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From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Thu, 01 Jan 2009 07:45:02 -0500
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Subject: 2009

There are some who, optimistically, feel that this new year will bring us closer to understanding the UFO phenomena - a deliberate plural.

The breath is not being held here.

However, to all involved in delving, lets hope that the big reveal happens soon so those things we keep delayed are completed before we leave for the ultimate reality.

A splendid New Year is the wish - for all...

ebk

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From: Michael Christol <spachopr.nul>
Date: Wed, 31 Dec 2008 12:23:26 -0600
Archived: Thu, 01 Jan 2009 07:50:30 -0500
Subject: Re: Anecdotal Cases

>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 30 Dec 2008 21:01:52 -0700
>Subject: Re: Anecdotal Cases [was: Blind Abductees?]

>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 30 Dec 2008 06:00:55 EST
>>Subject: Re: Blind Abductees?

><snip>

>>I suggest that everyone agree to simply stop talking about
>>anecdotal UFO cases. Only the non-anecdotal cases will have any
>>chance of resolving the UFO controversy so why waste time on
>>anything less, why get bogged down with unsatisfactory evidence
>>such as anecdotal reports?

>Brad,

>This is a well-motivated suggestion, but it is probably futile to
>propose that everyone stop talking about anecdotal cases in such
>a come-one-come-all venue. However, given finite resources, I
>agree that it is silly to investigate such cases, to the extent
>that it is even possible to do so. The utility of even tabulating
>them is questionable.

>>And if someone asks what kinds of cases are not "anecdotal", well
>>whoever uses the term "anecdotal" must have some idea what it
>>means and we can discuss it. We can come to an agreement on what
>>kinds of cases should be at the top of the class.

>In the simplest terms, can we not consider a case to be non-
>anecdotal if it includes at least some objective physical
>evidence, above and beyond witness(es) testimony?

>The ensuing question of what constitutes objective physical
>evidence is not trivial, but it need not be answered
>definitively. There would seem to be plenty of categories of such
>evidence whose inclusion would not be in dispute (e.g., actual
>'debris' or artifacts, radar or other sensor data, film imagery,
>thermal effects, EM interference, etc.), all of which are already
>represented, at least ostensibly, in the existing set of cases.

Does anyone ever watch the TV show: "Cold Case?" These cases
"could/should" be handled in the same manner. Surely there is
enough "wealth", if, combined jointly by all serious
researchers, to build or fund an investigative organization such
as this, whose sole purpose is to have legally authorized
investigators, using the latest computer programs, and perhaps
training from a Police Investigative Crime Lab. If this approach
were taken, ufology would gain respect, now lacking in the
scientific community, in my humble opinion

Mike C.

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From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Wed, 31 Dec 2008 13:49:15 -0500
Archived: Thu, 01 Jan 2009 07:51:06 -0500
Subject: Re: Lockheed CEO Knew Of ET Visitors

>From: Dick Hall <dh12.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 31 Dec 2008 10:35:27 -0500
>Subject: Re: Lockheed CEO Knew Of ET Visitors

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 30 Dec 2008 19:51:38 -0000
>>Subject: Re: Lockheed CEO Knew Of ET Visitors

>>>Source: The Examiner - Denver, Colorado, USA

>>><http://tinyurl.com/7zquey>

>>>December 23 2008

>>>CEO Of NASA Contractor Lockheed Knew Of Extraterrestrial UFO
>>>Visitors
>>>by Jeff Peckman

>>>Lockheed Skunk Works former CEO knew the Roswell extraterrestrial
>>>UFO influenced designs of Testor model kits for Roswell UFO
>>>models, and U.S. top secret aircraft. According to a CNI News
>>>report by Colorado resident Michael Lindemann, the design
>>>information was derived from forensic illustrations and
>>>numerous witness testimonies about the Roswell UFO,
>>>provided by William L.'Bill' McDonald.

>>>In an e-mail, dated July 29, 1999, apparently addressed to
>>>Lindemann, McDonald referenced an excerpt of a discussion with
>>>Harold Puthoff, founder of the previously highly classified
>>>U.S. "remote viewing" program. McDonald said:

>><snip>

>>Let's get this straight: According to journalist Jeff Peckman, a
>>man called Michael Lindemann was "apparently" the addressee of a
>>copy of an email from William McDonald to Hal Puthoff in which
>>McDonald claimed that he had been told by one John Andrews that
>>he, Andrews, had been told by Skunk Works CEO Ben Rich on his
>>deathbed that many Lockheed designs were influenced by "the
>>Roswell spacecraft". This is quite a chain of Chinese whispers.

>><snip>

>Without bothering to repeat the whole thread, I agree with
>Martin on this. The story immediately struck me as a hodge-podge
>of insinuation, innuendo, and speculation.

I guess the moral of the story is that extraordinary claims
demand ... fourth-hand testimony.

Sigh,

Jerry Clark

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Re: Ridicule

From: Carol Maltby <carolmaltby.nul>
Date: Wed, 31 Dec 2008 16:11:39 -0500
Archived: Thu, 01 Jan 2009 07:53:23 -0500
Subject: Re: Ridicule

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 29 Dec 2008 16:42:14 -0500
>Subject: Re: Ridicule [was: Blind Abductees?]

>The phenomenon first seemed far-fetched and ridiculous - it was
>being mentioned, for example, in the same breath as sea serpents,
>which for a long time virtually defined the absurd and
>outlandish, in very short order after it appeared on the scene in
>the summer of 1947 - and it was judged to be a passing fad. It
>wasn't. (By August newspaper pieces were asking, "What were
>flying saucers?" Really.) What seemed funny grew disturbing when
>it refused to go away. Not unrelated to this, the ridicule
>escalated. Ridicule became, and remains, a kind of magical
>incantation whose purpose is to drive off a frightening and
>unacceptable unknown. Translated, it means a deafening "Shut up!"

Complicating things are the two UFO sightings in my area this
summer that were reported to NUFORC. They seem to have occurred
within a mile or two of the site of a couple of 19th century sea
serpent sightings.

I guess it depends on whose minotaur is gored.

Carol

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Re: Blind Abductees?

From: **Cathy Reason** <CathyM.nul>
Date: Thu, 1 Jan 2009 03:06:58 -0000
Archived: Thu, 01 Jan 2009 09:00:00 -0500
Subject: Re: Blind Abductees?

>From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
>Date: Sat, 27 Dec 2008 23:50:34 +0000
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Subject: Re: Blind Abductees?

>The problem is that
>the ridicule is caused largely by the barmy ideas promoted by
>many in the UFO 'community' itself.

This does rather presuppose that people are reliable judges of barminess; and from my understanding of human nature (not to mention the history of science), I should think this unlikely. Human beings are not natural individualists, and will tend to judge barminess by whatever standards allow them to conform to their peer group.

>You just have to contrast and
>compare the literature produced by people researching NDEs with
>much of the UFO literature and you will get a very clear
>indication of why ridicule is associated with UFO accounts.

I take this to imply there is a lot of good research done on NDEs. If so, I'd appreciate knowing what it is and where I can find it. Most 'theories' of the NDE seem to me to invoke that old psychological standard, the narrative-constructing homunculus.

Cathy

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King & Hunters

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac.nul>
Date: Thu, 1 Jan 2009 00:59:26 -0500
Archived: Thu, 01 Jan 2009 09:01:00 -0500
Subject: King & Hunters

Happy New Year

2009 will be just fine...

We hope...

I saw both the Larry King show and UFO Hunters (nicely timed so that one followed the other).

It appears that King has a 'passion' for UFO matters, extending way back to 1981(?) or whenever it was that I and several other members of the Fund for UFO Research were on King's radio show.

The show was quite good, I thought, with Bill Nye getting a verbal drubbing from the guests and then both Nye and and Seth Shostak getting a drubbing from Stan Friedman and Jim Fox.

Then UFO Hunters used Jim McDonald's investigations as a starting point for research into Socorro (landing; Zamora, 1964), Heflin (photos; 1965) and the RB47 case (1957).

Good show! Too bad they didn't give Brad Sparks some credit for his research on the RB47 case.

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A Ufological Review Of 2008

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Re: Symbols Of An Alien Sky Parts 1 & 2

From: **Gildas Bourdais** <bourdais.gildas.nul>
Date: Thu, 1 Jan 2009 11:39:18 +0100
Archived: Thu, 01 Jan 2009 09:03:00 -0500
Subject: Re: Symbols Of An Alien Sky Parts 1 & 2

>The following are thoughtful, well researched, crafted and
>thought provoking - of definite interest to those of us who
>have the slightest inkling that 'they' have been with us
>for millennia.

>Discussion is encouraged here, on the List,

>ebk

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>Source: Thunderbolts.Info - Portland, Oregon, USA

>http://www.thunderbolts.info/mmarchives/081210_sas1.htm

>http://www.thunderbolts.info/featured_media.htm#sas2

>December 10th & 24th, 2008

>[Video at both pages]

>Symbols Of An Alien Sky Parts 1 & 2
>by The Thunderbolts Project

>Summary:

>These videos are two ten-minute introductions to a three-hour
>video production presently in development. Other segments, well
>underway, will follow. Here, the underlying themes are:

>* Memories of planetary upheaval in ancient astronomies

>* Monumental civilization: commemorating a prior "age of gods
> and wonders"

>* Why did the first astronomers identify the greatest gods as
> planets towering over the world?

>* Archetypal memories of Doomsday

>* Other archetypes: golden age, primeval sun, mother goddess,
> warrior-hero, chaos monster

>* Most common form of the chaos monster: the cosmic serpent or
> dragon

First, Best wishes to all for 2009 and no more financial
surprises, hopefully.

I find these videos well documented and of good artistic quality.
On the scientific developments, I am not competent to give an
opinion.

Since EBK invites discussion on this theme of ancient visions, I
can say that I made myself some exploration on that fascinating
subject.

I have written a book in French called Visions Celestes, Visions

Cosmiques, published in December 2007, which encompasses the whole history of visions, from ancient myths to present times, including ufology of course, but also modern art and science fiction.

Here is the summary in English - but the book is in French - for those who may be interested:

Book Celestial Visions. Cosmic Visions
by Gildas Bourdais
(French title: Visions celestes. Visions cosmiques)
Editions JMG le temps present, 2007
407 pages, 195 illustrations
ISBN: 2-35185-0117-3

Introduction - The long story of celestial visions

From celestial multitudes to the Supreme Being
Plurality of the worlds: death and rebirth of the idea
The peculiar debate on UFOs

Chapter 1 - Primitive myths and first religions

Strange visions, from the primitive myths to the first religions
Conjectures on the beliefs of prehistorical men
The mysterious and sacred dimensions of myths
Great celestial God, and chamanic visions
Deus Otiosus, the absent God
The Savior God, and the Trickster

The gods of the first religions
The great celestial gods
The generation of the heroic gods
Yahve and the monotheist revolution
The sons of the heavenly God
Solar gods and luminous chariots
Evil God and infernal demons

Otherworldly journeys, and quests for immortality
Ishtar, Gilgamesh: first otherworldly journeys
Men also want to visit the skies

Chapter 2 - Celestial visions of the ancient world

Greek visions, between reason and the irrational
Gods, heroes, and supernatural beings
From the myths to the mystery cults
Mystical philosophers and visionaries

Visions and legends from India and the Far-East
Strange Indian gods
Buddhist visions
Great epics and celestial wars
Celestial visions of the Far-East
Genies, angels and demons
Iran: dualism, archangels, and God of evil

Chapter 3 - Biblical visions

Abraham and Moses, founders of religions
The wave of Jewish prophetism
The visions of Ezekiel
Abductions and prophetic trances
After the Exile, the thwarted hopes of the Hebrews
The Judaic apocalypses
The rise of the angels
Strange visions of Enoch

Chapitre 4 - The emergence of Christianity

From pluralist anxiety to Christianity
Jesus, Son of Man, Son of God
The waiting for the Kingdom of God
The most famous apocalypse

From the end of the Antic world to the triumph of the Christian church
Pessimistic visions in an age of anxiety
Dark visions of the Gnostics and Manicheans
The victory of the Christians

Chapter 5 - Fantastic medieval visions

The religious vision of the world
Angelic and mystical visions

Infernal and fantastic visions
Visions of apocalypse
Otherworldly journeys
Demons, monsters and legends

Islamic and Judaic celestial visions

Chapter 6 - Renaissance and Modern times: the persistence of visions

Strange visions of the Renaissance
The last flames of the Apocalypse
Witches, demons, and other mysteries
Magical Nature, dreams, and utopias

The coming of reason and the persistence of spiritual visions
Baroque visions and God of the philosophers
Persistence of esoteric visions
Similar crises in Protestantism
An exceptional event: Fatima, Portugal, 1917

Chapter 7 - Visions of yesterday and today

The age of science: optimistic visions, pessimistic visions
From pessimism to nihilism
In the XXIeth century, new scientific perspectives

Cosmic visions in Modern Art
A cosmic and spiritual spirit in abstraction
Italian Futurism
Pure forms, and premonitions of the Future
Surrealist visions
Pessimistic visions
The crisis of Contemporary Art
Toward new visions

Chapter 8 - Science-fiction and visions of the Future

The extraterrestrials, seen by science and science-fiction
In science-fiction, the future is not always glowing
In the 20s, the birth of space opera
In the 40s and 50s, the golden age of science-fiction
The fifties: Cold War, atomic scare. S.-F. becomes pessimistic again
The adoption of flying saucers in S.-F.
Starting in the 60s, the brilliant return of space opera
1987: the return of Star Trek
Starting in the 80s, the new wave of invaders, and conspiracy theories
Visions of S.-F. in other countries
In the United States, aliens and abductions again!

Chapter 9 - UFOs: the end of cosmic innocence?

The classical UFO file
1947, the sudden arrival of flying saucers
The letter of General Twining
In spite of official denials, observations continue
The surveillance of nuclear weapons
In France too, there are UFOs!
After 1980, hot files and disturbing rumors
The Roswell controversy
Amplifying disinformation and frightening rumors
The worrying file of cattle mutilations

Stories of abductions: a reality or a mediatic contagion?
Betty and Barney Hill: mythomaniacs or true abductees?
The woodcutter Travis Walton, United States, 1975
Budd Hopkins: missing time, hypnosis and genetic manipulations
The more spiritual approach of Dr Mack

The controversy of ancient astronauts
The flying gods and their curious crafts
Another reading of the Bible
The visions of Ezekiel
Problems of interpretation

Angels, demons, or extraterrestrials?
Upsurge of perils, or messages of peace?

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University Criticised For Dropping UFO Course

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Archived: Thu, 01 Jan 2009 10:05:00 -0500
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<http://www.physorg.com/news149755973.html>

December 29th, 2008

Hong Kong University Criticised For Dropping UFO Course

A UFO group in Hong Kong has condemned the city's largest university for cancelling a course on ufology because, it said, of faculty objections to the subject.

The course was set to begin last September as an optional subject for University of Hong Kong students in a joint project between the university and the Hong Kong Institute of Ufology, local newspaper Apple Daily reported Monday.

The course was delayed and discussions were held on offering it at a later date after some academics expressed reservations about its content, Moon Fong, a committee member of the institute, told AFP.

"Some members of the university's science faculty were concerned that the course would present only the views of the UFO experts," Fong said.

"But we believed that they were just worried about the possibility of ufology becoming a mainstream discipline at the university," she said.

Fong said her institute was disappointed to see the course dropped and said it amounted to a suppression of ufologists, which she said was a common problem at academic institutions overseas.

However, Albert Chau, the university's director of general education, said the cancellation had not been caused by any form of pressure from other faculties.

"Some colleagues suggested that there were different ways to look at the subject. We decided that the suggestion was a good one and that there was a need to reorganise the course," he said.

Chau said that they were still holding discussions with the institute on the course. But he added that he was not sure when or in what form the course would be offered to the university's students.

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Cold War Days Of Innovation & UFOs

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
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Archived: Thu, 01 Jan 2009 10:06:00 -0500
Subject: Cold War Days Of Innovation & UFOs

Source: The Springfield News-Sun - Ohio, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/7g3btu>

Monday, December 22, 2008

Recalling Cold War Days Of Innovation And UFOs
By Andrew McGinn
Staff Writer

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio -- A world war had just ended with the splitting of atoms.

Daring flyboys were going higher and faster than man knew he could go.

New enemies were emerging. New sides were forming.

And then something happened in New Mexico.

In Roswell.

This was the nascent Air Force Donald Rizer served in.

By the time he was initially discharged in 1948, the Springfield resident had gone from feeding cavalry horses at a base in Texas to personally watching Chuck Yeager fly faster than the speed of sound in the California desert.

He went from tinkering on airplanes at Crabill Airport in Springfield to chasing UFOs across the western night sky.

Now 81, Rizer recalls this era of strange new aircraft and stranger new sightings in a video on SpringfieldNewsSun.com.

As someone always interested in aviation, Rizer considers himself lucky that he was sent to Muroc Airfield (now Edwards Air Force Base) in the Mojave Desert in 1946.

There, he became one of the military's first jet mechanics.

"This", he said, "was the place to be."

From rockets to flying wings, Rizer helped put the wild in wild blue yonder.

"In October of '47, when they broke the sound barrier, we all witnessed and knew what had happened," he said. "We were told right then, 'Don't tell anybody.' They didn't want the Russians to know what we could do."

At the start of the Korean War in 1950, Rizer was called back to duty, eventually retiring from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base as the civilian chief of base operations in 1987.

But if watching a man go Mach 1.06 40 years earlier was weird, chasing UFOs was frankly out of this world.

Because of his dealings with the latest in aviation, Rizer was picked to go on UFO search missions in the wake of the alleged spaceship crash at Roswell in July 1947.

Put on alert, he was handed an infrared camera and put on a C-47 whenever a sighting was reported in California.

"They had to take it serious," he said. "People were demanding an answer."

Six decades later, some people are still waiting.

Contact this reporter at (937) 328-0352 or amcginn.nul

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Re: Anecdotal Cases

From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Thu, 1 Jan 2009 08:35:28 EST
Archived: Thu, 01 Jan 2009 10:07:00 -0500
Subject: Re: Anecdotal Cases

>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 30 Dec 2008 21:01:52 -0700
>Subject: Re: Anecdotal Cases [was: Blind Abductees?]

>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 30 Dec 2008 06:00:55 EST
>>Subject: Re: Blind Abductees?

<snip>

>>I suggest that everyone agree to simply stop talking about
>>anecdotal UFO cases. Only the non-anecdotal cases will have any
>>chance of resolving the UFO controversy so why waste time on
>>anything less, why get bogged down with unsatisfactory evidence
>>such as anecdotal reports?

>This is a well-motivated suggestion, but it is probably futile to
>propose that everyone stop talking about anecdotal cases in such
>a come-one-come-all venue. However, given finite resources, I
>agree that it is silly to investigate such cases, to the extent
>that it is even possible to do so. The utility of even tabulating
>them is questionable.

Mike and All,

As long as everyone continues to be obsessed with weak evidence,
no progress will be made. Anecdotal stories are weak evidence. I
will address the definition of "anecdote" below.

>>And if someone asks what kinds of cases are not "anecdotal", well
>>whoever uses the term "anecdotal" must have some idea what it
>>means and we can discuss it. We can come to an agreement on what
>>kinds of cases should be at the top of the class.

>In the simplest terms, can we not consider a case to be non-
>anecdotal if it includes at least some objective physical
>evidence, above and beyond witness(es) testimony?

No, we can't consider the opposite of "anecdotal" to be
"physical evidence." The opposite of anecdotal evidence is
instrumented evidence or scientific data. An anecdote in the
dictionary is a story, and anecdotal refers to unscientific
reports or observations. It is weak evidence of anything, in
many cases non-evidence.

Physical evidence is unintelligent evidence compared to
instrument data. Most physical evidence cases are landing
traces, which tell us nothing about the time or date or
direction or velocity or color of the UFO that supposedly left
the traces (some cases the traces are an unknown amount of time
later and no actual "UFO" is involved).

Traces do not observe, do not think, do not talk, and cannot
tell us even the simplest things. Even anecdotes can tell us
more than many landing traces because a human witness can tell
us what the UFO looked like and give some estimate of how fast
it traveled (even if unreliable as evidence), etc., whereas a

burned mark in the road cannot tell us even that!

There is a simplistic misconception that "science" consists of examining something in the laboratory, and therefore the highest form of evidence is physical evidence tested in a lab. This is a gross fallacy. Samples without instrument data or even witness data proving a connection to a UFO are worthless, they are not "evidence" of a UFO in that case. Same thing about photos, they are only worth something if solid data accompany them, without it they are worthless.

The best scientific data consists of a variety of categories of evidence all converging to substantiate the UFO event. This is why Hynek (and the AF before him) emphasized Radar-Visual cases over Radar-Only or Visual-Only (the AF considered most if not all Visual-Only cases to be anecdotal and after the July 28, 1952, AF policy decision deemed them next to worthless even if coming from military pilots).

This is because the combination of differing channels of observation (visual and electronic in this example) provide much better scientific data and give a better cross-check in excluding mirages, anomalous propagation and other IFO's and hoaxes. Hynek stressed that Visual-Only cases should preferably require at least two witnesses, in order to check the witness observations against each other (a single witness's details of a UFO can't be checked against anything) and to help avoid hoaxes and psychological delusion. Multiple witness cases with insufficient data are still bad data. Multiple witness that give data triangulating a UFO give better data, for example.

Scientists who sight UFO's and provide scientifically precise details give good data, and if they have instruments then we can treat their observations as strong evidence. Scientists generally make better witnesses than pilots and policemen. This is not prejudice but reality, a fact of actual cases I have studied for many years, and is a general rule not disproven by the rare exceptions.

Another misconception lies in not examining a UFO report for data it contains and for what it is missing. I often read how a UFO report is given great weight just because the witness is pilot or police officer, and then the standard assumption is applied that they are "trained to observe." But then no one actually checks to see if they did observe in a highly-trained fashion, by examining the data they report or do not report. Contents not careers! Contents of a report must be objectively examined.

There are objective categories of scientific data, which scientists tend to understand better than non-scientists. UFO researchers refuse or resist recognizing these objective categories of data when it comes to their pet cases or pet categories of cases, such as abductions and crashed-saucer rumors ("anecdotes").

UFO Data Often Missing From "Anecdotal" or Weak Cases

- Date
- Time
- Time Zone
- Location
- Witness identification
- Duration
- Angular size of UFO
- Direction(s) of UFO
- Elevation angle(s)
- Shape
- Color
- Motions
- Manner of appearance
- Manner of disappearance
- Etc.

Even if all of these data are reported, this is just the beginning. A strong Visual-Only UFO case requires as we said before, multiple witnesses, but also sufficient time duration and close enough distance for details to be seen that can eliminate IFO's (in most cases even photo cases a Close Encounter is required to have distance close enough for enough detail). Then an actual investigation is required to sift out conventional IFO and other

explanations. Etc.

Brad

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From: **Stanton T Friedman** <fsphys.nul>
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Subject: Re: Lockheed CEO Knew Of ET Visitors

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 31 Dec 2008 13:49:15 -0500
>Subject: Re: Lockheed CEO Knew Of ET Visitors

>>From: Dick Hall <dh12.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 31 Dec 2008 10:35:27 -0500
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>>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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>>>Subject: Re: Lockheed CEO Knew Of ET Visitors

>>>>Source: The Examiner - Denver, Colorado, USA

>>>><http://tinyurl.com/7zquey>

>>>>December 23 2008

>>>>CEO Of NASA Contractor Lockheed Knew Of Extraterrestrial UFO
>>>>Visitors
>>>>by Jeff Peckman

<snip>

>>Without bothering to repeat the whole thread, I agree with
>>Martin on this. The story immediately struck me as a hodge-podge
>>of insinuation, innuendo, and speculation.

>>I guess the moral of the story is that extraordinary claims
>>demand... fourth-hand testimony.

It should be noted that McDonald's drawing was based on Frank Kaufmann's. I discovered that that was based on a cover picture of a TR3B aircraft on the cover of Popular Mechanics or some such.

Frank was a good artist, but unfortunately was not really involved in Roswell. But McDonald felt he could tell who was lying and who wasn't.

I know I can't without a lot of checking.

Stan Friedman

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From: Steve Bassett <PRG.nul>
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Eileen,

Wow! What a great effort and wonderful New Year's present. It
will be a treat going through this compilation.

I am continually amazed at the size and scope of the developing
UFO/ET/Exopolitics websites as well as the number of new sites
being launched.

2008 was not a good year in many respects, but it was a very
good year for the disclosure process.

If 2009 goes as expected, your next compilation could be quite a
tour de force.

Much thanks,

Steve Bassett

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Subject: Re: Anecdotal Cases

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 1 Jan 2009 08:35:28 EST
>Subject: Re: Anecdotal Cases

>>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 30 Dec 2008 21:01:52 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Anecdotal Cases [was: Blind Abductees?]

<snip>

>There is a simplistic misconception that "science" consists of
>examining something in the laboratory, and therefore the highest
>form of evidence is physical evidence tested in a lab. This is a
>gross fallacy. Samples without instrument data or even witness
>data proving a connection to a UFO are worthless, they are not
>"evidence" of a UFO in that case. Same thing about photos, they
>are only worth something if solid data accompany them, without
>it they are worthless.

I think you're setting the bar a little high.

Consider the simple example of fossils, probably as
"unintelligent" as evidence can get. There are entire biological
taxonomies built upon nothing but fossils. Are you saying that
they don't constitute acceptable evidence of prehistoric life?

>The best scientific data consists of a variety of categories of
>evidence all converging to substantiate the UFO event. This is
>why Hynek (and the AF before him) emphasized Radar-Visual cases
>over Radar-Only or Visual-Only (the AF considered most if not
>all Visual-Only cases to be anecdotal and after the July 28,
>1952, AF policy decision deemed them next to worthless even if
>coming from military pilots).

>This is because the combination of differing channels of
>observation (visual and electronic in this example) provide much
>better scientific data and give a better cross-check in
>excluding mirages, anomalous propagation and other IFO's and
>hoaxes. Hynek stressed that Visual-Only cases should preferably
>require at least two witnesses, in order to check the witness
>observations against each other (a single witness's details of a
>UFO can't be checked against anything) and to help avoid hoaxes
>and psychological delusion. Multiple witness cases with
>insufficient data are still bad data. Multiple witness that give
>data triangulating a UFO give better data, for example.

All of this is beyond dispute. But the issue of what evidence is
worth pursuing can be approached in different ways. You are
describing a ranked heirarchy of evidence quality, with which I
concur. One might then adopt from it a minimum criterion of
acceptability, below which, by definition, there is little or
nothing of probative value.

But alternatively, it can be considered a matter of triage:
given the very limited technical resources devoted to such
pursuits, start at the top of that heirarchy of evidence and
work down. The rejection of certain classes of data follows as a

matter of necessity, rather than ideology.

>Scientists who sight UFO's and provide scientifically precise
>details give good data, and if they have instruments then we can
>treat their observations as strong evidence. Scientists
>generally make better witnesses than pilots and policemen. This
>is not prejudice but reality, a fact of actual cases I have
>studied for many years, and is a general rule not disproven by
>the rare exceptions.

Perhaps, so long as "scientist" is taken to mean something more than somebody with a university degree, a la the Tin Man. But it is tautological that scientists would be more adept at providing data required for scientific analyses. It does not follow that they make better "witnesses", per se, as though they had some enhanced power of perception.

We don't necessarily need more scientist witnesses, but rather more scientists to interview witnesses. Even an illiterate person can provide data regarding, say, angular diameter, or even angular rate, if prompted with the appropriate questions and visual cues.

Mike

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Archived: Fri, 02 Jan 2009 10:10:00 -0500
Subject: 2008: Worst UFO Media Year Ever!

Source: Sarasota Herald Tribune - Florida, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/8gan2l>

Thursday, January 1, 2009

2008: Worst UFO Media Year Ever!
By Billy Cox

2008 started out as just another mediocre year for the mainstream media's ineptitude with UFO issues. But boy, did that ever change.

It began reliably enough early last January, when Editor & Publisher, the exhausted industry watchdog monitoring the extinction of newspapers and their advertising revenues, found time to chide The Wall Street Journal for wasting 1A real estate on UFOs. The WSJ actually played that story straight by tracking down fellow eyewitnesses to Dennis Kucinich's 1982 UFO sighting. The E&P was just doing what it's supposed to do. Zzzzz.

A few weeks later, the libertarian Cato Institute - those stalwart sentinels for government transparency - decided to terminate the services of adjunct scholar Dom Armentano for writing an op-ed piece in the Vero Beach News-Press. The economics professor's crime? Advocating the declassification of federal records on UFOs. Had Armentano gotten the hook for writing about racism or some other more conventional corruption, this would've been news. But it was only UFOs. So who cared?

And as the months went by, UFOs continued to provide the media intelligentsia with easy rhetorical devices in which to gauge the stupidity of the American people. Eric Alterman flogged the horse in March: "Vastly more Americans believe in flying saucers and 9/11 conspiracy theories than believe in the notion of balance =96 much less 'objective' =96 in the mainstream news media" Nicolas Kristof took a whack in April: "There's this embarrassing fact about the United States in the 21st century. Americans are as likely to believe in flying saucers as in evolution."

So 2008 was shaping up as a garden-variety yawner. Until the drama over Stephenville, Tex., shook down. And as a result of the MSM's evaporation in the aftermath of this still-unresolved national security fiasco, De Void has proclaimed 2008 as The Media's Worst UFO Year Ever.

To be sure, there was an initial stampede to the Stephenville region shortly after Empire-Tribune reporter Angelia Joiner's accounting of the Jan. 8 UFO incident made the wires. TV crews came from as far away as Japan to get the story, and why not? There were plenty of loquacious witnesses to the lit-up, bigger-than-an-aircraft-carrier flying machine that glided silently over the little cow town and reversed its course. Eyewitnesses included cops and a pilot. Better yet, several reported military jet fighters scrambling after it.

An Air Force Base at nearby Fort Worth denied it had planes in

the air that night, which was good enough for Newsweek. The emaciated weekly magazine didn't waste any precious print on the story, but it did run a "Web Exclusive" by a "lecturer in English at Yale University" who attributed the suppertime sighting to sleep deprivation.

But then, not quite two weeks after the incident, as the hoopla subsided, Carswell Field made the surprise announcement that yes, it did indeed have warplanes in the air on the 8th. Not one or two, but 10. Ten F-16s. "Routine training missions." Its press release said nothing about the UFO. Which raised another question =96 why bother with issuing a press release at all? Why not just let the event die a natural death? The official statement went against the USAF's own interests. It meant the eyewitnesses were credible.

Carswell's reversal generated another brief wire-service cycle, but it had nothing to fear from the media.

In May, Dateline NBC promoted a UFO ratings-month special called "Ten Close Encounters Caught on Tape". Host Hoda Kotb was more into rhymes ("Tonight, an extraterrestrial creature feature!") and lame cliches ("The experts can argue until they're as green as the little men whose existence they debate") as she reviewed UFO cases from as far back as half a century ago. This lady had network resources to work with. And she said nothing about Stephenville. Zilcho.

The reason for Carswell's embarrassing press release became clear in July when the Mutual UFO Network uncorked an online bombshell =96 a 77-page evaluation of radar records from 4 to 8 p.m. on Sept. 8 near Stephenville.

In response to MUFON's Freedom of Information Act request, the FAA produced a 139-meg CD tracking 2.8 million radar hits during that time span along the UFO flight corridor on a southeast beeline toward Crawford, site of President Bush's Western White House. The timeline tapered off at 8 o'clock sharp, the end of MUFON's request window =96 with the UFO just 10 miles from Bush's ranch, and six miles from its restricted air space.

Although the F-16s ventured into unauthorized civilian air space and pulled to within a mile of the object, which carried no transponder and flew at speeds between 49 mph and 2,100 mph, they were nowhere near the craft when it reached Crawford. Neither Carswell nor any other Defense Department entity released radar data, but the former turned over its flight logs for that evening, all of which had been redacted.

"Four days after our FOIAs hit the FAA, they (the military) knew we'd show they had planes all over the place that night," MUFON investigator Glen Schulze told De Void. "They didn't have much choice. Fort Worth radar data shows the F-16s from takeoff to the landing at Carswell Air Force Base."

This was an incredible story. Especially the non-responses from various military bureaucracies. There was a brief allusion to the MUFON report on Larry 'non-sequitur' King. But no wire service coverage. Not even The Wall Street Journal. During the first public presentation of the data in San Jose, Calif., in July, the San Francisco Chronicle showed up, but its reporter didn't have a clue.

"A chart full of purple dots and black arrows that may or may not indicate aliens flew over President Bush's Texas ranch in January," wrote Steve Rubenstein. "The dots and arrows on the chart are as plain as day."

Schulze, a resident of Littleton, Col., couldn't even draw ink from the hometown media. But he pointed out that the Denver Post and the Rocky Mountain News managed to cover Denver rez Jeff Peckman's press conference, which advocated spending municipal funds on an extraterrestrial liaison committee.

During the September sweeps, ABC Prime Time aired a rehash of Peter Jennings' Seeing Is Believing report from 2005. There was a brief mention of Stephenville, but reporter David Muir didn't bother to question military authorities about the FAA records. Which appear to have documented a serious breach of national security. Just for the record, when contacted by De Void, Carswell PIO Maj. Karl Lewis says his employer has no

comment on what he describes as MUFON "speculation".

Finally, in November, during the last ratings period of 2008, CNN's Miles O'Brien filed a week-long UFO series (pre-empted by the terror attacks in Mumbai) without mentioning the Stephenville case once. Internet cassandras charge O'Brien was terminated immediately thereafter because he dared to venture into The Great Taboo. CNN said it canned O'Brien and its entire science staff as a cost-cutting measure, and there's no reason to doubt that. No sinister government agency could've possibly been threatened by O'Brien's UFO reporting.

Stephenville was the only UFO story that mattered in 2008, because it was one of those rare instances where federal records supported eyewitness accounts. It showcased a military response to a threat against the home of the United States president. And the Air Force got away with its lack of accountability (again) because the press wasn't interested.

Which raises another question: If the MSM's stunning financial collapse hits critical mass this year, will anyone notice?

[Thanks to Frank Fields for the lead]

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Re: King & Hunters

From: **Franklin Fields** <fields.nul>
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Subject: Re: King & Hunters

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 1 Jan 2009 00:59:26 -0500
>Subject: King & Hunters

<snip>

>Then UFO Hunters used Jim McDonald's investigations as a
>starting point for research into Socorro (landing; Zamora,
>1964), Heflin (photos; 1965) and the RB47 case (1957).

>Good show! Too bad they didn't give Brad Sparks some credit for
>his research on the RB47 case.

I missed the Larry King Live show. But I agree the UFO Hunters
show was very good. It may have been their best yet. A good look
at three very important cases.

Frank

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Re: Anecdotal Cases

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Fri, 2 Jan 2009 04:57:49 -0500
Archived: Fri, 02 Jan 2009 10:12:00 -0500
Subject: Re: Anecdotal Cases

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 1 Jan 2009 08:35:28 EST
>Subject: Re: Anecdotal Cases

<snip>

>As long as everyone continues to be obsessed with weak evidence,
>no progress will be made. Anecdotal stories are weak evidence. I
>will address the definition of "anecdote" below.

>>>And if someone asks what kinds of cases are not "anecdotal", well
>>>whoever uses the term "anecdotal" must have some idea what it
>>>means and we can discuss it. We can come to an agreement on what
>>>kinds of cases should be at the top of the class.

>>In the simplest terms, can we not consider a case to be non-
>>anecdotal if it includes at least some objective physical
>>evidence, above and beyond witness(es) testimony?

>No, we can't consider the opposite of "anecdotal" to be
>"physical evidence". The opposite of anecdotal evidence is
>instrumented evidence or scientific data. An anecdote in the
>dictionary is a story, and anecdotal refers to unscientific
>reports or observations. It is weak evidence of anything, in
>many cases non-evidence.

>Physical evidence is unintelligent evidence compared to
>instrument data. Most physical evidence cases are landing
>traces, which tell us nothing about the time or date or
>direction or velocity or color of the UFO that supposedly left
>the traces (some cases the traces are an unknown amount of time
>later and no actual "UFO" is involved).

Hi Brad,

I agree with nearly all you are saying, but keep in mind that
the "instruments" have to be interpreted and their methodology
are often developed to support a line of reasoning. It all
boils down to human interpretation of whatever facts can be
found and how they are strung together in theories.

Steve

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From: **Greg Taylor** <greg.nul>
Date: Sat, 03 Jan 2009 00:17:38 +1000
Archived: Fri, 02 Jan 2009 10:13:00 -0500
Subject: Re: Lockheed CEO Knew Of ET Visitors

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 30 Dec 2008 19:51:38 -0000
>Subject: Re: Lockheed CEO Knew Of ET Visitors

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It's even better than you might think Martin. "Journalist Jeff Peckman" is the man responsible for promoting the blurry 'alien' face at the window video earlier this year which made worldwide headlines, as well as a number of other high-profile (ie. snapped up by news services looking for a 'weird story') publicity stunts over the past 12 months.

To put it bluntly, ufology in general would do well to disown Peckman and his media contributions/stunts as soon as possible, as he's rapidly becoming a public face of UFO-related stories - to the detriment of field.

Kind regards,

Greg

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From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Thu, 01 Jan 2009 14:34:08 -0700
Archived: Fri, 02 Jan 2009 11:15:00 -0500
Subject: Re: Anecdotal Cases

>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 01 Jan 2009 13:32 MST
>Subject: Re: Anecdotal Cases

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>Perhaps, so long as "scientist" is taken to mean something more
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Oops, I meant the Scarecrow. The Tin Man wanted a heart, and of
course, scientists are heartless by nature.

Mike

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Re: Lockheed CEO Knew Of ET Visitors

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark.nul>
Date: Fri, 2 Jan 2009 09:02:55 -0500
Archived: Fri, 02 Jan 2009 11:16:00 -0500
Subject: Re: Lockheed CEO Knew Of ET Visitors

>From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 01 Jan 2009 20:29:58 +0000
>Subject: Re: Lockheed CEO Knew Of ET Visitors

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 31 Dec 2008 13:49:15 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Lockheed CEO Knew Of ET Visitors

>>>From: Dick Hall <dh12.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Wed, 31 Dec 2008 10:35:27 -0500
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Oh, it's very simple, John. They don't have to know anything more about UFOs than that the subject is illegitimate and ridiculous. Therefore, so are all of those who think otherwise, even if mainstream media and ufophobic scientists (not all scientists, fortunately) don't have to know a single thing about ufology and ufologists to know that they, too, are illegitimate and ridiculous.

The moral of the story: It doesn't take brains to ridicule. Ignorance is strength.

Jerry Clark

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Response From Dr. David Jacobs

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
Date: Fri, 2 Jan 2009 09:42:58 -0800
Archived: Fri, 02 Jan 2009 15:29:42 -0500
Subject: Response From Dr. David Jacobs

>Dr. Jacobs,

>During a discussion of abductions on UFO UpDates, I submitted
>the FAQ section from your web page. Below are two questions
>from one of the UpDates readers. I wonder if you could elaborate
>on these questions?

>(from your site)

>Abductees have two commonalities: They are human, and either
>their mother, father or both were abductees.

>Question:

>Do the parents of abductees themselves have parents who have been
>abductees? If not, then at least half and possibly two thirds of
>all known abductees must not have a parent who has been an
>abductee. If parental abducteeism is not a necessary condition of
>becoming an abductee, then it is not a true commonality like
>being human but merely a tendency. This seems reasonable to me,
>but it isn't what Dr Jacobs says here so I wonder if anyone has
>the statistics?

>One might try and interpret Dr Jacobs literally by assuming that
>parental abducteeism is truly universal but that it is hidden in
>those cases where an abductee's parents are not known to have
>been abductees. But if parental abducteeism was a necessary
>condition of becoming an abductee, how would anyone get to be an
>abductee in the first place? This is a bit puzzling as it seems
>to imply an indefinite regress. Or, one reaches a historical
>point at which the probability of any abductee being the
>offspring of an abductee is unity because everyone has been
>abducted.

>(from your site)

>The abduction phenomenon appears to cut across all class,
>educational, geographic, intellectual, economic, racial, ethnic,
>and political lines. We have identified no apparent physiological
>traits which would determine whether a person is an abductee. At
>the beginning of the abduction phenomenon, probably in the late
>nineteenth century, the selection process was most likely random.
>The phenomenon is global.

>Question:

>This is an interesting statement - that the beginning of
>abducteeism is dated to the late 19th century. Can anyone expand
>on it? I wonder what events from what sources are being regarded
>here as continuous with modern abductions?

>I hope you have the time to answer these for the List.

>Regards,

>Ed Gehrman

Hi Ed,

Thank you for your email. The two questions you ask about the

intergenerational aspect of abductions and the dating of abductions are related. The former appears to be constant in the abduction phenomenon. The latter is an educated guess. Of course I realize that I am always on shaky ground by declaring something to be certain, but the fact remains that the intergenerational aspect of the abduction phenomenon does, as best as I can tell, appear to be a constant.

Budd Hopkins first discovered this about 25 years ago. Indeed, this is the phenomenon that I see. I have worked with mother's and adult daughters and sons. I have worked with an adopted person who searched for his biological family and found one of them to be an abductee.

Some years back, an abductee sent me a letter saying that her adopted child appeared not to be an abductee but her biological child was. With each person I work with, I ask them whether their mother or father had any unusual experiences in their backgrounds. Invariably one or both of the parents had the same types of experiences that abductees recount before they understood that they were abduction-related events.

And, the abductee sons and daughters are generally sure of a parent's involvement and remember being abducted with them. Abductee parents remember being abducted with their children. Of course, I cannot know about every case (parents are deceased, etc.), but I think that the generalization holds true nonetheless.

The problem is that abductions are not only intergenerational, but they involve all the offspring of the abductee parent. Normal genetics does not apply. If an abductee has children with a non-abductee, the chances are that all the children will be abductees. When this happens the abduction phenomenon can spread throughout the generations in an ever-increasing manner. If we work backward, can we tell if a grandparent, great-grandparent, or great-great-grandparent is an abductee? We have to rely on family history for this. When I have asked about this, some people can trace their families abduction lineage to the late nineteenth century. This, of course, is purely anecdotal, eventually, they do run out of their knowledge of their family, and the odd family stories must be interpreted as possible abduction experiences without investigation. I understand the weakness of this evidence.

However, interpretation can be easier than it appears (e.g., in 1910 great-grandfather sees something in sky, has missing time, and "wakes up" on the ground while a six-foot high rabbit stares at him). Some years back at a conference in Huntsville, AL I talked with three generations of abductees. The 85-year-old grandmother recalled her father's unusual experiences before the turn of the century.

If the intergenerational aspect of abductions is correct, then the question is: How long will it take for everyone to be an abductee? I had a Ph.D. mathematician work out how many generations it would take for this to happen. Of course, the number changes with the number of original abductees. I believe he took several numbers starting at around 100,000 (this is a global phenomenon). He suggested that it would take about seven generations to make everyone an abductee.

If we assume that less people were abducted than he started with, it might take 10 generations, or perhaps 15 generations, etc. So, if the abduction phenomenon began in 3,000 BC in ancient Egypt everyone, at least in that society, would have been an abductee by, say, 2,500 BC.

If the phenomenon began in the ninth century AD, then by the 11th or 12th century everyone would have been an abductee. If it began in the 15th century then by the 17th or 18th century everyone would be an abductee, etc.

Today, we know that not everyone is an abductee. Just how many are is unknown. However, many thousands of potential abductees have contacted me and my colleagues and we logically assume that those who write to us represent a very tiny percent of abductees (they have to have some bleed through memories, in some way understand their connection to abductions, look for us on the

internet, be bold enough to email us, etc.). So, if the number of abductees is between two and five percent, the phenomenon could not have started far enough back for everyone to be an abductee today.

Working backwards with this theory and with the help of family histories we can date the phenomenon to about the late 19th century. Whether it is commensurate with the 1896-1897 Mystery Airship wave is unknown. Once again, this is an educated guess, but it is the best we have and I think that it will prove accurate eventually. It is important to know that Budd Hopkins and I have investigated cases from the 1920s and 1930s. I once read a letter in the old APRO files from a man who recounted a 1917 occupant case when he was 12 that was strongly indicative of an abduction event.

The question is, then, how were people selected in the first place? I have a bit of information about this but not enough to verify it. However, the best that I can say is that indications are that it was random. Of course, all the above means that the concept of abductees being "chosen" is cultural and has nothing to do with the actualities of the abduction phenomenon as I have found it.

I hope this long discourse helps.

Cheers,

Dave Jacobs

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Re: Ridicule

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>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 29 Dec 2008 16:42:14 -0500
>Subject: Re: Ridicule [was: Blind Abductees?]

>>From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 29 Dec 2008 18:49:28 +0000
>>Subject: Ridicule [was: Blind Abductees?]

>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>>To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sun, 28 Dec 2008 12:23:23 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Blind Abductees?

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>>>before ufologists were a visible presence.

Some things never change.

Kingsport [Tennessee] News
July 7, 1947

Europe Greets 'Flying Saucers'
Stories With Levity, Unbelief

by ED CREAGH

London -- (AP) -- Don't mention those flying saucer on this side
of the Atlantic unless you're prepared for an argument about
your sanity.

Maybe they have been seen by sober citizens over a vast area of
the United States, but Europe won't believe in them until
somebody lassoes one and has it photographed by Frank Sinatra,
the British Ambassador and five Supreme Court Justices.

"America's reply to the Loch Ness Monster," chortled Sunday's
Sunday Dispatch, referring to Britain's hoariest tall story --
the vast sea serpent that is "seen" romping in Scotland's Loch
Ness every time the tourist trade needs a shot in the arm.

"Citizens of a country which possesses the atom bomb ought not
to be afraid of anything," scoffed the Communist Daily Worker,
adding: "You remember those stories about rockets streaking out
over Sweden -- or is your memory short?"

(Swedish military headquarters announced last Oct. 10 that radar
equipment had detected some kind of "ghost rockets" over Sweden,
but that "It proved impossible, on the basis of indications, to
decide the nature of the things." Peculiar aerial objects have
been reported sighted in great numbers between July and October,
1946. There was speculation that they might be experimental
rockets from the Russian-occupied Baltic Coast of Germany.)

Europeans generally took the position that the flying saucers,
like Sweden's "ghost rockets," would go away if everyone took a

good stiff bicarbonate of soda and the pledge, in that order.

Frenchmen shrugged at the story. Scandinavians grinned good-naturedly and Englishmen, most infuriatingly of all, asked Americans about the skyborne crockery as one might ask a child how his G-man game was progressing.

"What is it, mass hallucination, or one of those American hoaxes?" inquired a Fleet Street sub-editor.

"You Americans have a lot of fun playing games like that, don't you?" suggested a school teacher.

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Note as well the debunker's very own anecdotal testimony, a rhetorical flourish on which I've had occasion to remark earlier in this thread.

Berkshire County Eagle
[Pittsfield, Massachusetts]
July 7, 1947

'Saucers' Seen Here
But Reports Debunked

Four local persons have reported seeing "flying saucers" over Pittsfield, but most of six others, queried at random on North Street this morning, debunk the whole idea.

Mr. and Mrs. Randolph H. Wilkinson of 140 Pomery Avenue, Mrs. Sidney R. Smith Jr. and her son Robert of 145 Bartlett Avenue, said they saw one of the disks while watching the 4th of July parade Friday morning, at approximately 10:45. They said it was at a very high altitude and going fast in a southerly direction.

Describing the saucer, Mrs. Wilkinson said that it looked like an airplane at first, but upon closer scrutiny, appeared to be a round silver object, quite luminous. Mrs. Smith reported she first spotted the disk in the distance. It seemed to be a round, colorless, luminous object with a peculiar rolling motion.

This morning's survey produced the following opinions:

George Henzel, photographer: "I certainly don't think it's just imagination, not with so many people seeing them. It's either what some foreign government is sending over, or an experiment of our own Army."

George Pechewlys, Rosa Restaurant counterman: "I think it's people's imaginations. I haven't seen any flying saucers myself, except for one I threw out in the kitchen the other

day."

Louis Weller, Palace Cut Rate proprietor: "Those people that say they saw them are nuts. If they look long enough, maybe they'll find the cups and spoons to go with them. I'm a veteran of both wars, and from my experience I say you can't reach this country with something controlled by radar."

John Metro, Electrics third baseman: "I don't know what you're talking about. I've never heard of them."

Philip C. Ahern, Pittsfield Taxpayers' Association secretary: "I've had spots before my eyes, but I haven't seen any saucers. I think it's one of those things that catch on -- people hear about them and think they see them."

John (Buck) Foley, Foley's Restaurant proprietor: "Somebody's got the DT's."

From one end of the country to the other, new reports of disk-like "flying saucers" skimming through the skies added to the mystery which has baffled the nation since June 25....

Howard W. Blakeslee, Associated Press science editor, said in New York:

Much of what has been described about the flying saucers reported from nearly all parts of the country may be explained by certain laws of eyesight.

All objects appear round or nearly so at any distance which is close to the limit of how far a person can see. If the objects are seen by reflected light, as in most cases reported, they are almost certain to be round, and if the reflections are sunlight then the sizes reported are those which would be expected from distant light reflections. Descriptions of virtually all the saucers as round and flat fit exactly with the tricks that eyes play. This trickiness varies with differences in weather and lighting.

