next obvious question to me was to ask whether Professor Kaku thought SETI was worth the time and effort. His reply? "Yes, because it's all we have today. So by default, we should fund it, but not expect too much."

He wasn't as charitable, however, about the idea of Active SETI (beaming messages out to space, rather than listening). "I think it's an awful idea to advertise our existence in space, without understanding the motives and intentions of possible alien civilizations," he said, comparing us to the inhabitants of the New World encountering "Cortez and his band of cut-throats". Instead of David vs. Goliath, Professor Kaku suggests it would be more akin to "a fruit fly versus Goliath".

The full interview transcript is after the fold, click 'Read More' to view it. Also, there is plenty of wonderful reading on Professor Kaku's personal website, for those who want to explore these topics further.

Interview follows at:

<http://dailygrail.com/features/michio-kaku-impossible-science>

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<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/science/nature/7660449.stm>

Thursday, 9 October 2008

[Video at site]

Is Anybody Listening Out There?

Gabriel Gatehouse looks around the giant radar telescope in Ukraine that will be beaming out Bebo messages.

Messages have been sent to a planet 20 light years from Earth in the hope they will reach intelligent alien life.

Some 501 photos, drawings and text messages were transmitted on Thursday by a giant radio-telescope in Ukraine normally used to track asteroids.

The target planet was chosen as it is thought capable of supporting life.

Any reply to the messages - collated through a competition by the social networking website Bebo - would not reach Earth for 40 years.

The competition - A Message From Earth - invited Bebo's 12m users to send in missives they would like extra-terrestrials to receive.

Topics submitted ranged from the environment, politics and world peace to family relationships and the sender's first kiss.

Having been translated into a binary format, the 500 selected will travel 120 trillion miles into space after being sent via high-powered radio waves from the National Space Agency of Ukraine's RT-70 radar telescope in Evpatoria.

Here we are

After being launched at 0600 GMT Bebo's mission commander Oli Madgett said the message "passed the Moon in 1.7 seconds, Mars in just four minutes and will leave our Solar System before breakfast tomorrow".

Organisers hope the hi-tech package will reach its target - the planet Gliese 581C - in early 2029.

Bebo spokesman Mark Charkin said: "A Message From Earth presents an opportunity for the digital natives of today... to reconnect with science and the wider universe in a simple, fun and immersive way."

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Terrestrial Intelligence Institute in California, said whether aliens who might receive the messages would understand them was beside the point.

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Archived: Sat, 11 Oct 2008 10:46:49 -0400
Subject: Irish UFO Tape To Be Beamed Around The World

Source: The Sunday Tribune - Dublin, Ireland

<http://tinyurl.com/4ws7xu>

October 5, 2008

Irish UFO Tape To Be Beamed Around The World
Ken Sweeney

Footage of an alleged UFO, which was filmed in Co Meath by a senior garda two months ago, is to be the main attraction of Ireland's first Paranormal Convention. The footage, filmed on a camera phone over Dunboyne on 3 August, will be shown to hundreds of UFO enthusiasts expected at the event in Clontarf Castle, Dublin next weekend.

"What we have is the best film of a UFO ever filmed in Ireland and perhaps some of the best footage ever captured worldwide," said Carl Nally, co-founder of UFO and Paranormal Research Ireland.

"The man involved is a high-ranking garda from Portlaoise. He was on his way back there from Dunboyne on 3 August at about 10.45pm when he spotted four triangular UFOs travelling over his head.

"It was such an amazing sight that he jumped out of his car and began filming the objects on his camera phone. What he caught was the fourth triangular shaped UFO, turning anti-clockwise before shooting a beam down towards the Earth. It then can be seen flying off following the other UFOs in a northwest direction."

Nally says he has had interest in the footage from as far afield as Australia with various TV companies in touch looking for the footage to be made available for documentaries.

A joint author of best selling Irish UFO book Conspiracy of Silence, Nally says the senior garda joins other credible witnesses, including an airline pilot and a town councillor, who all claim to have seen recent UFO activity in the skies around north Dublin and Meath.

These UFO witnesses are expected to talk about their experiences at the Clontarf convention. "People are becoming more open when it comes to discussing their supernatural and UFO experiences and we want to give these people a chance to meet others and ask questions," said Mark Guerin, the conference's organiser.

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Re: My How We've Changed!

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Fri, 10 Oct 2008 22:52:08 -0300
Archived: Sat, 11 Oct 2008 10:49:37 -0400
Subject: Re: My How We've Changed!

>From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 10 Oct 2008 09:17:53 +0100
>Subject: Re: My How We've Changed!

>>From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 9 Oct 2008 16:37:47 -0700 (PDT)
>>Subject: My How We've Changed!

>>A short request for a brief history lesson:

>>How has UFO UpDates changed over the years?

>From being an international forum discussing a wide range of
>topics from a variety of different perspectives, it has become a
>List largely dominated by American eager-believers discussing
>the minutae of Roswell, other alleged 'crashes' and barmy mind-
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And of course equine excrement such as the above paragraph.

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Re: John Ford

From: Kelly Freeman <Khfflsciufu.nul>
Date: Sat, 11 Oct 2008 08:12:42 -0400
Archived: Sat, 11 Oct 2008 10:51:17 -0400
Subject: Re: John Ford

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 8 Oct 2008 15:42:48 -0500
>Subject: Re: John Ford

>Too - maybe Mr. Freeman knows... Did John Powell spend a _day_ in
>jail?

Hello Alfred,

I don't know about spending time, but I do know Powell was
arrested some time ago. I'm not sure, but I think one of the
charges was bribery.

Might find out something if you Google search back issues of
some of the local papers such as the Long Island Press or the
South Shore Press. Maybe even Newsday or the NY Times will have
some info.

Hey, stay away from those tornados! :)

Kelly

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Date: Sat, 11 Oct 2008 09:37:49 -0400
Archived: Sat, 11 Oct 2008 10:54:06 -0400
Subject: Re: My How We've Changed!

>From: John Velez <jvelez49.nul>
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From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark.nul>
Date: Sat, 11 Oct 2008 10:01:49 -0400
Archived: Sat, 11 Oct 2008 11:55:00 -0400
Subject: Re: My How We've Changed!

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Re: My How We've Changed!

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Sat, 11 Oct 2008 16:44:35 +0100
Archived: Sun, 12 Oct 2008 08:16:11 -0400
Subject: Re: My How We've Changed!

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
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Peace Don, I think things on the List have improved slightly.

Looking at most open forums discussing scientific matters, you find each one has three or four or more 'skeptiks' (purposely mis-spelled). That is, members (or just aliases) whose aim is to discourage speculation or even advanced rational thought, instead pushing the status quo as the only 'rational' solution.

The List had a whole bunch of them a few years ago, some claiming academic status (but we found they didn't know what 'inertia' is - so they stopped posting), others claiming 'inside information' on top cases (mostly publicists, hoaxers or other types of liar), the rest merely trying to lay down the law - usually with the intention of excluding all or most evidence.

There seems to be only a few left, and most of us are usually aware of them - so maybe the air is a bit clearer.

Cheers

Ray D

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From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
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Archived: Sun, 12 Oct 2008 08:17:44 -0400
Subject: Re: My How We've Changed!

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Archived: Sun, 12 Oct 2008 08:20:30 -0400
Subject: Re: My How We've Changed!

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 11 Oct 2008 10:01:49 -0400
>Subject: Re: My How We've Changed!

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I, too, agree with Jerry, et al.

As a UFO archivist, it is very important to have a lasting (and most importantly, archived) forum in which research, notes and comments (good and otherwise) are presented, and preserved. Errol is doing a fantastic job of being in charge of Ufology's ongoing internet debate.

Thank you, Errol.

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Date: Sun, 12 Oct 2008 00:15:24 -0400
Archived: Sun, 12 Oct 2008 08:24:48 -0400
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List, John,

I couldn't have put it better myself. I too would let John take
a bullet for Errol if it would extend his life & and I'd be damn
proud of John for doing it, too!

Seriously, the daily journal of ufology is no further away than
your e-mail box, thanks to Errol and UFO UpDates. If it weren't
for Errol, the field would be even more ignorant and ignored
than it is.

Michael J. Woods

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Kumburgaz Turkey UFO Videos

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>

Date: Sun, 12 Oct 2008 09:25:00 -0400

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Subject: Kumburgaz Turkey UFO Videos

Source: Sirius UFO - Istanbul, Turkey

<http://tinyurl.com/3mem62>

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World Exclusive!

The most significant and undeniable UFO videos of all time that also cover aliens in them were caught on tape in Istanbul!

Kumburgaz UFOs and aliens are back in 2008 with most amazing footage of all time!!

These extraordinary incidents took place in a compound in Kumburgaz/Istanbul witnessed by many residents and filmed by the same security guard, Yalcin Yalman, as in 2007.

The images captured are expected to have a tremendous impact throughout the world and be listed as "the most important UFO/extraterrestrial images ever filmed in the all world"

During the 4 months, between May and September 2008, many nationwide UFO sightings were reported from different parts of Turkey, while some of them were videoed and photographed and aired. Within the same period of time, these objects were also witnessed by residents of Kumburgaz/Yeni Kent Compound, caught on video several times by a security guard named Yalcin Yalman and the footage are considered as the closest and the most significant images ever recorded.

In these amazing UFO video sequences physical forms shapes of UFOs and their metallic structures are clearly noticeable. What's more important is that in the close-ups of some footage of the objects, entities in the objects can be distinctly made out.

We, at Sirius UFO Space Science Research Center firstly, spoke with all the witnesses separately then did detailed analysis of the full recordings of 2 hours 30 min. with the participation of our members of science board... We enlarged the video images, did detailed analysis checking pixels and went through the all footage frame by frame. After completing the necessary analysis - which went on for several weeks - we came to the definite conclusion with no doubts that these are 100% genuine footage!

The objects recorded in the videos have a structure that is made of specific material and not created by any kind of computer animation nor are they any form of special effects used for simulation in a studio or for a video effect. Therefore in conclusion it was decided that the sightings were neither a mockup or hoax. And it is concluded that the objects in the sightings that have physical and material structure do not belong in any category such as; planes, helicopters, meteors, Venus, Mars, satellites, fire balls, Chinese lantern, fire

balls, wheather ballons, natural or atmospheric phenomenon...
etc. but fall into the category of UFOs...

We came to a point that leading scientific research centers around the world have been setting up research on Ufology, furthermore, high-ranking retired military and government officials, astronauts, congressmen, scientists, senior military commanders, colonels, generals, jet fighter and civilian pilots, radar operators, top intelligence officers of CIA and FBI, department of defense officials have been releasing documents they possess regarding UFO's and openly revealing facts to the public.

Now its time for world governments to disclose the UFO Reality. Such a disclosure is critically important for all humanity and it would certainly be a turning point for the history of our planet. The disclosure of extraterrestrial life would also launch an unprecedented era, unify humanity by the awareness of being earthlings ensuring peace, harmony and unity consciousness and lead our dear planet to a new age of intercommunication and wisdom.

The recent harsh cycles our planet has been going through marks the period in which ecological, social, energy, health problems worsen day by day. We believe that deteriorating circumstances make it vital for our government officials take a step to reveal the truth about UFO's.

Respectfully,

Haktan Akdogan
Chairman

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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Brookhaven 'Lab Reports' A Fraud

From: Philip Mantle <philip.nul>
Date: Sun, 12 Oct 2008 15:07:50 +0100
Archived: Sun, 12 Oct 2008 11:41:50 -0400
Subject: Brookhaven 'Lab Reports' A Fraud

For Immediate Release

Brookhaven Lab Reports Are A Fraud

By Philip Mantle

October 12th 2008.

It would seem that I have been the victim of a cruel fraud and that Dr R.Ronald Rau of the Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL) has been the victim as well.

Let me explain:

I am a UFO researcher and author in the UK. Last year I visited a location in the New Mexico desert that a colleagues believes is the location of a UFO crash. There are various anomalies there and I brought back some rock samples. Earlier this year I was contacted via email by a Dr Ronnie Milione from New York. During an email conversation I mentioned these rock samples and he informed me that he had a colleague at the Brookhaven National Laboratory who could take a look at them for me. I sent the rock samples to Milione and just a few weeks ago the lab reports were sent to me. These are attached for your attention. If anyone would like a copy please feel free to contact me direct.

Milione's colleague was allegedly a Dr Ronald Rau. I contacted the BNL via email and their media department confirmed there was such a person but he was retired but still held a post there.

The lab reports confirmed a UFO crash site and I published these in the national news media in the UK. The story was subsequently sent around the world. In the meantime Ronnie Milione had supplied me with a telephone number and an email address for Dr Rau. I could not reach him on the phone but had several e-mails from him. The BNL had supplied me with a different e-mail address but they were not sure if it was correct.

Yesterday I received an email from a Frank Warren of The UFO Chronicles web site:

www.theufochronicles.com

who had been contacted by someone from the BNL stating that they had spoken to Dr Rau and he denied all knowledge of any such tests and labs reports. I phoned Ronnie Milione in New York and he gave me a not too convincing story. I then contacted Dr Rau via the e-mail address provided by the BNL and he has told me that he has never tested any such rock samples and that s it. His full e-mail is reproduced here:

Mr. Mantle, all of this is nonsense. I have never dealt with rocks from New Mexico or any other place. I am a High Energy Physicist not a geologist. I am retired from Brookhaven National Laboratory and they know about this fabrication. I do know casually Dr. Milione as he helped me set up a new computer a few

months ago.

Please stop this fabrication.

Thank you

Dr. R. Ronald Rau.

I also checked with a person I respect in the USA who gave a me a long list of frauds and falsehoods that Ronnie Milione had previously been involved with. I could not however find anything on the Web that detailed anything suspicious about Ronnie Milione. I had checked this before but drew a complete blank. However, I have no doubt that my colleague in the USA is telling me the truth.

Basically this whole thing has been a fraud perpetrated by Ronnie Milione. He has produced fake lab reports on Brookhaven headed stationary and has used one of their doctor's names fraudulently. As a result I will be consulting my lawyer on Monday to see if I can sue for damages.

I have e-mailed Dr Rau to apologise and advised him to consult a legal representative. I have also contacted the BNL to advise them of this and have suggested they too seek legal advice. I have offered my assistance to both Dr Rau and the BNL should they choose to take legal action against Ronnie Milione.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to ask. I can only apologise to the BNL and Dr Rau for any embarrassment caused but the culprit is Ronnie Milione and the BNL. Dr R.Ronald Rau and I are the victims.

I would like to thank Frank Warren for alerting me to this and for my colleague in the USA for supplying me with the low-down on Ronnie Milione. For the record I phoned Milione on his land line this morning but guess what, it was coming up and busy. I did however leave a message on his cell's voice-mail telling him just what I thought of him. Any further communication with him will now be with my lawyer. However, if anyone would like his full contact details please let me know and I will gladly supply them.

Lessons have been learnt but unlike the Alien Autopsy Film which took me 14 years to prove as a fraud, these sorry events only took a few days.

Philip Mantle

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From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Sun, 12 Oct 2008 10:52:20 EDT
Archived: Sun, 12 Oct 2008 11:43:44 -0400
Subject: Re: My How We've Changed!

>From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 9 Oct 2008 16:37:47 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: My How We've Changed!

>A short request for a brief history lesson:
>How has UFO UpDates changed over the years?

Errol rocks!

'nuff said.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com/blog

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Re: My How We've Changed!

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Sun, 12 Oct 2008 13:33:53 -0300
Archived: Sun, 12 Oct 2008 12:47:55 -0400
Subject: Re: My How We've Changed!

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 11 Oct 2008 16:44:35 +0100
>Subject: Re: My How We've Changed!

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 10 Oct 2008 22:52:08 -0300
>>Subject: Re: My How We've Changed!

>>When I think back John I can't think of any posts of yours
>>that weren't just snotty and insulting remarks to the rest
>>of us. You really need to bone up on your manners, John.
>>Any fool can play the ignoramous.

>Peace Don, I think things on the List have improved slightly.

>Looking at most open forums discussing scientific matters, you
>find each one has three or four or more 'skeptiks' (purposely
>mis-spelled). That is, members (or just aliases) whose aim is to
>discourage speculation or even advanced rational thought,
>instead pushing the status quo as the only 'rational' solution.

>The List had a whole bunch of them a few years ago, some
>claiming academic status (but we found they didn't know what
>'inertia' is - so they stopped posting), others claiming 'inside
>information' on top cases (mostly publicists, hoaxers or other
>types of liar), the rest merely trying to lay down the law -
>usually with the intention of excluding all or most evidence.

>There seems to be only a few left, and most of us are usually
>aware of them - so maybe the air is a bit clearer.

Ray,

Direct your remarks about 'peace' to John Rimmer, not me for
responding to his unnecessary outburst re a question of how the
List has changed over the years. Rimmer has not changed. His
negativity has been the same, ad nauseum, since he came on the
List regardless of the case or the information concerning the
case. His responses are always knee-jerk and usually without
justification other than his venting - in his mind - his
superior though un-informed opinion.

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be more fodder for he and the rest of the beer swillers at the
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on this List. A good yark by the ignorant at our expense, no
doubt.

Don Ledger

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Once Again With Gusto

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Sun, 12 Oct 2008 14:29:39 -0400
Archived: Sun, 12 Oct 2008 14:29:39 -0400
Subject: Once Again With Gusto

Source: Sarasota Herald Tribune - Florida, USA

<http://www.heraldtribune.com/article/20081010/BLOG32/810100254>

Friday, October 10, 2008

Once Again, With Gusto
By Billy Cox

If you're the only Washington lobbyist dedicated to bringing UFO disclosure hearings to Capitol Hill, you've gotta believe daylight is just around the next bend. Otherwise, what's the point?

Stephen Bassett, Executive Director of the Extraterrestrial Phenomenon Political Action Committee, has been chasing daylight for more than a decade now. And the corner keeps elongating before him like a malevolent Slinky.

Bassett=92s latest just-around-the-corner gambit is called the Million Fax on Washington at <http://www.faxonwashington.org/>. He wants to flood the new president-elect =97 as well as senators and congressmen =97 with a million taxpayer letters, faxes and e-mails between the election and inauguration day in January.

Here=92s his theory: It=92s no accident that countries like France and England have been dumping government UFO records into the public domain over the last few years. Bassett thinks they=92re pressuring Uncle Sam to follow suit, and that if Washington drags its feet, the Old World will take the lead =97 by distributing gun-camera footage of UFOs acquired by their respective military forces.

"Look, the United States is well on it way to irrelevance," Bassett says. "Every first world country has an air force and every one has umpteen hours of gun-cam footage in their archives taken by chase planes. The pressure on the government (for disclosure) is probably greater now than it=92s ever been."

Clearly, Bassett is anticipating the end of the Republican regime and its propensities for secrecy. He says the key to motivating Americans to write is by awakening them to the new-energy windfall embodied by UFO technology locked away in classified vaults.

He says the Dems are already poised for a revolutionary, New Deal-like, energy-based economic recovery plan called the New Apollo Project (see <http://apolloalliance.org/>). One of its big boosters is John Podesta, the former Clinton White House aide who called for an end to the UFO coverup in 2002 and 2003. Bassett suspects Podesta=92s think tank, the Center for American Progress, will be tight with an Obama administration. By writing the new presidential transition team, taxpayers can tell Washington they=92re paying attention.

"Hey, you want change? I got your change right here," Bassett

says. "Joe Sixpack only gives a damn about what affects him and his family. Well, what if he had access to ET technology that's as good as we think it is? What if he knew, if it were out in the open, he could pay 75 cents a gallon for gas, or he could heat his home for \$5 a month? You think he could find 10 minutes out of his day to demand access to that technology from a new administration?"

Bassett says he wants the letter-writing initiative to occur between Nov. 5 and Jan. 20 because of the traditional post-election news cycle lull. Maybe a million letters is unrealistic; he says he'd settle for 30,000-40,000.

Then again, the fates could conspire against him once more, like they did in the autumn of 2002.

Six Octobers ago, Bassett collected enough signatures to run as an independent congressional candidate from Maryland, where he campaigned for UFO transparency. Unfortunately, voters in the Eighth Congressional District were too busy dodging sniper fire from psycho killers John Muhammad and John Malvo to worry about deep-space fastwalkers zipping across the monitors of NORAD tracking stations.

What if voters don't respond this time around?

"If only a thousand letters come in?" A sigh on the other end of the line. "I may have to reassess my life plans."

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From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Sun, 12 Oct 2008 18:57:46 +0100
Archived: Sun, 12 Oct 2008 14:30:59 -0400
Subject: Re: My How We've Changed!

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 12 Oct 2008 13:33:53 -0300
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Cheers

Ray D

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Residents Report UFO Sightings

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Sun, 12 Oct 2008 14:41:26 -0400
Archived: Sun, 12 Oct 2008 14:41:26 -0400
Subject: Residents Report UFO Sightings

Source: Niagara This Week - Ontario, Canada

<http://www.niagarathisweek.com/news/article/211983>

Oct 10, 2008

Residents Report UFO Sightings
By Ashley Guay, Staff
Fort Erie

A triangular-shaped craft with huge white lights was spotted drifting over Fort Erie and Welland last week.

The sightings were reported on a UFO website maintained by investigator Brian Vike.

One witness, Julia, a Fort Erie woman who would only give her first name, said that what she saw in the early hours of Oct. 1 wasn't a plane.

"I got up early in the morning and it was still dark out," said Julia. "I opened my drapes and looked out and saw this huge triangular shaped craft coming slowly over the lumber yard."

Julia said that the craft was huge with five big white lights. She said the size of one white light was comparable to her bungalow off of Gilmore Road in Fort Erie.

She said the sighting lasted a minute or two and she heard no noise coming from the craft that was moving slowly.

"In the summer we sit outside all the time," said Julia. "So we know the flight paths of the planes. They usually come from the south, this came from the west."

She said the clouds were low because of the rain and it wasn't a very bright morning so it was easy to see the huge black object.

"It wasn't any kind of flying plane," said Julia. "I have no idea what it was."

The same sort of vessel was seen in Welland by a woman driving to Niagara Falls. She reported her sighting to Vike's blog but did not want to talk to The Post. According to the information she provided, the darkness of the night prevented her from clearly making out the shape of the object, but she did see the bright lights.

These sightings come on the heels of a sighting that occurred in late August in Bissell's hideaway in Pelham. Campers watched a bright orange fire-looking ball float through the night sky. Similar sightings were reported in other areas of the province around that same time.

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Re: My How We've Changed!

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Sun, 12 Oct 2008 14:02:08 -0500
Archived: Mon, 13 Oct 2008 08:46:31 -0400
Subject: Re: My How We've Changed!

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>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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Hey c'mon... I think we ratchet a mite too hard on our
redoubtable Mr. Rimmer! Why, I remember he once challenged my
take for examples regarding what he took to be a spurious
identification of racial hyper-awareness as regards Betty and
Barney Hill!

When I provided him multiple examples of same from the internet
he backed right off and apologized to me for his error... wait!
No, he didn't! Have at him!

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Re: Kumburgaz Turkey UFO Videos

From: **Steve Sawyer** <stevesaw.nul>
Date: Sun, 12 Oct 2008 13:41:15 -0700
Archived: Mon, 13 Oct 2008 08:50:26 -0400
Subject: Re: Kumburgaz Turkey UFO Videos

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <UFO-UpDates.nul>
>Date: Sunday, October 12, 2008 6:25 AM
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Kumburgaz Turkey UFO Videos

>Source: Sirius UFO - Istanbul, Turkey

><http://tinyurl.com/3mem62>

>October 11 2008

>World Exclusive!

>The most significant and undeniable UFO videos of all time that
>also cover aliens in them were caught on tape in Istanbul!

>Kumburgaz UFOs and aliens are back in 2008 with most amazing
>footage of all time!!

>These extraordinary incidents took place in a compound in
>Kumburgaz/Istanbul witnessed by many residents and filmed by
>the same security guard, Yalcin Yalman, as in 2007.

>The images captured are expected to have a tremendous impact
>throughout the world and be listed as "the most important
>UFO/extraterrestrial images ever filmed in the all world"

Yeah, right. Anyone else find the "Yalman videos" to be as
complete and utter an amateurish fraud as I do?

Mr. Akdogan, "Chairman" of the "Sirius UFO Space Science
Research Center" is either completely delusional or simply
perpretating yet another video hoax and generic fraud, IMHO.

---Steve

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Marley Woods Update October 12, 2008

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Mon, 13 Oct 2008 09:51:52 -0400
Archived: Mon, 13 Oct 2008 09:51:52 -0400
Subject: Marley Woods Update October 12, 2008

Source: Ted Phillips' Center For Physical Research - Branford,
Missouri, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/4xy59z>

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[Photo at site]

Saucer Shaped Device Reported

Last night (10/9/08) two witnesses at the same location of the two white lights near a high voltage line observed a bright twinkling light approaching from the northeast toward Site 1. As it slowly moved closer it became apparent it was a circular object and was rotating.

They observed the device through binoculars as it moved in their direction. Through the binoculars they could see multicolored lights on the object.

It then hovered for 30 minutes and at that time they saw a second identical object moving toward the first from the north.

After another 25 minutes the two appeared to be side by side, suddenly four (4) square objects which were shades of red and yellow emerged from the saucer and moved toward the ground. The tops of the reddish squares were spinning like a top. The reddish object were then seen entering the saucer and this was repeated.

The total observation lasted over an hour.

Tom and Ted were driving a gravel road to Site 3 just 40 minutes after the saucer event ended. We were less than 1,200 feet from the event location but 40 minutes late.

The witnesses photographed the saucer event, those images will be posted soon along with more details of the hour long observation.

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Date: Mon, 13 Oct 2008 09:07:12 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Mon, 13 Oct 2008 09:56:02 -0400
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>From: Steve Sawyer <stevesaw.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 12 Oct 2008 13:41:15 -0700
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>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <UFO-UpDates.nul>
>>Date: Sunday, October 12, 2008 6:25 AM
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Mr. Talayhan,

It's crystal clear your motives and reasons are purely personal
against Mr. Akdogan of Sirius maybe due to the classic issue
of a conflict of interest. Therefore your reply is not valid since
it doesn't apply to the topic and doesn't provide any
substantiable argument in reference to the escence of the report
sent by Mr. Akdogan of Turkey which is the main issue here.

You should put your personal issues with Mr. Akdogan aside, Sir
and contribute to the List providing the results of your
analisis of the footage, presenting your point of view
providing facts, dates, studies, statistics, images and analysis.
In a word - reserach.

Since none of this was included in your post I cannot take you
seriously, Mr. Talayhan.

This is a big case and Mr. Akdogan's investigation began in 2007.

We have enough material and informations to study and analyse in order to properly discuss them, everyone expressing their opinion based on the evidences presented.

So please Mr. Talayhan honor the List and make reference strictly on the case in discussion and it's evidence.

Santiago Yturria

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On Thanksgiving Day In Canada

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Mon, 13 Oct 2008 13:18:48 -0400
Archived: Mon, 13 Oct 2008 13:18:48 -0400
Subject: On Thanksgiving Day In Canada

Here in Canada, its Thanksgiving Day and among the many things I need to give thanks for is the support and kindness of subscribers to this List and its Archive.

Without you UFO UpDates would certainly not exist.

I've made some wonderful friends as a result of the 14 or so years of UFO UpDates - some enemies too, tho' not of my doing.

Over the years there were a relatively small number of belligerents and mischief-makers here. I'm thankful that they, for the most part, have moved on and trust that they too have much to be thankful for.

To all of you, my thanks for your interest and for the kind words that were shared here, recently.

Errol

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Help With Alien Abduction Accounts Identifiers?

From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
Date: Mon, 13 Oct 2008 10:05:44 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Mon, 13 Oct 2008 13:23:41 -0400
Subject: Help With Alien Abduction Accounts Identifiers?

I need your advice. I'm trying to make researchable, all available alien abduction accounts. I want the data to be readily accessible for comparison by anyone who cares to do so.

But I'm having trouble with that.

I have little experience listing things. You can check on some of my work at this link:

<http://tinyurl.com/4652h3>

You might be right to think I should stay focused on finite - yes finite - flora.

I'm not wanting to re-invent any wheels. I don't claim a corner on any market - except maybe cliches. But I'm naive enough to believe that identifying a thing, even listing or naming a thing, is a creative act that moves us closer to total understanding.

Here is a list of identifiers that I think will be useful in listing known alien abduction accounts. I need your help in determining how relevant are these identifiers, and any ideas on additions to this list. Main headings are followed by subheads.

And thanks in advance for your help!

- 1 - Principal Info: Principal Name; Age; Gender; Contact Info
- 2 - Witness Info: Witness Name(s); Age(s); Gender(s); Contact Info
- 3 - Event Info: Event Date; Event Time; Event Location; Event Description
- 4 - Method of Obtaining Information: Statement; Interview; Hypnosis; Polygraph; Records Review
- 5 - Dreams, visions, or memories of any of the following: UFOs, lights, or balls of light? Bigger than normal eyes? Frightening figures? Deceased visitors/ghosts? Babies/Children/Nurseries? Hospital Rooms/Exam Tables? Feelings of Flying? Mental Tests? Paradise? Global Crises? Religious Visions/Experiences? Feelings of "special powers" to help others? Sleep Paralysis? Sperm/Egg Extraction? Woman: Missing Fetus? Woman: Pregnancy Problems? Someone else's clothes, Clothing inside out, Missing Some Clothing? Waking up in odd locations? Lost to those around you for a time? Missing time?
- 6 - Parents: Has any parent had similar experiences?
- 7 - Psychological History: Hospitalized for psychological reasons? Medicated for psychological reasons?
- 8 - Other Researchers: Ever worked with a UFO/alien abduction researcher? Their contact info
- 9 - References:

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From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Mon, 13 Oct 2008 19:32:04 +0100
Archived: Mon, 13 Oct 2008 15:11:29 -0400
Subject: Re: Kumburgaz Turkey UFO Videos

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Carl Feindt On Global Focus Program

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Mon, 13 Oct 2008 15:23:22 -0400
Archived: Mon, 13 Oct 2008 15:23:22 -0400
Subject: Carl Feindt On Global Focus Program

Source: UFO Global Focus.Com

<http://www.thefocusisglobal.net/>

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Carl Feindt is the guest on the radio program A Global Focus tonight, October 13, 2008 - broadcast from New Orleans

<http://www.thefocusisglobal.net/>

Carl Feindt is a preeminent expert on water UFOs (including USOs or unidentified submersible objects). Carl's fascination with aviation spans from the late days of WWII through current developments in the field. Carl Feindt served as a cadet in the Civil Air Patrol and pursued aircraft engineering studies at the Academy of Aeronautics in New York City. After service in the United States Air Force, Carl returned to civilian life due to family circumstances and joined the customer service division of a major commercial airline, where he was employed for 34 years.

Carl's retirement prompted a decision to focus his research on ufology, although he had read extensively on the subject since the early 60s. When UFO researcher Jan Aldrich requested volunteers to undertake local newspaper searches, Carl commenced an eight-year extensive study of microfilm records at the University of Delaware. Carl's research of the University's microfilm rolls focused on the 1923 through 1967 period and yielded 750 articles, on UFO-related subjects, published in local Delaware newspapers.

Carl's website for his Water UFO Research Endeavor

www.waterufo.net

reflects his comprehensive research, on which he has presented in conference addresses and media interviews. The extensive database provided by Carl's investigations includes his listing, available at the website, of 1,124 water- related sightings from 1067 to December 2007. Carl's detailed analysis of the physical phenomena associated with water UFOs can be found in his paper, The Physical Influences of a UFO on Water:

www.waterufo.net/PIufoW.php.

Carl's website, by the topic scope, emphasizes the multi-aspectual nature of the study of Water-UFOs. Discussion pages include (as a portion of the material presented): radar and sonar observations; physical influences of craft on boats; abductions related to Water UFOs; air craft carriers and other large vessels and UFOs; and other phenomena reported including projected beams from UFOs into the water and the unconventional taking on of water by UFOs with reports of columns (whether water, fog, mist, or haze) noted in the process. Also included in the several research topics are cases of UFOs in close proximity to the observer(s) on a vessel, with several incidents

entailing physical traces such as radar contact, heat, and electromagnetic effects on engines and compasses.

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[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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It seems that neither Ferhat nor Joe have said a word about that so far.

If my memory is right the original Kumburgaz film was shot by a watchman - not a Ufologist.

Ray

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Looking forward to your contributions,

Joachim

Achim's New Website
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Dick

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The basis of the renewed claim in the case of the 2008 videos is as follows:

'We ... spoke with all the witnesses separately then did the detailed analysis of the full footage of 2 hours 30 mn. long videos with the participation of our members of science board... We have enlarged the video images of the footages, did all the detailed analysis and checked their pixels and went through the all footage frame by frame. After doing all the necessary analysis which went on for several weeks, we came to a definite conclusion with no doubts that these are "100% genuine footages"!'

But none of this "detailed analysis" is presented, referenced or even clearly described. The materials available for Santiago's "study and analysis" are therefore not as rich as one might reasonably have expected them to be given the enormity of the claim made for them.

I would say that some of the 20mins of film is quite interesting, and there are some moments where the voice commentary seems quite genuinely puzzled, even awed.

The varying appearance of the shiny, dark object during continuous filming is a bit strange. In this case one naturally thinks of a nearby suspended model. There is no background in any of the shots except where the camera pans a couple of times to the gibbous moon. It might be thought suspicious that when the camera pans away from the more-or-less in-focus UFO to pick up the moon (about 3 mins into the video), the moon is grossly out of focus, suggesting that the camera had previously been focused on an object near the lens, not on a large flying object beyond the lens hyperfocal distance at effective infinity.

On the other hand, when the camera swings back to pick up the UFO fleetingly before the clip ends it also seems in poor focus, but there is rapid change of focus in a fraction of a second, so one can't be certain these are not accidental changes to the camera zoom and/or focus settings. In any case, the moon image doesn't help much, not even for angular scale, just because it's impossible to prove continuity..

Some other clips of a row of shimmery orange lights apparently hovering just above the sea horizon near dawn are more interesting insofar as there are many cues in the visual field including boats, birds and evident atmospheric turbulence. To my mind there seems little doubt that these are genuine, and quite remarkable. Occasionally the lights appear doubled in a secondary row at or on the horizon itself, looking superficially like a reflection in the sea. I wonder if this is actually a clue to the source - bright lights just a whisker below the normal optical horizon that are being seen in superior mirage conditions, lifted into the sky? One thinks of oil rig burn-off flames for example.

It isn't clear what angular distance the lights are above the horizon but the scale of the "granularity" (so to speak) of the atmospheric turbulence suggests a high zoom magnification and thus the sort of small angular elevation (a fraction of a degree) that might be consistent with a superior mirage of oil-rig flares (or other bright sources) just below the horizon. They do look flame coloured.

According to some sources I Googled there are extensive multinational oil and gas operations both in the Black Sea to the north and in the Sea of Marmara to the south of Istanbul. I don't know precisely where the video location is and either shore might be considered near Istanbul; but I assume the latter is the more likely direction of filming, partly because the UFO-like object in the other related film clips made by the same persons is also described as appearing "over the sea" and is evidently near the moon, which cannot appear low in the northern sky from Istanbul. Oil and gas exploration has been ongoing in the Sea of Marmara since at least 1998 according to my information (probably much earlier) and was stepped up considerably in 2005-6.

It would be interesting if local knowledge could match the direction(s) of the lights to the azimuth of drilling sites from Istanbul, because good videos of superior mirage seem to be rare and this would be very useful IFO archive material. Anyway it's interesting in it's own right.

Of course if there were no oil rigs (or comparable light sources) in the area then it would be even more interesting.

Martin Shough

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Re: On Thanksgiving Day In Canada

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac.nul>
Date: Mon, 13 Oct 2008 22:47:48 -0400
Archived: Tue, 14 Oct 2008 07:24:02 -0400
Subject: Re: On Thanksgiving Day In Canada

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and we daily "give thanks" for Errol

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Re: On Thanksgiving Day In Canada

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Tue, 14 Oct 2008 01:46:07 -0300
Archived: Tue, 14 Oct 2008 07:26:43 -0400
Subject: Re: On Thanksgiving Day In Canada

UFO UpDates - Toronto wrote:

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>Without you UFO UpDates would certainly not exist.

>I've made some wonderful friends as a result of the 14 or so
>years of UFO UpDates - some enemies too, tho' not of my doing.

>Over the years there were a relatively small number of
>belligerents and mischief-makers here. I'm thankful that they,
>for the most part, have moved on and trust that they too have
>much to be thankful for.

>To all of you, my thanks for your interest and for the kind
>words that were shared here, recently.

Hi Errol,

Thanks for this e-mail. I think your friends outweigh your
enemies. In large part, UpDates is the anchor around which the
ship of this phenomenon swings and has swung for some years. It
is often a clearing house. We all slip our moorings and venture
off into our own areas but most of us come back to the anchor
point.

Thanks for your years of commitment, Errol.

Best,

Don Ledger

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Re: Brookhaven 'Lab Reports' A Fraud

From: **Gildas Bourdais** <bourdais.gildas.nul>
Date: Tue, 14 Oct 2008 11:37:31 +0200
Archived: Tue, 14 Oct 2008 08:30:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Brookhaven 'Lab Reports' A Fraud

>From: Philip Mantle <philip.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 12 Oct 2008 15:07:50 +0100
>Subject: Brookhaven 'Lab Reports' A Fraud

>For Immediate Release

>Brookhaven Lab Reports Are A Fraud

>By Philip Mantle

>October 12th 2008.

>It would seem that I have been the victim of a cruel fraud and
>that Dr R.Ronald Rau of the Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL)
>has been the victim as well.

>Let me explain:

<snip>

>Lessons have been learnt but unlike the Alien Autopsy Film which
>took me 14 years to prove as a fraud, these sorry events only
>took a few days.

Thanks, Philip, for this explanation.

As for the Alien Autopsy Film, I am still waiting for any
convincing proof from Melaris and Humpheys that they shot the
film. Let's hope they are not just another fraud.

Cordially,

Gildas Bourdais

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The Schirmer Abduction

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Tue, 14 Oct 2008 08:58:52 -0400
Archived: Tue, 14 Oct 2008 08:58:52 -0400
Subject: The Schirmer Abduction

Source: Mac Tonnies' Post Human Blues Blog

<http://tinyurl.com/4tmau6>

Tuesday, October 14, 2008

The Schirmer Abduction (Kevin Randle)

<http://kevinrandle.blogspot.com/2008/10/schirmer-abduction.html>

"Finally there is the drawing that Schmirer [sic] made of what the aliens looked like. Here is a point where the contamination might be seen. The alien leader [...] with the diver's hood and the single earphone resembles the aliens in Mars Needs Women, which, coincidentally, had played in theaters only a few months before the sighting and regression. It is an image that has not been repeated in the UFO literature with any regularity.

It does suggest, however, that some of the details that appear in the UFO literature have their foundations in science fiction, both the movies and the magazines. So, when UFO researchers tell us that there is no influence by science fiction, they are mistaken."

Compare and contrast Randle's perspective with that of Terence McKenna, who describes a fascinating first-hand UFO experience in the following clip:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uF5-OTJNdi4>

"As I watched, the clouds recoalesced over the next two minutes or so in the same way that they had divided apart. The symmetry of this dividing and rejoining, and the fact that the smallest clouds were all the same size, lent the performance an eerie air, as if Nature herself was suddenly to become the tool of some unseen organizing agency."

"It was, if you ask me - and there is no one else, really, than one can ask - either a holographic image of a technical perfection impossible on Earth today or it was the manifestation of something which in that instance chose to begin as mist and end as machine but which could have appeared in any form: a manifestation of a humorous something's omniscient control over the world of form and matter."

In my own opinion, Randle's link between Hollywood sci-fi and the Schirmer abduction is probably spurious - but does it even matter? The UFO phenomenon seems to deliberately engage us in a dialogue of images culled from memories both personal and collective. What's to prevent it from recasting alien invaders from a "B" movie if it furthers its attempts to communicate with us, if that is indeed its ultimate goal?