This writer has seen flying saucers over Long Island Sound near his home not only this year but in previous years. They were round, bright and moving ast. But they were no mystery [thank God! -- JC] because they were light reflected from the bodies of airplanes that soon identified themselves by changing course and coming near to be seen distinctly.

Many descriptions of movements of the flying saucers fit with the common maneuvers of airplanes, singly or in groups. Some of the maneuvering reported, which took saucers out of sight again, resembles what can be seen while watching distant airplanes. Whether planes are guided, pilotless or jet, they all would look the same at great distances.

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Re: 2008: Worst UFO Media Year Ever!

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Fri, 2 Jan 2009 23:29:00 +0100 (CET)
Archived: Fri, 02 Jan 2009 17:53:10 -0500
Subject: Re: 2008: Worst UFO Media Year Ever!

>Source: Sarasota Herald Tribue - Florida, USA

><http://tinyurl.com/8gan2l>

>Thursday, January 1, 2009

>2008: Worst UFO Media Year Ever!
>By Billy Cox

>2008 started out as just another mediocre year for the
>mainstream media's ineptitude with UFO issues. But boy, did that
>ever change.

<snip>

I disagree.

The release of the MoD's UFO files generated extensive
mainstream media coverage, much of it positive.

Additionally, the New York Times printed my op-ed on UFOs,
highlighting the defense, national security and air safety
issues raised by the phenomenon.

<http://tinyurl.com/8war5u>

Best wishes,

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

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Re: Anecdotal Cases

From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Sat, 3 Jan 2009 01:08:57 EST
Archived: Sat, 03 Jan 2009 08:03:26 -0500
Subject: Re: Anecdotal Cases

>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 2 Jan 2009 04:57:49 -0500
>Subject: Re: Anecdotal Cases

>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 1 Jan 2009 08:35:28 EST
>>Subject: Re: Anecdotal Cases

<snip>

>>As long as everyone continues to be obsessed with weak evidence,
>>no progress will be made. Anecdotal stories are weak evidence. I
>>will address the definition of "anecdote" below.

>>>>And if someone asks what kinds of cases are not "anecdotal", well
>>>>whoever uses the term "anecdotal" must have some idea what it
>>>>means and we can discuss it. We can come to an agreement on what
>>>>kinds of cases should be at the top of the class.

>>>In the simplest terms, can we not consider a case to be non-
>>>anecdotal if it includes at least some objective physical
>>>evidence, above and beyond witness(es) testimony?

>>No, we can't consider the opposite of "anecdotal" to be
>>"physical evidence". The opposite of anecdotal evidence is
>>instrumented evidence or scientific data. An anecdote in the
>>dictionary is a story, and anecdotal refers to unscientific
>>reports or observations. It is weak evidence of anything, in
>>many cases non-evidence.

>>Physical evidence is unintelligent evidence compared to
>>instrument data. Most physical evidence cases are landing
>>traces, which tell us nothing about the time or date or
>>direction or velocity or color of the UFO that supposedly left
>>the traces (some cases the traces are an unknown amount of time
>>later and no actual "UFO" is involved).

>Hi Brad,

>I agree with nearly all you are saying, but keep in mind that
>the "instruments" have to be interpreted and their methodology
>are often developed to support a line of reasoning. It all
>boils down to human interpretation of whatever facts can be
>found and how they are strung together in theories.

>Steve

Hi Steve,

I was not making the distinction hinge on the human element, the
distinction is not between human and non-human evidence, as if
my point was that human involvement discredits the value of
evidence because of its subjectivity. Intelligent human
involvement in development of evidence adds value, but less-
intelligent and/or dishonest human involvement can ruin the
scientific value of the evidence.

The problem is that UFO commentators focus on weak cases, anecdotal evidence of the storytelling unscientific variety, then complain about the lack of scientific progress in UFO research. When someone objects that a case is weak, no one seeks stronger cases and stronger categories of cases that avoid the weakness. In fact there is a constant drumbeat to defend extremely problematic or weak cases. There is also a tendency to gravitate to the most widely publicized cases, as if that's all there is to the UFO phenomenon.

Brad

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From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Sat, 3 Jan 2009 02:06:02 EST
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>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 01 Jan 2009 13:32:16 -0700
>Subject: Re: Anecdotal Cases

>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 1 Jan 2009 08:35:28 EST
>>Subject: Re: Anecdotal Cases

>>>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Tue, 30 Dec 2008 21:01:52 -0700
>>>Subject: Re: Anecdotal Cases [was: Blind Abductees?]

<snip>

>>There is a simplistic misconception that "science" consists of
>>examining something in the laboratory, and therefore the highest
>>form of evidence is physical evidence tested in a lab. This is a
>>gross fallacy. Samples without instrument data or even witness
>>data proving a connection to a UFO are worthless, they are not
>>"evidence" of a UFO in that case. Same thing about photos, they
>>are only worth something if solid data accompany them, without
>>it they are worthless.

>I think you're setting the bar a little high.

>Consider the simple example of fossils, probably as
>"unintelligent" as evidence can get. There are entire biological
>taxonomies built upon nothing_but_ fossils. Are you saying that
>they don't constitute acceptable evidence of prehistoric life?

I've never heard of a fossil as a UFO report. A fossil belongs to
recognized categories of biological taxonomy, it's an IFO -
Identified Fossilized Object. Remains of weather balloons do
not require extensive study or lab data to be identified as
weather balloon in nature.

A burn mark in a road tells us nothing about when or where the
UFO allegedly came from or even that it was a UFO. The burn
could be caused by a car fire or some other heat source. It
gives us no report or record of the UFO's appearance, color,
shape, size, speed, etc.

>>The best scientific data consists of a variety of categories of
>>evidence all converging to substantiate the UFO event. This is
>>why Hynek (and the AF before him) emphasized Radar-Visual cases
>>over Radar-Only or Visual-Only (the AF considered most if not
>>all Visual-Only cases to be anecdotal and after the July 28,
>>1952, AF policy decision deemed them next to worthless even if
>>coming from military pilots).

>>This is because the combination of differing channels of
>>observation (visual and electronic in this example) provide much
>>better scientific data and give a better cross-check in
>>excluding mirages, anomalous propagation and other IFO's and
>>hoaxes. Hynek stressed that Visual-Only cases should preferably
>>require at least two witnesses, in order to check the witness

>>observations against each other (a single witness's details of a
>>UFO can't be checked against anything) and to help avoid hoaxes
>>and psychological delusion. Multiple witness cases with
>>insufficient data are still bad data. Multiple witness that give
>>data triangulating a UFO give better data, for example.

>All of this is beyond dispute. But the issue of what evidence is
>worth pursuing can be approached in different ways. You are
>describing a ranked heirarchy of evidence quality, with which I
>concur. One might then adopt from it a minimum criterion of
>acceptability, below which, by definition, there is little or
>nothing of probative value.

You and I might agree. But there are others who do not. Some
still insist that the burden of proof is on skeptics to prove an IFO,
and until they do every single case called a "UFO" by any nitwit
at any time must be considered a "UFO" equal to the greatest
cases on record. There is a tremendous appalling ignorance to
fight here.

>But alternatively, it can be considered a matter of triage:
>given the very limited technical resources devoted to such
>pursuits, start at the top of that heirarchy of evidence and
>work down. The rejection of certain classes of data follows as a
>matter of necessity, rather than ideology.

>>Scientists who sight UFO's and provide scientifically precise
>>details give good data, and if they have instruments then we can
>>treat their observations as strong evidence. Scientists
>>generally make better witnesses than pilots and policemen. This
>>is not prejudice but reality, a fact of actual cases I have
>>studied for many years, and is a general rule not disproven by
>>the rare exceptions.

>Perhaps, so long as "scientist" is taken to mean something more
>than somebody with a university degree, a la the Tin Man. But it
>is tautological that scientists would be more adept at providing
>data required for scientific analyses. It does not follow that
>they make better "witnesses", per se, as though they had some
>enhanced power of perception.

But I also talked about assessing the scientific quality of a
UFO case by evaluating the contents of the report, not the
career of the reporter. This is something UFO investigators
avoid doing, regrettably.

Scientific quality can be judged objectively by the completeness
of data in all categories (I listed them in previous posting),
by the use of quantitative precision in the data reported, by
the care in reporting uncertainty and estimating possible
margins of error, and by the astuteness in making careful
observations while the UFO was in sight. Anecdotal reports are
characterized by incomplete reporting and a general lack of
quantitative data.

>We don't necessarily need more scientist witnesses, but rather
>more scientists to interview witnesses. Even an illiterate
>person can provide data regarding, say, angular diameter, or
>even angular rate, if prompted with the appropriate questions
>and visual cues.

My original point was the need to stop focusing on weak
anecdotal UFO cases and concentrate on strong scientific UFO
cases. What you are suggesting concerns future investigations.
Is there not a large body of evidence based on scientific UFO
data. including reports by scientists, already in existence? If
we don't know one way or another should we not find out first
before spinning our wheels on the anecdotal dregs?

Brad

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02 January 2009

Mystery Stone Circles May Point To Water On Mars

Stone circles on Mars are prompting a rethink about the planet's ancient climate.

Using cameras on NASA's Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter, Matt Balme of the Open University in Milton Keynes, UK, and his colleagues mapped the Elysium Planitia, a region near the equator. They saw rings up to 23 metres across made up of stones sorted by size into concentric bands.

On Earth, similar structures form via repeated freezing and thawing of ice, but with the stones sorted into layers. Water in soil under stones freezes faster than in surrounding soil, and the expanding ice pushes the stones upwards. Larger stones rise faster, and so layers sorted by size form.

What sorts the material concentrically is a mystery, but if a freeze-thaw mechanism was responsible, there must have been liquid water near the surface recently. This would mean that the climate was once 40 to 60 °C warmer than conventional estimates suggest.

Peter Grindrod from University College London thinks that the circles "would be an interesting target to look for evidence of past water on Mars".

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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Re: Mystery Circles Point To Water On Mars?

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>into concentric bands.

<snip>

>What sorts the material concentrically is a mystery

Could this be caused by what's called frost heave? The expansion
of ground that is saturated and then frozen, lifting the surface
into a dome.

I believe this occurs on Earth - in fact I once had an old house
that used to develop a seasonal crack in the joint of an
extension wall because of it. Where the ground lifts, loose
debris will tend to roll off and get sorted by mass.

If the size of the stones is graded from small on the inside to
large on the outside then I'd bet this is the mechanism.

Martin Shough

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Source: Michael Cohen's All News Web - Sydney, Australia

<http://www.allnewsweb.com/page1301301.php>

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UFO Traffic And Australia's Bermuda Triangle

Special report by Michael Cohen
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On the 7th of October 2008 the passengers on Qantas flight 72 from Singapore to Perth experienced something that may well haunt them for the rest of their lives. As the Airbus A330-303 was travelling over the isolated town of Exmouth in Western Australia the pilots received a faulty message and auto-pilot was automatically disengaged. The plane climbed 60m before pitching down and plunging 200m in a terrifying 20 seconds in an uncommanded manoeuvre. The pilots steadied the plane however a few minutes later the craft again plunged another 120m in 16 seconds.

Passengers were pinned to the ceiling and flung throughout the craft. There were 74 injuries, some relatively serious. The plane then made emergency landing at the mysterious nearby Learmonth Airport.

Soon it was revealed that a similar event had taken place at almost the exact same spot three years prior. Malaysia Airlines Flight 124, operated by a Boeing 777-2H6ER flying from Perth to Kuala Lumpur on 1 August 2005 also received faulty indications and the plane pitched upwards and stalled. Autopilot was disengaged and proved unusable for the remainder of the flight.

Geoff Thomas of Australian Aviation referred to the similarities of these two events as an 'extraordinary co-incidence'. But are they?

Operating in the area are two rather secretive military bases. One of these: The Naval Communication Station Harold E. Holt has been already mentioned extensively in relation to the incidents. The Naval Communication Station was built in 1963 as a joint US-Australian initiative. The station's purpose is to provide VLF (very low frequency) radio transmissions to submarines and ships of the US Navy and Royal Australian Navy operating in the Indian Ocean. The station consists of 13 radio towers. With a transmission power of 1000 kilowatts it is the southern hemisphere's most powerful transmission station. The station was originally totally under US control but is now mainly under Australian control and curiously now operated by Boeing Australia Ltd.

The Australian transport Safety Bureau on investigating the incidents has said that interference from the station might have caused the incident, although concluded that this is unlikely.

Less is known about the RAAF Base Learmonth near Exmouth. This is one of three bare bases in Australia and is only maintained by a small caretaker staff during peacetime. Access is restricted and it is difficult to ascertain what the place is currently being used for.

Of even more interest is the nearby Learmonth Solar Observatory. Comprising a collection of white buildings, a suite of optical telescopes, parabolic dish antennae, also just outside Exmouth. The facility exists purportedly for the prime purpose of monitoring the sun however other projects undertaken here according to Government websites include ionosphere (Basically the upper atmosphere) monitoring and meteor detection and tracking.

The facility is jointly managed by the IPS Radio and Space Services which is part of the Australian Bureau of Meteorology, and the United States Air Force Weather Agency (AFWA). There are a total of 15 personnel employed on site performing observation, analysis, maintenance, secretarial and management functions. Observatory staff is drawn from IPS Radio & Space Services consisting of two space weather physicists and one administrative officer; and 11 personnel from AFWA providing analytical and maintenance support.

The RAAF Base Learmonth, and The Learmonth Solar Observatory were not mentioned in any of the official investigations. The fact that Exmouth is a well-known UFO hotspot was also ignored, not surprisingly. This brings us to our final question, what is the true purpose of all these bases?

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From: **Gerald O'Connell** <gac.nul>
Date: Sat, 3 Jan 2009 14:18:01 +0000
Archived: Sat, 03 Jan 2009 09:40:31 -0500
Subject: Re: Anecdotal Cases

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 3 Jan 2009 01:08:57 EST
>Subject: Re: Anecdotal Cases

<snip>

>The problem is that UFO commentators focus on weak cases,
>anecdotal evidence of the storytelling unscientific variety,
>then complain about the lack of scientific progress in UFO
>research. When someone objects that a case is weak, no one seeks
>stronger cases and stronger categories of cases that avoid the
>weakness. In fact there is a constant drumbeat to defend
>extremely problematic or weak cases. There is also a tendency to
>gravitate to the most widely publicized cases, as if that's all
>there is to the UFO phenomenon.

Yes, exactly.

What is downplayed in research and almost totally ignored in
mainstream commentary is the global statistical picture. It is
the persistence over time and the geographical distribution that
would make the best case for serious scientific acceptance.

Too many commentators act like Jim Garrison, trying to get that
one sworn affidavit that will 'blow the whole case wide open'.
This then creates its own antithesis in the form of 'sceptics'
who, by discrediting the source of the affidavit, manage to
convince the media that the DA doesn't have a case.

We shouldn't be working like that, and we shouldn't be creating that
kind of scenario.

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Gerald O'Connell

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Inside The Pope's Observatory

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Sat, 03 Jan 2009 10:10:00 -0500
Archived: Sat, 03 Jan 2009 10:10:00 -0500
Subject: Inside The Pope's Observatory

Source: BBC News - London, England, UK

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/science/nature/7808878.stm>

Friday, 2 January 2009

[Video]

Inside The Pope's Observatory

The BBC has been allowed into the Pope's observatory at his home outside Rome.

The Catholic priests who run the centre have strong views on everything from life on other planets, to whether the Star of Bethlehem actually existed. Duncan Kennedy reports.

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PRG Update - January 3, 2009

From: **Stephen Bassett** <PRG.nul>
Date: Sat, 03 Jan 2009 11:13:13 -0800
Archived: Sat, 03 Jan 2009 18:07:06 -0500
Subject: PRG Update - January 3, 2009

PRG
Paradigm Research Group

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LA Film Premier - Moon Rising - January 22

<http://tinyurl.com/9r6gf7>

Jose Escamilla's new film, Moon Rising, will premier on January 22 at the Leonard H. Goldenson Theatre, 5220 Lankershim Blvd., North Hollywood, CA. Tickets are available on line at the film website and at the door. A number of researchers and activists will be attending including PRG. It should be quite an evening.

The President Elect is Open for Questions

<http://tinyurl.com/7xu84f>

In addition to the Million Fax on Washington letters and emails being sent to the Transition Headquarters, another mode of contact has opened up. The Transition website Change.gov is requesting questions be submitted to the President Elect regarding the new administration's future agenda. These questions are then archived at the site so citizens can view and even vote their preferences. Very advanced.

Already, nearly 100 questions regarding UFO/ET/Disclosure issues have been logged in. The search terms "UFO" and "extraterrestrial" will retrieve most of these questions. Check them out, vote your preferences and add new ones.

December 10 Obama Radio Address

<http://tinyurl.com/8tgukp>

You may find the video address by President Elect Obama regarding his appointment of John Holdren as Science Advisor and head of the Office of Science and Technology Policy (the office run by Dr. John Gibbons during the Clinton administration) instructive. Also included are additional remarks from December 17.

2008 Year in Review

<http://tinyurl.com/7jhhpr>

The absolutely prolific Eileen Nesbitt at Alien Casebook has put together a wonderful review of 2008. A must see.

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Archived: Sat, 03 Jan 2009 18:08:35 -0500
Subject: Re: Anecdotal Cases

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 3 Jan 2009 02:06:02 EST
>Subject: Re: Anecdotal Cases

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>My original point was the need to stop focusing on weak
>anecdotal UFO cases and concentrate on strong scientific UFO
>cases. What you are suggesting concerns future investigations.
>Is there not a large body of evidence based on scientific UFO
>data. including reports by scientists, already in existence? If
>we don't know one way or another should we not find out first
>before spinning our wheels on the anecdotal dregs?

Your original point is clear and pertinent. Yes, there is a large body of evidence based on scientific data in existence.

Do you have a case in mind that we can start with, one that meets your criteria and that we can discuss?

Yours,

Frank

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Date: Sat, 3 Jan 2009 14:36:26 -0500 (EST)
Archived: Sat, 03 Jan 2009 18:10:41 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Traffic & Australia's Bermuda Triangle

>Source: Michael Cohen's All News Web - Sydney, Australia

><http://www.allnewsweb.com/page1301301.php>

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>m.cohen.nul

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The video footage discussed has been widely distributed. Is "All News Web" credible? How is it confirmed that the beam came from Exmouth?

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Again, good speculation and questions.

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From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Sat, 03 Jan 2009 12:51:58 -0700
Archived: Sat, 03 Jan 2009 18:12:09 -0500
Subject: Re: Mystery Circles Point To Water On Mars?

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 3 Jan 2009 13:51:46 -0000
>Subject: Re: Mystery Circles Point To Water On Mars?

>>Source: New Scientist - Sutton, Surrey, England, UK

>><http://tinyurl.com/8k987s>

>>02 January 2009

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Indeed this does occur on Earth. A good high-level overview is
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http://findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_m1200/is_/ai_3607059

At least here on Earth, it is associated with cyclic
freeze/thaw forces that generate a convective flow pattern in
the soil. The sorting mechanism you suggest is intuitively
plausible, although it's not obvious how it would result in
well-defined concentric bands, as opposed to a continuous, and
only approximately monotonic, gradation. Perhaps the 'eruption'
radius for a given stone is itself mass-dependent, and/or such
systems naturally develop 'dams' at discrete intervals.

I can definitely testify that the fields around here 'grow' new
rocks inexhaustibly.

Mike

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Archived: Sat, 03 Jan 2009 19:15:42 -0500
Subject: Re: Mystery Circles Point To Water On Mars?

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Thanks for that, Mike. It sounds as though the sorting mechanism
is probably more complicated than the simple inertial one I
imagined, but the underlying principle is similar.

Regards

Martin

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C.E.: NICAP Briefing For New Year

From: Francis Ridge <nicap.nul>
Date: Sat, 3 Jan 2009 21:52:24 -0500
Archived: Sun, 04 Jan 2009 06:10:43 -0500
Subject: C.E.: NICAP Briefing For New Year

January 1, 2009

Greetings Fellow Enthusiasts,

The 15th of December, 2008, marked the 11th year anniversary for the NICAP web site.

<http://www.nicap.org/ufoi.htm>

There have been millions of UFO sightings, but bona fide UFOs are more rare. We have on record, a hundred-thousand-plus sightings on computer (UFOCAT). In addition we have massive evidence in the form of 11 different Categories

- * 3,000-plus sightings from aircraft by Dr. Richard Haines) and over 200 cases listed on the NICAP site. (Cat.. 11)

- * Over 200 cases involving a nuclear connection, several radiation injury cases, plus incidents from Robert Hastings files. (Cat 10).

- * Over 500 radar cases, many radar/visual. 363 radar cases, 76 as R/V (USAF records alone, Dominique Weinstein). 230 incidents are listed on the NICAP site (Cat 9).

- * Photographic Evidence. 9,300 cases by Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos and the Anomaly Foundation). (Cat. 8)

- * Humanoid Cases (hundreds) and Abduction Reports (Cat 7).

- * Over 5600 Physical Trace cases documented, 4104 involving UFO visual sightings (CUFOS). (Cat.6)

- * Medical Cases. Being compiled (Cat. 5)

- * Over a hundred cases of UFO sightings involving animal reactions on the NICAP site alone by Joan Woodward. (Cat. 4).

- * E-M Effects. Over 500 cases associated with UFO sightings (CUFOS) and 185 E-M cases documented involving UFOs near aircraft (Dr. Richard Haines). 250 listed on the NICAP site. (Cat. 3)

- * Hundreds, if not thousands, of excellent close encounters by credible observers whose testimony in court would be taken at face value (Cat. 2).

- * About 1500 (701 originally) UNKNOWNNS listed in Project Blue Book files (Brad Sparks).

In the fall of 2005 we began a major update of Richard Hall's/NICAP UFO Sighting Chronologies. By the end of December 2006 we had them all drastically updated (with links to detailed key cases) from pre-1947 to 1969. That total group encompassed the Air Force Project Blue Book years and the BB files.

In January 2007 we established the goal to update the remaining chronos at a rate of one per month, beginning with 1970. In July of that year we were able to add hundreds of foo-fighter

sightings to the WWII period with the help of Keith Chester. The original, more limited chronos in Dick Hall's publications, ended with the year 1994.

The 1994 UFO Chronology is scheduled for release on January 15th, and at the current rate of one year per month we should be caught up with this project on March 15, 2010. Fill-ins for all the years will continued to be processed- in and announced as found.

The NICAP site is the number one source of the best evidence and covers material from the dawn of the UFO age, over a half century ago. If you would like to participate in email discussions on Current Encounters or file information, please email me at:

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>Thanks Norm, a thought provoking article.

In response to the queries about the reliability of this piece I put the following to the author of the piece - which struck me as a somewhat uncritical eclectic piece, possibly derived mostly from material from the InterNet.

Hello Michael,

I've been looking into the field of UFOs for some time and even looked into more credible connections re Exmouth and NW Cape than canvassed in this article.

There is some credible info re possible connections with "interference" to aircraft performance with the signal traffic and frequencies out of NW Cape, but this is hardly UFO related, but certainly an issue for air safety.

The shuttle beam "star wars" connection with NW Cape is also pretty weak, with others even trying to suggest the "beam" came from Pine Gap. It is certainly an interesting film and the subject of some interesting analysis from Jack Kasher, but as far as I know he hasn't claimed that the "beam" came from specific localities such as NW Cape or Pine Gap. See for example his detailed analysis in the Journal of UFO Studies Vol. 6 1995/1996 in which he only refers to the "beam" as a "streak". There simply does not seem to be much credible evidence to support a "star wars" scenario.

There is interesting UFO data pertinent to NW Cape. See for example my own material at:

http://www.theozfiles.com/ufos_subrosa4.html

Your Malcolm Turnbull piece and this latest piece seem pretty filmsy on my current reading. I'm wondering if "Michael Cohen"

is a pen name? Allnewsweb seems more like a citizens based news outlet than one based on mainstream validated outlets?

Some interesting stories, but a bit thin on substance. Was your story with Turnbull based on some serious dialogue or a quick grab during "seasonal downtime" built up by your take on things? If you have accurately quoted Turnbull it seems more an example of politician speak than credible evidence for a leak on the reality behind official UFO positions in Australia.

Regards,

Bill Chalker

<http://theozfiles.blogspot.com/>
<http://ufoicaustralia.blogspot.com/>
<http://ufohistorykeys.blogspot.com/>
<http://www.theozfiles.com/>

Some of the reserved engineering speculations are more in keeping with uncritical speculations more at home in unchecked UFO debate, rather than a rigorous mainstream media piece.

Allnewsweb strikes me as a "citizen" based internet new service like the Canadian version. Thus the pieces that are UFO related emerge from these outlets as uncritical 'UFO enthusiast'/'UFO researcher' belief systems.

Mind you much of the main stream media takes on UFOs are hardly much better.

Should I get a reply I will advise accordingly.

Regards,

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I emailed Cohen about the the beam and how he confirmed it was
from Exmouth.

He said he received information from the "The Australian UFO
research group" and that he would send the specific reference
later. But that some of his content came from the below link.

<http://www.cheniere.org/misc/brightskies6.htm>

Frank

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Re: UFO Traffic & Australia's Bermuda Triangle

From: Carol Maltby <carolmaltby.nul>
Date: Sun, 4 Jan 2009 13:20:54 -0500
Archived: Sun, 04 Jan 2009 14:42:57 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Traffic & Australia's Bermuda Triangle

>Source: Michael Cohen's All News Web - Sydney, Australia

><http://www.allnewsweb.com/page1301301.php>

>2-1-2009

>UFO Traffic And Australia's Bermuda Triangle

>Special report by Michael Cohen
>m.cohen.nul

>On the 7th of October 2008 the passengers on Qantas flight 72
>from Singapore to Perth experienced something that may well
>haunt them for the rest of their lives. [snip]

>Soon it was revealed that a similar event had taken place at
>almost the exact same spot three years prior. [snip]

>Richard Hoagland, ex-NASA employee and space
>archaeologist media personality, released some spectacular
>NASA video footage >

<snip>

I'd agree on the "media personality" description, but while Richard Hoagland says he was a consultant to NASA, he does not use the phrase "NASA employee" about himself (though he does in describing others).

>The recent surprise admittance to an All News Web reporter by
>senior Australian politician Malcolm Turnbull that anything to
>do with UFOs down under is subject to 'The highest
>classification and levels of secrecy' means we won't be getting
>any answers in the near future and we may never find out what
>really caused two airplanes to malfunction in the same way in
>the exact same spot.

Which is it: "the exact same spot", or "almost the exact same spot"? What is the actual distance between the sites of the two occurrences?

Carol

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Marley Woods January 4 2009 Update

From: **Ted Phillips - CPTR** <webmaster.nul>
Date: Sun, 4 Jan 2009 03:23:13 -0600
Archived: Sun, 04 Jan 2009 14:43:12 -0500
Subject: Marley Woods January 4 2009 Update

Here are two new reports of the ongoing research into Marley Woods. They include lots of images and detailed sighting information and another update on the 'unusual white animals.

2008 Summary Report Of Unusual White Animals

http://ufophysical.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=68

Marley Woods January 3, 2009 Update

http://ufophysical.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=67

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Source: 100 Mile House Free Press - British Columbia, Canada

<http://tinyurl.com/7q6vkm>

December 30, 2008

UFO Experience Changes Woman's Life

By Arlene Jongbloets - 100 Mile House Free Press

Miriam Delicado has been on an incredible 20-year journey that began on the outskirts of 100 Mile house one October night in 1988.

The current Vancouv-erite, who was 22 at the time, lived in northern BC and she and four others were on their way to the Lower Mainland when the incredible is said to have happened.

Driving south along Hwy. 97, just past Prince George, Delicado said a pair of huge, luminescent lights drew up and followed within 10 feet of their back bumper.

"It was night time and we thought it was a truck but the lights would follow us when we were alone and then disappear when a car or a house came into view," said Delicado. "After the lights had been following us for hours, we came to 100 Mile House and I thought we'd be able to lose whatever it was."

They nervously sped through town and, within minutes of leaving 100 Mile, the lights were back on their tail, appearing and disappearing within the blink of an eye, she said.

"I started panicking and told my friend to pull over. She said no, because she was scared, but I told her that it wasn't her they wanted, it was me. As soon as we stopped she turned into a zombie. Her head flopped back and she just had a blank stare and the back seat people were in animated suspension," said Delicado.

What happened next brought Delicado to the realization that her inner fears had been well-founded.

"The two spheres were a foot behind us and the car was engulfed in bright light. I turned to the front of the car and saw a craft sitting on the road. It was luminescent and it was hard to see the details but it looked like there was steam coming off of it," she said.

Short beings, close to four feet tall, with big round, black eyes and large, childlike heads approached her.

"They had a small mouth and tiny nose and wore a one-piece suit and I heard instructions in my head to get out of the car. I was scared but not terrified, more in a state of confusion, but they kept saying not to be afraid. We will not harm you," said Delicado.

The beings took her hand and they all walked a short way along the highway and up an embankment. Delicado said that when she looked up, she saw a larger craft with an open doorway.

"There were two tall beings, seven feet tall, in the doorway. They had blond hair of the purest white, large, water blue eyes and they wore long robes," she said.

Delicado boarded the craft, which she recalled to have had a metallic interior with a sterile feel.

"In the centre was a circular work area with stools and overhead was a hovering white light ball of what I think was energy. It seemed to be a control centre where information streamed from the ball to the beings," she said.

Her communication with the beings seemed to occur through telepathy.

"They sat me down on some kind of light chair recliner and, in front of me, a screen appeared which showed pictures of possible futures of the Earth. I saw an earthquake aftermath and they explained what it was and seemed to have the ability to place the experience within me. They gave me the physical ability to experience the trauma," she said.

Delicado said she spent about three hours on the craft, watching what appeared to be a movie of some sort, before returning to the car. Everyone woke up when she got back and there was conversation about the lights, but no recognition of what she claims to have seen.

She drew the group's attention to what she said were a group of glowing eyes on the side of the road. Everyone else thought they were deer, but Delicado believed they were aliens, watching.

They continued on their journey to the Lower Mainland without conversation about what Delicado believes to have happened but, the next day, new memories that had been embedded in her mind started to spill out.

Experiences of war, meteors hitting the earth and other disasters played over and over in her head.

"They started to filter clearly into my mind. All of these possibilities of a future we are heading for if we don't change the path humanity is on," said Delicado.

The experience

instilled in her how important it is to have a respect for the earth and made her believe humans are not alone in the universe.

"We have a responsibility to ourselves and to all of life," she said.

Delicado believes the beings she claims to have seen are the caretakers of the earth.

"They are not allowed to interfere with what we are doing here on earth, but they give people like me information and we have the free will to do what we want with the information."

She kept it all her own secret for 15 years but, during that time, Delicado claims to have had many telepathic communications with the beings.

There were also unusual encounters, she said, with men who looked and dressed the same and all claimed to work in the computer industry.

"They all talked about the same thing. About computer technology and about aliens and they all said they installed super-computers for the government," said Delicado, noting that she's met others at various UFO conventions who have had the same experience.

Delicado said she was telepathically instructed on when to start publicly sharing her experience and knowledge and for the past five years has been filling requests to speak at conventions and other gatherings. She said that since going public, she's

received emails from people all over the world claiming to have had the same types of experiences.

She believes she was chosen because her soul had already chosen a conducive path, long ago.

"My family has a psychic strain," she said, explaining that her father had psychic abilities.

"He didn't talk about aliens, but he talked about how the earth would change one day and how we needed survival skills and know how to defend ourselves," said Delicado.

She described her message from the aliens as not being a dark one, but one of hope and encouragement.

"These beings have been out there since the beginning of time and my understanding is that they take care of other planets out there. They are also in the dream world and some walk around us. I've seen them in public and they don't look like us, but others don't see what I'm seeing," said Delicado, recalling encounters on city buses and other public places.

She said that everyday for her involves just trying to fit in because she finds it difficult to view the world in the same way she once did. She's worked in the food services industry and as a nanny and house cleaner but most recently, Delicado turned author, writing a book about her experiences she called Blue Star: Fulfilling Prophecy.

"The right people are finding their way to the book and that's the goal," she said. "I want to share this story with others who have had a similar experience so they know they are on the right path and there are others out there like themselves."

According to Delicado, her experience came shortly after she watched a television special called UFO Coverup? Live! It was a two-hour prime-time syndicated television special that was broadcast in North America and elsewhere on Oct. 14, 1988.

A couple of high-level U.S. government intelligence officials, disguised as "The Falcon" and "Condor" were interviewed in shadow and with masked voices. They disclosed information about the U.S. government's involvement in UFOS and alien interaction, UFO crashes and occupant retrievals. The show also included the first public mention of Area 51, a highly secret military airfield in Nevada used for testing experimental aircraft and weaponry and a central component to UFO folklore.

A video of the broadcast can be viewed at

<http://video.anomalies.net/video/123/ufo-coverup--live>.

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From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
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>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 3 Jan 2009 02:06:02 EST
>Subject: Re: Anecdotal Cases

<snip>

>My original point was the need to stop focusing on weak
>anecdotal UFO cases and concentrate on strong scientific UFO
>cases. What you are suggesting concerns future investigations.
> Is there not a large body of evidence based on scientific UFO
>data. including reports by scientists, already in existence? If
>we don't know one way or another should we not find out first
>before spinning our wheels on the anecdotal dregs?

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Eleanor White

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>Source: Michael Cohen's All News Web - Sydney, Australia

><http://www.allnewsweb.com/page1301301.php>

>2-1-2009

>UFO Traffic And Australia's Bermuda Triangle

>Special report by Michael Cohen
>m.cohen.nul

<snip>

Perhaps there would be a better name for this area other than the Australian Bermuda Triangle. I think we are past thinking the Bermuda Triangle is a phenomenon other than perhaps hydrate gases coming to the surface.

The report of the aircraft pitching up or down when the auto-pilot kicked out doesn't make sense. More likely it was just the opposite, the aircraft went through a Traffic Collision Reporting System Alert [TCAS Alert] which induced a Resolution Authority to the auto-pilot[A/P]. The TCAS thought there was something worth avoiding and did its job. Those aircraft with TCAS that have no automatic response through the A/P use aural commands to alert the pilots and tell them what to do to avoid collision.

My research tells me that approx. 1 in 5 TCAS alerts are bogus with their being triggered by some erroneous source.

Additionally, the sub communication base is common enough around the world. There's one right here in Nova Scotia which causes no problems. They work way down in the low Hertz range [3-10 Hz] with their wavelength being hundreds of meters long. It ticks off whales and used to interfere with Loran C ground waves when we used it in our airplanes. We used the provided electronic notch filters to 'notch' it out,. But this was common knowledge with all of the sub.comm bases around the world listed so that Loran users could notch them out. There is nothing mysterious about sub.comm. bases.

If there was something in that area that was harmful to aircraft nav systems, there would be a Military Operations Area denoting it, or at least some warning to the commercial av community. Since TCAS and Transponders operate in the microwave range it would take something in that range to interfere with it.

Having said all of this there does seem to be something interfering with TCAS, but my information is limited to Canadian airspace or Canadian carriers operating in North America. Similar occurrences have been noted - mostly by me - re semi-violent and violent responses to errant TCAS alerts whose source is unknown.

Additionally I have had a Transponder return pinpointed over the threshold of Montreal's Mirabel Airport runway 27 at 500 feet at night with no aircraft present. The signal went on for one hour and 16 minutes with no discernable aircraft present to explain it.

Don Ledger

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Re: Anecdotal Cases

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It did, in 2007. Best Evidence: Top 10 UFO Sightings, currently
airing on Space in Canada.

For more information, see:

www.bestevidence.blogspot.com

Brad Sparks served as our historical consultant, and many
leading UFO researchers were involved in choosing the best
cases, including Dick Hall, Kevin Randle, Don Ledger, Chris
Rutkowski, the late Karl Pflock, Nick Pope, Nick Redfern, and
Stan Friedman.

Paul Kimball
Redstar Films

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The Folly of Exopolitics

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Archived: Mon, 05 Jan 2009 06:56:07 -0500
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<http://tinyurl.com/9sgxbg>

January 3, 2009

WEBCommentary Contributor
Author: J. Aaron Paciulli

The Folly of Exopolitics

While I'm someone who appreciates meaninglessness - if only because it is all around us - I happened on to a concept that seems to be gaining speed and, subsequently, the power of irritation. This is the concept of exopolitics. Even spell-check refuses to recognize it.

Exopolitics is the study of the political implications of an extraterrestrial presence on Earth, or discovered elsewhere.

What got me on this as a topic of annoyance was a profoundly naive interview with a man named Steve Bassett, conducted by the people at something called Project Camelot.

By means of background, Project Camelot is a website that purports to muddle up the genuine history of extraterrestrial activities on our planet with nonsense about "Stargates", time travel and so-called "whistleblowers" supposedly within the government.

Project Camelot's site contains video interviews - most of which I have viewed 10 to 15 times - with people who range from the highly credible (Richard Hoagland, Bob Dean, John Lear) to the deeply delusional (Bill Deagle, Benjamin Fulford, Dan Burisch and the deeply troubled David Wilcock.)

Don't get me wrong - the site is highly valuable for the credible people that are interviewed. My issue is that the folks at Project Camelot propose to battle the elitism of the Illuminati with the elitism of their "Ground Crew", which basically means the wealthy people they have interviewed and those 'in the know', leaving the rest of us 'unwashed masses' to deal with worldwide turmoil as little more than food.

That being said, the Steve Bassett audio interview was astounding in its voluntary blindness. Bassett is evangelically convinced that Barack Obama will be the President to instigate "disclosure", which is the wholesale exposure of the extraterrestrial presence on Earth, and the entire UFO cover-up over the past 60 years or more.

The sheer naivete of Bassett is amazing in that he actually believes that a) exopolitics is legitimate when it comes to dealing with completely alien paradigms, and b) that a neophyte like Obama will be allowed by the Power Elite to disclose anything this sensitive. But, like a born-again Christian,

Bassett droned on and on about how it is inevitable and that the United States must disclose these facts before any other nation beats us to it.

Yeah=85no. Not going to happen.

Every indication is that these "visitors" of ours will disclose themselves at their own convenience.

[Note: Their convenience apparently does not coincide with that of Blossom Goodchild, the disgraced 'channeler' who predicted a mass UFO sighting on October 14 of 2008. Worked famously, didn't it?]

I rather doubt that anyone in our government or anyone else's has the slightest clue about who these visitors are or what they intend, let alone trying to impose a political interpretation on anything so foreign.

Exopolitics is nothing more than 'busy work' for intellectuals with nothing to do, lacking the depth to contemplate the more profound implications of creatures who have probably been our angels, demons and apparitions for hundreds of thousands of years.

No, reducing the most important event in human history to pseudo-intellectual ruminations is a brand of heresy that is uniquely American and ultimately useless.

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>From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 3 Jan 2009 14:18:01 +0000
>Subject: Re: Anecdotal Cases

>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 3 Jan 2009 01:08:57 EST
>>Subject: Re: Anecdotal Cases

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>>The problem is that UFO commentators focus on weak cases,
>>anecdotal evidence of the storytelling unscientific variety,
>>then complain about the lack of scientific progress in UFO
>>research. When someone objects that a case is weak, no one seeks
>>stronger cases and stronger categories of cases that avoid the
>>weakness. In fact there is a constant drumbeat to defend
>>extremely problematic or weak cases. There is also a tendency to
>>gravitate to the most widely publicized cases, as if that's all
>>there is to the UFO phenomenon.

>Yes, exactly.

>What is downplayed in research and almost totally ignored in
>mainstream commentary is the global statistical picture. It is
>the persistence over time and the geographical distribution that
>would make the best case for serious scientific acceptance.

>Too many commentators act like Jim Garrison, trying to get that
>one sworn affidavit that will 'blow the whole case wide open'.
>This then creates its own antithesis in the form of 'sceptics'
>who, by discrediting the source of the affidavit, manage to
>convince the media that the DA doesn't have a case.

>We shouldn't be working like that, and we shouldn't be creating
>that kind of scenario.

Gerald,

You hit the nail on the head! The "global statistical picture"
is an appropriate way to phrase the accumulation of evidence. It
should make a good case for scientific acceptance of the
phenomena. However, for some reason it is not recognized.

In the Law it would be termed "satisfactory evidence" or
"sufficient evidence". Meaning evidence that is sufficient to
satisfy an unprejudiced mind seeking the truth.

More to the point, evidence that when looked at individually may
not be adequate but when looked as a whole is sufficient.

Of course it is difficult to find an un-prejudiced mind, one
that is also capable of examining all the data and weighing the
statistical probabilities.

The quantity and distribution of data make it statistically
impossible to eliminate the probability that there is a physical

phenomenon occurring. Therefore more examination is warranted.

Yours,

Frank

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Logical Fallacies And SETI

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Subject: Logical Fallacies And SETI

Source: Adam Korbitz'a Estimate Of The Situation Blog - Madison,
Wisconsin, USA

<http://estimateofthesituation.blogspot.com/search/label/UFO>

Tuesday, September 30, 2008

[Many links in article]

Logical Fallacies And SETI

I have to apologize. Some of you were expecting another post on Friday, which I realize I did foolishly promise. But I'm still on vacation, and I needed some time to, well, vacation. Don't worry, I haven't been abducted by the MIB. My apologies for leading you on.

As you can see, I'm still in Paris, mulling over my thoughts after observing SETI scientists in action at the first-ever "Searching for Life Signatures" symposium at the UNESCO headquarters in Paris.

It will take me several more days to pull together my conclusions, but I want to share a few initial reactions.

As a launching point, I want to react to a comment to my Thursday post "Something is Here," which recapped a French scientist's proposal that SETI take a serious look at UFO phenomena.

I have been an avid supporter of SETI for many years. However, attending this conference opened my eyes to several logical fallacies in the natural philosophy underlying SETI and in SETI's rejection of the Extraterrestrial Hypothesis as an explanation for some UFO sightings that science cannot adequately explain.

Here's the comment I want to react to (it was posted by a fellow attendee of the conference, who admits she missed Alain Labeque's presentation on Tuesday):

"I wasn't at UNESCO to listen to my colleagues talks. I don't regret it by reading your post... Science... as a candle in the dark... "

What caught my attention, of course, was the "Science as a candle in the dark" allusion to Carl Sagan. I think this comment operates on three different levels, all logical fallacies commonly resorted to by so-called "skeptics" who attack those suggesting science should seriously investigate the possible extraterrestrial origin of some UFO reports.

First, the comment is merely a rhetorical flourish with no scientific meaning, although on its face it pretends to have such meaning.

Other rhetorical flourishes popular with the SETI crowd are "Extraordinary claims require extraordinary evidence" - Sagan again - and "Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic" - Arthur C. Clarke's "Third Law". (The SETI crowd never seems to seriously consider Clarke's First and Second Laws.)

Rhetorical flourishes like this, of course, are just that - rhetoric. They mean nothing from the viewpoint of science, but do open a window into the logic (or lack of logic) underlying a scientist's claims.

Second, such comments are an appeal to authority, another logical and scientific fallacy.

I understand the late Carl Sagan was known, loved and respected by many in attendance at the SETI conference at UNESCO, but just because he said something doesn't mean it is true - or that it is a truly scientific or logical manner of reasoning.

Or even that it should be taken seriously.

I have never heard the SETI crowd so fond of quoting Sagan as an authority against UFOs also quote another famous set of claims from Sagan's book *The Demon-Haunted World* - the very work from which the "Science as a candle in the dark" flourish is drawn.

Specifically, in this book Sagan stated he found value in the serious scientific exploration of several paranormal claims. Sagan felt three reported psychic phenomena merited serious scientific scrutiny (though just barely):

(1) the reported ability of humans, by thought alone, to produce minute but statistically significant variations in random number generators run on computers:

(2) "ganzfeld" studies in which people under mild sensory deprivation appear to receive thoughts and images transmitted to them mentally by other people; and

(3) claims that young children sometimes relate the details of a previous life, details which are verified upon checking and which the children could not have known in any conventional way (except, presumably, through reincarnation)

I doubt you will ever hear anyone in the SETI crowd refer to Sagan's interest in telekinesis, ESP and reincarnation, even while they quote him authoritatively on other subjects, such as why interstellar travel is (in their view) unlikely or impossible.

Finally, the "Science as a candle in the dark" flourish is really a thinly veiled ad hominem attack on anyone who would suggest an advanced technological civilization in our galactic neighborhood might venture to travel between the stars -- including our star, the Sun.

Reduced to its essentials, what the "Science as a candle in the dark" comment really means in this context is:

SETI = Science = candle, light

UFOs = Pseudoscience = darkness

Sadly, these three logical fallacies - reliance upon rhetorical flourishes, appeals to authority and ad hominem attacks - were all on display at the SETI conference at UNESCO.

Intriguingly, by far one of the most - if not the most -- data-packed presentations at the SETI conference at UNESCO was that of Bjorn Gitle Hauge on the "Investigation and analysis of transient luminous phenomena in the low atmosphere of Hessdalen valley, Norway."

The Hessdalen phenomenon has been known for many years, but Hauge presented stunning new photographic, spectrographic and radar data indicating a luminous, energetic phenomena of an unknown character and source occurring over Hessdalen.

I'll write up Hauge's presentation in more detail when I return

to the States, but for now I can tell you the visceral reaction of the American SETI contingent at UNESCO ranged from apparent mockery to thinly veiled anger.

It is important to understand Hauge advanced no hypothesis to explain the reported phenomena - although he begged the scientists at the conference to examine his data and suggest an explanation. He certainly did not suggest the phenomena were evidence of extraterrestrial visitation. He merely reported evidence the phenomena were real.

And - unlike much of the "science" presented at the conference - he actually had empirical data to back up his claims.

That, however, was too much for some of the most renowned scientists in the SETI field, who apparently cannot tolerate even the suggestion of unexplained phenomena in our atmosphere, even when supported by multiple data sets and unaccompanied by a suggested extraterrestrial explanation.

I guess that's what passes for science these days.

(On that note, I'll tell you what I learned at UNESCO about Dyson Spheres - a much-loved canard taken very seriously by many at the SETI conference - in a future post. Suffice it to say, if these imaginary constructs utterly unsupported by empirical evidence were called "Korbitz Spheres," no one would take the idea seriously, and rightly so.)

To be continued...

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Mon, 05 Jan 2009 16:24:31 -0500
Archived: Mon, 05 Jan 2009 16:24:31 -0500
Subject: Obama And UFOs

Source: The Chicago Trib ue - Illinois, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/9vdkx7>

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They want him to open thousands of pages of documents, and who knows, maybe even divulge the plot of "Battlestar Galactica's" final season before it airs this winter.

We just have one thing to say to the incoming president: Don't do it!

Please don't open all those glorious government files full of UFO reports and alleged alien abductions and other mysterious lights twinkling just above the horizon and moving away at speeds that could not possibly be an airplane - or a weather balloon!

Sure, we'd like to know if and when the aliens arrived here. We'd like to know why - with technology (and weapons?) so clearly advanced beyond anything we have - they are skulking around.

But we urge the president to resist the ufologists' demands because... well, because what if there's no smoking ray gun in those files? What if all those UFO conspiracy theorists are wrong? What if the whole alien invasion plot is as flimsy as a Klingon's anger control?

Life would be so much bleaker without the possibility that aliens are here on Earth, or at least in the general cosmic vicinity. That tantalizing hope has fueled so many magnificent books, television shows, movies - and imaginations.

Many of our top scientists today are sci-fi geeks. From what we've read, the first spark of their future career paths came when they encountered classics like Close Encounters Of The Third Kind, Star Wars or Star Trek. Or when they read masters of science fiction such as Isaac Asimov, Ray Bradbury or Arthur C. Clarke.

Obama already has a long enough to-do list. We doubt that he has time to plow through all the files on Area 51. Let's keep it that way.

The U.S. government hasn't managed to keep many important secrets. Let's hope one of them continues to be the truth about aliens on Earth.

[Thanks to Frank Fields for the lead]

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Explosion In Sky Over Tok Mystifies Residents

From: **Franklin Fields** <fields.nul>
Date: Mon, 5 Jan 2009 12:54:01 -0500 (EST)
Archived: Mon, 05 Jan 2009 16:27:26 -0500
Subject: Explosion In Sky Over Tok Mystifies Residents

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Frank

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Re: The Folly Of Exopolitics

From: **Stephen G. Bassett** <PRG.nul>
Date: Mon, 05 Jan 2009 23:22:06 -0800
Archived: Tue, 06 Jan 2009 06:58:00 -0500
Subject: Re: The Folly Of Exopolitics

>Source: Bob Webster's WebCommentary.Com - no location available

><http://tinyurl.com/9sgxbg>

>January 3, 2009

>EBCommentary Contributor
>Author: J. Aaron Paciulli

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Re: The Folly Of Exopolitics

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Tue, 6 Jan 2009 06:57:59 -0600
Archived: Tue, 06 Jan 2009 08:27:26 -0500
Subject: Re: The Folly Of Exopolitics

>From: Stephen G. Bassett <PRG.nul>
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I suspect that it is the easy arrogance that is so off-putting.
Too, intellectual arrogance is the worst kind, remembering the
practitioner of this particular brand builds sky castles
himself based on a foundation of the energy found in a
cigarette ash dropped from a distance of about a foot!

This guy should be stripped naked, dropped into the Amazon, and
made to endure some "telepathene" mushrooms, five dry grams on
an empty stomach in silent darkness, just to see how much
intellectual "heavy lifting" he can _really_ do, eh?

Truly, what a facile maroon crawled out close to the end of the
most nondescript branch thinking he perceives the top of the
tree. A grain of sand on an discovered beach, I laugh without
arrogance at the pretensions of another grain of sand.

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Re: Explosion In Sky Over Tok Mystifies Residents

From: Robert Powell <rpowell.nul>
Date: Tue, 06 Jan 2009 07:48:42 -0600
Archived: Tue, 06 Jan 2009 09:16:58 -0500
Subject: Re: Explosion In Sky Over Tok Mystifies Residents

>From: Franklin Fields <fields.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 5 Jan 2009 12:54:01 -0500 (EST)
>Subject: Large Explosion In Sky Over Tok Mystifies Residents

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Perhaps the next time that terrorists hijack a plane and turn
off the transponders... the FAA can just refer the unidentified
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Chicago Tribune Editorial

From: **Jeri Jahnke** <jeri.nul>
Date: Tue, 6 Jan 2009 11:10:34 -0600
Archived: Tue, 06 Jan 2009 13:42:10 -0500
Subject: Chicago Tribune Editorial

The Tribune's O'Hare article received more hits than any other article in their web history, and this editorial is getting some interest, too. Folks might want to look at the comments section at:

<http://www.topix.net/forum/source/chicago-tribune/T17UDESGRTH17NJO>

There are comments from around the world. Readers rated the editorial an average 1.8 stars out of five.

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Re: Obama And UFOs

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Tue, 6 Jan 2009 15:49:40 EST
Archived: Wed, 07 Jan 2009 16:41:47 -0500
Subject: Re: Obama And UFOs

>Source: The Chicago Trib ue - Illinois, USA

><http://tinyurl.com/9vdkx7>

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You will never get any form of UFO disclosure nor assist in such
from the Executive branch of this government nor any other
government. If even our worst enemies won't challenge us on this
issue what does that say? It doesn't take a rocket scientist to
figure this out and this editorial piece covers just the right
issues.

In over 60 years of investigation not one bona fide piece of
physical proof has been presented regarding the ETH. Yes, there
are UFOs, yes there are some trace cases, remnants, radar, etc.
but no smoking ray gun for the ETH.

I've been to the mountain top in my search for UFO information
and I'm about to pack it up and get on with my life. It's been a
great adventure and I wouldn't recommend it for those who can't
face those monsters of the ID.

The most you'll get out of Obama regarding this issue is an off
comment non-official remark that he's aware that it's a concern
of some people but no data as yet warrants the attention and
resources it would take considering the economic and war crises

that face us today.

I really wish I could divulge what I've discovered over the years but there isn't enough bandwidth nor time in the world to disseminate it all and that's the biggest danger. How data is used. Enter a new technology or idea and how many crooks get hold of it to use it to suppress others.

I believe there's an old saying, maybe Greek that to start a fire sometimes you get burned. It probably refers to Prometheus.

Disclosure might contain some ETH data but what if that data is only a smidgen of the UFO disclosure information and much more, far more thought shaking information no one is prepared for is part of that package?

People, especially far too many UFOlogists are too bigotted, prejudiced, spiteful, jealous, ego tripping, hard headed, superstitious, and lazy to comprehend the full spectrum of this phenom and I oughtta know because I'm one of those former listed bad attributes.

Yep, I took that Krell Brain Booster.

Is the journey worth it? Only if you stand the responsibility that comes afterwards.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com/blog

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MoD UFO Project Move

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Wed, 7 Jan 2009 11:56:53 +0100 (CET)
Archived: Wed, 07 Jan 2009 16:43:32 -0500
Subject: MoD UFO Project Move

On January 1 2009, responsibility for UFO matters passed from MoD HQ in London to HQ Air Command at RAF High Wycombe.

Here's the announcement on the MoD website:

<http://tinyurl.com/96jedj>

Here's a media story about this:

<http://tinyurl.com/98gqlw>

Despite MoD's statement that there will be no policy change, I believe that embedding the UFO project in the RAF as opposed to the MoD will mean that more sightings will be investigated and that those sightings that are investigated will be investigated more thoroughly. Lazy reliance on sending out standard letters and hiding behind the "no defense significance" party line is less likely to be tolerated in an operational RAF headquarters.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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Re: Ralph Rankow Photo Files?

From: Dick Hall <dh12.nul>
Date: Wed, 07 Jan 2009 07:46:43 -0500
Archived: Wed, 07 Jan 2009 16:44:43 -0500
Subject: Re: Ralph Rankow Photo Files?

During my years as Assistant Director and Acting Director of NICAP, Ralph Rankow, a professional photographer in New York City, was a photographic consultant and helped analyze many photo cases for us.

Recently I have received two inquiries regarding him and his files. Does anyone know where he and/or his UFO photo files can be located?

Dick Hall

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Re: The Folly Of Exopolitics

From: Paul Kimball <robieshark.nul>
Date: Tue, 6 Jan 2009 19:49:12 -0400
Archived: Wed, 07 Jan 2009 16:46:26 -0500
Subject: Re: The Folly Of Exopolitics

>From: Stephen G. Bassett <PRG.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 05 Jan 2009 23:22:06 -0800
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Oh, the irony of someone in "exopolitics" using those three
lines as a rejoinder to a critic of "exopolitics".

Paul Kimball
www.redstarfilms.blogspot.com

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Re: UFO Traffic & Australia's Bermuda Triangle

From: Katharina Wilson <K.Wilson.nul>
Date: Wed, 07 Jan 2009 14:38:04 -0600
Archived: Wed, 07 Jan 2009 16:51:03 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Traffic & Australia's Bermuda Triangle

>UFO Traffic And Australia's Bermuda Triangle

>Special report by Michael Cohen
>m.cohen.nul

<snip>

>Operating in the area are two rather secretive military bases.
>One of these: The Naval Communication Station Harold E. Holt has
>been already mentioned extensively in relation to the incidents.
>The Naval Communication Station was built in 1963 as a joint US-
>Australian initiative. The station's purpose is to provide VLF
>(very low frequency) radio transmissions to submarines and ships
>of the US Navy and Royal Australian Navy operating in the Indian
>Ocean. The station consists of 13 radio towers. With a
>transmission power of 1000 kilowatts it is the southern
>hemispheres most powerful transmission station. The station was
>originally totally under US control but is now mainly under
>Australian control and curiously now operated by Boeing
>Australia Ltd.

>The Australian transport Safety Bureau on investigating the
>incidents has said that interference from the station might have
>caused the incident, although concluded that this is unlikely.

<snip>

I know I'm going out on a limb, but I can't help but believe there is some sort of relationship between what I read here and what I've seen during a couple of my experiences concerning the continent of Australia. For what it's worth - the following information was remembered by me immediately after the event and without the use of hypnosis:

From page 213 of my e-book: I Forgot What I Wasn't Supposed To Remember:

<http://www.alienjigsaw.com/I%20Forgot/Book%20Page.html>

If you put the word Australia in the Find box, you can read an account that involved me being taken in a craft and seeing Australia out of the window of the craft, as well as a military jet flying near the craft. I often find the 'transport' process onto the craft to be the most traumatic occurrence during my encounters, so I (or the Beings) often block that portion of the experience out, which is apparent in this account.

The craft I was inside of is illustrated on pages 217 and 218, which can be located by putting Bubble Craft in the Find box.

This is the second consciously recalled memory I've had of being on or over the continent of Australia during an abduction experience. One earlier encounter involved me standing on a beach and looking up and seeing the Southern Cross. There were a few Beings standing near me, but they were standing just out of sight of my direct visual range and I could only see them peripherally. This is a control tactic they often use on abductees.

I knew I was in Australia, and as soon as I recognized the constellation, the Beings took my sight away. They have done this in the past when they realize I'm seeing something they do not want me to remember. It's quite disturbing when it happens, but it's one of the control mechanisms they use. Since it has happened to me several times during my encounters, I have come to understand it and not fear it, although I don't like it at all. Fortunately, once I see the object they do not want me to see, I can still retain conscious recall of it.

This is just an FYI for those researchers who might be interested For those of you who do not know me the link below might be helpful.

<http://www.alienjigsaw.com/Introduction/introduction.html>

If you do not believe in the alien presence on our planet or in alien abductions, I'd appreciate you ignoring this post.

Thank you,

Katharina Wilson
www.alienjigsaw.com

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Ex-NICAP Officers?

From: **Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos** <ballesterolmos.nul>
Date: Wed, 7 Jan 2009 21:31:50 +0000 (GMT)
Archived: Wed, 07 Jan 2009 17:55:00 -0500
Subject: Ex-NICAP Officers?

Dear List Mmembers:

I am interested ino locating the two last officers of NICAP, the important UFO oganization based in Washington, D.C. founded by Major Donald Keyhoe, Mr John Acuff and Mr Stuart Nixon.

I would appreciate receiving - either on-Llist or privately - any information that allows me to find these two gentlemen. Many years ago Nixon was operating a book store in Northern Virginia.

Let me thank you beforehand for any track or clue that helps me to find them.

Sincerely,

Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos
Manager, FOTOCAT project
Valencia, Spain

<http://fotocat.blogspot.com/>

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Date: Wed, 07 Jan 2009 18:20:13 -0400
Archived: Wed, 07 Jan 2009 17:56:00 -0500
Subject: Re: MoD UFO Project Move

UFO UpDates - Toronto wrote:

>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 7 Jan 2009 11:56:53 +0100 (CET)
>Subject: MoD UFO Project Move

>On January 1 2009, responsibility for UFO matters passed from
>MoD HQ in London to HQ Air Command at RAF High Wycombe.

>Here's the announcement on the MoD website:

><http://tinyurl.com/96jedj>

>Here's a media story about this:

><http://tinyurl.com/98gqlw>

>Despite MoD's statement that there will be no policy change, I
>believe that embedding the UFO project in the RAF as opposed to
>the MoD will mean that more sightings will be investigated and
>that those sightings that are investigated will be investigated
>more thoroughly. Lazy reliance on sending out standard letters
>and hiding behind the "no defense significance" party line is
>less likely to be tolerated in an operational RAF headquarters.

At least some curiosity might be exhibited by the RAF. The "no
defense significance" party line never did make sense to me.
That has been party line with the US and Canada as well.

If your military assets are being constantly out maneuvered by
some other 'craft' that is an unknown, how can that be construed
as of "no defense significance"?

If you are getting your arses kicked then clearly you are behind
the defence curve. Not good for any air force.

With the Russians getting antsy again - they are testing defence
[defense in the US] zones again including UK airspace, Canadian
air space and American naval exercises in international waters,
just to name a few - who is to say that this unidentified is
worth interdicting because it is Russian or forget that one,
its a UFO - obviously?

Don Ledger

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UFOs And 'Katchinas' In Argentina

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<http://www.allnewsweb.com/page1401404.php>

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Argentina: UFOs And 'Katchinas'=09

Katchinas in Argentina?

Uncanny similarities between pictographs, Katsinam and...
robots!

Special report by Sandra Rodr=EDguez-Beauchamp
sarodgz.nul
for All News Web

The pictographs shown above are found in Argentina, in The Cave Of The Spirits, one of several grottos in Cura Malal, part of Sierra de la Ventana, a mountain range rising East of La Pampa, in the Buenos Aires province.

Argentinian scholar Fabio Picasso wrote about them in an essay on Mapuche spiritual traditions published in the Latin American Fortean Files website. There is a striking similarity of the pictograph on the left with a Hopi Masa'u Katsina from Harvard's Peabody Museum katsinam collection. In both the "techno-pictos" and the wood carving we are faced with designs that look a whole lot like our contemporary idea of a robot.

Is that what they were meant to represent? We have no way of confirming it, but we do know that, to this date, people from the Sierra de la Ventana area keep witnessing lights in the sky, with UFO watchers continually informing about it in Argentinian publications and websites, as well as USA and European sites. Here we use as a backdrop for the art inserts, a photo of a UFO over the La Ventana mountain range, published by Ra=FAI Oscar Chavez from CIUFOS, La Pampa.

We also know that the Hopi Elders spoke to researcher Frank Waters - Book Of The Hopi, Penguin Books, 1977 - of how, upon arriving to the Fouth World, their ancestors were asked to follow Masau's star all the way to the South before they could go up North to Oraibi, their promised land, which was at that time deep under ice.

These amazing examples from the Mapuche and the Hopi legacies are indeed suggestive of ancient Indoamerican connections. In the quoted essay by Fabio Picasso, the author establishes a relation between the "power stone" of the Mapuche chiefs, the Cura Malal cave, and the uncanny spiritual and physical power of Calfucur=El, the Mapuche leader who reigned and loved and fought until he died resisting occupation at his very vigorous 108 years of age, and then only because he was betrayed. Researcher Picasso includes what seems to be a lead to a deeper understanding of the subject, found in a traditional Mapuche

poem:

Song to Nahuelcheu

Brother, my dear brother,
Let's go to Curamalal,
Let's extract remedy from the portal
Then, then we shall be valiant
Brother of mine, dear one,
If we extract the remedy from the portal,
Then we shall be valiant,
Brother of mine, dear one.

If you wish to read more on the subject, you may visit:

Las Piedras Sagradas De Las Etnias Sudamericanas
Tokis, Curas Y Bastones De Mando, Fabio Picasso, AFLA

<http://tinyurl.com/87u53r>

El Ovni de Cura Malal

<http://www.ciencia-ovni.com.ar/ventanaalcosmos.htm>

ARGENTINA: UFOs Photographed at Sierra de la Ventana

<http://www.ufocasebook.com/sierra042307.html>

Masaw Katsina

<http://www.peabody.harvard.edu/katsina/58858.html>

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UFO Conference Laughlin February 2009

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January 7, 2009

World's Largest UFO Conference Laughlin, Nevada February 2009

18th Annual International UFO Congress Convention and Film Festival Adds New Events to the Seven Day, Eight Night Conference.

Laughlin, Nev. (PRWEB) -- The International UFO Congress, a leading organization for the research and documentation of UFO and related information, today announced their 18th Annual UFO Conference and Film Festival. Featuring more than 30 speakers from around the globe, the conference will be held at the newly renovated Aquarius Resort and Casino in Laughlin, Nevada from February 22nd through February 28th.

New events of the convention this year include healing sessions with renowned Croatian prophet Braco, and nightly skywatch trips with night-vision equipment led by veteran UFO spotter Ed Grimsley. Convention mainstays such as the Speaker Cocktail Party, the UFO Film Festival, and the EBE Awards Banquet will also be a part of this year's conference. Experienter sessions will be led this year by Barbara Lamb.

The IUFOC is very pleased to welcome two new speakers this year: renowned UFO researcher and author Stanton Friedman will join us for the first time ever, and Marisa Ryan is welcomed as the first Medium ever to speak at the International UFO Congress. Jim Marrs returns this year with his new book, *The Rise of the Fourth Reich*; and Joshua P. Warren will teach you how to tell whether a UFO photo is real or hoaxed. All in all, more than thirty researchers and authors from around the world will be here for this one amazing week to bring you the best of all the new research relating to UFOs and the paranormal.

Early registration for the All-inclusive Full Package start at only \$499 (per person, double occupancy) until January 19, 2009. After that, rates will increase. This includes admission to all presentations, the EBE Awards Banquet, and Meet the Speaker Cocktail Party, Experienter Sessions, Skywatch Trips as well as eight nights accommodations at the Aquarius Casino Resort in Laughlin, Nevada.

If you can not attend the conference for the full week, A la Carte Tickets and Hotel Room accommodations are also available.

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07 January 2009

[Picture]

Tentacle UFO Spotted Night Before Carnage At Conisholme Wind Farm

Engineers from Ecotricity are working to establish how a 20m blade mysteriously fell off a turbine at Conisholme wind farm - but residents have their own conclusions.

It is believed the a blade fell off the 89m turbine and another was left badly bent on Sunday January 4.

Speculation has continued amongst residents in Conisholme and the surrounding villages with some saying they saw strange flashing tentacle shaped lights above the wind farm on the night before it happened.

Mr John Harrison, Saltfleetby described how on Saturday night, January 3 he looked out of his landing window to see a 'massive ball of light' with 'tentacles going right down to the ground' over Conisholme wind farm.

"It was huge" he said "At first I thought it must have been a hole where the moon was shining through but then I saw the tentacles =96 it looked just like an octopus.

"It was an incredible site; I have never seen anything like it before. I have no idea what it was, all I can say is what I saw".

And although many believe the incident is an isolated one, reports of damage to wind turbines appear to be more common than people think:

* April 2005: A 40m blade of a turbine on a wind farm in Berwickshire, Scotland suddenly shattered. The failure was blamed on strong winds and icy weather conditions.

* November 2006: The tip of the rotor blade of a turbine in Oldenburg, Germany was ripped off following a sudden gust of wind throwing it into a field 200m away.

* January 2007: A family narrowly avoided tragedy when a 16ft blade spun off a wind turbine and crashed through the roof of their home in Belfast.

* July 2008: A giant wind turbine between Sheffield and Rotherham was shut down using a controlled deconstruction and the blades fell to the ground after cracks in the blades appeared.

* December 2008: Shards of ice were catapulted from an 80m high turbine in Peterborough leaving residents fearing for their safety.

Click here to see dramatic footage of a wind turbine being destroyed:

<http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=3Dc3FZtmlHwca>

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<http://www.thesun.co.uk/sol/homepage/news/ufos/article2108149.ece>

January 8, 2009

UFO Hits Wind Turbine
By Virginia Wheeler
and Jennifer Brain

Baffled power chiefs said of the smash in Conisholme, Lincs: "We have a team investigating." There was no trace of the missing blade. A UFO expert said: "We are very excited."

Dorothy said: "My husband Stephen was woken at 4am by the bang."

Afterwards there was no trace of one of the turbine's three huge 65ft blades - ripped off in the collision.

Another was left twisted and useless. Other locals told how the lights looked like balls of flames. Lesley Whittingham, 71, even managed to photograph it - and said: "It looked like a giant explosion in the air."

John Harrison, another witness, described how he looked out of his landing window and saw a "massive ball of light with tentacles going right down to the ground" over the wind farm. He said: "It was huge. With the tentacles it looked just like an octopus."

The object that struck the turbine at Conisholme near Louth on Sunday dodged others surrounding it - and last night experts had no explanation for what it was. There were NO reports of any aircraft collisions.

Council health and safety officials said even the strongest gale was unlikely to be responsible.

The damage was described by the Health and Safety Executive as a "unique incident".

Wind farm company Ecotricity admitted: "We don't know what caused the problem. We are investigating."

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UFO expert Russ Kellett, of Flying Saucer Review, told how dozens of reports of mystery objects poured in before the crash.

He said: "Balls of light were seen in the sky and the MoD has no explanation. We are very, very excited about this."

Last night the incident was the talk of the internet. It was dubbed the "Octopus UFO" because of the tentacles and how the lights appeared joined in formation.

The MoD said of the latest scare: "Unless there is evidence of a potential threat, there is no attempt to identify the nature of each sighting."

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[Side-bar]

MyView
By Nick Pope

UFO expert

This could be one of the most significant UFO incidents for years.

If something collided with the wind turbine =97 as seems certain =97 there may be residue on the damaged parts that could help solve this mystery.

In the last few months there have been two near-collisions between UFOs and police helicopters =97 and now this.

There's a public safety issue here, whatever you believe about UFOs.

The Ministry of Defence's standard line on UFOs isn't good enough. The MoD and the Civil Aviation Authority need to investigate as a matter of urgency.

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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More UFOs Spotted Over NSW

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Subject: More UFOs Spotted Over NSW

Source: Daily Telegraph - Sydney, New South Wales, Australia

<http://tinyurl.com/9c6x3z>

January 09, 2009

More UFOs Spotted Over NSW

We had a bumper year for aliens in which UFOs were seen over the state's South Coast and flying saucers popped up on Google Maps - now fresh sightings have emerged suggesting there is plenty of activity in the skies over NSW.

Last June an unnamed Nowra alien addict reported seeing a military helicopter following a UFO over the local golf course. And in December our story on how a Daily Telegraph reader spotted what appeared to be a flying saucer hovering near the Sydney Harbour Bridge while checking out Google Maps caused a web sensation.

But that's not all. Turns out the Campbelltown-based UFO and Paranormal Research Society of Australia - one of 30 UFO research groups around the country - has been busy cataloguing even more sightings.

The society's NSW close encounters database - full of sightings emailed in by avid alien watchers - reveals that last November a Blacktown man saw a range of cigar and diamond-shaped craft speeding through the night sky over two hours. "They would be from the south horizon to the north horizon in under a minute," the witness wrote. "Sometimes they would stop mid-flight, float for a bit and move in a different direction. Others would move vertically and they looked unlike anything I had ever seen. "I must have seen at least 50 instances of the objects, having about eight or nine visible at the same time."

The witness continued: "At first I thought it might have been military training from the RAAF base at Richmond, but there were no squadrons and no set pattern to any of the crafts' flights."

It wasn't the only strange craft spotted over Sydney's west, either. Less than two weeks ago another alien spotter saw something in the skies over Leumeah - while hanging out the washing. The unnamed observer reported a "sudden fly-by of a spherical object from southeast to northwest". It was reportedly white and semi-transparent, with murky centre.

The writer added: "Airborne debris or any other airborne artefacts can be possibly be ruled out as the direction of travel was inconsistent with wind direction."

Worldwide, it appears 2009 is picking up right where 2008 left off on the phenomena front. Just this week a wind turbine was mysteriously wrecked on an English farm - and locals say it was hit by a UFO they claim to have seen and heard. (Watch the video on right)

Locals in Conisholme, Lincolnshire were reportedly woken by a

4am smash that ripped one of the turbine's 20m blades clean off after strange lights were spotted streaking towards the towering 88m generator. There was no trace of the missing blade.

UFO Research NSW spokesman Doug Moffett is sure a growing number of people believe alien life is possible. "I guarantee that you would know someone who believes in extraterrestrial life," he said. "But they're not going to come out and wave a flag in the middle of Pitt St because you know what would happen - if you jumped up in the middle of your lunch room and said 'Hey guys I saw a UFO last night' they would just bag you out."

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Does The Future Leak Back Into The Present?

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Science Frontiers No. 180, Nov-Dec 2008, p. 4

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Does The Future Leak Back Into The Present?

If you think that the phenomenon of quantum entanglement is bizarre, we have another consequence of quantum mechanics that will readily barbecue your notion that a rational reality exists.

The venerable two-slit apparatus of optics is employed. First on the optical axis is a photon source, next comes the screen with two slits in it, then a set of small Venetian blinds. Finally, we need a photon detector.

In the subject experiment, photons are directed towards the screen with slits - one_at_a_time. If the detector is watching the screen with slits, each photon has to pick one slit or the other. Altogether, a stream of single photons produces only two bright spots on the blinds, the consequence of each photon choosing one slit or the other. However, if the detector cannot see the slits - these the performers of the quantum mechanics magic - the array of familiar parallel, interference-crested stripes will form on the closed blinds, which act as a screen.

In the first part of the experiment, the photons set the particles; in the second part, they behave as waves.

You had to admit that this "classical" quantum phenomenon should be enough to intrigue any anomalist.

"But wait," as the TV ads proclaim, there's even weirder weirdness to come!

Put the detector on the other side of the closed blinds where it cannot see the screen-plus-slits. If the blinds are closed, the usual stripes form as in the classical experiment.

Here's the twist: If the blinds open only after the photons have passed the slits but before they reach the blinds, the stripes fail to form even though the photons have seemingly done what they must to form stripes - namely, fly through both slits, as they always do when unobserved.

Somehow, the detector's belated view of the screen cancels out the magic performed earlier by the slits. In other words, whatever happens at the slits is affected by what happens in the future!

Physicist J. Tollaksen, George Mason University, commented:

"It suggests that the universe has a destiny - a destiny that is out there and coming back to us from the future."

(Begley, Sharon; Putting Time In A Leaky Bottle,
Newsweek, p. 49, July 30, 2007. Cr. L. Hitchcock.)

Comment. There goes free will!

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I am also very interested in what you have discovered. Maybe
this would be a good time to begin a discussion.

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CNN Ticker "Hundreds Of 'Alien' Craft"

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Archived: Fri, 09 Jan 2009 10:56:49 -0500
Subject: CNN Ticker "Hundreds Of 'Alien' Craft"

I just saw the following phrase on CNN's ticker this morning:
"Hundreds of 'alien' craft..." so I did a search for that phrase
and this is what I found.

It looks like this story is getting more coverage, but it seems
to be the usual brainless and ridicule type of coverage,
unfortunately.

<http://tinyurl.com/9zj8bf>

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Multiple Witnesses See UFOs Over Argentine Lake

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<http://www.allnewsweb.com/page1601604.php>

8-1-2009

Argentina: UFOs Over Lake Seen By Multiple Witnesses

Argentina is in the middle of a massive UFO flap, with sightings occurring virtually on a daily basis. Much of this activity centres on the town of Victoria in the Entre Rios province.

One of the most recent sightings occurred on January 2 2009 starting at around 11pm. Witnesses are reported to have seen at least three UFOs. The first emerged from the body of water known as Laguna Del Pescado and then sped towards the fields surrounding the regional city of Victoria. A second large white light then appeared in the sky, parallel to the moon, before turning west and speeding upwards away from earth. Finally another light then appeared and did the same-the lights ranged in colour from white, blue, red orange and yellow.

The UFOs were seen by multiple witnesses from a number of viewpoints and police were contacted. One witness noted that they did not behave like Chinese lanterns, flares or fireworks but rather like controlled craft. A photograph taken of one of the objects appears above.

This is hardly the first incident concerning Laguna Del Pescado and Los Rios Province in Argentina. Numerous high profile UFO sightings have been reported over the years as well as a series of suspicious cattle mutilations. There are also reports of a crashed UFO in 1992 that was witnessed by local farmers and cleaned up by the military.

There is a UFO Museum in Victoria which contains a unique metallic substance supposedly taken from the crash site that turns translucent when photographed and causes mobile phones to break! Local Argentinean ufologists have even scanned the area around Laguna Del Pescado with magnetic receivers and while they found irregularities they found nothing conclusive. However the local UFO museum's director Ms Silvia Perez is fairly convinced that a UFO base exists in the area, possibly submerged under Laguna Del Pescado.

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Plait On Turbine Damage

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January 8th, 2009

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Aliens Hate Green Energy!
by Phil Plait

Obviously, aliens hate the fact that we're going green: an energy-producing wind turbine in the UK was destroyed last Sunday. Mysterious lights were seen in the sky around the same time. Ergo, aliens want us to burn coal.

Hey, my conclusion is no dumber than assuming flying saucers were around in the first place. But that didn't stop people from assuming UFOs were behind the turbine's destruction.

What's funny is that we have a whole pile of rational explanations for this event. The lights have been identified as fireworks. While they probably didn't destroy the turbine, it's not completely out of the question. More likely, though it was a coincidence: the weather conditions were very cold, with icing a problem. Ice on one blade could have been flung into another, causing the destruction. Or ice could have built up in a crack or seam on the blade, bending it, throwing it off balance. At the size and speed of those blades, a small deviation can cause catastrophic damage.

Heck, even someone taking a shot at it with a rifle would explain what happened.

But that didn't stop the BBC and other news outlets from devoting a lot of time and space to the UFO angle (including The Mirror, which also posted a picture of a flying saucer from the movie "Forbidden Planet"). Of course, they're just quoting Dale Vince, the founder of Ecotricity, the owner of the turbine:

"Until we have some idea, some plausible explanation that it was not a UFO, I don't think we should rule it out."

Brilliant! Of course, they have no evidence Doctor Who didn't do it, so they can't rule that out either. Or maybe it was Jenny McCarthy! Windmills cause autism! Why, that would even explain Don Quixote! Was Cervantes ever chelated?

And to top it all off, the Ecotricity site has been using this for publicity, saying, incredibly, "We don't as yet have any evidence that points us to a cause =85 but speculation in the press is rife." Yes, speculation has been rife because the CEO of your company specifically mentioned UFOs.

Sheesh.

This kind of breathless nonsense is really, really dumb. It=9211 waste time during the investigation, it wastes space in the news, and it reduces the overall population=92s IQ by some fraction of a point as well.

Feh.

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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Phil Plait has a daughter, and I'm sure he must have some rudimentary awareness that there is a very real epidemic of neurological disorders, with few causes or cures known, in our kids' generation.

To use autism as a cheap shot in this way is disgusting and boorish.

Carol Maltby

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Greg,

Knock it off.

Jerry Clark

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Certainly one of the most succinct (and accurate) comments by
Martin in a long time. On the one hand, Boone tells us he has
searched exhaustively and found nothing solid, but only he can
handle the (implicitly scary and profound) truth.

Consistency, of course, is "the hobgoblin of small minds," but
it does have its merits, as do logic... and modesty.

Dick

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Greg:

I have known Eleanor for many years. She is on my Christmas card list. Therefore, I can assure Eleanor and I could handle whatever you have discovered.

There is no need to insult members of this List by pretending we are not intelligent or emotionally strong enough to handle whatever you have got.

KK

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SDI #466 Twenty Questions

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Sat, 10 Jan 2009 21:18:33 -0600
Archived: Sun, 11 Jan 2009 07:53:50 -0500
Subject: SDI #466 Twenty Questions

SDI #466 Twenty Questions

20 Questions provoked by injustices addressed - in a perfervid manner on occasion actually, by concise, incisive, but in some ways decisive expressions (for the most part) from Dave Furlotte, Michael MacDonald, and Alfred Lehmborg - as swung to the masterful baton of cogent ufological bandleader Errol Bruce-Knapp:

1. What master of his castle was standing nude on a balcony having a smoke and taking in the breeze from the river when the UFO happened by?
2. How accurate is the "official" record? Is it accurate enough?
3. Who has the responsibility for accurate records?
4. How possible is it that Bob Lazar really did have his official academic record expunged.
5. Does the computer render the record as more relevant?
6. Given the quality of the official record does one item failing to check out adequately disqualify the whole?
7. Given the quality of the official record is the deceased Robert Todd justified in his prosecuted character assassination of the late Roswell principal Jesse Marcel?
8. Given the quality of a "cited" record is Rich Reynolds justified in his entirely scabrous if quickly aborted character assassination of Alfred Lehmborg?
9. Who in the ufological community has purchased their educations from sheepskin grafters and not gotten them from accredited colleges?
10. Should Roswell and other classic cases "go away" even as new information is gleaned by quality researchers?
11. How and why would one ruin his own winkle-pickers?
12. For what can Alien Autopsy enthusiast Ed Gehrman be commended?
13. What is the quality of that which qualifies a belief?
14. Why is an error so hard to admit when the admission is a step up still?
15. Are blind persons abducted? What glimmers in Marley woods? Where can that information be found?
16. What was scary about the noise in the air to the terrified child?
17. Where was the pointy part?
18. What did their teachers think?

19. What kind of eye has a white pupil?

20. Why are aliens worried about planet Earth? Who is our Rocket man?

Gadzooks and all perfidious obliivraments... a'puddle or floating at sea! 60 minutes remain of filmmakers appearing out of hyperspace sprung fully formed from the head of Zeus, excited free association and earnest reportage flown down close to flame but returned for same, still... aliens fiddling about with our hard-sited nuclear weapons, and one brave world class physicist showing us everything we know is essentially "row row row your boat gently down the stream... merrily, merrily, merrily, life is but a dream."

The number 42. Letters eerily absent.

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Cox - Abandoning The Streets For The Net

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Source: Billy Cox's Blog De Void

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Saturday, January 10, 2009

Abandoning The Streets For The Net
By Billy Cox

The election results hadn't had more than a few days to cool before legendary historian Howard Zinn fired a few shots at what he regarded as the president-elect's compromised campaign positions:

http://www.democracynow.org/2009/1/2/placeholder_howard_zinn

Criticizing Barack Obama's failure to push for single-payer health insurance, as well as the candidate's \$700 billion bailout vote for Wall Street, the author of "The People's History of the United States" also reminded his audience of the checks-and-balances fallacies taught in civics class.

"Well now," Zinn told his Binghamton University (N.Y.) listeners as he reviewed the limits of the judicial, executive and legislative branches, "these structures aren't democracy. Democracy is the people. And what history tells us is that when injustices have been remedied, they have not been remedied by these three branches of government.

"They've been remedied by great social movements. Which then push and force and pressure and threaten the three branches of government until they finally do something."

So give points to the transition team's innovative Web page at Change.gov for at least paying lip service to America's myriad anxieties before they become great social movements.

After two rounds of soliciting feedback from taxpayers and asking them to rank issue categories by priority, Team Obama professed to be blown away by the response. Some 20,000 readers contributed to the first appeal by submitting 10,000 questions and casting 1 million votes for their top issues. In the second round, 103,512 people asked 76,031 questions and cast 4,713,083 votes - a turnout that really flipped the switch, according to Change.gov's Newsroom Blog on Friday.

"We can now be confident that the success of the first round was not just about a new trick, but just a hint of the willingness of the public to permanently change the way they interact with their government," the site proclaimed. "There's plenty of room to grow."

Given the disastrous state of the economy, the shredded U.S. Constitution, global warming, energy crises, wars, etc., the incoming admin couldn't have been terribly surprised about what's on everyone's minds. And yet, crawling like silt along

the bottom rung =96 garnering scores of statistically irrelevant datapoints if you type UFO into the archive search at:

http://change.gov/page/content/openforquestions_20081217_private_url

persists an issue that not a single White House has addressed in a candid and transparent manner.

As one reader summarized it, "Will the Obama Administration finally treat the American people like adults and declassify all evidence and knowledge of UFOs and their origins?"

It's hard to know what constitutes a social movement today. In these shabby times, it could be something as unremarkable as managing a collective attention span exceeding several generations of crickets. And if you're trying to engineer a social movement via the new but passive communications technologies, as is Washington lobbyist Stephen Bassett, it's hard to calibrate.

Last October, from his one-man operation known as the Paradigm Research Group in Bethesda, Md., Bassett began directing traffic at:

<http://www.faxonwashington.org/>

to join a letter-writing campaign =96 to whomever won the White House =96 demanding the long overdue declassification of federal UFO records, not to mention congressional hearings, whistleblower amnesty, and disclosure of whatever advanced technologies may have been produced as a result of research conducted in the dark at taxpayer expense. The campaign, called Million Fax on Washington, kicked off on Nov. 5 and concludes on Jan. 20.

Bassett asked all participants to let him know after they'd dispatched their letters/faxes/e-mails, and a sampling of those missives are posted on the Web site. So far, he's received 500 notifications, likely a fraction of those who actually sent letters. Bassett also reports that a fellow UFO disclosure advocate/radio host counts 1,500 listener notifications at his in-box. Which is significantly more than those who forwarded their questions to Change.gov.

But even those numbers may not be enough to grab anyone's attention. Bassett notes how, in 1977, an estimated 10,000 related letters to new president Jimmy Carter were enough to trigger a short-lived White House attempt at a new management approach to UFOs.

Today, Bassett says a Million Fax Facebook group lists 800 members. "Each one of those has, what, 100 members on their friends page? So you've got maybe 80,000, 90,000 people with one degree of separation from each other," he says. "To me, that's notable."

Who knows how any of this stuff shakes down amid the information revolution? Would it make any difference if the new White House received 2 million letters? How would anyone know if it did? Social movements were a hell of a lot easier to analyze when people were pounding the streets. When convoys of truckers descended upon Washington last April and created a Beltway bottleneck to protest crushing fuel prices, at least you could count 'em.

It's hard to imagine any administration freely relinquishing classified data on national security matters as profoundly entrenched as UFOs. Impossible to imagine without public pressure. Either way, Bassett says the new administration should be mindful of subjecting UFOs to a reader popularity contest.

"They came in promising open government," he says. "But every day they wait to end the truth embargo, it becomes their truth embargo."

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<http://www.aboutseti.com/blog/intelligence-cosmos>

Wednesday, January 07, 2009

Intelligence And The Cosmos: Some Barely Restrained Musings
by Mac Tonnies

I've long been interested in Occam's Razor - the scientific maxim that maintains that all things being equal, the simplest solution tends to be the correct one. But who gets the honor of defining "simple"?

It's a lot like Carl Sagan's "Extraordinary claims require extraordinary evidence." What, exactly, is "extraordinary"? "Extraordinary" to who? Are the criteria subject to change?

Paranormal researcher Albert Budden nailed the problem when he pointed out that it's not science's goal to determine the "simplest" explanation; science should properly strive for the correct explanation.

All of which sort of leads the way to my new theory about UFOs and where they come from. I've been dissatisfied with the Extraterrestrial Hypothesis since encountering Jacques Vallee. But sometimes musing about a nonhuman "psychosocial control system" just seems too abstract, too vague and obtuse. Vallee himself pointed out that the prevailing materialist interpretation for UFOs is quintessentially American; Americans like to "kick the tires."

But could the phenomenon be both a physical, nuts-and-bolts reality as well as metaphysical? Arthur C. Clarke's "Any sufficiently advanced technology would appear indistinguishable from magic" certainly applies. But even Clarke was postulating arbitrarily advanced forms of known technologies; judging from his fiction, I doubt he invested much hope in "impossibilities" like telepathy and nonlocal consciousness - both of which, I suspect, are slowly but certainly encroaching on the scientific arena.

One of the most interesting books I've read recently was Michael Cremo's exhaustively researched Human Devolution. Cremo argues that the Vedic concept of the human soul is validated by various phenomena, including documented episodes of "psychic" activity and unexpected archaeological findings. Cremo's book is disappointing because he fails to synthesize his research into a coherent paradigm; it's fascinating reading, but his conclusion is little more than a thinly disguised rationalization for his personal religious beliefs.

I think the evidence demands a bolder revision of our role as sentient beings. By redefining human consciousness - a process that 21st century neuropharmacology will almost certainly hasten, probably assisted by cybernetics - it's possible to envision an Earth so utterly unlike conventional models that it

may as well be alien.

My own thesis is both absurd and simple: We're sharing the planet with a home-grown intelligence that took a critically different evolutionary route in our own prehistory, exploiting consciousness itself as a technology while the recognizable "we" contented ourselves with the immediate, tangible world of physical matter. These others - call them "aliens", simply for lack of a better word - can access our own level of perception if they choose, but they don't inhabit a "parallel universe" of the type considered by theoretical physicists such as Michio Kaku. Our own universe is probably big enough for a far-flung ecology of nonhuman beings; we're just limited to an incredibly small portion of it, for reasons both biological and "spiritual". (John Keel's electromagnetic "superspectrum" is an especially useful metaphor, if nothing else.)

Maybe the reason we don't hear the incessant chatter of extraterrestrial radio transmissions or see megascale engineering works etched onto the dome of the night sky isn't because alien intelligences have uploaded themselves into addictive virtual environments; perhaps they've shed their physical forms, but in an altogether different fashion. They might inhabit a previously undetected cosmological substrate, enmeshed in the universe's deep structure as we twitch feebly on the surface, so many bacteria in an intergalactic Petri dish.

The familiar boundaries of space and time would be radically different to a being existing within this hidden order (what physicist/philosopher David Bohm termed the "implicate"). Interactions with lowly forms of intelligence like ourselves might be maddeningly cryptic; perhaps our only clues would take the form of Fortean anomalies: dark waves lapping silently against the shores of consciousness and batted furiously away if by some chance actually noticed.

This sort of cosmos is upsetting to Western science because it implies that consciousness is pliant and mutable, not necessarily dependent on a physical substrate. The implications are disturbingly theological: What purpose do we serve in this vast, secret world - if any? Hindu texts, which describe a spectrum of conscious forms, forcibly suggest that humans are akin to larvae. If so, what are we to make of the myriad "humanoid" and UFO "occupant" reports that invariably surface year after year?

Maybe we can safely dispense with notions of interstellar visitors and wormholes. Our apparent visitors may not be "visiting" at all; conceivably, we are the newcomers...

Mac Tonnies

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<http://tinyurl.com/8vkhuu>

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Argentina: UFO Over The Gualcamayo Mine

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Argentina: UFO Over The Gualcamayo Mine

On December 20, the day on which the most powerful earthquake in 3 years made itself felt in San Juan province, some 20 persons witnessed a UFO that was photographed in Jachal at the mining zone where the Gualcamayo Mine is located, according to the Diario de Cuyo de San Juan.

It was in the air for a few seconds and took off at high speed. Moreover, at that very same moment, all of the machinery in service at the site stopped working. Images of another object were seen in Caucene in November. Feeling tired, 20 mine workers were heading back to their shanty at 18:00 hours on that day to get some food and relax. Suddenly, one of them, using his hand to shield him from the sun's rays, saw something odd in the sky. He told his companions, and somewhat frightened, they took a photo of the object with a cellphone. They continued their journey, following the object with their stares, but the black spot that remained motionless for a few seconds over the landscape vanished quickly, according to the witnesses. At the same time, but in the area where drilling operations are conducted, a powerful buzzing sound was reported and machines stopped working with perfect synchronization, as if all of the operators had shut them down at the same time, say company workers.

Several photos have already been circulated via cell phone, but the sharpest images were those taken from the passenger van. Some accounts dismiss the likelihood of an interplanetary visit, claiming that it could have been the weather service balloon or even a garbage bag flying aloft in search of fame. However, aside from the passengers in the vehicle, it is said that 25 others saw it from the mine, and they only accepted the UFO alternative. After the strange object vanished, say operators, machinery returned to normal operation.

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Re: Intelligence And The Cosmos

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>Wednesday, January 07, 2009

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>defining "simple"?

>It's a lot like Carl Sagan's "Extraordinary claims require
>extraordinary evidence." What, exactly, is "extraordinary"?
>"Extraordinary" to who? Are the criteria subject to change?

>Paranormal researcher Albert Budden nailed the problem when he
>pointed out that it's not science's goal to determine the
>"simplest" explanation; science should properly strive for the
>correct explanation.

Hi Mac, Everyone!

Several years ago ufologists and "experiencers" from all around the world sent me dust samples that they gathered from inside their homes. These dust samples (labelled to be remain anonymous to the researchers studying them) were carefully examined using a powerful binocular light microscope and digital images for each sample were taken with a CCD camera and saved for future reference.

The preliminary results of the short lived "Dust Bunny Project" uncovered many unexpected alien-looking objects in nearly all the dust samples from both the ufologist and the experiencer groups.

Were these strange objects found in the dust samples actual physical evidence for the reality of alien/ET visitations?

Maybe.

Since these strange or alien-looking objects were present in both groups of dust samples, applying Occam's Razor, it was concluded they must have had Earthly origins so there was little justification to allocate more time and resources to the Dust Bunny Project.

Although science failed to identify the many strange objects found in these dust samples (some objects resembled mechanical parts and one piece seemed like a broken panel with round windows that came from a crashed nano flying saucer!), striving to do more to find the correct explanation would certainly have brought additional unexpected and hard to explain findings to light and thus made our final conclusion even more elusive or uncertain.

The simplest answer that satisfies all the known facts is most likely correct. It is certainly the most reasonable one too, but as you pointed out, it is not always the right one.

While cleaning out the fish aquarium last month my brother brought to my attention an unusual shiny object that looked artificial and not something that he recovered from the tank. If I could not resort to apply Occam's Razor or use other similar means of rational thinking and logical deduction, I would not be able to say with absolute certainty that this unusual shiny out-of-place-specimen (OOPS?) was an alien/ET artifact or not.

Since there are plenty of OOPs out there and since Occam's Razor does not always give us the right answer, maybe one or more of the strange and unexpected alien-like objects found in the Dust Bunny Projects samples was indeed "not from this world". After all, it has already been established that the magnetized microscopic spherical metallic particles found in the soil (and also in the dust in your homes) come from outer space - iron meteoroids that burned up in our atmosphere.

Nick Balaskas

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NASA Science Update To Discuss Mars Atmosphere

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NASA SCIENCE UPDATE TO DISCUSS MARS ATMOSPHERE ACTIVITY

WASHINGTON -- NASA will hold a science update at 2 p.m. EST, Thursday, Jan. 15, to discuss analysis of the Martian atmosphere that raises the possibility of life or geologic activity. The briefing will take place in the James E. Webb Memorial Auditorium at NASA Headquarters, 300 E St., S.W., Washington, and carried live on NASA Television.

The briefing participants are:

- Michael Meyer, Mars program lead scientist, NASA Headquarters in Washington
- Michael Mumma, senior planetary scientist and director, Goddard Center for Astrobiology, NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md.
- Geronimo Villanueva, planetary scientist and astrobiologist, Goddard Space Flight Center
- Sushil Atreya, professor of atmospheric and space science, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
- Lisa Pratt, professor of geological sciences, Indiana University in Bloomington, Minn.

Reporters may ask questions from participating NASA locations. They also may listen or ask questions by phone. To reserve a phone line, contact J.D. Harrington at 202-358-5241.

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Interesting. What brought this on? Methane gas?

Don Ledger

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Hi Mac,

In the last ten days we have been informed that the Milky Way Galaxy is half again as large proportionately than what was first thought. That doesn't increase the number of stars in the MWG by half but some other number exponentially larger than that with stars alone in this galaxy numbering in the trillions. The MWG is estimated to be about 8.7 billion years old. Our Solar System is about 5 billion years old. It took several evolutions of life on this planet over billions of years to arrive at our current state, not because the first ones failed but because they were wiped out through some celestial event at one time or another. What happened on this planet very conceivably might not have happened on tens of thousands of other planets [a tiny fraction erring on the conservative side] that the odds say very well might have evolved intelligent life which made its way into space millions or billions of years ago.

What passes for the ETH today-to my mind-trumps the point to point theory that some planet discovering our planet and having discovered us made a bee-line here which accounts for the UFO phenomenon. Some still cling to that theory. I do not but you read it in the newspapers all of the time. "Why would they spend all of that time, energy and 'money presumably' to get here just to abduct one of us and use an anal probe on them?" This is frankly idiotic thinking which shows a mundane intelligence in the media more taken with sports and carnage than science.

I've stated my thoughts on this subject many times. If there is an extraterrestrial component to the UFO phenomenon I believe that it is a centuries old phenomenon that began when intelligences with super sensors were ranging through our section of the galaxy hundreds or thousands of years ago - perhaps further back than that - discovered evidence or saw the possibilities of, or conditions for life on Earth from a distance, followed up with exploration and have been observing in one way or another ever since. You don't have to go far to find an analogy to this - the study of our own Solar System principally Mars and the Moons of Jupiter for example using probes and landers.

Mac mentions Carl Sagan-the principal marketer for SETI. Sagan seemed to be conflicted himself in this regard. In his book Contact he couldn't seem to separate Church and Science from the extraterrestrial. In the movie Foster says something about a big

voice in the sky and Palmer Josh says "But that's exactly what you have, a big voice in the sky..." when in fact it was a weak microwaves received by large dishes with amplifiers magnifying tiny voices.

In his defence however Sagan was closer to my thinking on the ETH - once the book/movie gets up and running - than the usual Point to Point theories. As is mentioned in the movie, "No one knows...it's always been that way.."

Mac, your home-grown, co-existing intelligence theory has been batted around for some time now on this list. While not imputing this motive to yourself, I can't help but think that the idea is ego-centric in its structure. I think it is based on a spiritual background that permeates our thinking and which for many is difficult to discard. Years of conditioning from childhood are not easily overcome.

Could it be for many that acquiescing to a more knowledgeable space faring multi-culture capable of feats akin to some long held spiritual belief of a higher power is a betrayal of their belief system? The fictional Palmer Josh flipped in a heartbeat with his statement in the room when he attempted to make brownie points for the spiritual side. The big voice in the sky was ET, which is perhaps the basis for many Earth based religions.

Even now, in our own way we have interfered in Celestial Mechanics by, for example, increasing the Moon's mass and decreasing the Earth's by minuscule amounts [including deep space probes] with equipment left behind by the Apollo program and robotic packages shot to the Moon or in orbit around the Moon. The day will come when we will move an asteroid from it's orbit to prevent it from perhaps striking Earth. That is stepping into God's territory.

I cannot get on board with the Mac's Occam's Razor. To me a co-existing species hidden from us since the dawn of knowledge is not the simplest explanation because there isn't a shred of proof in an environment that is right in our face to prove it. We can find planets around stars tens of thousands of light years away but we can't find evidence of a co-existing species on our own planet? How stupid are we?

Mac believes [or did much work on his website which gives that impression] that there is structural evidence of some society on Mars but where's that evidence here on this planet of a co-existing species? Where's the evidence of advancement, the infrastructure, the mining and the habitats?

There is evidence of mankind going back much further in the calender of civilization and a recent discovery of a cataclysmic celestial event [asteroid or comet debris similar to Tunguska] about 12,900 years ago could very well be the reason why we have these anomalies in human evolution.

Again I have to wonder and ask the question; Is this belief/theory driven by religious conditioning since childhood with a reluctance to believe in some intelligence far in advance of our own. Is it safer [more comfortable] to believe in an invisible, co-existing culture than to confront perhaps some super knowledgeable intelligences that have advanced beyond the ability of some thought-to-be higher religious power? We have come to grips with a god that is all powerful but can we accept an ET intelligence that is so far beyond our own that we now become the lab rats?