Posted by Mac

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From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Tue, 14 Oct 2008 14:08:44 +0100
Archived: Tue, 14 Oct 2008 10:39:15 -0400
Subject: Re: Kumburgaz Turkey UFO Videos

>From: Dick Hall <dh12.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 13 Oct 2008 16:10:18 -0400
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Cheers

Ray D

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Re: Kumburgaz Turkey UFO Videos

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark.nul>
Date: Tue, 14 Oct 2008 10:44:27 -0400
Archived: Tue, 14 Oct 2008 11:40:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Kumburgaz Turkey UFO Videos

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 14 Oct 2008 14:08:44 +0100
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Translation:

If you want to exercise proper caution and skepticism in the
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believers here.

Jerry Clark

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From: **Michael Tarbell** <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Tue, 14 Oct 2008 09:15:22 -0600
Archived: Tue, 14 Oct 2008 11:41:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Kumburgaz Turkey UFO Videos

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 14 Oct 2008 14:08:44 +0100
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From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Tue, 14 Oct 2008 17:12:49 +0100
Archived: Tue, 14 Oct 2008 18:14:03 -0400
Subject: Re: Kumburgaz Turkey UFO Videos

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 14 Oct 2008 10:44:27 -0400
>Subject: Re: Kumburgaz Turkey UFO Videos

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>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
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Gentlemen,

the methodology of science doesn't change; in brief it is -

i) collect all data (without prior judgement)

ii) do your analyses - usually statistical (without prior judgement)

iii) then, and only then, you can apply ontological or qualitative analyses; comparisons where you use 'judgement'.

Anything other than that is simply rigging the experiment in advance.

Cheers

Ray D

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From: Dick Hall <dh12.nul>
Date: Tue, 14 Oct 2008 12:30:44 -0400
Archived: Tue, 14 Oct 2008 18:17:20 -0400
Subject: Re: Kumburgaz Turkey UFO Videos

>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
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Ray seems to imply that anything at all put forth on the internet
is "evidence" that must be taken seriously.

All I do is state the obvious: Before wasting time endlessly on
all these images - many of which clearly come from charlatans,
the claimants should be of known repute and should be required
to supply certain basic information.

The only "law" alluded to is fundamental scientific method,
i.e., careful sifting and validation of data before accepting it
as valid. If that be heresy, count me as a heretic.

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>Mike

Mike has it right, except I wouldn't go quite that far. As I
have stated for 40 years or more, photographs are approximately
as valid as the credibility/reputation of the photographer who
took them.

If - just as an off-the-wall example - Walter Cronkite presented
a digital photo of an object that he personally witnessed, that
would constitute legitimate evidence.

Or, to avoid charges of elitism, if a prominent or credible
citizen of any kind who was well-known and respected by his
peers as an honest person came forth, then his photo should be

taken seriously.

I am astounded that Ray and others on this List, seem to be incapable of understanding this very simple principle, instead trying to make me out to be some kind of ogre who wants to censor data. My rather large body of work in this field, if they bothered to look at it, should make it plain that they are really off-base with this ad hominem nonsense.

Dick

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From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Tue, 14 Oct 2008 13:01:28 -0400
Archived: Tue, 14 Oct 2008 18:19:27 -0400
Subject: Re: Kumburgaz Turkey UFO Videos

>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
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I guess it depends on how you define "evidence", but I would
agree that without some sort of provenance and supporting
testimony, images, whether moving or static, are little more
than curiosities.

The media will quickly utilize a good story when they hear one,
but that doesn't really lend it credence, and only hardnosed
investigation can begin to identify the truth. Unfortunately,
you find the details are often lacking and often you are left
with little more than an unusual image.

I'm also not sure how you define a "credible photographer",
except to say that the person should be willing to acknowledge
their involvement and answer questions.

We are indeed entering a time when our rules of evidence need to
be very clear and concise, given the ability to modify digital
data and manipulate both images and audio.

Steve

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From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
Date: Tue, 14 Oct 2008 14:50:38 -0400
Archived: Tue, 14 Oct 2008 18:20:59 -0400
Subject: Re: Kumburgaz Turkey UFO Videos

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I would agree that this video by itself is not good evidence of
anything. However, I would not agree with the generalization
that the entire body of digital imagery is useless from a
scientific point of view.

Any dataset, digital or otherwise, can be fabricated. Fraud has
been proved more than once in a number of scientific domains.
This just emphasizes the importance of independent replication
of reported observations.

I would argue that evidence obtained from digital photographs
should be evaluated using the same standard of independent
replication. For example, a visual property associated with ufos
should be taken seriously if it is observed in multiple
photographs taken by different people at different times and
places. In my mind, that constitutes replication.

Using this criterion, the Kumburgaz Turkey UFO needs to be
independently photographed and evaluated before the video can be
more than an interesting curiosity. By definition, this cannot
be done by the people promoting the video in question. Is Turkey
on anyone's vacation itinerary?

William

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Re: On Thanksgiving Day In Canada

From: Katharina Wilson <K.Wilson.nul>
Date: Tue, 14 Oct 2008 14:23:33 -0500
Archived: Tue, 14 Oct 2008 19:25:00 -0400
Subject: Re: On Thanksgiving Day In Canada

>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <UFO-UpDates.nul>
>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Subject: UFO UpDate: On Thanksgiving Day In Canada

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Hi Errol:

I would like to thank you for maintaining UFO UpDates and for including me, not only on the List, but also as a guest on your Podcast. I felt very honored to have been invited and I was touched by both the gentle nature that you approached the subject of abductions and with your impressive knowledge of the topic.

The work you are doing is rare these days and it is a true 'Labor of Love'.

Sincerely,

Katharina

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Re: Brookhaven 'Lab Reports' A Fraud

From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Tue, 14 Oct 2008 17:17:24 EDT
Archived: Wed, 15 Oct 2008 06:23:37 -0400
Subject: Re: Brookhaven 'Lab Reports' A Fraud

>From: Philip Mantle <philip.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 12 Oct 2008 15:07:50 +0100
>Subject: Brookhaven 'Lab Reports' A Fraud

>For Immediate Release

>Brookhaven Lab Reports Are A Fraud

>By Philip Mantle

>October 12th 2008.

>It would seem that I have been the victim of a cruel fraud and
>that Dr R.Ronald Rau of the Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL)
>has been the victim as well.

<snip>

I wrote the following in an email to Mantle right after his Oct. 12 post and never got a response or the promised copies of the fake Brookhaven lab reports. I pointed out that the contents of the bogus lab reports should have been sufficient to indicate their fraudulence, which should not have needed direct contact with Dr Rau to discover. Apparently, the contents were not questioned because they supported an extraterrestrial conclusion.

Philip,

Please email me the bogus lab reports. I'd like to look at them. The portions previously quoted show bad grammar and ignorant scientific reasoning almost to the point of incoherence at one point.

The references to Pb 214 and Bi 214 are nonsense. They have half-lives of 27 minutes and 20 minutes and would not even last long enough to get them into a lab to detect. They are normal byproducts of the radium decay chain (Radium B and C) (and the U 238 decay chain) and cannot exist in any detectable amounts without the radium (Ra 226) [or U 238] source also being present.

Why wasn't the Ra 226 detected as well as the U 238? Radium is much easier to detect because of its much higher intensity of alpha particle radiation than U 238. Any accelerator mass spectrometer test would have picked up both the U 238 and the Ra 226 as well as a whole slew of daughter products besides Pb 214 and Bi 214. Anyone knowing anything about nuclear physics would have spotted this absurdity right away.

Also, you quoted Milione as if he independently analyzed and confirmed "Rau's" findings without disclosing that Milione was your sole contact for "Rau"!

I noticed your web link for Frank Warren is wrong, misspelled with "chornicles" Since when does anybody type out a web link by

hand rather than just copying and pasting it?

Brad

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From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark.nul>
Date: Tue, 14 Oct 2008 18:27:23 -0400
Archived: Wed, 15 Oct 2008 06:25:28 -0400
Subject: Re: Kumburgaz Turkey UFO Videos

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 14 Oct 2008 17:12:49 +0100
>Subject: Re: Kumburgaz Turkey UFO Videos

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 14 Oct 2008 10:44:27 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Kumburgaz Turkey UFO Videos

>>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 14 Oct 2008 09:15:22 -0600
>>Subject: Re: Kumburgaz Turkey UFO Videos

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Instead of evidence, documentation, and scientific methodology, all I saw in the material associated with this fantastic footage is arm-waving assertion. That's not science; that's just the same ol' overheated oxygen that's powered much of the discussion about UFOs since the beginning of the controversy, with consequences to ufology all too depressingly apparent.

If the claimant has a real case and solid evidence, we have yet to hear them. Till we do, I will assume - based upon ufology's long, unhappy experience with bogus photos and films, not to mention the necessary requirements of basic science, critical intelligence, and good sense - that I, and all of us, ought to remain skeptical.

Jerry Clark

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Dick

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Archived: Wed, 15 Oct 2008 07:04:17 -0400
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Quite right too, bearing in mind that a true skeptic - "a person who maintains a doubting attitude" - does not rush to judgement.

Cheers

Ray D

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John Ford Speaks

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Wed, 15 Oct 2008 07:08:38 -0500
Archived: Wed, 15 Oct 2008 08:18:00 -0400
Subject: John Ford Speaks

John Ford Speaks! About 6:25 in on this You-tube clip:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cJS5m2BhG9M>

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From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Wed, 15 Oct 2008 13:11:43 +0100
Archived: Wed, 15 Oct 2008 08:20:26 -0400
Subject: Re: Kumburgaz Turkey UFO Videos

>From: Dick Hall <dh12.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
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Ray D

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No, I definitely don't want words put in my mouth that totally
misrepresent what I said and what I think.

Okay, so the town drunk reports to you that he saw a square
craft land and two-foot-tall, three-headed pink creatures with
ten eyes emerged, and they told him they came from a parallel
universe.

He shows you a blurry Polaroid photo to prove it and you must
take his report seriously.

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Dick

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From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Wed, 15 Oct 2008 08:59:25 -0400
Archived: Wed, 15 Oct 2008 12:11:44 -0400
Subject: Re: Kumburgaz Turkey UFO Videos

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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The amount of data to be analyzed and the lack of resources among those who are "qualified" to perform that analysis results in pre-screening of data. In a perfect world one might treat every image as an equal, but some of us would like to know a little more about where the image came from and how it has been handled. This is a primary rule in the standard collection of evidence.

Taking your stance would have us continuing to investigate the AA "film" as real, given that there is no actual proof that it's a hoax.

To be quite honest, most researchers I know have given up the task of outing hoaxes, and simply follow the paths they select as interesting. This has the risk of ignoring valid evidence, but we'll leave those up to those who have more time and energy.

Steve

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From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Wed, 15 Oct 2008 14:02:07 +0100
Archived: Wed, 15 Oct 2008 14:50:22 -0400
Subject: Re: Kumburgaz Turkey UFO Videos

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 13 Oct 2008 22:26:11 +0100
>Subject: Re: Kumburgaz Turkey UFO Videos

>>From: Santiago Yturria <[syiturria.nul](mailto:syturria.nul)>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 13 Oct 2008 11:31:59 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Kumburgaz Turkey UFO Videos

>>>From: Ferhat Talayhan <kleinergrauer.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Mon, 13 Oct 2008 17:14:20 +0200
>>>Subject: Re: Kumburgaz Turkey UFO Videos

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>>This is a big case and Mr. Akdogan's investigation began in
>>2007.

>>We have enough material and informations to study and analyse
>>in order to properly discuss them, everyone expressing their
>>opinion based on the evidences presented.

>>So please Mr. Talayhan honor the List and make reference
>>strictly on the case in discussion and it's evidence.

Ray Dickenson echoed Santiago's complaint about lack of specific attention to the case in point, but then proceeded by way of expounding a definition of science as pure induction (unrealistic IMO), and the discussion from all parties has continued in the direction of vague generalisation.

Very soon no one who ever cared one way or the other will remember why the discussion started, praying only for it to end, and Mr Akdogan's claims for the Kumburgaz videos will recede to a metaphorical blur, merging into that vast mass of dimly-glimpsed and ambiguous "dark matter" that gives phony weight to the bulk of ill-digested ufological evidence.

True to Santiago's enjoiner, I did offer a few pertinent observations about the videos, pointed out a possible suspicious anomaly in one clip and pointed out why some other clips are of possible genuine interest to ufologists, but these humble comments sank (to paraphrase Leonard Cohen) beneath the List's collective wisdom like a stone.

Nothing daunted, allow me to make a few more pertinent observations about Akdogan's "investigation" of the Kumburgaz affair which might help in the practical question of whether this really is a "big case" to which Listers ought to consider diverting their limited time and resources:

Re the near-identical 2007 videos from the same source, the webpage claims an "HISTORICAL STATEMENT FROM TUBITAK (National Science and Technology Research Board of Turkey)" and gives the following startling headline as a quote from TUBITAK:

"THE OBJECTS CAPTURED ON FILM IN THE KUMBURGAZ SIGHTINGS ARE

UFO'S"

The webpage then goes on to claim that "the official report stated" the following:

"The objects sighted in the aforementioned footage that have a structure that is made of specific material are definitely not made up by any kind of computer animation nor are they any form of special effects used for simulation in a studio or for a video effect therefore in conclusion it was decided that the sightings were neither a mockup or hoax."

The reality is that the TUBITAK report (full text here

http://www.siriusufo.org/tr/?fx=sayfa_ac&url=html/english/tubitak_report.asp)

did not "state" this, and its conclusion is not at all "historic".

All it concludes is that the video is probably a straightforward video of some object reflecting light rather than computer-generated SFX (although it qualifies even this by noting that inconsistencies in the date/time stamps "raise a suspicion about the validity of the time in which the recordings were made", implying some digital manipulation). But it certainly does not conclude, as claimed by Sirius, "that the sightings were neither a mockup nor a hoax".

This is what it concludes (Sirius's translation):

"In conclusion, even though a detailed analysis of the footage is conducted, it might still remain unidentified. Hence, other reference objects need to be recorded in the same frame with the disputable object and further shootings need to be done by ourselves with special equipment in the same location and conditions.

"Accordingly, the term 'UFO' (Unidentified Flying Object) which has been used for these sort of dubious objects can also be used for these objects. But this definition does not mean that these objects are from extraterrestrial (flying saucer etc.) origin."

In other words, the TUBITAK representative can't say anything except that the video appears to show a "disputable object" or a "dubious object" of some sort but contains no useful information that could help determine what it is.

Martin Shough

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Be careful, Dick. Any more posts like this and you'll be
accused of being a vicious 'skeptik' who's just writing this
stuff so they can boast to their beer-swilling chums down the
pub!

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John Rimmer
<j.rimmer.nul>

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And how would the claimant prove his claim properly? By providing hard evidence like what? His testimonial of a sighting, his photos or videos? But it seems these are not enough to fulfill the protocol is'nt? Look what we have here.

Besides if the evidence is clear and compelling others will say: "No, it's too good to be truth, must be a fake." If the evidence is blurry the reaction will be: "It's not good, must be a mistake or confusion." This is the classic reaction all the time and it's a fact so what is missing?

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>of that, skepticism and caution are exactly the proper
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Sorry but there is no scientific response, maybe technically response by using advanced technology in study and analysis but not based on scientific protocol in the exact essence of the words simply because science has never and will never accept the UFO phenomena as a fact, as a reality. To think otherwise is just an illusion.

>Instead of evidence, documentation, and scientific methodology,
>all I saw in the material associated with this fantastic footage
>is arm-waving assertion. That's not science;

First of all of course it's not science, it's a UFO case, materials, reports and footage. Just in case you don't understand me. I ask you what have UFOs to do with science? So far they have been in antagonism for more than 50 years and there is no change yet so what are you asking for? Science to recognize a single UFO case, I don't think so.

Second I think you have been reviewing another story here not the 2008 Kumburgaz UFO report because you say there is no evidence and documentation. If you think the dossier provided by Haktan Akdogan is not enough documentation I don't know exactly what are you expecting to receive. I must remind you that this research began in 2007 and this new report is about the 2008 sequel of events to the same case so the dossier is well documented. You need to review all the informations contained in the folder in order to evaluate the research performed. If at the end you decide it's not good enough for you that is your privilege but please don't argue about science, because that's unfair, science will desqualify any UFO story any time and you know it.

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>remain skeptical.

That's very sad for you Jerome. Times are changing in a dramatic way. We have living now times of massive sightings, increased UFO activity all over the world, this is a reality and happening so we have to keep our open mind if we consider ourselves ufologists. Our experience of years is our great ally to detect a hoax perpetrated not our skepticism and certainly not as you say basic science which is an utopia my friend. It's a wrong idea, maybe technology, tools, software and basic tech knowledge but not science in it's essence. There is no way both science and UFOs will combine each other ever, not unless science decide to change it's position.

As I said times are changing, science is not a bible and frankly it is turning obsolete regarding the UFO phenomena after the concurs of millions all over the world that are proving for more than 50 years this is a irrefutable reality. Perhaps you would want to reconsider your position regarding science and UFOs and become more flexible? The decision is entirely yours.

Regards,

Santiago

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Re: Kumburgaz Turkey UFO Videos

From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
Date: Wed, 15 Oct 2008 15:06:45 -0400
Archived: Thu, 16 Oct 2008 10:59:01 -0400
Subject: Re: Kumburgaz Turkey UFO Videos

>From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 14 Oct 2008 14:50:38 -0400
>Subject: Re: Kumburgaz Turkey UFO Videos

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>I would agree that this video by itself is not good evidence of
>anything. However, I would not agree with the generalization
>that the entire body of digital imagery is useless from a
>scientific point of view.

If digital imagery is useless, someone had better tell NASA.

Eleanor White

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From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Wed, 15 Oct 2008 16:39:59 -0300
Archived: Thu, 16 Oct 2008 11:02:21 -0400
Subject: Re: Kumburgaz Turkey UFO Videos

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 15 Oct 2008 14:02:07 +0100
>Subject: Re: Kumburgaz Turkey UFO Videos

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 13 Oct 2008 22:26:11 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Kumburgaz Turkey UFO Videos

>>>From: Santiago Yturria <syturria.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Mon, 13 Oct 2008 11:31:59 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Kumburgaz Turkey UFO Videos

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>In other words, the TUBITAK representative can't say anything
>except that the video appears to show a "disputable object" or a
>"dubious object" of some sort but contains no useful information
>that could help determine what it is.

Hi Martin,

I'm relying on you and others to make points because I can't
download that video. It's over two hours long and I'm on dial-
up. It would probably take a day to download and somewhere in
there my ISP would cut it off.

That's my reason for lack of comment. Can't speak of that of
which I have no information.

Don Ledger

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many/most investigators can be guilty of this if they 'edit'
witness statements to make them more acceptable - is a potential
loss of vital clues. And, if you think about it, it's a vote for
the status quo - no real progress.

Understandably there can be heart-searchings for investigators
on a shoe-string. They can console themselves that they can't
cover the whole field. Equally they can't claim to have the
whole truth - which should be noted in their summary of cases.

Luckily an outside observer/occasional re-assessor can do it
mostly in his head - and mostly for free.

Cheers

Ray D

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US Army Developing Synthetic Telepathy

From: Katharina Wilson <K.Wilson.nul>
Date: Wed, 15 Oct 2008 15:47:05 -0500
Archived: Thu, 16 Oct 2008 12:06:00 -0400
Subject: US Army Developing Synthetic Telepathy

Source: The Times Of India

<http://tinyurl.com/4ab28z>

15 Oct 2008

US Army Developing Synthetic Telepathy
IST Agencies

The US Army is funding a new research project to explore the possibility of creating a technology that will enable soldiers to convey messages by thought. Known as synthetic telepathy, the technology is based on reading electrical activity in the brain using an electroencephalograph, or EEG. Similar technology is being marketed as a way to control video games by thought.

"I think that this will eventually become just another way of communicating," said Mike D'Zmura, from the University of California, Irvine and the lead scientist on the project.

"It will take a lot of research, and a lot of time, but there are also a lot of commercial applications, not just military applications," he said.

The idea of communicating by thought alone is not a new one. In the 1960s, a researcher strapped an EEG to his head and, with some training, could stop and start his brain's alpha waves to compose Morse code messages.

The army grant to researchers at University of California, Irvine, Carnegie Mellon University and the University of Maryland has two objectives. The first is to compose a message using, as D'Zmura puts it, "that little voice in your head."

The second part is to send that message to a particular individual or object (like a radio), also just with the power of thought. Once the message reaches the recipient, it could be read as text or as a voice mail.

While the money may come from the army and its first use could be for covert operations, D'Zmura thinks that thought-based communication will find more use in the civilian realm.

"The eventual application I see is for students sitting in the back of the lecture hall not paying attention because they are texting," said D'Zmura. "Instead, students could be back there, just thinking to each other."

EEG-based gaming devices are large and fairly conspicuous, but D'Zmura thinks that eventually they could be incorporated into a baseball hat or a hood.

Another use for such a system is for patients with Lou Gehrig's disease, or ALS. As the disease progresses, patients have fully functional brains but slowly lose control over their muscles. Synthetic telepathy could be a way for these patients to communicate.

One of the first areas for thought-based communication is in the gaming world, said Paul Sajda of Columbia University.

Commercial EEG headsets already exist that allow wearers to manipulate virtual objects by thought alone, noted Sajda, but thinking "move rock" is easier than, say, "Have everyone meet at Starbucks at 5.30."

One difficulty in composing specific messages is fundamental -- EEGs are not very specific. They can only locate a signal to within about one to two centimeters. That's a large distance in the brain. In the brain's auditory cortex, for example, two centimeters is the difference between low notes and high notes, D'Zmura said.

Placing electrodes between the skull and the brain would offer more precise readings, but it is expensive and requires invasive surgery. To work around this problem, the scientists need to gain a much better understanding of what words and phrases light up what brain sections. To create a detailed map of the brain scientists will also use functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) and magnetoencephalography (MEG).

Each technology has its own strengths and weaknesses. EEGs detect brain activity only on the outer bulges of the brain's folds. MEGs read brain activity on the inner folds but are too large to put on your head. FMRI's detect brain activity accurately but are heavy and expensive.

The history of 'synthetic telepathy' can be traced back to 1961, when Allan Frey, a freelance biophysicist and engineering psychologist, reported that humans could hear microwaves. Most US scientists dismissed this discovery as the result of outside noise.

What Dr Frey found was that single pulses of microwave could be heard by some people as "pops" or "clicks", while a train of uniform pulses could be heard as a buzz, without benefit of any type of receiver.

Dr Frey also found that a wide range of frequencies, as low as 125 MHz (well below microwave) worked for some combination of pulse power and pulse width. Detailed unclassified studies mapped out those frequencies and pulse characteristics which are optimum for generation of "microwave hearing".

[Thanks to Linda Murphy for the lead]

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From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
Date: Thu, 16 Oct 2008 12:48:11 +0100
Archived: Thu, 16 Oct 2008 13:54:57 -0400
Subject: Re: Kumburgaz Turkey UFO Videos

>From: Santiago Ytturria <[sytturria.nul](mailto:syturria.nul)>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 15 Oct 2008 12:40:26 -0500
>Subject: Re: Kumburgaz Turkey UFO Videos

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 14 Oct 2008 18:27:23 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Kumburgaz Turkey UFO Videos

>>Well, not really. It is up to the claimant to prove the claim.

>And how would the claimant prove his claim properly? By
>providing hard evidence like what? His testimonial of a
>sighting, his photos or videos? But it seems these are not
>enough to fulfill the protocol is'nt? Look what we have here.

>Besides if the evidence is clear and compelling others will say:
>"No, it's too good to be truth, must be a fake." If the evidence
>is blurry the reaction will be: "It's not good, must be a
>mistake or confusion." This is the classic reaction all the time
>and it's a fact so what is missing?

>>It is not the responsibility of others to believe him or her
>>without very clear and specific reason. In fact, in the absence
>>of that, skepticism and caution are exactly the proper
>>scientific responses. Skepticism and caution are not to be
>>confused with dogmatic rejection, though the rhetoric above so
>>confuses them.

>Sorry but there is no scientific response, maybe technically
>response by using advanced technology in study and analysis but
>not based on scientific protocol in the exact escence of the
>words simply because science has never and will never accept the
>UFO phenomena as a fact, as a reality. To think otherwise is
>just an illusion.

Etc., etc., etc...

Jerry, welcome to the Dark Side!

--

John Rimmer
<j.rimmer.nul>

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From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark.nul>
Date: Thu, 16 Oct 2008 10:21:08 -0400
Archived: Thu, 16 Oct 2008 13:56:58 -0400
Subject: Re: Kumburgaz Turkey UFO Videos

>From: Santiago Ytturria <[sytturria.nul](mailto:syturria.nul)>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 15 Oct 2008 12:40:26 -0500
>Subject: Re: Kumburgaz Turkey UFO Videos

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 14 Oct 2008 18:27:23 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Kumburgaz Turkey UFO Videos

>>If the claimant has a real case and solid evidence, we have yet
>>to hear them. Till we do, I will assume - based upon ufology's
>>long, unhappy experience with bogus photos and films, not to
>>mention the necessary requirements of basic science, critical
>>intelligence, and good sense - that I, and all of us, ought to
>>remain skeptical.

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>want to reconsider your position regarding science and UFOs and
>become more flexible? The decision is entirely yours.

It will be science, not wishful thinking, that will bring the
UFO puzzle to ground. On those occasions (sadly infrequent) when
science has been applied to a case or cases, the results have
been interesting and suggestive. Perhaps you really ought to go
back and reread - or, perhaps, read for the first time - the
works of J. Allen Hynek, James E. McDonald, Peter Sturrock,
Bruce Maccabee, and other professionals (some on this List) who
have explored ufology's scientific dimensions and potential
scientific payoff.

Apparently, you have confused science, a demonstrably successful
approach to the accumulation and certification of knowledge
about the world (it has vanquished all its rivals with good
reason), with the passing preoccupations - at times misguided -
of scientists, who after all are fallible humans. Science,
however, is always bigger than individual scientists.

Scientists' temporary neglect of UFO issues will surely pass in
a generation or two, especially if sightings continue, as there
is every reason to think they will. (In my view the continuing
failure of the SETI project will eventually force
exobiologically inclined scientists to turn to UFO data.) In
time science - not mysticism, religious conviction, arm-waving,

mystery-mongering, or saucer fandom - will yield the final answer.

Jerry Clark

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>From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 15 Oct 2008 18:22:38 +0100
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>>From: Dick Hall <dh12.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 14 Oct 2008 18:42:05 -0400
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>>Once again, you seem to believe that everything uttered by any
>>human being at any time and under any circumstances is valid
>>data. To that, I offer a Bronx cheer.

>Be careful, Dick. Any more posts like this and you'll be
>accused of being a vicious 'skeptik' who's just writing this
>stuff so they can boast to their beer-swilling chums down the
>pub!

>John Rimmer
><j.rimmer.nul>

John,

Skol! Just for the record, I do think you have an appropriate
sense of humor and you do occasionally contribute worthwhile
comments. Legitimate skepticism should always be welcome.

You did go a bit overboard in characterizing this List as
American ETH believer dominated. Let's see: Martin Shough, Cathy
Reason; Yturria; the Turkish fellow; Gerald O'Connell; Gildas
Bourdais; lots of you furriners are pretty active here.

And the List is better for it ... in many cases.

Dick

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>'rationality', 'economy' and 'lack of resources'.

I refuse to be lumped. This is not my argument at all, though it has merit from the standpoint of pragmatism. I argue that the failure to screen raw data leads to wasted time and contaminated databases. Not to mention publicity and attention for charlatans.

Further, everyday life provides many examples of what I am talking about. If you have a serious medical condition, I am sure you don't consult just any alleged doctor, or include reputed quacks among your choices. You assess their credentials.

Sure, the "scientific investigaton" (experiment) might pick up on a quack, the hard way.

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Here again it comes down to your rather broad-minded, open-ended definition of "data." Of course you don't exclude valid data, but you damn well better distinguish between genuine data and garbage. Not to do so makes a travesty of science.

Dick

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Blackswift Project Axed

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Thu, 16 Oct 2008 14:03:54 -0300
Archived: Thu, 16 Oct 2008 22:39:05 -0400
Subject: Blackswift Project Axed

The following was supposed to replace the SR-71 Blackbird as reported on this List last year.

DARPA's Hypersonic Blackswift Project Axed

<http://www.avweb.com/eletter/archives/avflash/1233-full.html#198999>

The Blackswift project, which aimed to develop a hypersonic airplane that could fly at Mach 6, has been cancelled due to a lack of funding. The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) and the U.S. Air Force had hoped to start work on an unmanned prototype later this year and fly it by 2012, but Congress was unconvinced that the program's aims were attainable, or necessary. Funding was cut from the requested \$120 million to just \$10 million, which DARPA says is not enough to move forward. "Obviously we are disappointed," DARPA program manager Steven Walker said, according to Aviation Week. He said lots of work already has been done to develop the hypersonic engine. "The Blackswift testbed would have been able to take off under its own power, cruise at Mach 6, maneuver at hypersonic speeds and land, and then do it again," Walker said. "Blackswift, or something very much like it, will be a required step prior to the U.S. developing an operational, reusable, air-breathing hypersonic airplane." That door may be closed for now, but DARPA already is opening other windows. The agency recently published a request seeking designs for a submersible airplane that can fly under water.

"DARPA is interested in exploring radical new technologies that can provide a game-changing DoD capability for inserting small teams, clandestinely, along coastal locations," the agency says in its solicitation. "One such technology is a submersible aircraft. A submersible aircraft would combine the key capabilities of three different platforms: 1) the speed and range of an aircraft; 2) the loiter capabilities of a boat; and 3) the stealth of a submarine." The virtual world is far ahead on this one. An outfit called Cubey Terra started to sell a submersible airplane for users of the online game Second Life several years ago. The Terra Tigershark seats two avatars, can change color on command, and vanishes from the sky after the ejection seat is deployed.

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UFO Witness Fears Abduction

From: **Greg Boone** <evolbaby.nul>
Date: Thu, 16 Oct 2008 13:14:44 EDT
Archived: Thu, 16 Oct 2008 22:39:30 -0400
Subject: UFO Witness Fears Abduction

<http://tinyurl.com/4ulw4g>

I was jolted while reading this story and looking at the witness's sketches of the craft he's been seeing continuously over his home.

I've seen a triangle craft directly overhead of me and with news people as witnesses as well as many people in my hometown who were there that night. The craft I saw was less than 100 feet overhead and surprisingly this witness in this story drew a sketch that looks spot on to the craft I saw. There are certain things about the craft I saw I've not mentioned in public so as to add a control to it and this was quite a jolt.

Even if this story turns out to be bogus dude sure did sketch something.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com/blog

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From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
Date: Thu, 16 Oct 2008 21:11:51 +0100
Archived: Thu, 16 Oct 2008 23:45:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Kumburgaz Turkey UFO Videos

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 16 Oct 2008 10:21:08 -0400
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So there is a yet-to-be-discovered "final answer" to the UFO question, is there? The hypothesis seems to be that if we take all UFO reports which have been intensively investigated and for which no likely explanation has been found, then these would, if sufficient scientific expertise were devoted to them, reveal the "true UFO", the study of which would be recognised as a new field of scientific study.

It doesn't seem very likely to me. There is not even any general agreement as to which UFO incidents have provided reliable data and are unexplained. One ufologist's unexplained sighting is another one's ingenious hoax. Also, there is no reason to believe that the true explanations for such reports would turn out to be the same or similar in each case.

The only way to study good UFO reports - perhaps better described as "interesting" UFO reports - is to tackle each one separately, where resources are available. In doing so, it is of course necessary to disentangle the facts of each case from the more subjective aspects - the feelings and beliefs of witnesses and investigators, etc.

Of course, there are many examples of such efforts, but one problem is that when it is concluded that a case remains unexplained, many people assume that this is the last word on the subject and tend to resent any attempts to ask for further details or offer constructive criticisms.

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>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 16 Oct 2008 10:21:08 -0400
>Subject: Re: Kumburgaz Turkey UFO Videos

>>From: Santiago Ytturria <[sytturria.nul](mailto:syturria.nul)>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 15 Oct 2008 12:40:26 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Kumburgaz Turkey UFO Videos

>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Tue, 14 Oct 2008 18:27:23 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: Kumburgaz Turkey UFO Videos

>>>If the claimant has a real case and solid evidence, we have yet
>>>to hear them. Till we do, I will assume - based upon ufology's
>>>long, unhappy experience with bogus photos and films, not to
>>>mention the necessary requirements of basic science, critical
>>>intelligence, and good sense - that I, and all of us, ought to
>>>remain skeptical.

>>That's very sad for you Jerome. Times are changing in a dramatic
>>way. We have living now times of massive sightings, increased
>>UFO activity all over the world, this is a reality and happening
>>so we have to keep our open mind if we consider ourselves
>>ufologists. Our experience of years is our great ally to detect
>>a hoax perpetrated not our skepticism and certainly not as you say
>>basic science which is an utopia my friend. It's a wrong idea,
>>maybe technology, tools, software and basic tech knowledge but
>>not science in it's essence. There is no way both science and
>>UFOs will combine each other ever, not unless science decide to
>>change it's position.

>>As I said times are changing, science is not a bible and frankly
>>it is turning obsolete regarding the UFO phenomena after the
>>concurs of millions all over the world that are proving for more
>>than 50 years this is a irrefutable reality. Perhaps you would
>>want to reconsider your position regarding science and UFOs and
>>become more flexible? The decision is entirely yours.

>It will be science, not wishful thinking, that will bring the
>UFO puzzle to ground. On those occasions (sadly infrequent) when
>science has been applied to a case or cases, the results have
>been interesting and suggestive. Perhaps you really ought to go
>back and reread - or, perhaps, read for the first time - the
>works of J. Allen Hynek, James E. McDonald, Peter Sturrock,
>Bruce Maccabee, and other professionals (some on this List) who
>have explored ufology's scientific dimensions and potential
>scientific payoff.

>Apparently, you have confused science, a demonstrably successful
>approach to the accumulation and certification of knowledge
>about the world (it has vanquished all its rivals with good
>reason), with the passing preoccupations - at times misguided -
>of scientists, who after all are fallible humans. Science,
>however, is always bigger than individual scientists.

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>answer.

Adding further...

First and foremost science does not prove anything, it merely eliminates possibilities. What remains is further refined and debated undergoing another more refined rejection or acceptance process - often as technology improves or new theories emerge: What we like to refer to as "proof" is merely a historically derived zone - not an absolute real time point.

As such, I find Martin and Dick's comments most cogent concerning this process as it relates to this case.

What is badly needed is a well thought out classification system of UFO related phenomena. A hierarchical system that rigidly categorizes sighting reports but does not necessarily prevent them from moving up/down or left/right within such a ranked and tiered system. Each report will, by necessity, have a certain degree of fuzziness - just one more attribute of that system. And, in so far as we can collectively agree on such a system, it will either reflect poorly or properly on ALL our future claims.

Another objective should be to define what it is that constitutes reasonable levels of proof within that system? A question I seldom hear asked or properly projected onto the debunker or skeptic. What constitutes proof for them?

Incorporate those ideas and show how it does or does not fit, relate, or properly scale.

I find it tiring to keep arguing about each case without a firm boundary of where it first fits or does not fit within some reasonably based classification system - preserve our resources in recognition of a commonly directed activity.

Toward these goals, this case so far lacks (can we agree):

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Date: Fri, 17 Oct 2008 04:51:17 +0100
Archived: Fri, 17 Oct 2008 06:53:38 -0400
Subject: Re: Kumburgaz Turkey UFO Videos

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 16 Oct 2008 14:24:12 -0300
>Subject: Re: Kumburgaz Turkey UFO Videos

>>From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 15 Oct 2008 18:22:38 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Kumburgaz Turkey UFO Videos

>>>From: Dick Hall <dh12.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Tue, 14 Oct 2008 18:42:05 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: Kumburgaz Turkey UFO Videos

>>>As stated, this is absolute nonsense. If you had said to collect
>>>all data that had been validated by critical screening criteria,
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For a start, I would never say that Dick Hall 'insulted' me, as is clear from his later post. What I am pointing out, and it relates to my earlier comments on the way contributions to this List have changed over the years, is that now almost any form of critical comment on UFO reports is pounced on as 'debunking'. We have seen earlier how a, to me perfectly reasonable, comment by Jerry Clark about the criteria for judging the validity of eyewitness testimony is denounced by Santiago Ytturria as unreasonable skepticism. And I don't think anyone could ever accuse me of 'closing ranks' with Jerry!

There has certainly, over the past few years, been a marked move towards List correspondents who offer a pretty un-critical, sometimes almost evangelical, approach to the ETH, at the expense of those offering a more measured and analytical approach. Dick Hall disputed my claim that the list is dominated by American ETH proponents, and offered the names of a number of non-US contributors, but even here, I think the pro-ETH faction was in the majority.

The character of the List has changed over the years, whether for the better or worse is a matter of opinion, but it has changed. I believe the way in which it has changed has

discouraged contributors with a non-ETH viewpoint; and I aslo believe that the concentration on Roswell and the minutae of US military alleged involvement, has led to many non-US contributors feeling alienated. This is a view expressed to me by two very experienced UK researchers just a few days ago, but as we were in a pub at the time, Don will probably discount it!

Cheers, l'chaim, skol, all'alum, prost!

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John Rimmer
<j.rimmer@nul>

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Re: Space Aliens Read UFO UpDates Too!

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Fri, 17 Oct 2008 02:01:26 EDT
Archived: Fri, 17 Oct 2008 06:57:14 -0400
Subject: Re: Space Aliens Read UFO UpDates Too!

I'll bet that raised an eyebrow or two.

So what if, somehow, someday, alien beings were reading UFO UpDates?

Would they be worried we're on to their plans or would they be amused at how far off the trail we are?

I figure if people can claim aliens might listen to or watch our radio and TV emissions, the InterNet might be open game for them as well.

What if some of the posters here were actually alien agents bent on undermining humanity or worse, they're here reading the List in an attempt to decipher the great Al Lehmberg's literary legerdemain?

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com/blog

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Source: Robert Barrow's Blog

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

Tuesday, October 14, 2008

Taking Gary Mckinnon For A Little Swim
Robert Barrow

I've thought a lot about Gary McKinnon recently. You know, he's the 40-something guy in the UK who, to say the least, is rather handy with a computer - so handy, in fact, that he's to be extradited to the USA for allegedly doing extensive damage to government property here in the states. Said to be under the influence of cannabis as he successfully broke into the supposedly secure computer files of NASA and the U.S. military, McKinnon claims to have uncovered, amongst other things, government photos of real UFOs.

I guess UFOs were his primary mission, his reason for conducting a home invasion of sorts in all of this. In the process, apparently a million dollars in damage was accomplished, or so says the U.S. government. Is that all? Good lord, didn't our own homegrown Wall Street terrorists spend years giving us an infinitely more costly economic enema with the help of sleeping congressional overseers and political parties? I digress. I badly need a cigarette right now, but I have none, and I don't smoke, anyway. Learning to smoke would waste too much time and today's blog entry would never get finished. I fret too much.

I'm an Air Force veteran. You might suspect that I don't fancy the idea of people in other countries compromising our security, and that's correct, I don't. So, what to do with Mr. McKinnon, as a consequence of his actions? Maybe we could waterboard him - after all, in his native land he enjoys surfing the Web, no? Clever attempt at humor there, didn't work out well.

As you read this, there are people all over the world attempting to access U.S. government computers for the sole purpose of causing mayhem tilted toward their own interests... They're in North Korea, Russia, China, Iran - you know, all the usual places and more than a few unusual ones. Obviously, U.S. computer hackers do the same spy work, and they deserve our thanks and appreciation for helping to keep us free, for snooping on and deterring forces consistent with pure evil. McKinnon comes to mind.

McKinnon? Gary McKinnon? I don't know. I've heard him speak and I've read his words and, frankly, every time I try to place him in the Pure Evil category I burst out laughing. Yep, he was a naughty one, but a few inescapable things must be noted before a potential government lynching or exposure to the cat-o-nine tails proceeds.

First of all, the guy is obviously scared to death. He should be, no doubt. He also performed a valuable service to our

government by breaking into the house, because his success demonstrated a vulnerability that needed repair by somebody other than whatever U.S. government boobs developed such an easily compromised security system. Idiots. Who really put us at risk anyway?

I was raised on typewriters, and well into my adult years when a computer was thrust into my life. I worked for the government at the time and had used trusty IBM Selectric typewriters for years when, suddenly, one of those digital beasts from hell was placed on my desk. The friendly Selectric was confiscated, never to be seen again. I was then given precious little training on the new technology and left to my own devices. I figured out enough on my own to use the computer, but felt increasingly uncomfortable with its intricacies.

"What's the problem?" another employee asked.

"I don't trust this infernal contraption," I replied. "Just look at this thing." "The keyboard is detached from the unit, and whatever you see on the screen isn't really there, it doesn't exist."

"Of course it's all there," she said. "You type characters, just like regular typing, and the results show up on the screen."

"But, " I protested, "let's say I type a page on the computer and then throw a rock through the screen - everything's gone. Yet, if I use a typewriter, remove the paper, place it on the floor and drop a rock on it, the page remains basically intact. That's real, solid - the computer just fakes it."

"That's nonsense," she advised. "You can print onto paper anything you type into the computer, and then you can drop your rock on that and it will still be there."

"Yes," I countered with pretend exasperation, "but each keystroke has to go somewhere else before the characters reach the printer. With the Selectric, you hit the key and the element prints a character right before your eyes. On the computer, the detached keyboard requires that you hit the key and then - where does all of this go before reaching the screen and printer? What form does it take in mid-stream along the way? Where does it go whenever you send the electronic signals here or anywhere?"

As I recall, the woman walked away, shaking her head. I guess I was impossible.

I'll bet Gary McKinnon knows where the electronic impulses go. I'll bet he knows where to put them, where to find them, how to manipulate them and how to make them his best friend. Stack his computer knowledge next to mine, and I look like a babbling infant. Still, I know enough to realize, especially during electronic lapses of national computer security, that our country is protected by Pac-Man impersonators.

In the Air Force, every time I left the base or returned there were military policemen on duty who determined whether or not I posed a threat, vigilant sentries who checked my credentials before allowing me access or exit. Of course, those were the sixties and early seventies, the days of old to some and the days of yore to many. And now we have the wonderful digital era.

Pac-Man's modern generation, more than the human sentries, protects us now. Random collections of digital images supposedly keep us safe. Pixels, mere pixels arranged by experts (a favorite word of mine) do the work, and we depend upon pixels for everything. Little ones and zeros keep us safe, entertained and hypnotized. Pixels are our friends and they're best buddies with the Gary McKinnons of the world, any time of the day or night.

So the U.S. government, my government, insists upon inviting Gary McKinnon to our shores. He didn't want to come and many of his own supporters and government personnel didn't want him to venture in this direction. Never mind, he's coming, and he's coming because the U.S. demanded his presence in order to get an in-your-face accounting of his activities. And the punishment will be dealt.

We in the USA have a remarkable capacity for doing good things for the world, but we also relish the bureaucracy of punishment at home. Last I heard, proportionately we have more prisoners locked up than any other nation. Indeed, it might be argued that our prison system feeds on itself. I suspect there are lots of folks who shouldn't be in prison, while lots of people who should be locked up for life are not and never will be. But hey, did I mention Wall Street, Congress or the newly discovered thieving greedy?

In the meantime, our lives are protected by Pac-Man's odd assortment of digital friends. They fly planes, control weapons systems, direct battleships and nuclear facilities, position satellites and play music for us. Still, the music sounded sweeter when it originated from the needle gliding over the record grooves, when we knew we, and not Pac-Man's descendants, were the gods of the needle. We were in control, once upon a time.

Gary McKinnon was in control, too, but not in master control. Surely, he recognizes this now. Hey, U.S. government, my government- I have a few words for you: You wanted McKinnon, and you shall have him. I know he's in big trouble, but I'm not sure that he's a "terrorist" or really worth exposure to prison time. Whatever damage he caused, he also whipped our butts and redefined the word, "security" for us, and for that kindness maybe he deserves a debt of gratitude. I also suspect there's just a teeny-tiny bit of sadistic avenging going on here as well, because McKinnon represents, soon by his presence, all the really, really dangerous hackers we can't reach in rogue nations. If you can't hook a whale, the minnow will do. And - oh, there is one more little thing before I close today.

Ever since I first read about UFOs in the late fifties, and particularly in the early sixties, all I've heard from my government and various military spokesmen is that UFOs represent no threat to our national security. Yet, Mr. McKinnon, this allegedly evil computer monster and potential blood-sucking terror suspect claims to have seen photos of real UFOs in secret government computer files. Sensible public voices might ask, if UFOs are not a national security threat, why in the world would legitimate UFO photos be socked away in secure government files? Hmm. I realize that the U.S. possesses all sorts of weird-looking thingies that fly and go bump in the night that we don't and probably shouldn't know about, so maybe McKinnon actually misrepresented some of that, I don't know.

Chances are, he didn't see images of real UFOs. Then again. . .

My dear, dear government - you insisted that McKinnon be brought to our soil. That being the case, it is my duty as an American to strongly suggest that the UFO issue play a prominent role in the case against the lad. Gary McKinnon's defense, and I can't imagine what shape that will take, should and must demand as the muck gets tossed around that the UFO issue be addressed. Did he see real UFOs? If so, those photos and all information about them must be released publicly, simply because UFOs represent no threat to our national security. Good grief, I know that phrase better than the alphabet by now.

I enthusiastically urge those defending McKinnon to raise the UFO issue and shout its relevance from the rooftops. Remember, my government went through a diplomatic hissy-fit to get his butt over here, so let the legal chips fall where they must and make triple certain that the 10-ton UFO elephant officially ignored on the living room sofa gets top billing. When all is said and done, legal proceedings might even let Mr. McKinnon return home, though it might make infinitely more sense to hire the guy and learn from him.

So, welcome soon to the United States, Mr. McKinnon, you of the computer geek world where lightning-fast capabilities just helped throw the world into lightning-faster financial chaos - you of a world both protected and violated by the pixilated relatives of Pac-Man. Will you rock the world if, indeed, the UFO issue is allowed a proper airing? Or, as if by the sheer poetry of voodoo justice, will you simply be gobbled up like a Pac-Man victim?

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Subject: Re: Kumburgaz Turkey UFO Videos

>From: Viktor Golubik <Diverge247.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
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>of these issues.

Viktor

I appreciate your plea for clear focus on the facts, such as they are, and agree with you that they are scant and of small interest. The saucer video itself contains few elements that can be developed into useful "facts". The "case", such as it is, subsists in the form of a presentation of claims about an investigation whose methods and materials are not themselves open for inspection.

The best established facts in this case are negative - i.e., anybody can verify by inspection that claims made on the website are misrepresentative, unsupported by details of investigation or data, and logically incoherent, that the saucer clips contain a suspicious focus anomaly, and that the cited TUBITAK report also raises suspicion about the genuineness of the time stamps on some of the clips.

I still regard the videos of the orange lights as being in a different category and potentially interesting. Apparently I'm alone in this.

However, I also wonder from time to time if we are viewing the same videos! I first heard about the new 2008 claims via a private email which exhorted me to be patient and watch the "whole 10 mins". When I looked I discovered a video package of about 20 mins. Since then Don has referred to "2 hours", and now you mention "2.5hrs". I haven't been back to the site in a couple of days, but I find this inflation puzzling.

Martin Shough

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Re: Brookhaven 'Lab Reports' A Fraud

From: Philip Mantle <philip.nul>
Date: Fri, 17 Oct 2008 12:13:07 +0100
Archived: Fri, 17 Oct 2008 08:49:46 -0400
Subject: Re: Brookhaven 'Lab Reports' A Fraud

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 14 Oct 2008 17:17:24 EDT
>Subject: Re: Brookhaven 'Lab Reports' A Fraud

>>From: Philip Mantle <philip.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 12 Oct 2008 15:07:50 +0100
>>Subject: Brookhaven 'Lab Reports' A Fraud

>>For Immediate Release

>>Brookhaven Lab Reports Are A Fraud

>>By Philip Mantle

>>October 12th 2008.

>>It would seem that I have been the victim of a cruel fraud and
>>that Dr R.Ronald Rau of the Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL)
>>has been the victim as well.

><snip>

>I wrote the following in an email to Mantle right after his Oct.
>12 post and never got a response or the promised copies of the
>fake Brookhaven lab reports. I pointed out that the contents of
>the bogus lab reports should have been sufficient to indicate
>their fraudulence, which should not have needed direct contact
>with Dr Rau to discover. Apparently, the contents were not
>questioned because they supported an extraterrestrial
>conclusion.

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>Philip,

>Please email me the bogus lab reports. I'd like to look at them.
>The portions previously quoted show bad grammar and ignorant
>scientific reasoning almost to the point of incoherence at one
>point.

>The references to Pb 214 and Bi 214 are nonsense. They have
>half-lives of 27 minutes and 20 minutes and would not even last
>long enough to get them into a lab to detect. They are normal
>byproducts of the radium decay chain (Radium B and C) (and the Ra
>238 decay chain) and cannot exist in any detectable amounts
>without the radium (Ra 226) [or U 238] source also being
>present.

>Why wasn't the Ra 226 detected as well as the U 238? Radium is
>much easier to detect because of its much higher intensity of
>alpha particle radiation than U 238. Any accelerator mass
>spectrometer test would have picked up both the U 238 and the Ra
>226 as well as a whole slew of daughter products besides Pb 214
>and Bi 214. Anyone knowing anything about nuclear physics would
>have spotted this absurdity right away.

>Also, you quoted Milione as if he independently analyzed and

>confirmed "Rau's" findings without disclosing that Milione was
>your sole contact for "Rau"!

>I noticed your web link for Frank Warren is wrong, misspelled
>with "chornicles" Since when does anybody type out a web link by
>hand rather than just copying and pasting it?

For the record I did send Brad the lab reports. If they have not
been received they may well be in his spam folder or in
cyberspace but they were sent. I ve just re-sent them again
today. Anyone can view them in the case history section of my
web site at: www.philipmantle.com

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something incorrectly rather than copy and paste the web site
address. Well I do and I spelt chronicles wrong, big deal. For
the record Brad makes an assumption that I support the ETH. For
the record I do not. This assumption is incorrect. I try to keep
an open mind on the nature and origin of the UFO phenomenon.
Remember, to assume makes an ass of u and me.

I have been in touch with an attorney in the USA who has been
provided with ALL I have on this affair and he is in no doubt
that I have a case. I therefore do not want to comment in public
anymore but welcome private correspondence on this matter.

Regards,

Philip Mantle

This email was hand typed and no copying and pasting was used in
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author. <LOL>

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From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark.nul>
Date: Fri, 17 Oct 2008 08:28:03 -0400
Archived: Sat, 18 Oct 2008 07:01:16 -0400
Subject: Re: Kumburgaz Turkey UFO Videos

>From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 16 Oct 2008 21:11:51 +0100
>Subject: Kumburgaz Turkey UFO Videos

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 16 Oct 2008 10:21:08 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Kumburgaz Turkey UFO Videos

>>Scientists' temporary neglect of UFO issues will surely pass in
>>a generation or two, especially if sightings continue, as there
>>is every reason to think they will. (In my view the continuing
>>failure of the SETI project will eventually force
>>exobiologically inclined scientists to turn to UFO data.) In
>>time science - not mysticism, religious conviction, arm-waving,
>>mystery-mongering, or saucer fandom - will yield the final
>>answer.

>So there is a yet-to-be-discovered "final answer" to the UFO
>question, is there? The hypothesis seems to be that if we take
>all UFO reports which have been intensively investigated and for
>which no likely explanation has been found, then these would, if
>sufficient scientific expertise were devoted to them, reveal the
>"true UFO", the study of which would be recognised as a new
>field of scientific study.

Okay, patient and gentle Listfolk, I promise to be as succinct
as possible.

>It doesn't seem very likely to me. There is not even any general
>agreement as to which UFO incidents have provided reliable data
>and are unexplained.

That's really not true, except in the broad sense that in any
scientific endeavor and controversy, especially (though hardly
exclusively) in its early stages, there are inevitable
disagreements about what are the key issues and evidence and on
what the focus should be. Ufology, so ordinary in its contours
if not in its content, is no different from any other area of
intellectual contention in that regard (and others, too).

>One ufologist's unexplained sighting is
>another one's ingenious hoax.

I wasn't aware that the RB-47 case, for one immediate example
that happens to pop into my head as I work on my first coffee of
the morning, is somebody's idea of an ingenious hoax (now,
there's an unfalsifiable hypothesis, by the way). In my
observations allegations of hoax in the hard-evidence cases
(e.g., CE2s, radar/visuals) overwhelmingly come from debunkers
reduced to conjuring up any alternative explanation that
professes to be prosaic for cases they cannot otherwise account
for. The limitations of that approach should be apparent to any
intelligent observer. For specifics, see Philip J. Klass.

Hoaxes tend to cluster in the soft-evidence end of the spectrum
and, with the infrequent exception, are irrelevant except as a
predictable social response to the UFO phenomenon. Anybody -

true believer or true disbeliever - who talks about the RB-47 or Minot AFB radar/visual or Coyne encounter, or whatever, in the same breath as George Adamski and his photos is no one who need engage our further attention.

>Also, there is no reason to
>believe that the true explanations for such reports would turn
>out to be the same or similar in each case.

As I have written in several places (and as I will discuss in a Fortean Times article based on the Dinsdale Award lecture I delivered to the Society for Scientific Exploration in June), at least two extraordinary anomalies - one an event anomaly, the other an experience anomaly - appear to be occurring at the same time. They have been conflated, which is one reason (alongside the most immediately important, scientific neglect) that the discussion about UFOs has been so difficult and frustrating, and perhaps ultimately misleading.

Only science with its resources will be able to sort out the causes, document them properly, and generate the advances in knowledge necessary to tackle the problem head-on. Nonscientists (prominently including Magonia editors) rarely solve scientific problems, and never ones as immensely complicated as those raised by UFO reports.

Beyond that, since I was simply making a broad observation about the relevance of science to the resolution of difficult problems, I want to make myself clear:

I have no desire to engage in yet another futile debate with a British debunker about whether UFO sightings represent something important and scientifically worthwhile. As far as I am concerned, that issue is settled, and most scientists who have looked at the data with reasonably open minds are on my side, as a body of writing from them on that subject attests.

In the unlikely event that somebody wants to read yet another such exchange (or a mind-numbing number of them) with Magonia skeptics on the issue of the scientific legitimacy of UFO sightings and other evidence, I refer him or her to the UpDates archives. Meantime, my attention will be on an infinitely more vital and urgent matter: the imminent American election.

Jerry Clark

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>eyed speculation, apparently don't understand science at all.

So the cream of generations of intellect are fooled and
distracted... by the credulous misled, the criminal misleading,
and the inconsequent mentally ill into considering that which is
so obviously so, is not so. This intellectual cream, then, is
overestimated, eh?

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Skeptics and debunkers require ammunition against what, exactly?

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Why would they in the first place given we have not in the
aggregate, and, in the second, given we don't have access to the
information aliens must have, how are we even to judge what
"best interests" are?

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On one level that's absolutely true. There are more levels, though, than a Cartesian reductionism not yet out of soiled diapers would provide for. That we are remiss to be reflexively reductionist seems reasonable.

>That's my "data", and I have reported and documented it
>thoroughly. The only alternative half-way reasonable hypothesis
>for these data would be secret human technology. But history
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History may be an argument of sociopaths to justify their sociopathy. I would only ask if having crawled out almost to the end of the Cartesian branch, you have not mistaken it, as WB Smith counseled, for the top of the tree.

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Yes, right the way a broken clock is right twice a day...

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Which, even magnificent and monumental, has not been "valid" and "important" enough to convince "he" who shall not be convinced... when the individual alluded to is likely only too convinced but is complacent, complicit, incompetent, and cowardly.

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The "gullibles" are only there because quality information is not forthcoming from authority, an information void is thereby created and nurtured by that authority, and sincere persons - preyed upon by insincere persons- are vacuumed into that void... to the the delight of that authoritarian "mainstream" authority.

You know, I could be paranoid, but it seems to me that as the quality of the threat goes up, the potentiality for paranoia goes down. Where a threat is real, there is no paranoia.

Too, the mainstream's own belief in the reality, extraterrestrial and otherwise, of UFOs can be assured, I suspect. They don't need the "gullibles" to disappear to get interested! They need the gullibles - they create themselves - to help qualify their own lack of action, intellectual intransigence, and inability to get UFOs to conform to their facile reductionism.

Any problems with any of that, Mr. Boone?

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Archived: Sat, 18 Oct 2008 07:11:56 -0400
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Very well said Mr. Hall!

I must plead guilty to the charge of being an ETH believing
American who thinks there may be some mind control at play.

It is possible that the List is expressing different views
because the evidence has solidified? Times have changed and
therefore the List's members and content changed.

In my opinion UFOs are real and no reasonable person who
examines the evidence can argue otherwise. Given that belief,
one comes to the next logical question and that is who or what
is responsible. The ETH is by far the best hypothesis. In my
mind it is clear from the evidence. But unlike the reality of
UFOs, there it is still room for a reasonable debate of the ETH.

Additionally, if the evidence is so overwhelming for the reality of UFOs and I am correct that no reasonable person can disagree, it seems logical to look for reasons why people refuse to even examine the evidence. Hence the mind control hypothesis. A theory that may still be disputed reasonably, but like the ETH, is gaining prominence and evidence. It is most certainly worth examining by serious investigators.

Lastly, the Kumburgaz Turkey UFO Videos are not part of that body of evidence proving the reality of UFOs. With further analysis and testimony I might accept them. However, what I have seen does not indicate the researchers have put forward the required evidence to support their videos. I for one will eagerly wait that time and reserve judgment until that date. It is too early to close the door or to accept.

Regards,

Frank

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Date: Fri, 17 Oct 2008 12:07:13 EDT
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>From: Martin Shough <[parcellular.nul](#)>
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](#)>
>Date: Fri, 17 Oct 2008 10:28:02 +0100
>Subject: Re: Kumburgaz Turkey UFO Videos

>>From: Viktor Golubik <[Diverge247.nul](#)>
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](#)
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>Viktor

>I appreciate your plea for clear focus on the facts, such as
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>interest. The saucer video itself contains few elements that can
>be developed into useful "facts". The "case", such as it is,
>subsists in the form of a presentation of claims about an
>investigation whose methods and materials are not themselves
>open for inspection.

>The best established facts in this case are negative - i.e.,
>anybody can verify by inspection that claims made on the website
>are misrepresentative, unsupported by details of investigation
>or data, and logically incoherent, that the saucer clips contain
>a suspicious focus anomaly, and that the cited TUBITAK report
>also raises suspicion about the genuineness of the time stamps
>on some of the clips.

>I still regard the videos of the orange lights as being in a
>different category and potentially interesting. Apparently I'm
>alone in this.

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Martin,

I agree with you that we can determine much from what is
available. I was just trying to be as neutral as possible until
I see/absorb everything. The web site mentions 2 hrs and 30
minutes of videos - not sure how that breaks down further since
we, apparently, have two different types of events. Maybe, out
takes from 2007 are being reintroduced in 2008? Some of the

close-ups look almost identical. I also have issues with the time stamps too as previously mentioned

These videos were also taken over a period of days which suggests some stretch in our credulity as well. Perhaps a suspended model is being used given that the light looks reflected from a single side. Or, the possibility of a large high tech dirigible with some directed internal light source (It does not appear to be moving at all). In one segment, the far left side looked crinkled - like the weld line between to halves on a smaller sized mylar "party" balloon?

Also, as you mentioned previously, the Moon and Object did not appear in the same focal plane when they moved between the two - suggesting some possibility of close-range model (need the video camera for testing, etc.)

The grouped lights over the ocean are interesting and agree the oil platforms and/or ships may be the culprit. I find it interesting that in one segment we get a reflection from the water and in another we do not - suggesting possibly that this structure is farther/closer or higher/lower relative to the water plane (free from attachment). Or, that turbulence of the water may be playing a role since they were taken on separate days. The reflection angle too could provide a good clue as to the distance of these lights using known dimensions - such as from a ship or oil platform.

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>>1) No rapid object movements
>>2) No rapid directional changes
>>3) No distinct distance calculation ability
>>4) No data on the video camera
>>5) No witness interviews
>>6) No spectroscopic data on the light source
>>(when will that ever happen?)

>>Many reasons not to get excited...

>>Obviously, a review of the 2.5 hr video can further clarify some
>>of these issues.

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Actually, Martin, I wrote over two hours. It was 2.5 hours... at
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me as it was downloading at 4k a second.

Don

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From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
Date: Sat, 18 Oct 2008 09:37:04 +0100
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Subject: Re: Taking Gary McKinnon For A Little Swim

>Source: Robert Barrow's Blog

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

>Tuesday, October 14, 2008

>Taking Gary Mckinnon For A Little Swim
>Robert Barrow

>I've thought a lot about Gary McKinnon recently. You know, he's
>the 40-something guy in the UK who, to say the least, is rather
>handy with a computer - so handy, in fact, that he's to be
>extradited to the USA for allegedly doing extensive damage to
>government property here in the states. Said to be under the
>influence of cannabis as he successfully broke into the
>supposedly secure computer files of NASA and the U.S. military,
>McKinnon claims to have uncovered, amongst other things,
>government photos of real UFOs.

>I guess UFOs were his primary mission, his reason for conducting
>a home invasion of sorts in all of this. In the process,
>apparently a million dollars in damage was accomplished, or so
>says the U.S. government.

There was a recent case in the UK where six Greenpeace
protesters were cleared of causing criminal damage during a
protest over a coal-fired power station.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/kent/7608054.stm>

They were charged with causing =A330,000 worth of damage after
they scaled a power station in Kent.

The interesting thing about this case is that a jury decided the
damage was justified and the protesters had a lawful excuse
because of the greater damage done to the environment by the
coal-fired station.

And Greenpeace produced high quality professional witnesses to
back up their case.

It occurs to me that in the Gary McKinnon case a plausible
defence might be that his action was lawful because of the
greater damage done to the environment by the UFO cover-up -
i.e. the non-use of secret energies which may have cost
thousands of lives, because of our reliance on fossil fuels.

It might be a last-ditch defence but clever lawyers might swing
it and it would certainly give the UFO issue a very high profile
- maybe certain sections of Government might not welcome it
enough to let Gary off the hook.

Any legal beagles out there willing to tackle this?

Dave Haith

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Archived: Sat, 18 Oct 2008 08:22:00 -0400
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>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 16 Oct 2008 14:24:12 -0300
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>>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>>Date: Tue, 14 Oct 2008 18:42:05 -0400
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>>>>all data that had been validated by critical screening criteria,
>>>>I would agree.

>>>>Once again, you seem to believe that everything uttered by any
>>>>human being at any time and under any circumstances is valid
>>>>data. To that, I offer a Bronx cheer.

>>>>Be careful, Dick. Any more posts like this and you'll be
>>>>accused of being a vicious 'skeptik' who's just writing this
>>>>stuff so they can boast to their beer-swilling chums down the
>>>>pub!

>>You aren't comparing your approach to the phenomenon to Dick
>>Hall's are you? BTW - Dick was one of those you insulted with
>>your blanket rant against UPdates and it's subscribers.

>>Now you are seeking to close ranks with a fellow "researcher"?
>>There aren't many that will buy that one, John.

>For a start, I would never say that Dick Hall 'insulted' me, as
>is clear from his later post. What I am pointing out, and it
>relates to my earlier comments on the way contributions to this
>List have changed over the years, is that now almost any form of
>critical comment on UFO reports is pounced on as 'debunking'. We
>have seen earlier how a, to me perfectly reasonable, comment by
>Jerry Clark about the criteria for judging the validity of
>eyewitness testimony is denounced by Santiago Ytturria as
>unreasonable skepticism. And I don't think anyone could ever
>accuse me of 'closing ranks' with Jerry!

>There has certainly, over the past few years, been a marked move
>towards List correspondents who offer a pretty un-critical,
>sometimes almost evangelical, approach to the ETH, at the
>expense of those offering a more measured and analytical
>approach. Dick Hall disputed my claim that the list is dominated
>by American ETH proponents, and offered the names of a number of
>non-US contributors, but even here, I think the pro-ETH faction
>was in the majority.

>The character of the List has changed over the years, whether
>for the better or worse is a matter of opinion, but it has
>changed. I believe the way in which it has changed has
>discouraged contributors with a non-ETH viewpoint; and I aslo
>believe that the concentration on Roswell and the minutae of US
>military alleged involvement, has led to many non-US
>contributors feeling alienated. This is a view expressed to me
>by two very experienced UK researchers just a few days ago, but
>as we were in a pub at the time, Don will probably discount it!

>Cheers, l'chaim, skol, all'alum, prost!

Your's was a blanket insult, John, otherwise I would not have
taken issue with it. We would have traded the usual snipes and
that would have been the end of it.

For instance, with your blanket Roswell rant, you included me by
not excluding me.

My only response to the Roswellll debate was about the properties
of balsa wood and my remarks about the Mogul Balloon theory
which I think is nonsense because of the timeline problem and
air force personnnel not knowing what tinfoil radar targets and
weather balloons looked like.

After all, if you are going to solve a case then every thing has
to fit. I leave Roswell up to the others to debate.

The UK researchers can get on UpDates just like everyone else.
Hopefully with some new cases or interesting older cases.

I swill beer with the best of them John; rum too so don't think
I have a problem with pubs or booze or swilling.

Don Ledger

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Viktor's reply indicates that he too was referring to the Sirius
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mentioned in the text but that's all.

Martin

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From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Sat, 18 Oct 2008 22:57:13 +0200 (CEST)
Archived: Sun, 19 Oct 2008 08:02:01 -0400
Subject: MoD Versus MoD

I've posted a new article about Project Condign on my website:

http://www.nickpope.net/mod_versus_mod.htm

It gives an insight into internal MoD disagreements on UFOs.

There are some other new articles here:

http://www.nickpope.net/selected_articles.htm

Best wishes,

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

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From: **Ray Dickenson** <r.dickenson.nul>
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Multiple witnesses, professionals in their fields, and residual effect from contact.

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Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com/blog

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Ray,

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used to influence people.

IMO, a number philosophical tenants are being stretched to the
breaking point by our use of technology to magnify our
capabilities.

But I will agree that this field is for the younger generation
to tackle at this point and I also wish them well.

FYI, a few people kept this type of "open mind" in the 'AA Film'
investigation, but they were shouted down for more than a
decade.

In the end, the majority probably had it right due to their
knee-jerk reaction, so does that make the reaction wrong?

But again, it becomes a pure matter of resources.

Steve

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No. 14 performed a chi-square analysis Comparing Unknowns to
Knowns on the basis of 6 different characteristics. It was found
that the Probability that the UNKNOWNNS were just missed KNOWNNS
was less than 1%.

Note also that 21.5% of the 3201 Cases were listed as UNKNOWNNS
completely separate from the 9.3% listed as Insufficient
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Clancy, McGaha, et al, choose to not go farther than PC science.

On the other hand, Hopkins and Jacobs and Wilson and Velez and
White, et al, choose to go where the evidence leads.

What that mechanism is and why it occurs and what can be done
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>is less than 18 mins (I just checked). I wasn't aware of a
>YouTube source so can't comment on it.

>Viktor's reply indicates that he too was referring to the Sirius
>website and is viewing the same video as me - a 2.5hr total is
>mentioned in the text but that's all.

Hi Martin,

Thanks. 18 minutes is likely more manageable. I'll give it a
shot later this evening. Could have been it was the Sirius site
that I had a link to.

Don Ledger

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Next Batch Of MoD Files Released

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Subject: Next Batch Of MoD Files Released

The following article from The Telegraph website has broken an embargo on the news that The National Archives are making the next tranche of Ministry of Defence files available on-line tomorrow (Monday 20th October).

Dave Clarke has been working closely with TNA, and an article will be appearing on his site later, check:

<http://www.drdavidclarke.co.uk/news2.htm>

Thanks to Gary Anthony for the lead.

Joe

Source: The Sunday Telegraph - London, England, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/6hd674>

19 Oct 2008
By Caroline Gammell

UFOs, alien abductions and Tina Turner feature in Close Encounters secret files

Passenger jets nearly colliding with UFOs, reports of alien abduction and lasers from a Tina Turner concert all feature in the latest "Close Encounters" released by the MoD

The 19 files, which date from 1986 and 1992, show the extensive records of strange sightings by members of the public and unexplained radar images from air traffic control.

In one instance, an Alitalia flight coming into land at London's Heathrow Airport reported a near miss with a UFO, which the pilot described as "similar to a missile - light brown or fawn - about three metres in length but without any exhaust flame".

Captain Achille Zaghettti was so concerned about a collision he shouted "Look out! Look out!" to his co-pilot who then spotted the same object.

A corresponding image appeared on the Air Traffic Control radar and the MoD was brought in to investigate.

In the files, released by the National Archive, the military admitted the sighting in April 1991 could not be explained, having ruled out a British or American missile.

It concluded: "In the absence of any clear evidence which could be used to identify the object, it is our intention to treat this sighting like that of any other Unidentified Flying Object."

Two further near misses were reported in the summer of 1991 when one aircraft flying in to Gatwick airport reported a "wingless projectile" passing the left side of the plane and another flight leaving Gatwick spotted a "small lozenge-shaped object"

speeding past the cockpit.

The newly released files also go into detail about a US Air Force pilot who claims he was ordered to shoot down a UFO flying above East Anglia in 1957, and was later warned never to speak about the incident.

Also included in the material are several reports of alien abductions and strange sightings.

In 1989, one man from Somerset reported seeing a flying saucer land near the Feltham bypass and two aliens, dressed in black, apparently emerged.

One alien checked the engines while a second said - in fluent English - "capture that man before tells anybody else".

Another man from Brighton spotted a brightly-lit UFO, shaped like a "squashed rugby ball", which hovered above his house.

Two men in beige uniforms were seen inside, but when they spotted the man, they turned out the lights and sped out to sea.

The RAF official who took the call noted: "Caller sounded genuine enough and his main concern seemed to be that he didn't want to talk too much about the craft if it was 'one of ours that we wanted to keep secret'."

In August 1989, reports of "two to three lights, green, red and orange oscillating" and moving "left and right and around each other" were reported to the MoD.

What the concerned callers did not realise was that they were looking at the lasers illuminating Tina Turner's latest concert.

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There was also a brief article in today's edition of the Sunday Mirror:

<http://tinyurl.com/5jz9u4>

19/10/2008

Passenger Jet Almost 'Collided With UFO'

A passenger jet heading for Heathrow almost collided with a UFO over Kent, according to the latest "X-files" to be released by the Government tomorrow.

In other reports US Air Force pilots were ordered to shoot down a UFO over East Anglia (the files don't say what happened next) and RAF Tornado jets were overtaken by another UFO over Germany.

The files from 1986-92 include claims from people who say they met or were abducted by aliens. They will be posted on the National Archives website.

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The Predictability Of 'Counterknowledge'

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Archived: Sun, 19 Oct 2008 23:53:00 -0400
Subject: The Predictability Of 'Counterknowledge'

Source: Billy Cox's Blog De Void - Sarasota, Floriday, USA

<http://www.heraldtribune.com/article/20081017/BLOG32/810170288>

Tuesday, October 14

The Predictability Of 'Counterknowledge'
By Billy Cox

Here's another book being touted by its jacket blurbs as "superb and often breathtaking," "a superb crusade against despoliation of truth and reason," and a "demolition of every fatuous illusion... brilliantly exact and often very witty."

It's a quick read called "Counterknowledge: How We Surrendered to Conspiracy Theories, Quack Medicine, Bogus Science, and Fake History," and it's been reviewed by all the industry standards, from The New York Times to NPR.

Author Damian Thompson, an editorial writer for the Daily Telegraph in London, describes counterknowledge as "misinformation packaged to look like fact - packaged so effectively, indeed, that the twenty-first century is facing a pandemic of credulous thinking."

Thompson casts a wide net in his generally well-reasoned, 162-page harangue against the forces of paranoia and pseudoscience he argues are undermining the very legacy of the European Enlightenment: "9/11 theories, Creationism, Holocaust denial and crank physics" plus "belief in UFOs, astrology, ESP, near death experiences, miracle diets, and Bible prophecy."

Oh dear god. The dude tossed UFOs into the clothes hamper, too.

Sigh.

Well, the truth is, you can really wear yourself out by picking up the phone, dialing public affairs with the 301st Fighter Wing of the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base at Carswell Field (817-782-7170), and asking why the military refuses to comment on FAA radar records indicating a UFO shadowed by jet fighters surged toward restricted air space over President Bush's ranch in Texas in January.

That's the flaw with interjecting UFOs into the counterknowledge equation. By his own definition, Thompson's points of contention (miracle diets, Bible prophecy, etc.) require at least partial sanction by the mainstream media. But no rigorous, sustained journalistic standards have been applied to UFO coverage. The MSM won't even query Carswell about why it redacted the flight logs of 10 F-16s allegedly on "routine training missions" on the night of Jan. 8, 2008.

If anything, the MSM has actually ignored the scientific aspects of UFOs for more than half a century. In his recently published "Flying Saucers and Science," which isn't getting a fraction of the attention of "Counterknowledge," veteran UFO investigator

Stan Friedman itemizes the media failures to that end.

The list is too long to summarize here, but it's illuminating to go back to the beginning, to 1955, where scientists with Battelle Memorial Institute, an R&D outfit contracted by the Air Force, evaluated 3,201 UFO incidents in the military files and produced what was known as Project Blue Book Special Report No. 14.

Analysts divided the sighting categories into Balloon, Astronomical, Aircraft, Miscellaneous, Psychological Manifestations, Insufficient Information, and Unknown (no category for alien spaceships). The average Unknown sighting lasted longer than the average explained sighting, with 63.5 percent of the Unknowns running for a minute or longer.

USAF Secretary Donald Quarles chose to summarize Battelle's results this way: "Even the Unknown 3 percent could have been identified as conventional phenomena or illusions if more observational data had been made available."

Problem: Battelle actually categorized 21.5 percent of the data as Unknown. It's in their report - and it's seven times higher than Quarles stated in his Oct. 23, 1955 press release. But the media swallowed the USAF BS without even bothering to hold its nose.

If Damian Thompson is serious about fleshing out the "Fake History" portion of his subtitle, De Void has a suggestion ...

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Yo White Collar Freaks

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Subject: Yo White Collar Freaks

Source: Billy Cox's Blog De Void - Sarasota, Floriday, USA

<http://www.heraldtribune.com/article/20081017/BLOG32/810170288>

Friday, October 17, 2008

Yo -- White Collar Freaks

By Billy Cox

De Void readers will recognize this list format from June, but it's always reassuring to see how many freaks and wackos work security/government jobs.

This is just a partial glimpse of the internet service providers that have driven visitors to Frank Warren's Web page, www.theufochronicles.com, since August. Warren compiles roundups of the latest national/international UFO news at his home in Sacramento, Calif., and obviously he gets a lot of traffic.

"It doesn't mean they're checking it out in an official capacity. The majority of them are probably just regular employees interested in this subject," Warren says. "The question would be, why are they interested in this subject?"

Another question would be: With so much interest, why are so many still in the closet?

Imagine if just a fraction of these visitors decided to call the Public Information Office at Carswell Field (Tex.) at 817-782-7170 and demanded to know why the USAF won't comment on the FAA radar records documenting how a UFO played cat-and-mouse with F-16s as it cruised toward the Bush Ranch in January. Or what if they went to the top and fired off letters to Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton A. Schwartz, at 1670 Air Force Pentagon, Washington, DC 20330-1670?

They could actually make a difference.

Anyhow, here's the latest roll call of private and public concerns populated with UFO voyeurs:

Argonne National Laboratory, Chicago, Ill.; Navy Network Information Center, U.S.; Advanced Communication Technology, Sheridan, Wyo.; Calltech Communications Inc., Columbus, Oh.; Harvardnet, Medford, Mass.; NASA, Altadena, Calif.; U.S. Dept Of Justice, Potomac, Md.; Lockheed Martin Corp., Denver, Colo.; Computer Sciences Corp., Falls Church, Va.; NASA, Hampton, Va.; U.S. Department Of Transportation, Chesapeake, Va.; Lockheed Martin Corp., Worcester, Mass.; Army Information Systems Command, Fort Huachuca, Ariz.

NASA, Laurel, Md.; NBC Universal, New York, N.Y.; Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, D.C.; Army Personnel Command, Grovetown, Ga.; Space And Naval Warfare Command, Arlington, Va.; NORAD/U.S. Space Command, Colorado Springs, Colo.; FEMA,

Baltimore, Md.; Raytheon Co. Executive Office, Bronx, N.Y.; Naval Command Control & Ocean Surveillance Center, Virginia Beach, Va.; Time Warner Telecom, Inc. Dayton, Ohio; Maryland Procurement Office, Fort Meade, Md.

State Of New Mexico, Santa Fe, N.M.; Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.; University Of California/Berkeley; The Boeing Company, Chicago, Ill.; Indiana State University, Terre Haute, Ind.; Internal Revenue Service, Washington, D.C.; University Of Texas, Galveston, Tex.; CFD Research Corp., Huntsville, Ala.; Army Information Systems Command, Fort Lee, Va.; Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.; Information Resources Management Administration, Washington, D.C.; Department Of Interior, Sacramento, Calif.; National Academy Of Recording Arts, Santa Monica, Calif.; Headquarters & Headquarters Command, 1st Signal Brigade, U.S.; U.S. Army Research Laboratory, Hyattsville, Md.

State Of Montana, Department Of Administration, Helena, Mont.; Army Corps Of Engineers, Washington, D.C.; TRW Space And Defense Sector, Redondo Beach, Calif.; SETI Institute, Mountain View, Calif.; National Counterterrorism Center, Pensacola, Fla.; DoD Network Information Center, Columbus, Ohio; Abbott Laboratories, North Chicago, Ill.; State Of Alabama Information Services Division, Houston, Tex.; U.S. Dept. Of Health And Human Services, Baltimore, Md.; Fisher Scientific, Roselle, Ill..

Defense Contract Management Agency, Los Angeles, Calif.; U.S. LEC Corp., Alexandria, Va.; Space And Naval Warfare Command, Arlington, Va.; State Of Rhode Island, Providence, R.I.; State Of Missouri Office Of Administration, Jefferson City, Mo.; Northrop Grumman Corp., Bethpage, N.Y.; National Oceanic And Atmospheric Administration, Seattle, Wash.; Marine Corps Community Services, Quantico, Va.

DoD Network Information Center, Columbus, Ohio; NASA/Houston; NASA/Cleveland, Ohio; National Archives And Records Administration, Temple Hills, Md.; National Archives And Records Administration, Temple Hills, Md.; Defense Contract Management Agency, Philadelphia, Pa.

Air Force Flight Test Center, Anchorage, Alaska; NASA, Wattsville, Va.; U.S. Department Of Agriculture Office Of Operations, Washington, D.C.; Federal Communications Commission, Gettysburg, Pa.; New Mexico Institute Of Mining And Technology, Socorro, N.M.; Los Alamos National Laboratory, Santa Fe, N.M.; Northrop Grumman Corp, Bethpage, N.Y.; Air Force Flight Test Center, Anchorage, Alaska.

Boulder County Government, Boulder, Colo.; State Of Colorado, General Government Computer, Denver, Colo.; Tennessee Board Of Regents, Oak Ridge, Tenn.; National Counterterrorism Center, New York, N.Y.; Sandia National Laboratories, Livermore, Calif.; CBS, Inc., New York, N.Y.; U.S. Dept. Of Justice, Potomac, Md.; NASA, Titusville, Fla.; Army Information Systems Command, Pentagon, Manassas, Va.; DoD Network Information Center, Yakima, Wash.; USMC Network Operations Center, Quantico, Va.

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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Re: Kumburgaz Turkey UFO Videos

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Archived: Mon, 20 Oct 2008 08:09:49 -0400
Subject: Re: Kumburgaz Turkey UFO Videos

>From: Stanton T Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 19 Oct 2008 11:43:07 -0300
>Subject: Re: Kumburgaz Turkey UFO Videos

>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 18 Oct 2008 18:26:55 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Kumburgaz Turkey UFO Videos

<snip>

>>Furthermore, most UFO Unknowns of high quality remain that way
>>over time and do not become IFO's. In fact, the reverse is the
>>case, the most seemingly well-explained IFO cases such as RB-47
>>and Lakenheath-Bentwaters become UFO Unknowns with exhaustive
>>additional investigation.

>Let us also not forget that Battelle in Blue Book Special Report
>No. 14 performed a chi-square analysis Comparing Unknowns to
>Knowns on the basis of 6 different characteristics. It was found
>that the Probability that the UNKNOWNNS were just missed KNOWNS
>was less than 1%.