Don Ledger

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PRG Update - January 3, 2009

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Paradigm Research Group

PRG Update - January 13, 2009

Bill Cox Status

www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/Billyl_Cox_Reportage.htm

Sarasota Herald Tribune reporter Billy Cox has now published 64 UFO/ET/Exopolitics related articles on his paper's website. His reportage on these issues dates back to the mid 1990's. He also published numerous articles in Florida Today. Billy, who received the 2005 PRG Courage in Journalism Award, is the most prolific mainstream news journalist on these issues in the world. No one else is even close.

His most recent article (January 10, 2009), Abandoning The Streets For The Net, was written shortly after completing his radiation treatment for throat cancer. [Note: this cancer is not connected to his reportage.] I think we can safely assume PRG's award was not misplaced.

UFO/ET/Exopolitics articles which would appear in the print daily need to have a local angle. But his web pieces cover the issues globally. If you have information which might be useful to Billy in writing new articles, you can contact him at:
Billy.Cox.nul

Keep in mind he is in the news business and is looking for recent developments and breaking stories.

Obama Citizen Briefing Book

<http://citizensbriefingbook.change.gov>

<http://tinyurl.com/7cwpsx>

Now the Presidential Transition website has created a page for rating ideas submitted to the President Elect. The top rated ideas will go into a Citizen Briefing Book. Go to the Citizen Briefing Book links above, search under "UFO" and "EXTRATERRESTRIAL" and vote for these ideas. They are getting good support and could make it into the Citizen Briefing Book.

Please spread the word about this opportunity via your websites and email lists.

Media Watch: News Coverage Archive

www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/newsitems2009.html

The dramatic increase in mainstream news coverage of UFO/ET/Exopolitics issues continues. PRG logged in 1104 articles for 2008 - 2.5 times the number for 2007 and 6 times the number for 2006. At the present rate the number of articles for 2009 will exceed 2200.

X-Conference 2009

www.x-conference.com

This year's conference could have significant impact on the Disclosure process. PRG is working hard to bring in new and important presenters able to address the most recent developments. For this reason the final speaker lineup will be posted later than usual. But conference and hotel registrations are being taken now. Sign up early for what could be the most important X-Conference to date.

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Insurance Co Covers UFO Strike

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January 13, 2009

Home Insurance News: UFO Strike - Are You Covered? Flux Says Yes

(Vocus/PRWeb) -- A UFO was speculated to be the cause of a destroyed wind turbine in Lincolnshire last week. But what if a UFO crashed into your house instead? What sort of response would you get from your insurance company?

Julie Carter, of specialist insurance broker Adrian Flux, recalls that when the company's Household division was set up ten years ago, many insurance companies would be sniffy about meeting bizarre claims, and =91Act of Alien=92 would be classed alongside =91Act of God=92.

"Claims for freak household disasters are nothing new," says Julie Carter. "But if something like this happens to a householder, too often they fear the response from an insurer. They worry that it will be up to the policyholder to prove that a little green man was responsible."

However, things have improved in recent years, and Flux Household has been leading the way in flexible insurance that caters for a wider range of risks. So out of curiosity last week, Flux rang round various insurance companies to see if they would cover policyholders on some strange scenarios.

What if a meteorite was to strike my house?

No problem, they said. It would be covered.

How about a stampede of wildebeest on the run from a local safari park?

Covered.

What if a vindictive ex-husband bulldozes my home to the ground? Yes, that too.

How about if a shark fell through my roof?

Covered, but if it was a work of art then there would be an excess, with conditions attached. (Bizarrely, this latter scenario is almost real. The famous rooftop Headington Shark in Oxford recently celebrated its 22nd birthday, and the building was surrounded by scaffolding for several months while the shark and roof were patched up to ensure it would last a few more years.)

And a UFO?

Yes, of course.

"If you are going to modify your house, you need to tell your insurer what you've done. And if that includes putting a flying saucer landing pad on the roof, you need to be sure it can bear the weight. So fears about household insurance not covering the improbable are now misplaced," adds Julie Carter.

Adrian Flux aims to offer cheaper home insurance and has a range of policies for homes, contents, landlords and buy to let, including specialist schemes for hard to insure properties such as thatched homes, underpinned buildings and those at risk of flooding. For information call the Flux household insurance hotline on 08700 772266, email household(at)adrianflux.co.uk or visit the website, www.adrianflux.co.uk, and click on the relevant button under the 'Home Insurance' section.

Bizarre household claims covered =96 Jan-09

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All offers are considered and we will contact you if the answer is =91Yes=92. Otherwise the answer is, regrettably, =91No=92.

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Mexico On Verge Of A New Saucer Flap?

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INEXPLICATA - The Journal of Hispanic Ufology

January 14, 2009

Mexico: On the Verge of a New Saucer Flap?

By Ana Luisa Cid

Over the past month, from December 2008 to January 2009, there has been an increase in UFO sighting throughout Mexico.

Daniel Sanchez Rosales has been a witness to this activity. He recorded several of these objects over the Moctezuma District, a neighborhood adjacent to Mexico City International Airport (MCIA).

His video can be seen on YouTube at:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sp-wAwKt8Gw&feature=channel_page

The strangest UFO shown in this recording, in my opinion, is the one that occupies the fifth place in the sequence (at 2:22 minutes), as it presents a potent light that appears to divide itself after entering a translucent shape. A complex explanation, but this exists in the skies over Mexico.

Daniel Sanchez says: "I have seen UFOs emerging from a specific location, practically out of thin air. I've even come to think that a dimensional doorway may exist at that location. I'm referring to the area located above the Multivision antennae. I have the courage to say it, even though I'm a professional person. This is a fact; it's not a subject for lunatics or fools. The UFOs I've recorded come from this location." (circled in red in the photo)

"I've also noticed", he adds, "That the spheres emit synchronized flashes, as thought following a pattern - two flashes before contracting. Could this be some sort of code, like our own Morse code? I really don't know, although I've pondered the option. I even told my nephew - who always accompanies on these skywatches - that we'll signal them with mirrors to see what happens. We want to prove [the theory] that there is a purpose to these flashes, or discard it altogether."

UFO reports have been numerous, as though a mini-flap were underway. We will keep you informed.

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Tuesday January 13, 2009

Brazil Intelligence Agency Investigated UFOs In 1970s

RIO DE JANEIRO -- The SNI, the 1964-1985 military dictatorship's intelligence agency, investigated UFO sightings for several years, a Brazilian newspaper reported Sunday.

Classified government documents describe several missions carried out in different states as part of "Operation Saucer," the daily Folha de Sao Paulo said.

The documents were released, in part, due to a request from the Brazilian UFO Commission, which requested them on the basis of the constitutional right to access public papers, the newspaper said.

The SNI, now known as the Brazilian Intelligence Agency, or Abin, participated in an air force mission in the Amazonian states of Maranhao and Para between the end of 1977 and the beginning of 1978.

The operation was launched after newspapers in those states reported the sighting of "mysterious lights that caused deaths and hallucinations" among those who saw them, Folha de Sao Paulo said, adding that some eyewitnesses suffered from "symptoms of paralysis, superficial burns, intense heat, trembling and tiny holes in the skin."

Some reports filed by intelligence officers, who slept by day and worked at night, described "bluish lights" that traveled at a high rate of speed across the sky.

"There is no agreement among the team members about what has been seen, but it appears that position is due to fear of being ridiculed by colleagues," one of the documents says.

The documents include sketches of the unidentified flying objects described by eyewitnesses and intelligence officers.

The drawings of UFOs made by air force and SNI personnel appear similar to depictions of alien spacecraft in popular television shows of the period, such as "Lost in Space," Folha de Sao Paulo said.

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Monday 12th January 2009

Haslingden 'Sceptic' Spots Nine UFOs In Night Sky

A SELF-confessed "total sceptic" has described his close encounter with nine suspected UFOs.

Peter Green, of Private Lane, Haslingden, reported seeing the flying objects, in a diamond formation, while he was walking his dog late at night.

The sighting occurred at 12.30am on Sunday, January 4 =96 less than four hours before a Lincolnshire wind farm turbine was damaged by a mystery aircraft.

Experts claim there were several reported sightings in Rossendale at that time and have pledged to launch an investigation.

Mr Green, 55, said he was walking his dog in Grasmere Road when he saw a moving, bright, solid-orange light.

Mr Green, who runs a carpet and upholstery care company, said: "As the first light, which seemed to follow the Rossendale Valley, came closer at what seemed a considerable speed, it rose almost vertically over the other side of the valley above Scoutmoor Wind Farm, followed at regular two-to-three second intervals by a further eight identical objects.

"Once all nine lights had risen to a height when their brightness was faded, they gathered in a 'diamond nine' formation, then one by one =96 in the order they had passed me and risen =96 they faded and disappeared, or simply gained further height and went out of sight."

He added: "I was scared because I couldn't find any logical explanation.

"It wasn't like the different coloured flashing lights you see on an aircraft or helicopter.

"They were solid orange balls which made no noise. It was weird.

"I'm a total sceptic, but it was like something out of Close Encounters."

Later that morning, at around 4am, a 20m-long blade was knocked from one of the 20 turbines at Conisholme Fen near Louth, Lincolnshire.

Lancashire-based experts described Mr Green's sight-ing as "very interesting."

Phil Catterall, of Bolton UFO Society, said they would be investigating the incident.

"I've had around four phone calls and emails saying they saw exactly the same thing and that was before the story about the wind farm," he said.

A MOD spokesman said they would only investigate if they believed there was a threat to national security or there had been an incursion in UK air space.

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'Pink Jelly-Fish' Sparks UFO Speculation

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Wednesday 14th January 2009

'Pink Jelly-Fish' In Sky Sparks UFO Speculation In Merton
By Craig Burnett

A sighting of "a pink jelly-fish" in the skies above Wimbledon has prompted speculation that UFOs are visiting the area.

On January 9 a visitor to wimbledonguardian.co.uk said: "I looked out my flat window this morning, over towards Merton way, and to my surprise notice a large bright pink jelly-fish looking object surrounded by a pink haze. It appeared to be hovering over or above the pylons in the distance.

It hovered for about five minutes while I frantically searched for my camera. Did anyone else in Wimbledon see it? Any explanations?"

The author of the post, who responded to our story questioning whether there may be a link between wind turbines and UFOs, claimed the sighting took place at around 8.05am.

On January 4 a 290ft turbine near Louth in Lincolnshire was badly damaged in what enthusiasts claim was a "UFO related incident", and witnesses reported low flying objects and unusual nights near a wind farm.

The claims of alien activity led enthusiasts to suggest a link between the energy generators and alien craft - and that the turbine at the Merton Abbey Mills shopping centre might be attracting extra-terrestrial visitors.

But a spokesman for the centre, which installed the turbine in March to power the Colour House Theatre, said that no UFOs had been seen recently.

Peter Wallder said: "I can honestly say we haven't seen anything at all - but I will keep an eye out." He promised to let the public know if any alien activity was spotted.

In April last year UFOs were reported above Wimbledon, and further sightings were muted in Wandsworth three months ago.

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Re: Brazil Intelligence Agency Investigated UFOs

From: A. J. Gevaerd <aj.nul>
Date: Wed, 14 Jan 2009 17:55:04 -0200
Archived: Wed, 14 Jan 2009 15:27:24 -0500
Subject: Re: Brazil Intelligence Agency Investigated UFOs

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers -
>Date: Wednesday, January 14, 2009 10:30 AM
>Subject: Brazil Intelligence Agency Investigated UFOs In 1970s

Dear Listers:

The documents attesting that the Brazilian Intelligence investigated UFOs were obtained by the Brazilian Committee of UFO Researchers (CBU) and the Brazilian UFO Magazine through its campaign UFOs: Freedom of Information Now. We have gathered over 200 pages of new UFO docs recently, and the ones about the Brazilian Intelligence can be downloaded at:

www.ufo.com.br/public/prato/

Other documents recently released through CBU's campaign UFOs: Freedom of Information Now can be downloaded at:

www.ufo.com.br/public/abertura/

And more files are here:

www.ufo.com.br/public/documentos/

It is a total of 600 pages now, plus many pictures. But we are not yet satisfied and we keep moving boldly and asking the Brazilian Government to come up with at least 2,000 pages of Operation Saucer in the Amazon, over 500 photos and 16 hours of super-8mm and super-12mm films.

I am confident that we will get them soon and all that has already been released will be presented at Laughlin conference this year in my lecture.

More info here:

www.ufocongress.com

Thanks,

A. J. Gevaerd,
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Dr. Thomas Van Flandern 1940-2009

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Archived: Wed, 14 Jan 2009 15:35:25 -0500
Subject: Dr. Thomas Van Flandern 1940-2009

Source: Meta Research - Sequim, Washington, USA

<http://metaresearch.org/media%20and%20links/press/tomvf%20obituary.asp>

Tuesday, January 13, 2009

Media Release

Sequim, Wa -96 Noted astronomer Thomas C Van Flandern succumbed to colon cancer on January 9, 2009. He graduated from Xavier University in 1962, briefly attended Georgetown University in 1963 and received his PhD in astronomy from Yale in 1969, specializing in celestial mechanics. Dr. Van Flandern's early work is well regarded within his field, but he was more broadly (and controversially) known for his later scientific contributions.

Fascinated with astronomy from a very young age, Dr. Van Flandern made his first contribution to the field at age 19. In 1959, Tom and his friend Dennis Smith (age 17) set the world record for number of artificial satellites tracked during a month as part of project Moonwatch in Cincinnati. Tom made his observation from his personal telescope purchased with money earned from his paper route.

Dr. Van Flandern worked at the U.S. Naval Observatory for 21 years and became Chief of the Celestial Mechanics Branch of the Nautical Almanac Office. His team contributed to the regular production of The Nautical Almanac, among other projects. After retiring from the civil service, Van Flandern served as a Research Associate at the University of Maryland Physics Department, and as a Global Positioning System (GPS) consultant to the Army Research Laboratory.

In his book *Dark Matter, Missing Planets And New Comets*, Dr. Van Flandern presented the case for several controversial theories, most notably that the speed of gravity must propagate significantly faster than the speed of light; both comets and asteroids are remnants of an exploded planet; back-ground radiation is not caused by an expanding universe and therefore the big bang is invalid; Mars is an escaped moon of an exploded planet formerly located in the asteroid belt; and that some structures on Mars are artificial. Dr. Van Flandern successfully predicted the discovery that asteroids with satellites, co-published peer reviewed papers on the speed of gravity with J.P. Vigier, and collaborated with Esko Lyttinen in improving the model for predicting meteor showers. Unfortunately detractors frequently use his claims of artificiality on Mars to marginalize both him and his work.

Dr. Van Flandern founded Meta Research in 1991 in response to the broad problem of getting research support for promising but unpopular alternative ideas in astronomy. Meta Research publishes a quarterly journal and maintains a presence on the Internet at metaresearch.org.

Born in Cleveland, Ohio, Dr. Van Flandern lived, worked and retired in Washington DC with wife Barbara and their four children. He spent the final years of his life in the Olympic peninsula town of Sequim, Washington.

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Submissions To International UFO Congress Film Festival

Laughlin, Nev. (PRWEB) -- The International UFO Congress, a leading organization for the research and documentation of UFO and related information, is currently accepting submissions to their 18th Annual Film Festival at the newly renovated Aquarius Resort and Casino in Laughlin, Nevada from February 22nd through February 28th.

Filmmakers compete in twelve categories, including Best Historical UFO Documentary, Best UFO Footage Within a Documentary, Best Abductee/Contactee Documentary, Best Animated UFO Program, and the People's Choice Award, in which the winner is decided by popular vote among the conference attendees. All other categories are judged by a panel of twelve, led by Paul Davids, producer of Roswell and Sci Fi Boys. Any UFO film released during 2008 is eligible, so send your entries in!

Entry Guidelines dictate all new UFO or Related Films released during 2008, either on video, or having a public screening, are eligible to enter. Films released prior to 2008, or to be released in 2009, may be submitted to the festival for public screening (at no charge), but will not be eligible for judging or awards. Such films will be shown only if time allows. Titles not yet released, but screened at this year's festival, may be entered next year for awards judging if they are released during the year 2009.

The EBE Awards Banquet, a UFO version of the Oscars, will be held on Saturday February 28, 2009 where winners of each category will be presented with EBE Statue.

In order to allow sufficient time to edit the clips of your film for the awards ceremony, to plan the screening schedule, and be able to list the films in the conference program, please send us your entry form, fees and films before the deadline. All forms and information can be found on the web site UfoCongress.com

Film Festival entry materials must be received by January 31, 2009 in order to be considered for the EBE Awards. Any materials received later may not be accepted.

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From: **Stephen Bassett** <PRG.nul>
Date: Wed, 14 Jan 2009 11:44:23 -0800
Archived: Wed, 14 Jan 2009 16:20:41 -0500
Subject: PRG Urgent Notice

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Paradigm Research Group

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This is an unprecedented opportunity. Please act NOW.

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Thanks,

Stephen Bassett
Executive Director
Paradigm Research Group
X-PPAC

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Cox: "Trib: Go Down Swingin'!"

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Date: Thu, 15 Jan 2009 06:31:14 -0500
Archived: Thu, 15 Jan 2009 06:31:14 -0500
Subject: Cox: "Trib: Go Down Swingin'!"

Source: Billy Cox's Blog De Void - Sarasota, Florida, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/8efspe>

Thursday, January 15, 2009

Trib: Go Down Swingin'!
By Billy Cox

Dear Chicago Tribune Editorial Board:

We're all on thin ice these days, but De Void can't imagine what working for a ham-handed boor like Sam Zell must be like, as he wields his sticky pliers and yanks the Trib's incisors one by one. Charisma at the top levels ain't what it used to be.

That's why your Obama And UFOs edit last week:

<http://tinyurl.com/9vdkx7>

came as such a surprise. Is Zell actually starting to dispense local anesthesia? Because De Void detected a tone approximating - what else to call it? - humor. What a fresh, novel, counterintuitive rejoinder to the Million Fax On Washington (De Void 1/10/09) requesting federal transparency on America's UFO problem. Advising the president-elect not to open the books on UFOs for fear we couldn't handle the truth in the event that nothing's there - that's clever, man.

"What if there's no smoking ray gun in those files?" you wondered. "What if the whole alien invasion plot is as flimsy as a Klingon's anger control?" Love the analogy - love it! "Life would be so much bleaker without the possibility that aliens are here on Earth, or at least in the general cosmic vicinity. That tantalizing hope has fueled so many magnificent books, television shows, movies - and imaginations."

After reading your conclusion, De Void turned as green with envy as the face of a little green man: "The U.S. government hasn't managed to keep many important secrets. Let's hope one of them continues to be the truth about aliens on Earth."

Wow. Let's. Sweet. Original. An evocative homage to the New York Sun's "Yes, Virginia, Santa Claus lives in our hearts" thing.

OK, now that we've dispensed with the nonsense ...

De Void knows you're a lot more intrigued by the UFO cover-up than you dare let on, but a tongue-in-cheek editorial was as close as you could get while still maintaining your professional integrity. After all, you guys never did figure out what camped out over O'Hare's United Airlines terminal on 7 November 06 and burned a circular hole in the clouds on its way out.

So here's what you do:

Pick up the phone and dial 817-782-7170. That's the number of the Public Information Office of the 301st Fighter Wing of the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base at Carswell Field in Texas. Ask them to release the uncensored flight logs of the F-16s that pursued a UFO on the evening of 1/8/08 as it trashed the no-fly zone laws over President Bush's ranch in Crawford. Also ask them to comply with the law - as the Federal Aviation Administration and the National Weather Service have already done - and release military radar records for that night. Ask who gave the orders to divert the warplanes from the military areas of operation and into civilian airspace that night - and why.

Then you can come back and write something with teeth.

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Date: Wed, 14 Jan 2009 17:42:28 -0500 (EST)
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Hello Mr. Bassett,

This location:

<http://tinyurl.com/8lpre9>

I think makes for a more palatable proposal.

It reads:

"UFO Disclosure

"The citizens of this country have been kept in the dark for too long on the subject of U.F.O's. Members of congress, military personell/soldiers have been reporting UFO sightings since the 1940's. The people of this country need to know the truth and I believe that you are the president that can make this truth known."

It also had 2660 votes at 17:23 on January 14.

Your proposal, at:

<http://tinyurl.com/97yhu8>

had 1030 points.

It reads:

"Disclosure: formal acknowledgement of the extraterrestrial presence (UFO)

"Paradigm Research Group and X-PPAC calls on the new President to:

"1) demand and receive a full briefing by his military services and intelligence agencies regarding the extraterrestrial presence and related phenomena.

"2) support convening congressional hearings to take testimony from scores of former military and agency employees regarding extraterrestrial-related phenomena.

"3) formally acknowledge to the American people the extraterrestrial presence - Disclosure.

"4) make available to the public domain extraterrestrial derived technologies, secretly studied and reverse engineered for six decades, and now essential to overcome the environmental, economic and societal challenges of our time."

I am afraid that, after the 1) banana, 2) cream and 3) syrup, you have asked for a side-order of 4) cockroaches.

Sad and unnecessary.

It is a pain to see supposed UFO advocates throw a shoe in the machine.

Vincent Boudreau

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UFO Over Wrexham Nursing Home

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Archived: Thu, 15 Jan 2009 06:50:05 -0500
Subject: UFO Over Wrexham Nursing Home

Source: The Evening Leader - Wrexham, North Wales, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/87g252>

15 January 2009

[image]

Woman Photographs UFO Over Wrexham Nursing Home

Strange lights have once again been spotted in the night sky above Wrexham - this time over a nursing home.

The most recent photograph was taken by Janet White at about 7.15pm on Friday, outside Emerald House, a nursing home on Chester Road, Wrexham.

The sighting will no doubt fuel further speculation north east Wales is one of the UK's leading UFO hotspots.

Janet said: "Me and my friend Rachel went outside for a break and as soon as we got out that door I could see this orange globe."

Janet was unable to capture a better image because she could not get the camera working quickly enough on her phone, but still managed to obtain footage showing the strange orange glow.

"My phone was on video recorder. I managed to eventually get it on to camera and I got the last bits of it.

"It's difficult to describe the shape but it was like it had two little legs coming off it.

"With the last photo I took you could just see the beam coming off it.

"I haven't got a clue what it was. It certainly wasn't an aeroplane.

"It was massive, like a fireball. I said to my friend 'what the hell is that?', but she didn't know either. I've never seen anything like it before in my life."

In recent months UFOs have been spotted by a number of people across Wrexham, in Rhos, Johnstown and Borrass, and were even caught on camera, the film of which is available to view:

<http://www.eveningleader.co.uk/speakout?articleid=3061741>

Many believe the phenomena are nothing more than Chinese, or sky, lanterns released by mischievous members of the public, but others are firmly of the opinion that unknown forces are at work.

Take a look at the Evening Leader's north Wales UFO spotters map

and timeline:

<http://www.eveningleader.co.uk/CustomPages/CustomPage.aspx?PageID=75521>

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Subject: Windfarm Damage Blamed On UFO

Source: The Telegraph - London, England, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/8kmzw4>

15 Jan 2009

Windfarm Damage Blamed On UFO

Damage to a wind turbine at Conisholme, in Lincolnshire, could have been caused by a UFO, according to its owners.

By Alastair Jamieson

A giant blade was broken off the 290ft high generator, part of a windfarm while another turbine was damaged.

UFO enthusiasts believe the incident was caused by a mystery aircraft.

Ecotricity, which owns the site, said while investigations continued they were not ruling anything out - but the extent of damage was "unique".

The turbine is one of 20 at the Conisholme site, which has been only been fully operational since April 2008. The 66ft broken blade has been recovered and is being examined.

Dale Vince, founder of Ecotricity, said the company was keeping an open mind about the incident, in the early hours of Sunday January 4.

He told BBC Radio 4: "Until a definite cause can be identified we shouldn't rule anything out. To make one of these blades fall off, or to bend it, takes a lot."

Russ Kellett, from the Flying Saucer Bureau, said more than 30 phonecalls and email has been received from witnesses in the areas reporting a low-flying object at the time of the incident.

Other experts believe the damage is more likely to have been cause by chunks of ice flying off the blades of other turbines following the failure of internal anti-icing systems.

The Ministry of Defence said it was not looking into the incident.

A spokesman said: "The MoD examines reports solely to establish whether UK airspace may have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised military activity. Unless there's evidence of a potential threat, there's no attempt to identify the nature of each sighting reported."

Ecotricity said it hoped to have the turbine back in action within a week.

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Source: The Union Democrat - Sonora, California, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/7a8c4v>

January 14, 2009

'UFO Hunters' Come To Mother Lode
by James Damschroder
The Union Democrat

The History Channel's UFO Hunters have landed in Sonora to interview residents who claim to have witnessed triangle-shaped UFOs in the area.

On Tuesday, the show's hosts interviewed Mark Olson at the scene of his three sightings at the Quail Hollow One apartments off Greenley Road in Sonora.

"There was no sound", Olson said about one of the sightings. "There were huge lights."

Olson videotaped a craft on two occasions, and the footage will be analyzed and presented on the show.

The show's hosts, Bill Birnes and Pat Uskert, said they plan to interview as many as 10 people in the area who have described similar sightings of triangle craft.

"No one takes the time to look at the sky", said Olson, when asked why he believes he's been fortunate to have seen these craft on three separate occasions. "I've spent thousands of hours looking at the sky. It became an obsession."

After Sonora, Birnes, Uskert and crew will interview UFO witnesses from Texas to Cuba for season three of UFO Hunters.

"We'll usually hit two or three places in a week, speaking to witnesses", said Birnes, adding that sometimes they'll stay in one place for weeks when the case is particularly interesting.

Such was the circumstance in 1997, when they were investigating Arizona UFO sightings called the Phoenix Lights.

There were several thousand witnesses who saw UFOs across the city, said Birnes, who is also the publisher of UFO Magazine.

Another such case was the 1947 Roswell case, which is perhaps the most famous UFO case in history.

The team interviewed the last surviving witness, Col. Phillip Corso, who was in charge of collecting debris from the crash site in 1947 and had not yet publicly revealed what he found, Birnes said.

Corso died shortly after saying he believed he collected debris from a UFO in Roswell.

"He got it off his chest", Birnes said.

Uskert said the triangle-shaped crafts seen in this area are actually common, dispelling the myth that UFO sightings are mostly circular crafts.

When looking at Olson's footage, Uskew admitted that the triangle-shaped objects, outlined by three large, yellow lights, could be many things. But, he added, it's impressive footage and will be analyzed by experts.

"We're not here to prove if UFOs are real", Uskew said. "We're trying to find the truth in each case. This is real history. These events did happen."

The second season of "UFO Hunters" is currently airing on the History Channel at 10 p.m. Wednesdays. The date that the footage shot in this area will air is not yet known.

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Source: The Lancashire Evening Post - Preston, England, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/74wmx7>

15 January 2009

UFO Riddle Of The 'Dancing Lights'
By Melanie Wallwork

The Lincolnshire 'UFO' which allegedly damaged a wind turbine might have been written off by MoD insiders as a secret unmanned stealth bomber test, but one Lancashire man is still seeking an explanation for the strange lights he saw over Lostock Hall on New Year's Day.

Taxi driver and father-of-five Nigel Moore, of Spring Gardens, Leyland, was working a night shift and driving along Todd Lane North at 1.40am when he spotted two bright lights fairly low in the sky.

He said: "They were two glaring orange lights. It wasn't like a plane or anything, there was no noise. They weren't satellites."

"They weren't flashing and they were just dancing around in the sky."

Nigel, 39, saw the lights for a couple of minutes and managed to get mobile phone video camera footage of them before they shot upwards and disappeared.

He said: "I was amazed because I'd never seen anything like that before in my life. I was shocked and had to get it on camera.

I spoke to my mates and they never saw anything at all in Lostock Hall. I've not got a clue what they were, but that's the first time I've seen a UFO.

They were pretty big, I'd say the size of a car or something."

Since news first broke of the wrecked wind turbine in Conisholme on January 8, people have been reporting UFO sightings across the county.

In Wigan, slow-moving bright lights were spotted in Orrell and in Thornton a woman reported seeing a green and red light surrounding a bright white light on Friday.

The most common explanations for UFOs include the mistaken identification of ordinary objects such as aircraft lights, meteors, satellites, bright stars, planets, fireworks or Chinese lanterns.

Do you know what the lights in Lostock Hall were? E-mail melanie.wallwork.nul

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Life On Mars
By Paul Sutherland
Sun Spaceman

Alien microbes living just below the Martian soil are responsible for a haze of methane around the Red Planet, NASA scientists believe.

The gas, belched in vast quantities in our world by cows, was detected by orbiting spacecraft and from Earth using giant telescopes.

NASA are today expected to confirm its presence during a briefing at their Washington HQ.

And the find is seen as exciting new evidence that Martian microbes are still alive today.

Some scientists reckon methane is also produced by volcanic processes. But there are NO known active volcanoes on Mars.

Furthermore, NASA has found the gas in the same regions as clouds of water vapour, the vital "drink" needed to support life.

Experts speculate that the methane is being emitted as a waste product by organisms called methanogens living in water beneath underground ice.

And they would have to be alive today because the methane would otherwise have been lost from the Martian atmosphere.

John Murray - a member of the Mars Express European space probe team - believes the mini-Martians may be in a form of suspended animation and could even be REVIVED.

He has found overwhelming evidence of a vast frozen ocean beneath the dust near the Martian equator where simple life could have thrived as microbes.

Today's briefing will feature a star panel of Mars experts headed by Michael Meyer, chief scientist for NASA's Mars programme.

UK Mars expert Professor Colin Pillinger believes the methane can only point to the presence of life on the planet.

His ill-fated Beagle 2 probe was carrying a laboratory that would have looked directly for such signs of life when it crashed on Christmas Day 2003.

Prof Pillinger told The Sun last night: "Methane is a product of biology. For methane to be in Mars' atmosphere, there has to be a replenishable source.

"The most obvious source of methane is organisms. So if you find methane in an atmosphere, you can suspect there is life.

"It's not proof, but it makes it worth a much closer look."

NASA's findings confirm studies by Europe's Mars Express probe, which has been orbiting the planet for five years and also reported signs of methane in 2004.

Britain's top space expert Nick Pope last night hailed the new evidence of life as "the most important discovery of all time".

He said: "What could be more profound than to know it's not just us out there?

"We've really only scratched the surface - it's an absolute certainty that there is life out there and we are not alone.

"If there is life on Mars then the logical conclusion is that there must be life elsewhere too.

"If it's happened here on Earth, then why shouldn't it happen anywhere? The implication is this is a universal law.

"Mars is very similar to Earth. It's about the same size, it's a rocky inner planet.

"Most scientists believe it probably has liquid water which is almost universally agreed as the pre-requisite for life. I am certain there is other life in the Universe and, most likely, intelligent life."

The Red Planet has gripped the public imagination for more than a century as a possible home for aliens.

But life could not survive on its surface because, unlike the Earth, Mars has no magnetic shield to protect it against deadly sun radiation.

The planet resembles our own in many ways. It is made of rock, it has an atmosphere and weather systems.

Although much smaller with a diameter of around 4,222 miles, Mars' day is just 40 minutes longer than ours and its tilted axis gives it seasons.

Water has been found in the form of buried ice and scientists believe that two billion years ago, Mars was covered with liquid oceans.

Proof that water is still on Mars came in 2007 when Mars Express used ground-piercing radar to study the region around the planet's South Pole.

NASA's latest lander Phoenix dug up chunks of Martian ice last year. It swiftly evaporated into the thin atmosphere.

NASA have controversially hit the headlines before for claiming evidence for Martians.

In 1996, they said they had discovered fossilised organisms in a meteorite from the planet.

But other scientists were sceptical.

Today's conference will be broadcast live online by NASA TV:

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at 7pm.

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Wind News

Ecotricity: No Evidence Yet For UFO Attack On Wind Farm

Ecotricity has said it has still found no evidence to support claims that a UFO collided with one of its wind turbines at Conisholme in Lincolnshire.

The company has now started work to rebuild the damaged turbine, with all three 22 metre long blades and the central hub on the Enercon E48 turbine being replaced.

Cranes are on the Fen Farm site, with the replacement blades and hub already there, ready to be lifted into place.

Investigations into the causes for the damage - which saw one blade removed from the turbine and another bent badly out of shape - are still continuing.

The company said it was "narrowing down the options" and was closer to an understanding, but added: "we're not there yet".

It has suggested a number of likely culprits for the damage, including a possible collision. But it said lightning or some kind of material, design or maintenance failure was a more likely cause. UFOs

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Ecotricity said there was still "no evidence" of a collision, explaining that if something collided with the turbine there should be some debris on the ground and an exchange of materials between the two objects involved in the collision.

Once the bent blade is removed, more light could be shed on the matter, Ecotricity said, but added: "It is more than likely, as many have suggested, that the fallen blade hit and broke the second blade on the way down."

"To be honest we had a lot of fun with this, and that took the edge off what was otherwise a serious and very bad event for us," said Mr Vince.

"As for UFOs? I believe absolutely that intelligent life exists in the universe. But I doubt that if it could get here from another galaxy it would crash into a windmill - then again accidents will happen."

The Fen Farm wind farm is Ecotricity's largest, with 20 turbines, each more than 80 metres tall, generating 16MW of electricity. The project was completed in April 2008.

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V-Shaped Craft Low Flying Over Chicago
by Roger Marsh

CHICAGO - JAN. 5, 2009 - A low flying V-shaped object was spotted by a Dan Ryan Expressway driver just before 5 a.m. at the Cumberland Exit, according to information filed with the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) database.

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The stationary craft was first visible to the man as he saw four lights in the sky - three green and one white. He noticed "divisions" between the lights.

"I could see what looked like light grey metal separating the lights, and a design that reminded me of mother of pearl coloring, shaped like frothy waves going up the metal divisions."

Illinois MUFON Director Sam Maranto said Tuesday night that his office is following up on this sighting and he will have additional information soon.

The original unedited MUFON report added Jan. 9 includes the following information:

"June 12th of 2008 I saw a v-shaped object in Chicago at Belmont Ave.

"I believe the object I saw ay January 5, 2009 is the same or similar object I saw in 2008. I was going to work at 4:50 a.m. and was east bound on I-90. I had just past the Cumberland exit when I looked up and saw something partially visible in the morning sky. There was a lot of clouds, but through an open patch I could see three traffic color green lights and one white light just hanging there. At first I just stared then I realized it wasn't moving. I would estimate the height at about 750 feet.

"I stared at it and wondered if I should pull off and snap a picture with my camera phone, but decided it was too dark and probably would not come out well. I continued to watch it and noticed there were divisions between the lights, something I believed was there in 2008. I could see what looked like light grey metal separating the lights, and a design that reminded me of mother of pearl coloring, shaped like frothy waves going up the metal divisions. They appeared to me to be three dimensional. I looked to the east and could see several planes flashing in the distance coming toward O'Hare Airport.

"I once again realized there was no flashing of these lights, they were not moving in any way, just hanging behind the clouds. I watched until I was too far east to see them any longer. This took place in Cook County."

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Paradox Of Quantum Theory Resolved

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Physicists Resolve Confounding Paradox Of Quantum Theory

ScienceDaily - University of Toronto quantum physicists Jeff Lundeen and Aephraim Steinberg have shown that Hardy's paradox, a proposal that has confounded physicists for over a decade, can be confirmed and ultimately resolved, a task which had seemingly been impossible to perform.

"For nearly a century, the widespread interpretation of quantum mechanics suggests that everything is uncertain until it is observed, and that observation inevitably alters reality," says Professor Steinberg. "However, in the 1990s, a technique known as 'interaction-free measurement' seemed to promise the ability to 'see without looking,' as a Scientific American article put it at the time. But when Lucien Hardy proposed that one could never reliably make inferences about past events which hadn't been directly observed, a paradox emerged which suggested that whenever one attempted to reason about the past in this way they would be led into error."

Over the course of nearly two years of work, Steinberg and then-student Jeff Lundeen, now a research associate at the National Research Council of Canada, built a complicated quantum optical experiment and developed new theoretical tools. In essence, they combined Hardy's Paradox with a new theory known as weak measurement proposed by Tel Aviv University physicist Yakir Aharonov, showing that in one sense, one can indeed talk about the past, resolving the paradox. Weak measurement is a tool whereby the presence of a detector is less than the level of uncertainty around what is being measured, so that there is an imperceptible impact on the experiment. "We found that all of the seemingly paradoxical conclusions in Hardy's Paradox can, in fact, be experimentally verified," says Steinberg, "but that the use of weak measurement removes the contradiction."

"Until recently, it seemed impossible to carry out Hardy's proposal in practice, let alone to confirm or resolve the paradox," he says. "We have finally been able to do so, and to apply Aharonov's methods to the problem, showing that there is a way, even in quantum mechanics, in which one can quite consistently discuss past events even after they are over and done. Weak measurement finds what is there without disturbing it."

The research was funded with support from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada, Quantum Works, the Canadian Institute for Photonic Innovations, and the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research.

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Re: Intelligence And The Cosmos

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>Intelligence And The Cosmos: Some Barely Restrained Musings
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The most straightforward formulation of Occam's razor, and the easiest to justify, is given by its Latin version: "Essentia non sunt multiplicanda praeter necessitatem", or "Entities should not be multiplied beyond necessity". This can be understood as an injunction not to partition the set of possibilities beyond what the evidence will allow. For example, if we have information that someone we are looking for is to be found at a house in London with a red door, then it makes sense to restrict our search for that person to houses in London with red doors. But it wouldn't make sense to restrict our search further to houses only in East London, which have both red doors and yellow windows. This would partition the set of possibilities too far and throw out many possibilities without evidence.

In general, Occam's razor can always be understood to apply when the complexity of a hypothesis can be interpreted as a measure of the extent to which it partitions the set of possibilities. For example, let's say I get a letter wrongly delivered to my door, and discover that the correct recipient of the letter is a person called Mrs Alison MacGregor. I further discover that there are 100 people with that name; that one of them lives in Nottingham, and the other 99 live in Edinburgh.

We can construct two hypotheses:

- A) The intended recipient of the letter lives in Nottingham:
- B) The intended recipient of the letter lives in Edinburgh.

Clearly, B is far more likely than A, because B partitions the set of possibilities to only a very limited extent (by throwing out one possibility) while A partitions the set much more, throwing out 99 of the 100 possibilities. But not all cases are so clear cut; let's assume I receive another wrongly delivered letter, and this time I discover there are two possible intended recipients. One is a bloke in Dorset who owns a dog. The other is Mr Allan Sargent of 144 Acacia Gardens, North Finchley, who has a wife called Sarah, a mistress called Jane, a credit card debt of =A340,000 and whose interests include pigeon racing and model railways.

Once again, we can construct two hypotheses:

- A) The intended recipient of the letter is a bloke in Dorset;
- B) Mr Allen Sargent is the intended recipient.

Clearly A is a very much less informative hypothesis than B, which is so specific that it includes not only the name of the possible recipient, but details of his domestic arrangements, his financial circumstances and his choice of pastimes. By contrast A could refer to any one of several thousand blokes in Dorset who own dogs. So judged in terms of its information content, B is a very much more complex hypothesis than A. And yet despite that the two hypotheses are equally likely. This is because the set of possibilities contains only two members, and both hypotheses partition the set in exactly the same way; they both select one member and reject the other. The complexity of the hypotheses, in other words, has no bearing on the extent to which they partition the set of possibilities.

We can construct other hypotheses about the possible recipients of the letter which illustrate difficulties with other formulations of Occam's razor; for example, the formulation that one should always prefer the hypothesis which invokes the fewest explanatory entities. Let's construct the hypotheses:

C) The intended recipient of the letter lives alone, never goes out, and never interacts with anyone else;

D) The intended recipient of the letter is married, has two children, and a social network of several hundred individuals.

Based on a simple-minded application of the principle above, we would have to prefer C over D, since C only invokes one entity - an individual who lives alone - whereas D invokes not only the recipient, but the recipient's family, and several hundred other individuals besides. But in fact, based on demographic statistics alone, D is far more likely than C, because the two hypotheses have different a priori probabilities, irrespective of the number of entities they invoke.

But in real life it's often not possible to determine how much a given hypothesis will partition the set of possibilities, because we don't know what set that is. In fact situations in which it is possible to do this are often quite artificial, like the ones I've constructed here. So applying Occam's razor in real life can be a lot more difficult than is often presented.

Cathy

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Hiya!

Your Occam cameo was just damned beautiful, if I may!

The key is in the word "necessity," eh? It very well may
sometimes become necessary to complicate a hypothesis. A
senseless reflex to "least complicated" seems an excuse for lazy
thinking when it is not cowardly so. ...Non creative when it is
not completely unimaginative. This is where the thinking of
Uber-reductionist Bill Nye craters. He would err on the side of
paucity.

On the current SDI Dr. Michio Kaku has some interesting thing to
say about "Intelligence And The Cosmos. Try to push passed Rich
Reynolds' fatuously ridiculous admonition that Dr. Kaku's
conjecture is "Platitudinous And Useless." Rich Reynolds simply
provides for another crater.

Let us instead prepare to know our inner toad and the soul of
the soaring cleave. <g>

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>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
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>>Subject: Re: Intelligence And The Cosmos

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>>>Wednesday, January 07, 2009

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>>Again I have to wonder and ask the question; Is this
>>belief/theory driven by religious conditioning since childhood
>>with a reluctance to believe in some intelligence far in advance
>>of our own. Is it safer [more comfortable] to believe in an
>>invisible, co-existing culture than to confront perhaps some
>>super knowledgeable intelligences that have advanced beyond the
>>ability of some thought-to-be higher religious power? We have
>>come to grips with a god that is all powerful but can we accept
>>an ET intelligence that is so far beyond our own that we now
>>become the lab rats?

>Hi, Don,

>I don't see us as lab rats. One one hand, it seems logical to
>suppose that there are ET civilizations far more ancient than
>ours: tens or hundreds of millions of years. But it does not
>mean necessarily that we are radically inferior to them, like
>lab rats.

>Because we have reached consciousness. I would rather see myself
>like the shrinking man of the famous movie, who became smaller
>than a mouse but could still think, and look at the stars.
>Actually, it seems, from what we heard, that we enjoy fairly
>good size. With perhaps, in addition, the advantage of being
>more recent in cosmic evolution. If that means anything.

Hi Gildas,

The reference to lab rats was meant to suggest our order of
importance to some intelligence; some knowledgeable power well
above our own. BTW-I think the difference should be noted
between intelligence and knowledge. It has been postulated that
present day intelligence is no greater than tha of our stoneage
ancestors but that we are the product of accumulated knowledge.
Perhaps some ETI has advanced in the same manner with possibly

some advancement in PSI capability.

I could have used a rabbit as a reference. But there is some suspicion of the lab rat comparison - a very strong one - if one considers the abduction phenomenon and the claims of experimental work on the abductees.

It is unclear whether we as a species will be any more capable of greater intelligence as we proceed along the evolutionary scale however we will become more knowledgeable as a species.

As to size; does that matter or is that strictly a product of environment. When I was a kid it was theorized in science and postulated in Science Fiction, that planets with low gravity would have giant-like creatures and that high gravity planets would have tiny creatures as in "Mission of Gravity".

Perhaps later today we will have good reason to be optimistic of microbial life on Mars when NASA makes its announcement.

On the other hand in a few weeks Pres.Elect- Obama will to announce a USAF General to run NASA and downgrade space exploration. From Propwash-"Retired Air Force Major General Jonathan Scott Gration is a decorated jet fighter pilot reared by missionary parents in Africa, and who reportedly spoke Swahili before he did English. He'll reportedly be Obama's choice to head NASA." Apparently that's all he will bring to the table. Another leader falls for the fighter-jock mystic. A religious background and a command of Swahili should really come in handy in the space program.

NASA's budget is less than 2% of the US Defence budget but apparently that is still too much.

Don Ledger

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New Cloaking Surface Throws An Electromagnetic Curveball
By Tim De Chant

For centuries, humans have dreamed of fading into the background. Hunters have long wished to vanish into their surroundings, and these days, awkward moments at parties can evoke similar desires. But the ability to truly disappear is still only found in tales spun by writers and filmmakers, as cloaking has remained the stuff of fantasy and science fiction. Thanks to some pioneering researchers, however, cloaking has moved one step closer to reality.

Six scientists have built a sophisticated metamaterial that literally bends electromagnetic waves, according to a new paper published Thursday in the journal *Science*. Ruopeng Liu and Chunlin Li, researchers in David R. Smith's lab at Duke University, along with three other colleagues, assembled more than 10,000 specially designed pieces to form a mat 20 inches long and four inches wide. When finished, the yellow pad sucked microwaves in and spit them out-with a curve.

To test their new invention, researchers first beamed microwaves at a flat, mirrored surface. The waves behaved as they should, bouncing off at a predictable angle. Next they shot it at a bump in a mirrored surface. The microwaves bounced and scattered, carefully obeying the laws of physics. Then the scientists laid their yellow mat over the bump. And the wave ignored the bump-or so it seemed. After reflecting off the curved surface, the radiation veered downward and continued along a flat surface-trajectory. The mat had cloaked the bump.

[Graphic]

Aside from starring in the Harry Potter series and countless Star Trek incarnations, cloaking has been a very serious and very active research area in the past few years. In May 2006, two scientists proposed active cloaking devices based on superlenses, but their contribution at the time was only theoretical. The reality of superlenses hasn't been as promising, but in October of that same year, Smith and his colleagues presented a cloaking breakthrough-the ability to cloak an object from a specific microwave frequency. More papers followed, and the science progressed rapidly. But then last December, a new theoretical study published gave researchers a harsh reality check-cloaking at multiple frequencies may very well be impossible, the authors said. As the number of cloaked frequencies increases, the efficacy of the device or material decreases. It's a classic tradeoff, they implied, and one not likely to be overcome.

Liu and Li's new research, though, seems to poke a giant hole in that last paper. Their new metamaterial masks not one tiny slice of the microwave spectrum, but a relatively large swath of it, from 13 to 16 gigahertz. Liu and Li built off the results of Smith's 2006 paper to create the new cloak, but this time used more powerful algorithm to help them fabricate the metamaterial. The formula dictated where each of the over 10,000 pieces in the structure should be placed to achieve the desired effect.

"The difference between the original device and the latest model is like night and day," Smith said in a press release. While the earlier, more limited device took Smith and his team four months to build, the new, more capable cloak was ready in only nine days.

Smith compares the mat's cloaking effect to a mirage. "You see what looks like water hovering over the road, but it is in reality a reflection from the sky," he said. "The mirage you see is cloaking the road below."

While you won't be able to don a fancy blanket and duck out of work early any time soon, the new metamaterial proves that one surface can cloak many frequencies. Three gigahertz is certainly a far cry from the 350,000 GHz that make up the visible spectrum, but at least it's a step in the right direction.

Science, 2008. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1126/science.1166949>

[Thanks to Frank Fields for the lead]

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CPTR Website Update

From: CPTR <webmaster.nul>
Date: Thu, 15 Jan 2009 15:34:41 -0500
Archived: Fri, 16 Jan 2009 08:25:11 -0500
Subject: CPTR Website Update

We would like to inform you that our website is currently undergoing construction and has moved to a new dedicated server, because our website has grown to large for a shared server.

I know we are in a serious economic situation with everyone trying to get your last dollar. So, this is the last thing we needed to have happen. The website is dedicated to presenting the most current investigations possible.

I do not believe in filing away information, it should be made available to anyone interested. Travel expenses to a site such as Marley Woods are costly, the equipment used is costly, and now the website becomes even more costly.

We greatly appreciate every single person visiting the site and try to provide answers to serious questions received every day. We also had planned for 24 -7 streaming video so you can watch any and all activity at Marley Woods as it happens, and for our trip to Slovakia later this year.

Also, the new shared server will allow us to expand our website even further by providing even more flexibility to host images, video, and share old UFO trace case files, such as Delphos, Kansas which has hundreds of pages and images.

So, here it is, all of the above is what the website is about. If the site is shut down we will have no choice other than to study data as it happens in Marley Woods and other areas, and then put it in a file.

If you can afford to donate a dollar toward keeping the site alive, please do so. We need to reach \$150.00 a month, so anything and everything helps.

We will continue to investigate areas such as Marley Woods as long as possible, but we want to make it available to the public.

Our thanks for past donations that have made it possible to place high-quality imaging units in the Marley Woods area, and for helping us continue our research!

In the mean time, some people may have trouble viewing our website because the URL may still be trying to access the old server IP address through your internet service provider (ISP).

If you are experiencing this, please visit

<http://www.open-url.com/>

and browse for

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

Or, you can try visiting the following URL which may help reset it to the new one:

<http://vps494.sgvps.net/~ufophysi/>

Sorry for the inconvenience and thanks for the support!

Ted R. Phillips

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Methane Reveals Mars Is Not A Dead Planet

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Thu, 15 Jan 2009 16:38:34 -0400
Archived: Fri, 16 Jan 2009 08:27:18 -0500
Subject: Methane Reveals Mars Is Not A Dead Planet

NASA comes out of the closet re life on Mars.

See press release from NASA below.