>Note also that 21.5% of the 3201 Cases were listed as UNKNOWNNS
>completely separate from the 9.3% listed as Insufficient
>Information. The 5% UNKNOWN claim is completely bogus. 35% of
>the Excellent cases were listed as UNKNOWNNS.

I think we always have to keep in mind that the quality of the
data is only as good as the quality, quantity, and consistency
of the questions and their corresponding answers.

golubik

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Airliner Had Near Miss With UFO

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Subject: Airliner Had Near Miss With UFO

Source: BBC News - London, England, UK

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/7679145.stm

Monday, 20 October 2008

Airliner Had Near Miss With UFO

A passenger jet bound for Heathrow Airport had a near miss with a UFO, Ministry of Defence files reveal.

The captain of the Alitalia airliner shouted "Look out" to his co-pilot at the sight of a brown missile-shaped object shooting past them overhead.

Civil Aviation Authority and military investigations could not explain the 1991 incident near Lydd in Kent.

The unsolved close encounter features in UFO-related military documents made available by the National Archives.

After ruling out the object flying past the Alitalia jet being a missile, weather balloon or space rocket, the MoD closed the inquiry.

Nineteen files covering sightings between 1986 and 1992 are being made available online.

Almost 200 such files will be made available by the MoD over the next four years.

The current batch also includes a US Air Force pilot's account of being ordered to shoot down a UFO that appeared on his radar while he flew over East Anglia.

There is also an MoD request that army and navy helicopters not take photographs of crop circles, because of concerns about undermining the official line that the military did not investigate unexplained phenomena.

And the files also contain a letter from a woman claiming to be from the Sirius system who said her spacecraft - also containing two "Spectrans" with "Mr Spock ears" - crashed in Britain during World War II.

UFO expert and journalism lecturer at Sheffield Hallam University, Dr David Clarke, said the documents would shed new light on relatively little-known sightings.

He said some conspiracy theorists would already have decided that the release of the papers was a "whitewash".

He added: "Because the subject is bedevilled by charlatans and lunatics, it is career suicide to have your name associated with UFOs, which is a real pity."

"The National Archives are doing a fantastic job here. Everyone brings their own interpretation.

"Now you can look at the actual primary material - the stuff coming into the MoD every day - and make your own mind up.

[Thanks to Greg Boone for the lead]

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Date: Mon, 20 Oct 2008 09:08:07 +0100
Archived: Mon, 20 Oct 2008 08:17:08 -0400
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>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 19 Oct 2008 08:33:03 -0400
>Subject: Re: Kumburgaz Turkey UFO Videos

>Good luck in your quest. Most of those comments didn't take into
>account the current technologies impact on mankind and how it's
>used to influence people.
<snip>

Hi Steven,

There's only three stages to science - collection, quantitative analysis, qualitative analysis. Technology doesn't change that, it implements it.

BTW - I'm not arguing against 'exclusion' per se, only against its premature use. As Brad Sparks showed in his earlier post, at the qualitative analysis stage, excluding cases under various criteria greatly increases the percentage of UFO Unknowns and makes them much more visible.

But to be able do that, you must first have done a quantitative analysis of all the cases, otherwise those criteria can't be applied.

Cheers

Ray D

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Sovereignty And The UFO

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The Mershon Center for International Security Studies
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Thursday, January 19, 2006

Sovereignty And The UFO
by
Alex Wendt & Raymond Duvall

Alexander Wendt is the Ralph D. Mershon Professor of International Security Studies at the Mershon Center, and Raymond Duvall is Professor of Political Science and Associate Director of the Interdisciplinary Center for the Study of Global Change/MacArthur Interdisciplinary Program on Global Change, Sustainability, and Justice at the University of Minnesota. They gave a talk entitled Sovereignty And The UFO at the Mershon Center, addressing the puzzle of why it is that modern states do not take Unidentified Flying Objects seriously.

Wendt and Duvall offer what they call an "epistemology of UFO ignorance" to explain why modern states systematically resist the notion that extraterrestrial life forms might both exist and travel to earth. They emphasized their militant agnosticism about whether UFOs really are extra-terrestrial, saying that they are interested only in how and why the ignorance is maintained.

They said that the authoritative public sphere discourages taking UFOs seriously, and that this is ignorance masquerading as knowledge. There has actually been little scientific research on the subject, meaning that we do not know whether or not UFOs exist. Lack of evidence for UFOs' existence does not mean that they do not exist, Wendt and Duvall argued, and skepticism regarding UFOs - that extra-terrestrials would be unable to reach earth, that UFOs would land on the White House lawn, that we would know if UFOs had been on earth - is not sufficient. Instead, the burden of proof ought to lie with disproving their existence.

Wendt and Duvall explained why they would expect UFOs to be taken seriously. First, if UFOs were found to prove the existence of extra-terrestrial life, this would be the most important event in world history. Second, aliens pervade popular culture, making it clear that people are interested in the phenomenon of UFOs. Third, states have historically been very willing to label things security threats, because the presence

of more security threats increases states' power in order to deal with them. Last, natural scientific curiosity would seem to make research about UFOs interesting and desirable.

Despite all of this, very little is known about UFOs, and the modern state shows no signs of encouraging otherwise.

Wendt and Duvall argued that the authoritative epistemology of UFO ignorance is necessary to maintain modern governance, because intelligent extra terrestrial life that can make itself known on earth is a threat to humancentered science and rule. They said that UFOs constitute a metaphysical threat to human power, making ignoring them the only alternative acceptable to modern states. They divided their argument into three parts.

First, they situated modern rule as "governmentality". Governmentality is what Foucault describes as non-coercive rule, or power that functions not by violence or physical oppression but through control of knowledge. Both science and the state rest upon an anthropocentric metaphysics, whereby human conduct is all that matters. A regime of governmentality may also have a sovereign or coercive face, however, which deals with the physical threats that arise (but rarely).

Second, they discussed how that sovereign face functions. They said that there are sometimes physical threats to governmentality, and that, in these exceptional circumstances, the state must resort to coercive behavior. Third, they said that the UFO poses not just a physical threat, to which a modern state could respond with its sovereign behavior, but also a metaphysical threat. Even if a UFO and its occupants had benign intentions, its unique otherness (in being non-human) would require a world government, united against the other, and this new universal sovereignty would replace the modern state as we know it. Wendt and Duvall repeated that phenomena requiring exceptions to normal governmentality fall into two categories: physical (e.g. conquest) and existential or ontological threats (e.g. the existence of a non-human world that would extinguish the viability of individual nationally sovereign states). They said that the state cannot decide how to deal with UFOs as an exception, because even acknowledging their possible existence would call into question the state's role as the sole securitizer, and this leaves only one option: the existence of UFOs must be denied.

They also noted that the study of UFOs, even if it were not actively discouraged politically, may be a difficult task. The UFO poses what they called a "threat of unknowability" to science, on several grounds. First, UFOs are random and seemingly unsystematic. Second, UFOs appear to violate the laws of physics, making them "impossible" per the laws of science that would be used to study them. Third, the UFO raises the possibility of a non-human subjectivity, making an understanding of UFOs potentially unassayable.

Wendt and Duvall said that modern states' ignorance of UFOs need not be conscious, as conspiracy theories would suggest. States might unconsciously repress UFOs as taboo, so as not to reveal their existential insecurities. Wendt and Duvall identified four mechanisms by which states, whether consciously or unconsciously, authoritatively repress UFOs.

First, epistemic authorities may simply announce that we know UFOs not to exist. Second, they may announce that UFOs do not and cannot constitute a security threat (on the grounds mentioned earlier, e.g. UFOs would not be able to reach earth, etc). These claims might be supported by secrecy, such as the non-reporting of cases or redactions from official reports.

Third, they may denounce UFO research as inherently pseudo-science. They may do this by systematically denying federal funding to any grant proposal about such research, or by otherwise exerting pressure on scientists to selfcensor to avoid ridicule. Last, epistemic authorities may practice pseudoscience, themselves. For example, the U.S. Air Force commissioned a report on UFOs in the late 1960s, and the panel undertaking the research was stacked with skeptics whose bias rendered their findings unscientific. Evenwhile suffering from serious methodological flaws that biased findings against the existence of UFOs, the study had a 30% failure rate at explaining them. This failure rate hardly warranted the study's

summary, which declared that UFOs do not exist.

Ultimately, Wendt and Duvall characterized UFOs as a political problem first, rather than a scientific or sociological one. In order to address UFOs, the taboos against such research must be lifted. They said that once there is real scientific research underway, it should be possible for science and the state to diverge on the question of UFOs' existence.

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Raymond Duvall is Professor of Political Science at the University of Minnesota. He received his Ph.D. from Northwestern University in 1975. He is currently Morse-Alumni Distinguished Teaching Professor of Political Science and Associate Director of the Interdisciplinary Center for the Study of Global Change/MacArthur Interdisciplinary Program on Global Change, Sustainability, and Justice at the University of Minnesota. He regularly teaches courses on international relations theory, global governance, productions and performances of international hierarchy, and critical international political economy. While on leave from the University of Minnesota, he has held visiting appointments at Bogazici University (Istanbul, Turkey), Karl Franzens University (Graz, Austria), and the Graduate Institute for International Studies (Geneva, Switzerland).

He was also on the staff of the World Bank for one year, under the terms of an International Affairs Fellowship from the Council on Foreign Relations.

His recent publications include the collaborative edited book, *Cultures of Insecurity: States, Communities and the Production of Danger* (University of Minnesota Press, 1999), with Jutta Weldes, Mark Laffey and Hugh Gusterson, and a co-authored article with Jutta Weldes on future directions for research on relations among liberalism, democracy, and peace, in a volume edited by Tarak Barkawi and Mark Laffey. He has a forthcoming book on the state and the constitution of authority in economic globalization, and a forthcoming co-edited book, with Michael Barnett, on power and global governance. His earlier research focused on theories of the capitalist state, dependency theory, and civil conflict, including revolutionary struggles, and was published in the *American Political Science Review*, *International Organization*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Comparative Political Studies*, several other scholarly journals, and a number of edited books.

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Commentary On Sovereignty And The UFO

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Mon, 20 Oct 2008 09:40:00 -0400
Archived: Mon, 20 Oct 2008 09:40:00 -0400
Subject: Commentary On Sovereignty And The UFO

Posted July 31, 2008 by Henry Farrell
http://www.themonkeycage.org/2008/07/the_truth_is_out_there.html

Posted August 4, 2008 by Raymond Duvall and Alexander Wendt
<http://tinyurl.com/63gbpo>

Posted August 6, 2008 by Henry Farrell
http://www.themonkeycage.org/2008/08/ufos_again.html#more

Posted September 2, 2008 by 'Woo'
<http://tinyurl.com/56sta7>

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Source: The Sunday Telegraph - London, England, UK

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

19 Oct 2008

US Jet 'Ordered To Fire At UFO Over East Anglia'
By Matthew Moore

A US Air Force fighter pilot claims he was ordered to fire all of his 24 rockets at a UFO spotted flying over East Anglia =96 and then warned never to speak about the incident - the MoD records reveal.

Milton Torres, then aged 25, was on standby at RAF Manston in Kent on May 20 1957 when he received an urgent order to scramble and intercept an unknown craft with "very unusual flight patterns".

He managed to get a radar "lock-on" the target, which he could not see because of thick cloud but which his instruments indicated was the size of a B-52 bomber.

The order then came through to fire his jet's entire arsenal at the UFO, but it darted off his radar before he could act.

Dr. Torres, now 77 and still convinced it was an alien craft, says he was visited the next day by a man claiming to be from the US National Security Agency, who threatened him with losing his flying status if he told anyone what happened.

The former pilot's story entered the MoD's archives after he repeated his claims at a veterans reunion in 1988.

"There are people who are still alive on Earth who know about this," he said.

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Date: Mon, 20 Oct 2008 15:47:39 +0100
Archived: Tue, 21 Oct 2008 06:27:44 -0400
Subject: Re: Airliner Had Near Miss With UFO

>Source: BBC News - London, England, UK

>http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/7679145.stm

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UK UFO Conference This Weekend

From: **Philip Mantle** <philip.nul>
Date: Mon, 20 Oct 2008 16:50:09 +0100
Archived: Tue, 21 Oct 2008 06:32:17 -0400
Subject: UK UFO Conference This Weekend

For Immediate Release

The Real X-Files

August 2008 saw the release of the latest offering from Fox with the new X-Files movie. During the summer of 2008 the national news media has extensively covered the subject of UFOs. Now, over the weekend of October 25th & 26th, UFO DATA magazine will be staging an international UFO conference presenting the real X-Files.

Speaking in public for the very first time will be Wing Commander Alan Turner MBE (RAF retired). Wing Commander Turner will detail his observation of 6 UFOs tracked on military radar at RAF Sopley in 1971.

Dr Roberto Pinotti (Italy) will be speaking in the UK for the very first time and he will outline real X-Files from Italy plus the release of the Italian military's official UFO files.

Haktan Akdogan (Turkey) will be speaking in the UK for the very first time and will be showing previously unseen video footage of UFOs.

Detective Constable Gary Heseltine runs a data base of UFO sightings made by UK police officers. Here we will see real life close encounters from the thin blue line.

Rosalind Reynolds (UK) is a former judge at crufts and professional dog breeder. Rarely has Rosalind detailed her own X-File, an alien abduction encounter in 1983. Here she tells the full story and its aftermath.

A host of other speakers from within the UK will detail more UFO research and sightings from around Britain, real X-Files and not the Hollywood variety.

Notes For Editors:

Wing Commander Alan Turner MBE has never spoken about this event in public before nor has he been fully interviewed for TV, radio newspapers or magazines. Dr Pinotti and Haktan Akdogan have a wealth of real X-Files and video footage available to keep any news editor happy all of which will be brand new to the UK.

Contact: Philip Mantle on: 0779 257 2356

Email: philip.nul

Web Site: www.ufodata.co.uk

Close Encounters The Real X-Files

October 25 26,
Parkside Hotel,
Pontefract,
West Yorkshire

England

This year's international line-up of speakers:

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Kevin Goodman (England)

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Brain Allan (Scotland)

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Archived: Tue, 21 Oct 2008 06:41:23 -0400
Subject: MoD Bans Circle Photos Over UFO Fears

Source: Metro - London, England, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/6zt3aj>

Monday, October 20, 2008

MoD Bans Crop Circle Photos Over UFO Fears
by Joel Taylor

Military chiefs tried to stop armed forces helicopters flying over and photographing crop circles in case UFO enthusiasts thought they were taking them seriously, it has emerged.

The MoD warned Army and Navy personnel after the Centre for Crop Circle Studies questioned its alleged study of the phenomenon.

'The UFO lobby will see this as active investigation of UFO-related activity (as they view crop circles),' the 1991 MoD memo said.

But both services refused the request, arguing officials were being 'over-sensitive'.

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From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac.nul>
Date: Tue, 21 Oct 2008 10:20:33 -0400
Archived: Tue, 21 Oct 2008 10:51:41 -0400
Subject: Re: Airliner Had Near Miss With UFO

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 20 Oct 2008 15:47:39 +0100
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From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Tue, 21 Oct 2008 16:18:43 +0100
Archived: Tue, 21 Oct 2008 12:10:30 -0400
Subject: Re: Airliner Had Near Miss With UFO

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That's right. This Alitalia incident in particular is quite well known and has been discussed before on other forums. Ten years ago Jenny Randles covered it and several other similar mid-air encounters from the summer of 1991 in her book 'Something in the Air'.

Martin Shough

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Archived: Tue, 21 Oct 2008 12:12:40 -0400
Subject: Re: Airliner Had Near Miss With UFO

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Re: Airliner Had Near Miss With UFO

From: Dick Hall <dh12.nul>
Date: Tue, 21 Oct 2008 12:38:49 -0400
Archived: Wed, 22 Oct 2008 06:43:24 -0400
Subject: Re: Airliner Had Near Miss With UFO

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Cold War. I have lived in and around Washington, D.C., for 50
years and have seen and experienced all kinds of bureaucratic
madness.

In the event of an atomic attack on Washington people were
supposed to get in their cars and evacuate the city via certain
main routes. That was funny enough. But Government employees
were instructed, in the event of atomic attack, to proceed to
the nearest post office and fill out a form...

At this point I was rolling on the floor and laughing
hysterically.

Dick

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Re: Airliner Had Near Miss With UFO

From: **Peter Davenport** <director.nul>
Date: Tue, 21 Oct 2008 09:44:38 -0700
Archived: Wed, 22 Oct 2008 06:48:38 -0400
Subject: Re: Airliner Had Near Miss With UFO

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Here is a similar, and much more recent, event, reported to
NUFORC on July 28, 2008, the day after the alleged sighting:

[Begin Copied Rport From www.ufocenter.Com]

Occurred: 7/27/2008 22:10 (Entered as : 07/27/2008 22:10)
Reported: 7/28/2008 12:36:02 PM 12:36
Posted: 8/12/2008
Location: Lexington, VA
Shape: Sphere
Duration: 2-3 Seconds

White light witnessed from aircraft is seen traveling at an
extremely high speed

This sighting occurred on Sunday, July 27th 2008 at 10:39PM EST.
The object was witnessed aboard a McDonnell Douglass MD-82 twin
jet aircraft traveling eastbound at 33,000 feet and 497 knots.
At the time of the sighting the aircraft was at latitude 37.87
and longitude -79.79, placing the aircraft between Covington and

Lexington, VA. The aircraft was in radio contact with the Washington Air Route Traffic Control Center (ARTCC), and traveling between the waypoints ASBUR and DENNY on jet airway 42 (J42).

The object was witnessed off of the left side of the aircraft traveling north (right to left) at an extremely high velocity. The object appeared spherical in shape and bright white and glowing in color. The object appeared to leave some sort of contrail, which may have been a distortion of light due to speed. The object contained no other sources of light typically found on civilian aircraft. The object disappeared from horizontal view within 2-3 seconds, moving at a speed much greater than that of an approaching opposite direction jet aircraft. The object had an apparent size of 1/4 the circumference of a full moon, and looked similar to a shooting star or meteorite. Size relative to the aircraft could not be determined. The object appeared to be between 35,000 and 38,000 feet, 2,000-5,000 feet above the aircraft. The trajectory of the object resembled an ascending arch.

According to NASA's website, the International Space Station was not in the area at the time of the sighting. Other aircraft were also in the vicinity at the time. The object was witnessed by a more than one person, including trained observers.

NUFORC Note: We spoke with this witness via telephone, and we deem him to be an exceptionally good witness. Witness provides no contact information. --PD

NUFORC Note: Witness elects to remain totally anonymous; provides no contact information. --PD

[End Copied Report]

Peter
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Re: Discovery Channel Airs Series On MUFON

From: **Alejandro T. Rojas** <arojas.nul>
Date: Tue, 21 Oct 2008 23:28:24 -0500
Archived: Wed, 22 Oct 2008 06:50:53 -0400
Subject: Re: Discovery Channel Airs Series On MUFON

UFOs Over Earth
The Fayetteville Incident
9 PM MT

MUFON - the Mutual UFO Network - investigate a UFO sighting, and possible alien abduction, using the tools of science, psychology and law enforcement.

<http://tinyurl.com/59fdu5>

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Thatcher And Haughey Were Warned Of UFO Attack

Newly disclosed classified documents show Taoiseach Charles Haughey and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher were offered the chance to forge a very unusual cosmic alliance.

But, instead of coming from an EU partner or an Asian power, the request came from "a secret envoy of the Cosmos Supreme Civilization Circle".

Hitherto secret papers released by the UK's Ministry of Defence (MoD) show the two premiers were contacted with some urgency about a prospective attack by a UFO.

Bizarre it may well sound, but both Kildare Street and Number 10 saw fit to acknowledge the incident with the UK government ordering the MoD to assess whether there was any action would be needed in the event.

The letter, which originated in Seoul, South Korea from an unnamed author, urges support and help in the face of the threat of imminent attack on the earth.

"I am all anxiety a nobody know about riskiness of UFO attack to air defence of the earth and electric wave of the for kill and injury", was the somewhat unlettered demand for attention.

"I want to discuss about space development of the your country. I want to meet to you. I demand to mighty support and help."

Earthlings should subsequently be put under the control of the Cosmos Supreme Civilization Circle and the protection, presumably, of the "Robot's Army".

After the urgent letter hit Downing Street, it was forwarded to the MoD for "official action" according to a memo. "No 10 have passed it to us for action as we see fit and you are asked to consider whether there is anything which can usefully be said to the correspondent and to action accordingly," said the rubber-stamped note.

The Department of the Taoiseach, in a reply to the author thanked him for his recent letter and said it would be brought to the attention of the Taoiseach "as soon as possible".

Betty Meyler of UFO Ireland said she is not surprised by the letter and insists that discussions have taken place between different countries and aliens in the past.

"I've never heard of a letter being sent to governments before," she said.

"But we do know that there have been meetings with the intergalactic governments and the governments of Russia, the United States and Britain. This doesn't surprise me at all."

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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ET May Be Out There, But Would He Talk To Us?

Even if UFOs haven't visited us, there is no reason to suppose that we are alone or will remain that way for infinity

by Martin Rees

[Lord Rees of Ludlow is Astronomer Royal and President of the Royal Society]

Are we alone in the Universe? It is often alleged that aliens in UFOs have visited us. But the claimed manifestations - crop circles and the like - are as banal and unconvincing as the messages from the "other side" routinely reported in the heyday of spiritualism 100 years ago.

I certainly don't believe that the declassification yesterday of Ministry of Defence files reporting encounters with unidentified flying objects in British airspace shows that we have found aliens. But I am open-minded about the possibility and would dearly like to know if they exist.

The great 18th-century astronomer William Herschel thought that the Sun was inhabited. In the late 19th century, the science fiction of Jules Verne and H.G. Wells further popularised the idea of alien life. Percival Lowell, a wealthy American, believed that Mars was criss-crossed by "canals", dug by an advanced civilisation to channel water from the frozen polar caps to "deserts" near the equator. We are less optimistic about Martians than our forebears.

However, space probes have revealed dried-up river beds - evidence for water, suggesting that Mars may once have been hospitable to life, even if it isn't today. Life could also exist in the ice-covered oceans of Jupiter's moon, Europa.

Even if there is life elsewhere within our solar system, nobody expects it to be other than rather primitive. But within our galaxy there are billions of stars. What are the prospects of more advanced life on planets orbiting some of these?

In 1584 Giordano Bruno, a Dominican monk, published a book On the Infinite Universe and Worlds. In 1600, he was burnt at the stake in the Campo de Fiori, Rome, where he is now commemorated by a fine bronze statue. Among Bruno's conjectures was that: "There are countless constellations, suns and planets; we see only the suns because they give light; the planets remain invisible, for they are small and dark. There are also numberless earths circling around their suns, no worse and no less than this globe of ours".

In the last years of the 20th century, his prescient belief was vindicated: there are, assuredly, planetary systems around many other stars. Bruno had a further conviction: "No reasonable mind can assume that heavenly bodies which may be far more magnificent than ours would not bear upon them creatures similar or even superior to those upon our human Earth." Our conception of the physical Universe has been utterly transformed since Bruno's time, but we still cannot gauge the likelihood of extraterrestrial intelligence.

The more difficult issues lie in the province of biology, not astronomy. There are two great questions, which it is important to distinguish from each other. First, how did life begin? I think there is a real chance of progress here, so that we will know if life is a "fluke", or whether it is near-inevitable in the kind of initial "soup" expected on a young planet.

But there is a second question: Even if simple life exists, what are the odds against its evolving into something that we would recognise as intelligent? This is likely to prove far more intractable. Even if primitive life were common, the emergence of advanced life may not be.

Simple life on Earth emerged quite quickly. But it took nearly three billion years for multicellular organisms to come on the scene. Most of the standard body types for animals date from the "Cambrian Explosion" half a billion years ago. The immense variety of creatures on land emerged since that time - punctuated by major extinctions, such as the event 65 million years ago that wiped out the dinosaurs.

This disparity of timescales suggests that intelligence could be exceedingly rare even if simple life were widespread. Certainly our own emergence was the outcome of time and chance. If the Earth's history were rerun, the fauna may be quite different. If the dinosaurs had not been wiped out, the chain of mammalian evolution that led to humans may have been foreclosed. We cannot predict if any other species would have taken our role.

Even if we have not been visited, we should not conclude that aliens do not exist. It would be far easier to send a radio or laser signal than to traverse the mind-boggling distances of interstellar space. (Aliens equipped with large radio antennas could, in any case, pick up signals from anti-ballistic missile raiders and the output of our TV transmitters - if they could decode them, it is not hard to think what they might conclude about "intelligent" life on Earth.) It makes sense for us first to "listen" rather than transmit - if a signal were detected, there would be time to send a measured response. But there is no scope for snappy repartee - a two-way exchange would take decades.

Searches for extraterrestrial intelligence (SETI) are a worthwhile gamble, even if one suspects that there are heavy odds against success, because of the huge philosophical import of any detection. A manifestly artificial signal - even if it were as boring as a set of prime numbers or the digits of pi in binary notation - would convey the momentous message that intelligence (although not necessarily consciousness) was not unique to the Earth and had evolved elsewhere, and that concepts of logic and physics were not peculiar to the kind of hardware that we carry around in our heads.

The SETI.nul programme, based in California, is spearheading these searches, supported by hefty private benefactions. Any interested amateur with a home computer can download and analyse a short stretch of the data stream from a radio telescope. Several millions have participated - each, no doubt, inspired by the hope of being first to find ET. But we should not hold our breath for success. Maybe we are alone. Even if intelligence were widespread, we may never become aware of more than a small and atypical fraction of what is out there.

Some brains may package reality in a fashion that we cannot conceive. Others could be living contemplative lives, doing nothing to reveal their presence. Absence of evidence would not be evidence of absence. The only type of intelligence we could detect would be one that led to a technology we could recognise.

It would, in some ways, be disappointing if searches for alien intelligence were doomed to fail. On the other hand, it would

boost our cosmic self-esteem: if our tiny Earth were a unique abode of intelligence, humanity would have greater cosmic significance than it would merit if the galaxy teemed with complex life.

Charles Darwin wrote that: "Judging from the past, we may safely infer that not one living species will transmit its unaltered likeness to a distant futurity." And artificially genetic modifications can now induce far faster changes than natural selection. Our Sun formed 4.5 billion years ago, but it has six billion more before the fuel runs out. And the expanding Universe could continue for ever. As Woody Allen said: "Eternity is very long, especially towards the end."

There is abundant time for posthuman intelligence (organic or silicon-based) to spread through the entire galaxy. Even if life were now unique to Earth, we should not conclude that it was a trivial "afterthought" in the Universe. The cosmos is still nearer its beginning than its end.

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The New MoD UFO Files

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Subject: The New MoD UFO Files

The mainstream news is quite abuzz about these new MOD UFO files recently released.

The most amazing thing so far isn't just the cases themselves but also the public reaction to the data.

Folks are downright stunned, perplexed, and more enlightened about how government responds to UFOs and what researchers have to go through too.

I'm stunned to read reactions all over the web where the common folks now realize that there are some real mysteries regarding UFOs that government with all it's resources couldn't fathom.

These new reports are worthy of a new reality show. I can see it now, re-inactments of these UFO cases with a panel of judges and call in votes on the issues.

Anyhow, now the public can see how government works in regard to UFOs and that things can get quite dangerous up there in the skies. That we've got some brilliant pilots and ground crews and that the skies are a far bigger territory to police than land. When things go awry in the wild blue yonder, who ya' gonna call?

So it's nice to see the public and far more surprisingly the press responding so positively.

You long run UFOlogists should feel a sense of validation that such good data has piqued the public's interest.

You'll make UFOlogists out of them yet!

Sayyyyyy, when is someone gonna put out a UFO Investigator Kit? Like those biology and chemistry sets for beginners we used to get for Christmas? It could have a magnifying glass, trace case bag, tweezers, British Deerstalker hat, flashlight, and something we could add the adjective nifty to like the Nifty UFO two-way wrist cell phone.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com/blog

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The UFOs Of ABC

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Tuesday, October 21, 2008

The UFOs Of ABC
By Billy Cox

What's up with UFOs and ABC News? It's like they're flirting with porno: "Yeah, sure, we're curious - but HEY now, JEEZ, we're not THAT curious."

De Void wrote 'em off last month after a spectacularly insipid 'effort' called UFOs: Seeing Is Believing. This was a dispirited rehash of a 2005 Peter Jennings special by the same name. Maybe it had something to do with newsroom cutbacks.

Anyhow, suddenly, over the course of the last 24-hour news cycle, ABC has jumped all over the latest UFO documents declassified by the British Ministry of Defence. That's because an eyewitness to one of the most compelling encounters - involving a U.S. pilot ordered to shoot down a UFO on May 20, 1957 - is still alive.

Now retired in Miami, Milton Torres was quoted in various wire reports saying he felt vindicated by the British paperwork, which described his orders to blast the intruder out of the skies above the North Sea. Torres never got a visual on the UFO he was ordered to intercept, but it had "the proportions of a flying aircraft carrier" on his radar before fleeing his weapons like "some kind of spacecraft."

Afterwards, Torres, who was flying out of a British base, claimed he was briefed by a civilian who told him the mission was classified, and that he was prohibited from discussing it with his commander.

Military efforts to get rough with UFOs - at least during the 1950s - aren't new. In 1952, after UFOs repeatedly punctured restricted air space over Washington, D.C., the U.S. Air Force issued shoot-down orders for UFOs that refused to comply with orders to land. But finding a pilot willing to go on record about those scrambles is a rare thing.

So ABC's Nightline ran with it Monday night, and Good Morning America aired the same story again this morning. But who's the reporter? He signs off from London as Ed Watt, but Diane Sawyer introduced him today as Nick Watt.

It's a typically schizoid ABC piece that tries to have it both ways. Ed/Nick Watt starts off with a straightforward rendering of the 1957 incident, only to degenerate into his own glib and unrelated encounter with a Brit named Brenda who claims to take photos of ETs in the woods.

"If aliens do want to make contact with our leaders," Watt

wonders aloud, "why would they chat with Brenda in a remote forest?"

Good question. Here's another good question: Why doesn't ABC News do some reporting on a UFO incident that's not half a century old? Why doesn't the network ask the Air Force why it won't release radar records from the Stephenville, Tex., region on Jan. 8 this year?

Maybe it's waiting for The History Channel?

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Re: Airliner Had Near Miss With UFO

From: Dick Hall <dh12.nul>
Date: Wed, 22 Oct 2008 08:12:04 -0400
Archived: Wed, 22 Oct 2008 08:33:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Airliner Had Near Miss With UFO

>From: Peter Davenport <director.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 21 Oct 2008 09:44:38 -0700
>Subject: Re: Airliner Had Near Miss With UFO

>>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 21 Oct 2008 16:37:37 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Airliner Had Near Miss With UFO

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>>>>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Mon, 20 Oct 2008 15:47:39 +0100
>>>>Subject: Re: Airliner Had Near Miss With UFO

>><snip>

>>>>Which to me reads like - "If it's a real UFO we don't want
>>>>to know".

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>>Yes it seems there's been quite a few getting out over the
>>years, although UK gov't spokesmen, including those from the
>>military and the civil service, seem to have been kept to a
>>facetious - almost jokey - line about all things UFO/ET.

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I'm glad Peter described this as a meteor... shooting star!

I was just about to add the same comments. In addition, since
the object appeared above them and fireballs are notoriously
difficult to judge on distance (brightness being one factor),
this is classic meteor-like behavior. The motion was also
straight-lined.

Depending upon the approach trajectory, the object can also
appear to have an ascending trajectory; Just position a broom
stick above your head to represent the trajectory and you will
see how this can easily happen. The vast distance only adds to
the illusion.

Not too long ago, I posted comments suggesting the need in

Ufology for a better 'threshold' behavior-type classification systems. Here is a perfect example.

It gives me great relief that the pilots described this meteor with a high level of accuracy. But, could it be a flying saucer? Yes, but it's behavior was unremarkable. Therefore, it should be placed accordingly - in a very low position on the rung.

Sure, include them for educational purposes... and catalogue them.

golubik

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Think: "Dr. Carol Rosin"

Eleanor White

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Oct. 2, 2008

The Science And The Hype: Why Denver Doesn't Need an
Extraterrestrial Affairs Commission

When: Thursday, Oct. 23, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Where: North Classroom Atrium A/B

Cost: Free

Age limit: All ages

Categories: Community

Description: David Grinspoon presents Alien Life: The Science
And The Hype: Why Denver Doesn't Need An Extraterrestrial
Affairs Commission".

David Grinspoon is the curator of astrobiology at the Denver
Museum of Nature and Science, author of "Lonely Planets" and
"Venus Revealed", and winner of the Carl Sagan Medal. The
lecture will be on the Auraria campus, 9000 Auraria Parkway,
Denver CO 80217, in the North Classroom Atrium A/B from 3pm to
5pm on October 23rd. Metro State Atheists is hosting the event,
and the Center For Inquiry will be co- sponsoring.

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

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22 October 2008

New Appeal For US Military Hacker
nlnews.nul

The legal fight to keep military computer hacker Gary McKinnon in the UK took another twist this week with his lawyers lodging a further appeal.

Mr McKinnon, 42, faces up to 60 years in a US jail if convicted of what US lawyers dubbed "the biggest computer hack of all time" from a flat in Hillfield Avenue, Hornsey.

His legal team is almost out of options in its six-year fight against his extradition to the US for trial on eight charges of computer fraud.

An appeal for him to be tried here was snubbed by Home Secretary Jacqui Smith last month and Karen Todner, solicitor for the former Highgate Wood school pupil, has now applied for a judicial review.

She will argue that Ms Smith failed to "adequately" consider that conditions in a maximum security US jail will breach Mr McKinnon's human rights, as he suffers from Asperger's Syndrome, diagnosed in August.

The appeal for a judicial review will extend the stay of execution for Mr McKinnon, who now lives in Cherry Blossom Close, Palmers Green, by at least five to six weeks, said Ms Todner.

Even if that application is rejected, an appeal could take a further month before it is heard. The battle is taking its toll on Mr McKinnon, who grew up in Muswell Hill's Alexandra Park Road and The Avenue.

His mother Janis Sharp left the area when the legal battle began in 2002, and now lives in Enfield.

She said: "We are devastated but at the same time we are not going to give up. This is a test case and I feel we have to win this for everyone."

US prosecutors are using the Extradition Act 2003 to get the UK government to extradite Mr McKinnon - legislation intended to deal with terrorist suspects.

They say Mr McKinnon, who has never been charged in the UK, hacked into 97 US military computers from his bedroom PC while living in Crouch End, between February 2001 and March 2002.

He also allegedly crashed its Washington network of 2,000

computers for 24 hours, causing a significant disruption to government functions, and left 300 computers unusable at a US Navy weapons station.

Since his arrest in 2002, Mr McKinnon has never denied hacking into US networks, but claimed he was motivated by curiosity - looking for evidence of a UFO cover-up.

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

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Three UFO Cases Vex Association

A Danish UFO society celebrates 50 years of investigating sightings, of which three cases remain unsolved

The X-Files are alive and well at Scandinavian UFO Information, an organisation for enthusiasts of unexplained sightings that recently celebrated its 50th anniversary.

SUFOI is unlike many UFO organisations in that it takes a serious and sceptical approach to the UFO-phenomena, according to its website. The organisation's Toke Haunstrup admits that a vast majority of sightings have less than other-worldly explanations.

"This year 50 percent of reported UFO sightings could be explained as balloons. Otherwise they are typically aircraft, shooting stars or the planets Venus and Jupiter."

But Haunstrup says three photographed cases remain in SUFOI's archives that have been thoroughly investigated but are still marked 'unexplained'. One is a set of pictures taken in 1971 near Arhus, one a photo shot at Aved=F8re Holme in the Copenhagen suburb of Hvidovre in 1975, and the third unexplained sighting is a several-minute long video filmed in 1996 over Odense.

So far in 2008, SUFOI has already taken over 150 calls of reported sightings. (rc)

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Wednesday, October 22, 2008

Revising UFO History
by
Kevin Randle

I was reading a new book the other day, Strange Company by Keith Chester (see here), and realized a couple of things. First, we're going to have to change the history of the UFO phenomena. Until this book came out, we all dated the "modern" era from the Kenneth Arnold sighting of June 24, 1947. It is now clear that the modern era began during the Second World War.

Let me explain that quickly. Chester's book is about the foo fighters that we've all heard about. I believed that these were balls of light, maybe St. Elmo's Fire or the like, that followed Allied aircraft on their missions during the war. I had thought of them as indistinct, small, glowing orbs of ionized air and that while some pilots thought of them as possible enemy weapons, there wasn't much to them.

Chester, in his book details hundreds of sightings, many of them suggesting large, solid objects. Chester, using the style of the 1960s UFO books, gives us many sightings, but he includes the names of the witnesses and often the documents, once classified, but now housed in the National Archives that provide the details.

He also tells us of a coordinated effort on the part of Allied intelligence to identify the objects, believing them to be either new German weapons, or in the Pacific, new Japanese weapons. Our aircraft fired on them more than once, but there seems to have been no retaliation and while the capabilities of these objects worried the Allied powers at the highest levels, there seemed to be no actual indications that they were any sort of enemy technological break through.

There was a large intelligence effort to solve the riddle of the foo fighters with many believing that at the end of the war they would learn the truth. That didn't happen, but with so many of the sightings classified, no one really talked about them. True, some of the high ranking officers or scientists on the other side were interviewed, but they were as confused as those on the Allied side. Only once in a great while would something appear about the foo fighters, but my impression, and I'm sure that of others was that, from a ufological point of view, there was nothing much to them.

The modern era, then, begins not in June, 1947, but during the war... and I haven't even approached the idea of the Ghost Rockets seen in Europe in the summer of 1946. This was a series

of sightings that mirrored those that would be reported here in 1947. We basically ignored it because the sightings were limited in scope and many believed them to be the result of hysteria that survived the war. (And yes, I know that US government sent Jimmy Doolittle to investigate, but that really is a subject for another posting).

Now, all of this is very interesting, but there are a couple of names that surface in Chester's book that I found just as interesting. One of them is Colonel Howard McCoy. Many inside the UFO field don't know who he was, but in 1947 and later, he held an important intelligence post. He was the chief of T-2 of the Air Materiel Command's intelligence division that included oversight of Project Sign, the original UFO investigation.

Given the interest in the flying saucers (a term in widespread use in 1947 contrary to the opinions of a few in the UFO field) the Air Force created a science advisory board chaired by rocket expert Theodore von Karman. They held their first important meeting in March, 1948 and in attendance was McCoy. The minutes of that meeting were declassified in 1996.

During that March meeting, as McCoy briefed the scientists about the intelligence mission, McCoy said, "We have a new project - Project Sign - which may surprise you as a development from the so-called mass hysteria of the past Summer when we had all the unidentified flying objects or discs. This can't be laughed off... We are running down every report. I can't tell you how much we would give to have one of those crash in an area so that we could recover whatever they are."

(Yes, I know this is an important statement for the skeptics of the Roswell case, but that's not the point of this posting... we'll look at it in a later report.)

McCoy, then, had been charged, indirectly, with the investigation of the flying saucers. If this was his first brush with that, we could make a number of arguments but those simply won't fly when we examine the information that comes from Chester's book (seen below).

We learn that in August, 1944, the Allies created the Combined Intelligence Objectives Subcommittee (CIOS) which was charged, in part, with the problem of the foo fighters. They held their first meeting in London on September 6, 1944, and what is interesting is some of the representatives who are there... one, Commander Ian Fleming, I mention simply because he would write the James Bond novels, but two of the others are Howard Robertson of the 1953 Robertson Panel on UFOs and another is Colonel Howard McCoy.

That's the same McCoy who would find himself charged with the first official investigation of UFOs in 1948 known as Project Sign (and called Project Saucer in the public arena for those who didn't think they used the term then).

But what is interesting here is that we find that reports about the foo fighters have ended up like those of UFOs. Those in a position to know what was happening produced classified documents that have now disappeared. A great deal of data had been gathered and while it seems that many believed the foo fighters to be enemy weapons, that certainly wasn't the case. Interrogations of high-ranking officers and captured scientists, after the war, showed that they knew no more about the foo fighters than did the Allies. All sides seemed to believe that the foo fighters belonged to the other.

When we reach 1947, McCoy found himself in the same place he had been during the war. Reports of strange objects in the sky, not just bright lights or balls of fire, but of solid, metallic craft coming from trained pilots. True, there were more reports from civilians and it's probably true that the military didn't care about those, but they were getting reports from both military and civilian pilots. Those couldn't be ignored.

McCoy still had no answer. All he knew was that something that had appeared during the war that had seemed to be confined to the combat arenas in Europe and the South Pacific were now over the United States. He still didn't know what they were, and that might have colored his thinking.

After the sightings over Washington, D.C. in the summer of 1952, the president wanted some answers. One of the things done was the creation of a scientific panel to study the UFOs, using the best of the cases from what was then known as Project Blue Book [which had superceded Project Grudge which had superceded Project Sign]. This panel was sponsored by the CIA and who chaired it? Howard Robertson, the same guy who had worked with McCoy during the war.

Other members of the panel was Luis Alvarez and Samuel A. Goudsmit, who were both involved in the investigation of the foo fighters. About the only person missing from the list was Howard McCoy, but then, McCoy did have representatives there in the guise of the Project Blue Book officers whose role was to provide information for the panel.

Their conclusions, which were probably influenced by their investigations of the foo fighters, was that the flying saucers posed no threat to national security. If we count the foo fighters in the UFO mix, then these things had been around for more than a decade and there were no reports of flying saucers damaging our national security at that time.

The Second name that caught my attention was William Blanchard. In 1947 Blanchard was the commanding officer in Roswell but during the war he commanded the 40th Bomb Group. I wouldn't mention this, except that during the October 25, 1944 mission, three of his B-29 crews reported high-altitude balloons on three separate occasions. About three years later, a high altitude balloon called Mogul would allegedly fool Blanchard's intelligence officer and Blanchard himself. He would order then Lieutenant Walter Haut to issue a press release saying they had captured one of the flying saucers. Makes you wonder what it is about Blanchard and high altitude balloons that kept him, or members of his unit, from identifying them.

What this shows is that the all the early UFO phenomena is interconnected with the same names popping up in the early history. Those who investigated the foo fighters, those who saw and reported foo fighters were those who reported flying saucers and who investigated them.

The one common element in all of this is secrecy. First a secrecy borne in the necessity of the war and later a secrecy that is the natural outgrowth of high level military and scientific thinking. But it is a secrecy that has inhibited UFO research from the very beginning and it is a secrecy that is only now being lifted so that we can glimpse the truth.

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UFO Believer Headed To Frostburg
From Staff Reports
Cumberland Times-News

FROSTBURG -- Robert Hastings said there is a link between unidentified flying objects and the world's nuclear power production and he will offer proof at a free 8 p.m. lecture Tuesday in the Lane University Center Manicur Assembly Hall at Frostburg State University.

Hastings, a resident of Albuquerque, N.M., has decades worth of research, including previously classified documents recently obtained via the Freedom of Information Act, that he said shows the government's secretive stance on the existence of UFOs.

An independent UFO researcher and lecturer, Hastings said his interest began in 1967 when he was in an air traffic control tower at Malmstrom Air Force Base, Great Falls, Mont. "Five UFOs were tracked on radar for several minutes", he said. "Jets were launched to intercept them. Later, I learned from Air Force sources that as the jets closed in, the UFOs performed vertical ascents and left the area at enormous speeds, far beyond the capabilities of any aircraft."

Hastings said he and other researchers believe that there exists a credible link between the appearance of nuclear weapons in the mid-1940s and the overall increase in UFO sightings worldwide since that time. It is probably, Hastings has said, that one of the reasons the U.S. government has attempted to conceal its extensive knowledge of the UFO phenomenon is because of apprehension about having to acknowledge that unknown observers, piloting enormously superior aerial craft, have been systematically monitoring and occasionally tampering with our nuclear weapons.

Hastings, 58, said his claims are based upon persuasive, documented data. He has interviewed about 100 former and retired U.S. Air Force personnel regarding their direct or indirect involvement in such cases.

Hastings, who has appeared on Larry King Live, authored UFOs And Nukes: Extraordinary Encounters At Nuclear Weapons Sites, which is available at ufohastings.com

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US Tried To Shoot Down UFO, File Shows
Associated Press

LONDON - An American fighter pilot flying from an English air base at the height of the Cold War was ordered to open fire on a massive UFO that lit up his radar, according to an account published by Britain's National Archives on Monday.

The fighter pilot said he was ordered to fire a full salvo of rockets at the UFO moving erratically over the North Sea - but that at the last minute the object picked up enormous speed and disappeared. The account, first published in Britain's Daily Star newspaper more than 17 years ago and to this day unverified by military authorities, was one of many carried in the 1,500 pages the archives made available online.

The unnamed pilot said he and another airman were scrambled on the night of May 20, 1957 to intercept an unusual "bogey" on radars at a Royal Air Force Station Manston, an airfield at the southeastern tip of England about 75 miles (120 kilometers) from central London.

"This was a flying object with very unusual flight patterns," the pilot said, according to a typed manuscript of his account mailed to Britain's Ministry of Defense by a UFO enthusiast in 1988. "In the initial briefing it was suggested to us that the bogey actually was motionless for long intervals."

Ordered to fly at full throttle in cloudy weather, the pilot said he was given the order to fire a volley of 24 rockets at the mysterious object.

"To be quite candid I almost (expletive) my pants!" the pilot said, saying he asked for confirmation - which he received.

Retired U.S. airman Milton Torres told Britain's Sky News on Monday that he was the pilot and has spent 50 frustrating years attempting to uncover the truth of his mid-air encounter.

Speaking from his home in Miami, Florida, Torres said he never saw the UFO with his naked eye, but watched in awe as it appeared on his jet's radar and sped off before he had chance to fire.

"All of a sudden as it was coming in, it decided to take off and leave me behind... The next thing I know it was gone," Torres told Sky News. "It was some kind of space alien craft. It was so fast, it was so incredible... it was absolutely death defying."

In the newly published government file, the U.S. airman said the UFO appeared impossible to miss.

"The blip was burning a hole in the radar with its incredible intensity," the pilot said. "It was similar to a blip I had received from B-52's and seemed to be a magnet of light.... I had a lock on that had the proportions of a flying aircraft carrier."

As he closed in on the object to prepare for combat, however, the object began to move wildly before fading off his radar. The target gone, the mission was called off, and he returned to base to an odd reception.

"I had not the foggiest idea what had actually occurred, nor would anyone explain anything to me," the pilot said. He said he was led to a man in civilian clothes, who "advised me that this would be considered highly classified and that I should not discuss it with anybody not even my commander."

"He disappeared without so much as a goodbye and that was that, as far as I was concerned," the pilot said, according to the account.

Britain's military said it had no record of the incident, according to the files. Neither did the U.S. military. The second pilot's account, also included in the files, paints a somewhat different picture of events, saying there were not one but several "unknowns" and that he did not remember being contacted by anyone about staying quiet. He did not mention the targets' size.

"I know this is not a very exciting narrative but it is all I can recall," the second pilot said.

His name, like his colleague's, was redacted from the files.

David Clarke, a UFO expert who has worked with the National Archives on the document release, said it was one of the most intriguing stories he had culled from the batch of files released Monday.

He said that the CIA once had a program intended to create phantom signals on radar - and that this may have been an exercise in electronic warfare. Whatever the case, Clarke argued that "there's no doubt something very unusual happened."

Clarke said the batch of files released Monday - which include witness accounts, investigations, and sketches - was part of a three to four year program intended to make a total of 160 UFO-related files available to the public.

Frank

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Great Start For 'UFO Hunters'

By Billy Cox

In the kickoff episode to the sophomore season of UFO Hunters, researcher Pat Uskert illuminates a glaring paradox. The reality-show team is investigating an Illinois case Uskert describes this way:

"There's a lot of evidence we've gotten, there's a lot of witness testimony spread over a wide geographic area, and the case is really fresh - it's current."

So why is "fresh" and "current" airing on The History Channel?

Confession: De Void bailed on the inaugural version of "UFO Hunters" after its first couple of unendurable episodes. Electrified by grab-action zooms and seizure-inducing quick cuts, and backscored with rattler-in-the-mailbox atmospheric, UFO Hunters provided a vanity platform for UFO Magazine publisher Bill Birnes, a hyperkinetic hambone whose unending flow of "new evidence" sent him dashing off for 50-year-old cold cases like he'd just heard the hell-song of a five-alarm fire. Maybe the series got better as the season progressed. De Void didn't care.

But if this year's pilot show - which airs Wednesday night at 10 - is an indication, maybe UFO Hunters learned something. True, the narrative is still overproduced where it needn't be, as if the producers didn't trust the strength of their material. And visual gimmickry abounds.

But this time around, Birnes' showboating antics appear to be on a tighter leash. More importantly, by de-emphasizing the cold case components that justify its presence in The History Channel, UFO Hunters may have evolved into something approaching damned good journalism.

Wednesday night's spot, Invasion Illinois, investigates the large UFO that buzzed the Tingley Park area southwest of Chicago on the evening of Aug. 21, 2004. The Illinois incident claimed at least 100 witnesses and 15 videotapes, one of which tracked the triangular array of fixed red lights for 18 minutes.

By comparing simultaneous videos recorded at different locations, researchers were able to determine the UFO stretched 1,500 feet from end to end, or the equivalent of six Boeing 747s. And it may have been part of a worldwide incident. Similar sightings were made the same night in Texas, Canada, and Australia. An Aussie witness even grabbed a video - which looks

like two of the Tingley Park objects linked together.

In the UFO Emergency segment, scheduled for Nov. 5, the crew revisits the Trumbull County, Ohio, sightings of Dec. 14, 1994, and connects them to similar incidents, before and after, in other parts of Ohio, Michigan and Illinois.

Embroidering this installment are the police/dispatcher interviews, complete with recorded chatter as multiple law enforcement agencies pursued the UFOs. Most intriguing is a dispatcher's unsuccessful attempts to get radar verification from baffled control-tower operators nearby, even as an officer is describing the lit-up phantom he's trying to chase.

If you're on the fence about what UFOs are, UFO Hunters won't help clarify matters. But this is pretty strong stuff. And it's refreshing to see cops going on record to publicly confront what our military will not: Something very weird is happening in our skies, and we can't stop it.

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I believe that Clarke considers himself to be more than a "UFO Expert" and as such looks for rational mundane explanations where possible. If the question is: "What is it?", then the tendency is to look for something that is known, rather than unknown.

To be honest, I've seen few scientifically oriented ufologists who believe that there is actual "proof" of alien visitation. There's lots of unknowns, but when pinned down on their actual beliefs as to what is proven true, I've yet to find one researcher who says that the proof is in hand.

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Stephen Hawking To Retire From Post At Cambridge

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The Associated Press

Cambridge, England -- Famed cosmologist Stephen Hawking will retire from his prestigious post at Cambridge University next year, but intends to continue his exploration of time and space.

Hawking, 66, is Lucasian Professor of Mathematics, a title once held by the great 18th century physicist Isaac Newton.

The university said Friday that he would step down at the end of the academic year in September, but would continue working as Emeritus Lucasian Professor of Mathematics.

"We look forward to him continuing his academic work at the Department of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics, playing a leading role in research in cosmology and gravitation," said Professor Peter Haynes, who heads the department.

Hawking became a scientific celebrity through his theories on black holes and the nature of time, work that he carried on despite becoming paralyzed by motor neurone disease.

University policy is that officeholders must retire at the end of the academic year in which they become 67. Hawking will reach that milestone on Jan. 8.

The Lucasian professorship post was founded in 1663 by Henry Lucas, who left his 4,000 books and land expected to yield 100 pounds a year to the university. King Charles II officially established the position in 1664.

Sir Isaac Newton was the second person to hold the post. Paul Dirac, a specialist in quantum mechanics who predicted the existence of positron particles, had the title from 1932 to 1969.

Hawking was appointed to the chair in 1979.

His 1988 book, A Brief History Of Time, was an international bestseller; A Briefer History Of Time, intended to be more accessible, followed in 2005.

George's Secret Key To The Universe, co-authored with Hawking's daughter Lucy, was published last year for the

children's market.

Hawking first earned prominence for his theoretical work on black holes. Disproving the belief that black holes are so dense that nothing could escape their gravitational pull, he showed that black holes leak a tiny bit of light and other types of radiation, now known as "Hawking radiation."

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Steve,

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Does that mean that all the others are debunked as well?? It is a good thing to get media coverage, if it is fair and balanced. The coverage should examine all the possibilities.

Frank

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I looked into the CIA radar spoofing programme - called project
Palladium - in as much detail as I could many years ago when we
were in the last phase of re-researching the 1956
Lakenheath-Bentwaters case. It was discussed on our website
(which I've just discovered is glitched and needs fixing so I
can't give a link to the page). But the same questions have been
raised on this List before and I described what was known about
Palladium.

Here's another potted history of what's known (and what might
still be unknown):

In 1962, about the time when Bud Wheelon became the CIA's new
head of the Directorate of Science and Technology, a radar
spoofing programme was developed to be operated in tandem with
the agency's bi-static Soviet radar mapping programme. This
mapping programme had begun in 1959 with Project Melody and
progressed to using radar echoes bounced from the moon. Having
charted the Soviet radar fence in detail and found it
unexpectedly forbidding, the CIA, and through them particularly
Strategic Air Command, now needed to know how to make spyplanes
or bombers with radar cross-sections small enough to squeeze
through. This was the beginning of 'stealth', and the CIA's
radar spoofing was designed to provoke reactions from Soviet
radars so that NSA COMINT intercept specialists could then
decrypt their communications and estimate the minimum detectable
cross-sections in various conditions. Wheelon dubbed this effort
Project Palladium. You can read about Palladium here from the
horse's mouth

<http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB54/st08.pdf>

Palladium engineers were probably among the few Americans who
were delighted when the Soviets installed defences along the
Cuban coast in 1962 as it offered a chance for some high-calibre
ELINT measurements of their SA-2 missile radar. In this instance
the Palladium gear was on the deck of a destroyer stood off
Cuba, its antenna just peeking over the horizon, and a simulated

jet fighter blip was 'flown' through the Soviet surveillance radar cover towards the island. At the same time a submarine surfaced offshore just long enough to release a callibrated series of balloon-borne metal spheres of different sizes. As expected the phantom overflight caused the Soviets to light up their SA-2 targeting radars, illuminating the test reflectors, and decrypted communications intercepts then revealed the performance of the radars.

Similar covert tests were reportedly arranged all over the world. The Palladium gear was portable in a van and went with a CIA operating team, an NSA COMINT decryption team and a military support team. Given the value of Soviet radar defences to Strategic Air Command offensive planners, and the involvement of both CIA and NSA, one might suppose that if an early prototype test of a Palladium-type operation had ever been contemplated in Europe in 1956 then forward-basing of the equipment at a SAC airfield where CIA and NSA had already established a secure presence would be natural. RAF Lakenheath was a SAC bomber base where in May 1956 the CIA had chosen to deploy one of the first U-2s.

Now I know from discussion of the "new" Milton Torres case with Dave Clarke a few years ago and from emails that Torres wrote to Clarke in 2002 that the date given by Torres in his original statement in the MoD file - "May 20 1957" - is almost certainly wrong. This was settled upon many years after the event by Torres and his assumed wingman Dave Roberson as being the likely date because this was the only date that seemed to fit both their logbooks. But Torres later concluded that Roberson's account must have been of a different event entirely, though superficially similar. He accepted that the date "may be in error". We even considered the possibility that Torres' incident was actually in 1956 not 1957 and might have been connected with the Lakenheath affair (there were a number of similar incidents around that epoch so it's hard to be sure of anything). Maybe it was even later than 1957 (I can't recall if Torres posting dates narrowed it down). Howsoever, if it's remotely possible that Palladium was deployed in the UK in 1956 then it's also possible that it could have been used in the Torres case.

On the other hand I don't think there's any reason to doubt CIA history which says that Palladium per se was started under Bud Wheelon, who was DDS&T from 1962. Palladium was certainly the result of a design devised in 1962 by CIA DST electronics engineer Eugene Poteus with assistance from Science Consultants of the CIA's Oxcart Program Office, Oxcart being the U-2 successor (eventually the SR-71). Electronic technology was by 1962 entering the age of miniaturisation, radar was changing fast and probably Palladium took advantage of much recent technology. There is no indication that Palladium was continuous with a long series of similar prototype developments going back to 1956 or 1957. The existence of such an early forerunner - especially one developed enough to see use overseas in the UK - seems to me both technically and historically very doubtful, and I'm not aware of any parallel efforts by other agencies at that time (is anyone else?). But it probably can't be completely ruled out and it's right to at least consider it.

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Here this might help you.

This type of ECM may also apply to the upcoming UFO Hunters case
from the 1994 Holland, Michigan sighting which I investigated at
that time.

General category of items listed below: Generating false images
on radar ...

Please note that these ideas have been floating around for
decades and predate many of the publications and patents listed
below. Also be aware that patents existing prior to these would
have been suppressed for military application purposes.

The fact that we find them in the patent and scientific
literature now suggests strongly that they have been in
existence for many years as well...

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

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

<http://www.ausairpower.net/TE-RWR-ECM.html>

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<http://www.tbp.org/pages/Publications/Bent/Features/F99Poteat.pdf>

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Barring some test it would had to have been the Soviets in or near British airspace - seems dicey considering the closeness of the event to London - using something similar [and they scrabbled only one aircraft?]. But is would have been far more effective if the target speeds were more in the conventional line of aircraft speeds rather than 3,000 mph unless they were trying to provoke a missile incident.

The pilot would have probably considered an ELINT explanation himself in the years following if he thought it had any validity. Obviously he did not believe that the ELINT explanation carried any weight.

Don Ledger

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Martin,

You brought up some very good information, thank you. The fact that the
phantom radar technology may not have been available is very relevant.
Also, even if it was, why would it be deployed in that area and against
U.S. pilots and a UK military base?

Remember they were ordered to scramble to intercept something picked up on
radars at the Royal Air Force Station Manston, an airfield at the
southeastern tip of England only about 75 miles (120 kilometers) from
central London.

They were ordered to fire a volley of 24 rockets at the object. This is a
very extraordinary occurrence. The U.S. military does not give the order
to fire live ordnance lightly. I find it hard to believe the CIA would
deceive the US and UK military as Mr. Clarke imagined.

This brings me to my main point. Mr. Clarke was inappropriately drawing
conclusions from the data. Whether he intended it or not he has acted in
a way that debunks the serious consideration (by readers of the article)
of other possibilities that are actually more likely.

Frank

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>US Tried To Shoot Down UFO, File Shows
>Associated Press

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>released Monday.

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>phantom signals on radar - and that this may have been an
>exercise in electronic warfare. Whatever the case, Clarke argued
>that "there's no doubt something very unusual happened."

Indeed an intriguing story, but Clarke's suggestion of
intentional 'radar spoofing' makes little sense. Of course, the
first rule of debunking is, any explanation is better than none.

So we have now the first of a possible series of suggested
explanations. I can hardly imagine a radar spoofing experiment
in which a pilot is ordered to shoot any missiles at a fake
target target. If the Brits or CIA guys were testing their radar
spoofing capabilities, I doubt that they would do it this way.

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Hi Don,

I agree with your points, except that I'd go further and point
out that generating a discrete spoof target on an AI radar at
all is no easy matter IMO. Deceiving a fixed ground radar in a
carefully arranged situation is one thing. Doing the same thing
(simultaneously) on the AI radars of two F-86Ds flying changing
vectors at 32,000ft over the North Sea at speeds up to Mach 0.92
is in quite a different league and strains credulity.

I frankly doubt this is practicable, even today. Actually I'm
sceptical that Palladium was capable of doing even what Poteat
claims it was doing in the 60s (allowing operators to "fly"
phantom echoes anywhere on Russian radars at will). I think even
in a fixed ground-based situation there are severe limitations
set by the highly directional antenna gain (which is the
spoofers 'way in').

This is even more of a problem with a manoeuvring plane using a
tight forward-scanning antenna beam. It's rarely even likely to
be pointing anywhere near your spoofing transmitter, down on the
ground probably tens of miles away. And to get the pilot calling
'contact' on a target that he's vectored to by GCI, not only
does this air-ground ghost ballet have to be coordinated with
very unlikely accuracy, the simulated range (phony echo time)

and elevation/azimuth of the spoof blips on the AI sets is going to have to be _very_ cunningly compensated to allow for the planes' motions. I just don't believe it - certainly not in 1957

Martin

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Mr. Pope,

Thank you for the comments. To clarify my position, I am not
stating that CIA phantom radar technology is not a valid theory,
only that it is not "the" theory. As Don Ledger pointed out, the
Soviets are another possibility. Of course as pointed out in
other posts there are reasons to discount both theories. Mr.
Torres, the pilot, does not think they are possible. He believes
a non earthly explanation is likely.

I personally think that it is not possible to draw a conclusion
from the available data. Which brings be back to my original
point. UFO researchers, UFO activists, or "UFO experts" should
not be drawing conclusions from data and then make statements to
the press like Mr. Clarke has done. It hurts an honest inquiry.

Mr. Torres is now 77 and recently made further witness
statements to reporters. He said that the day after he was
scrambled from the RAF base he received a visit from an American
National Security Agency officer. He was warned that if he ever
revealed what had happened, he would never fly
again. See article at:

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

Torres has not indicated that he was flying in restricted
airspace or at one of the various ranges. In fact some of his

statements indicate that was not the case. Also, many other articles use Mr. Clarke's testimony to counter Mr. Torres own beliefs. To quote one from the article above, "but David Clarke, a UFO expert and lecturer in journalism at Sheffield Hallam University, has offered an alternative explanation" [counters the actual eye witness statement]

There are 100s of articles on the topic on the internet. A quick search on Google News for "ufo missile fire" will bring many up, for those interested.

Yours,

Frank

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Indeed so. About 30 years after, I think. As Dave Clarke
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sheds any light on it - although there are a number of incidents
in that era that could conceivably be related to it.
Unfortunately, no matter how confident one feels about Torres'
long-term memory - and it appears to be vivid to him, at least -
that's where the trail stops. There isn't even a reliable date.
By Brad Sparks' criteria, it's an anecdote that should never
make it into the statistics.

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I think this is an unlikely hypothesis in any case, but...
Torres does in fact recall that they were vectored out over the
North Sea, off the Norfolk coast. I believe live firing
exercises were regularly done over the North Sea at that time -
most convenient sea area, one supposes, for the QRA and other
fighter squadrons concentrated in the east of England. Do you
happen to know where the ranges were in 1957?

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I have to mention Frank Feschino Jr. He writes the definitive
work. He provides for a _massive_ involvement of our Armed
Forces cited hugely in official Air Force records, project

Bluebook, and the vetted historical record in his astonishing book "Shoot Them Down." Many planes were lost without a trace. Many pilots and radar operators died.

He'll be on the first hour of Coast2Coast tonight with Whitley Strieber - repeated tomorrow evening on some stations - another impressed et sig al with the secret history Feschino has uncovered. Everybody just missed it, fellow motes, but it's all there in black and white, in contrast 50,000 to one, and now pretty hard to ignore.

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Friday 25th October 2008

[Pictures at site]

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by Ben Bentley

It was out of the blue on a clear summer's afternoon when the UFOs came.

Retired RAF air traffic control supervisor Alan Turner, from Shrewsbury, remembers it only too well -- it's a moment he has kept secret for more than 35 years.

"The radar room was completely darkened and you had the glow of the radar tubes and there were six people on three consoles, then myself and a duty NCO, plus the co-co-ordination team, so there were ten pairs of eyes in total," says Alan recalling the scene in the air traffic control operations room at RAF Sopley, Hampshire, in 1971.

"I was sitting at a desk waiting to see if anything might happen when I heard somebody shout 'What was that?' I leaned over to the chap who had shouted and he pointed to four blips coming into radar cover east of the Salisbury Plain danger area, an area where the military fire guns.

"We had blips coming into radar cover at 3,000 feet climbing very fast and tracking south east at speed, and you had six or seven of them, all climbing, with one in excess of 60,000 feet. It was constant for about 20 to 25 minutes -- that means there would have been 35 to 40 of them."

Now aged 67, Alan says "UFOs are a fact and I don't care who knows" and is suspicious of the shroud of secrecy thrown up in the wake of his experience.

He says normally controllers would be told in advance of any aircraft flying in the area that might initially seem to be unexplained and which could cause alarm, but on this occasion there was no word, no explanation from the MoD.

As the supervisor of the control room, he immediately contacted Heathrow Airport to see if they knew anything.

"They could see the same thing," says Alan. "I contacted fighter control at Suffolk and they could see them as well."

At his home in Monkmoor, he tells how he scrambled a bomber to fly in and take a closer look. A quarter of a mile from the suspect objects the pilot became concerned, telling Alan over the radio: "I don't know what that was but it was shifting like the clappers."

Alan impounded the radar tapes and submitted his operations report to the squadron leader.

Everyone who'd been in the radar room that day was also filed reports on what they had seen and a couple of days later were summoned to an interview with two faced men who did not identify themselves.

"Everybody was interviewed separately and as supervisor I was first and last," Alan continues. "I was introduced to them as Flight Officer Turner -- I had no idea who they were. We were all told later -- in no uncertain terms -- not to talk about it, so we didn't."

Of course, Shropshire has become a hotspot for UFO sightings and groups flock to the county, but on the whole these have been anecdotal and largely explained in some quarters as being aircraft taking part in military operations from one of the nearby RAF airbases.

On the wild side, there have even been reports of people claiming they have been abducted by aliens -- not a belief that Alan subscribes, although when he delivers a keynote speech to the International UFO Conference tomorrow in Pontefract, West Yorkshire, he admits that he has been asked to meet one woman who says that just this happened to her.

Other people have reported unidentified lights in the sky that have been verified by independent sightings.

"Shropshire is a major area for aircraft training so you get a lot more activity -- I'm sure 99 per cent of sightings can be explained but there's always that odd blip that can not."

With any so-called UFO sightings there are sceptics and theorists. Alan was taken to task by a professor at Sheffield University who claimed the 'blips' he witnessed were most probably Lightning aircraft.

"I wrote him three sides of A4 as to why they were not aircraft," he says, explaining that the MoD at the time had a total fleet of only around 40 and there wouldn't be a commander on earth who would fly the lot at the same time.

"And Lightnings are loud -- are you telling me that Joe Public would not have heard something?"

Until recent weeks, Alan, who later rose to the rank of Wing Commander, has only talked about what he saw that day on his radar screen with close pals. He reveals that an RAF colleague from Church Stretton who manned the north of England radar had seen similar unknown objects on their screens -- objects that "defied all logic".

He also knows people in the county "with all their brain cells in the right order" who have seen unexplained objects with the naked eye, and whose reports Alan believes in.

If he never talked about his own mystery sightings, his curiosity about them never waned. Now he wants the public to know that UFOs -- whatever they are -- quite possibly do exist.

"I had no idea what they were but I do keep an open mind -- I tracked something that was unknown. I would like to think they were aircraft but I don't think it was. You cannot get that many in the same place without somebody knowing about it.

"I did not speak about it until I retired because of professional integrity. People look at you and say 'you are mad'.

"Well I'm not mad."

He adds: "I think it's arrogant to think that we are alone. I don't think we are but I've got no proof."

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There is no possibility whatsoever that this was a radar
spoofing test or exercise and Clarke is speaking out of his hat
in desperation to come up with a plausible debunking even if the
technology was absolutely impossible at the time (1950's).

The CIA Palladium device was a then state-of-the-art device
using vacuum tube era technology that had to be carried around
in a huge van. The radars it was designed to spoof were
single _ground_ radars done one at a time!

There were no microchips available and in use in the 1950's for
the massive computing power necessary to compute the complex
interactions required to spoof the _moving_ and _maneuvering_
airborne radar of a fighter aircraft in flight. The CIA's
Palladium was the best there was in 1962 when it was built and
it could not even spoof one maneuvering aircraft's radar, only
one single ground radar, and only one at a time!

The Palladium wasn't even built until 1962, was not even thought
of for "spoofing" until 1960.

The Milton Torres incident in East England whatever its date
circa 1956-7 was before it was even possible to spoof a single
ground radar. Yet the target he was deployed against must have
had at least a search radar and a height-finder radar on the
ground, which would have had to have both "spoofed" identically
at the same time, and spoofed Torres' F-86 airborne radar,
probably an X-band AN/ APG-30 Fire Control Radar, which he would
have needed to use to lock on to the target to even begin to
think of firing his 24 Mighty Mouse rockets at a target over
populated areas, especially since the 2.75-inch rockets were
unguided, no onboard guidance to correct for aiming error.

So that would be 3 different radars, at least, that some

purported fantasized pre-Palladium radar spoofing" device would have had to successfully fool simultaneously, displaying an identical target, identically located, displaying identical motions and transmitted by the purported (actually nonexistent) pre-Palladium device on at least 3 different radio (radar) frequencies, including one highly maneuverable radar aboard the F-86 and at least two GCI radars on the ground.

Moreover, the fantasy pre-Palladium spoofing device would have to have a tracking antenna to beam the radar "spoofing" signals in exactly the direction of the fast-moving F-86 in the sky so that the F-86's onboard radar would be "spoofed" in the same way as the ground radars were being spoofed and at exactly the same time. The F-86 is not a known ground radar with non-moving known latitude-longitude coordinates that you can't plan a radar spoofing for months in advance as you don't know where the F-86 will be. Targets the CIA spoofed in Cuba were single ground radars they had years to plan against, and the Cuban radar didn't move!

So the pre-Palladium device would either have to track the F-86 through interception of the RAF ground radars tracking it, in order to know which directions to point its spoofing antenna at the F-86, or the pre-Palladium conspiracy would have to have its own tracking radar to track the F-86 and slave the spoofing signal antenna to the positions of the F-86 in the sky as it flies around.

This is just ridiculously too complex and _impossible_ for the electronic technology of 1950's and complete hogwash probably through the early 1960's as well. If you think I'm wrong then you should _prove_ it, starting with naming the AN or other designation of the nonexistent fictitious radar spoofing device instead of speculating on pure nonsense giving electronic warfare agencies UFO-like or alien powers ahead of human technology. What is required is a Phased Array system of radar spoofing that can track and spoof many targets simultaneously.

Just look at the history of Phased Array Radars to see when they were first built and deployed. Then see when the first ECM (electronic counter measures) or EW (electronic warfare) devices were first built with any false-target-creation spoofing capability. Early ECM and EW devices were jammers and camouflage chaff, not false target generators. Look to see whether ECM in the Vietnam War was ever capable of spoofing multiple radars simultaneously. Or maybe someone will just propose a secret conspiracy that regarded the spoofing technology as too sensitive to use even in watered down form to save airmen's lives in Vietnam.

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>Subject: Re: File Shows US Tried to Shoot Down UFO

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>>It has been discussed on Updates over the years. But in this
>>case it would have been sufficient for the generated false
>>target to have been seen on the pilots radar, if this was a test
>>and no need to attempt wasting missiles on a known false target
>>in an area where some of them might do damage to civilian areas
>>or even commercial aircraft. This was only 75 miles from London
>>afterall.

>I agree with your points, except that I'd go further and point
>out that generating a discrete spoof target on an AI radar at
>all is no easy matter IMO. Deceiving a fixed ground radar in a
>carefully arranged situation is one thing. Doing the same thing
>_simultaneously_ on the AI radars of two F-86Ds flying changing
>vectors at 32,000ft over the North Sea at speeds up to Mach 0.92
>is in quite a different league and strains credulity.

>I frankly doubt this is practicable, even today. Actually I'm
>sceptical that Palladium was capable of doing even what Poteat
>claims it was doing in the 60s (allowing operators to "fly"
>phantom echoes anywhere on Russian radars at will). I think even
>in a fixed ground-based situation there are severe limitations
>set by the highly directional antenna gain (which is the
>spoofer's 'way in').

>This is even more of a problem with a manoeuvring plane using a
>tight forward-scanning antenna beam. It's rarely even likely to
>be pointing anywhere near your spoofing transmitter, down on the
>ground probably tens of miles away. And to get the pilot calling
>'contact' on a target that he's vectored to by GCI, not only
>does this air-ground ghost ballet have to be coordinated with

>very unlikely accuracy, the simulated range (phony echo time)
>and elevation/azimuth of the spoof blips on the AI sets is going
>to have to be very cunningly compensated to allow for the
>planes' motions. I just don't believe it - certainly not in
>1957

Hi Martin,

You said it better that I can.

The point I was making - better stated by Frank - was that if
this was some test then there was no need to carry the theatrics
to extreme by firing a volley of missiles.

Somehow broadcasting a spurious burst interpreted as a target on
forward-looking radar on an airplane would have been quite a
feat which like yourself I think was impossible.

In a defense situation there would have been no point to it in
the first place in the mid-1950s with ground radar direction.
The aircraft were vectored to a point in space by ground radar
then with luck they would acquire aboard the airplane.

Primitive in the 50s though.

Thanks for the brief, Martin,

Don Ledger

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>>triggered by a radar spoofing test. Given the possibility that
>>live weapons would be fired, any such tests would almost
>>certainly have be conducted in the restricted airspace of one
>>of the various ranges over the sea.

>I think this is an unlikely hypothesis in any case, but...
>Torres does in fact recall that they were vectored out over the
>North Sea, off the Norfolk coast. I believe live firing
>exercises were regularly done over the North Sea at that time -
>most convenient sea area, one supposes, for the QRA and other
>fighter squadrons concentrated in the east of England. Do you
>happen to know where the ranges were in 1957?

I don't know. An FOI request to Air Historical Branch (RAF) at
RAF Northolt may be the best way to find out.

Bruce Maccabee and others raised the issue of shoot-down orders.
The two other cases that spring to mind are Parviz Jafari (Iran,
1976) and Comandante Huertas (Peru, 1980). Their first person
accounts can be found on the Coalition for Freedom of
Information website:

<http://www.freedomofinfo.org/>

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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On the whole, the media coverage concerning this TNA release is better than any other world-wide media flurry covering UFOs in recent years in terms of widespread coverage and very few references to 'little green men' or 'UFO spotters'. I think Dave deserves some credit for that, since he was the preferred TNA press contact for the release and spent several weeks preparing the release on behalf of TNA.

That is also probably where the 'UFO Expert' label originated. Dave would never call himself a 'UFO expert', preferring (in his case) the title 'cultural historian' or possibly 'folklore expert'. From the point of view of the media, 'UFO expert' sounds more impressive.

Cheers,

Joe

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Date: Sat, 25 Oct 2008 12:00:55 -0400
Archived: Sat, 25 Oct 2008 13:10:48 -0400
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>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 24 Oct 2008 21:02:34 EDT
>Subject: Re: File Shows US Tried to Shoot Down UFO

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>>Source: Military Advantage Inc. - San Francisco, California, USA

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I agree with Brad.

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Archived: Sat, 25 Oct 2008 13:15:15 -0400
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>From: Greg Taylor <greg.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 25 Oct 2008 23:12:55 +1000
>Subject: Re: File Shows US Tried to Shoot Down UFO

>>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 25 Oct 2008 12:48:05 +0100
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Perhaps Clarke has to use this approach in order not to taint his standing at Sheffield Hallam or jeopardize his relationship with the media, I don't know.

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Re: File Shows US Tried to Shoot Down UFO

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>Subject: Re: File Shows US Tried to Shoot Down UFO

Hi Greg,

<snip>

>While I agree that Dave Clarke did not offer Palladium as a
>"definite solution" to the report, he did say (in the videocast
>accompanying the document release on the National Archives
>website) that it was "the only other possible explanation"
>besides the object being a 'real UFO' or some sort of Soviet
>aircraft (to be absolutely correct, he actually simply
>referenced 'electronic warfare' as the "only other possible
>explanation", but then elaborated on Palladium).

<snip>

Point taken, but I do think that it was clear in the podcast
that this was one of three likely causes, and Dave also
correctly stated that 'Palladium' was developed in the 1960s.

There was a tremendous amount of effort post WWII expended both
on radar development and electronic counter-measures. It is not
outside the realms of possibility that an experiment or trial
unwittingly triggered an alert without being a conscious 'test'
of the system. Unfortunately unless we can find any records
relating to the incident, we are unlikely to discover whether
the possibility was considered, and if so, what the outcome was.
This is made even more difficult by the uncertainty of the date.

I think that there is a better chance of something turning up in
the US records than there is in the UK records given the policy
of destroying UFO records after 5 years (until 1967) in the UK.
That policy has cost us dearly in UK research, with many of our
most interesting case records having been lost. Having said
that, the Rendlesham records revealed little other than complete
ineptitude in relation to the 'Rendlesham Forest' case.

As has been said elsewhere, unless something more substantial
turns up, this case should be considered as 'insufficient
evidence' for the time being.

>Apparently he would. Again, in the videocast, Dave Clarke
>introduces himself in the voiceover: "Hello, I'm Dr David
>Clarke, UFO expert and lecturer in journalism..." This may well
>be a scripted voiceover, and so Dave Clarke may not actually
>prefer to call himself a UFO expert, but seeing as he's on video
>as calling himself this, it's difficult to assign blame
>elsewhere for the propagation of the label.

A good spot!

I must admit, I didn't notice this, otherwise I would have taken
the micky out of him since he has often said to me privately and
on open forum that he dislikes the phrase.

Personally, my preferred 'title' when dealing with the media or the authorities is 'UFO researcher'. I think the term 'expert' is over-used generally and I don't even think it can logically be applied to UFOs at all. I think I have been called a 'ufologist' and even a 'UFO-spotter' as well as UFO researcher in my few dealings with the media. Amateur astronomer Gary Anthony once had the misfortune to be called an astrologer in one press article (which I bring up at every opportunity, much to his displeasure)!

Cheers,

Joe

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More Stephenville UFO Sightings Reported

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Interesting video with article. At least 10 witnesses.

Source: WFAA-TV - Dallas Fort Worth, Texas, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/5p894g>

Saturday, October 25, 2008

[Video at site]

Stephenville Residents Report More UFO Sightings
By Jim Douglas - WFAA-TV

Over a three-month period this summer there were 1,000 UFO sightings filed with the National UFO Reporting Center.

Some 75 of those UFOs were reported over the state of Texas.

Stephenville is one hot spot we've shown you before.

Now the small town is getting buzzed by UFOs again and we have the video.

"You could see the oval shape. Got my friend, I said 'dude, you got to come look at this,'" said Andy Monrreal.

Monrreal was hanging out with his Dublin High School friends when they all saw something they say looked like a UFO.

"You could see a shape. It was like a complete circle," said Monrreal.

He rolled off a half minute of video on his mom's digital camera.

His dad saw it too.

"I never seen nothing like that in my life. Big lights and everything," his father said.

So did mom.

"It was a round thing. You could see lights around it, flickering and changing. It was awesome. Just turning and flickering," she said.

Back in January, Erath County went UFO crazy after a handful of people reported similar lights over Stephenville.

International press and UFO hunters descended on the town.

This time, many more eye witnesses are phoning the Stephenville Empire Tribune or the ET.

Reporter Whitney Ashley said many people don't want to talk publicly, like several workers at the paper, who also saw the

lights.

"I've got at least 10 right now willing to go on record," Ashley said.

"The sheriff's department got lots of calls in the southern part of Erath County."

Down around Dublin, home of DR Pepper.

The Joint Reserve Base in Fort Worth confirms seven F-16s training in the area at the time.

Several witnesses told us they saw the fighters, after they saw the mysterious lights.

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Why We Believe

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Oct 25, 2008

From the magazine issue dated Nov 3, 2008

SCIENCE
Why We Believe

Belief in the paranormal reflects normal brain activity carried to an extreme.

By Sharon Begley | NEWSWEEK
With Karen Springen in Chicago and Kurt Soller in New York

It wasn't immediately obvious to Walter Semkiw that he was the reincarnation of John Adams. Adams was a lawyer and rabble-rouser who helped overthrow a government; Semkiw is a doctor who has never so much as challenged a parking ticket. The second president was balding and wore a powdered wig; Semkiw has a full head of hair. But in 1984, a psychic told the then medical resident and psychiatrist-in-training that he is the reincarnation of a major figure of the Revolution, possibly Adams. Once Semkiw got over his skepticism - as a student of the human mind, he was of course familiar with "how people get misled and believe something that might not be true," he recalls - he wasn't going to let superficial dissimilarities dissuade him so easily. As he researched Adams's life, Semkiw began finding many tantalizing details. For instance, Adams described his handwriting as "tight-fisted and concise" - "just like mine," Semkiw realized. He also saw an echo of himself in Adams's dedication to the cause of independence from England. "I can be very passionate," Semkiw says. The details accumulated and, after much deliberation, Semkiw went with his scientific side, dismissing the reincarnation idea.