Don Ledger

Jan. 15, 2009

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Discovery Of Methane Reveals Mars Is Not A Dead Planet

WASHINGTON -- A team of NASA and university scientists has achieved the first definitive detection of methane in the atmosphere of Mars. This discovery indicates the planet is either biologically or geologically active.

The team found methane in the Martian atmosphere by carefully observing the planet throughout several Mars years with NASA's Infrared Telescope Facility and the W.M. Keck telescope, both at Mauna Kea, Hawaii. The team used spectrometers on the telescopes to spread the light into its component colors, as a prism separates white light into a rainbow. The team detected three spectral features called absorption lines that together are a definitive signature of methane.

"Methane is quickly destroyed in the Martian atmosphere in a variety of ways, so our discovery of substantial plumes of methane in the northern hemisphere of Mars in 2003 indicates some ongoing process is releasing the gas," said Michael Mumma of NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md. "At northern mid-summer, methane is released at a rate comparable to that of the massive hydrocarbon seep at Coal Oil Point in Santa Barbara, Calif." Mumma is lead author of a paper describing this research that will appear in Science Express on Thursday.

Methane, four atoms of hydrogen bound to a carbon atom, is the main component of natural gas on Earth. Astrobiologists are interested in these data because organisms release much of Earth's methane as they digest nutrients. However, other purely geological processes, like oxidation of iron, also release methane.

"Right now, we do not have enough information to tell whether biology or geology -- or both -- is producing the methane on Mars," Mumma said. "But it does tell us the planet is still

alive, at least in a geologic sense. It is as if Mars is challenging us, saying, 'hey, find out what this means.' "

If microscopic Martian life is producing the methane, it likely resides far below the surface where it is warm enough for liquid water to exist. Liquid water is necessary for all known forms of life, as are energy sources and a supply of carbon.

"On Earth, microorganisms thrive about 1.2 to 1.9 miles beneath the Witwatersrand basin of South Africa, where natural radioactivity splits water molecules into molecular hydrogen and oxygen," Mumma said. "The organisms use the hydrogen for energy. It might be possible for similar organisms to survive for billions of years below the permafrost layer on Mars, where water is liquid, radiation supplies energy, and carbon dioxide provides carbon. Gases, like methane, accumulated in such underground zones might be released into the atmosphere if pores or fissures open during the warm seasons, connecting the deep zones to the atmosphere at crater walls or canyons."

It is possible a geologic process produced the Martian methane, either now or eons ago. On Earth, the conversion of iron oxide into the serpentine group of minerals creates methane, and on Mars this process could proceed using water, carbon dioxide and the planet's internal heat. Although there is no evidence of active volcanism on Mars today, ancient methane trapped in ice cages called clathrates might be released now.

"We observed and mapped multiple plumes of methane on Mars, one of which released about 19,000 metric tons of methane," said co-author Geronimo Villanueva of the Catholic University of America in Washington. "The plumes were emitted during the warmer seasons, spring and summer, perhaps because ice blocking cracks and fissures vaporized, allowing methane to seep into the Martian air."

According to the team, the plumes were seen over areas that show evidence of ancient ground ice or flowing water. Plumes appeared over the Martian northern hemisphere regions such as east of Arabia Terra, the Nili Fossae region, and the south-east quadrant of Syrtis Major, an ancient volcano about 745 miles across.

One method to test whether life produced this methane is by measuring isotope ratios. Isotopes of an element have slightly different chemical properties, and life prefers to use the lighter isotopes. A chemical called deuterium is a heavier version of hydrogen. Methane and water released on Mars should show distinctive ratios for isotopes of hydrogen and carbon if life was responsible for methane production. It will take future missions, like NASA's Mars Science Laboratory, to discover the origin of the Martian methane.

The research was funded by the Planetary Astronomy Program at NASA Headquarters in Washington and the Astrobiology Institute at NASA's Ames Research Center in Moffett Field, Calif. The University of Hawaii manages NASA's Infrared Telescope Facility.

For images related to this finding, visit:

<http://www.nasa.gov/mars>

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Date: Thu, 15 Jan 2009 22:54:37 +0100
Archived: Fri, 16 Jan 2009 16:19:50 -0500
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>Source: Bad Astronomy Blog - New York, New York, USA

><http://tinyurl.com/847egv>

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That film was in a paranormal show Tineke en de Paranormale
Wereld on the Dutch TV station RTL4.

Those shows are here:

<http://portal.beeldengeluid.nl>

but only available for members (the media). One can ask Tineke
if it is true

<http://www.tineke.nl/>

lower left on that webpage.

I wrote this to CNN too but I don't believe CNN will ever
mention it.

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Date: Thu, 15 Jan 2009 17:24:58 -0500
Archived: Fri, 16 Jan 2009 16:21:59 -0500
Subject: Re: Intelligence And The Cosmos

>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 12 Jan 2009 13:57:37 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>Subject: Re: Intelligence And The Cosmos

>>Source: About SETI.Com - Carlsbad, New Mexico, USA

>><http://www.aboutseti.com/blog/intelligence-cosmos>

>>Wednesday, January 07, 2009

>>Intelligence And The Cosmos: Some Barely Restrained Musings
>>by Mac Tonnies

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Re: No Evidence Yet For UFO Attack On Turbine

From: Carol Maltby <carolmaltby.nul>
Date: Thu, 15 Jan 2009 18:16:32 -0500
Archived: Fri, 16 Jan 2009 16:25:00 -0500
Subject: Re: No Evidence Yet For UFO Attack On Turbine

>Source: New Energy Focus - London, England, UK

><http://tinyurl.com/8hky5l>

>15-01-09

>Ecotricity has said it has still found no evidence to support
>claims that a UFO collided with one of its wind turbines at
>Conisholme in Lincolnshire.

<snip>

>Last week's claims of UFO sightings in the area the night the
>damage was sustained to the wind turbine have attracted
>headlines around the world, not least because of the story being
>featured in the Sun newspaper.

>Guardian journalist Emily Bell has since claimed that a firework
>display put on by her family may have been the cause of the
>reported "strange lights in the sky" on the night in question.

An actress named Emily Bell played the part of the Planetarium
Receptionist in the 1974 film UFO: Target Earth. Peter Bell, the
father of the Guardian's Emily Bell, was being honored for his
80th birthday, thus it is likely that the Guardian's Emily Bell
is of an age where she could have played such a role in a 1974
movie.

In the Internet Movie Database (IMDb), reviewer bluethunder01
describes the plot of UFO: Target Earth as a "quest to find a
UFO that apparently crashed into a remote, back country lake
near a power plant many years past. Residents of a small
community remember strange and bright lights that appeared in
the night sky."

Comments on the film include "boring, painfully slow yarn
lacking any special effects or visual excitement", "probably the
worst movie about UFOs ever made" and "it has a sort of naive
earnestness about itself that is charming in a slack-jawed kind
of way."

<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0131624/usercomments>

The turbine was damaged on January 4. According to
uk-tv-guide.com, UFO: Target Earth was run on The Paranormal
Channel at 3PM January 5 (and will be repeated on that channel
on January 26, 28, and 30).

Is this merely a Fortean coincidence, or is something else going
on?

Carol

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Archived: Fri, 16 Jan 2009 16:26:27 -0500
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>RELEASE: 09-006

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Ho hum. Check off another step on the official incremental
disclosure script.

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Date: Fri, 16 Jan 2009 22:34:17 -0000
Archived: Sat, 17 Jan 2009 07:02:11 -0500
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No witness saw anything hitting a turbine in the UK. No witness saw anything even in the general area within hours of the time of the damage. The "octopus" sighting, by a single witness several miles away from Consiholme, was about 5.5 hours before the bang of the turbine breakage at Conisholme woke witnesses living at nearby Fen Farm, and it is not clear that whatever was seen at that time was actually even in the direction of the windfarm. A couple of possible explanations for this sighting remain neither discounted nor confirmed, but the sighting information available is poor.

Several other reported sightings are explainable as Venus, prominent low in the sky at the time, and as fireworks launched at a nearby garden party. Many of the sightings linked in the press to the damage actually occurred on different days and up to hundreds of miles away (at least two of them in Scotland) and all of them seem to have been brought to light by initial local publicity, without which we may never have heard of them. Several of them are clearly Thai lanterns, numerous clusters of which were released at various Christmas, New Year and Hogmanay celebrations.

AFAIK, study of the damaged turbine blades by a German laboratory on behalf of the operators of the windfarm has yet to identify the cause of the damage, but mechanical failure remains a possible alternative to impact, and the evidence tends to suggest that a number of unrelated events have been conflated by tabloid newspapers into a "UFO collision" which probably never

Re: Plait On Turbine Damage

happened at all.

Martin Shough

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Re: Intelligence And The Cosmos

From: Vincent Boudreau <vincentboudreau.nul>
Date: Fri, 16 Jan 2009 18:42:44 -0500 (EST)
Archived: Sat, 17 Jan 2009 07:05:20 -0500
Subject: Re: Intelligence And The Cosmos

>From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
>Date: Thu, 15 Jan 2009 17:24:58 -0500
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Hello Eleanor, Nick and List,

That would be:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scanning_Electron_Microscope

...a Scanning electron microscope, which would virtually
eliminate any wishful interpretation of blurry observations...
maybe.

I am not sure we could distinguish between micro probes and
pollen grains - see the picture on the site - although a pollen
expert could be called in. Eventually, the interesting specimens
could be sliced and examined with this or another kind of
electron microscope.

Keep clinging to the samples.

Vincent Boudreau

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'Muscle Car' UFO Hoons Over Australia

From: **Sheryl Gottschall** <gottscha.nul>
Date: Sat, 17 Jan 2009 10:23:58 +1000
Archived: Sat, 17 Jan 2009 07:08:59 -0500
Subject: 'Muscle Car' UFO Hoons Over Australia

Source: Daily Telegraph - Sydney, New South Wales, Australia

<http://tinyurl.com/9j5gev>

January 17, 2009

[image & links]

'Muscle Car' UFO Hoons Over Australia

A mysterious blue car-shaped UFO has been spotted as it flew across a cloudy wet season sky over northern Australia. But in the words of amateur photographer Mark Schmutter, 79, "It does look like a car but what would a car be doing up in the sky?"

Mr Schmutter said he snapped these shots as he was standing on the ninth-floor balcony of a friend's CBD apartment in Darwin just before 6pm earlier this week.

"I decided to go out on the balcony and take some shots of Darwin," he said.

"I just held the camera up and I saw this thing flash through the sky and I thought 'Oh my goodness what was that?', and then it came back again so I hit it with the camera."

He said he saw the object move across the sky about the speed of a plane - then it flew straight upwards before it disappeared into the sky.

"But it wasn't an airplane, no noise ... it was a fair way away, you know, but I didn't hear any noise."

Mr Schmutter, of Lyons, said he had no idea what it was - be it a strange, newfangled aircraft or a UFO shaped like a muscle car.

"I've got no idea about aliens, but anything's a possibility, isn't it?"

Defence spokesman Stephen Mullins confirmed no Defence aircraft were flying in the area at that time Tuesday night.

The Top End Flying Club last year suggested many of the local sightings of UFOs could actually be Sigma-4 ultralight aircraft - informally dubbed the flying sperm - which fly slowly and with little noise.

The club's Mark Christie said the blue object didn't resemble any of their aircraft though.

He said at least one of the photos looked to be altered with the object cut and pasted on to the background.

But Mr Schmutter insisted none of the pictures had been 'Photoshopped' in any way.

He said he was hoping someone could tell him what it was he caught on camera.

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Was This A UFO Hovering Over Wakefield?

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Sat, 17 Jan 2009 08:40:50 -0500
Archived: Sat, 17 Jan 2009 08:40:50 -0500
Subject: Was This A UFO Hovering Over Wakefield?

A lurid version of the article below is, in true trashy tabloid style, at The Star's website. Phillip Mantle writes that The Star also used the wrong picture:

<http://tinyurl.com/7r3bl3>

ebk

Source: The Wakefield Express - England, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/8jh68m>

09 January 2009

Was This A UFO Hovering Over Us?
By Victoria Turton

A mysterious object has been spotted hovering over Kirkthorpe Common.

Shocked nature enthusiast James Ward snapped what he thinks is a flying saucer while he was out snapping away with his camera.

To view a larger photo of the UFO click [here](#)

Mr Ward said: "It seemed to hover for a few minutes, then speed off. I was very shocked and surprised.

"It was saucer in shape and very metallic and had no lights."

This is the second alien-related incident to have been reported in Britain this week.

Sleeping residents from Conisholme, in Lincolnshire, were rudely awoken at 4am on Wednesday morning when strange lights were spotted streaking towards a 290ft-tall wind turbine.

One of the turbine's huge 65-foot blades was ripped clean off, leaving no trace behind.

The baffled owner of the wind farm, Ecotricity, has launched an investigation into exactly what happened but Lincolnshire council bosses are reported to have said even a strong gale could not have inflicted such damage.

Click [here](#) to send any alien-related incidents you may have encountered and we will upload them to our website.

The full article contains 193 words and appears in n/a newspaper.

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Another UFO Sighting - In Australia!

The Herald's article about UFO sightings on New Year's Day has reached a global audience.

Australian Yvonne Vincent contacted the Herald newsroom this week to tell us about her own UFO experience on January 1.

She wrote: "I read your article as I typed in UFO 1st Jan 2009 after I saw a UFO on this night. I have not even contacted my local news. It was great to read your article it is fantastic!

"I am a 30-year-old young woman. I live in Donvale, Victoria, Australia. My male friend, 37, and I went to McDonald's to get drive thru McCafe latte around 9.40pm our time.

"On my short drive home I saw a fireball sphere in the sky. In Donvale, which is about 14km from Melbourne. I thought it was a meteor rock on fire. I drove left into Shirvington Place a street off Doncaster Road and watched it for a good two and a half minutes.

"I kept asking my friend what was it and he was stunned jumping out of my car, we watched it. The streets were quiet it was a dark street anyway.

"Watching the fireball it seemed not very far away, quite close actually. It was orange and yellow flames inside a perfect, perfect sphere. There was no glow around it and no sound. There was no trail behind it, it just moved as a perfect sphere that looked like a fireball.

"I did not panic any longer when it changed direction so accurately and sharp. It then began to lift through the low thin cloud and we watched it still so bright fly into the distance until my naked eye could see no longer.

"I called my father who lives half hour from me. It was a few minutes before 10pm our time when I saw it. I had rung dad at 10pm.

"This was no plane, helicopter, light reflection after a small drizzle of rain on a cool January night. It was an unidentified flying object!

"This was what the people saw in that town your article explains. I called dad the other day for him to look up your news article. I am convinced it is the same - on the same day - understandably there is time difference but that is fast to travel across the world like that if it is the same one.

"No-one here in my local paper seems to have said anything or in our Herald Sun. No-one came out of their house to look at what

we saw, a lot of people were on holiday and it was quiet as most people went out the night before.

"Recently I read about some orange lights in another town in UK hitting wind turbine!

"I was a person whose response would be more of a 'yeah right' attitude to such a thing. It was such a privilege and honour to see such a beautiful sighting in the sky. It was scary to begin with but then just amazing! It changes perspective on life to be more open minded and I am a deep thinker most of the time really anyway so this is very interesting."

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Aliens Paying A Visit Every Day

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Source: Daily Star - UK

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Aliens Paying A Visit Every Day
By Gemma Wheatley

UFO experts are expecting a "huge surge" in visits from ET this year.

Ministry of Defence specialists reckon a massive increase in UFO sightings in the last few weeks suggests aliens are trying to get in touch with us.

And they predict there could be at least one "close encounter" a day over the next 12 months.

The news comes after these amazing drawings, left, were revealed to the Daily Star. They were made by children who claimed a UFO landed in their school playground.

The children also reported seeing a "scrawny man with rugby ball eyes". They had never seen pictures or watched images on television of aliens, yet their drawings were all spookily alike.

Nick Pope, who used to run the UFO project at the Ministry of Defence, says he is bombarded with images and videos of UFOs every week.

In the past month he has seen figures almost double as thousands of Brits report sightings across the country.

So far this year the British UFO Research Association (BUFORA) has logged nine reports. Nick has also received reports of 14 incidents since the start of the year.

And he said: "2009 is shaping up to be a record-breaking year. I have noticed a dramatic upsurge of reports since the beginning of the year.

"If I continue to receive reports at the current rate I'll get one a day, which is likely to exceed the combined total of MoD and BUFORA, most remarkable given that I don't actively solicit reports."

The school sighting took place in Zimbabwe in 1994.

About 60 children reported seeing three silver balls in the sky before one of them landed. One of the pupils described the object as "silver and the ring around it was red... lights along the edge".

Another said he saw strange beings with "astonished eyes".

None of the teachers saw the "landing" as they were all in a

meeting at the time.

Meanwhile, more than three-quarters of Brits (78%) admit they believe we are not alone in the universe.

A survey by onepoll.com also showed 17% of Brits have seen strange lights in the sky. They also believe the ETs have a tall, thin body with long limbs.

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Source: The Examiner - Denver, Colorado, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/7uor79>

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Part 1: V-Shaped UFOs In NM Photos
by Roger Marsh

CHAMA, NM - Several meandering V-shaped UFOs near a mountain slope here turned up on a woman's digital photos. Three photos shot with a 21 megapixel camera caught multiple crafts approaching in the first frame, one craft in frame two moving close to the ground while the others take positions in the sky, and then frame three shows all of the crafts moving out of the area.

PART 2 - More of image 1

PART 3 - More of image 2

PART 4 - More of image 3

The Albuquerque woman and her husband were out for a scenic drive on Saturday, Aug. 16 at 3 p.m. about five miles north of Chama on highway 84, close to the Colorado border.

Chama sits at an elevation of 7,800 feet and was a boom town when the narrow-gauge railroad arrived in 1881. Today, the population is about 1,250, with a number of churches, shops and a hotel available.

Nothing Seen By Naked Eye

"I was taking photos of the mountains," the woman wrote.

"When I looked at my photos later that evening I saw something odd. I thought my screen or camera lenses were dirty. I checked and rechecked for any problems. I could not find any."

She then looked a bit closer at the photo to see what she had captured.

"I then zoomed in to see the problem with the pictures and realized it was something of a different nature altogether. When I took these photos there were no aircraft visible. The area of the v shaped ufo is about 3-5 miles from where I was. The height in the sky is about 10,000 feet high."

Canon Camera Gets The Credit

"The camera I used is a Canon Mark 3, 21 megapixel. The speed

was 1600 with a 2 gig card. My husband and I did not see anything in the sky while I took photographs. I give credit to the camera for its quality, speed and the high megapixel to have captured something we could not see with our eyes."

Photo Analysis

The first frame - shot 138 - appears to show multiple UFOs in the sky just above the mountain - possibly four or more crafts. The closest of these objects is pictured here.

The second shot - frame 139 - shows one of the craft low to the ground and appearing as though it has a V-shape. The other craft have now taken various positions in the sky around the low-flying craft.

The third frame - shot 144 - now shows the craft that was low to the ground gone - and an excellent shot of it moving away from the area.

Below, an aerial view of the area where the photos were taken as you leave Chama on Highway 84 heading north toward the Colorado border.

Mapquest image.

Roger Marsh
Chicago UFO Examiner

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"I always thought I'd be really scared if I came across anything weird, but I wasn't bothered. I just snuggled down and thought "fancy that", and went back to sleep."

She told her housemate, grousekeeper Matt Simmons, the next morning, but he just laughed.

And she admitted: "I don't believe in this sort of stuff. I don't generally hold much store by it... If someone had said it to me I would have laughed."

And that has been the reaction of her family and friends.

Pauline emailed her mother asking her what she would say if she told her she'd seen a flying saucer - and her mother had asked: "Which one of you threw it?"

Her brother had asked her if her sighting was pink and elephant-shaped.

She searched the internet the following morning to see if anyone else in the area had spotted the object. And she is curious to know if anyone did or has an explanation for it.

Pauline told us: "I thought it's just me or probably somebody was up on the hill doing something."

She did ask a neighbouring beater to look for scorch marks if he was in the area.

"He just laughed," she said. "Everybody's been laughing."

But she wants to see the saucer again "to prove it to myself" - and besides, she said: "It's been a bit of excitement."

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>From: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers -
>Date: Saturday, January 17, 2009 6:14 AM
>Subject: UFO Sight In The Night For Pauline

>Source: The Selkirk Advertiser - Scotland, UK

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Re: 'Muscle Car' UFO Hoons Over Australia

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>Date: Sat, 17 Jan 2009 10:23:58 +1000
>Subject: 'Muscle Car' UFO Hoons Over Australia

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>Source: Daily Telegraph - Sydney, New South Wales, Australia

><http://tinyurl.com/9j5gev>

>January 17, 2009

>[image & links]

>'Muscle Car' UFO Hoons Over Australia

>A mysterious blue car-shaped UFO has been spotted as it flew
>across a cloudy wet season sky over northern Australia. But in
>the words of amateur photographer Mark Schmutter, 79, "It does
>look like a car but what would a car be doing up in the sky?"

<snip>

Hi folks

Could the culprit be The Virginia Blue - Virgin's 50th plane,
the only one flying in Australia in that colour?

<http://www.jetphotos.net/viewphoto.php?id=6149109&nseq=550>

The photographer said the object flew at the speed of an
aircraft - it was a fair way away - this would also explain no
sound.

Darwin, being in the tropics - heat haze - and the camera being
on full zoom, the camera would lose definite detail of the
object.

We will come back to you with more detail when we have been in
touch with our contacts in the CAA.

Regards,

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Indeed, but it wasn't Venus. Venus set at about 8:30PM, more
than 6 hours earlier.

But Sirius (magnitude -1.5) was low in the SW at 3:00AM (about 5
deg above the geometrical horizon) and would have set at 3:48AM,
earlier behind a hilly skyline.

The description would imply that the witness's attention transferred between two celestial bodies.

One other bright star near Sirius was Rigel (mag +0.1), at the foot of the constellation Orion. Rigel set below the geometrical horizon about 25 degs to the right of Sirius at 3:11AM, but again would have set earlier behind a hilly skyline. (The description of this light with "a light either side" could alternatively suggest Orion's belt - mags +2.0, +1.7 and +2.2 looking left to right).

Possibly the witness saw Rigel (or the belt) through an isolated gap in the cloud, and when this was lost to sight behind the hills saw Sirius appear further to the left just before it, too, set below the skyline (or vice versa, depending on the profile of the hills).

This hypothesis predicts that the directions of view (not stated here) were generally WSW from the witness position - between about 230 and 250deg. The witness location is given as Hawkshaw, near Ettrick Bridge, and the hill concerned is given as Kipp Hill. I can't find any reference to this Kipp Hill on the 1:25000 Ordnance Survey map in order to test the hypothesis.

Martin Shough

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Alien Hunter The Evidence In Light?

From: Kelly Freeman <Khfflsciufu.nul>
Date: Sun, 18 Jan 2009 09:39:22 -0500
Archived: Sun, 18 Jan 2009 11:14:55 -0500
Subject: Alien Hunter The Evidence In Light?

Hello EBK and List,

I've just finished reading Derrell Sims' book, Alien Hunter: The Evidence In Light, and was wondering if anyone else on the List has read it and would like to comment on it.

After briefly perusing the archives, I noticed there really hasn't been any discussion about his work since 2002. The book became available in 2006.

I noticed there was some concern by some that Mr. Sims' hadn't published any of his findings up to that time, but it appears that he has since then.

So, has anybody read the book?

Kelly

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Call For Obama To Open UFO Files

UNH professor says it's possible the B-2 stealth bomber, connected to Pease through the 509th Bomb Wing, is a beneficiary of extraterrestrial reverse engineering.

By Dean Merchant
[features.nul](#)

Can You Handle The Truth?

Last November, Paradigm Research Group of Bethesda, Md., launched The Million Fax On Washington campaign, urging Americans to fax, e-mail or send letters to the Washington Transition Headquarters of President-elect Barack Obama, calling on him to end the Truth Embargo regarding extraterrestrial/UFO presence and to release any information to the American people that would not jeopardize national security.

According to the research group, 126 million Americans age 18 and older believe UFOs are real and 180 million believe the government is hiding the truth.

Dr. Ted Loder, University of New Hampshire professor emeritus, became interested in extraterrestrials in 1997 when then governor Jeanne Shaheen sent him at his own request, to a closed congressional briefing in Washington, D.C., on UFOs.

As then Gov. Shaheen's representative, Dr. Loder listened to top-secret military witnesses as they described their observations and sightings to members of Congress and the U.S. Senate. Based on what he heard, Loder came to believe in the alleged government cover-up of extra-terrestrial technologies, technologies he feels the world desperately needs for safe, inexpensive and sustainable energy to solve global poverty.

Loder is associated with the Disclosure Project, whose goal is for "free and open" congressional hearings concerning UFOs and for the release of allegedly suppressed technology, and with The Orion Project, whose objective is to develop sustainable energy technology to serve global humanitarian purposes.

Loder cites the B-2 stealth bomber as a possible beneficiary of ET reverse engineering because there is evidence, he says, that the craft is "anti-gravity assisted", using anti-gravity propulsion some believe was derived from recovered UFOs coupled with human scientific research.

The B-2 is flown by the elite 509th Bomb Wing, several aviation generations evolved from their 1947 Roswell fame. (The 509th

Composite Group was formed in World War II to drop atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.)

The 509th was stationed at Roswell, N.M., and their intelligence officers were first on the crash site at Corona, 75 miles from Roswell. They have been historically linked to the controversial event ever since. Over the years cries of cover-up have failed to die out, some believing an extraterrestrial craft was downed and ETs recovered from the wreckage.

By 1965 the 509th Bomb Wing had moved to Pease AFB in Portsmouth as part of the Strategic Air Command during the Cold War, with a powerful nuclear weapon delivery capability. On Aug. 26 of that year the 509th participated in a SAC bombing competition. Eight days later, on Sept. 3, the lights went out at Pease two hours before the "Incident at Exeter."

"The 509th BW is special", says nuclear physicist Stanley Friedman, speaking from his home in New Brunswick, Canada. "They were elite and hand-picked."

Friedman was the first civilian to investigate the Roswell site, in 1978, more than 30 years after the alleged crash. He has met with and interviewed most of the primary players of the event. As to a possible connection between the 509th, Roswell, N.M., and Exeter, N.H. Friedman says, "There are no coincidences."

Incident At Exeter Cover-Up?

Over the decades, Pease has denied that anything out of the ordinary occurred at the airbase on that Sept. 3. But former Hampton Police Chief Robert Mark, a sergeant with the 509th Security Police Squadron at Pease in 1965, told a different story.

As related in the New Hampshire Seacoast Sunday in 1990, "... Mark was on duty at the main gate when, at about midnight, he and other officers saw a huge, brightly lit object approaching the base at an altitude of 300 to 400 feet. As the object passed, silently, over the base, Mark recalls, lights began going out.

"Seconds later, Mark raced to the base radar tower, where he listened in as two jet fighters took off to give chase, but were quickly outdistanced by the fast-moving object."

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Dr. Ted Loder, University of New Hampshire professor emeritus, became interested in extraterrestrials in 1997 when then governor Jeanne Shaheen sent him at his own request, to a closed congressional briefing in Washington, D.C., on UFOs.

As then Gov. Shaheen's representative, Dr. Loder listened to top-secret military witnesses as they described their observations and sightings to members of Congress and the U.S. Senate. Based on what he heard, Loder came to believe in the alleged government cover-up of extra-terrestrial technologies, technologies he feels the world desperately needs for safe, inexpensive and sustainable energy to solve global poverty.

Loder is associated with the Disclosure Project, whose goal is for "free and open" congressional hearings concerning UFOs and for the release of allegedly suppressed technology, and with The Orion Project, whose objective is to develop sustainable energy technology to serve global humanitarian purposes.

Loder cites the B-2 stealth bomber as a possible beneficiary of ET reverse engineering because there is evidence, he says, that the craft is "anti-gravity assisted", using anti-gravity propulsion some believe was derived from recovered UFOs coupled with human scientific research.

The B-2 is flown by the elite 509th Bomb Wing, several aviation generations evolved from their 1947 Roswell fame. (The 509th Composite Group was formed in World War II to drop atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.)

The 509th was stationed at Roswell, N.M., and their intelligence officers were first on the crash site at Corona, 75 miles from Roswell. They have been historically linked to the controversial event ever since. Over the years cries of cover-up have failed to die out, some believing an extraterrestrial craft was downed and ETs recovered from the wreckage.

By 1965 the 509th Bomb Wing had moved to Pease AFB in Portsmouth as part of the Strategic Air Command during the Cold War, with a powerful nuclear weapon delivery capability. On Aug. 26 of that year the 509th participated in a SAC bombing competition. Eight days later, on Sept. 3, the lights went out at Pease two hours before the "Incident at Exeter."

"The 509th BW is special", says nuclear physicist Stanley Friedman, speaking from his home in New Brunswick, Canada. "They were elite and hand-picked."

Friedman was the first civilian to investigate the Roswell site, in 1978, more than 30 years after the alleged crash. He has met with and interviewed most of the primary players of the event. As to a possible connection between the 509th, Roswell, N.M., and Exeter, N.H. Friedman says, "There are no coincidences."

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That's not to say that the object was not a True UFO. Maybe it was. However, the image shape is probably unlike its actual shape.

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conscientiousness from newspaper journalists and accuracy in any
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the article on the "All News Web" site re the China video is a
translation, so they don't have that excuse either. The author
has an .nul address, and moreover her name is Audrey
Chan, so she ought by the sound of it to know the Chinese
difference between astrology and astronomy. I fear this is just
another example of all-too-common journalistic ignorance.

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appearance of the video is typical of a bright star or planet.

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No, I'd never heard of "Automatic Dependent
Surveillance-Broadcast" before. Thanks. Just looked it up.

For the benefit of any others on the List who don't know, it is
a new adjunct to radar air traffic control being phased in now,
using GPS. This is from the Wikipedia article:

"An ADS-B-equipped aircraft determines its own position using a
global navigation satellite system and periodically broadcasts
this position and other relevant information to potential ground

stations and other aircraft with ADS-B-in equipment. ADS-B can be used over several different data link technologies, including Mode-S Extended Squitter (1090 ES), VHF data link (VDL Mode 4), and Universal Access Transceivers (UAT).

ADS-B provides accurate information and frequent updates to airspace users and controllers, and hence supports improved use of airspace, reduced ceiling/visibility restrictions, improved surface surveillance, and enhanced safety, for example through conflict management.

Under ADS-B, a vehicle periodically broadcasts its own state vector and other information without knowing what other vehicles or entities might be receiving it, and without expectation of an acknowledgment or reply. ADS-B is automatic in the sense that no pilot or controller action is required for the information to be issued. It is dependent surveillance in the sense that the surveillance-type information so obtained depends on the suitable navigation and broadcast capability in the source vehicle.[1]

A similar solution is the Automatic Identification System (AIS), a system used by ships and Vessel Traffic Services."

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By Susan Heavey
Reuters

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Authorities on Friday arrested a U.S. man on suspicion of threatening to kill President-elect Barack Obama based on statements he posted on a website about UFOs and aliens, the Justice Department said.

Steven Joseph Christopher, in three postings to www.alien-earth.org, said he planned to assassinate Obama in Washington "as a sacrificial lamb," the department said in a statement.

"It's really nothing personal about the man. He speaks well... But I know it's for the country's own good that I do this," Christopher reportedly wrote.

"It's not because I'm racist that I will kill Barack, it's because I can no longer allow the Jewish parasites to bully their way into making the American people submit to their evil ways."

Christopher added that he needed money to get to Washington and that he did not own a gun, the department said.

Unprecedented security surrounds Obama, who will be sworn into office on Tuesday and become the nation's first black president.

Christopher, who is from Wisconsin but was arrested in Brookhaven, Mississippi, could face up to five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine if found guilty.

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Date: Mon, 19 Jan 2009 08:50:42 -0500
Archived: Mon, 19 Jan 2009 10:47:41 -0500
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>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 18 Jan 2009 18:34:45 -0000
>Subject: Re: UFO Seen And Videoed By Eight Firefighters

>>Source: All News Web - Sydney, New South Wales, Australia

><http://www.allnewsweb.com/page1901902.php.php>

>>19-1-2009

>>China: Dazzling UFO Seen And Filmed By Eight Firefighters

>>Chinese Government office declare dazzling craft a UFO
>>Report by Audrey Chan

>>a.chan.nul

>>A remarkable UFO was seen and filmed in China by an entire
>>squadron of fire-fighters in Liu Pan Shui City in the province
>>of Guizhou through a camera with a 700X zoom capability. One of
>>the fire-fighters, Wang Jia Wei, noticed an odd looking,
>>brightly flashing star moving in a south easterly direction and
>>went inside the fire-fighters barracks to get a camera.

snip

>>The incident has received wide coverage by mainstream media in
>>China, although it has received no publicity in the west as far
>>as we know. Hardly surprising, as this is a credible and
>>compelling incident of the type Western Governments would rather
>>people not know about. The Chinese Government, however, is known
>>to take a more open minded approach to UFOs and generally
>>regards them as fact.

>>[image]

>The image shown is a grossly out-of-focus zoom image of a bright
>star or planet, the shape being due to the digital video camera
>aperture, much as Bruce Maccabee explained in another thread
>recently.

>See a shedload of similar "diamond UFO" images here

><http://www.abovetopsecret.com/forum/thread425584/pg1>

>from a similar recent sighting in Costa Rica. There's also a
>List-member's digital video of Venus for comparison.

These are excellent "tutorial" videos showing how camera
artifacts affect the imagery.

Typically, a person will zoom in and see a larger image, as
expected (after all, during the day when one zooms in one gets a
larger image).

What the 'zooming person' doesn't realize is that the camera may

not maintain perfect focus during the zoom so that their larger image is, in fact, out of focus. The same thing happened during the New Zealand sightings of 30 years ago (Dec. 1978) when professional cameraman David Crocket zoomed in on the UFO and got a very big image... as he expected. What he didn't know at the time is that the large telephoto lens was mounted incorrectly and that caused the image to be way out of focus when zoomed.

I was especially interested in the video that shows a comparison with Nasa's "Tether video". I have explained it to many people over the years, but it keeps coming back because it is difficult to explain what is happening with verbage only. Now this persons test video offers a demonstration of what I have been saying all along.

I thank Martin Shough for calling our attention to these videos.

And, by the way, I have seen videos of Venus going back over years that people have sent me. It is definitely the world's most popular 'UFO'.

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Subject: Re: ADS-B

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
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>Date: Mon, 19 Jan 2009 11:07:41 -0000
>Subject: Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast
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>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
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>>You mention "astrological departments". Wonder if that was a
>> mistake in translation? But every newspaper carries
>>astrological 'forecasts' which is based on faith rather than
>>fact, and they have done so for years while sneering at UFO
>>reports. Weird huh?

>Hi Don

>Very weird! We should never expect consistency or
>conscientiousness from newspaper journalists and accuracy in
>any matters touching science is a rare thing.

<snip>

>>BTW - Another topic, are you familiar with ADS-B?

>No, I'd never heard of "Automatic Dependent
>Surveillance-Broadcast" before. Thanks. Just looked it up.

>For the benefit of any others on the List who don't know, it
>is a new adjunct to radar air traffic control being phased in
>now, using GPS. This is from the Wikipedia article:

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>"An ADS-B-equipped aircraft determines its own position using
>a global navigation satellite system and periodically
>broadcasts this position and other relevant information to
>potential ground stations and other aircraft with ADS-B-in
>equipment. ADS-B can be used over several different data link
>technologies, including Mode-S Extended Squitter (1090 ES),
>VHF data link (VDL Mode 4), and Universal Access Transceivers
>(UAT).

>
>ADS-B provides accurate information and frequent updates to
>airspace users and controllers, and hence supports improved

>use of airspace, reduced ceiling/visibility restrictions,
>improved surface surveillance, and enhanced safety, for
>example through conflict management.

>Under ADS-B, a vehicle periodically broadcasts its own state
>vector and other information without knowing what other
>vehicles or entities might be receiving it, and without
>expectation of an acknowledgment or reply. ADS-B is automatic
>in the sense that no pilot or controller action is required
>for the information to be issued. It is dependent surveillance
>in the sense that the surveillance-type information so
>obtained depends on the suitable navigation and broadcast
>capability in the source vehicle.[1]

>A similar solution is the Automatic Identification System
>(AIS), a system used by ships and Vessel Traffic Services."

Hi Martin,

Western Europe has been phasing it in for the last couple of years and is moving definitively in that direction. The first phase in Canada is now being ushered in around the Hudson's Bay area where there is poor commercial coverage. Basically it is ON*STAR with added aircraft to aircraft or aircraft to radar or antenna site recognition. You can buy one of these things for \$139.00 and carry it aboard your aircraft.

Basically what ATC is after is total identification of what's flying in their airspace whether it's been flight planned or not or is in the system via the controlling authority. They will know the plane's I.D., position, direction and speed and altitude.

Airports don't need a radar type dish to receive the signal but can or will use an antenna which gets its signal either direct from the aircraft or from the satellite or both.

If ATC or the military picks up a none-correlated signal - via normal radar propagation and return - then they have a bogie on their hands and would be forced to deal with it in some manner. What it will do is eliminate the type and altitude unknowns from the system as far as aircraft go. It will also pinpoint aircraft sites and do away with the horrendously unreliable ELTs [Emergency Locator Transmitters] which fail 75% of time. [ELTs trigger falsely better than 95% of the time, BTW]

I mentioned this to Martin and the list because of the number of times this phenomenon deals with radar I.D. cases or the lack thereof.

But here is one good example of what might happen re UFO reports. Right now many private and commercial aircraft subscribe to GPS companies like SPOT-which is not full ADS-B. You purchase your GPS receiver/transmitter for \$169.00 Canadian and then subscribe to the company's tracking program [about \$150 a year]. Your GPS unit is assigned a code which is attached to your aircraft, your name and address or phone number but your tracking information is transmitted to whatever computer you desire so that whoever is using that computer can track your progress over the ground through a slaved Google Earth program. Your airplane can literally be seen via satellite in the air, on the ground [or it's crash position [within a ten minute window] at various rangings. Should you report a UFO somewhere in the vicinity of your aircraft it's possible that it might show up on the Google information as well.

This and ADS-B might be a useful resource for the study of the phenomenon.

Don Ledger

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Greg, and List:

The intention of this initial disclosure is to note that this
set of documents was first recovered from military files.

As soon as time permits the near 400 pages of correspondence,
memoranda and reports from Spain's Air Staff, the Spanish
Government, the US Embassy, the INTA (Spanish NASA) and the
Battelle Memorial Institute relating to the re-entry over Spain
of parts of the Lunik 8 SL-6 PLAT Russian spacecraft on December
6, 1965 will be posted on-line for the knowledge of every
researcher interested.

Included will be the thick Battelle analysis report.

In summary, everything has been preserved and will be fully
disclosed.

See the original article in Spanish at:

<http://www.elmundo.es/elmundo/2009/01/03/valencia/1230989731.html>

Regards,

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Once armed ICBMs are launched, there is no calling them back or
deactivating them. If there was a "nuclear exchange",
accidental or otherwise, at least a few of the ICBMs would have
detonated. Is there any evidence of a nuclear exchange or
detonation in 1965? No. It never happened.

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So are lots things non-nuclear designed for entry or re-entry
into an atmosphere: Gemini or Apollo space capsules, e.g. Or
how about the Russian Venus probe that James Oberg originally
proposed as the culprit because it malfunctioned and re-entered
the same day (then eventually retracted, when it became evident
from orbital mechanics that it was impossible for any part of it
to have come down anywhere near Kecksburg)?

One huge problem with all these conventional human rocket
"solutions" (asides from there being no known possible

candidate), is the fact that the Kecksburg object made a soft landing. No Russian or American spacecraft was capable of a powered landing, thus the only possible way to make a soft landing was with parachutes, none reported on the ground or the air. Some witnesses in Pennsylvania saw the fireball making sharp course changes before changing, again impossible for any human spacecraft of the time.

If this was an ICBM warhead, it would have plowed into the ground and created a huge crater. There were no craters. Again, the object made a soft landing.

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Witness fireman James Romanoff read Russian and said the writing on the Kecksburg object definitely was NOT Russian.

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Would it? Dozens of embarrassing "broken arrow" nuclear accidents have been disclosed. Why would this be an exception after 40+ years?

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There are lots of possible reasons the public might not be ready for the truth about UFO incidents, but concealing the truth doesn't become supporting evidence that the Kecksburg object was a nuclear ICBM.

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should be of interest to List readers:

There is little doubt that controversy, intrigue and bizarre elements swirl around the Westall saga. Extensive investigation and research is continuing into this remarkable case, most recently including the efforts of documentary film maker Rosie Jones and Canberra academic Shane Ryan, who I have been working with.

I have always seen the Westall case as a striking affair and have undertaken numerous enquiries, investigations and research into the events over the years.

Something altogether intriguing and interesting occurred at Westall on April 6 1966. T

These co-operative efforts are bringing together greater knowledge of the 1966 Westall UFO 'black swan' and maybe sometime soon its mysteries will be fully revealed.

Regards,

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>from orbital mechanics that it was impossible for any part of it
>to have come down anywhere near Kecksburg)?

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>"solutions" (asides from there being no known possible
>candidate), is the fact that the Kecksburg object made a soft
>landing. No Russian or American spacecraft was capable of a
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>>>what had happened, but General Francisco Franco was told, and an
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>>The December 1965 'Invasion' would include the crash/retrieval
>>of a 'UFO' in Kecksburg, Pennsylvania.

>>Considering how this UFO incident on U.S. soil - which followed
>>the UFO related 1965 Great Blackout where 30 million North
>>Americans were plunged into darkness - involved the military and
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Just one day before Kecksburg, a Skyhawk warplane loaded with a
nuclear weapon allegedly fell off the aircraft carrier USS
Ticonderoga and into the Pacific. Warplanes are usually armed
with nuclear weapons during times of hostilities or heightened
tensions. Were other aircraft on this ship or other airfields
around the globe also loaded with nuclear weapons too that were

not lost like the one in the Pacific?

Regarding the UFO incident in Spain, you may recall from your research that a B-52 carrying 4 nuclear bombs crashed there. Again we should ask, why would a U.S. warplane be carrying live nuclear weapons over friendly territory in times of peace? Allegedly two of the four nuclear bombs were recovered (undetoned like in Kecksburg?) while the other two bombs self-destructed releasing radioactivity over a vast area (just like the two other nuclear bombs that the U.S. accidently dropped and detonated over Canada in 1950!).

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I think you will agree that military space technology can be years ahead than what NASA or the Soviets used for their manned space programs.

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We have lots of technical equipment in our homes or use at work which have symbols, logos, diagrams, acronyms that certainly would not look like English to us - especially if these were partially covered in dirt, are upside-down, or seen in the dark of nigh. Although I do not discount Romanoff's observation, we cannot dismiss the testimonies of other witnesses who thought otherwise.

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Even though the public is assured that UFOs are not real or a threat to national security, the U.S. Government has often resorted to the flying saucer or "it was something from outer space" explanation when it served their interests to cover-up what really happened in major UFO crash incidents such as Roswell, Kecksburg, Shag Harbour, etc.

It is still widely thought that the last time the U.S. military detonated nuclear bombs during war or conflict was in 1945 over Japan. Any country, including the U.S., that uses nuclear bombs in any future war not only risks condemnation by the world but provides other nations to do likewise.

This is why Japan does not acknowledge the nuclear device they tested in the closing days of the war. The Japanese had two active, independent and well funded nuclear bomb projects of their own with plans to enter San Franscico harbour in a small submarine carrying one of their nuclear bombs to devastate the naval ports that were supplying the U.S. war effort in the Pacific.

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The public may be ready to handle this truth about most UFOs incidents that are really cover stories for military actions, many of which nearly triggered WWII (eg. The Russian nuclear submarine Kursk sinking, the U.S./U.S.S.R. aerial dogfight over Soviet airspace where many pilots and aircraft were lost that resulted in the downing and imprisonment of the passengers of Korean Airlines Flight 007, etc.) but those in power would like to keep the lid on these forever.

Nick Balaskas

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Eleanor White

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Mon Dieu Gildas! I hope that you are not suggesting that popular
or no nonsense answers to any mystery must be the truth and any
others who hold differing opinions need not bother to share
them?

That said, I have to say that if it was not for responsible UFO
investigators such as David, Errol's list and yourself, ufology
as a subject worthy of scientific study and our attention would
have died long ago in its infancy or evolved into a 21st century
space cult at best. This is why I am still very interested and
involved to this day.

Although all UFO sightings can be given reasonable and prosaic explanations, because of David's tireless efforts to find the correct answers along with my own investigations over the years and what I have learned from others "in the know", I am fully convinced that not all UFO crashes can be explained as our own (i.e. made by humans on Earth) secret projects.

Looking forward when Vicente Juan Ballester Olmos can share this three hundred page document that should allow us to positively determine the origin of the unusual debris for this Spanish UFO incident that dates back to December 1965, the same date as the Kecksburg UFO incident.

Nick Balaskas

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Dear List and Nick,

As part of my studies and training as a first responder for radiological emergencies I have only heard of one Broken Arrow in Canadian territory as you list here as having occurred in 1950. That was the B-36 that had to jettison its payload before it crashed. But it was a practice weapon on a training mission with lead in place of the plutonium core. Only the high explosive trigger was detonated some five thousand feet or so from the plane. All such accidents are now public information.

Due to these accidents and the great expense to clean them up that SAC removed the weapons from their planes in the late 1960's, as you probably know. It's been a while since I read up on it so I won't try to quote any exact dates here.

Japan never had access to fissionable material to build any atomic weapons. Those sources are very well known world wide and that country could not access them and had no deposits of uranium of their own. Such an assertion is incorrect.

If any type of nuclear weapon, which creates an unmistakable radioactive fingerprint had been used by any power at any time they would have been discovered. The nuclear powers monitor this at all times as does the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna.

As part of the Plowshare Program conducted by Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, we developed the ability to detect underground tests. That is one reason why we tested devices in different strata around the country from Alaska to Mississippi, with attempts at de-coupling. That is the technique of creating a large underground cavity with a nuclear weapon during an announced test, then later detonating another clandestine device in the center of it to avoid detection by attenuating the shockwave. This record gives us a seismic signature for future reference.

I'm sure your work in Canada built on all this and thus I am very surprised any claim can be made today that the U.S. or anyone else has made combat use of nuclear weapons.

Between the former and the latter, I fail to see how any of us could sneaky around it.

There are several very good documentaries on both these subjects produced by my friend Peter Kuran which are currently available. They are Nuclear Rescue 911 and Atomic Journeys - Welcome To Ground Zero.

Randel Smith

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UFO Researcher To Speak At School Of Mines On Jan. 22

By Tom Lawrence
The Weekly News

A UFO researcher who claims he has heaps of evidence that spaceships "do indeed exist" will speak at the School of Mines' "UFOs and Nukes Lunch-N-Learn" on Thursday, Jan. 22.

Robert Hastings, author of "UFOs and Nukes: Extraordinary Encounters at Nuclear Weapons Sites" will discuss his UFO research. The event is open to the public.

Hastings, 58, has spent 35 years investigating UFO incursions at nuclear sites. He has interviewed nearly 100 former or retired U.S. Air Force personnel who were involved in various UFO-related incidents at Strategic Air Command bases, including Ellsworth Air Force Base, and has corroborated a number of those incidents via declassified USAF and NORAD documents.

This will be Hastings' fourth appearance at the School of Mines in the past 15 or 16 years. "It's very well received," he said.

Hastings' father was a career military man. When he was 16, he was at the Maumstrom Air Force Base's air traffic control tower when five "unidentified aerial targets," were tracked on multiple radar scopes. Hastings said he later learned the UFOs were spotted near some ICBM sites southeast of the Montana base.

Incidents at Ellsworth

He's looked into two reported UFO incidents at Ellsworth.

He interviewed former U.S. Air Force Staff Sergeant Albert Spodnik in 1993. Spodnik, whom Hastings said was a missile maintenance technician assigned to the 67th Strategic Missile Squadron at Ellsworth, discussed in great detail a purported incident that he said occurred in 1966.

A power failure at a launch facility led Ellsworth staffers to investigate it one summer night.

"For some reason, both the commercial power supply to the site and the emergency power systems had simultaneously failed, rendering the Minuteman I missile temporarily inoperable. In Air Force parlance, the ICBM had 'gone off alert status,'" Hastings wrote.

A security team witnessed a round, metallic craft inside a security fence that surrounded the missile silo, according to

Hastings. The security team leader, in a near panic, sought permission to fire on the craft but was told not to do so, Spodnik told Hastings.

Hastings said Spodnik told him he didn't reveal what he and other Ellsworth airmen witnessed that summer night for years. He feared being termed mentally unfit.

A second incident at Ellsworth was reported on Oct. 27, 1992.

According to Hastings, two airmen "were approaching the squadron's operations hangar when they saw a group of bright, white lights moving rapidly in rigid formation. While no solid object was actually visible, the fact that the lights did not vary in their positions relative to one another led the witnesses to conclude that they were arranged across the surface of a very large but unseen craft ..."

To read about the reported Ellsworth incidents, go to:

http://www.nicap.org/babylon/missile_incidents.htm.

Hastings said his research has led him to believe there is a tremendous volume of documentation of UFO sightings and, in some cases, the recovery of crashed spaceships.