But one day in 1995, when Semkiw was the medical director for Unocal 76, the oil company, he heard a voice in his head intoning, "Study the life of Adams!" Now he found details much more telling than those silly coincidences he had learned a dozen years earlier. He looked quite a bit like the second president, Semkiw realized. Adams's description of parishioners in church pews as resembling rows of cabbages was "something I would have said," Semkiw realized. "We are both very visual." And surely it was telling that Unocal's slogan was "the spirit of '76." It was all so persuasive, thought Semkiw, who is now a doctor at the Kaiser Permanente Medical Group in California, that as a man of science and reason whose work requires him to critically evaluate empirical evidence, he had to accept that he was Adams reincarnated.

Perhaps you don't believe that Semkiw is the reincarnation of John Adams. Or that playwright August Wilson is the reincarnation of Shakespeare, or George W. Bush the reincarnation of Daniel Morgan, a colonel in the American

Revolution who was known for his "awkward speech" and "coarse manners," as Semkiw chronicles on his Web site johnadams.net. But if you don't believe in reincarnation, then the odds are that you have at least felt a ghostly presence behind you in an "empty" house. Or that you have heard loved ones speak to you after they passed away. Or that you have a lucky shirt. Or that you can tell when a certain person is about to text you, or when someone unseen is looking at you. For if you have never had a paranormal experience such as these, and believe in none of the things that science says do not exist except as tricks played on the gullible or - as neuroscientists are now beginning to see - by the normal workings of the mind carried to an extreme, well, then you are in a lonely minority. According to periodic surveys by Gallup and other pollsters, fully 90 percent of Americans say they have experienced such things or believe they exist.

If you take the word "normal" as characteristic of the norm or majority, then it is the superstitious and those who believe in ESP, ghosts and psychic phenomena who are normal. Most scientists and skeptics roll their eyes at such sleight of word, asserting that belief in anything for which there is no empirical evidence is a sign of mental pathology and not normalcy. But a growing number of researchers, in fields such as evolutionary psychology and neurobiology, are taking such beliefs seriously in one important sense: as a window into the workings of the human mind. The studies are an outgrowth of research on religious faith, a (nearly) human universal, and are turning out to be useful for explaining fringe beliefs, too. The emerging consensus is that belief in the supernatural seems to arise from the same mental processes that underlie everyday reasoning and perception. But while the belief in ghosts, past lives, the ability of the mind to move matter and the like originate in normal mental processes, those processes become hijacked and exaggerated, so that the result is, well, Walter Semkiw.

Raised as a Roman Catholic, Semkiw is driven by a what-if optimism. If only people could accept reincarnation, he believes, Iraq's Sunnis and Shiites might stop fighting (since they might be killing someone who was once one of them). He is dismissive of the idea that reincarnation has not been empirically proved. That was the status of everything science has since proved, be it the ability of atoms to vibrate in synchrony (the basis of the laser) or of mold to cure once-lethal infections (penicillin). Dedicated to the empirical method, Semkiw believes the world is on the brink of "a science of spirituality," he says. "I don't know how you can't believe in reincarnation. All it takes is an open mind."

On that, he is in agreement with researchers who study the processes of mind and brain that underlie belief. As scientists began studying belief in the paranormal, it quickly became clear that belief requires an open mind - one not bound by the evidence of the senses, but in which emotions such as hope and despair can trump that evidence. Consider the Tichborne affair. In 1854, Sir Roger Tichborne, age 25, was reported lost at sea off the coast of Brazil. His inconsolable mother refused to accept that her son was dead. Twelve years later a man from Wagga Wagga, in New South Wales, Australia, got in touch with her. He claimed to be Sir Roger, so Lady Tichborne immediately sent him money to sail to England. When the claimant arrived, he turned out to be grossly obese, E.J. Wagner recounts in her 2006 book "The Science of Sherlock Holmes." Sir Roger had been very thin. Sir Roger had had tattoos on his arm. The claimant had none. He did, however, have a birthmark on his torso; Sir Roger had not. Although Sir Roger's eyes had been blue, the claimant's were brown. Lady Tichborne nevertheless joyfully proclaimed the claimant her son and granted him £A31,000 per annum. Lawsuits eventually established that the claimant was an impostor.

Letting hope run roughshod over the evidence of your eyes, as Lady Tichborne did, is surprisingly easy to do: the idea that the brain constructs reality from the bottom up, starting with perceptions, is woefully wrong, new research shows. The reason the grieving mother did not "see" the claimant as others did is that the brain's sensory regions, including vision, are at the mercy of higher-order systems, such as those that run attention and emotions. If attention is not engaged, images that land on the retina and zip back to the visual cortex never make it to the next stop in the brain, where they would be processed and identified and examined critically. If Lady Tichborne chose not

to focus too much on the claimant's appearance, she effectively blinded herself. Also, there is a constant back-and-forth between cognitive and emotion regions of the brain, neuroimaging studies have shown. That can heighten perception, as when fear sharpens hearing. But it can also override the senses. No wonder the poor woman didn't notice those missing tattoos on the man from Wagga Wagga.

The pervasiveness of belief in the supernatural and paranormal may seem odd in an age of science. But ours is also an age of anxiety, a time of economic distress and social anomie, as denizens of a mobile society are repeatedly uprooted from family and friends. Historically, such times have been marked by a surge in belief in astrology, ESP and other paranormal phenomena, spurred in part by a desperate yearning to feel a sense of control in a world spinning out of control. A study reported a few weeks ago in the journal *Science* found that people asked to recall a time when they felt a loss of control saw more patterns in random noise, perceived more conspiracies in stories they read and imagined illusory correlations in financial markets than people who were not reminded that events are sometimes beyond their control. "In the absence of perceived control, people become susceptible to detecting patterns in an effort to regain some sense of organization," says psychology researcher Bruce Hood of the University of Bristol, whose upcoming book *"Supersense: Why We Believe in the Unbelievable"* explores the mental processes behind belief in the paranormal. "No wonder those stock market traders are clutching their rabbit's feet" - or that psychics and the paranormal seem to be rivaling reality stars for TV hegemony ("*Medium*," "*Psychic Kids*," "*Lost*" and the new "*Fringe*" and "*Eleventh Hour*"). Just as great religious awakenings have coincided with tumultuous eras, so belief in the paranormal also becomes much more prevalent during social and political turmoil. Such events "lead the mind to look for explanations," says Michael Shermer, president of the Skeptics Society and author of the 1997 book *"Why People Believe Weird Things."* "The mind often takes a turn toward the supernatural and paranormal," which offer the comfort that benign beings are watching over you (angels), or that you will always be connected to a larger reality beyond the woes of this world (ghosts).

As science replaces the supernatural with the natural, explaining everything from thunder and lightning to the formation of planets, many people seek another source of mystery and wonder in the world. People can get that from belief in several paranormal phenomena, but none more so than thinking they were abducted by aliens. When Susan Clancy was a graduate student in psychology at Harvard University, she was struck by how ordinary the "abductees" she was studying seemed. They were respectable, job-holding, functioning members of society, normal except for their belief that short beings with big eyes once scooped them up and took them to a spaceship. They are men like Will, a massage therapist, who was abducted repeatedly by aliens, he told Clancy, and became so close to one that their union produced twin boys whom, sadly, he never sees. Numerous studies have found that abductees are not suffering from any known mental illness. They are unusually prone to false memories, and tend to be creative, fantasy-prone and imaginative. But so are lots of people who have never met a little green man.

Some 40 percent of Americans believe it's possible that aliens have grabbed some of us, polls show, compared with 25 percent in the 1980s. What makes abductees stand out is something so common, it's a wonder there aren't more of them: an inability to think scientifically. Clancy asked abductees if they understand that sleep paralysis, in which waking up during a dream causes the dream to leak into consciousness even while you remain immobilized, can produce the weird visions and helplessness that abductees describe. Of course, they say, but that doesn't apply to them. And do they understand that the most likely explanation of bad dreams, impotence, nosebleeds, loneliness, bruises or just waking up to find their pajamas on the floor does not involve aliens? Yes, they told her, but abduction feels like the best explanation. Larry, for instance, woke from a dream, saw shadowy figures around his bed and felt a stabbing pain in his groin. He ran through the possibilities - a biotech firm's stealing his sperm, angels, repressed memory of childhood sexual abuse - and only then settled on alien abduction as the most plausible. The scientific principle that the simplest

explanation is most likely to be right is, well, alien to abductees. But again, an inability to think scientifically is exceedingly common. We are more irrational than we are rational; emotions drive voting behavior more strongly than analysis of candidates' records and positions does. The universal human need to find meaning and purpose in life is stronger and more basic than any attachment to empiricism, logic or objective reality.

Something as common as loneliness can draw us to the paranormal. In a study published in February, scientists induced feelings of loneliness in people by telling them that a personality questionnaire they filled out revealed that, by middle age, they would have few friends and be socially isolated. After this ruse, participants were more likely to say they believed in ghosts, angels, the Devil, miracles, curses and God than were participants who were told their future held many friendships, found Nicholas Epley, of the University of Chicago, and colleagues.

That we are suckers for weird beliefs reflects the fact that the brain systems that allow and even encourage them "evolved for other things," says James Griffith, a psychiatrist and neurologist at George Washington University. A bundle of neurons in the superior parietal lobe, a region toward the top and rear of the brain, for instance, distinguishes where your body ends and the material world begins. Without it, you couldn't navigate through a door frame. But other areas of the brain, including the thinking regions in the frontal lobes, sometimes send "turn off!" signals to this structure, such as when we are falling asleep or when we feel physical communion with another person (that's a euphemism for sex). During intense prayer or meditation, brain-imaging studies show, the structure is also especially quiet. Unable to find the dividing line between self and world, the brain adapts by experiencing a sense of holism and connectedness. You feel a part of something larger than yourself. This ability to shut off the sense of where you end and the world begins, then, may promote other beliefs that bring a sense of connection, even if they involve alien kidnappers.

Other normal brain functions can be hijacked for spooky purposes, too. Neither the eyes nor the ears can take in every aspect of an object. The brain, therefore, fills in the blanks. Consider the optical illusion known as the Kanizsa triangle, in which three black Pac-Man shapes sit at what could be the corners of a triangle, their open mouths pointed inward. Almost everyone "sees" three white lines forming that triangle, but there are in fact no lines. What does the "seeing" is not the eyes but the brain, which habitually takes messy, incomplete input and turns it into a meaningful, complete picture. This drive to see even what is not objectively there is easily hijacked. "Perceptually, the world is chronically ambiguous and requires an interpretation," says Stewart Guthrie, professor emeritus of anthropology at Fordham University and author of "Faces in the Clouds." And suddenly you see Satan in the smoke from the World Trade Center. "We see the Virgin Mary in a potato chip or Jesus on an underpass wall because we're using our existing cognitive structures to make sense of an ambiguous or amorphous stimuli," says psychologist Mark Reinecke, professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at Northwestern University.

Scientists mean "see" literally. Brain imaging shows that the regions that become active when people imagine seeing or hearing something are identical to those that become active when they really do see or hear something in the outside world. This holds true for schizophrenics (their visual cortex becomes active when they hallucinate people, and their auditory cortex when they hear voices, in ways that are indistinguishable from when they perceive real people and voices) and for healthy people engaging in mental imagery (think of a pink elephant). It is not too far a step for mentally healthy people to see or hear what they are thinking intensely about. Christina Puchalski, director of the George Washington Institute for Spirituality and Health, felt her dead mother's presence "with me in a very deep and profound way, emanating from a certain direction," she says. "Maybe if you're thinking very strongly about that person, your mind is creating the sense that he is there."

A more common experience is to see patterns in coincidences, something that also represents a hijacking of normal and useful brain function. You think about the girl at the party last

Saturday and - bam! - she calls you. You think about the girl who chatted you up in class - and never hear from her. Guess which experience you remember? Thanks to the psychological glitch called confirmatory bias, the mind better recalls events and experiences that validate what we believe than those that refute those beliefs.

But why? Why do we remember the times we thought of someone just before she texted us and forget all the times we had no such premonition? When the mind was evolving, failing to make an association (snakes with rattles are to be avoided) could get you killed, while making a false association (dancing will make it rain) mostly just wasted time, Michael Shermer points out. "We are left with a legacy of false positives," he says. "Hallucinations become ghosts or aliens; knocking noises in an empty house indicate spirits and poltergeists; shadows and lights in a tree become the Virgin Mary."

The brain also evolved to recoil from danger, and the most frequent sources of danger back in the Stone Age were not guns and cars but saber-toothed tigers and other living things. As a result, we are programmed to impute vitality to even inanimate threats, as Bristol's Hood has demonstrated. When he gives a speech about irrational beliefs, he holds up an old cardigan and asks who would be willing to wear it in exchange for about \$40. Usually, every hand in the audience shoots up. But when Hood adds that the sweater was once worn by a notorious murderer, almost every hand disappears. "People view evil as something physical, even tangible, and able to infect the sweater" as easily as lice, Hood says. "The idea of spirits and souls appearing in this world becomes more plausible if we believe in general that the nonphysical can transfer over to the physical world. From there it's only a small step to believing that a thunk in an empty house is a footstep."

There is a clear survival advantage to imputing aliveness and asking questions later. That's why, during human evolution, our ancestors developed what is called a hypersensitive agency-detection device, says Benson Saler, professor emeritus of anthropology at Brandeis University. This is an acute sensitivity to the presence of living beings, something we default to when what we perceive could be alive or inanimate. "Whether it's a rock formation or a hungry bear, it's better to assume it's a hungry bear," says Saler. "If you suppose it's a rock formation, and it turns out to be a hungry bear, you're not in business much longer." Defaulting to the "it's alive!" assumption was "of such considerable value that evolution provided us with greater sensitivity to the presence of living agents than we needed," says Saler. "We respond to the slightest hint or indication of agency by assuming there are living things present. Developing ideas about ghosts and spirits is simply a derivative of this hypersensitivity to the possibility" that a living being is present, and too bad if it also produces the occasional (or even frequent) false positives.

The belief that minds are not bound to bodies, and therefore that ghosts and other spirits exist here in the physical world, reflects a deep dualism in the human psyche. No matter how many times neuroscientists assert that the mind has no existence independent of the brain, "we still think of our essence as mental, and of our mind as being independent of body," says Fordham's Guthrie. "Once you've signed on to that, existence after death is really quite natural." This dualism shows up in children as young as 2, says psychologist Paul Bloom of Yale University: kids readily believe that people can exchange bodies, for instance, and since ghosts lack material bodies but have minds and memories, belief in dualism makes them perfectly plausible. At the even more basic level of perception, the brain is wired for faces, says Northwestern's Reinecke. "Even in the first weeks of life, infants tend to perceive angles, contours and shapes that are consistent with faces," he says. There's Mary on the potato chip again.

All of which raises a question. If the brain is wired so as to make belief in the paranormal seemingly inevitable, why are there any skeptics? And not just "any," but more assertive, activist ones. Groups such as the Committee for Skeptical Inquiry, the Skeptics Society and the James Randi Educational Foundation all work to debunk claims of the paranormal. A growing number of scientists and others now proudly wear the badge of "skeptic," just as more scholars are coming out as

atheists, like Richard Dawkins did in his 2006 book "The God Delusion" and as Christopher Hitchens did in his 2007 tome "God Is Not Great." The growing numbers and assertiveness of skeptics (and public atheists) reflects the fact that they "have long felt like we belong to a beleaguered minority," says Shermer, who was once a born-again Christian. Their more aggressive attitude provides a sense of mission and community that skeptics, no less than believers, crave. It takes effort to resist the allure of belief, with its promise of fellowship, community and comfort in the face of mortality and a pointless, uncaring universe. There must be compensating rewards.

One such compensation, it is fair to say, is a feeling of intellectual superiority. It is rewarding to look at the vast hordes of believers, conclude that they are idiots and delight in the fact that you aren't. Another is that skeptics believe, or at least hope, that they can achieve at least one thing that believers seek, but without abandoning their principles. Skeptics, no less than believers, think it would be wonderful if we could speak to dead loved ones, or if we ourselves never died. But skeptics instead "seek immortality through our... lasting achievements," Shermer explains. "We, too, hope that our wishes for eternity might be fulfilled." Too bad that as they fight the good fight for rationality, their most powerful opponent is nothing less than the human brain.

[Thanks to 'The Norm for the lead]

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>Belief in the paranormal reflects normal brain activity carried
>to an extreme. ...

>By Sharon Begley | NEWSWEEK

In this article Sharon Begley goes the same route with the reincarnation evidence as negative skeptics do with the UFO evidence. They trot out weak cases to discuss and distort, while omitting large numbers of much more convincing cases.

Unless I overlooked it, Begley omitted anything about the many childhood cases of the reincarnation type, whose study the late Prof. Ian Stevenson brought to a high level of scientific analysis. There are hundreds of cases, throughout the world, where the child's past life was identified beyond any reasonable doubt, and in each case the past life happened to have died before the present life was born. A bibliography of relevant cases and studies, mostly authored by MDs and PhDs, is given at:

www.tjresearch.info/rebirth.htm

It is interesting to speculate that if the reality of the reincarnation phenomenon were swiftly made known to the western world, it would be almost as upsetting and chaos producing as a sudden revelation of the UFO/alien presence.

Another similarity between the two phenomena is the ridicule and/or taboo factor.

Jim Deardorff

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>>Subject: Re: Ex-RAF Man Tells Of UFOs Encounter

>><snip>

>>The point is this: The strangeness of the blips reported - and
>>they are strange - is not in their speed or climb rate (both of
>>which are very ordinary) or even their altitude per se (for
>>example the U2, far from what anyone would regard as a high-
>>performance jet, had a faster rate of climb of about 8000fpm
>>off the end of the runway and could fly at nearly twice the UFO
>>speed to above the 60,000ft recorded). The oddness is the large
>>number and regularity of the blips in circumstances where those
>>detecting them (Fighter Control radar at RAF Neatishead in
>>Norfolk, London Heathrow radar and the joint military/civil ATC
>>Radar Unit at RAF Sopley) had every reason to think they would
>>know, via NOTAMs and other Airspace Utilisation Section notices
>>among other means, about any aircraft in the air, including
>>secret reconnaissance flights - even if the idea of 20-35 U2s
>>in indian-file made any sense at all, which it doesn't.

>Hi Martin,

>Just to clear the air about the BAC Lightning. It had an
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>sustain this ROC all the way to 40 grand.

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>could climb from sealevel to 40,000 feet in 2.5 minutes. It's
>service ceiling was 50,000 feet and would have been fagging out
>and nearly uncontrollable [control surfaces and drastic
>reduction in thrust] at 60,000 feet.

Hi Don

Thanks for your pilot's expertise. At the risk of perpetuating a
misunderstanding even further in some people's minds (I repeat,
no one is, or ever was, suggesting that the entirety of UK
Lightning assets were repositioned unknown to the RAF and
launched en masse with afterburner to 50-60k for no purpose
whatsoever!) the point is that the average fpm of a Lightning's
climb to ceiling in 1971 was probably 2 or 3 times as fast as
the 5000 fpm registered in the RAF Sopley case.

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Yes. Would you allow that it was, in its day, arguably _the_ best, for its role? (QRA interceptions in defence of a small island where huge range and fuel load were not most important) And it could still give top fighters of later decades a run for their money in terms of raw performance (not agility or avionics etc., of course).

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From: Kelly Freeman <Khfflsciufu.nul>
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>As science replaces the supernatural with the natural,
>explaining everything from thunder and lightning to the
>formation of planets, many people seek another source of mystery
>and wonder in the world. People can get that from belief in
>several paranormal phenomena, but none more so than thinking
>they were abducted by aliens. When Susan Clancy was a graduate
>student in psychology at Harvard University, she was struck by
>how ordinary the "abductees" she was studying seemed. They were
>respectable, job-holding, functioning members of society, normal
>except for their belief that short beings with big eyes once
>scooped them up and took them to a spaceship. They are men like
>Will, a massage therapist, who was abducted repeatedly by
>aliens, he told Clancy, and became so close to one that their
>union produced twin boys whom, sadly, he never sees. Numerous
>studies have found that abductees are not suffering from any
>known mental illness. They are unusually prone to false
>memories, and tend to be creative, fantasy-prone and
>imaginative. But so are lots of people who have never met a
>little green man.

>Some 40 percent of Americans believe it's possible that aliens
>have grabbed some of us, polls show, compared with 25 percent in
>the 1980s. What makes abductees stand out is something so
>common, it's a wonder there aren't more of them: an inability to
>think scientifically. Clancy asked abductees if they understand
>that sleep paralysis, in which waking up during a dream causes
>the dream to leak into consciousness even while you remain
>immobilized, can produce the weird visions and helplessness that
>abductees describe. Of course, they say, but that doesn't apply
>to them. And do they understand that the most likely explanation
>of bad dreams, impotence, nosebleeds, loneliness, bruises or
>just waking up to find their pajamas on the floor does not
>involve aliens? Yes, they told her, but abduction feels like the
>best explanation. Larry, for instance, woke from a dream, saw
>shadowy figures around his bed and felt a stabbing pain in his
>groin. He ran through the possibilities=97a biotech firm's
>stealing his sperm, angels, repressed memory of childhood sexual
>abuse=97and only then settled on alien abduction as the most
>plausible. The scientific principle that the simplest
>explanation is most likely to be right is, well, alien to
>abductees. But again, an inability to think scientifically is

>exceedingly common. We are more irrational than we are rational;
>emotions drive voting behavior more strongly than analysis of
>candidates' records and positions does. The universal human need
>to find meaning and purpose in life is stronger and more basic
>than any attachment to empiricism, logic or objective reality.

Hello List,

Unfortunately, Begley doesn't know the difference between
"belief in" and "knowledge of".

Kelly

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Subject: Game Designer Went Into Space With DNA Cargo

All of the details of Operation Immortality are not apparent from the two attached articles.

However, it does appear that Garriott's trip was partially financed by wealthy people who wanted their DNA in space. Evidently so that it "could be used by... advanced alien civilizations to recreate our species".

This could be an indication that some of earth's wealthiest people believe in ETs? If this is true, it might be a potential source of funding to support serious UFO research?

Frank

Source: 1UP Magazine - New York, New York, USA

<http://www.1up.com/do/newsStory?cId=3170920>

10/25/2008

Richard Garriott Back on Earth After Space Station Voyage

Ultima creator returns safely after spending two weeks in space.
By Kris Pigna

After departing on October 12 to the International Space Station, with a round-trip ticket that cost him \$30 million, famed videogame creator Richard Garriott returned safely back to Earth on Friday (via the Associated Press). It was a trip Garriott had been planning and preparing for since September, 2007.

"What a great ride that was," Garriott said, after emerging from the capsule he and Russian cosmonauts Oleg Kononenko and Sergei Volkov returned in. Later, in televised comments, Garriott added, "I'm looking forward to some fresh food and to calling my loved ones. I've got my father here, but I've got other family back home I want to get ahold of."

Interestingly, Garriott's trip into space makes him America's first second-generation space-traveler - his father, Owen Garriott, was an astronaut himself. Richard "Lord British" Garriott, of course, is the creator of the Ultima RPG series.

The AP story notes that while on the space station, Garriott "conducted experiments," although what they entailed weren't detailed. But there's one thing we do know he did: ensure humanity's immortality. As part of what Garriott called "Operation Immortality," he delivered and stored digital human DNA data on the International Space Station, including data from none other than Stephen Colbert. The idea, we suppose, is that if humanity ever goes extinct, the data could be used by far more advanced alien civilizations to recreate our species.

Don't you feel so much more secure now?

Source: Associated Press - New York, New York, USA

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<http://tinyurl.com/68b2uk>

US Game Designer Blasts Into Space With DNA Cargo

By Peter Leonard
Associated Press Writer

BAIKONUR, Kazakhstan (AP) - An American computer game designer reached space Sunday, fulfilling a long-deferred childhood dream that began with the flight of his astronaut father.

The Soyuz TMA-13 spacecraft carrying Richard Garriott and two crewmates - and the digitized DNA sequences of some of the world's most famous minds - hurtled into a clear blue sky from the Baikonur facility on the Kazakh steppe.

Garriott, a 47-year-old multimillionaire from Austin, Texas, is the sixth paying space traveler and the first American to follow a parent into orbit.

The Soyuz is due to dock Tuesday with the international space station, where British-born Garriott will spend about 10 days conducting experiments - including some whose sponsors helped fund his trip - and photographing Earth to measure changes since his father snapped pictures from the U.S. station Skylab in 1973.

As the bright orange glow of the rocket disappeared, Garriott's 77-year old father watched with binoculars.

"I'm elated, elated," Owen Garriott said when a loudspeaker announcement confirmed the spacecraft had reached orbit safely about 10 minutes after lift-off.

The younger Garriott said before Sunday's launch that he managed to recoup a significant slice of his trip's price - a reported \$30 million - through some of his experiments and that he hoped his trip would provide a viable model for financing private space travel.

"What I am trying to do is demonstrate that you can mount a very successful campaign to go into space and beyond because it's good business," Garriott told The Associated Press.

The spacecraft is bearing the digitized DNA sequences of some of the world's greatest thinkers and musicians - as well as athletes, video game players and others.

The eclectic list ranges from famed physicist Stephen Hawking to comedian Stephen Colbert and Matt Morgan, best known as the "Beast" from the U.S. television show "American Gladiators."

The digitized DNA is part of "the immortality drive," a kind of time capsule that will also include a list of humanity's greatest achievements and personal messages from Earth. The program will be stored on the space station in case calamity were to one day wipe out the planet.

Garriott's crewmates on the landmark 100th manned Soyuz flight are Mike Fincke, an American astronaut who spent six months on the international space station in 2004, and Russian Yuri Lonchakov.

As they were driven away to the launch pad, Fincke gestured to his wife and children and mouthed the words "I'll call."

Fincke and Lonchakov, who will remain on the space station for months, told a pre-launch news conference Saturday that that their main task will be to expand the space station's capacity to host up to six astronauts, instead of three, by adding sleep spaces, a toilet and more oxygen generation.

Garriott, who made his fortune designing computer fantasy games, dreamed of space as a child and was shattered to learn that he could never become a NASA astronaut - like his father and many of their neighbors - because of his poor eyesight.

Seeing space was "one of the things he's wanted to do most in his life," Garriott's girlfriend, Kelly Miller, said at the

launch.

He is an investor and board member of Space Adventures Ltd., a U.S.-based company that has organized trips aboard Russian craft to the space station for five other millionaires since 2001.

Garriott is to return to Earth in a Soyuz capsule on Oct. 24 with cosmonauts Oleg Kononenko and Sergei Volkov, who is the world's first second-generation space traveler. His father, Alexander, was a cosmonaut.

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Re: File Shows US Tried to Shoot Down UFO

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>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 25 Oct 2008 12:48:05 +0100
>Subject: Re: File Shows US Tried to Shoot Down UFO

>He told me that he never offered the 'palladium' explanation as
>a definite solution to this report, but just as an example of
>what could cause apparently real radar targets. It was seized
>upon by the reporter and presented as his 'explanation' for the
>report.

Joe, List:

Moral of the story: never take at face value anything you read
in a newspaper; and remember that even news reports can take
statements out of context, especially during the editing
process.

Solution: Always go to the primary sources (at least that's what
I tell journalists when they are students...)

The facts are these:

Most of the media were provided with a copy of my article on the
Milton Torres incident published in the current November 2008
issue of Fortean Times magazine (FT 242). In this piece I
present the Torres case as a genuine unexplained radar UFO. I
summarise all the usual explanations for such phenomena, then
say "none of these explanations can account for the strong and
clear target that Milton Torres says he saw on his airborne
radar and which could also be seen by at least one ground radar,
operating on a different frequency, which had tracked its
movement for a lengthy period of time. Nor do they explain why,
in this case, the RAF decided to shoot down an intruder over UK
territory despite the lack of any hostile intent..."

All points well made by various people on this list in the last
few days. I then note, in passing, that the lack of any official
record of this incident, and the way it was handled at the time,
"raises another possibility... that Torres was an unwitting pawn
in a covert exercise involving electronic warfare", before I go
on to describe the Palladium system as one example of the type
of ECM spoofing that went on in the 60s and later.

I conclude, however, that although ECM requires consideration,
"it would not easily explain how this phantom could be detected
simultaneously by two different radars, or the order to shoot
and ask questions later."

I hope that makes my position clear.

It's also a fact that Torres himself offered up electronic
spoofing as one potential explanation back in 1988 when Harry
Harris copied his statement to the MoD; but dismissed it for
exactly the same reasons as I've outlined above.

I referred to Palladium as an example of ECM only; clearly it
wasn't the only system capable of producing false echoes on
radar.

Another example, which I offer purely as an anecdote, concerns a series of unexplained echoes detected on radar screens over southern England in November 1954. These were widely reported in the press and by UFology as "squadrons of flying saucers over London". But two years later a journalist was told by an Air Ministry source that "the radar returns were caused by experiments being conducted to 'effect false returns' on radar screens."

If experiments were taking place over London and SE England in 1954 then we can't rule out that similar exercises may have continued later in that decade, under great secrecy. There are numerous hints of such experiments buried in the RAF operations record books for various squadrons held at The National Archives. But as Martin points out, we have no explicit contemporaneous records, as a result of the secrecy that continues to surround this technology, so all this is pure speculation - which is how I presented it to anyone who cared to listen. Not an explanation, but an interesting line of inquiry.

Two further points: the newspaper stories cite 20 May 1957 as the date for this incident. This is lifted from the MOD files and is clearly wrong. In discussion with Torres we have narrowed down the date to three possibilities, drawing upon the contents of his log book - the best guess is Nov or Dec 1956 - i.e. just three or four months after the Lakenheath Bentwaters episode. More food for thought!

And finally:

>That is also probably where the 'UFO Expert' label originated.
>Dave would never call himself a 'UFO expert', preferring (in his >case) the title 'cultural historian' or possibly 'folklore >expert'. From the point of view of the media, 'UFO expert' >sounds more impressive.

That's quite right, as is the fact that I described myself as a 'UFO expert' (whatever one of those is) in the TNA video-cam, precisely because that's what it said on the script I was handed. The media find "folklorist" and "social historian" far too cumbersome for their purposes, so prefer 'expert', simple as that.

Sometimes, if you can't beat 'em you have to join 'em.

With best regards,

David Clarke

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>In this article Sharon Begley goes the same route with the
>reincarnation evidence as negative skeptics do with the UFO
>evidence. They trot out weak cases to discuss and distort, while
>omitting large numbers of much more convincing cases.

>Unless I overlooked it, Begley omitted anything about the many
>childhood cases of the reincarnation type, whose study the late
>Prof. Ian Stevenson brought to a high level of scientific
>analysis. There are hundreds of cases, throughout the world,
>where the child's past life was identified beyond any reasonable
>doubt, and in each case the past life happened to have died
>before the present life was born. A bibliography of relevant
>cases and studies, mostly authored by MDs and PhDs, is given at:

>www.tjresearch.info/rebirth.htm

>It is interesting to speculate that if the reality of the
>reincarnation phenomenon were swiftly made known to the western
>world, it would be almost as upsetting and chaos producing as a
>sudden revelation of the UFO/alien presence.

>Another similarity between the two phenomena is the ridicule
>and/or taboo factor.

Well said Jim Deardorff.

I've brought this up before regarding past life data and I was a
major skeptic until I looked at the proof, not evidence, proof.
Not only that but when you have close to if not more than a
third of the population of the world already with that belief
you're not in a minority situation.

The most important discoveries of the 20th Century weren't the
atomic weapons programs nor television but the clinical analysis
of past life, not reincarnation because they're two different
terms, and out of body experiences. Why? Because the truth of
the matter is that we're not limited to biological existences.

We, our true life form, energy or what one would call it is not subjected to ending upon physical death.

If that were presented as true to the mainstream western world then entire social and political structures would collapse and be restructured into whow knows what.

If we step back and say the evidence alone for the existence of past life experiences and out of body experiences are overwhelming to say the least. The problem is the source from whence these evidences are gleaned.

Even in ufology you've got the anal retentives who will gab all day about the reality of little green men from outer space as a reality with absolutely no physical proof what so ever, yet you introduce something that does have clinical analysis, eyewitnesses, like past life and OBEs and they'll start making with the snide insults.

It reminds me of just after college a classmate cracked on a foreign visitor from overseas about how his religion was ridiculous because they believed in ancient ancestors visiting and helping present relatives. The foreign chap looked at my pal and said that he was scared of Christianity because he heard we eat flesh and drink blood once a month. He said the thought of 2 billion cannibals who believe in ghosts was scary to him. So it depends on one's perspective now doesn't it?

Bottom line, you can't threaten a man with death if he knows he cannot die.

How can you keep super government secrets when the guy who has the secret kicks the bucket and is reborn as your enemy's grandkid?

Sucks don't it? Makes one wonder when those folks who really know what happened at Roswell will pop up as some kid who'll get to fessin' up on YouTube one day.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com

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Hi Martin,

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sources indicated an operational ceiling of 40,000 feet though
obviously that would not be the limit. 60,000 as operational
territory seems a bit out there in the early 60s. The F-14 "Tom
Cat" ceiling was 50,000 feet and look at the wing area on that
bird. The F-15 has an zoom ceiling of 100,000 feet. The SR-71
was working at 70-80,000 feet. The Concorde flew at 62 and
64,000 feet [it's Speed Bird (Oceanic) corridor] - nice and
thin up there.

On an continuous operational basis I can't see the Lightning at
60,000 feet though I don't doubt it could reach that height.
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was 60,000 feet?

As you say it could give many of today's more sophisticated jets
a run for their money in raw performance. It was a kick-ass
airplane. It was one of my favorites back in the day.

But like many of those aircraft speed gave way to mission roles
that did not require Mch 2 plus speeds. Look at the Sea Harrier
for instance. Not even supersonic but it was downing supersonic
aircraft back in the Falkland war at low levels as well.

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>>student in psychology at Harvard University, she was struck by
>>how ordinary the "abductees" she was studying seemed. They were
>>respectable, job-holding, functioning members of society, normal
>>except for their belief that short beings with big eyes once
>>scoped them up and took them to a spaceship. They are men like
>>Will, a massage therapist, who was abducted repeatedly by
>>aliens, he told Clancy, and became so close to one that their
>>union produced twin boys whom, sadly, he never sees. Numerous
>>studies have found that abductees are not suffering from any
>>known mental illness. They are unusually prone to false
>>memories, and tend to be creative, fantasy-prone and
>>imaginative.

This "pre-study assumption" by Clancy is the biggest "sore point" of the abduction phenomenon: the assumption going in that abductions cannot be happening because "aliens (arriving in AFC - alien flying craft) do not exist. Conventional science "gets away" with using this as a basic assumption because, as far as they (e.g., Clancy) are concerned, there is no evidence that some TRUFOs (the AFC type) being ET craft has not been made. (TRUFO =3D a UFO/object that remains, not just unidentified after extensive investigation, but appears to be unidentifiable as a conventional phenomenon even if investigation continues. Many TRUFO cases include descriptions of phenomena that certainly appear to be objects constructed by intelligences, but not by us, i.e., AFC.) Therefore anyone who reports an AFC type event, such as abduction must be making it up or confabulating, hence "fantasy prone." (One would think that a truly "fantasy prone" person would have fantasies about lots of different "things," not just alien abductions, but apparently at least the ones

studied by Clancy were very specific about their "fantasies.")

I suppose if Clancy were to tackle the 1975 Travis Walton case she would have to argue that not only Walton (who recalled being on board a craft and seeing "creatures") but also his workmates (who saw Walton zapped by a beam from a TRUFO/AFC) were in a "joint fantasy/confabulation." Hence his workmates must also have been "Fantasy prone" at least once in their lives.

>>But so are lots of people who have never met a
>>little green man.

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>>have grabbed some of us, polls show, compared with 25 percent in
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>>think scientifically.

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>>that sleep paralysis, in which waking up during a dream causes
>>the dream to leak into consciousness even while you remain
>>immobilized, can produce the weird visions and helplessness that
>>abductees describe. Of course, they say, but that doesn't apply
>>to them. And do they understand that the most likely explanation
>>of bad dreams, impotence, nosebleeds, loneliness, bruises or
>>just waking up to find their pajamas on the floor does not
>>involve aliens? Yes, they told her, but abduction feels like the
>>best explanation. Larry, for instance, woke from a dream, saw
>>shadowy figures around his bed and felt a stabbing pain in his
>>groin. He ran through the possibilities=97a biotech firm's
>>stealing his sperm, angels, repressed memory of childhood sexual
>>abuse=97and only then settled on alien abduction as the most
>>>plausible. The scientific principle that the simplest
>>explanation is most likely to be right is, well, alien to
>>abductees. But again, an inability to think scientifically is
>>exceedingly common. We are more irrational than we are rational;
>>emotions drive voting behavior more strongly than analysis of
>>candidates' records and positions does. The universal human need
>t>o find meaning and purpose in life is stronger and more basic
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Re: Ex-RAF Man Tells Of UFOs Encounter

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Sun, 26 Oct 2008 23:13:37 -0000
Archived: Mon, 27 Oct 2008 06:37:06 -0400
Subject: Re: Ex-RAF Man Tells Of UFOs Encounter

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 26 Oct 2008 15:43:04 -0300
>Subject: Re: Ex-RAF Man Tells Of UFOs Encounter

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 26 Oct 2008 11:23:47 -0000
>>Subject: Re: Ex-RAF Man Tells Of UFOs Encounter

>>Can I add that the officially acknowledged operational ceiling
>>of the Lightning was quoted as "60,000+" but everyone knew it
>>was much higher. I looked into this a few years ago in
>>connection with another extreme altitude radar UFO case (RAF
>>West Freugh, 1957). In fact they were often flown above
>>65,000ft and successfully intercepted U2s in trials at
>>supposedly "safe" heights above this. The highest recorded
>>climbs I've read about were to about 88,000ft, but at the top
>>of that zoom they would indeed have been virtually ballistic.

<snip>

>Hi Martin,

>Are you sure that wasn't service ceiling at 60,000 feet? My
>sources indicated an operational ceiling of 40,000 feet though
>obviously that would not be the limit. 60,000 as operational
>territory seems a bit out there in the early 60s.

Hi Don

If the Lightning's ceiling was only 40,000 I don't think it would ever have made it onto the drawing board, since the main design motivation of the original Ministry of Supply spec was the outstanding success of the English Electric Canberra as a fast high-altitude bomber that they thought could outfly anything in the sky. If the Russians produced an equivalent having its speed and ceiling of 48,000ft we would have no defence, Hence the Pl.a and Pl.b, the second being the essentially finished form of the F1 Lightning and having its first and successful flight on 4.4.57 (coincidentally the very day of the RAF West Freugh radar UFO I mentioned, and - also coincidentally - a famous U2 crash). Almost every source I've found says 60,000+ ceiling for the lightning, even the early versions BTW. The 88,000ft was accomplished in a 1962 vintage F3.

I admit I'm a bit foggy about the distinction between "operational" and "service" ceilings, if there is one. I find the terms used interchangeably on aviation forums, i.e. here:

<http://tinyurl.com/5d53ns>

and the Wiki article on 'ceiling' here

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ceiling_%28aeronautics%29

doesn't even acknowledge the term "operational ceiling" but

defines only "service ceiling" and "absolute ceiling". The former is defined as

"the usable altitude... the density altitude at which flying in a clean configuration, at the best rate of climb airspeed for that altitude and with all engines operating and producing maximum continuous power, will produce a 100 feet per minute climb... "

and some other variations, and the higher "absolute ceiling" as

"the highest altitude an airplane can sustain level flight, or altitude above which the cabin pressurization system can no longer maintain a sufficient oxygen level for passengers and crew, and where the pressure differential is so great as to put severe stress on the pressure cabin of the aircraft."

So this would again make "operational" and "service" appear to be cognate terms. Maybe you can clarify this?

>The F-14 "Tom
>Cat" ceiling was 50,000 feet and look at the wing area on that
>bird. The F-15 has an zoom ceiling of 100,000 feet. The SR-71
>was working at 70-80,000 feet. The Concorde flew at 62 and
>64,000 feet [it's Speed Bird (Oceanic) corridor] - nice and
>thin up there.