"I am not condemning any government agency for its policy of secrecy regarding UFOs," Hastings said. "But I believe that the American people should be given the facts."

Hastings' presentation will run from noon till 1 p.m. It's at the Surbeck Center Ballroom on campus. Please pre-register, as an accurate count is needed for lunch. Cost is \$15 per person. To register, visit:

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Nick,

Regarding the Roswell case, are you suggesting that the RAAF
press release of July 8, 1947 was a kind of flying saucer cover-
up to hide something else?

If that's what you mean, I regret to say that, to me, it is
complete nonsense, just good to spread more confusion on the
case. Yes, there was a cover-up, but it was the balloon story,
exactly opposite to that.

Your suggestion, if I understand you well, sounds a bit like
the recent body snatcher tale. Please, tell me that I
misunderstand you.

Gildas Bourdais

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Wed, Jan. 21, 2009

UFO Group Plans Southeastern Pa. Conference

The Associated Press

NEWTOWN, Pa. - Some people are turning their attention from football playoff and presidential coverage in an otherworldly direction at a weekend conference in southeastern Pennsylvania.

Those who feel drawn to the convention being organized by the Pennsylvania Mutual UFO Network will talk more about unidentified objects than incompleated passes and more about alien abductions than inaugurations.

The confab is Saturday at Bucks County Community College in Newtown Township, 25 miles northeast of Philadelphia. The UFO group says Bucks County outpaces other areas with 71 UFO reports in 2008, including sightings over Sesame Place and the Oxford Valley Mall.

Pennsylvania MUFON director John Ventre says the group's investigators conclude 10 percent were hoaxes and 10 percent were man-made satellites or have other plausible explanations. They have no earthly explanation for the rest of the sightings.

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PRG - 1/22/09 - Citizen's Briefing Book

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Archived: Thu, 22 Jan 2009 09:45:30 -0500
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PRG
Paradigm Research Group

PRG Press Release - January 22, 2009
Disclosure and the Citizen's Briefing Book

Washington, DC - The Citizen's Briefing Book set up at the Presidential Transition website, Change.gov, closed at 6 pm on January 20, 2009 after being open for nine days. According to Michael Strautmanis, director of public liaison and intergovernmental affairs for the Obama/Biden transition team, "Over 125,000 users submitted over 44,000 ideas and cast over 1.4 million votes. The best rated ideas will be gathered into a Citizen's Briefing Book to be delivered to President Obama after he is sworn in."

Of the 44,000 submissions, 23 submissions were related to ending the government imposed UFO/ET Truth Embargo. They received a combined total of 177,210 votes with over 3200 comments. Based upon voting support six of the UFO/ET Disclosure related ideas were in the top 101 out of 44,000+ submitted.

PRG will check closely to determine whether the Disclosure issue is included in the Citizen's Briefing Book given to the new president.

You can view most of the 3200+ comments to the UFO/ET Disclosure submissions at these locations:

Citizen Briefing Book Archive
<http://tinyurl.com/apz2o9>

Paradigm Research Group Archive
<http://tinyurl.com/bt7w8y>

Also ending on January 20 was Phase I of the Million Fax on Washington - www.faxonwashington.org. Thousands of letters, faxes and emails calling for Disclosure were sent to the senatorial office and transition headquarters of the President Elect. Examples of this correspondence can be viewed at:

www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/Million-Fax-Correspondence.htm

The Million Fax on Washington is a project of Paradigm Research Group. Phase II of this initiative will begin next week.

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Date: Thu, 22 Jan 2009 09:46:32 -0500 (EST)
Archived: Thu, 22 Jan 2009 10:18:12 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Expert Holds Key To 1965 'Invasion'

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>>Some witnesses in Pennsylvania saw the fireball making
>>sharp course changes before changing, again impossible for any
>>human spacecraft of the time.

>I think you will agree that military space technology can be
>years ahead than what NASA or the Soviets used for their manned
>space programs.

><snip>

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>otherwise.

>>>This would explain the top-secret classification and disclosure
>>>about the 1965 'UFO' incidents to this day.

>>Would it? Dozens of embarrassing "broken arrow" nuclear
>>accidents have been disclosed. Why would this be an exception
>>after 40+ years?

>>>Maybe the public is not yet ready to handle this truth about
>>>most UFOs incidents.

>>There are lots of possible reasons the public might not be ready
>>for the truth about UFO incidents, but concealing the truth
>>doesn't become supporting evidence that the Kecksburg object was
>>a nuclear ICBM.

>Even though the public is assured that UFOs are not real or a
>threat to national security, the U.S. Government has often
>resorted to the flying saucer or "it was something from outer
>space" explanation when it served their interests to cover-up

>what really happened in major UFO crash incidents such as
>Roswell, Kecksburg, Shag Harbour, etc.

Using your own words "we should be careful not to make blanket proclamations" like you just made. These conventional military conspiracy theories have less proof than the UFO accounts.

>It is still widely thought that the last time the U.S. military
>detonated nuclear bombs during war or conflict was in 1945 over
>Japan. Any country, including the U.S., that uses nuclear bombs
>in any future war not only risks condemnation by the world but
>provides other nations to do likewise.

>This is why Japan does not acknowledge the nuclear device they
>tested in the closing days of the war. The Japanese had two
>active, independent and well funded nuclear bomb projects of
>their own with plans to enter San Franscico harbour in a small
>submarine carrying one of their nuclear bombs to devastate the
>naval ports that were supplying the U.S. war effort in the
>Pacific.

>This is also why Israel, South Africa and other officially non-
>nuclear nations don't want the world to know about the testing
>of their nuclear bombs - detonations that we have been able to
>confirm independently, including myself while working for the
>Canadian Government monitoring for such suspicious or
>unannounced nuclear detonations using the DARPA built seismic
>array in Yellowknife. This array is not far where the Soviet
>nuclear powered satellite, Cosmos 954, crashed in 1978 which,
>like in 1965, brought in the "Blue Boys" whose job is to recover
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Link to entire memo at:

<http://tinyurl.com/cqn7yj>

Regards,

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Dear Franklin,

As you are certainly well aware, even with top secret clearance,
you are provided with information on a need to know basis. It is
your fellow U.S. military officers that were there too who also
possessed top secret clearances, not me, that have made these
claims (not surprising considering since it's consistent with
the Bush Doctrine where nuclear weapons can now be used by the
U.S. first, even if the U.S. is not attacked or threatened!).

This is precisely why many UFO crash incidents remain secret and
the UFO cover-up continues to this day. Since our government
officials do not want to reveal such serious and embarrassing
incidents and believers are not yet ready or willing to accept
the truth behind many of these so-called "smoking gun" UFO

incidents cases, this is another reason why full disclosure about UFOs (not all UFOs are ours) will remain a frustrating and elusive dream. Sorry Stephen Bassett.

As a seismological analyst working for the Canadian Government, I too had to have high level security clearance to properly do the job I was qualified and hired to do - detecting, verifying and reporting unannounced or secret nuclear detonations all over the world using facilities originally built by the military and intelligence community. We detected many of these unannounced or secret nuclear detonations, both past and present, many of which were not located at known nuclear test sites. We also used these same facilities and network of other seismic stations to track and positively identify some noisy UFOs that flew across the sky over parts of Canada and were witnessed by many as military aircraft or re-entering space debris (the Kecksburg UFO was one) and, yes, extraterrestrial objects such as large meteoroids.

Prior to this job I was sent by the National Research Council of Canada to Saudi Arabia to work as a technical advisor on a special project for the Saudi Royal family. There are a lot of things I learned of or participated in during the four years I lived there that other colleagues working there never knew or even suspected. Like I said above, not everyone needs to know or be told everything.

Nick Balaskas

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Archived: Thu, 22 Jan 2009 13:22:50 -0500
Subject: Russians Don't Believe in UFO

Source: Russia-Ic.Com - Moscow, Russia

<http://www.russia-ic.com/news/show/7711/>

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Subject: Search For UFO Hoaxers

Source: BBC News - London, England, UK

Wednesday, 21 January 2009

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/england/7843647.stm

[Video]

Search For UFO Hoaxers

It was the summer of love, hippies and psychedelia, but 1967 was also the year of an apparent alien invasion.

Police, scientists and the RAF were scrambled to examine a number of UFOs which had appeared in fields around Britain.

One of those locations was on the Isle of Sheppey where the flying saucers turned out to be a student hoax.

Now an author is hoping people involved in the incident will contact him.

Robin Gibson takes a look back.

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Date: Thu, 22 Jan 2009 13:45:53 -0500
Archived: Thu, 22 Jan 2009 19:57:56 -0500
Subject: Re: Obama Announced More Open Government

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I heard this on the radio and was glad to see that Obama had that focus regarding Government secrecy. Let me mention that a number of UFO researchers in the Washington area have met with Congressional staff over the years to discuss the issue of excessive secrecy, and in a couple of cases there were hearings being discussed until some other event of the day took center stage.

The issue of UFOs is only one of many that the Government keeps secrets on, and it made sense to argue for greater visibility in general, rather than focusing on UFOs.

I see Obama's call for greater openness as a further repudiation of the Bush decisions to put all FOIA requests on the back burner and claim "National Security" whenever they don't want to deal with declassification. It was under the Clinton Administration that the E-FOIA effort began, and I'm not sure that's still moving forward at all, and the military quite obviously doesn't have the resources to do a lot of declassification review at this point.

On the other hand, I don't see Obama becoming sidelined by issues like UFO inquiries while the Nation is in such a turmoil.

Our equiries will have a friendlier atmosphere to deal with, but I'm not sure the desire to keep secrets will diminish among Government/Military leaders.

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I'd have to agree with this as over the past several years I've been meeting and working with more Russian folks. My neighborhood has a huge Armenian and Russian population and meeting these people has been a big plus. The Armenians have been a major boost regarding UFOs to me. They know far more than most people do. Very well grounded and solid Christians at that and have no problem with the UFO issue.

Russians, however, told me up front that no one in Russia believes the UFO stuff because the television specials that present that data are on obscure channels alongside issues no one takes seriously. In other words it's absurd to the general population but there is interest. Many of the Russian professionals I work with are downright geniuses in computers and animation and science and marketing and they wouldn't care if an alien drove past the Kremlin wearing a Betty Page t-shirt, if it isn't bringing money or enhancing commerce they could give a flying ruble.

I was so stunned that not one of my contacts there was interested and weren't as derogatory, but just not interested. When I sent them to my blog and to some UFO sites of members on this list that are very informative, they were surprised and interest grew but their bottom line was that the UFO issue wasn't of economic interest to them so merited no further concern. Now that I reflect on it they felt the entire issue was based on some sort of mind control deception.

No argument, no fuss, they were concerned with immediate issues that affected their survival and UFOs had nothing to do with it even though they are now aware that there is massive interest by the world in general.

Now take into account that the data that starts this thread says that the Russian people are growing more religious. Nothing is more weird than our religious beliefs. When it comes to weird religions I'll bet you Sunday's hash that we Earthlings have got everyone else in the galaxy beat by a country parsec.

So from my experience, Russians are just tired of being taken advantage of for so long and are becoming more of a focused people who are growing into taking more responsibility. The UFO field is just not their cup of tea for now. It doesn't mean that things won't change, but for now perhaps we just need to do more presentations that interest them. Anyone doing seminars in Russia about UFOs?

Lo and behold, as I wrote this I got a message from one of the Romanian engineers. He says in Romania for example, there aren't enough UFO shows but when they do appear the ratings are huge! That says something and he was nice to send me a couple of website links in Romanian. One of them is to www.rufon.org which I assume is a MUFON thing?

I'll keep asking the Russian folks about UFOs. Something is bound to turn up and perhaps it's just an issue of not enough data on entertainment lines.

Best,

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>>>1991 Gulf war and 4 more nuclear bombs in the Tora Bora region
>>>of Afghanistan in 2001 that are still kept secret from the world
>>>for the above reasons.

>>This is just plain bull. I was in Iraq during the Gulf war and
>>participated in planing the Afghanistan operation in 2001. I was
>>a U.S. Army Officer with an above top secret clearance. There is
>>no credible evidence to support these claims.

>Dear Franklin,

>As you are certainly well aware, even with top secret clearance,
>you are provided with information on a need to know basis. It is
>your fellow U.S. military officers that were there too who also
>possessed top secret clearances, not me, that have made these
>claims (not surprising considering since it's consistent with
>the Bush Doctrine where nuclear weapons can now be used by the
>U.S. first, even if the U.S. is not attacked or threatened!).

<snip>

Nick,

Thanks for the response.

During the Gulf War I was the commander of an explosive ordnance unit that had the responsibility of supporting nuclear weapons, had they been present. I also participated in classified missions into Iraq to detonate chemical weapon sites. These missions have now been declassified. I am familiar with military cover-ups.

I am also familiar with compartmentalization of classified projects. I am not saying that I could not have been kept in the dark but it does raise the level of conspiracy to preclude personnel that would generally have the "need to know".

Since you have done detection work, you know that it is very likely that a nuclear weapon detonation would be detected by many countries. This would create unnecessary problems for the U.S. when clearly other means were available. Also, if Iran, Afghanistan or Iraq had a nuclear weapon used against them it would be in their interest to make it known to the world.

Are the military officers you mention more reliable than the ones that give UFOs as an explanation to events? Could they be part of a misinformation campaign? The issue of nuclear weapon use during the Gulf war is of course secondary.

The point is that for one to believe UFOs are being used as cover stories for terrestrial military secrets there should be more proof. Is that proof substantial when compared to the UFO explanation? It varies per incident but I do not think so, just an opinion.

There is a bunch of unsubstantiated information on the Internet about "false flag" operations to make the population believe UFOs are not real and that they are part of a government conspiracy. NASA's "Project Blue Beam" is one example that comes to mind. The Blue Beam theory is UFOs are part of a big PSY-OP.

It is often easier for people to believe that the government is responsible for unexplained events. Take the Stephenville incident as an example. Many of the citizens believe the UFO was a secret military aircraft. No real proof for that explanation but it seems more believable on its face. Experienced pilots, that saw the craft, say it was not of this earth but their testimony is easily discounted. It is safer to believe in the military secret scenario than something more sinister.

I would also point out that the media and governments have unconcealed organizations in place that actively look for government cover-ups. I am not sure we can say that about UFOs. In other words, the conventional explanation is always looked for first and I would say a military cover-up is a conventional explanation.

Truly yours,

Frank

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Re: UFO Expert Holds Key To 1965 'Invasion'

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 Jan 2009 17:40:19 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
Archived: Thu, 22 Jan 2009 20:04:05 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Expert Holds Key To 1965 'Invasion'

>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 21 Jan 2009 17:09:46 +0100
>Subject: Re: UFO Expert Holds Key To 1965 'Invasion'

>>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 20 Jan 2009 11:51:23 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>>Subject: Re: UFO Expert Holds Key To 1965 'Invasion'

>>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Mon, 19 Jan 2009 16:32:09 -0800
>>>Subject: Re: UFO Expert Holds Key To 1965 'Invasion'

<snip>

>>Although my views and thoughts on this are similar to yours, we
>>should be careful not to make blanket proclamations many UFO
>>debunkers do before checking their facts first - no matter how
>>obvious or logical they may seem to be.

<snip>

>>Even though the public is assured that UFOs are not real or a
>>threat to national security, the U.S. Government has often
>>resorted to the flying saucer or "it was something from outer
>>space" explanation when it served their interests to cover-up
>>what really happened in major UFO crash incidents such as
>>Roswell, Kecksburg, Shag Harbour, etc.

<snip>

>Regarding the Roswell case, are you suggesting that the RAAF
>press release of July 8, 1947 was a kind of flying saucer cover-
>up to hide something else?

Hi Gildas,

Personally, I believe that the original newspaper story about
the Roswell UFO crash is the most accurate account we have of
what really did happen that day in 1947 - the recovery of a
crashed flying saucer by the RAAF. This belief is supported by
the work that David Rudiak and others have done in trying to
read the telex(?) memo that General Roger Ramey is hold in his
hand, the deciphered text of which seems to confirm the original
newspaper story.

>If that's what you mean, I regret to say that, to me, it is
>complete nonsense, just good to spread more confusion on the
>case. Yes, there was a cover-up, but it was the balloon story,
>exactly opposite to that.

I think you and I are in full agreement that the balloon story
and later explanations for the Roswell UFO crash incident are
just false accounts to cover-up what actually happened.

>Your suggestion, if I understand you well, sounds a bit like

>the recent body snatcher tale. Please, tell me that I
>misunderstand you.

Maybe you have mistaken me for that other handsome bald UFO researcher, Nick Redfern, who wrote 'Body Snatchers in the Desert' and who was kind enough to mail me a copy of his book. Although Nick's sources for his body snatcher tale were not convincing or reliable, the book did provide further reasons to show that the Roswell UFO crash did indeed happen. There is still some doubt though, at least in my mind, as to what exactly did crash (or was shot down?) not far from the 509th Bomb Group - the only military unit in the world that had access to nuclear weapons.

Nick Balaskas

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Queen Asked For Statement On Crop Circles & UFOs

From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 Jan 2009 22:51:10 -0000
Archived: Thu, 22 Jan 2009 20:11:20 -0500
Subject: Queen Asked For Statement On Crop Circles & UFOs

Breaking News from Colin Andrews

Colin Andrews
January 22, 2009

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To inform you, especially those living in the United Kingdom, that a major article is being published by The Sun Newspaper tomorrow January 23, 2009.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth (head of state) and the Duke of Edinburgh are today being asked for a statement regarding my latest report:

<http://www.colinandrews.net/Government02.html>

In the last 24 hours I have been instructed to remove one of the many documents posted on my site in that article. I stand by the complete contents of my allegation that Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, the Queen and the public were lied to regarding Crop Circles and UFOs. I also stand by my commitment to lobby for a new period of openness and honesty regarding such topics as the UFO and crop circles.

No government has the right to control the growth of human consciousness. My article was written and support documents have been released for the first time to support this new era and to see to it that the peoples business really does bring in the tide of change that we all deserve.

The Sun Newspaper will syndicate worldwide and also have copy of part of this article tomorrow on their website:

<http://www.thesun.co.uk/sol/homepage/>

Check into the website from time to time for the next stage of releases from the 'private sector'.

The aim of myself and many others is that some day real soon it will be the turn of the United States Government to release what they know on both subjects.

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Re: Obama Announced More Open Government

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 Jan 2009 18:21:33 -0500
Archived: Thu, 22 Jan 2009 21:15:00 -0500
Subject: Re: Obama Announced More Open Government

>From: Franklin Fields <fields.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 21 Jan 2009 15:49:09 -0500 (EST)
>Subject: Obama Announced More Open Government

>List,

>The new President's first action included announcing that he is
>directing federal agencies to be more open, in part by returning
>to pre-Bush administration policies regarding the Freedom of
>Information Act. "Transparency and the rule of law will be the
>touchstones of this presidency," he said.

>Is this good for Ufology or just political speak?

It may not produce any startling results, but, on the other
hand, it can't hurt!

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Sad News - James M. McCampbell Passes

From: **Francis Ridge** <nicap.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 Jan 2009 17:27:35 -0500
Archived: Fri, 23 Jan 2009 06:41:20 -0500
Subject: Sad News - James M. McCampbell Passes

From the January, 2009 MUFON Journal:

I have the sad responsibility to tell you of the passing of one of NARCAP's National Technical Specialists, Mr. James M. McCampbell. He passed away Sunday afternoon, December 7, 2008 in Belmont, California after a relatively short illness.

Jim had many professional accomplishments that included his project management of a significant part of the Alaskan pipeline with the Bechtel Corp, San Francisco and also serving as MUFON's Science Director for many years. He wrote and published the book *Ufology: New Insights From Science And Common Sense* in 1973.

He was an experimentalist and carried out studies on the effects of microwaves on various substances and apparatus components and magnetic fields on compass needle rotation, among others. But Jim had many other 'extracurricular' interests as well.

He prepared a rather comprehensive catalogue of impact craters all over the Earth and studied ancient religious sites looking for spatial patterns in both.

I knew Jim beginning in the late 1960's when Carol and I lived in Los Altos. Jim and I would meet periodically to review recent sightings and share insights into what they could mean. I know that I will miss these meetings and his creative approach to ufology and his wit.

Jim's wife Jean would appreciate any donations made to the American Cancer Society in his name.

Sent to NARCAP colleagues by:

Dick Haines,
Chief Scientist,
NARCAP,
www.narcap.org

Submitted to the MUFON Journal by Ruben Uriarte

Website of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena
<http://www.nicap.org/>

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Re: Queen Asked For Statement On Crop Circles &

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Fri, 23 Jan 2009 05:44:41 +0100 (CET)
Archived: Fri, 23 Jan 2009 06:44:28 -0500
Subject: Re: Queen Asked For Statement On Crop Circles &

>From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
>To: UFO Updates <UFOupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 22 Jan 2009 22:51:10 -0000
>Subject: Head Of State Asked For Statement On Crop Circles & UFOs

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><http://www.ColinAndrews.net>

Here's The Sun's article:

<http://tinyurl.com/bbvpph>

Colin Andrews and I have discussed this over the past few days,

as his article implies I was involved in a cover-up.

Some of the issues Colin highlights have arisen because the line between official and private interest - even within government, the military and the intelligence agencies - can be blurred. There are particular sensitivities and political difficulties when members of the Royal Family are involved.

I agree that the MoD has downplayed its interest and involvement in the crop circle issue, as it has with the UFO phenomenon. This has been the policy for many years and it's no secret that I had to play my part in this when I worked for the government.

Here's an article I wrote, setting out the official position:

http://www.nickpope.net/crop_circles.htm

Best wishes,

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

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ET Throne Home

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Fri, 23 Jan 2009 06:50:00 -0500
Archived: Fri, 23 Jan 2009 06:50:00 -0500
Subject: ET Throne Home

Source: The Sun - London, England, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/bbvpph>

January 23rd, 2009

ET Throne Home
By Caroline Iggulden

The Queen and Prince Philip were gripped by the mystery of crop circles, it was revealed yesterday.

Letters seen by The Sun showed the couple asked to be kept informed about the weird farmland patterns.

Her Maj also asked an aide to send a sympathetic letter to Britain=92s leading expert whose research was under threat.

And Philip was so intrigued he had newsletters on the circles - thought by many to be created by extraterrestrial beings - sent to Buckingham Palace.

They were published by researcher Colin Andrews, 61, an ex-local government engineer.

[photo]

He said yesterday that his book Circular Evidence was placed on a summer reading list prepared for the Queen.

He later received a letter from her private secretary. It read: "Her Majesty has taken an interest in the mysterious crop circles for some time and was sad to hear your results of years of research into the question are at risk through lack of funds."

Meanwhile, Philip paid =A36 for an annual subscription to Colin=92s crop circle round-up.

Colin said: "What has infuriated me is that the MoD continues to deny the Royal Family took an interest in the subject when I know for a fact they did."

The Royal fascination matched the nation=92s at the height of the phenomena in the 1980s and 1990s.

To see copies of the letters from the Queen go to:

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From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 Jan 2009 20:15:54 EST
Archived: Fri, 23 Jan 2009 06:54:19 -0500
Subject: Re: Queen Asked For Statement On Crop Circles &

>From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
>To: UFO Updates <UFOupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 22 Jan 2009 22:51:10 -0000
>Subject: Head Of State Asked For Statement On Crop Circles & UFOs

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<snip>

Now this is interesting news!

I've said over and over again if any major power discloses any
UFO information it will be the UK and not the US.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com/blog

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Most Explainable 'UFO' Videoed Over Islington

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Fri, 23 Jan 2009 07:55:00 -0500
Archived: Fri, 23 Jan 2009 07:55:00 -0500
Subject: Most Explainable 'UFO' Videoed Over Islington

Source: The Londonist, England, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/amkd4j>

January 22, 2009

World's Most Explainable UFO Filmed Over Islington

You've gotta love local newspapers. This quote from the Islington Gazette comes from a local resident who filmed and reported mysterious lights in his local skies:

"After the New Year's countdown at around ten past midnight I went outside with my brother and we saw these strange bright orange glowing objects in the sky."

Using the clues in the statement, can you employ your knowledge of New Year's traditions to work out what the credulous fellow might have seen? The Islington Gazette, a robust and tenacious organ unwilling to jump to conclusions no matter how obvious, contacted the Royal Astronomical Society for advice. It turns out, would you believe, that some celebratory pyrotechnic might have been the cause.

You know, it's a good job we're getting that third runway at Heathrow. If the press are anything to go by, we'll soon need to support an intergalactic fleet of alien visitors. Strange craft were spotted recently from the Oxford Tube; there's the notorious wind farm incident, of course; and a chap in Peterborough snapped a large glowing disc in the sky, moving at incredible speed. It later turned out to be the match ball at the West Bromwich game.

Our alien overlords are getting increasingly crap.

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Re: UFO Commission Shelved

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Fri, 23 Jan 2009 07:56:00 -0500
Archived: Fri, 23 Jan 2009 07:56:00 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Commission Shelved

Source: The Denver Daily News - Colorado, USA

<http://www.thedenverdailynews.com/article.php?aID=3080>

Thursday, January 22, 2009

UFO Commission Shelved
The Update
DDN Staff

According to the Rocky Mountain News, a proposed ballot initiative to create a government commission in Denver tasked with developing a strategy to deal with space aliens on Earth is on hold.

Jeff Peckman has generated national headlines with his proposed Extraterrestrial Affairs Commission. Peckman told the Rocky he will be in a "wait-and-see-mode" for a couple of months to figure out how President Obama will approach the subject.

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Is This A UFO?

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Fri, 23 Jan 2009 07:57:00 -0500
Archived: Fri, 23 Jan 2009 07:57:00 -0500
Subject: Is This A UFO?

Source: The Harborough Mail - Market Harborough, England, UK

<http://www.lutterworthmail.co.uk/news/IS-THIS-A-UFO.4902672.jp>

22 January 2009

Is This A UFO?
By Ian O'Pray

Is this amazing picture of an Unidentified Flying Object over Great Bowden proof that we are not alone in the universe?

The photo, taken from the footbridge over the railway line at Great Bowden, appears to show a saucer-shaped object flying above the trees.

Click on View Gallery and select the photo to see a larger version of it.

It was taken with a digital camera last summer by a railway enthusiast, who only noticed the object while downloading the picture to his computer.

The mystery photographer was initially reluctant to send the picture to The Mail but was recently persuaded to by a friend, who allowed us to reproduce the photograph on the agreement that both would remain anonymous.

The photographer's friend said: "I think you can see from the picture this does not look like a bird. However, I wouldn't like to venture any guesses.

"I personally don't believe in extra-terrestrial flying machines but I have to admit that I am a bit baffled by this one.

"I can say this though =96 the original picture is genuine and hasn't been messed with.

"There is actually a series of pictures that were taken, some with birds in them, and there is a distinct difference. This object only really appears in this one."

The picture was taken at about 2pm on June 6 last year =96 about three weeks before office worker Rachael Berry told The Mail she had seen a shiny, metallic-looking ball moving above fields near Brampton Valley Way in daylight.

A week later a couple reported seeing a saucer-shaped object hovering and moving in circles above the town's golf club at night while Caroline Marriott told The Mail she saw a trail of red lights 'snaking' towards the window of her flat in Welland Court, Harborough.

The reports of these sightings were picked up by UFO enthusiasts across the globe via our website and have been viewed by thousands of people.

Is This A UFO?

In March 2007 more than a dozen people contacted The Mail after witnessing strange lights in the night sky above Harborough, but the puzzle was solved after it emerged they were Chinese lanterns released at a party.

Check out the rest of our UFO section for more on the history of sightings in Harborough.

What do you think? Email:

ian.opray.nul

or phone:

01858 436005

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Mystery Of 'UFO Attack' On Turbine

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Fri, 23 Jan 2009 07:58:00 -0500
Archived: Fri, 23 Jan 2009 07:58:00 -0500
Subject: Mystery Of 'UFO Attack' On Turbine

Source: The Times - London, England, UK

<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/weather/article5569939.ece>

January 23, 2009

Weather Eye: Mystery Of 'UFO Attack' On Turbine
Paul Simons

A wind turbine in Lincolnshire has had a 65ft-long blade mysteriously wrecked - report, January 8:

<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/uk/article5473254.ece>

Strange lights were seen before the damage was discovered, leading to claims that UFOs were involved. However, a nearby fireworks party could explain these. The owners of the turbine, Ecotricity, continue to investigate the possibility of metal fatigue causing the damage, or perhaps a large piece of ice falling from a passing plane.

Two cases of falling chunks of ice were reported this week. On Monday a house in New Malden, Surrey, was hit by a large ice block that made a 6ft hole in the roof. One neighbour described the sound of the crash "like a field gun being fired", and another witness thought that a gas boiler had exploded.

Huge chunks of ice were left scattered over the roof. And on Tuesday a woman in Guernsey heard the sound of ice chunks crashing into her greenhouse when she herself was struck by a piece of ice. Large shards of ice about 2in thick, and smooth on one side, were found strewn on the ground. These were nothing like hailstones.

In both cases the chunks of ice could have fallen off aircraft, during wintry showers. However, not all large pieces of ice fall from aircraft. The greatest recorded fall of ice was at Ord, near Inverness, in 1849, well before aircraft were invented, and The Times reported that it was some 20 feet across and weighed an estimated half a tonne.

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Barack Obama's 'Citizen's Briefing Book'

Americans want the truth about UFOs, Stephen Colbert added to the federal payroll

By Joel Hood

As if President Barack Obama doesn't have enough on his plate, he's about to hear the voice of the people, in all its eccentric glory.

During Obama's history-making campaign, his team created a "Citizen's Briefing Book" online where people could post issues they thought he should address once in the Oval Office. Fifty thousand or so posts later, it's clear Americans have more than the economy and global warming on their minds.

Someone wants the nation's 44th president to "end the truth embargo" on whether UFOs have ever visited Earth.

"Let's get this story sorted, one way or another," the poster writes. "It's been dragging along for way too long!"

Another suggests that Obama hire Michael Moore, Jon Stewart, Bill Maher, Stephen Colbert and similar entertainers as advisers because they're "not afraid to tell the truth and to talk about reality ..."

One person wants Obama to release Native American activist Leonard Peltier from prison so he can perform a ritual cleansing of the White House. Others are calling for a new Constitutional Congress to "modernize" the U.S. Constitution; stricter regulation on plastics; replacing Afghanistan's opium poppy crops with hemp; getting rid of the penny; and seeking prosecution of former President George W. Bush and former Vice President Dick Cheney.

The "Citizen's Briefing Book," which can still be found at change.gov, is now closed. But administration officials say they intend to present a copy of the book to Obama as he settles into his new job.

Expect him to get right on that UFO issue. Unless, of course, he's part of the conspiracy.

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Do Not Disparage Those Who Believe In UFOs, Or Spooky Spiders by
Paul Carpenter

A big, gangly, five-legged spider crawled up the windshield of a KC-135 refueling tanker and, as soon as it vanished over the top, another spider emerged from the bottom.

These were not your regular spiders. They were luminescent, they were on the aircraft's exterior, and the KC-135 was just under 50,000 feet - four miles higher than any living thing is supposed to survive without a pressurized fuselage.

I'd been in the KC-135's tail, taking photographs of the aerial refueling of B-52s in the skies above Nebraska and Colorado. (This was for my base newspaper in Oklahoma in the 1960s.) A crew chief came back to say the pilot wanted to show me something in the cockpit.

It was the luminescent spiders. The pilot let me watch in shock before he explained it was a peculiar form of St. Elmo's fire - an ionization phenomenon that has mystified people for centuries. (Not on KC-135s for centuries, but usually on the upper rigging of sailing ships in nasty weather.)

Anyhow, there are some mighty spooky things up in the sky, that's for sure.

I wrote about the spiders more than 10 years ago, but thought I'd rehash that tale after reading Wednesday's front-page story on Bucks County emerging as the epicenter for unidentified flying objects.

Pennsylvania had a total of only 97 UFO sightings in 2007, it was reported, but that figure jumped to 312 last year, and 71 of those were in Bucks County.

The story detailed one UFO sighting in Lehigh County, on Nov. 19, when slow-moving lights flew around the PPL building. This was during the Jeopardy television show, the story said, so that's why I missed it. (The only thing that could tear me away from Jeopardy would be a report that Phoebe Cates was about to jump off a nearby diving board.)

John Ventre, director of the UFO Network, was quoted as saying his organization has 21 investigators who check claims of UFO sightings, and 80 percent of the claims will be debunked.

In the Bucks County sightings, however, only 20 percent were discounted. That means there must've been 56.8 actual UFOs.

The UFO Network plans a confab for noon Saturday at Bucks County Community College. (I'd like to attend, but there's a seminar on Moldavian doilies Saturday I don't want to miss.)

I predict the UFO people will bash the Air Force for covering up UFOs, but I know the Air Force probably has good reason to avoid panic over strange things people say they see.

Please do not think I am a churlish skeptic. I believe in all sorts of wild and strange things, including extrasensory perception.

Just this week, my wife and I had an ESP experience as we watched the presidential inauguration festivities on television. When they showed departing Vice President Cheney in a wheelchair, we looked at each other and said, "It's A Wonderful Life". (Simultaneously, we had thought of that movie's Mr. Potter.)

Also, I am very superstitious: Knock wood, bad things happen in threes and I blame my wife for jinxing the Flyers at times by saying the wrong things at crucial moments. I think black cats are good luck, but let's skip the details except to say this stems from something delightful that happened when I met a young lady - before, mind you, I ever met my wife.

Most significantly, I believe in ghosts. I'd better, because my wife is from Okinawa, the world's epicenter for ghost sightings. She and I never actually saw any ghosts, but we are sure they exist. (Would my mother-in-law tell fibs?)

Therefore, I am not about to disparage people who see UFOs, or who believe in them even though they have not seen any.

After all, there are people who believe in charlatans like Rush Limbaugh and Keith Olbermann, so why be surprised if others believe in UFOs, or trolls living in caves and under bridges, or Nancy Grace, or Sasquatch, or luminescent spiders in the stratosphere?

I guess I had better confess to one thing. I just made up that part about a seminar on Moldavian doilies. Give me some time and I'll think of a better excuse for missing the UFO conference in Bucks County.

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Suffolk UFO Mysteries Deepen
by Richard Cornwell

UFO experts firmly believe Suffolk is a portal for visiting alien craft - and flying saucers are hovering in the county's skies daily.

Over the past month there have been sightings of strange lights in the sky between Kesgrave, Grundisburgh and Framsdon, at Felixstowe, Leiston and Aldeburgh - many of which remain unexplained.

Tonight The Evening Star's website launches a new section - Stargate Suffolk - to keep everyone up to date with all the stories and sightings of alien craft, mystery lights and even little green men.

It will be an interactive section and we want readers to let us have their thoughts and experiences of unexplained phenomena.

Brenda Butler, an expert on UFOs who lectures all over the country, said there were constant UFO visits to Suffolk and she receives reports of sightings weekly.

"There is definitely a portal here in Suffolk, a doorway which they use to visit earth," said Ms Butler, of Mafeking Place, Leiston.

"Many people felt at one time it was because of the American air force bases, but I don't think that is the reason because my research shows we have had these unexplained sightings here since the 1600s.

"I have seen extra terrestrials, orbs, craft, lights streaking across the sky - I have more than 1,000 photos to back up these claims.

"There have been a fair share since New Year's Eve and they are definitely not Chinese lanterns.

"When we are at Rendlesham we constantly have people coming up to us talking about strange things they have seen at the forest."

Ms Butler, who has co written a book about alien landings in the forest, believes the truth of the famous incident in 1980 outside the USAF Woodbridge air base has been covered up by government officials.

Slow-moving floating lights seen between Grundisburgh and Mendlesham are likely though to have been Chinese lanterns.

Sara Hinchliffe said nine were sent up from her street in Kesgrave on New Year's Eve and then another to celebrate her daughter Hannah's ninth birthday on January 10 and felt these could be what people saw.

- Tell us your UFO experiences - write to Your Letters, Evening Star, 30 Lower Brook Street, Ipswich, IP4 1AN, or e-mail eveningstarletters.nul and log on to www.eveningstar.co.uk to visit Stargate Suffolk.

REPORTS of a dull grey craft able to move at great speed are being investigated after it was seen over Suffolk.

The craft was seen on two consecutive days - January 7 and 8 - in the early hours by two men at Leiston.

UFO expert Brenda Butler was able to interview one of the men after his wife reported the incident.

"The men are both very sceptical but they cannot explain what they saw," she said.

At 1.30am the men saw the craft, about 30ft across and 100ft up, moving slowly at first and then shoot off at great speed.

"It was not a plane or a helicopter and they say they saw it quite clearly. It made the hairs on their head and neck stand up," she said.

"Last week we had another sighting of a cigar-shaped object at Aldeburgh which a dog walker saw zoom off at great speed.

"Three weeks before Christmas there was another sighting at Rendlesham when a huge orange orb came whizzing over the forest."

Ms Butler said the most dramatic incident she had been involved in happened at Aldringham in 1979 when a UFO landed in a field near her home. She found huge holes the next day where soil had been scooped away and taken, but no tyre marks or footprints.

Farmers in several parts of Suffolk and Norfolk reported similar incidents the same night.

FastFacts: Suffolk's Roswell

- It was December 27, 1980, that strange lights were reported inside Rendlesham Forest close to the Bentwaters and Woodbridge air bases.

- American airmen at USAF Woodbridge reported seeing the lights at 4am and sent out men to investigate.

- Indentations were found in the ground and unexplained marks appeared on trees.

- The only explanation given for the lights was that it could have been the sweeping beam of the Orford lighthouse, but ufologists are not convinced.

- Books, documentaries and hundreds of articles have been written about the incident and enthusiasts still believe the truth is out there.

- Today people can walk the three-mile UFO trail in the forest which pinpoints the area where the incident happened.

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After a couple of years of difficulties with the List at
virtuallystrange.net the UFO UpDates List has a new home at:

www.ufoupdateslist.com

and a new e-mail address:

post.nul

The complete List Archive is at:

www.ufoupdateslist.com

and the access info is still the same as you currently have.

The virtuallystrange.net site will be moved, in the next few days, to the new host. The List Archive from 1996 to 2006 will be made available to the public. Hiding the complete Archive eighteen months ago was a difficult decision to make and has not sat well with me. At the end of this year, 2007's posts will be added there.

In discussion with several subscribers, there was consensus that making the first 10 years of List-Posts openly available will be useful.

I trust the decision will sit well with those who contribute to the costs of maintaining various aspects of the work here. They will continue to have access to the complete Archive.

Contributors to the List are asked, as of the receipt of this post to stop using the old List address and use the one in the 'From:' of this post.

If you do not receive two copies of this post, please let me know as its the only way to ensure that all subscribers via the old site are on the new List...

Errol Bruce-Knapp
Moderator UFO UpDates - Toronto

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Alien Jigsaw January Updates

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Dear Listers:

The Alien Jigsaw Web site is pleased to announce a new addition to our Gallery. To view the new artwork by abductee/experiencer Linda Murphy click here:

http://www.alienjigsaw.com/Whats_New/Whats_new.html

Katharina Wilson
www.alienjigsaw.com

Please feel free to forward this email to anyone who may be interested in information concerning the alien abduction phenomenon.

Thank you.

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British UFO Hacker's Extradition Case To Be Reviewed
by
Jeremy Kirk, IDG News Service

A British hacker who sought to find evidence of UFOs on U.S. military computers has another chance at avoiding extradition after a court ruling Friday.

The High Court in London ruled that Gary McKinnon can have his case reviewed by the director of public prosecutions for England and Wales, Keir Starmer, according to statement released by McKinnon's attorney.

McKinnon is seeking to be prosecuted in the U.K. although his extradition order has been approved by the U.K. government. He has managed to avoid extradition so far through a series of legal maneuvers and appeals, all of which have been unsuccessful but held up his transfer to the U.S.

McKinnon was indicted in November 2002 in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. He faces charges of illegally accessing and damaging U.S. government computers.

The U.S. government alleges his exploits cost at least US\$700,000 and caused the shutdown of critical military networks shortly after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. McKinnon could face a sentence of 60 years or more.

Most recently, McKinnon has tried to garner support that, for medical reasons, if he is extradited and sentenced he should be allowed to serve a sentence in the U.K. Now McKinnon is pushing to only be prosecuted in the U.K. due to the stress he would endure from a U.S. trial.

He has been diagnosed with Asperger Syndrome, which is a neurological disorder characterized by obsessive behavior and deficiencies in social interaction.

McKinnon has admitted to hacking the computers and described how he did it in detail at computer security conferences in London. From his north London home, McKinnon began probing military computers looking for evidence of UFOs.

He used a program called "RemotelyAnywhere" to control U.S. military computers. Many of the computers he accessed were set up with default passwords, which made them easy to access, McKinnon has said.

He timed his hacking when no one was working at the U.S.

offices. But on one occasion he miscalculated the time difference. Someone using a computer that McKinnon controlled noticed the cursor moving on its own. The connection was severed, and U.K. police eventually tracked McKinnon down.

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Our Grip On Reality Is Slim

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Our Grip On Reality Is Slim, Says UCL Scientist

The neurological basis for poor witness statements and hallucinations has been found by scientists at UCL (University College London). In over a fifth of cases, people wrongly remembered whether they actually witnessed an event or just imagined it, according to a paper published in NeuroImage this week.

Dr Jon Simons and Dr Paul Burgess led the study at the UCL Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience. Dr Burgess said: "In our tests volunteers either thought they had imagined words which they had actually been shown or said they had seen words which in fact they had just imagined - in over 20 per cent of cases. That is quite a lot of mistakes to be making, and shows how fallible our memory is - or perhaps, how slim our grip on reality is!

"Our work has implications for the validity of witness statements and agrees with other studies that show that our mind sometimes fills in memory gaps for us, and we confuse what we imagined occurred in a situation - which is related to what we expect to happen or what usually happens - with what actually happened.

Most of us, though, have a critical reality monitoring function so that we are able to distinguish well enough between what is real and what is imagined and our imagination does not have too great an impact on our lives - unless the reality check system breaks down such as after stroke or in cases of schizophrenia."

The study found that the areas that were activated while remembering whether an event really happened or was imagined in healthy subjects are the very same areas that are dysfunctional in people who experience hallucinations.

Dr Burgess said: "We believe that hallucinations are caused by a difficulty in discriminating information present in the outside world from information that is imagined. In schizophrenia the difficulty you have in separating reality from imagined events becomes exaggerated so some people have hallucinations and hear voices that simply aren't there." These results indicate a link between the brain areas implicated in schizophrenia and the regions that support the ability to discriminate between perceived and imagined information.

In the tests, healthy subjects were shown 96 well-known word pairs from pop culture such as 'Laurel and Hardy', 'bacon and eggs', and 'rock and roll'. The participants were asked to count the number of letters in the second word of the pair. Often the

second word wasn't actually shown and the subject had to imagine the word =96 such as 'Laurel and ?'.

Participants were then asked which of the second words they had actually seen on screen and which ones they had only imagined. The subjects' brain activity was observed using fMRI scans while they remembered whether words had been imagined or seen on screen.

When people accurately remembered whether they had actually seen a word or just imagined it brain activity in the key areas increased =96 many of which are found in brain area 10, which is involved in imagination and reality checking, develops last in the brain and is twice as big in humans as in other animals. In the people who did not remember correctly, activation in brain area 10 was reduced.

Notes for Editors:

1. The paper 'Discriminating imagined from perceived information engages brain areas implicated in schizophrenia' was published online in NeuroImage on 21 June.

2. The list of authors is: Dr Jon S Simons, (ICN, Dept of Psychology, UCL, now at the Brain Mapping Unit, University of Cambridge) Professor Chris Frith (Wellcome Department of Imaging Neuroscience, Institute of Neurology, UCL) and Simon W Davies, Sam J Gilbert, Dr Paul Burgess (ICN, Dept of Psychology, UCL)

3. The work was supported by a Wellcome Trust grant.

4. For further information please contact Alex Brew at UCL press office on 020 7679 9726 or [a.brew](mailto:a.brew@ucl.ac.uk).nul Out-of-hours contact 07747 565 056

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UFO Appears On Air During CNN's Obama Inauguration?

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<http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,482427,00.html>

Well we have another internet buzz but this time it's about a reported UFO that goes whizzing by during a live CNN broadcast of the Obama inauguration.

By the time of this post, there are about a dozen or so videos on YouTube and half a dozen wire stories.

I'll expect this to go on and on debate-wise til the cows come home.

<http://tinyurl.com/bto5pg>

Best,

Greg
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Royal Family Intrigued By UFOs & Crop Circles

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British Royal Family Intrigued By UFOs And Crop Circles

by Nigel Watson
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Colin Andrews has been asked to remove details of the British Royal's family interest in crop circle research from his website. On the site he states that their interest was aroused because crop circles appeared on their land.

Colin's book 'Circular Evidence' was on the Queen's Summer Reading list in 1989 and HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh subscribed to his Circles Phenomenon Research Newsletter. The Duke also asked Colin to keep him up-to-date with his research.

Colin states that the British public has been continually lied to in regard to the Royal Family's interest in UFOs. He thinks it is about time the public is told the truth about this matter.

Nick Pope who was formerly head of the Ministry of Defence's UFO department replies that:

=93Some of the issues Colin highlights have arisen because the line between official and private interest - even within government, the military and the intelligence agencies - can be blurred. There are particular sensitivities and political difficulties when members of the Royal Family are involved.

=93I agree that the MoD has downplayed its interest and involvement in the crop circle issue, as it has with the UFO phenomenon. This has been the policy for many years and it's no secret that I had to play my part in this when I worked for the government.=94

The Royal family's interest in UFOs actually goes back to the 1950s. Earl Louis Mountbatten was one of the first subscribers to the highly-influential "Flying Saucer Review" magazine when it began publication in 1955, and he received copies right up to the time of his death in August 1979.

The Duke of Edinburgh kept a map at Buckingham Palace showing the location of UFO sightings on his wall and he asked the British Air Ministry to send him a copy of every UFO report they received. He also allowed his equerry, Sir Peter Horsley, to discreetly study UFO cases and to bring UFO witnesses to the Palace for private discussions.

One of these witnesses was Stephen Darbishire, who took two photographs of a UFO flying near Coniston, in the Lake District on 15 February 1954. Along with his father, he spoke to a

private secretary at Buckingham Palace in March 1954. Another visitor was BOAC Captain, James Howard, who had seen a group of UFOs in June 1954 whilst flying over the North Atlantic.

What must be one of the weirdest encounters ever experienced by the Royal Household involved a World War Two fighter pilot and Air Marshall who met an alien in a Chelsea flat in 1954.

=46From the very beginning of their meeting the alien, who called himself "Mr Janus" said he wanted to meet the Duke of Edinburgh. Mr Janus was dressed in a suit and tie and looked like an average 45 to 50 year old man, who spoke in a quiet, rich voice.

The most disquieting part of this meeting was that he seemed to know all about Britain's nuclear secrets and had the ability to read the ex-fighter pilots mind.

When pressed about why he wanted to meet the Duke of Edinburgh, Mr Janus explained that he; "is a man of great vision=85who believes strongly in the proper relationship between man and nature which will prove of great importance in future galactic harmony."

As far as we know, the Duke of Edinburgh never got to see this enigmatic character. He was equally unsuccessful when he expressed an interest in meeting the famous UFO contactee, George Adamski.

Due to the interest in his encounters, Adamski went on a world lecture tour in 1959 and the Duke saw this as an ideal opportunity to meet him on the British leg of his tour. Dr. David Clarke noted that =91It looks as if he realized the danger this would place him in - not least the huge potential embarrassment for the royals if it leaked out.'

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UFOs That Don't Make Sense

"There must be somewhere out of here, said the joker to the thief, there's too much confusion I can't get no relief... but you and I have been through that, and this is not our fate... so speak softly now the hour is getting late" Dylan

Conjecture: There is no doubt some UFO reports strain the credibility of both ET and dimensional nuts and bolts technology explanations. In a DVD clip I posted on You Tube recently, where John Alexander points to a report French astrophysicist, early-days IT wizard and ufologist Jacques Vallee made of a witness to a UFO in the late 1800s, where the witness saw "rivets" standing straight on top of the craft, as if magnetized on the damaged craft.

There are so many of these reports that led both Vallee and his ufology mentor, Allen Hynek, to conclude what people have long been seeing is probably more than just ET technology. These conclusions coming from two giants of scientific ufology research became powerful mantras for ufologists and a certain class of skeptics who try to lump the huge array of ufology phenomena under the metaphysical blanket.

Of course, mainstream science had a ridiculous mantra of its own that went something like "UFOs would need massive amounts of energy to get from one star to the next. The trips would be unbelievably costly, extremely hazardous, and crews would have to be multi-generational." Call it the Too Far To Travel mantra.

To mainstream science, what has been reported since the 1800s, and what is still being reported, is impossible.

Add in so-called crazy metaphysical reports, and then even the Too Far to Travel scientists found UFOs in general too messy, a cultural anomaly to be regarded as mass hysteria, or reports from a delusional populace.

So the ground technology mantra promulgated by a shockingly uncreative science establishment caused many UFO researchers to try to gain some kind of ground. And the theory they came up with was that maybe, UFOs lay closer to home.

But by now, it's important to ask why were these highly regarded researchers' idea of ETs so strongly colored - or biased - by the scientific thinking of the time?

Many Americans and many in the scientific community just don't know the history of UFOs in the USA and Europe. Strange to realize how the mass population - most of our families, neighbors, and co-workers - assume when these UFO flaps emerge,

that each wave is somehow the first time the phenomenon has occurred.

But to early researchers, the UFO waves - erroneously claimed to be the first in history back in the 1940s-1950s - was a sign of a technologically superior ET looking us over because of our Atomic Bomb threat.

Yet none of it made sense, because unless They lived here, the atomic bomb couldn't be a threat to Them. So, from that perspective, we might've concluded the ufology flap was nothing more than collective consciousness or some type of metaphysical intelligence briefly showing itself to us=85for reasons unknown.

But as researchers stepped up investigations, they found more and more reports of these strange experiences and then they got stuck, determined to explain sightings as evidence of some superior Technology.

But can it all be explained as something else?

Let's change the scenario and say it is not ETs. Let's say this intelligence turns out to be Time Travelers.

Let's include all the crazy sightings and the good ones.

Let's think of a scenario that could make sense. Let's say we have People from our future who are here, but Who must stay hidden. We all know time paradoxes. But unlike what we believe about time paradoxes in our still limited understanding of multi-dimensional physics, They - the Time Travelers - can indeed do some things to change our future=85 perhaps minor changes that will influence what They need in Their times.

But They must stay hidden: any knowledge that time travel exists right now would change the future drastically.

So our Time Travelers, showing up as UFO pilots/ETs, go to extreme lengths to deceive and disguise Themselves. They do what ever is needed to not to be found out. Disguising themselves as figures from our many cultures' mythologies, from sheer fantasy, from contemporary human imagination, the Time Travellers command technology sufficient to confuse us with Their range of appearances. They will appear at times even as all types of objects, even machines. It's a matter of life and death They stay hidden and so:

They must make us think they are anything but a future us.

So what would else They do? Would They make their crafts appear like something out of science fiction novels of the time, so that future historians - like us - would confuse anyone trying to explain it? Would they need to be involved in minor changes during the Atomic Age? We can imagine these extreme lengths human time travelers may go to, to protect the future. Certainly by now, They would know us inside and out. And They could easily use that knowledge to keep the not only the general population, but also our historians, and our scientists confused.

But let's shift the question back again: could actual Extra Terrestrials be the perpetrators? Could ETs likewise be doing anything possible not to be discovered? Could ETs also have a sense of the detailed accounts written down, and so take into account how these sightings will be viewed both contemporarily and historically? Do ETs - who are not us - know by studying us and our minds how we will consider the evidence?

If this was done to keep the truth of who They are and what They are about hidden, and if it was done by authentic Extra Terrestrials, rather than Human Time Travelers, then we have an alien race that has studied us and has expanded Its understanding of the human psyche for thousands of years.

I'm not writing here for the skeptic; the skeptic hasn't even come to the neutral ground where consideration of the idea UFOs are from some intelligent source is possible.

But witnesses who see UFOs up close know that at least some of the phenomena is technological.

John Alexander said "it seems their technology is about 50 years

in advance." Could this also part of it, a kind of reverse psychology. In the cave drawings we see what we see today but it may have been when the first arrive. They weren't disguised because they were new to us and our environment. But later on when we developed ancient societies they were recorded as all type of objects. What this done for historical reasons to avoid consistency. Did they know we recording what we saw. Did they come to understand the historical context which they were being viewed?

[John-Alexander Video Clip 27th SSE]

One of the questions that comes to my mind is what are these ETs doing now?

I say They are dealing with reality. Human beings are now at the most crucial moment in our development, a moment equal to when we played dare me with the Atomic Bomb.. Exposure now may be unavoidable. So maybe a special campaign has been launched, a type of conditioning unique to our situation of the last 50 or so years. We see different ships now, we report different species. We see different treatment by those Entities. We see the good and the bad. But we also see restraint. We see help. We see Them inspiring. We see caring. We may even see Their art. We also see a lack of external technological development, but that doesn't mean They don't have any.

In the end, we see reality. We see reality in a variety of the species, differences not only in the way They look, but even in Their temperament.

All the witnesses and contactees. and all the public data we have, seem to tell us three things about Them:

- 1.They want to stay hidden.
- 2.They don't kill us.
- 3.They lie.

Like Jerome Clark of the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies, editor of The International UFO Reporter, and author of The UFO Book: Encyclopedia Of The Extraterrestrial [Visible Ink Press; September 1997] has stated: "I see no evidence we should worship them."

[Jerome Clerk Clip SSE]

But if ET species have been here, successfully hidden, for thousands of years, even hidden from our historians=85They sure as hell deserve our utmost respect

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John Mack And "Reified Metaphor"

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John Mack And "Reified Metaphor"
by Mac Tonnies

I keep returning to the late Harvard psychiatrist John Mack's notion of "reified metaphor". The 'aliens' may not be what they seem. Of course, to most, they don't seem like anything... except perhaps a useful portal into aberrant psychology or pop-culture run riot.

The 'conventional wisdom': Gray aliens are harvesting us for our genes. It's possible. But Mack's reasoning (which is admittedly elliptical) suggests there's something else going on - something that transcends mere genetics. We latch onto the 'genetic harvesting' scenario because it makes sense to us; we live in an age of exponentiating biotech, so it seems sensible to assume that extraterrestrial visitors will be obsessed with similar concerns.

But a careful look at world folklore reveals that 'aliens' have always been with us in one form or another. There are two immediate explanations:

1. Extraterrestrials have been here for a long time and humans have tended to address them in terms of their own techno-mythological vocabulary. Thus the 'little people' of Celtic myth were perfectly real but not 'supernatural'. (Arthur C. Clarke: 'Any sufficiently advanced technology would appear indistinguishable from magic'.)
2. Humans have simply been projecting their fears and hopes onto the collective unconscious; yesterday's faeries and kobolds are today's aliens. We simply use what we know to define the notion of the Other; it's inevitable that a technological society like our own would latch onto a scientifically informed vision of alien geneticists - even if the model rings hollow upon close inspection.

This was how Carl Sagan left matters in *The Demon-Haunted World*, grossly misrepresenting Jacques Vallee's 'multiverse' thesis, which posits that we are somehow involved with an unseen intelligence that camouflages itself to fit the reigning zeitgeist. According to Vallee, both 'aliens' and 'faeries' are equally misleading labels for something that can't be properly addressed using a single-universe model.

Are our perceptions so fragile that our brains are forced to manufacture new and better disguises for our visitors? Is the 'visiting' intelligence (given that it exists) responsible for its apparent cultural camouflage, or do we effectively hide its true nature from ourselves, as reflexively as we might swat at a

bothersome fly?

Mack's concept of "reified metaphor" might help to excavate something real from the desert of illusion. Perhaps human consciousness exists on several levels at once. 'Reality' - the world we think we inhabit - might represent a relatively low level of awareness, a crude virtual reality designed to keep us from over-taxing our seemingly meat-based brains.

The computer I'm writing this on may only be a shade more 'real' than the 'My Computer' icon on my screen's desktop. In the same way, genes might be mere symbols - elements in a 'Matrix'-style consensual hallucination.

So what are the 'aliens' trying to tell us? We're told they extract ova and semen; that they're keen on 'punch biopsies' and nasal implants. Is there an intelligible symbolism at work behind the forever-rippling veil of sensationalism?

If so, can we even hope to decode it?

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Prince William And The UFOs
By Anuji Varma

Nestled between the pretty towns of Shrewsbury and Market Drayton, the sleepy village of Shawbury may not appear the ideal location for a party-loving royal.

But Prince William has begun a helicopter flying course at its famous RAF base - and he will be stationed there for the next year.

The Shropshire village is already buzzing with rumours about the young royal, with some locals claiming he was recently spotted shopping at Morrisons!

Dashing Wills would not be difficult to spot in an area that boasts a population of just 2,700.

And he is guaranteed a warm welcome if he pays a visit to his local boozer, the Elephant and Castle, despite snubbing the establishment the previous time he was stationed in the village.

Rowdy

Landlord Alan Houlihan, 33, said: "When he was last here everyone was really excited and we were convinced he'd visit the pub.

"But he didn't show up, much to our disappointment, so this time we're not holding out much hope of seeing him.

We have more faith in seeing Prince Harry when he eventually joins his brother at the base. He's a bit of a hellraiser who likes a pint, so we're expecting a visit.

Of course we'd never bar him for any rowdy behaviour. The man likes a good time but I'm sure his bodyguards would keep him in check.

Actually, there's not that much to do around here. The 24-hour McDonald's is about the most entertaining place."

William is often photographed enjoying nights out at trendy London bars. But he will have to get used to a quieter pace of life when he moves to the Midlands.

With its thatched roof cottages and pretty church, Shawbury boasts just one pub, a convenience store, post office and two takeaways, an Indian and Chinese. Its local fish and chip shop

hit the headlines last year following the murder of two brothers who lived above the property.

But perhaps Shawbury's biggest claim to fame is that it is a UFO hotspot.

We previously revealed how a top Government official claimed flying saucers did exist in official papers, after dozens of eyewitnesses reported a craft hovering over the village - including an officer from the RAF base.

A Head of Secretariat for the Ministry of Defence wrote to the Assistant Chief of Air Staff following the chilling encounter in March 1993 - and was convinced it was a genuine UFO.

He stated in an official document: "There would seem to be some evidence that an unidentified object (or objects) of unknown origin was operating over the UK.

Some reports state that the object was moving at a very high speed, while others say that it was hovering or moving very slowly.

Many of the reports refer to the object being very large, flying low and making a low humming sound.

My staff have spoken to a number of the military and police witnesses, many of whom commented that the object was unlike anything they had ever seen before.

And a Met officer at RAF Shawbury reported seeing the object projecting a narrow beam of light at the ground at a height of 400-500 feet."

William had his first training flight last week. The Prince, whose codename at the air base is Golden Osprey, took off in a Squirrel, an elementary flying training helicopter with an instructor at his side - but there wasn't a UFO in sight.

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Greatest Story Never Told

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Hi Everyone!

After work on Friday I drove down to the University of Toronto arriving late for 'The Global Space Age' - The 6th Annual Expanding Canada's Frontiers Symposium that was held there at Convocation Hall. Although I missed the talk by the first speaker, I was present for the talks given by the other two women space engineers; Ying Du ('China In Space') and Anousheh Ansari ('Privatization of Space').

What I want to share with you all in this e-mail is something that concerns all of us but which is little known, understood or appreciated even by specialists in the fields of space science, Christianity and ufology. I consider what I share here as the "Greatest Story Never Told".

In his letter to Ephesians, Saul of Tarsus (better known as the Apostle St. Paul) wrote "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places" (NASB). These spiritual forces manifest themselves in many ways including angels, UFOs and even powerful unelected and unaccountable people that control our lives and shape the world we live in.

What does Saul have anything to do with UFOs and the ongoing cover-up of the truth? Lots.

Let me just say for now that Saul, a Jew, was a student of the Torah under Rabbi Gamaliel, the most respected teacher in the entire world. Gamaliel himself was the grandson of Rabbi Hillel, a saint and scholar whose writings and thoughts have shaped the entire Jewish world for centuries to the present. Saul eventually realised the truth of about another young Jewish rabbi (an extraterrestrial born here on Earth) we know as Jesus of Nazareth and was very instrumental in spreading the good news of the Son of God to the whole world.

It was monotheistic priests from Persia (modern day Iran) who knew the scriptures well that understood the meaning of that miraculous sign in the sky two thousand years ago. According to a non-Biblical account, three of them followed a mysterious moving star (by definition, a UFO) to the place where Jesus, the prophesised Messiah was born in Bethlehem. This Jewish born ET saviour for all mankind had to seek refuge in Egypt narrowly escaping being killed after his birth by the Evil Ruler of this world. The Evil Ruler is still present to this day and together with his followers continues his battle against God and the forces of good. Although all this may sound like something from 'Star Wars', ironically it is only this present day secular minded "space age" generation that professes to know better and is ignorant of this important cosmic truth.

Of course, the Evil Ruler of this world may not have the infinite powers that God, our Father and the Creator of the Universe has, but through his lies and the complete freedom to choose between good and evil that God has given to us, the Evil Ruler inflicts our Father with grief and much pain as he takes God's children away from Him, at the same time depriving us of

our royal heritage (don't forget, we are all children of God and part of His Kingdom of Heaven) and eternal inheritance and replacing it with a lie!

All this was confirmed to me in the presentation given by Anousheh, the Iranian astronaut at the symposium. As a young girl living in Iran, like her ancestors, she too loved to look up at the stars, awed by our place in the universe and inspired by our heavenly inheritance. Through her own efforts, Anousheh managed not only to realize her dream of travelling to space visiting the International Space Station aboard a Russian spacecraft but made it possible for all of us to someday join her in this adventure.

In the short video of Anousheh's space flight that she showed us in her talk, I don't think it was an accident that a picture of Yuri Gagarin (an Orthodox Christian who is recognised as the first person to fly in space) right next to a large gold Cross aboard the International Space Station was very prominent. This shrine/chapel in space reminds all visiting astronauts not only of our real motivation for going to space (it is not to build bigger and better rockets to drop bombs on each other) and of our common heritage and relationship to each other as brothers and sisters - an emerging space faring civilization from planet Earth.

At the reception afterwards, I spoke privately with all three of the symposium speakers from Canada, China and Iran. I was impressed by their spirit of co-operation and sharing in the future of mankind (after her work on a series of robotic missions to the Moon are completed within the next 10 years, Ying told me she would be thrilled to be selected as the first woman to walk on the Moon).

Unless we learn and appreciate who we are and our place in the cosmos, UFOs and ET intelligent life will remain in the realm of science fiction - something we think is irrelevant in this world where our bodies, minds and souls are enslaved.

This week the Richard Syrett radio show on Toronto's AM 1010 CFRB (Council on Foreign Relations Broadcasting?) was suddenly and unexpectedly cancelled because it dared to speak out about this truth and expose the Evil Ruler of this world and his followers who enslave us. Although it may be just one person's radio show that was cancelled, the fact that it had a large and growing local and international following, the cancellation was really an attack on all of us - one of many such attacks to keep us from the truth.

Are we ready for the truth? With God as our Father, the choice is still ours to make.

Nick Balaskas

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Alexander's Wet Blanket
By Billy Cox

The Bush-Cheney anti-science gang may be gone, but unless the MSM starts applying pressure, don't expect the Obama administration to deliver the goods on the UFO front.

That's the word from John Alexander, who hit the roof just two days into the new year when he read The Washington Post's obit on Clairborne Pell, the former senator from Rhode Island. Known almost as well for his personal idiosyncrasies as for the scholarship program that put millions of Americans through college, Pell was dubbed "Senator Oddball" by Time magazine in 1995 for his interest in paranormal matters.

The Post made ample note at

<http://tinyurl.com/bp23b4>

The line that stuck in Alexander's craw was this: "Sen. Pell also attended a symposium on UFO abductions."

"This is actually an ad hominem attack. There's no context for that statement," says Alexander from his home in Las Vegas.

"Senator Pell was intellectually curious in many areas of phenomenology, and for a politician, he was golden, he was fearless. He didn't care what people thought."

The retired Army Colonel's relationship with Pell dates back to the Reagan era, when Alexander was engaged in some unconventional research of his own.

In 1980, his New Mental Battlefield essay describing telepathy as a potential addition to America's arsenal was published in the U.S. Military Review.

Upon leaving the service in 1988, Alexander joined Los Alamos National Laboratories, and worked on non-lethal weapons projects for the U.S. Global Strategy Council. Today, he's a senior fellow with the U.S. Special Operations Command.

Having taken his lumps from the peanut gallery for his paranormal pursuits, Alexander doesn't anticipate any political leadership from Washington on the UFO conundrum.

Despite Obama transition leader John Podesta's advocacy of UFO transparency and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's documented interest in The Great Taboo:

<http://www.hillaryclintonufo.net/hillarysufofiles.html>

the Vietnam veteran says UFOs generate no political capital.

"There's a vast difference between personal interest and institutional interest," he says. "This is not a strong voting issue. The public is interested but ambivalent."

Unlike many researchers, Alexander has long contended there's no UFO coverup, that the only info the feds are holding back involve sources and methods.

Near the end of his military tenure, Alexander says he queried military brass about UFOs =96 all the way up to two-star rungs =96 and insists they were entirely candid when they said they didn't know squat about it. What he does have scalding words for is the way the Air Force fumbled the ball on the Roswell Incident - three separate official verdicts - as well as the 1969 University of Colorado study on UFOs. The Colorado whitewash marginalized the evidence and allowed the USAF to close to its public investigation.

"UFOs are real. The evidence for things flying all over our skies that aren't ours is overwhelming", Alexander says. "And most scientists won't go near it because they think Condon" =96 first name Edward, who supervised the Colorado project - "conducted a thorough study, which he did not. We need to make it permissible for scientists to study again, and what Senator Pell went through shows you what happens to a serious person attempts to study it.

"I think this is something a John Podesta could in fact do. He could help to make a formal request to the National Academy of Science to take another look at this thing based on evidence that's been ignored. But this isn't going to be easy, because it's not politically enhancing. And the scientific community doesn't even want to look at the evidence. They dismiss it a priori."

If only there was \$\$\$ in it. And the economy hadn't cratered. And people weren't being evicted from their homes. And the unemployment rate wasn't inching towards double digits. And two wars weren't sucking out America's resources. Etc., etc.

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Top Guns Ordered To Shoot UFOs

Air Force Top Guns have already battled UFOs in the skies over Britain under a top-secret Government directive, a former senior insider has sensationally claimed.

Nick Pope - whose 21-year stint at the Ministry of Defence included three years on the UFO desk - told The Sun of the rules of engagement for the first time.

He claimed RAF pilots had fired at UFOs several times - but couldn't take them out.

And he added: "We know of cases where the order has been given to shoot down - with little effect to the UFO."

Mr Pope said the rules of engagement were drawn up after dozens of close encounters with suspect craft in British airspace.

RAF attacks on UFOs were "not automatic but happen when something in our airspace is deemed to be a threat".

Mr Pope said the orders had been issued under the highly classified directive since the early 1980s.

He also claimed credible UFO witness statements had come from dozens of near misses with planes, police helicopters and RAF jets in recent years.

The MoD did not comment.

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Family Spooked By 'Spirit UFO'
by
Matt Cunningham

A territory woman has told how a brightly lit object chased the car she was travelling in.

And residents in the Territory town they were travelling to are mystified by a strange light that has been appearing in the night sky.

Cheryl Keighran, 40, said she was followed by the bright light for about 25 km when driving to her home in Borroloola last month.

Ms Keighran said she was about 25 km from the town when she noticed the light in her rear-view mirror, about 10pm, last Thursday.

"It was like a star following from behind - like a big bright light," she said.

See pics of Territory UFOs in our gallery

Ms Keighran, who was travelling with her aunt Marjorie, 55, and daughter Jenaya, 3, from Darwin, said they pulled over to the side of the road and noticed the light still coming towards them.

"I s--- myself and jumped in the car," she said.

"When I looked in the mirror it had spun around to the side of the car and was actually chasing us."

Ms Keighran said the light turned into a bright orange ball and followed their car all the way to Borroloola before disappearing into the distance.

"It followed us all the way to the outskirts of town. I was trying to ring my mum, saying 'We are going to get abducted tonight'," she said.

Ms Keighran said people had been seeing strange lights in the sky around Borroloola for years.

"The Aboriginal people around here say it could be a spirit," she said.

"I don't know. It's just really weird because it hangs out on one stretch of road.

"It could be a spirit or it could be a UFO ... we don't know."

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RAF Tried To Shoot Down UFOs

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...according to 'The Sun' and Nick Pope.

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By Charlotte Spratt
and Gary O'Shea

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RAF pilots have tried to BLAST UFOs out of the sky under a top secret Government directive, it was claimed last night.

Nick Pope - who worked on the Ministry of Defence's UFO desk for three years - revealed the rules of engagement for the first time.

He claimed RAF pilots had fired at UFOs on several occasions - but failed to bring them down.

He added: "We know of cases where the order has been given to shoot down - with little effect to the UFO."

Mr Pope said the rules of engagement were drawn up after dozens of close encounters with suspect craft in British airspace.

RAF attacks on UFOs were "not automatic but happen when something in our airspace is deemed to be a threat".

He explained: "In the case of UFOs, whether the object is causing a threat is very much a (pilot's) judgment call."

Mr Pope, 43, from London, said the "shoot down" orders had been issued under the highly-classified directive since the beginning of the 1980s.

He believes a pattern has emerged in incidents already publicised in this country and abroad.

When a UFO is thought to be threatening a country's airspace, the drastic action has been taken.

He said: "There was a faction in the MoD who said 'We want to shoot down a UFO and that will resolve the issue one way or another'."

He claimed credible UFO witness statements had come from dozens of near-misses with planes, police helicopters and RAF jets in recent years.

Earlier this month The Sun told how a UFO was believed to have torn off a 65ft blade as it hit a wind turbine in Conisholme, Lincs.

Locals saw "strange lights" streaking towards the 290ft-tall power generator.

But any alien battles with the RAF will be kept secret, according to Mr Pope, who worked as a civil servant at the MoD for 21 years.

He said: "The public won't know unless it comes down in a heavily-populated area."
Weapons

He added: "I do believe we will bring one down. We're developing increasingly sophisticated weapons."

Mr Pope also rubbished the MoD's stance that UFOs pose no danger to the public, saying: "I think that's a line I wrote myself in the 1990s.

But if they haven't investigated, how do they know it poses no threat?

They will try to play it down by talking about flying saucers and little green men. But there are MPs and ministers and a faction of the MoD who do believe in UFOs."

An MoD spokesman last night refused to comment on the directive.

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Subject: This Is A UFO UpDates List Test - 01

There apparently is a problem with subscribers not receiving List-Posts. This post is a test of a slight re-configuring the the List server set-up...

If the re-jig is working you should be reading this as should I at UFO UpDates.

Errol Bruce-Knapp
UFO UpDates - Toronto

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UFO Allegedly Lands On Farm In Argentina

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Subject: UFO Allegedly Lands On Farm In Argentina

Source: All News Web - Sydney New South Wales, Australia

<http://www.allnewsweb.com/page1881886.php>

27-1-2009

UFO Allegedly Lands On Farm In Argentina
by
Michael Cohen
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[Photo]

Above: Mr Riviora stands inside the puzzling circles created by heat

The two circles shown above are either marks on the ground left behind by a UFO and therefore represent one of the most significant UFO related incidents to occur over the last few months or the remains of a hoax and therefore of no more value than the cow pats that surround them.

At 3 AM on January 14 2009 Argentinean farmer Nestor Rivoira and his wife Sara Fernandez of Arroyo Leyes, Santa Fe, were woken up by a loud noise coming from their paddock. The couple later described the sound as being similar to that of a blow torch. Nestor tried to get out of bed to see what was going on outside but claims that a mysterious force disabled him temporarily. Nestor also remembers that his normally brave guard dogs sounded like they were scared of whatever they encountered that night.

Only two days later did Nestor and Sara decide go out to inspect the area they thought the sound came from. What they found left them baffled: Two perfect circles one inside the other, the outer circle measuring three meters in diameter and both circles three centimeters deep. The indented area was completely burnt out with only dry dirt remaining. It appeared that the marks were created by something radiating heat.

The couple at first dismissed any ideas that the circles might have been created by a UFO, however friends and neighbors who saw the marks felt that they were of mysterious origin.

Did a spaceship land on Mr. Rivoira's farm or are some local hoaxers sending them around in circles? Argentina is in the middle of a massive UFO flap with almost daily sightings and photo's emerging. Did a technical problem force one of the many UFOs being seen in the region to make an unscheduled landing?

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Inauguration Video - UFO, Bird or Other?

From: Katharina Wilson <K.Wilson.nul>
Date: Tue, 27 Jan 2009 13:04:04 -0600
Archived: Tue, 27 Jan 2009 15:15:04 -0500
Subject: Inauguration Video - UFO, Bird or Other?

This may have already been posted to the List, but in case it hasn't, I wanted to ask for some professional opinions about this video.

Is there anyone on the List who has experience in photo analysis who has had a chance to study this video? If this is a real object, could a bird fly this quickly? Can you compare the speed of the 'bird' with the speed of the people below who are standing/walking around?

If this is a bird, why can you see through it as it passes in front of the WA monument? Why doesn't it get much smaller as it moves near (or behind) the trees in the distance?

I have no idea or opinion as to what this object is, but constructive feedback would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks to Robert Collins for the lead and the URLs.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vxK21XI6Luc>

<http://www.inquisitr.com/16190/obama-inauguration-ufo-video/>

To learn how to save a copy of this video click on:

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Open Letter to the UFO Community

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Subject: Open Letter to the UFO Community

Open Letter to the UFO Community

To my dearest friends and colleagues in the UFO community,

I am now approaching my thirteenth anniversary since entering the UFO Community. I know there is no membership card, no monthly dues, and no set of bylaws, but I feel when I began my trek for the truth, I was inducted. (Not to be confused with Abducted)

Along the way, I have met some amazing people, seen phenomenal research, but more importantly, have been struck by the passion so many of you (myself included) have for what we do. UFO research and investigation is not easy, not cheap, and yields no financial profit. But, we do it for the love, the passion we have, and the thirst for knowledge we can't quench.

This is why I created The Black Vault, and the many offshoot websites. I want to bring a resource for all in this community, to listen, watch, and read the most fascinating UFO material available.

Although I can write for pages on The Black Vault and what I want to accomplish, this mail will focus on only one particular feature of The Black Vault, in which I hope you all will take part. You may have heard about it before, but I implore you, please read this as I feel it will be worthwhile.

Years ago, UFO Magazine printed an article about an endeavor I launched called Project Preserve History. It was an effort to bring together valuable UFO historical material, including papers, reports, photographs, videos, transcripts, audio recordings, magazines, etc., and make it freely available to everyone online. As I have collected a few things over the years, I am now going to revive this effort, and combine it with The Black Vault Encyclopedia Project. This is the reason for my open letter to you all.

Since the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) launched Project Pandora, they have scanned thousands of pages of research material. As I highly respect the organization, James Carrion and I joined efforts to offer this material to the world, which is now all archived in The MUFON Archive section of the Encyclopedia.

http://www.theblackvault.com/wiki/index.php/Category:The_MUFON_Archive

I think this is a true testament to the power of this resource.

For so long, I have seen UFO material come online, then after a year, maybe two, disappear from the internet to be lost in the abyss of time. I want to put a stop to this. This information, this research, this passion that so many of you have put into this research effort should not be lost.

So my offer is this. The Black Vault Encyclopedia Project is 100% advertisement free. I do not profit from the textual and photographic material posted here. I would like to invite any and all of you to submit your collections. Whether they be your research reports, collected works, videos, one-of-a-kind pieces

of UFO memorabilia, whatever it might be, there is a place for it in the Encyclopedia. This project can search as a text database, an online museum, a research center so many possibilities.

To further demonstrate the power of this resource, I invite you to check out a few sections as evidence. First, the UFO Case File Database is the most interesting:

http://www.theblackvault.com/wiki/index.php/Category:Cases_in_UFOlogy

Combing user submitted UFO reports, the MUFON CMS database (used with permission), and newspaper articles from around the Globe, this effort has already archived hundreds of UFO case files for perusal. Many of these cases have corresponding pictures, videos and sketch drawings to help visualize the case.

This is crucial to offering the public a resource to not only submit their sighting (which will first be submitted to MUFON) but once integrated into the database, offers an unparalleled archive of case files for the public to look at.

The Encyclopedia Project also offers a very powerful feature, that investigators, and researchers, can edit the pages, add material, and keep them up to date (much like the Wikipedia Encyclopedia online). And, it also offers a protect feature so if you wrote an article that you don't want touched the click of your mouse will lock it so it is secure.

The idea is this: Worldwide collaboration, investigation, and idea sharing on a scale that has not been seen in UFO research. Yes, there are message forums. Yes, there are chat rooms. But this offers all of that, including the complete resources to house your material, the pieces of evidence, and stores it all on the internet forever (The Black Vault isn't going anywhere!)

Another section worth checking out is the UFO Newspaper Clippings.

http://www.theblackvault.com/wiki/index.php/Category:UFO_Newspaper_Clippings

Hundreds of newspaper articles from around the globe (mostly recent) have been archived here for safe keeping and easy searching. It is amazing to see the valuable UFO reporting (and sometimes not so valuable) that is being done by the media, but most of it is not seen. It is published in online only newspapers, or in sections rarely read, and then with the passage of time forgotten. This database aims to make that fact disappear.

In addition to these sections, the UFO Community (yes, that's you) has the power to add more categories, build on current ones, add newspaper scans, UFO videos, photos, evidence sharing, and so much more.

The possibilities are endless. I invite you all to check this out, and learn the power of this resource. I can use your help with cleaning up sections, and adding more material, so even if you don't think you can contribute you can! I hope to enlist the help of administrators and moderators to help with the posts, and make sure everyone keeps in line. J

If you would like to donate materials to the Encyclopedia, but not sure how to add it, please feel free to e-mail me at john.nul and let me know what you need. I am not asking for you to give me your material rather, I invite you to submit scans, or photographs of it in digital form, and I will house the material online. If you need to get rid of the material, I can also help with that as well.

I appreciate your time with this, and hope to see you around the site.

Sincerely,

John Greenewald, Jr.
The Black Vault
<http://www.theblackvault.com>

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Quantum Teleportation Between Distant Matter Qubits

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Case Management Administrator

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<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2009/01/090122141137.htm>

Jan. 23, 2009

Quantum Teleportation Between Distant Matter Qubits: First
Between Atoms 1 Meter Apart

ScienceDaily - For the first time, scientists have successfully teleported information between two separate atoms in unconnected enclosures a meter apart - a significant milestone in the global quest for practical quantum information processing.

Teleportation may be nature's most mysterious form of transport: Quantum information, such as the spin of a particle or the polarization of a photon, is transferred from one place to another, without traveling through any physical medium. It has previously been achieved between photons over very large distances, between photons and ensembles of atoms, and between two nearby atoms through the intermediary action of a third. None of those, however, provides a feasible means of holding and managing quantum information over long distances.

Now a team from the Joint Quantum Institute (JQI) at the University of Maryland (UMD) and the University of Michigan has succeeded in teleporting a quantum state directly from one atom to another over a substantial distance. That capability is necessary for workable quantum information systems because they will require memory storage at both the sending and receiving ends of the transmission.

In the Jan. 23 issue of the journal [of] Science, the scientists report that, by using their protocol, atom-to-atom teleported information can be recovered with perfect accuracy about 90% of the time - and that figure can be improved.

"Our system has the potential to form the basis for a large-scale 'quantum repeater' that can network quantum memories over vast distances," says group leader Christopher Monroe of JQI and UMD.

"Moreover, our methods can be used in conjunction with quantum bit operations to create a key component needed for quantum computation." A quantum computer could perform certain tasks, such as encryption-related calculations and searches of giant databases, considerably faster than conventional machines. The effort to devise a working model is a matter of intense interest worldwide.

Teleportation works because of a remarkable quantum phenomenon, called "entanglement," which only occurs on the atomic and subatomic scale. Once two objects are put in an entangled state,

their properties are inextricably entwined. Although those properties are inherently unknowable until a measurement is made, measuring either one of the objects instantly determines the characteristics of the other, no matter how far apart they are.

The JQI team set out to entangle the quantum states of two individual ytterbium ions so that information embodied in the condition of one could be teleported to the other. Each ion was isolated in a separate high-vacuum trap, suspended in an invisible cage of electromagnetic fields and surrounded by metal electrodes. [See illustrations.] The researchers identified two readily discernible ground (lowest energy) states of the ions that would serve as the alternative "bit" values of an atomic quantum bit, or qubit.

Conventional electronic bits (short for binary digits), such as those in a personal computer, are always in one of two states: off or on, 0 or 1, high or low voltage, etc. Quantum bits, however, can be in some combination, called a "superposition," of both states at the same time, like a coin that is simultaneously heads and tails - until a measurement is made. It is this phenomenon that gives quantum computation its extraordinary power.

At the start of the experimental process, each ion (designated A and B) is initialized in a given ground state. Then ion A is irradiated with a specially tailored microwave burst from one of its cage electrodes, placing the ion in some desired superposition of the two qubit states - in effect writing into memory the information to be teleported.

Immediately thereafter, both ions are excited by a picosecond (one trillionth of a second) laser pulse. The pulse duration is so short that each ion emits only a single photon as it sheds the energy gained from the laser pulse and falls back to one or the other of the two qubit ground states. Depending on which one it falls into, each ion emits a photon whose color (designated red and blue) is perfectly correlated with the two atomic qubit states. It is this entanglement between each atomic qubit and its photon that will eventually allow the atoms themselves to become entangled.

The emitted photons are captured by lenses, routed to separate strands of fiber-optic cable, and carried into opposite sides of a 50-50 beamsplitter where it is equally probable for either photon to pass straight through the splitter or to be reflected. On either side of the beamsplitter output are detectors that can record the arrival of a single photon.

Before reaching the beamsplitter, each photon is in a superposition of states. After encountering the beamsplitter, four color combinations are possible: blue-blue, red-red, blue-red and red-blue. In nearly all of those variations, the photons cancel each other out on one side and both end up in the same detector on the other side. But there is one - and only one - combination in which both detectors will record a photon at exactly the same time.

In that case, however, it is physically impossible to tell which ion produced which photon because it cannot be known whether the photon arriving at a detector passed through the beamsplitter or was reflected by it.

Thanks to the peculiar laws of quantum mechanics, that inherent uncertainty projects the ions into an entangled state. That is, each ion is in a correlated superposition of the two possible qubit states. The simultaneous detection of photons at the detectors does not occur often, so the laser stimulus and photon emission process has to be repeated many thousands of times per second. But when a photon appears in each detector, it is an unambiguous signature of entanglement between the ions.

When an entangled condition is identified, the scientists immediately take a measurement of ion A. The act of measurement forces it out of superposition and into a definite condition: one of the two qubit states. But because ion A's state is irreversibly tied to ion B's, the measurement of A also forces B into a complementary state. Depending on which state ion A is found in, the researchers now know precisely what kind of microwave pulse to apply to ion B in order to recover the exact information that had originally been stored in ion A. Doing so

results in the accurate teleportation of the information.

What distinguishes this outcome as teleportation, rather than any other form of communication, is that no information pertaining to the original memory actually passes between ion A and ion B. Instead, the information disappears when ion A is measured and reappears when the microwave pulse is applied to ion B.

"One particularly attractive aspect of our method is that it combines the unique advantages of both photons and atoms," says Monroe. "Photons are ideal for transferring information fast over long distances, whereas atoms offer a valuable medium for long-lived quantum memory. The combination represents an attractive architecture for a 'quantum repeater,' that would allow quantum information to be communicated over much larger distances than can be done with just photons. Also, the teleportation of quantum information in this way could form the basis of a new type of quantum internet that could outperform any conventional type of classical network for certain tasks."

The Joint Quantum Institute is a partnership effort between the National Institute of Standards and Technology and UMD, with additional support from the Laboratory for Physical Science. The work reported in Science was supported by the Intelligence Advanced Research Project Activity program under U.S. Army Research Office contract, the National Science Foundation (NSF) Physics at the Information Frontier Program, and the NSF Physics Frontier Center at JQI.

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Subject: INEXPLICATA Blog UpDates

INEXPLICATA
The Journal of Hispanic Ufology
January 21, 2008

Updates to the INEXPLICATA Blog:

- * UFOs in Nicaragua and Colombia
- * Argentina's Mysterious Los Robles Area

Stop by for a look!

Scott Corrales, IHU

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UFO Activity In South America

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Subject: UFO Activity In South America

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology
January 27, 2009

NOTE TO OUR READERS:

The following is just one of a number of cases recieved this week from Argentina, where UFO activity remains unabated. Please visit our blog at:

www.inexplicata.blogspot.com

to see photos and video footage.

Source: Rosario3.com

<http://www.rosario3.com/noticias/noticias.aspx?idNot=44414>

Date: 01.26.09

Argentina: UFO Fires "Rays" Over Rosario

A video shows a UFO that fires rays over Rosario. It was recorded in late 2007 by a young man who exited the Alto Rosario Shopping Center and was made known by a prestigious researcher from Victoria. The expert stated that similar phenomena had been seen in Germany and England.

The video shows a light in the sky that releases flashes against the ground every so often. "I recorded it with a friend's cellphone in Rosario, outside the Alto Rosario Shopping Center. The object made slow movements at first, beyond my unsteady hold of the cellphone. But when I saw the video in detail, I saw that the strange light, which several people took for a satellite, was flashing lights toward the ground. I calculate that the light was some 200 meters away, not very far. After recording it for a long time, it began moving toward the Monument to the Flag until it vanished. Personally, it was fantastic. Something that I discuss and people won't believe. In short, the subject is that the same light, or a similar one, was seen again late at night later that week."

This was the note that accompanied the video, sent to Silvia Perez Simondini, a renowned UFO researcher who works in the city of Victoria, Entre Rios.

The recording was made on December 7, 2007 and Perez Simondini received only a few days ago, when the young man who took it learned of the existence of Vision Ovni, the center with which she works.

"We were aware that these UFOs fire rays against the ground. It had occurred in Germany and England. Therefore, when he sent me the recording, I couldn't believe it. It's different to what we're used to seeing. They're laser-type beams. The boy managed to film five such beams," said the researcher to the Diez Puntos Radio Program on Radio 2.

Perez Simondini maintained that specialist Salvatore Carta, whose expertise is sought by researchers world-round, certified

the authenticity of the phenomenon. The researcher added that the increase in phenomena of this sort is remarkable, adding that she has received 50 UFO reports in January of this year alone.

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Special thanks Guillermo Gimenez, Silvia Perez Simondini and Salvatore Carta

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Probing The Cosmos: Is Anybody Out There?

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Wed November 26, 2008

Probing The Cosmos: Is Anybody Out There?
By Brandon Griggs - CNN

(CNN) -- From a remote valley in Northern California, Jill Tarter is listening to the universe.

Her ears are 42 large and sophisticated radio telescopes, spread across several acres, that scan the cosmos for signals of extraterrestrial origin. If intelligent life forms do exist on other planets, and they try to contact us, Tarter will be among the first to know.

Are we citizens of Earth alone in the universe? It's a question that has long fascinated astronomers, sci-fi authors, kids with backyard telescopes and Hollywood executives who churn out spectacles about alien encounters. Polls have found that most Americans believe that some form of life exists beyond our planet.

"It's a fundamental question," said Tarter, the real-life inspiration for Jodie Foster's character in the 1997 movie "Contact." "And it's a question that the person on the street can understand. It's not like a... super-collider or some search for neutrinos buried in the ice. It's, 'Are we alone? How might we find out? What does that tell us about ourselves and our place in the universe?'"

"We're trying to figure out how the universe began, how galaxies and large-scale structures formed, and where did the origins of life as we know it take place?" Tarter said.

"These are all valid questions to ask of the universe. And an equally valid question is whether the same thing that happened here [on Earth] has happened elsewhere."

Thanks to advancements in technology, scientists hope to get an answer sooner rather than later. Rovers have snapped photographs of the surface of Mars that show fossil-like shapes. NASA hopes to launch within a decade a Terrestrial Planet Finder, an orbiting observatory that would detect planets around nearby stars and determine whether they could support life.

Such developments are catnip to scientists like Geoffrey Marcy, a professor of astronomy at the University of California-Berkeley who has discovered more extrasolar planets than anyone else.

"It wasn't more than 13 years ago that we hadn't found any planets around the stars, and most people thought that we never would. So here we are not only having found planets, we are

looking for habitable planets, signs of biology on those planets," Marcy told CNN. "It's an extraordinary explosion of a field of science that didn't even exist just a few years ago."

Then there's Tarter, whose quest for signs of extraterrestrial life kept her on the fringes of mainstream science for decades. While pursuing her doctorate at UC-Berkeley, Tarter came across an engineering report that floated the idea of using radio telescopes to listen for broadcasts by alien beings.

It became her life's work. In 1984 Tarter founded the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence Institute (SETI) in California. Using telescopes in Australia, West Virginia and Puerto Rico, she conducted a decade-long scouring of about 750 nearby star systems for extraterrestrial radio signals.

None was found, although Tarter had some false alarms. In 1998, she intercepted a mysterious signal that lasted for hours. Tarter got so excited she misread her own computer results: The signal was coming from a NASA observatory spacecraft orbiting the sun.

Today, Tarter listens to the heavens with the Allen Telescope Array, a collection of 20-foot-wide telescopes some 300 miles north of San Francisco. The dish-like scopes are a joint effort of SETI and UC-Berkeley's Radio Astronomy Lab and have been funded largely by Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen, who donated more than \$25 million to the project.

Unlike previously existing radio telescopes, which scan the sky for limited periods of time, the Allen Telescope Array probes the universe round the clock.

Each of the 42 scopes is aimed at a different area of the sky, collecting reams of data that are continually studied by computers for unusual patterns. Then the listeners must filter out noise from airplanes and satellites.

"We're listening for something that we don't think can be produced by Mother Nature," Tarter said. "We're using the radio frequency, other people are using optical telescopes... and in both cases we're looking for an artificial nature to a signal."

"In the case of radio, we're looking for a lot of power being squished into just one channel on the radio dial. In the optical, they're looking for very bright flashes that last a nanosecond... or less, not slow pulsing kinds of things. To date we've never found a natural source that can do that."

Signals that any extraterrestrials might be transmitting for their own use would be difficult to detect, Tarter said. Astronomers are more likely to discover a radio transmission broadcast intentionally at the Earth, she said.

Astronomers at SETI, however, are not sending a signal into space in an attempt to communicate with aliens.

University of California professor Marcy is skeptical about the existence of intelligent alien life and believes our galaxy's vast distances would make communication between Earth and beings on other planets almost impossible.

"The nearest neighbor might be halfway across our galaxy, 50,000 light-years away. Communicating with them will take a hundred thousand years for a round-trip signal," he said.

Still, Tarter remains undaunted. The Allen Telescope Array already does in 10 minutes what once took her scientists 10 days. When the project is completed, it will have 350 telescopes that, combined, can survey tens of thousands of star systems.

"We can look in more places and more frequencies faster than we ever could. And that will just get better with time. We're doing something now we couldn't do when we started, we couldn't do five years ago," she said.

"Think of it as a cosmic haystack. There's a needle in there somewhere. If you pull out a few straws, are you going to get disappointed because you haven't found the needle yet? No. We haven't really begun to explore."

CNN correspondent Miles O'Brien contributed to this story.

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Creatures & UFOs Baffle Pennsylvanians

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January 27, 2009

Mysterious Creatures And UFO Sightings Baffle Pennsylvanians
by Roger Marsh

Pennsylvania Ufologist Stan Gordon is reporting that UFO and other unusual strange incidents came in during 2008 from 50 counties - up from 37 counties the previous year. Giant birds - also known as Thunderbirds - Bigfoot and UFOs continue to be reported in the Keystone state.

Motorists in Wasgington County traveling along a major route in May pulled over to watch as a "huge dark colored flying creature that looked more like a giant bat than a bird" was low flying as it passed over the cars.

A Warren County woman reported in May that a Bigfoot-like creature climbed onto her home deck as she watched from inside.

While a major increase in UFO reports were coming from the eastern end of the state this year, Gordon reports that many unusual stories from the western end of the state include spherical, disc-shaped, luminous objects and triangular-shaped objects. Multiple witnesses from several locations reported a glowing whtie object on Sept. 5. Two Elk County hunters first saw glowing lights in the woods on Oct. 5, and soon discovered a glowing human-like form standing about 3 feet tall. On the same date in Tioga County, a cigar-shaped object was spotted approaching from the north.

[Stan Gordon's Report follows in next post]

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Strange Incidents Reported From Pennsylvania

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Subject: Strange Incidents Reported From Pennsylvania

Source: StanGordonUFO.Com - Chicago, Illinois, USA

<http://stangordonufo.com/news/2009/january/2008%20update.htm>

January 27, 2009

Mysterious Creatures And UFO Sightings Baffle Pennsylvanians
During 2008

Strange incidents reported from 50 Counties across the state

During 2008, there were numerous reports of UFO sightings and other strange incidents reported from across the Keystone state. Reports of unusual incidents originated from 50 counties in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. That is an increase over 2007, when such reports were received from 37 counties. Some of the strange incidents reported included sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects, strange sky illuminations, Bigfoot, giant birds, mountain lions, strange sounds and mysterious footprints.

An example of some of the more interesting 2008 mysterious events from Pennsylvania.

Giant Bird Sightings

There has been a history from Pennsylvania and other states of sightings of giant birds with enormous wingspans that are occasionally reported, and are commonly referred to as "thunderbirds." In recent years, the reports of these huge flying creatures have increased. Rick Fisher of the Paranormal Society of Pennsylvania received a report which occurred in February at a rural location outside of Harrisburg. The driver of a vehicle, who was also an active hunter, saw a huge bird-like creature drop from the trees and approach his vehicle. The man stopped and got out to take a better look at the creature, which seemed to soar or glide without flapping its wings. He hesitantly told Rick that what he saw looked, "prehistoric almost."

Researcher Jim Brown investigated an incident which occurred on the afternoon of May 20, on a major roadway in Washington County. Motorists reportedly pulled off the road to watch as a huge dark colored flying creature that looked more like a giant bat than a bird, circled low, and passed over some cars. One witness noticed that the wingspan extended beyond the edges of the two lane highway. One man was seen taking pictures of the giant flying creature. That person has never come forward.

Bigfoot Sightings

Over the years, there have been hundreds of sightings of huge hair covered man-like or sometimes more ape-like creatures reported statewide. A very active area is along the Chestnut Ridge in Westmoreland, Fayette, and Indiana counties. While such sightings are reportedly yearly, the number of such reports have dropped in recent years.

The Pennsylvania Bigfoot Society (PBS) received a report from Warren County in May that a woman had seen such a creature climb up her lattice and onto her back deck. She watched it from her patio door as it climbed over the railing and departed. In August, from rural Warren County, I received a report that a man and his son observed a 7 foot tall, hair covered creature with very long swinging arms cross a roadway with very long steps and enter a wooded area.

I also received reports of strange screaming sounds coming from along the Chestnut Ridge near Latrobe. An experienced woodsman came across 18 inch long, five toed footprints, unlike anything he had ever seen before, while hiking in the Forbes State Forest above Rector on August 22.

UFO Sightings

While there was a lot of UFO activity reported from the eastern portions of the state, many UFO sightings were reported in western Pennsylvania and elsewhere. While spherical, and disc shaped objects were reported, as well as formations of luminous objects, there were numerous triangular shaped objects sighted as well.

On July 2, near Connellsville, witnesses observed a triangular shaped object with a curved bottom and numerous lights. The silent object passed overhead and moved toward the Yough River. During the early morning hours of August 12, in a rural area between Greensburg and Youngwood, a witness observed what was described as, "two huge double headlights," side by side, and slightly yellow in color, hovering low just above the road. The silent lights rose up from the ground and moved off over the trees.

I received several independent UFO sighting reports from Westmoreland and Allegheny Counties on September 5. About 12:30 a.m. a glowing round white object with various colored lights was observed hovering in the western sky from New Stanton. The object suddenly disappeared from sight after a few minutes. Soon after, a second object shaped like a glowing football moved rather fast across the sky, then suddenly stopped, then dropped lower toward the ground. With binoculars, the object appeared round with evenly spaced lights.

Another report was received which had occurred at nearly the same time. A motorist driving near South Park in Allegheny County watched as what appeared to be a large lighted object passed over him at an altitude of about 100 feet. His attention was first drawn to a series of bright white lights that were non-blinking and about 3 feet in diameter that were attached to the object. The driver lowered his window and heard no sound. The object made a sharp bank and rose up over the trees and moved off. That same morning, a slow moving silent orange sphere of light was observed at about 3 a.m. near Jeannette as it moved across the sky, then suddenly vanished.

It was during the early morning hours of October 4, that two hunters in Elk County encountered something unusual. As they moved into a wooded area, they first noticed two baseball sized glowing lights about 15 feet above the ground. Soon they noticed multiple beams of light which seemed to originate from about 10 feet from above the ground, and projected parallel with the ground.

Their attention, however, was drawn to a glowing human-like form, which was estimated to be about 3 feet tall. The color was described as a light green, lime color, and it had arms that hung straight down, and were longer than that of a human. The movement of the being gave the impression that it was gliding. On that same date at about 8:20 p.m., in nearby Tioga County, witnesses observed a silent bright solid cigar shaped object approaching from the north, and it suddenly faded out and vanished as it moved overhead.

This year will mark 50 years that I have been investigating and logging such strange accounts from Pennsylvania. My interest in mysterious happenings started at age 10 in 1959. I began conducting on scene investigations of such matters after the Kecksburg UFO incident in 1965. I started taking phone calls from the public in 1969, from those wanting to report alleged

UFO sightings. In 1970, I founded the Westmoreland County UFO Study Group, the first of three volunteer, scientifically oriented research groups that remained active for many years, and which investigated UFO sightings and Bigfoot encounters, as well as other strange events around the state.