The Lightning was reportedly the only plane that in trials with much later and presumably superior US fighters managed a successful interception on a Concorde.

>On an continuous operational basis I can't see the Lightning at
>60,000 feet though I don't doubt it could reach that height.
>Where is it listed as official that it's operational altitude
>was 60,000 feet?

Well, I refer to the ambiguity I find in these terms as mentioned above. I'm not sure what a "continuous operational basis" really means so I find it hard to answer. But I understand the information to mean that the Lightning was capable of going above 60,000ft with some effectiveness, i.e. in the trial U2 interceptions recorded at 66k and above. Here are sources that use *both* terms apparently interchangeably and record far higher altitudes:

<http://tinyurl.com/67qk99>

"Service ceiling: over 60,000 ft (18,000 m) was all that was officially stated, however an American U-2 spy-plane with a very surprised pilot is recorded to have been intercepted at an altitude of 88,000 ft (26 800 m) by an aging 1962 specification F3 English Electric Lightning during a 1984 NATO exercise, one can not help but wonder what the maximum altitude limit really was..."

<http://www.warbirdalley.com/ltning.htm>

"Ceiling: 60,000 ft"

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/English_Electric_Lightning

"The official ceiling was a secret to the general public and low security RAF documents simply stated 60,000+ ft (18 000+ m), although it was well known within the RAF to be capable of much greater heights; the official maximum altitude mainly being determined by cockpit pressurisation reliability and safety. In September 1962 Fighter Command organised a series of trial supersonic overland interceptions of Lockheed U-2As, temporarily based at RAF Upper Heyford to monitor resumed Soviet nuclear tests, at heights of around 60,000-65,000ft.[6] [7] The trials took place in two stages, the second series consisting of 14 interceptions, including four successful and four abortive ones at 65,000.[8] The late Brian Carroll, a former RAF Lightning pilot and ex-Lightning Chief Examiner, reported taking a Lightning F53 up to 87,300 feet (26 600 m) over Saudi Arabia at which level "Earth curvature was visible and the sky was quite dark" but control-wise it was "on a knife edge". [9] In 1984, during a major NATO exercise, Flt Lt Mike Hale intercepted an American U-2 at a height which they had previously considered safe from interception. Records show that Hale climbed to 88,000 ft (26,800 m) in his Lightning F3 XR749."

Martin

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Date: Sun, 26 Oct 2008 17:44:21 -0700 (PDT)
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>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
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Re: File Shows US Tried to Shoot Down UFO

From: **Franklin D. Fields** <fields.nul>
Date: Sun, 26 Oct 2008 21:02:28 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Mon, 27 Oct 2008 06:49:03 -0400
Subject: Re: File Shows US Tried to Shoot Down UFO

>From: David Clarke <daveclarke292.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 26 Oct 2008 15:44:38 +0000
>Subject: Re: File Shows US Tried to Shoot Down UFO

>>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 25 Oct 2008 12:48:05 +0100
>>Subject: Re: File Shows US Tried to Shoot Down UFO

>>He told me that he never offered the 'palladium' explanation as
>>a definite solution to this report, but just as an example of
>>what could cause apparently real radar targets. It was seized
>>upon by the reporter and presented as his 'explanation' for the
>>report.

>Joe, List:

<snip>

>continues to surround this technology, so all this is pure
>speculation - which is how I presented it to anyone who cared to
>listen. Not an explanation, but an interesting line of inquiry.

<snip>

>That's quite right, as is the fact that I described myself as a
>'UFO expert' (whatever one of those is) in the TNA video-cam,
>precisely because that's what it said on the script I was
>handed. The media find "folklorist" and "social historian" far
>too cumbersome for their purposes, so prefer 'expert', simple as
>that.

>Sometimes, if you can't beat 'em you have to join 'em.

Mr. Clarke,

I can believe that you were misquoted or taken out of context.
However, you freely admit in the List post that you willingly
called yourself a "UFO expert" and further stated that you were
describing a possible narration for events based on "pure
speculation". Both seem improper.

You further state that your speculated explanation "would not
easily explain" the set of events. Meaning that your speculated
explanation was in fact not a real possible explanation at all.

From the limited amount of information I have gleamed, it seems
you are competent and reasonable. I do not want to be
uncivilized but it does appear you are spinning the two radar
cases a bit.

Since you appear to have a spin and are willing to speculate
freely on an explanation that you yourself do not believe, I
respectfully ask a question. Do your actions suggest you are a
dogmatic skeptic or a debunker?

Regards,

Frank

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PRG Update - October 27, 2008

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Subject: PRG Update - October 27, 2008

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Paradigm Research Group

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Upcoming Conferences
www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/conferences.html

The 2008 conference season is coming to a close. Please support these upcoming events.

UFO Data International UFO - Oct 25-26 - Pontefract, UK
Mysteries Of Space & Sky - Nov 1 - Near Annapolis, MD
6th Annual UFO Crash Retrieval - Nov 7-9 - Las Vegas, NV
Secrets! 2008 - Nov 21-24 - Phoenix, AZ

2009
International UFO Congress - Feb 22-28 - Laughlin, NV
X-Conference - April 16-18 - Gaithersburg, MD

Sedona Arizona Appearance
Creative Life Center - 333 Schnebly Hill Road
www.sedonacreativelife.com/events.htm

PRG executive director, Stephen Bassett, was scheduled to appear at the Sedona Dream Theater on November 11 along with recording artist Victoria Pratt Keating.

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

This event has been changed to the Sedona Creative Life Center on Wednesday, November 12, 7- 10 pm. Tickets \$15 at the door which opens at 6 pm.

Million Fax on Washington

www.faxonwashington.org

PRG's initiative to direct a public demand for Disclosure toward the next President Elect is moving forward on schedule. Since October 1 PRG has done 30 talk show interviews with 10 more booked. The Google and Yahoo search returns for "Million Fax on Washington" have gone from zero on September 31 to 2440 and 21,700 respectively as of October 24. Mainstream print coverage has appeared in Wired and the Sarasota Herald-Tribune with more pending. Recent PRG media interviews are archived at: www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/speaking&eventschedule.html This progress has taken place amidst media coverage of the greatest economic crisis since the 1929 market crash.

Open Letter to Barack Obama and John McCain

www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/Open_Letter_Obama-McCain.htm

<http://tinyurl.com/684utx>

www.americanchronicle.com/articles/78910

This letter to the candidates was published as a press release to the Internet and is prelude to the formal beginning of the Million Fax on Washington on November 5. It is part of the initiative aimed at generating media questions to the President Elect during the slow news cycle after the election.

UK Government Document Release

<http://tinyurl.com/67ndvt>

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/northern_ireland/7680061.stm

The United Kingdom continues to release UFO documents and sighting reports in a time release fashion. Each release generates a new round of media coverage. This round resulted in high coverage due to a report involving a still living U.S. pilot ordered to shoot at an "aircraft carrier" sized UFO. This is not an accident. The UK is fully aware of the media impact of these repeated releases. This is a clear message to the United States, "we are coming clean on this issue, when are you?"

Media Coverage

www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/newsitems2008.html

Billy Cox

www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/Billyl_Cox_Reportage.htm

The recent new cycles surrounding Dr. Edgar Mitchell and the UK documents release generated a substantial number of mainstream print articles which have been archived. The result is 949 articles posted through Oct. 26 on a pace toward 1150 articles for 2008 - six times the number of articles archived in 2006.

Meanwhile, Billy Cox of the Sarasota Herald-Tribune continues his relentless coverage of the UFO/ET/Exopolitical issues on his Blog de Void.

Exopolitics World Network

www.exopoliticsworld.net

Exopolitics Canada - The Director of Media Relations for Exopolitics Toronto, Victor Viggiani, will present three lectures at the University of Toronto's Fall Lecture Series during the months of October, November and December 2008. The topic - EXOPOLITICS: The Emergence of an Extraterrestrial World View. This marks the first time in Canada that Exopolitics - the new political science about the history, presence and global implications of contact with ethical, highly advanced off-world civilizations - will receive comprehensive public analysis at this internationally recognized university.

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Oh I'm just waiting for the day soon when some crooks in the
psychiatric industry come up with a mandate for abductees and
UFO witnesses that they should be medicated. They've been
itching to do that for years I'd say.

They'll even go after the skeptics and require them to be on
meds too.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com/blog

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Balloon Or UFO?

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Archived: Mon, 27 Oct 2008 07:50:00 -0400
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Source: KSLA-TV - Shreveport, Louisiana, USA

<http://www.ksla.com/Global/story.asp?S=9241624>

Oct 27, 2008 08:07 PM

[Video at site]

Caught On Tape: Balloon Or UFO?

Shreveport, LA (KSLA) - Caught on tape: A mysterious object recently filmed above Shreveport's Downtown Airport. But, there's debate tonight whether it's a UFO or just a big balloon.

The video of the mysterious object came to us from local flight instructor Kevin Morris. He told us a fellow pilot, Charles Corder, captured the images back on Thursday, October 9th at 10:30 in morning, while using his home video camera. We slowed down the video to get a better view and remove much of the shaking.

Morris said he's been told it hovered about 10-thousand feet in the air and appeared about 80-feet long. The best view on the 4-minute-long recording comes when the object turns sideways, revealing a dozen or so round structures running the length of the object. After about 5-minutes, it reportedly flew away towards the Shreveport Regional Airport.

But after the broadcast of KSLA News 12 Sunday at 5:30 p.m. (10/26), an amateur photographer sent us a picture that he took, of what appears to be the same object. But, Paul Pickett came to an entirely different conclusion.

Pickett said, to him, the object appeared no higher than 2-thousand feet in the skies above downtown Shreveport. He also estimated its size as just 20-feet long and looked like shiny rubber, possibly a balloon floating with the wind.

Those who saw the object at the downtown airport called Radar Approach Control, better known as RAPCON, a civilian facility at Barksdale Air Force Base. But, they did not report seeing anything on their radar. And, we're told that radar is sensitive enough to pick-up a flock of birds. Perhaps another viewer, like Pickett, will give us even more information to help solve this mystery.

[Thanks to Greg Boone for the lead]

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Source: The Toronto Star - Ontario, Canada

<http://www.thestar.com/News/Ideas/article/523446>

Oct 25, 2008

Frontiers Of Science

Science Of Invisibility's Giant Leap Forward

It was a banner year for research in invisibility. The U.S. army could have a device within a decade

Lynda Hurst
Feature Writer

This has been a year a lot of folks would like to see disappear.

Fitting, then, that the science of invisibility - yes, that's correct - made a giant leap forward in 2008.

Think Harry Potter sneaking out of Hogwarts unseeable in his "cloak of invisibility." Or, more to the point, the invisible Romulan ship chased by the USS Enterprise in the original sci-fi Star Trek series, the fount of so many subsequent real-life inventions.

This summer, researchers at the University of California, Berkeley, demonstrated for the first time the ability to "cloak" three-dimensional objects in artificially engineered "meta-materials" that bent light around the objects. They "disappeared." Previous efforts were able to bend microwaves around objects, but visible light has proved much more difficult. This differs from the stealth technology developed in the 1980s, which reduces radar's ability to pick up a fighter jet, making it hard to track, but doesn't render the jet invisible. "Cloaking" would bypass the radar or other waves around the plane as if it weren't there.

The meta-materials are made using nanotechnology and engineered out of artificial atoms that are smaller than the wavelengths of light itself. One Berkeley approach used a "fishnet" material of metal layers to reverse the direction of light; the other used tiny nanowires made of silver.

"You'd have to wrap whatever you wanted to cloak in the material," said researcher Jason Valentine. "By sending light around the object that is cloaked, you don't see it."

Humans are able to see objects because they scatter the light that strikes them, reflecting some of it back to the eye. Sometimes there is "negative refraction," the effect that distorts what's being seen: a straw placed in water appears bent, a fish slightly further ahead of where it actually is.

But the negative refraction capacity of meta-materials is somewhat different. Instead of a bent straw or the fish looking slightly ahead of itself, "it would actually appear to be above the water's surface," Valentine explained, adding by way of understatement: "It's kind of weird."

This week, scientists at Purdue University in Indiana announced another breakthrough in cloaking technology, called transformation optics, in the journal Science.

The new way of "manipulating and controlling light at all distances represents a new paradigm for the science of light," said the lead researcher, Vladimir Shalaev, an electrical and computer engineer.

The mathematics behind transformation optics are similar to the mathematics behind Einstein's theory of general relativity, which describes how gravity warps space and time. "Whereas relativity demonstrates the curved nature of space and time, we are able to curve space for light," said Shalaev, "and we can design and engineer tiny devices to do this."

Instead of a straw or fish, Shalaev used a stone to help explain the science to ordinary, still-visible people: "An electromagnetic cloak could bend light around itself, similar to the flow of water around a stone, making invisible both the cloak and an object hidden inside."

His team used a device resembling a round hairbrush, an array of tiny needles radiating out from a central spoke that bent light around an object. The needles are so small they reduced refraction or distortion of the light to almost zero, rendering the object invisible to a viewer.

Before anyone begins, however, to plan next year's Halloween costume, consider that Purdue's research, like Berkeley's, is funded by the U.S. Army Research Office.

As well, the infamous DARPA (Defence Advanced Research Agency) - sponsor of work on remote-controlled cyber-insect soldiers and equipment-carrying robots called BigDog- is also interested in coating experiments. It specifically wants a device to make objects invisible to radar and radio waves, not just human eyes.

During a teleconference this week, the Army's Dr. Richard Hammond said the Pentagon's goal is to develop an invisibility coating that will make tanks, airplanes, buildings - and, eventually down the road, even people - "disappear." It hopes to have a meta-materials device in production within the next two or three years, assuming full-scale cloaking isn't prohibitively expensive, which it well may be.

One of the pioneers of invisibility work earlier in the decade, Britain's John Pendry, an eminent theoretical physicist at London's Imperial College, marvels at the meta-materials' potential.

"You could build a shed out of this material and drive a tank in there, or hold a party inside it, and once you close the door everything it contains would be completely invisible," he recently said.

But more immediate applications go beyond military or, ultimately commercial, disappearing acts.

As well as curving light to make an object apparently disappear, the opposite effect can also be produced. Light can be concentrated in one specific area, making sunlight collection more efficient in solar energy applications.

Researchers say the technology will allow computers and consumer electronics to use light instead of electronic signals to process information. Ultra-powerful microscopes, 10 times stronger than exist today, will be able to see germs, chemical agents, even DNA.

But that's not all that happened in the year of the unseen. How about the unheard?

In June, Spanish scientists developed the blueprint for an "acoustic cloak," or shield, which would make objects impervious

to sound by channelling sound waves around them. The technology could be used to, among other things, build soundproof homes and acoustically advanced concert halls. And once again, the military might be interested, both in concealing submarines from sonar detection and creating a new class of stealth ships.

But the material may need to be perfected first, pioneer Pendry pointed out. "You don't want to wrap a submarine in something that is heavy and several inches thick. It would add quite a lot to the Navy's fuel bill, I think."

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[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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The data you supply, in relation to Britain's subsequent aeronautical manufacturing decline, has a familiar resonance and brings back bad memories.

In 1992 I had just left British Aerospace Space Systems and I was in Moscow. I had the good fortune to meet Gary Himson from the Russian space programme. Gary was on his way to the USA to act as consultant to NASA on Shuttle heat insulation (remember the early days when the heat-resistant tiles used to come off the bird? Gary had already solved that one for the Russians, and he went over and solved it for NASA).

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Seems like any major British technical achievement in these fields presages abandonment or exit.

All the best,

G

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>I can believe that you were misquoted or taken out of context.
>However, you freely admit in the List post that you willingly
>called yourself a "UFO expert" and further stated that you were
>describing a possible narration for events based on "pure
>speculation". Both seem improper.

Improper to whom?

I didn't realise it was a crime to describe oneself as "a UFO expert", or that it was "improper" to make informed speculation on UFO incidents.

The National Archives regard me as their 'UFO expert'; i.e. someone who knows quite a bit about the subject and the MoD's interest in it. Equally, they draw upon experts in medieval history, genealogy, First World War medals, when they need to. All of them are described as "experts" in their fields.

What of it?

As for speculation, most of the content of UFO Updates consists of speculation and informed discussion - if that's "improper" then we're all guilty as charged, m'lord. The subject would be a very boring and tedious one if no one was allowed to speculate, especially when facts are so few and far between.

>You further state that your speculated explanation "would not easily explain" the set of events. Meaning that your speculated explanation was in fact not a real possible explanation at all.

My article makes it perfectly clear what I meant. I examined all the possible explanations for anomalous radar blips and highlighted their shortcomings, one by one.

The possibility - however remote - that electronic warfare was involved deserves examination. Until it can be eliminated as an explanation it cannot be ruled out. This point has certainly been appreciated both by this pilot and by a number of retired and serving RAF personnel who have contacted me privately to describe similar incidents in which they had direct involvement.

Equally, the possibility this was a genuine UFO, whatever one of those may be, remains - as I point out at the end of my video presentation.

>From the limited amount of information I have gleamed, it seems >you are competent and reasonable. I do not want to be >uncivilized but it does appear you are spinning the two radar >cases a bit.

Depends what you mean by spin. If you mean that I did what I could to make them interesting and newsworthy, then guilty as charged. That's what journalists do.

My role was to work through the latest tranche of MOD files, highlighting the most newsworthy incidents. Working with the press office, it was then down to me to present the information to the international media on behalf of The National Archives.

I chose to highlight the accounts by the F-86 pilots and the near miss between the Alitalia jet and the 'missile' as the strongest most newsworthy incidents in this batch of papers.

Both raise serious issues not least about potential hazards to air traffic posed by unidentified flying objects, but also concerning incidents of which no official record exists.

Both remain unexplained and both have great potential as hard evidence that might persuade the media to treat this subject with the seriousness I believe it deserves.

My decisions - based upon two decades experience as a journalist - proved to be the right ones.

On Monday, 20 October, every major national UK newspaper carried the story, along with dozens of national and regional radio stations and most of the TV news bulletins. Within hours the released had been picked up by the international media.

Almost without exception the story was treated in a serious and respectful manner. Even the highbrow newspapers, which usually cannot resist puns about little green men and UFO spotters, ran the story straight.

This is the type of coverage that UFOlogy has desperately needed and has brought a level of respectability to the subject that has been missing for years.

Bear in mind also this was the end result of three months of hard work by myself and the TNA team working on the file transfers.

The results speak for themselves:

Within 24 hours the TNA website had recorded up to half a million downloads, a figure that continues to break all records.

The first release of files in May racked up 1.7 million downloads and double the number of visitors recorded by the last major media event, which was the launch of the Domesday book online.

By all accounts a massive success and a massive boost to the profile of the subject in the national and international media.

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>>>Can I add that the officially acknowledged operational ceiling
>>>of the Lightning was quoted as "60,000+" but everyone knew it
>>>was much higher. I looked into this a few years ago in
>>>connection with another extreme altitude radar UFO case (RAF
>>>West Freugh, 1957). In fact they were often flown above
>>>65,000ft and successfully intercepted U2s in trials at
>>>supposedly "safe" heights above this. The highest recorded
>>>climbs I've read about were to about 88,000ft, but at the top
>>>of that zoom they would indeed have been virtually ballistic.

><snip>

>>Are you sure that wasn't service ceiling at 60,000 feet? My
>>sources indicated an operational ceiling of 40,000 feet though
>>obviously that would not be the limit. 60,000 as operational
>>territory seems a bit out there in the early 60s.

>If the Lightning's ceiling was only 40,000 I don't think it
>would ever have made it onto the drawing board, since the main
>design motivation of the original Ministry of Supply spec was
>the outstanding success of the English Electric Canberra as a
>fast high-altitude bomber that they thought could outfly
>anything in the sky. If the Russians produced an equivalent
>having its speed and ceiling of 48,000ft we would have no
>defence. Hence the Pl.a and Pl.b, the second being the
>essentially finished form of the F1 Lightning and having its
>first and successful flight on 4.4.57 (coincidentally the very
>day of the RAF West Freugh radar UFO I mentioned, and - also
>coincidentally - a famous U2 crash). Almost every source I've
>found says 60,000+ ceiling for the lightning, even the early
>versions BTW. The 88,000ft was accomplished in a 1962 vintage
>F3.

>I admit I'm a bit foggy about the distinction between
>"operational" and "service" ceilings, if there is one. I find
>the terms used interchangeably on aviation forums, i.e. here:

><http://tinyurl.com/5d53ns>

>and the Wiki article on 'ceiling' here

>http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ceiling_%28aeronautics%29

>doesn't even acknowledge the term "operational ceiling" but

>defines only "service ceiling" and "absolute ceiling". The
>former is defined as

>"the usable altitude... the density altitude at which flying
>in a clean configuration, at the best rate of climb airspeed for
>that altitude and with all engines operating and producing
>maximum continuous power, will produce a 100 feet per minute
>climb... "

>and some other variations, and the higher "absolute ceiling" as

>"the highest altitude an airplane can sustain level flight, or
>altitude above which the cabin pressurization system can no
>longer maintain a sufficient oxygen level for passengers and
>crew, and where the pressure differential is so great as to put
>severe stress on the pressure cabin of the aircraft."

>So this would again make "operational" and "service" appear to
>be cognate terms. Maybe you can clarify this?

>>The F-14 "Tom
>>Cat" ceiling was 50,000 feet and look at the wing area on that
>>bird. The F-15 has an zoom ceiling of 100,000 feet. The SR-71
>>was working at 70-80,000 feet. The Concorde flew at 62 and
>>64,000 feet [it's Speed Bird (Oceanic) corridor] - nice and
>>thin up there.

>The Lightning was reportedly the only plane that in trials with
>much later and presumably superior US fighters managed a
>successful interception on a Concorde.

>>On an continuous operational basis I can't see the Lightning at
>>60,000 feet though I don't doubt it could reach that height.
>>Where is it listed as official that it's operational altitude
>>was 60,000 feet?

>Well, I refer to the ambiguity I find in these terms as
>mentioned above. I'm not sure what a "continuous operational
>basis" really means so I find it hard to answer. But I
>understand the information to mean that the Lightning was
>capable of going above 60,000ft with some effectiveness, i.e. in
>the trial U2 interceptions recorded at 66k and above. Here are
>sources that use *both* terms apparently interchangeably and
>record far higher altitudes:
>
><http://tinyurl.com/67qk99>

>"Service ceiling: over 60,000 ft (18,000 m) was all that was
>officially stated, however an American U-2 spy-plane with a very
>surprised pilot is recorded to have been intercepted at an
>altitude of 88,000 ft (26 800 m) by an aging 1962 specification
>F3 English Electric Lightning during a 1984 NATO exercise, one
>can not help but wonder what the maximum altitude limit really
>was..."

><http://www.warbirdalley.com/ltning.htm>

>"Ceiling: 60,000 ft"

>http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/English_Electric_Lightning

>"The official ceiling was a secret to the general public and low
>security RAF documents simply stated 60,000+ ft (18 000+ m),
>although it was well known within the RAF to be capable of much
>greater heights; the official maximum altitude mainly being
>determined by cockpit pressurisation reliability and safety. In
>September 1962 Fighter Command organised a series of trial
>supersonic overland interceptions of Lockheed U-2As, temporarily
>based at RAF Upper Heyford to monitor resumed Soviet nuclear
>tests, at heights of around 60,000-65,000ft.[6] [7] The trials
>took place in two stages, the second series consisting of 14
>interceptions, including four successful and four abortive ones
>at 65,000.[8] The late Brian Carroll, a former RAF Lightning
>pilot and ex-Lightning Chief Examiner, reported taking a
>Lightning F53 up to 87,300 feet (26 600 m) over Saudi Arabia at
>which level "Earth curvature was visible and the sky was quite
>dark" but control-wise it was "on a knife edge". [9] In 1984,
>during a major NATO exercise, Flt Lt Mike Hale intercepted an
>American U-2 at a height which they had previously considered
>safe from interception. Records show that Hale climbed to
>88,000 ft (26,800 m) in his Lightning F3 XR749."

Hi Martin,

I think we are talking apples and oranges.

If you look at my remarks above yours, you will see that I said that the Lightning's Operational ceiling was at 40,000 feet not it's service ceiling. That simply means that it's best operational altitude was 40,000 feet. It's service ceiling - beyond which it had not been flight tested before being released to the RAF and was tested for safe operations - was 60,000 feet. This was probably because at the time it was not thought that such altitude operations would be required.

Many aircraft can exceed their design limitations but pilots rely on the tested flight envelope to give them their best edge. Chuck Yeager had the practically wingless Lockheed F-104 [Mach 2 Lawn Dart] in a zoom up to 104,000 feet but it went out of control and into a flat spin. Yeager got out of it by popping the drag chute then punching out of it. But he lost the airplane.

Anyway, I don't doubt that the Lightning could get up to a U-2's altitude or the Concorde's altitude but on a regular basis they would not carry on dog fights up there. But they could release rockets or if armed with machine guns could have knocked down an equivelant Soviet Spy Plane at those altitudes, but it was not designed to perform at those altitudes. It was just good engineering that gave the Lightning the extra edge beyond its design parameters.

Don Ledger

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>>And more than half of the abductees would rather "believe" in
>>any ordinary thing, psychological or otherwise, than suffer on
>>their sure "knowledge". Hence the need to 'split' by a few,
>>psychological or otherwise.

>Oh I'm just waiting for the day soon when some crooks in the
>psychiatric industry come up with a mandate for abductees and
>UFO witnesses that they should be medicated. They've been
>itching to do that for years I'd say.

>They'll even go after the skeptics and require them to be on
>meds too.

Thanks Greg! I agree. But my reference to "split" above was to
capture those who get into this research and get out or "split",
and to those who ultimately can't handle the reality they live
and make the "split" psychologically. I'd like to say a little
more about that psycho stuff.

I'm sorry. I don't mean to offend those who totally believe in
mental health. But I have to speak from my experience referring
folks to mental health (MH) professionals and seeing the results
of those referrals.

Mental health isn't all it's "cracked up" to be. Remember it's
not logical. It's psycho-logical.

The fact is that MH treatment is always only temporary, lasting
as long as each patient is willing to comply. There are no cures
to be found in MH, only temporary treatments.

Think of psychotropic medications as temporary compliance
controls, like handcuffs, jail terms and the like. Their use is
best when there is certain imminent danger, and that danger
subsides soon. As the only modality, they lose effectiveness in
the long term. (For those interested, a combination of
medication, counseling and thinking training--cognitive therapy--
works best for the long term. But still only with those who
choose to comply.)

That being said, I will still make the referrals to MH when my
charges need it, by policy and/or court order, because even
temporary compliance means less victimization in my field.

One more thing, unless the abductee, ufologist, or UFO skeptic,
as you've mentioned above, is at risk of harming themselves or

others, or these controls are used as part of some secret conspiratorial agenda--which I do not believe in--it's frankly too much trouble to use MH in this way. Once you "ground someone to their room" you have to spend your time making sure they stay there, with all their needs fulfilled.

I've always believed that a more sure way to get the abductees, ufologists, and even the UFO skeptics to stop their cries is to ignore, refute, and giggle, as the PC crowd continues to do. It's most effective because we're so social--we really rely on what others think of us.

But honest researchers will also continue to go where the evidence leads them. These honest researchers deserve the honor for their selfless service. New and better ideas do not come from the status quo.

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Join the club, Gerald. The Avro [Canada] Arrow blew the doors
off anything flying back in 1958. But the Diefenbaker government
scrapped the Arrow and proudly marched back into the 1940s with
banners waving. They destroyed the 5 operational Arrows that
were being tested. Dumb bastards.

It's climb from sea-level to 50,000 feet was 58 seconds and that
was with the J-75-P-3s Pratt & Whitney engines rather than the
Iroquois engines [another 10,000lbs thrust].

It was at Mach 2 disclosed and designed to reach Mach 3 or
better. It was the first fly-by-wire aircraft.

At one of our flying club meetings we were fortunate to have the
production manager for Avro Canada and he told us about
performance figures that had never been released. But the

Canadian government has a habit of shooting itself in the foot
when it comes to technological advances.

Don Ledger

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>snip

Up front Mr. Clarke, I must say that I do respect what you have done with the National Archives. It certainly was a worth while accomplishment and I offer my gratitude.

Given your level of knowledge and the work you have done in the UFO field you must know that national media coverage of unexplained aerial phenomenon has been sporadic and sometimes tongue-in-cheek. Too often, the general public is not presented with the facts in an objective and authoritative way.

According to researchers, elements of the US and UK governments have used standard methods of censorship and propaganda as well as covert ties to well-known news organizations in an attempt to hide the existence of UFOs from the public.

I do not consider myself a UFO expert. I am versed in the subject and have conducted research. I would however consider myself a UFO activist. In that vein, I believe it is imperative that journalist, such as you, are called on issues that might be questionable. It is likely that you are exactly as you have categorized yourself. If that is the case, you should understand the level of frustration felt by many in the field.

Maybe you're correct. It might be okay to call yourself a UFO expert. I personally believe it is a little pretentious but that is only my opinion.

As to the spin, it may be an honest difference of opinion. I do not prefer spin even to make something more interesting or newsworthy, but I see your point.

I concur with your opinion that UFology disservices respectability and that it has not been treated objectively by the media in the past. In fact that is why I questioned some of your comments.

Holding journalists and politicians accountable is the only way to get the whole truth. I wrote some of the organizations running the story. I will continue to work to achieve scientific, political and media credibility for the study of UFOs while working for the release of official information.

Your comments are appreciated.

Regards,

Frank

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Re: Why We Believe

From: Vince White <Vinceomni.nul>
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>Oct 25, 2008

>From the magazine issue dated Nov 3, 2008

>SCIENCE

>Why We Believe

>Belief in the paranormal reflects normal brain activity carried
>to an extreme.

>By Sharon Begley | NEWSWEEK
>With Karen Springen in Chicago and Kurt Soller in New York

Naked Belief Or Dogma Cloaked Disbelief Equal Sins

Why are so many prominent academics and media blithely ignorant and deaf to the cracking and crumbling of the edifice of modern physics? How is it, as the first church of "scientism" the reigning faith of intellectuals, shifts on its quivering foundations, that still most believe it is as sturdy as ever?

What lurks in the the entrance way of time is collapse of today's model of reality. As catastrophic as the banking and financial titans creations that turned the global banking and financial investment institutions into a gaming casino.

That greedy failure, which now rains debris and loss upon the heads of its victims as it's chief engineers, escape in bloated wagon trains of bonuses and booty into the darkness.

The essay in Newsweek on beliefs reasons will suffer painful return to it's theme. It will be roasted and reviled, one day, upon the turmoil that will rock our universities near future, have suave media anchors speechless, as black world secrets so long buried in a national security blanket finally fall or are torn away.

This in accident or intention, from our world, or outside our world..

When this world confronts a full rogue restless swarm of wild concepts and unruly swarm of mind stretching taffy twisting mind bending ideas necessary in the next radical model of truth.., this same journal may hardly be recognizable, as claims of patriotic duties did cloak genuine expression.

Why do the leading public academics and media voices virtually in unison continue to trumpet the eternal validity of current comprehension?

This, in less severe form took place a little over a century ago. That era of smug completion and tying up loose ends and adding decimal points to metrics, the "finishing" of physics took place in the 1880's. Few grasped the subversives in their

midst of: Madam Curie, Max Planck, Albert Einstein, or Heisenberg or other quantum revolutionaries. These soft spoken thinkers would over throw the carefully built structure of that time. The bomb throwers of quantum mechanics tossed their quantum grenades into the heart of classical physics, demolishing much and leaving a incomplete mess of isolated core remnants 1.

Why do generals often fight the past wars? Why, does science mutate into a new structure of mutually reinforcing ideas through mortalities attrition instead of via rational persuasion?

The guilty culprits that guard the current fortress of failing laws and rules, are numerous some hidden and black world shrouded, and some is due to natural inertia and human weakness falling into of rear view vision and habits.

A major villain is however the new paradigm cork of secrecy surrounding the visitors to this planet, which is a prime motive and example of reasons for the organized and machinated suppression and postponed admission of an urgently needed new model.

For Skeptics of this claim, examine the derivative effects of the CIA Robertson Panel held in the early 50's, with its mission of debunking all UFO inquiry and creation of a laughter curtain around any discussion of the paradigm busting power of any serious inquiry about lights in the skies or crashes of these same aerial conveyances.

A power of packed ideas, demanding we absorb six dozen impossible things new things to believe before breakfast.

For the UFO corpus, that is so richly loaded with outrageous events and actions forbidden under current models. Every basic quarter of the current model is shattered into a cloud of discarded postulates, axioms or assumptions. .

The speed of light, the existence of telepathy, the evidence for the paranormal, the ability of ETs to simply drift through solid matter like ghosts, taking abductees through, windows. walls and ceilings like hauling ghostly freight. making a mockery of Van Der Waals forces or Coulomb effects.

Such treason as telepathy, which obeys not inverse square laws, and speed limits as 'C' the officially post velocity limit. This outrageous ubiquitous event takes place on a constant basis in close encounters, in the genomic predation or harvest that no president ever wishes to announce.

Such outrages as Remote Viewing a physical impossibility as a viewer takes a knot of perception to a location across the planet did brings back the sensed goods - until congress hearing of such devils nonsense shut it down. and drove it deeper into the black world,, and postponed the need to modify belief in the face of empirical reality.

A truly double scandalous aspect of UFO encounters is the aliens trigger or released memories of abductees memories arriving at this planet via spaceship and as they are sent on a mission of study and survey of this world by incarnating in human flesh.

If them apples and worms, aren't blasphemous enough, to curdle the minds of the hidebound loyalists of existing paradigm, then this next will have atheists yelling drunk and southern Bible thumpers running through the streets naked shouting that Satan rules the universe.

For what will they say when it is revealed not only are souls real things, but a good fraction of the citizens of the galaxy do clone themselves, in some ultra sophisticated technology, and then transplant their souls into the fresh cloned bodies- this being a taboo, wrapped in a wickedness and packaged in shocking sin...

This illustrates that often those without a heavy intellectual investment in the reigning model will find it easier to adjust with less internal mental structure to modify and reorder.

Many academics are mental centipedes propelled on a hundred

coordinated legs and feet mapped to the current paradigm. Upon disclosures storms they will be on some shock replacing the footgear of many shoes and learning how to walk all over again.

This evidence for a new radical paradigm is sequestered in the black secrecy kingdom, and guarded by a phalanx of witting and unwitting journalists, skeptic gun slingers for hire to shoot down any ideas that would allow or admit the increasingly creaking and groaning of the failing current model.

This holding the paradigm line is in part the reason for major news magazines writing such misguided conflations of hoary charges that all abductions are sleep catalepsy and paranormal events the noise level of the brain.

Combine classic inertia, with a major psychological operation of hidden arbiters and mind puppeteers, of those who would delay the public acceptance and emergence of a new radical paradigm and the reasons become clear for current status quo.

This is why the powers that wicked be, continue to hide ET reality and sustain a unique military and strategic advantage.

The cost of the loss of the real truth and the expansion of human empowerment that will take place when the entire human race, finally grapples with a much larger view of who we are and our full human potential

Mindless belief or disbelief is an equal sin - it is rational persuasion of free minds that frightens the secrecy makers.

Vince White

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Ufologists may remember the hullabaloo over Travis Walton's failure to pass a polygraph test regarding his abduction experiences, whereas all but one of his work buddies passed a test that indicated that they did see a "UFO" at the time Walton disappeared. (The test for one worker was considered inconclusive.) Walton's test was administered several days (?) after he reappeared after being gone for 5(?) days. His failure to pass the test was attributed by skeptics to outright lying about the abduction and by 'less skeptical' investigators to the fact that Travis was still very upset over the who event at the time he took the test. Note that many years later (early 1990's) all (?) participants in the Walton event were retested and all passed.

I was not familiar with the January, 2007 case and, in particular I was unfamiliar with the description of 'spikes' coming from an egg-shaped craft. However, the instant I saw it I thought of a photo taken by 'Chip' Holsten of Gulf Breeze. (Note that I did not say Ed Walters.)

On January 8, 1990, oddly enough, almost exactly(?) 17 years before the MUFON case that was on TV, Holsten, in the presence of 7 or more witnesses (including Ed Walters and his wife and the editor of the local newspaper and others) took a picture that has baffled me since I first saw it. The picture shows a distorted oval or 'egg shaped' bright central area with 'bent spikes' protruding outward. You can read the whole story and see that picture (and others taken that night) at

<http://www.brumac.8k.com/GulfBreeze/Jan81990.html>

As you can see from my discussion at that web site, if the spikes images had not been 'bent' I could have imagined that the spike images resulted from the ejection of bright objects from the central object. However, the bends in the spike images are not consistent with the ejection hypothesis.

Whether or not any of the spikes in the two cases discussed in the MUFON show would have appeared bent in a photograph is not known (there were no photographs).

But at least it appears that Chip's photo is no longer lonely.

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>>>Are you sure that wasn't service ceiling at 60,000 feet? My
>>>sources indicated an operational ceiling of 40,000 feet though
>>>obviously that would not be the limit. 60,000 as operational
>>>territory seems a bit out there in the early 60s.

>>If the Lightning's ceiling was only 40,000 I don't think it
>>would ever have made it onto the drawing board, since the main
>>design motivation of the original Ministry of Supply spec was
>>the outstanding success of the English Electric Canberra as a
>>fast high-altitude bomber that they thought could outfly
>>anything in the sky. If the Russians produced an equivalent
>>having its speed and ceiling of 48,000ft we would have no
>>defence, Hence the Pl.a and Pl.b, the second being the
>>essentially finished form of the F1 Lightning and having its
>>first and successful flight on 4.4.57 (coincidentally the very
>>day of the RAF West Freugh radar UFO I mentioned, and - also
>>coincidentally - a famous U2 crash). Almost every source I've
>>found says 60,000+ ceiling for the lightning, even the early
>>versions BTW. The 88,000ft was accomplished in a 1962 vintage
>>F3.

>>I admit I'm a bit foggy about the distinction between
>>"operational" and "service" ceilings, if there is one. I find
>>the terms used interchangeably on aviation forums, i.e. here:

>><http://tinyurl.com/5d53ns>

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>Hi Martin,

>I think we are talking apples and oranges.

>If you look at my remarks above yours, you will see that I said
>that the Lightning's Operational ceiling was at 40,000 feet not
>it's service ceiling. That simply means that it's best
>operational altitude was 40,000 feet. It's service ceiling -
>beyond which it had not been flight tested before being
>released to the RAF and was tested for safe operations - was
>60,000 feet. This was probably because at the time it was not
>thought that such altitude operations would be required.

Hi Don

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Cheers

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Tuesday, October 28, 2008

UFO Group Probes Light Mystery In Erath, Comanche

By Jim Douglas
WFAA-TV
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ERATH COUNTY =97 An investigator with the Mutual UFO Network has traveled to Erath County to talk to dozens of people who all reported seeing unusual lights in the sky last week.

Similar reports in January led to international attention focused on Stephenville, which was previously best known for cowboys and dairy farms.

On video, a Dublin High School senior captured 30 seconds of the lights that were spotted by people across Erath and Comanche counties last Thursday night.

U.S. Air Force officials at the joint reserve base in Fort Worth said seven F-16s were training in the area at about the same time the lights were spotted. Still, there are those who say that doesn't appear to be the answer.

"These don't look like conventional flying lights of any kind," said Jay Miller, an aviation photographer who has snapped hundreds of aircraft from various angles all over the world.

Taking a look at the video, Miller said he doesn't believe the lights depict an F-16.

"I'm not saying this isn't an airplane, but the arrangement [and] color, what have you, isn't what I would consider normal for a fixed-wing plane," he said.

Some witnesses also reported seeing flares.

"I'm very familiar with flares and they would react much differently than this," he said.

Andy Monrreal, who shot the video, said he saw the F-16s, but said that was after he already saw the mystery lights three times. Monrreal said he could also make out a disc-like shape, which some other witnesses also described.

Around the time of the previous sightings in January, the Mutual UFO Network sent a team of investigators to Erath County. In this case, the organization has only sent one investigator.

Although Miller said he is puzzled by the lights, he said they did leave him with one overriding impression.

"They don't look extraterrestrial to me," he said. "They look very much manmade."