Today I continue to investigate and document current reports of such matters as an independent researcher. I am still receiving information about that event, and continue my investigation into this UFO incident which has gained international interest.

I receive anomaly sighting reports from the public via my UFO Hotline at 724-838-7768. I also receive e-mail sighting reports at paufu.nul For update information visit my web site: www.stangordonufo.com. I also maintain contact with numerous researchers and organizations in the state and from throughout the country and elsewhere. The National UFO Reporting Center in Washington state, and the PA Chapter of the Mutual UFO Network also receive numerous UFO reports. Roger Marsh also provides current sighting information at: www.examiner.com/x-2363-UFO-Examiner. The Pennsylvania Bigfoot Society continues to receive alleged sightings of Bigfoot encounters as well.

When I first began investigating UFO sightings and other strange reports, I found that while many sightings reported seemed initially odd, many were determined to be natural or man-made in origin. Many UFO sightings, for example, can be explained as bright planets and stars, meteors and searchlight beams. Some Bigfoot observations were determined to be large dogs or bear. In recent months, many UFO reports that I received of a very bright light low in the southwestern sky was determined to be the planet Venus. But not all mysterious sightings can be explained away so easily.

Stan Gordon

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UFO Seen Off UK Coast

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Subject: UFO Seen Off UK Coast

Source: The Whitehaven News - Cumberland, England, UK

<http://www.whitehaven-news.co.uk/news/1.505650>

Wednesday, 28 January 2009

UFO Seen Off Coast
By Margaret Crosby

Strange orange lights in the sky have been reported off
Ravenglass - and the North West UFO Research is very interested.

The unexplained lights were seen offshore from Ravenglass last
Saturday night at about 7pm. A man "who has extensive knowledge
of the area" said it was not flares and noted there was no
noise.

Apparently there were two lights together, then one veered off
to the north. He kept watching this light which then dipped down
to sea level then up again, before heading off at speed
northwards.

North West UFO Research, which has a dedicated UFO website and
contact point set up by Southport author, Pat Regan, says a
report was submitted by an Ainsdale (Southport) coastguard
officer, Paul Harrison, following an account from a colleague in
Cumbria.

It told of the orange lights, described as being similar to
street lights, in the sky off Ravenglass.

There were no further lights, such as navigational and they were
deemed from "an unknown source".

There was a second report of a bright fire ball spotted at
9.27am the previous day, Friday January 23, by a member of the
public from the Kew Estate, at Southport and reported to the
Coastguard Centre at Crosby, Merseyside.

Apparently this person had seen the fireball while looking in
the direction of Ormskirk. It was heading his way at a 45-degree
angle.

The witness, was said to be a professional person of good
standing.

Pat featured in the international press in summer 2008 after
inadvertently photographing a UFO during a Lancashire twister
storm and was later interviewed by the UFO Hunters TV group from
America.

Pat Regan says 99 per cent of sightings may be explained away.
"It is the other one per cent that we are chiefly interested
in."

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Google News Search for "UFO"

From: **Frank Fields** <fields.nul>
Date: Wed, 28 Jan 2009 13:32:38 -0500 (EST)
Archived: Wed, 28 Jan 2009 15:00:15 -0500
Subject: Google News Search for "UFO"

I just did a Google News Search on the term "UFO" and the below headline was at the top of the list.

"Speaker Nancy Pelosi claims she was kidnapped by dildo-shaped UFO!"

As I have pointed out before the subheading listing which organization published the article is in a very light gray print.

How could a respectable news service, such as Google News, include garbage like this?

The below link will conduct the same search:

<http://news.google.com/news?hl=en&tab=wn&ned=&q=ufo&ie=UTF-8&scoring=n>

I have repeatedly attempted to contact "The Spoof" but have not received a reply.

Regards,

Frank

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Re: UFO Appears On Air During CNN's Obama

From: Bland Pugh <flmufonsd.nul>
Date: Wed, 28 Jan 2009 15:04:22 EST
Archived: Wed, 28 Jan 2009 15:18:14 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Appears On Air During CNN's Obama

Has anyone inquired as to what Dr. Maccabees' opinion is concerning the CNN broadcast of the Obama inauguration?

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And the real problem?

Moderator error in setting up the List software at the Host!

It seems that where a subscriber hits 'Reply' e-mail apps
looks for a line - that may be hidden by yours - which
reads the Replyto: inserted by the List software. I had
typed that in set-up.

Mea culpa and thanks to Don Ledger for pointing it out to
me...

As of this post it should be fixed... my apologies,

ebk

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'NASA Agent' Spills UFO Beans?

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I don't know about The Inquirer - perhaps a subscriber does?

Source: The Inquirer - Harrow, England, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/bghuqm>

Thursday, 29 January 2009

NASA Agent Spills UFO Beans
McKinnon defender says the truth is out there
By Mark Ballard

A veteran NASA agent who says he processed the real X-Files has come clean with the inside story on the Roswell aliens.

Joseph Richard Gutheinz Jr, a practising criminal lawyer and decorated former NASA special agent, spoke out in defence of UFO hacker Gary Mckinnon last week. Having also spent the last four years on the Texas Criminal Justice Advisory Committee on Medical and Mental Impairments, he felt qualified to call on the US government to cease its unfair hounding of the UFO hacker.

But Gutheinz, it turns out, is himself a poster-boy for UFO conspiracists, just like McKinnon: he is famous for telling a mysterious tale of dead Roswell aliens being kept in Building 265 at NASA's Johnson Space Centre where he used to work in Houston, and of a sinister government cover up.

Gutheinz led a team of agents in NASA's Office of the Inspector General (OIG). They worked from a secret bunker with grass and trees covering it. It had cypher doors leading to secluded rooms furnished with nothing but a desk, a lamp and a single telephone. Beyond the steel doors to the outside world, astronauts were training for Space Shuttle missions.

"It was kind of a spooky building. People always wondered what went on there," Gutheinz told The Inquirer. "Except for Mission Control, it was the most highly secured building at Johnson Space Centre."

The OIG agents were so secret that even NASA wasn't allowed to know what they were investigating. "The joke at NASA OIG is that whoever was the producer of the X-Files picked the wrong agency, because nobody calls the FBI. They don't trust the FBI. What they do if they think they've been abducted or something like that, they used to call the criminal investigators at NASA, which is the Office of the Inspector General.

"As a senior special agent I used to get these calls on a regular basis where somebody says I've been abducted, I've got a chip in my brain, there's somebody following me around," he said.

"It's one of the things that interested me about the Gary

McKinnon story because here's a guy who really thinks there's UFOs, who's going the extra step to prove it. I understood that, because I had dealt with so many of those individuals in the past," Gutheinz added.

The most prominent of those people was Jerry Alan Whittredge, who impersonated an astronaut and thought he was a CIA assassin. He blagged his way into Mission Control, was given Space Shuttle specifications and permission to fly jets. "That was a lot of the people that we used to get calls from," said Gutheinz.

OIG agents were involved in the seven-agency investigation that caught Gary McKinnon snooping around their systems for evidence of captured UFO technology. Typically, the OIG roots out internal fraud at NASA. That's why they have to be secret. What they don't do is interrogate aliens.

The truth "Just so you know, so we are totally clear," said Gutheinz. "You can dig all over the place - there is no ET at NASA."

But it was Gutheinz who in the February/March 2005 edition of UFO Magazine wrote how he had been abducted by agents even more secret than his own; how, being unable to account for whole days, with only vague memories of brain chips, he stumbled across the desert outpost in New Mexico where the Roswell aliens had been autopsied and a terrible accident had turned NASA personnel to dust in their own biological suits.

"I had taken complaints from people who believed the government had placed transmitter/receivers in their brains before, and I had always assumed they were schizophrenics," wrote Gutheinz. "Even today I know many people who believe this happened to them probably are schizophrenics, but now I know some are telling the truth?"

But Gutheinz was only kidding. He wrote the story for fun. He now finds it embarrassing. His children and students take the mickey out of him. His wife thinks he'll never live it down. And it was just the transcript of a vivid nightmare that had merged his life in a secret NASA bunker with the calls he would get from conspiracy theorists. Just a transcript, cheekily submitted to a UFO Magazine with an introduction that asked, are these real memories or was it just a dream?

"I thought it was a great idea when I wrote it, because I understood it. But it was sort of like Andy Kaufman. His humour - you were the only one who got it some of the time. I got it when I wrote the thing. I thought it was novel," said Gutheinz.

The magazine wrote it up under the headline 'Alien Autopsy Expose - He knows where NASA hid the bodies'.

A self-confessed maverick, Guntheinz has a track record in causing mischief. What do you think he did with those calls he got about alien abduction at NASA?

"I hate to say it, but when I had a rascal instinct, I would find somebody at the FBI didn't like, and I would give them that phone number and have them call the FBI," confessed Gutheinz.

Won't somebody please come forward and reassure us that there really are aliens? That this fragile, lonely planet isn't all we have? Perhaps take some comfort here: the Disclosure Project, the UFO group that inspired McKinnon to hack into NASA systems in 2001, will tell us what we want to know. They only ask for money first.

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Danish Secret UFO Archives Opened

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Source: The Copenhagen Post - Denmark

Thursday, 29 January 2009

<http://tinyurl.com/ctndpu>

Secret UFO Archives Opened

The Danish Air Force has opened its UFO archives, providing information on over 15,000 reported extraterrestrial sightings to the public

UFO archives are now readily available to the public, detailing sightings from over the last 30 years. The Danish Air Force published the archive online yesterday because it felt that 'there was nothing secret in the files'.

The Air Force said that most of the sightings remained 'unidentified' because the details were not precise enough. However, some of the reports contained enough description to rule out the UFOs as aircraft, weather phenomenon or paper lanterns.

Not all of the sightings were centred over Denmark and one event over Greenland is attracting attention.

On the 5 January, 1981 at 12:50 a flaming, square disc was seen approximately 45 degrees over the frozen land near Thule Air Base. It then vanished as suddenly as it had appeared.

Coincidentally, radar stations at the American base recorded an unidentified flying object on its radar at 12:50.

Air Force Captain Thomas Petersen, who has an extensive knowledge of the files, commented that any unresolved sightings are handed over to the Scandinavian UFO Centre, if they request it.

He added that the Air Force's main mission was to defend Denmark against threat, 'and UFOs are not a known threat'.

[Thanks to Greg Boone for the lead]

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Albert Pennisi Passes

From: Sheryl Gottschall <gottscha.nul>
Date: Fri, 30 Jan 2009 06:23:10 +1000
Archived: Thu, 29 Jan 2009 15:47:45 -0500
Subject: Albert Pennisi Passes

Hi List,

I received a call early Thursday morning from Albert Pennisi's goddaughter informing me that Albert, of Tully Saucer Nests fame died last Sunday morning 25th January, 2009. Albert died of a heart attack, the details weren't clear except that it occurred after he attended a church service.

The funeral will take place on Friday 30th January at St Clares Church, Tully, Queensland, Australia. The family has asked no flowers be sent, instead please make a donation to the church. Email for details znclare.nul

Albert was to turn 90 this week and a party had been organised for him by his family at the local bowls club.

Alberts wife Amy died some years ago. Albert has 4 children, two of them, Shane and Adrian, aided Albert to attend the UFO conference in Brisbane in 2006 to update the public about other UFO landing cases on his property.

Sheryl
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Attempts To Contact Aliens Date Back 150 Years

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Source: Space.Com - New York, New York, USA

<http://www.space.com/scienceastronomy/090129-am-seti-history.html>

29 January 2009

Attempts To Contact Aliens Date Back 150 Years
By Michael Schirber
Astrobiology Magazine

The desire to contact intelligent life on other planets is much older than the UFO craze and the SETI movement. Several 19th century scientists contemplated how we might communicate with possible Martians and Venusians.

These early proposals - which predate by 150 years the first extraterrestrial message that was sent in 1974 - were based on visual signals, as the invention of radio was still decades away.

In fact, as history shows, ideas for interplanetary communication have largely been driven by whatever the current technology allowed - be it lamps, radios or lasers.

"You go with what you know," said Steven Dick, NASA Chief Historian.

Are we alone?

Over two thousand years ago, the ancient Greeks argued over the existence of life on other planets, but the idea really took off after the Copernican revolution.

"Once it was realized that all the planets go around the sun, it was not hard to imagine that the other planets could be like Earth," Dick said.

Galileo, Kepler and others considered the inhabitability of the planets, while being careful not to upset Church authority.

"The idea blossomed in the 17th century into the 'plurality of worlds' debate, but it remained controversial," said Dick, who has written several books on the topic.

One of the most influential proponents for extraterrestrial life was Bernard le Bovier de Fontenelle, who wrote *Conversations on the Plurality of Worlds* in 1686.

Despite the interest, there was no recorded discussion of how we might locate or contact these potential aliens until more than a century later.

Crop triangles and burning canals

Florence Raulin-Cerceau of the Alexandre Koyre Center in Paris has documented the early attempts at communication with

extraterrestrial intelligence (CETI), or what is now often called active SETI.

"As early as the 19th century, inventors imagined "sky telegraph" equipment to communicate with the supposed inhabitants of the solar system's planets," Raulin-Cerceau recently wrote with her colleague in the French magazine *Pour la Science*.

The first of these inventors was Carl Friedrich Gauss, the German mathematician. In the 1820s, he spoke of reflecting sunlight towards the planets with his land surveying invention, the heliotrope. He is also credited with the idea of cutting a giant triangle in the Siberian forest and planting wheat inside.

"The size and color contrast should have made the object visible from the moon or Mars, and the geometric figure could only be interpreted as an intentional construction," Raulin-Cerceau wrote.

Twenty years later, the astronomer Joseph von Littrow came up with a similar idea to pour kerosene into a 30-kilometer-wide circular canal that would be lit at night to signal our presence.

Concentrated light

The second half of the 19th century saw more realistic proposals, according to Raulin-Cerceau.

In 1869, the French inventor and poet Charles Cros imagined using a parabolic mirror to focus the light from electric lamps towards Mars or Venus. He figured the light could be flashed on and off to encode a message.

"Cros granted that the planets could be inhabited by beings not able to respond, but he was still persuaded that 'the eternal isolation of the spheres [will be] vanquished,'" wrote Raulin-Cerceau.

A light-based "Morse code" was also considered by the British statistician Francis Galton in 1896. He took care not to assume that Martians would have our same base-10 counting system, as they probably wouldn't have 10 fingers.

Around the same time, A. Mercier, a member of the Astronomical Society of France, devised a plan to place several reflectors on the Eiffel Tower that could direct sunlight towards Mars. He also considered using the moon as a giant screen on which to project light beams.

Could aliens have seen any of these light displays?

"It depends on how much money you think the Martians are spending on their telescopes," said Seth Shostak of the SETI Institute.

Radio turns on

It is now generally assumed that radio is a more suitable means of extraterrestrial communication. Radio waves are less affected by cosmic dust than visible light, and there is less of a radio background to deal with in the sky.

Two of radio's pioneers showed interest in interplanetary radio communication. In 1901, Nikola Tesla reported receiving a strange signal, possibly from Mars, on his giant transmitting tower in Colorado Springs. Nineteen years later, Guglielmo Marconi told reporters about his detection of radio emissions that appeared to come from outer space.

However, the switch to radio-based SETI did not happen immediately.

As late as the 1920s, many people (including Albert Einstein) still considered visual-based communication more practical, since radio transmitters were not yet capable of focusing a beam on a distant planet.

What's more, scientists gradually became convinced that Mars did not have the right conditions to support life, so any presumed

extraterrestrials likely lived much, much further away.

"It seemed hopeless to receive messages from other stellar systems, so people said 'Forget it.'" Shostak explained.

It wasn't until 1959 that radio-based SETI started to be taken seriously. In that year, Giuseppe Cocconi and Philip Morrison showed that radar transmitters of the time were already powerful enough to send signals many light years through space.

"If we can do it, then the aliens might be doing it," Shostak said.

In the year that followed, Frank Drake performed Project Ozma, the first radio sky survey to look for intelligent signals.

And then in 1974 - a century and half after Gauss - Drake transmitted the first actual SETI message using the Arecibo radio telescope. Scientists are still waiting for a response.

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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UFOs Make History
By
Louis Cooper
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The truth is out there.

And the History Channel is looking for it in Gulf Breeze.

A crew from the History Channel's "UFO Hunters" is coming to Gulf Breeze in the first half of February to film an hourlong episode about the area's long reputation of being a hotbed for unidentified flying object sightings, show producer Johnathan Walton said today.

In 1987 and 1988, Gulf Breeze businessman Ed Walters reported 20 encounters of UFOs and took numerous photos. During the same period, dozens of Gulf Breeze residents reported similar sightings.

"There is some new evidence to examine, which obviously I can't get into because we're saving it for our show," Walton said. "Besides Ed Walters' sightings, which put Gulf Breeze on the map, there have been hundreds of other photos and videos of stuff. That piqued our interest."

The show will be investigating reports coming in as recently as within the last year, he said. And the show is looking for more people to interview.

"We're looking for witnesses," Walton said. "We're looking for people in Gulf Breeze, primarily, or in the Pensacola area. Particularly, we're most interested in sightings over water."

Anyone who would like to relate a UFO story to Walton may call (310) 829- 9933, Ext. 232, or send an e-mail to walton.nul

UFO Hunters airs Wednesdays at 9 p.m. on the History Channel. It is currently in its third season.

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Mayor's Plea For UFO Hacker Is Off-Base

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Former Prosecutor: Mayor's Plea For UFO Hacker Is Off-Base

London Mayor appealed to Obama to forgive British hacker who hit military computers

By Sharon Gaudin

(Computerworld) -- A former prosecutor says the mayor of London was ignoring the facts this week when he publicly threw his support behind the man who has admitted hacking into U.S. military computers in 2001.

Scott Christie, an assistant U.S. attorney in New Jersey in 2002 when Gary McKinnon of London was indicted in the case, told Computerworld that London Mayor Boris Johnson's emotional defense of the hacker is obscuring the facts and circumstances surrounding the crime. McKinnon has acknowledged that he hacked into U.S. government and military computer systems simply to look for information on UFOs.

But while the U.S. government alleges McKinnon caused \$900,000 in damages to computers in 14 states, and that he caused the shutdown of critical military networks shortly after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, the mayor of London offered a very different take on it in a column that he wrote for London's Telegraph newspaper. The column was a public plea for President Barack Obama to drop the case against McKinnon.

Johnson called U.S. efforts to prosecute McKinnon a "legal nightmare." And saying that McKinnon is not a threat to the U.S., Johnson also referred to the Department of Justice's ongoing efforts to extradite McKinnon to the U.S. for prosecution as "American bullying."

Christie, who now leads the information technology group at law firm McCarter & English LLP, said it's clear that Johnson doesn't have all the information about the case.

"[McKinnon] has created this cause celebre status in order to appeal to folks who will beat the drum on his behalf and they conveniently ignore the facts of the situation and the entire nature of his conduct," said Christie. "I think that, unfortunately, it lends some credence to the individuals who are painting McKinnon as a victim, to have the mayor of London weigh in as part of that team ... people are resorting to a distortion of the facts in order to further his celebrity status as a victim. It's troubling."

In his column, Johnson asserts that McKinnon is not a "proper hacker," adding, "He was so innocent and un-furtive in his investigations, that he left his own e-mail address, and messages such as 'Your security is crap.'"

Christie, though, says that's not true, noting that McKinnon had worked as a system administrator in the U.K. He also said that McKinnon was able to surreptitiously enter Department of Defense computers and cause a significant denial of service within weeks of the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

He added that McKinnon also did not leave his e-mail address behind.

"That's not true. Mr. McKinnon took great pains to obscure ... where he was coming from and who he actually was," said Christie. "He certainly did not leave his e-mail address. He was able to be identified only through the hard work and diligent investigation by the Naval and Defense Department criminal investigators. It's unfortunate that that Mr. Johnson doesn't have a full understanding of the facts in his rant in favor of Mr. McKinnon."

He also said he was surprised that any plea to a national leader would be made so publicly and not through normal political channels.

Late last week, it was announced that McKinnon was getting yet another chance to avoid extradition when the High Court in London ruled that the case can be reviewed by Keir Starmer, director of public prosecutions for England and Wales.

McKinnon, who was an unemployed system administrator in the U.K. at the time of the 2001 hack, has been using a series of legal maneuvers and appeals over the past seven years to fight extradition to the U.S. McKinnon, now 43, was indicted in November 2002 in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. He has said he broke into U.S. military computers hoping to uncover evidence of UFOs.

McKinnon has admitted to hacking the computers and described how he did it in detail at computer security conferences in London.

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UFO In German Jets Alert

Fighter pilots were put on red alert in a UFO drama over Germany, it emerged yesterday.

Air traffic controllers tracked a mystery object speeding across the entire country.

Investigators have checked and excluded conventional aircraft, weather balloons and freak atmospheric conditions.

Axel Raab of Germany's air traffic safety office, the DFS, said: "We have ruled out all the conventional possibilities - it is a mystery."

There were dozens of reports of the object as it flew across southern Germany on January 19.

It vanished above an area used by US troops on training exercises.

Mr Raab said: "It confused radar operators because it kept flicking on and off the screen. Then it simply vanished."

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Passenger Testimony On UFO Related Incident

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Breaking News: UFO Related Air Incident - QF72 Passenger Testimony

Reporters Note: Matt Blanton was on Flight QF72 on October 7 2008 when it plunged suddenly twice. He contacted me after reading this article about the incident and possible UFO connections and was thankful that at least someone had confirmed his suspicions regarding the event.

Matt seems to be a truly decent, selfless guy, of a rare and vanishing type that once made Australia great. He has never asked for any money for writing his story and these are his words and thoughts not mine. If we wanted to do the 'Tom Biscardi' he could have sworn he saw little green men in the cockpit as well as football stadium sized UFOs circling the plane and talked of contracts and payments to commit passengers to secrecy. Never once has Matt mentioned whether or not he was injured in the event and I haven't asked. He has scanned and sent me all relevant documents to verify his being on the plane and subsequent Lotto win: Pictured below.

This is his account:

My girlfriend and I were travelling together when this happened. While we boarded the plane I noticed that the plane's name was Kununurra, which is where my dad was living at the time, which can be seen on the letters Qantas sent me (attached). Flying conditions seem to be perfect. We fell asleep as soon as the plane took off, as we were still quite tired from our flight from London. The we woke to something, we weren't quite sure what it was but obviously the plane had plunged for the first time; luckily we had our seatbelts on. While trying to figure out what had just happened I looked at the navigation tracking channel in front of me and noticed that our position was just off the coast of WA, basically we had just hit land after flying over the Indian Ocean for most of the journey. Then the plane plunged a second time and I remember being stuck to my seatbelt looking down on to the floor. Everyone began to scream, the man behind me was swearing. While still a bit sleepy I began to put things together and realised we were not doing so well, plus there was a huge hole in the roof above the lady's head in front of me.

The flight attendant was obviously hurt from the tone in his voice. I looked outside and there was not a cloud in the sky. I looked at my girlfriend, and she said, 'what's going on?' I replied 'I dunno'. Sections of the roof fell off onto the floor; I noticed everything that was in my front seat pocket had been tossed a few seats over. It was as if the whole plane was a well shaken cocktail. The galley was totally destroyed, every single plate and cup smashed. A few oxygen masks had fallen around the

area due to heads and people smashing into them I would imagine. After realising that something had happened I began to try and calm myself but it was quite hard, the flight attendant was not helping as he seemed very nervous and was trying to attend to the lady in front who was bleeding but everyone even the flight attendants had been ordered to put their seat belts on. Lots of people were bleeding, the lady in front seemed to be barely conscious, so the flight attendant administered oxygen with the help of the lady's husband.

The captain came on the speaker and announced that something had failed and that we were making an emergency landing and that he would have us on the ground in 15mins. However, I had the navigation channel in front of me and it took about 30mins to land of which during that time I thought I was going to die thinking that maybe he can't land the plane due to some damage. The plane was going around in big circles, decreasing its altitude at a very slow pace. This made me very nervous, but finally enough we landed. However I wasn't relieved when we landed as I had feelings of anger and helplessness, noting that that there's nothing you can do when something like that happens.

We had to wait on the plane while paramedics came in and assessed the situation. They figured that it would be better if the uninjured people came off first. So we all got off the plane, and as we did I noticed that the area towards the back of the plane was more damaged than that of the front. It seemed like nothing had happened in Business Class and I found that really strange.

We waited 11hrs there at the base and well into the night before two more Qantas jets came to pick us up and take us to Perth. No one could take pictures or leave the building we were in under strict orders from government personnel controlling the base. 5 passengers refused to get on another plane. During the whole time army men driving white 4WD's dictated who could go where and when. Even when it was time to get on another plane and leave they wouldn't let the plane take off and we had to wait seated in the new plane for about 40mins or so. When we got to Perth I found it weird that they Qantas gave us 400 dollars each in envelopes marked economy. Some people have blamed Qantas for the way they handled the situation, but I think it probably had more to do with the army dictating their response.

After all the Investigations it seemed to me that no conclusions have been reached as to why the plane plunged twice. They say it was system failure but that does not help me sleep any better. Another fact that doesn't help me sleep better is the Malaysian airlines flight that had the exact same incident a few years earlier and was not covered in great detail by the media.

After finding out that it was a secret naval base coupled with the other oddities I mentioned in a previous email I believe it had something to do with whatever top secret things they were doing as I mentioned before and after reading your article about a possible UFO connection I am certain of this.

Prior to boarding the flight I bought some unusual gemstones and crystals, for me at least these will always be connected to the incident. A few days after the event I won lotto (low five figure amount) and couldn't help being reminded of the incident as I looked at the letter notifying me, addressed to Matt Blanton of Kununurra (The name of the airplane).

I also wondered if there was a lesson for me, at least, in all this. If we humans took the time to travel by land or water to our destinations would we gain a greater appreciation of our environment and therefore work to preserve it more?

I have researched a lot of these things out of interest since I was at university and as a young man of my generation I feel that many young people feel this way and believe that there is irrefutable evidence out there to suggest that governments cover up and deny a lot of important issues like UFO activity. Awareness is growing and it won't be long until everybody in the world will have access to the truth, one way or another.

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UFO Over Germany Official - Says Air Traffic Control

Crack Luftwaffe fighter pilots were scrambled in a UFO drama over German airspace, it emerged today (Thursday).

The mystery object was tracked moving across the entire country at high speed after being spotted by Germany's air traffic controllers on January 19.

Now an official report into the UFO sighting is being compiled by the country's air traffic safety office, the DFS.

Investigators have already checked and excluded conventional aircraft, weather balloons and freak atmospheric conditions.

"We have ruled out all the conventional possibilities - it is a mystery," said DFS spokesman Axel Raab.

German air force jets were put on red alert and there were dozens of reports of the object as it flew across southern Germany including several airports which were put on emergency standby.

It eventually vanished above Grafenwoehr, an area used by American troops on training exercises.

Raab said: "When it vanished from the radar we believed that whatever it was had crashed - but there was no crash site to be seen.

"It is a complete mystery. It confused radar operators because it kept flicking on and off the screen as if some of the time it just wasn't there. Then it simply vanished completely into thin air."

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Flintshire MP Blasts Cameron's UFO Promise

David Cameron's promise to publish any secret files that may exist on UFO sightings has led to a scathing attack from a Flintshire MP.

The Conservative Party leader has said he would be 'entirely open and frank' on any possible Government sightings if he becomes prime minister.

But Alyn and Deeside's Labour MP Mark Tami said: "We have the most pressing difficulties caused by the global financial crisis, yet Mr Cameron seems to think the biggest question is whether aliens have landed on earth.

"It appears more as though he's campaigning for a role in The X-Files than for the future of the UK economy."

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Explaining The Bucks County UFOs

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Explaining The Bucks County UFOs
By Matt O'Donnell

WYNNEFIELD HEIGHTS - (WPVI) We recently did a special report on Action News about an unusual spike in UFO sightings, particularly in Bucks County, particularly in July of 2008. You can watch the story, and learn much more about it, on 6abc.com.

To summarize quickly, the Mutual UFO Network, or MUFON, gathers and investigates sightings, and says there were 63 of them in the Bucks County area that July. Normally, MUFON says, it only receives about eight to 10 UFO sightings per month.

By the way, I'm sure you know this, but allow me to emphasize that when we say UFO, we do not mean alien craft. We simply mean it is an object in the sky that has yet to be identified. Again, I know that's pretty obvious, but there are those who assume the reference to a UFO is a reference to beings from another world, and that is just not true.

Anyway, MUFON has yet to be able to explain this spike, or "flap", as they call it, in sightings in Bucks County. Most of them seem to be over or near the Oxford Valley Mall. Investigators note that area sits between the Willow Grove Naval Air Station to the west, and McGuire Air Force Base to the east, and sits beneath a frequent flight path for airplanes travelling along the east coast.

It also looked for evidence that the planet Venus, or the International Space Station were in the sky at the time - they are frequent causes of UFO sightings.

MUFON looked into a lot of things, and to this day, cannot explain why so many people thought they saw something strange in the sky in our area last year. Certainly they saw something right? How could so many people be hallucinating at once?

I rarely interject myself into these types of situations, particularly controversial ones like UFO stories, but here is what I think:

When something happens that I cannot explain, I think of two things. Number one, what the late, great astronomer Carl Sagan used to say: "Extraordinary claims require extraordinary evidence."

And number two, the famous Occam's Razor, which says: the simplest explanation is usually the best.

Let's apply these two statements to the Bucks County Flap.

Blaming alien activity for the many sightings in Bucks County would be an extraordinary claim. Does anyone have any evidence that the activity was caused by something, or someone, from another world? No. All we have is witness accounts. Although at least one witness says she experienced some extremely unusual feelings during her sighting, no one reports having made any contact with these UFO's. No one has a piece of physical evidence from whatever they were. So, the extraordinary claim that they were alien crafts, is hardly backed up by extraordinary evidence.

So what is the simplest explanation, as Occam's Razor tells us to look for?

I look at it this way:

You are sitting in your family room, watching television. Let's say you are watching the Tuesday installment of UFO week on cable television. Suddenly, a rock smashed through your window and lands on your coffee table. What do you do?

Well, eventually, you try to figure out who threw it. Where do you go to look? Moscow, Russia? The Patagonia region of Chile? A deserted island in the Pacific?

No, you begin looking nearby - in your neighborhood, you begin looking for someone who is able to throw a rock, like another human being, and you look for someone who had the motivation to throw it at your house, like an enemy, or a mischievous child. I'm sure you would agree that you have a much better chance finding the rock-thrower within close proximity to your house, rather than on a completely different continent.

So, let's say you spot something in the sky, and it looks like some type of craft. Even if it appears to move around in a spectacular fashion, even if it appears to be of a shape and design that matches nothing you have seen before, even if you get this strange feeling while it happens, wouldn't the simplest explanation be that this was either an optical illusion driven by some natural force on Earth - or, that it was a craft designed by humans - a species that first learned how to execute heavier-than-air human flight more than 100 years ago?

Before I make this next statement, please do not think I am assigning the blame on the military. But just to give you an example, how about the B-2 Spirit Stealth Bomber?

This aircraft, which is difficult to spot on enemy radar, was secretly developed by the US Air Force over a decade. The public did not get its first look until 1988. Let's just say you saw this aircraft during the period of time that its design was classified. Would you consider it man-made? Really, that's a question only you can answer. I suggest you head to the internet and take another look at what a B-2 looks like. If I saw that thing more than 20 years ago, I would have wondered if aliens were coming to get me.

So that's the point. It is certainly not out of the question that there really are aliens out there - I mean, Carl Sagan also said if there weren't, it would be a terrible waste of space. And yes, it is not out of the question that aliens have visited our planet. But here's another antidote from another favorite scientists of mine, astrophysicist Michio Kaku of the City University of New York.

Kaku compares an alien encounter with us, to an encounter we would have with an anthill. You're walking through your yard, you see an anthill, what to you do? Kaku suggests that you don't bend down and say "take me to your leader."

You probably keep walking out of disinterest. And you might even kick the anthill over.

Let's hope those aliens don't mess with our anthill.

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News Release On Ronnie Milione

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NEWS RELEASE: 30th January 2009.

The US based Mutual UFO Network has dismissed from its membership the so-called Dr Ronnie Milione.

In 2008 Milione was found to be faking lab reports from the Brookhaven National Laboratory which were written on behalf of Dr Ronald Rau.

Dr Rau nor the Brookhaven had anything to do with this and the lab reports in question -(full report at:

www.philipmantle.com

and they were fraudulently manufactured by Ronnie Milione.

Milione has also been unable to provide any proof of his doctorate.

UK based researcher Philip Mantle also reported Milione to the US authorities and police to advise them of his fraudulent activities.

Mantle has also contacted a wide variety of UFO and paranormal organisations in many different parts on the world, but mainly in the USA, to warn them to beware of Milione and his activities.

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UK MoD On Wind Turbine UFO Report

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London, England, UK

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Defence In The Media: 9 January 2009

UFO Reportedly Collides With Wind Turbine

National newspapers, particularly The Sun, report that a wind turbine in Conisholme, Lincolnshire, has been damaged - according to some eyewitnesses - by a low-flying UFO. Various potential explanations are offered including military or extraterrestrial activity.

The MOD examines UFO reports solely to establish whether UK airspace may have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised military activity. Unless there is evidence of a potential threat, there is no attempt to identify the nature of each sighting reported. The Ministry of Defence has no other interest or role regarding UFO matters, nor does the Department consider questions regarding the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial life-forms.

The Ministry of Defence routinely publishes UFO sighting information, and has released large amounts of historical UFO information via the National Archives.

To report a sighting call the Ministry of Defence UFO hotline on 01494 496 254.

Posted at 01:28 PM in Defence in the media

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IUR DVD And Levelland Texas

Not long ago I received my copy of the DVD that contains the entire run of the International UFO Reporter. It includes the Center Investigators Quarterly and an issue of Probe. In other words, there nearly everything from the Center that you could want on this disk and I have found it extremely valuable.

Today, I was looking for some information about Barney Barnett for a long term project and in the issue (Spring 2003) with the Barnett material, I found an article by Don Burleson about the Levelland, Texas sightings of November 1957. Yes, this is another old case, but Burleson did something that I advocate. He conducted his own on-site investigation. True, it was nearly fifty years after the fact, but that doesn't mean he didn't turn up some interesting stuff. And yes, I'm sure the skeptics will dismiss everything he found as being the result of fifty-year- old memories.

For those unfamiliar with the case, this started on the evening of November 2, 1957 as people in the southern panhandle area of Texas, around Lubbock, began reporting a UFO. Not only that, as the craft approached, their cars would stall out, the radios fade and the headlights dim.

During the official Air Force investigation the single investigator interviewed only three witnesses. Major Don Keyhoe, at the time the director of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena had said there were nine witnesses. The Air Force challenged this publicly, saying that Keyhoe was wrong and implying that he was overstating the case for the publicity he could gather... In te world of Air Force UFO investigations, if they didn't talk to a witness, then that person, or persons, simply did not exist regardless of the information they might have or the documentation they could bring to the table.

The problem here is that Keyhoe was, in fact, wrong. There weren't nine witnesses. When I looked into the case, I found witnesses at thirteen different locations who had reported the UFO interacted with the environment. This was a case that demanded serious, scientific investigation, but instead, found only two opposing camps arguing trivia with one another. One saying that this suggested an alien presence and the other arguing for misidentification of natural phenomena... I have no idea what nature phenomenon they thought might explain the case other than a bunch of liars and some kind of mass hysteria (which, by the way, I think they attempted to suggest at one point. At another point they attempted the old ball lightning argument.)

The Levelland sheriff in 1957 was a man named Weir Clem who was described by those who knew him strong and fearless man who would enforce the law regardless of the consequences. A man of integrity and quiet intelligence and who was trustworthy and truthful. He had suggested that he had seen the object himself while out with a deputy Pat McCulloch. In those early descriptions it was a streak of red in the distance. Some researchers paid little attention to Clem's sighting and the Air Force certainly thought nothing of it, though he was a sworn peace officer.

There were some who reported that Clem had said he was considerably closer. He described the object he saw as an oval "like a brilliant sunset." He said that it passed over the road about three hundred yards in front of his car. In other words, he wasn't all that far from it.

Donald Burleson, a man living in Roswell, which is not all that far from Levelland, only about three hours over the modern roads, found the daughter of Sheriff Clem when he was doing some research into these sightings. Burleson had heard some interesting things about the case and he decided to follow up on it.

Burleson reported, "Aided by the Chamber of Commerce, we [meaning Burleson and his wife Mollie] were able to find one of the late sheriff's daughters and I interviewed her twice."

According to Burleson, "She [Ginger (Clem) Sims] described her father having tried to drive close to an airborne object, and having his engine and lights die."

That, of course, put him much closer to the object than had been reported before or to the Air Force. If he was close enough to the object that it would stall his engine, he was close enough to get a good look at it.

Burleson also said that "She said that she remembers his being called out to a ranch northeast of town to see a ring-shaped spot burned into the ground. The ranch owners had called the sheriff about the burned area.

Burleson found and interviewed a witness named Carolyn Reno who said that she had been a child living in the area in 1957, and that her father had taken her out to see a burned spot in the prairie grass that was something over twenty feet in diameter. Burleson said that the description and the location he received independently from Reno matched that given by the sheriff's daughter. He also pointed out that the two women didn't know one another yet provided similar descriptions.

The real question is if Clem was so involved in this in 1957, why didn't he say anything at the time. Again, according to Burleson and to Clem's daughter, "The Air Force visited him after his sighting(s) and advised him to 'drop it' and forget that he had ever seen anything."

Skeptics will point out that the record in 1957 showed that Clem was only reported to have seen the object, or lights, in the distance, some 900 feet away and they'll reject, out of hand this new information. It is, after all, from the sheriff's daughter, a second-hand witness, and was told nearly fifty years after the fact. In today's world, it is interesting, but there is no way to verify it. Clem's daughter's reports should be noted, but the weight given to these should be fairly light.

About the same time that Clem was out chasing the light, two highway patrol officers and Constable Lloyd Bollen saw the UFO in the distance. They were unable to get very close to it and reported the same sort of thing as Clem did officially, that is, a red glow in the distance. That meant there were five law enforcement officers who thought they had seen the object that night in 1957, though none reported they got very close to it and none saw much more than a streak of light in the distance. Remember, that was officially. Clem, remember had gotten closer and saw an oval-shaped object.

Remember too, that ball lightning, which has been suggested by the Air Force, is an extremely rare and short lived phenomenon. It wouldn't have persisted for several hours, flitting from one

location to another, and certainly wouldn't have lasted long enough for the police officers, sheriff's deputies and others who went in search of it to find it.

Besides, the thunderstorms that supposedly caused the hysteria that resulted in so many people believing they had seen a flying saucer, had ended before the sightings started. There seems to be no causal relation.

Also in that vicinity about that time was Ray Jones, the Levelland Fire Marshal. He was searching for an explanation for the many UFO reports that were being made that night. He saw a streak of light not far from him. His lights dimmed and the engine sputtered until the object was gone. Suggesting, once again that ball lightning was not the culprit here.

In the IUR article, Burleson lays out all his evidence and takes us through the entire sighting which I have abbreviated here to get to the meat of the story which is that the sheriff experienced the same sort of effects that so many others reported on that night. This is another case that deserves a longer examination.

For those interested, the DVD with the IUR on it is available from CUFOS and you can order it at their website [http://www.cufos.org./](http://www.cufos.org/) It one hundred dollars but it is well worth the money. I have found it to be an extremely valuable resource.

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The Naive UFO Witness

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The Naive UFO Witness

You never turned around to see the frowns... On the jugglers and the clowns... When they all did tricks for you. --Dylan

I have witnessed the disgust directed at certain types of witnesses and even at people within the UFO community called "dumb" or "naive" by others in ufology.

What does it mean to have a lower IQ if you've witnessed UFO phenomena?

Does it mean you couldn't recognize a UFO? Or something that shouldn't be a UFO? Does it mean you couldn't possibly be capable of calling a spade a spade? Although an individual might not be the brightest, does that mean he or she isn't capable of telling the truth?

If you look at the history of UFOs and the UFO witnesses most often exploited by media or government disinfo agents as laughingstocks and jokes - hillbillies, farmers, and farmers' wives - those witnesses were right. What this group of marginalized witnesses reported about what the craft or strange lights did actually lined up with what the professionals, scientists, and even pilots reported.

There is very strong evidence something is visiting our planet. It does not present itself with a straightforward nuts and bolts image all the time.

As we progress, some of the ideas laughed at in the 50s have now been accepted. You couldn't go to the average paleontologist in the 50s and say some dinosaurs evolved from birds. As for the controversial yet popular physics concept Dark Energy, I don't remember hearing Dark Energy or Dark Matter mentioned, and I had my Criterion Reflector Telescope and years of subscriptions to Astronomy Magazine, in which I was gobbling up every article. I even remember when Marjorie Fish wrote articles about the Barney and Betty Hill star map. But at that time, cosmologists believed missing matter was just neutrinos and that once neutrinos were measured, cosmologists would be able to account for most the matter required for the formation of the galaxies predicted by that era's physics. But I don't ever remember any serious talk by mainstream scientists about an energy that repels gravity. I remember hearing that kind of thing was impossible.

What I'm saying is, some of the people made fun of in the media or ridiculed by professional debunkers and even members of the ufology community, are actually a great resource and should be treated as such. You don't have to be a rocket scientist to know

you've witnessed a UFO craft.

Let's talk about another group where this class feeling or intellectual elitism is directed: the naive among us.

Members of this group tend to be involved either in fundamentalist spiritual thinking or they have bought into the idea that critical thinking on any subject is somehow negative, or even that it demonstrates a lack of faith or betrayal of beliefs, and therefore shouldn't be done.

So why would someone adopt that worldview? I worked with teenagers who bought into extreme religious sects or cults, and for them, it always came down to a feeling of safety and a need to believe in something they felt was concrete [at least to them] and perhaps most importantly, something greater than themselves.

We find a lot of that kind of need in the UFO community. Other groups tend to deal with these naive folks as a nuisance, rather than as part of a normal human response. When threatened with a possible extreme or deadly unknown like UFOs, or claimed ET contact, some of us will typically seek an explanation that is the most comfortable or the least threatening to our lives.

I know I've been angry when someone postulates absolute certainty on UFO/ET motives. Most of us who read extensively in this subject believe there is no evidence for one absolute answer to UFO/ET motives. Yet there are witnesses and researchers advancing the single-motive theory who have worked hard for a minimum of public respect on this subject, only to have this theory reduced to classification as "lunatic fringe". And I think witnesses and researchers summarily condemned to the fringe are right to be frustrated.

But isn't it true that many of our own UFO community's leaders constantly reinforce this, their own version of a kind of absolutism, their own Ultimate Truth? From what I've seen, top UFO researchers do not protest about the issue of rejecting any witness out of hand loud enough at the conferences.

[YouTube video link]

Rejecting any theory - or any witness - out of hand may mean missing important evidence.

I think it's important to ask how we're going to handle this message at our conferences.

Like many of you, I get extremely angry when I hear this exclusively spiritual talk about UFOs and the intelligences or forces behind the phenomena. But isn't it true that some of our nuts and bolts people are just as naive - call it blindly certain - about what they believe?

And doesn't their inaction, based on their own brand of blind certainty, mean missing important ET displays?

How many of our good researchers reject witnesses because they report about communicating with "spiritual" ETs, even when there is supporting evidence something is really happening?

How many of our own good nuts and bolts school UFO researchers went to the Gilliland Ranch to find out what was really happening? At least Above Top Secret went to the Ranch to debunk the phenomena, Gilliland's claims, and thousands of photos and videos. Yes, ATS failed to debunk, but at least they went there to find out, first-hand.

Of course it may be our most respected ufologists were scared off by the claimed spiritual message and the absolute certainty with which Gilliland espouses that message.

We do not know for certain if ETs do some of this spiritual conditioning intentionally.

If ETs had to appear and communicate with us, a violent species, without completely controlling us, appearing as a kind of loving, spiritual being seems very practical and safe to me.

So how do we handle this? The best way I can think of is to

educate ourselves with an honest guide on the subject.

There is no doubt in my mind that we need to address this dogmatic prejudice in our midst that ETs must be inherently of a spiritual, beneficent nature. But the way we have been doing it - just dismissing it and ridiculing the witnesses and researchers who believe it - doesn't work.

Ideas, anyone? I'm open to hearing from UFOMM readers how we could best handle this issue in our ufology community.

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Test In Development Of Nasa's New Crew Rocket Is Successful

PROMONTORY, Utah --The development of NASA's next-generation crew launch vehicle, the Ares I rocket, took another step forward Thursday as Alliant Techsystems, or ATK, successfully tested a critical piece. ATK conducted a full-scale separation test of the forward skirt extension for the Ares I-X flight test at its facility in Promontory, Utah.

The Ares I-X test launch is scheduled to lift off from NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida during 2009. The rocket will climb about 25 miles in altitude during a two-minute powered flight. The launch will culminate with a test of the separation of the first stage from the rocket and deployment of the accompanying parachute system that will return the first stage to Earth for data and hardware recovery.

Yesterday's test simulated the separation event that will take place following the first stage flight of Ares I-X. During the Ares I-X flight, the booster will separate at the frustum, a cone-shaped piece that attaches the first stage to the larger diameter upper stage.

"The Ares I-X team is pleased with the completion of this key test that will provide important data leading up to the launch of the Ares I-X flight," said Steve Davis, deputy mission manager for the Ares I-X test flight at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala.

At an altitude of about 15,000 feet, the nose cone will be jettisoned, deploying the pilot parachute. The pilot chute will, in turn, deploy the drogue parachute, which will re-orient the booster vertically and slow it to acceptable conditions for main parachute deployment. At about 4,000 feet, the separation at the base of the forward skirt extension occurs, pulling out the three main chutes packed inside.

Test objectives included demonstrating that the linear shaped charge used to separate the forward skirt extension severed

cleanly and measuring the shock created by that charge. NASA will use the data analyze the system and prepare for the Ares I-X flight test and the development of the Ares I crew launch vehicle.

The forward skirt extension is built to withstand the loads of the first stage and support the weight of the upper stage. The component is built as one solid piece of aluminum forged into a 6-foot-long by 12-foot-diameter cylinder with a unique internal support structure that houses three newly-designed main parachutes. Its state-of-the-art design will withstand the force imparted at main chute deployment.

"This was an important milestone for the program, as it validates key parameters to support the upcoming Ares I-X flight test," said Mike Kahn, executive vice president of ATK Space Systems. "The program is one step closer to the flight test of Ares I-X."

To view pictures of the separation test, visit:

http://www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/constellation/multimedia/fses_test.html

For more information about NASA's next-generation spacecraft, visit:

<http://www.nasa.gov/ares>

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UFO Dogfights And Stunned Journalists

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Dear Colleagues,

With the connection of Nick Pope's latest statement that military pilots have tried to shoot down the UFOs during the long history of air incidents, he was interviewed on Fox TV at January 27th.

I have uploaded the clip of the interview and you can download it here:

<http://tinyurl.com/b45qac>

Take a closer look at the journalist's stunned impression as he is trying to grasp the Nick's information about UFO dogfights and famous cases from Iran (pilot Parviz Jafari 1976), Peru (pilot Oscar Santa Maria Hueartas 1980) and case from UK that become recently known after the release of the 2nd set of British UFO files (pilot Milton Torres 1957) - in the same time after Nick has mentioned "dogfights" you can also hear another stunned fellow journalist with her comment "What?" from the background.

The image of a cultural shock that worths a million words :)

Best Wishes

Giuliano

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Re: Danish Secret UFO Archives Opened

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><http://tinyurl.com/ctndpu>

>Secret UFO Archives Opened

>The Danish Air Force has opened its UFO archives, providing
>information on over 15,000 reported extraterrestrial sightings
>to the public

>UFO archives are now readily available to the public, detailing
>sightings from over the last 30 years. The Danish Air Force
>published the archive online yesterday because it felt that
>'there was nothing secret in the files'.

Thanks for your interest in the the Danish Air Force-UFO-files,
released on January 28, 2009.

At this moment there unfortunately are no summaries in English
of the "highlights".

Very late wednesday evening I came to my home after spending a
lot of time in my car driving to Karup Air Force Base in Jutland
where the Tactical Air Command is situated within the Royal
Danish Air Force. Also spending some time with a lot of TV and
newspaper interviews, of course.

The UFO-File was officially released to me as a representative
for Scandinavian UFO Information and therefore also to the
public by Captain Thomas Pedersen, FTK, The Royal Danish Air
Force. some of the reports.

The only photo-case in these files is very well researched by
myself and a detailed description can now be found here made
public in English by our good colleague Wim VAN UTRECHT at this
excellent site:

<http://www.caelestia.be/viborg.html>

My first request for release of UFO-reports to the Royal Danish
Air Force was indeed back in 1973. So January 28, 2009, was my
day...

Today - and that counts for some years now, SUFOI has very
good co-operation with the The Royal Danish Air Force, and
requests from the public/or reporting of sightings from the
public are normally referred to us in SUFOI by the Air Force.

Here you can find the download link for the released files:

<http://forsvaret.dk/FTK/Nyt%20og%20Presse/Pages/UFO.aspx>

Please be aware: 329 pages, 30 Mb.!
Requests from you regarding this release: please have
patience...

Best Regards,
Ole

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