{Thanks to Frank Fields for the lead}

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Nuclear Powered Passenger Aircraft

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Subject: Nuclear Powered Passenger Aircraft

<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/environment/article5024190.ece>

This is a story about how nuclear power is being planned as the new means by which aircraft can be powered. It's planned for later in this century but I got to thinking about the propulsion systems in some UFOs that appear to be or have been reported to be advanced aircraft or spacecraft. (notice how I didn't say alien)

In this case we humans would be using nuclear engines but are they safe? Are our experts considering the fact that sometimes planes crash or get shot down?

In regard to UFO crashes, has there been reports of radioactivity? Could we or other governments been developing craft based on nuclear power and when those craft get the gremlins and crash or make emergency landings do we confuse them with UFOs because the military arrives to secure the area?

I'm aware of past attempts, some successfully to use nuclear propulsion in aircraft, seacraft, and space craft so is it safe to use it in commercial craft?

Best,

Greg
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Mornin' Bruce et al,

I'm with you! I too felt it was a good show in general and a
much more palatable production for our subject matter, in
contrast to the reality styled show of UFO Hunters.

I also concur with your assessment re the polygraph test; I
believe if a study were to be done pertaining to polygraphs
utilizing victims of PTS (Post Traumatic Stress), you'd find the
results would be very erratic and inconsistent if given on a
repetitive basis.

Finally, there was a lot of pertinent information left on the
cutting room floor regarding this case (which is the rule with
these documentaries given the time constraints), and it's my
understanding the polygraph was given early in the investigation
(with film crew in tow) rather than later as the show suggests.

In my view, that very action had an effect on the viewer. This
of course is under the control (editing) of the production
company opposed to the investigators.

Cheers,

Frank

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And perhaps that was the eventual operational ceiling but it was
parametered to 40,000 feet for it's best operational specs when
designed and tested.

That's all that means.

The air forces get away with busting operational specifications all of the time.

Not so with commercial and airlines.

But the air forces don't fly commercially and are under war conditions even in peacetime. Usually there's a 10% margin built into the envelopes, or at least most pilots think so, so they might exceed these under certain circumstances.

Structurally, fighters are usually built to withstand more than that pilots can take, are usually unstable for combat purposes but the specifications can be expanded upon once the aircraft gets into the field.

Most modern fighters have computers aboard to keep them airborne. The F-117A would be like flying a grand piano if it wasn't for the 5 OB computers that keep it stable in flight.

Anyway, I think we've vetted the English Electric Lightning's high altitude capabilities.

Best,

Don

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Northern Ontario UFO Research & Study

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NOUFORS - Northern Ontario UFO Research & Study

<http://noufors.com/>

The purpose of the website is to educate the young and old alike on the UFO phenomenon, using clippings from five Northern Ontario newspapers, in both English & French.

The reader will be amazed at the amount of data contained therein, gathered mostly from The Sudbury Star, The Sault Star, The Timmins Daily Press, The Kirkland Lake Northern Daily News and The North Bay Nugget.

After being witness to twenty-three UFO sightings since 1974, and having investigated one landing trace case and two abduction reports, I was compelled to create a website that would inform the public about such things at a time when I was sick and tired of all the debunking that was taking place in the media, especially on so-called UFO documentaries presented on the Discovery channel and other networks.

Other information found on the site consists of the basic knowledge most researchers have on the subject of UFOs and Flying Saucers. Everything from genuine UFO photos to UFO occupant sketches - Close Encounters of the Third Kind.

Some of the things you will find on this site are being presented here for the first time, in as simple a manner as I can present it. For instance, I created a page entitled How To Identify Ufos In Thirty Minutes Or Less! I give a breakdown of all the characteristics to look for when trying to separate a UFO sighting from the sighting of a man-made or celestial object. Below that, I list all the atmospheric or celestial phenomena that have been used to explain away UFO sightings... or have been mistaken for UFO sightings.

I also wanted to present the physical evidence... everything from mutilated animals to unusual effects found on the environment and physiological effects suffered by the eyewitnesses themselves... basically demonstrating the physical reality of Unidentified Flying Objects and Flying Saucers and how important it is to investigate these reports and bring them to the forefront instead of sweeping them under the rug!

Thank you,

Michel M. Deschamps

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[Video at site]

Texas Men Claim To Spot UFO

Two Austin, Texas men believe they saw a UFO flying over Austin in October.

They said they have the videotape to prove it.

Carl Lancaster and Doug McCullough were both outside their apartments on Oct. 8 around 9 p.m. when they both saw three bright lights.

Lancaster said he saw a red light and two white lights that flew in a zigzag pattern across the sky.

"It was just incredible and just unexplainable," said Lancaster. "The lights flew on top of each other and then side by side."

McCullough captured the mysterious lights on his home video camera.

"We've got proof," said McCullough. "It's great to finally capture something on video."

Lancaster started waving at the lights, and he said they responded to him by flying on top of each other and then side by side.

"It was a UFO," said Lancaster. "E.T. probably!"

Torvald Hessel, Austin Planetarium's Executive Director, closely examined Lancaster and McCullough's video.

He pointed out the lights made a zigzag pattern across the power poles.

"Shooting star, meteorite," said Hessel. "It's possible, but I wouldn't be able to explain the zigzag movement."

Hessel watched the video twice and even watched it frame by frame to examine what looked like two lights on top of each other.

He said the lights could have been from an airplane or helicopter, although he said that was unlikely.

"It's obviously two lights, which is interesting," said Hessel. "No idea what it is, probably not aliens over Austin."

Just recently in Stephenville, Texas, high school student Andy Monrreal was hanging out with friends when he also recorded what looked like a UFO.

"You could see the oval shape," said Monrreal. "Got my friend, I said 'dude, you got to come look at this.'"

Meanwhile, Austin Bergstrom International Airport officials said they had no reports of any mysterious objects flying over the city the night Lancaster and McCullough saw their UFOs, but Lancaster and McCullough said they have all the proof they need.

"When I see one, I'll believe it," said Lancaster. "I saw not one, not two, but possibly three that night."

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Who Really Prevents Disclosure?

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October 29, 2008

Who Really Prevents Disclosure?
By Glenn Gould

Motivations

In determining the motivations for the continuing secrecy about their extraterrestrial associations, it is easy for us to assign human governmental and corporate participants that of greed and power lust. But how should we interpret the silence of our visitors themselves? What particular insight do we have into extraterrestrial behavior that might give us some idea of their ulterior motives for associating with our planet through such a continuous, clandestine and covert manner? While the obvious duplicity and deceitfulness of our own governments and corporations does not surprise us, the fact that our visitors choose to associate with us only through them may be an indication of either their perceptive abilities in general or their ulterior motives.

We Have Never Been Alone

Researchers and students of alien intervention in human history have developed evidence that the visitors are not strangers to this planet. It may be that these alien visitors are our ancestors or progenitors[1]. The Vatican=B4s chief astronomer, Father Jose Gabriel Funes[2], has suggested that the visitors are simply our brothers. Regardless of our familiar relationship, we must assume that the visitors know more about human behavior than their seemingly innocent and naive choice of diplomatic liaison may suggest.

Are we to assume that an advanced civilization has stumbled upon earth, and has, as part of its normal scientific protocols, revealed itself to the ruling classes of this variegated planet, and has passed revolutionary scientific and technological materiel to the reigning super-powers? Has the same advanced species that guided our evolution from Neolithic times decided to ally itself with the military industrial complex in an act of good faith and honesty? Was it simply bested by our political shenanigans? Are we to believe that now this alien benefactor is having difficulty extricating itself from these relationships and agreements, and only wishes to make itself known to the good people of earth? Is all that is standing in its way merely the entrenched and violent human leaders of this planet?

Perhaps we should rather assume that this secrecy is, by implication, attributable to the visitors themselves, and that their true motives and designs for this planet may be at least as unpalatable as those of their local tetrarchs to date in this

truth embargo. For even an imbecilic marketing major could, with appropriate technology, inundate our planet, through its ubiquitous communication channels and resources, with the simple truth that they are here and are our friends[3]. Our visitor=B4s silence may rather be indicative of the true nature of their advances.

We are relatively certain that there are a number of species of non-ordinary sentient life form visiting, or showing up, on earth today. These people are technologically superior to ordinary humans. We perceive that they have been involved with the human condition as far back as we can see, and we find that some of these species have had a hand in our creation[4]. We can also perceive the hand of these people in the development of our social norms, governments, value systems, science and ethics. Acknowledging the persistent presence of these people clarifies a number of mysteries on our planet and in our history.

These people, or similar types, were involved with the ancients and were most likely responsible for the very early and advanced cultures of Sumer, Akkad, Assyria and possibly Egypt[5]. It was their presence on earth that gave us legends of Mu, Atlantis, Lemuria and Shangri-La =96 the utopian dreams. Societal divisions and religious development of seven millennia are traceable to these people and thus the entire path of human evolution and cultural divergence are in no small part the long work and practice of these people.

Seeing that we have cooperatively made such a mess of this beautiful place already, that their life=B4s work seems to have actually been to change and modify our species into the life forms which do precisely what we do here today, what can be said of the motivations of these people=B4s continuous presence on our planet and their history of relationship with the powers that be?

Reducing the level of confusion and contradiction as much as possible, let us look at a few things in a simplistic manner, taking a very straight forward look at the possible motivations which present themselves in consideration of our guests (or, hosts).

The EBEs which have been prominent in the last three generations are either associated with the more ancient types or they are not. They are either the same ones or descendants of the ones here long ago or they are a group or groups who are not associated with our past. In the latter case, these dozen or more alien species may have simply stumbled upon our wonderful planet, and set to work as they each saw fit upon their several agendas. However, in the former case, current events may be seen as a planned continuation of their purposes from time immemorial.

The preponderance of testimony is that contemporary visitors are an extension of the early missions to earth, and thus, their actions, and perhaps motivations, are relatively easy to assess. Determining the motivation of visitors who are relative new comers may be more complicated, or we may find them to be antithetical to the regime of the previous groups. In fact, Billy Meier=B4s visitors indicated that, indeed, some visitors are now resisting other visitors and that this relationship is actually quite precarious[6]. In any event we may construe continuity between ancient and contemporary visitations and that therefore some cohesion of mission parameters most probably exists, even if some added agency is now involved which complicates the original intention.

By implication, this means that the overall course and direction of human history and its development has been and is being monitored, if not controlled, by our visitors. The litany of tragedy is not some accidental series of unfortunate events, but is a well orchestrated and choreographed performance here on earth. In light of what has happened over the course of human history, perhaps the motives of the visitors can be discerned from a review of the topology of our past.

Modern Man =96 Homo Technicus

First consider our unique human position on the earth. We do not fit neatly into any organic ecological system, nor do we act within the natural biological balance. We seem to be the only

animal that has evolved so far beyond the ability of the environment to withstand that we threaten the entire planet. We seem to be bent on erasing this natural environment and covering the planet's surface with structures or wastelands.

We are highly technological and depend on this technology to sustain us in a naturally hostile environment. We have the technology to destroy our world. Most of the technological advances we have made are related to our ability and propensity for war, or are the result of our innate belligerence. It is this technological bias that has driven us to evolve into the species we are today. We serve as our own natural selection mechanism.

Second, civilizations mysteriously appeared at the onset of recorded history. We continued to build and maintain elaborate civilizations based on hierarchies that have been relatively consistent throughout our history. We, as do many mammals, waive our right to be self-directing, in favor of giving power to some king or leader, following this person or group wherever they choose to take us. These individuals, groups and movements divide us along cultural, national and religious boundaries.

Symbolism and written language seem to have been attendant at the birth of civilization. Our ability to think abstractly gives us our inexplicable predisposition toward faith. This feature underlies and enables all our civilizations and financial systems. It is even quite possible that this is a genetic feature of humanity[7].

Third, we have established faith based monetary and financial systems that depend solely on our ability to conceptualize and use symbolism to place value on abstract concepts or inanimate objects. We believe that there will always be the rich and the poor, those that have and those that have not. There will always be those who seek to gather everything they can, and those who seek to gather anything they can. Our civilizations depend on those that have little forever being servant to those who have more.

We humans are clearly a non sequitur species on this planet. The condition we find ourselves in is not one that follows the natural evolutionary processes[8].

Keeping Secrets

When considering the keepers of the secrets of extraterrestrial involvement on earth, it is easy to be caught in the bow wave of anger directed against the United States and its military industrial complex. It should however be noted that there is at least one other significant party to the deception and obfuscation: the EBEs themselves.

It is relatively easy to understand why governments wish to keep this truth embargo in place. With it, the powers that be, as they are known in some circles, retain their grasp. Or on the other hand, those in control may feel that they are actually preserving our way of life, or our lives in general from the horrors of the actual ET agenda.

Whichever may be the case, it is clear that the ETs are cooperating more with the political diplomats maintaining the embargo than with the exopolitical diplomats working for a full disclosure. And since that estimate is based on empirical evidence, one must wonder why the visitors support the continued establishment controlled cover-up.

Assuming that the ETs are technologically powerful, and able to not only monitor but also edit or create media information on our planet, one might wonder why they have not broken the embargo and sent the world a message. The actions of the visitors are anything but invisible.

Communications with individuals abound in the literature. There seems to be no limit to the information which is passed to individuals on what seems to be a random basis. With some exceptions, there is a great deal of similarity in the testimonies of these people who claim to have had contact with EBEs. After the poking and prodding sessions conclude, there is an overwhelming level of concern for the environment of the planet and the condition of the spiritual awareness of the

individual conveyed by the visitors. Both these topics are undoubtedly of fundamental priority and inestimably important, but there seems to be some disconnect between this message and the fact that these witnesses are usually kidnapped and exposed to traumatic levels of personal violation at the time of the briefings. Further testimony by others, including Werner Von Braun, indicate that the EBEs had some significant contact with the Nazis, or had at least some technology transfer at the time, whether intentional or =B4accidental=B4. Could there be some contradiction here, or is our concept of =B4spiritual condition=B4 at odds with the EBE=B4s version?

Alleged UN and governmental meetings =96 between Eisenhower and others, particularly in association with the MJ12 participants =96 are particularly significant. Such high level meetings, conducted in secret, not publicized at the time and classified above top secret, which effect every person on the planet, seem to have been handled improperly in so far as the EBE anxiety for the general population=B4s spiritual awareness is concerned. In dealing with the leadership of earth, EBEs seem to be missing a fundamental point =96 humans want to be in charge of earth. How could EBEs make such an obvious mistake in opening up to the powers that be? Did they think for an instant that those in control would find this reality comforting and pass it on to the people of earth?

In fact, there is a continuity here that is perhaps unnoticed at times. For the entire history of modern human civilization, there has always been the sacred and the profane, the open and the secret things, that have been part of religions on earth for many millennia. Priests and prophets on the knowing side, and the people on the other. Secret societies and fraternal orders. Knowledge is power and keeping the power is of prime importance. So perhaps the =B4spiritual awareness=B4 inculcated by the EBEs is a continuation of the awareness of the few practiced on earth since the beginning, and forms a basis for elite dominion in general.

While the EBEs may be closed mouthed about things, it is impossible to hide their actions, both in the past and today. There have been many overt and overwhelmingly noteworthy sightings of UFOs over the years. In July of 1952 a small group of vehicles swarmed the nations capital in Washington[9]. In recent times, the Phoenix Lights, Chicago O=B4Hare Airport and the Stephenville Texas sightings garnered worldwide attention. None of these supposed sightings ended in any significant revelation, but only inspired more secrecy and confusion. There has been no "Take Me To Your Leader" event, simply because that meeting has already occurred. Our governments and those in power have no question as to the message of the EBEs.

Messages to the common human through the media infrastructure are present, if confused. These messages hint at the agenda, or agendas, of our visitors. Again an environmental and spiritual emphasis is found in those communications. Claims have been made that EBEs have seeded the thoughts of mankind for years through the entertainment mediums. Many have subscribe to the notion[10] that through fiction and entertainment, the masses can be exposed to otherwise frightening concepts and through gradual release can be made ready to accept the bigger messages which must come only when the civilization is ready to accept it without a high level of fear and denial. While our visitors claim using this method of indoctrination, our government[11] calls it "camouflage through limited disclosure".

Crop circles are taken as communication from the EBEs and, it is believed, offer some kind of message, if these cereoglyphs have meaning. A recent Barbury Castle[12], England circle actually described Pi to the tenth decimal place, but this is a message we have already received some time ago. In general, crop circles have been awarded the dubious distinction of being a form of communication which can be fabricated by both human and non-human entities.

In light of the controlling nature of the current political environment, perhaps communication is restricted from the EBEs due to our own propensity for fabrication and duplicity. False flag operations are a staple in the geopolitical landscape and have been for many generations. Modern operations in major world

cities dwarf previous ploys in their depth of depravity, justifying these deeds by the noble and needful end results achieved. In fascist and militaristic cultures, and in "free" societies, these activities are essential for large-scale paradigm adjustment. Obfuscation and camouflage are classic counterintelligence operations.

Apparently both our governments, the human and the ETs, seem to feel that secrecy and obfuscation are essential to this relationship. Philip Corso indicated that the first response by Truman's Working Group on the events surrounding ET presence was to build a government within a government[13]. It was felt that the only way to keep the information secret regarding the Roswell event and the subsequent work of the defense department on reverse engineering the technology found there was to keep it secret even from ourselves. Over time, the original working group fell apart due to "a power struggle", according to Corso, and the compartmentalized groups doing the work on particular projects operated "as if some super intelligence group was still in command." [14] The individual agencies were operating "on blind faith that they were being managed by higher-ups." But if indeed the working group ceased to function as the managing agency of the information flow and the enforcer of the continuing cover-up, how did this condition continue without program guidance? The answer was in the creation of a government within a government: a coterie of individuals who were not answerable to any president or elected government agency. It was in essence, the Invisible Government, and our then elected president and his officers knowingly created it.

Essentially, hands we do not see govern us.

Determining Motive at the Scene of a Crime

Television has given most people an insight into the operations of crime scene investigators and how they solve crimes, based on forensic evidence. For example, a body is found on the street, shot. Perhaps the signs of a brief and futile struggle are evident. Looking for identification on the body proves to be futile, since no wallet or purse is found near the area. Searching the area, looking in trashcans nearby, a wallet is found, devoid of money and credit cards, but containing the driver's license of Mr. John Doe, and the photo appears to match the features of the victim. In all probability, the deceased is Mr. Doe and he was most probably mugged, killed for money. The motive, discerned by the evidence at the scene of the crime, appears to have been money.

Looking at AI (Alien Intervention) as if it were a crime, an investigator might arrive at some idea of a possible motive for the action. With a long history of association, it is determined that the victims (us) are quite familiar with the perpetrators (aliens). There are traces of this relationship in every culture on earth, from the oldest recorded histories of every race, or ethnic clade.

It appears that the suspects had a central hand in the origination of most civilizations, at least, and perhaps are even responsible for the perverted evolution of the entire species. This seems to be similar in scope to many child kidnappings, where the aggrieved parent has no qualms in kidnapping the child from the awful "other parent" or custodian.

There is also an offer of some kind made to the victims, and this offer is usually either some kind of technology which appears to give advantage to the victim, or some kind of spiritual enlightenment, offered specially to the victims, upon their acceptance of a continued relationship in both cases. The crime begins to take on the aura of a confidence scam, or a bait and switch, Three-Card-Monty scam. As is normal for these confidence scams, obfuscation and diversion is key in keeping the deceit going to its fruition.

There are a host of bodies, and missing persons associated with the crimes. In fact, whole civilizations seem to have vanished from the face of the earth. There are stories of global annihilations that pervade all the literature of the ancients. This confidence scam with a kidnapping has turned into a homicide.

As details emerge, the investigation turns up accomplices. A

conspiracy is revealed that is classic in most high crimes. But as in most high crimes, not all the perpetrators can keep secrets. Our shadow government seems to have been accessory to the crimes of the aliens, at least for the last three generations. Under interrogation, the story emerges only with great difficulty, and it seems to change from one session to the next.

The perpetrator is armed and dangerous. Government insiders, members of the military in high places, feel that the visitors are hostile and have taken actions to counter the assault they feel is imminent upon humanity. What remains of our visible government is valiantly trying to protect us, as they promised they would.

The perpetrators have actually taken over territory in our area and appear to be sustaining a long-term occupation. Under the sea and the land and on nearby bodies in space, evidence of their presence is monitored. Billions, if not trillions, have been spent on our security from this hostile visitor.

Most aggravating of all is the perpetrator=B4s ability to flee and evade capture at will. Only isolated conspirators are captured, their dark associates in the cabal taking custody of them. Most of those captured suffer, as did Lee Harvey Oswald.

It seems in fact that the perpetrators themselves are influencing the entire investigation. Investigators and agents operate under an unknown authority that seems bent on keeping the crime from the general public, attempting to demean details and witnesses. And since the criminals are in charge of the investigation, there will be no further investigation =96 case closed.

We have difficulty in establishing motives for known high crimes and misdemeanors. We see these convoluted and serpentine crimes in the news and have wondered about them since the assignation of JFK. How could our own government do such things? What fox is watching this henhouse, anyway? Exacerbated, we attribute their motives to control, power.

If the EBES are indeed our progenitors, could we not assume some familiar relationship in motive on their part as well? Could there be some similarity in our mutual behavior, some inherited propensity? Are we not acting exactly as designed?

Summary

The Paradigm Research Group is organizing a Million Fax on Washington which is designed to put pressure on the president elect to make substantive efforts for disclosing all the pertinent information the government has on the subject of ETI. On the day following the determination of the next president of the US, the goal is to have one million faxes and letters delivered in mass to the person appointed. Just how effective this might be remains to be seen, but the probability is that the person, whoever it may be, will be as unable to open the floodgates of disclosure as anyone else has been in the last three generations. The keepers of the information will allow it when they are ready.

Looking at the history of alien intervention on this planet, and taking many stories and angles on the data into account, it is easy to see that a powerful and persistent hand has been manipulating the situation for a very long time. While it is true that humans have assisted this covert operation, we are but short-lived humans, and the operation continues to this day. The only party that remains consistent, in the effort to keep secret the intervention in human affairs, is the alien interlopers themselves.

With their technological advantage and the proliferation of communication mediums on this planet, our alien friends could easily announce their presence to us and never expose themselves to the hostility that currently pervades our government=B4s relationship with them. With their undeniable tactical advantage, they could land in mass at the UN and reveal themselves to all the nations of the earth, keeping the armed forces at bay with the fully licensed versions of the hardware we use against them today.

By appearing in some peaceful manner, by not returning evil for evil, by a non-destructive resistance to our sure to be violent reaction to their appearance, the alien delegation would prove their peaceful intent, their altruistic mission, to the general public.

Claiming some kind of non-interference ethic is a red herring, since their ongoing interference is a given condition on this planet. Visual sightings, abductions, implants, missing persons, and crop circles and cattle mutilations =96 the list is almost endless. There is no reason to wear the mask any longer, unless of course taking off the mask would reveal more than we would care to know.

Participate with the Million Fax on Washington =96 hope for the best. But nothing prohibits the Interlopers from acknowledging their persistent presence on earth today, regardless of the results of the presidential appointment to come.

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'Star Of Bethlehem' UFO Spotted

From: **Franklin D. Fields** <fields.nul>
Date: Thu, 30 Oct 2008 10:07:24 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Thu, 30 Oct 2008 17:27:51 -0400
Subject: 'Star Of Bethlehem' UFO Spotted

This article depicts a craft that was very similar to the one covered in the History Channel's UFO Hunter season premier last night. The article states, a "huge star in the shape of a triangle, with three round balls on the corners."

<http://tinyurl.com/689b61>

Frank

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Brookhaven/Southaven Park Incident

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Thu, 30 Oct 2008 20:03:03 +0000
Archived: Thu, 30 Oct 2008 17:32:33 -0400
Subject: Brookhaven/Southaven Park Incident

Confession regarding the November 22, 1992 Brookhaven, NY incident.

I was there, just a mile or so away, when something crashed. We were out looking for my friend's runaway dog. I was staying with this friend for the Thanksgiving holiday. It was very cold and we were concerned the dog would be out all night.

Suddenly, there was a flash over to our left as we were headed down one of the back roads going towards Southaven Park. We joked that it was probably a "UFO". It was an insider's comment because no local believed the Grumman facility had really shut down. People were still seeing exotic aircraft flying in their skies.

We came up to the entrance to the park, but were blocked from entering by at least two fire trucks - without any lights on, flashing or otherwise. The only lights on were our car lights. We were being waved off by a fireman in full dress. I wanted to stop and ask what was going on, but the fireman was adamant that we move on.

A year or so later, a co-worker was sharing with me that someone he had graduated with from a Stockton, CA high school had died in an experimental plane crash in New York over the 1992 Thanksgiving holiday. He was pissed over the fact that his friend was killed but news of the first African-American test pilot would have to remain secret because the test was top-secret. The only way this information got out was because the co-worker knew members of the pilot's family. My co-worker thought it was interesting that I had quite probably witnessed the craft going into its crash mode.

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More UFO sightings In Erath County

From: **Franklin D. Fields** <fields.nul>
Date: Thu, 30 Oct 2008 16:12:04 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Thu, 30 Oct 2008 17:34:52 -0400
Subject: More UFO sightings In Erath County

More lights seen last night in Texas. So many people saw it they
are putting a plane in the air to try to get video tonight.
Local news clip at:

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GOP's Last Hope - Podesta?

By Billy Cox

With John McCain's campaign losing altitude and clipping the treetops in battleground states, there's still a last-gasp card he can play to try to convince voters that Barack Obama has surrounded himself with space cadets - John Podesta.

Podesta, the Clinton White House chief of staff who went on to establish the Center for American Progress think tank in Washington, is now the director of the Obama transition team. This matters because Podesta - who celebrated his 50th birthday with an "X-Files" party - held press conferences in 2002 and 2003 calling for the federal declassification of UFO data - at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R2Sz-MgoFos>

And, as he later told the Las Vegas Journal, "I think it's time to open the books on questions that have remained in the dark on the question of government investigations of UFOs."

Although Podesta has yet to return De Void's phone calls for clarification, he clearly remains engaged by this issue. Last year, after journalist Leslie Kean won a U.S. District Court victory to force NASA to review and declassify documents relating to the so-called Kecksburg Incident in 1965, Podesta applauded the ruling:

"The time to pull the curtain back on this incident is long overdue. Leslie Kean's victory is a triumph for open government and the spirit of inquiry."

McCain's staffers can nose around for more UFO slag on Podesta at:

http://www.presidentialufo.com/john_podesta.htm

That's where they can glean insights from the likes of former Clinton press secretary Mike McCurry, who told The Washington Post: "John can get totally maniacal and phobic on certain subjects. He's been known to pick up the phone and call the Air Force and ask them what's going on in Area 51."

If the McCain-Palin team can accuse Obama of "palling around with terrorists," then charging the Illinois senator with "putting a UFO conspiracy nut in the White House" seems a logical extension. Nevermind that McCain also harbors an interest in UFOs:

<http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=-4686586251683588658>

what voters don't know won't hurt 'em.

With a week to go before the election, McCain has nothing to lose. When your back's up against the wall, you toss whatever you can get your hands on at it. You never know what'll stick.

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Podesta Heads Obama Transition Team

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As Voting Begins, Obama Plans Transition To The White House

Veteran of Clinton era is given task of arranging smooth
changeover between election and inauguration

By Leonard Doyle in Washington

A transition team has been working in secrecy in Washington,
preparing the ground for a smooth ascent to power by Barack
Obama, should he be elected next Tuesday.

John Podesta, a former chief of staff to Bill Clinton, is
heading the team and has been tasked with supplying names which
are being vetted for a high level of security clearance by the
FBI and the Department of Homeland Security, for inclusion in a
new Democratic administration. Secrecy surrounding the
arrangements governing the 11-week transition from election to
inauguration is such that it is described as "a black box" by
one individual familiar with the arrangements.

Mr Podesta, who is also the head of a Washington-based think-
tank, the Centre for American Progress, has already distributed
a 26-page document to top campaign aides. It describes in fine
detail everything the last five presidents did on each day of
the transition period from election day to the inauguration on
20 January 2009. Democrats are anxious to avoid a repeat of the
Bill Clinton transition in 1992 which did not begin properly
until after the election and resulted in a difficult first 100
days.

John McCain has been mocking his opponent for prematurely
engaging in a "victory lap", after reports emerged that a draft
speech has already been written by Mr Podesta for his
inauguration. But Mr McCain also has a transition team in place
which is led by the former Navy secretary John Lehman.

Whoever becomes president will face an unprecedented set of
challenges ranging from containing the fallout from the global
economic mayhem to the war in Iraq, halting Iran's race for
nuclear weapons, and the increasingly worrying situation in
Afghanistan and Pakistan. All that is without an unexpected
domestic crisis rearing up.

Democrats worry also that George Bush could use the transition
period to try to secure his own legacy by handcuffing his
successor with policy changes forced through by executive order.
Political appointees considered ideologically questionable by
Democrats are also "burrowing in" to secure career appointments
in the federal bureaucracy. Among those lining up to secure
high-profile jobs in an Obama administration are many dinosaurs

familiar from Bill Clinton's second term, including Mr Podesta himself, and Madeleine Albright, the former secretary of state.

But there is also much to suggest that Mr Obama wants a fresh start. For the past two years he has been surrounded by a tightly knit group of advisers. These include Mark Lippert, his longest-serving foreign policy adviser, who is also an Iraq war veteran. Though hardly a household name, diplomats do not discount the possibility that Mr Lippert could emerge at the head of Mr Obama's team of 300 foreign affairs advisers to be named secretary of state.

As Washington indulges in a frenzy of rumour about the make-up and policies of a possible Obama administration, hot off the presses comes Changing America, a 50-chapter book by Mr Podesta advising the Illinois senator how to run a new Democratic administration.

Mr Obama might ignore Mr Podesta's detailed departmental suggestions, but he and his aides are expected to give serious consideration to many of them. Some indication of Mr Obama's priorities for government came in an answer he gave during the final presidential debate. Asked what sacrifices he would expect of Americans to get the country moving, Mr Obama cited reform of energy consumption. With an economic hurricane battering the country, plans for health care reform may have to make way for keeping people in their homes.

Mr Podesta created the Centre for American Progress think-tank just over four years ago to provide an antidote to the Heritage Foundation, the conservative intellectual powerhouse of the right. Today it has 150 staff and spends more than \$25m a year.

Jennifer Palmieri, another former Clinton White House official and now spokeswoman for the centre, describes the organisation as a Democratic "government in waiting". But she expects it to speak out if it disagrees with an Obama administration.

"There will be times we will be an irritant," said Ms Palmieri.

Regime change: How past presidents chose their teams

Jimmy Carter Elected 2 November 1976

A stranger to Washington and anxious to avoid the bunker mentality of the Nixon presidency, Jimmy Carter chose his cabinet well before announcing his White House staff. Five weeks after the election, Cyrus Vance was named as secretary of state. By 23 December, Carter had completed his cabinet selections.

Ronald Reagan Elected 4 November 1980

Reagan's team opened the doors to ideologues from the Heritage Foundation who set about instituting the "Reagan Revolution". Led by Reagan's chief of staff in Sacramento, Ed Meese, the transition team filtered nominees through a "kitchen cabinet" of Reagan's California friends. On 22 December, Reagan added a lone black (Samuel Pierce, housing and urban development) and lone woman (Jeane Kirkpatrick, United Nations) to his cabinet.

Bill Clinton Elected 3 November 1992

The Clinton transition was downright chaotic. In 1992, Warren Christopher ran Bill Clinton's drama-filled transition team and his vice-presidential search.

The first few weeks of the Clinton administration were packed with crises, starting with the nomination of Zoe Baird as his Attorney General. It turned out she had hired two illegal immigrants to work in her home and not paid social security taxes.

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Skeptics, Debunkers And Believers
by Mac Tonnies

Followers of the search for extraterrestrial intelligence =96 whether 'mainstream' exobiology or the marginal exploits of 'ufology' - are routinely confronted with three terms that quietly challenge assumptions of reality: "skeptic", "debunker" and "believer". In the storm of claims, hypotheses and accusations that define esoteric research, these labels are routinely misused. I'd like to take this opportunity to look a bit closer at these emotionally charged words in order to see what they really mean, and how they sculpt the epistemological landscape. (I suspect that most readers versed in 'forbidden science' secretly know all of this already, but the public arena incessantly distorts definitions to suit its own politics; consequently, one rarely sees 'skeptic', 'debunker' or 'believer' used in proper context.)

1.) Skeptics

Skeptics are thinkers. Skeptics neither debunk nor believe - unless they are able to establish that a given phenomenon deserves to be debunked. 'Belief' is not a luxury the true skeptic can afford; the mechanics of skeptical thought are rooted in probability and open-mindedness. Being a skeptic requires courage and intellectual flexibility. What looks like a neat idea may turn out to be unsubstantiated nonsense; conversely, it might be the real thing.

2.) Debunkers

Debunkers comprise the most virulent of contemporary self-described "skeptics". There is nothing inherently unsound about debunking, contrary to the many appeals on behalf of the 'pro' side of any given paranormal controversy. But in order to debunk, the subject being debunked must be bunk.

The term 'debunker' is often taken as a negative word, perhaps best personified by orangutan scientist-theologian Dr. Zaius in Planet Of The Apes. But there's nothing wrong with being a debunker as long as the debunker can back up his or her claims. Of course, this doesn't mean that some commentators won't abuse the urge to debunk - usually in the name of 'skepticism'. For example, astronomer Donald Menzel 'debunked' countless UFO sightings based on his scientifically baseless conviction that there could be no such thing as an alien craft in Earth's airspace. Veteran ufologist Philip Klass continued in Menzel's role, correctly debunking many spurious UFO reports but erroneously 'debunking' others. This is inevitable, as Klass' self-stated maxim was that all UFO reports can be attributed to

prosaic causes.

3.) Believers

Along with faux-debunkers, believers are the most significant fetter to open-minded inquiry. Believers have no pressing need for facts; a few vague correlations or anonymous 'insider' remarks will suffice. Believers typically revolve around the notion that great shifts in scientific thought are usually initiated by lone eccentrics whose genius is often recognized only posthumously. Thus, their being branded as "cranks" by the mainstream is flaunted as a badge of honor, as if identifying them as architects of the Next Great Paradigm.

While genuine pioneers are indeed often derided in their time, this is no promise that today's 'crackpot' theory will be vindicated. However, this doesn't faze believers. Nothing fazes believers. True believers will weave contradictory evidence into their own models of reality, rationalizing it with arcane philosophical acrobatics. (Try wrapping your mind around the schizophrenic cosmos conceived by Christian Fundamentalists and 'Creation Scientists'.)

We should all strive to be skeptics. But that means taking a hard look at the principles of skepticism as relayed by the mainstream skeptical community (whose output is as flawed by what it doesn't present as believer-oriented media is flawed by its credulity).

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Reconstructing ETs: Lessons From A Neanderthal

By Douglas A. Vakoch
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SETI scientists and astrobiologists share a common challenge:
they are limited in the amount of observational data they can
gather to test their theories.

SETI researchers are separated from potential interlocutors by
the vast distances between stars. Geologists studying other
planets and moons within our solar system face a similar
challenge, exploring other worlds through the proxy of
spacecraft.

Clinging to Observations

But even when we can go to other worlds, the amount of
information we can gather is seriously limited. The wildly
successful Mars Exploration Rovers have each covered only a few
miles of terrain in over four years of travel on Mars, amounting
to a tiny fraction of the planet's surface. Consequently,
conclusions built on observations at these locations should be
extrapolated to other regions with caution.

A vivid reminder of the limitations of such "local knowledge"
comes from NASA's Phoenix Mars Lander, now exploring the North
Plains of Mars, an arctic region with unique conditions. Early
in the Phoenix mission, scientists encountered unexpected
challenges in analyzing soil samples at this polar landing site,
where soil "clumps" so readily it's difficult to get into the
ovens designed to analyze the soil's chemical composition. Based
on previously available observations, there was no hint that
arctic soil on Mars would be "clinky."

Fragmentary Evidence

As we move from understanding extraterrestrial geology to
understanding extraterrestrial cultures, additional challenges
arise. By the nature of the instrumentation we use to process
signals during SETI observations, we may well be able to detect
distinctly artificial signals without being able to extract any
information-rich messages embedded within the signals. We could
know that extraterrestrials are out there, but have no direct
way of knowing much about them.

In a sense, we are faced with challenges akin to those of

anthropologists who reconstruct extinct species from fragmentary evidence. Like SETI scientists, anthropologists are looking for evidence of other forms of intelligence, and in the best case scenario, they have only a fraction of the observational data they would like. What lessons might SETI scientists learn from them?

A Half-stooping Slouch

Consider for a moment the challenges anthropologists faced in reconstructing *Homo neanderthalis*, first discovered near D=FCsseldorf, Germany, in 1856. By the early twentieth century, it was widely held that these now extinct hominids were brutish in form. For example, in 1924 G. Elliot Smith described an "uncouth and repellant Neanderthal man" in his book *The Evolution of Man*: "His short, thick-set, and coarsely built body was carried in a half-stooping slouch upon short, powerful, and half-flexed legs of peculiarly ungraceful form."

A few years earlier, Henry Fairfield Osborn included illustrations of stooped Neanderthals in various editions of his book *Men of the Old Stone Age*, where he said that Neanderthals had "knees habitually bent forward without the power of straightening the joint or of standing fully erect," and that their hands were deficient in fine motor control, lacking "the delicate play between the thumb and fingers characteristic of modern races."

A Thoroughly Unattractive Fellow?

Similarly, William Straus and A. J. E. Cave, in their 1957 article "Pathology and Posture of Neanderthal Man," described the stereotype of Neanderthals in the mid-twentieth century as follows:

"Neanderthal man is commonly pictured as but incompletely erect; as an almost hunchbacked creature with head thrust forward, knees habitually bent.... According to this view, he was a thoroughly unattractive fellow who was but imperfectly adapted to the upright, bipedal posture and locomotion characteristics of the modern type of man."

There's only one problem. Anthropologists now believe Neanderthals walked upright.

The turning point came with the article by Straus and Cave just noted. After citing all of the same passages mentioned above that characterize Neanderthals as stooped, they made the compelling case that this stereotype was based on excessive emphasis on one particular Neanderthal.

A Neanderthal who just happened to have arthritis.

Bathed, Shaved, and Dressed in Modern Clothing

Central to this image of Neanderthal as brutish savage was the reconstruction of one especially complete skeleton, found in La Chapelle-aux-Saints, by French anatomist Marcellin Boule. Why did this particular skeleton play such a dominant role in determining our image of Neanderthals, when there were many other remains discovered elsewhere?

The skeletal remains from La Chapelle-aux-Saints, it turns out, included a good sampling of vertebrae=97bones essential to reconstructing a hominid's posture. Given the interest in understanding the gait of early hominids, Boule's specimen was a logical starting point.

And while the Neanderthal from La Chapelle-aux-Saints may have had the stooped posture characteristic of a modern day human with arthritis, other Neanderthals didn't. Moreover, the La Chapelle-aux-Saints Neanderthal didn't look like the Neanderthals in Osborn's book. Rather, Straus and Cave argued, "if he could be reincarnated and placed in a New York subway - provided that he were bathed, shaved, and dressed in modern clothing - it is doubtful whether he would attract any more attention than some of its other denizens."

Compounding the fact that this particular Neanderthal had arthritis, Straus and Cave contended, was the widespread presupposition that Neanderthals were ancestral to all later

hominids, rather than an independent line. Consequently, it would be natural to attribute them with more ape-like characteristics - a trap that many anthropologists fell into.

Mirrors of Our Assumptions

What lessons can SETI researchers gain from the reconstruction of Neanderthal posture?

First, whether sampling Martian soil or analyzing Neanderthal bones, the conclusions we draw will depend on the observational data we have available. If we find a civilization on a planet circling a sun-like star, should we expect that it represents a typical extraterrestrial civilization?

I think not. Rather, we should anticipate that this particular observation - this particular civilization - is influenced by a panoply of biological, cultural, and historical factors that we will only be able to sort out over a long time, if ever.

Finally, recall that early anthropologists were influenced in their reconstructions of Neanderthals by their presupposition that Neanderthals represented a phase of development in the evolution of Homo sapiens. So too should we be careful to guard against imposing our own presuppositions onto extraterrestrial civilizations, making our images of extraterrestrials not so much reflections of their true nature, but rather mirrors of our assumptions.

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