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Shag Harbour Society Requests \$1,200

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Subject: Shag Harbour Society Requests \$1,200

Source: The Vanguard - Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada

<http://tinyurl.com/alox83>

February 27th 2009

Shag Harbour Incident Society Requests \$1,200
by Carla Allen/The Vanguard

Sharing the story about the 1967 UFO incident in Shag Harbour with thousands of visitors can't happen without funding.

With that in mind, the Shag Harbour Incident Society has submitted an application for a \$1,200 community grant to the Municipality of Barrington.

A motion to approve \$750 remaining in the District 2 community grants fund was carried unanimously at the Feb. 16 committee of the whole meeting.

The funds will be directed towards brochures for the museum and the enlargement of documents and pictures for wall plaques.

[Thanks to Frank Fields for the lead]

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Subject: UFO Sighting Near Corinth Greece

Source: All News Web - Sydney, New South Wales, Australia

<http://www.allnewsweb.com/page3143143.php>

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Greece: Clear UFO Sighting Near Corinth, Multiple Witnesses
Michael Cohen m.cohen.nul

It appears that visitors from other worlds are taking a real interest in Greece. Greek newspaper 'Espresso' recently reported that earlier this month on Tuesday February 3 a clear UFO sighting occurred on the Peloponnese Peninsula near the Isthmus of Corinth. The UFO was witnessed and reported to local the police by a number of people.

One of the witnesses, Mr Patapios Palaiologou, a 42 year old worker at a local casino was driving his daughter to school when he saw the UFO.

'The time was 8am in the morning and I was with my daughter in our car. It was a sunny day and the sky was totally clear. . Suddenly, I saw a huge object over the small hillside opposite the village where we live. . It looked like nothing I had ever seen before and I could not believe it. I pointed it out to my stunned daughter. I got out of the car to get a better look. It appeared to be it about 400 meters above ground and it was huge, about 300 meters in diameter. It looked like the planet Saturn with a red ring around it and was metallic silver in colour'.

According to Mr. Paleologos, the UFO remained suspended for about ten seconds, and then the ring began to vibrate at an incredibly fast pace..All of a sudden the object started to tremble very strongly and a few seconds later I saw a terribly intense glow on its right side. Then it disappeared! Indeed, it was incredible. . I am confused. On the one hand I am happy to have witnessed such an event, on the other hand I know that few will believe me.'

Mr Palaiologou reported the incident to the police and noted that they were extremely supportive, jotting down all details and mentioning that others had witnessed the same UFO near the same hill and some of the sightings had even occurred a week before. One other witness turned out to be an aunt of Mr Palaiologou, a Mrs Roula, who also remains shocked by what she saw 'I wish I knew what it was' she commented.

Perhaps alien visitors are scanning ancient historic sites to gain an insight into human beings strange, often aggressive nature. Perhaps they themselves helped create these ancient civilisations and still like to keep an eye on their creations. Some ufologists might argue that the visiting aliens are trying to understand the amusing phenomenon whereby so many human beings and their elected officials refuse to believe in their(the aliens) presence here: even as they make it so obvious.

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From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Sat, 28 Feb 2009 14:22:30 -0500
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Subject: Re: Discreditation Of Ufology

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Fri, 27 Feb 2009 22:13:12 +0000
>Subject: Discreditation Of Ufology [was: Committee For Skeptical Inquiry]

<snip>

>I would venture that most accusers of 'Disinformation programmes'
>etc. are actually pointing their fingers in the wrong direction.

>People like Corso and organisations like the Disclosure Project
>and the Exopolitics movement have done or are doing far more
>damage to ufology than any sceptic group. Individuals and
>organisations who support these are usually the first in the
>queue to make accusations of official interference.

>If I were working for MI5/MI6/DIA/CIA/FBI or any other alphabetti
>spaghetti group in order to undermine serious acceptance of
>ufology, I know who I would be supporting. I would also support
>publications like 'Nexus', 'The Weekly World News', and 'The Sun'
>all of which serve to cast ufology as a domain for cranks only.

>Many on this List have given support to one or another of these
>groups, individuals, or publications in some form. Ufology gets
>exactly what it deserves when it tolerates such entities.

Hey, Joe, why not just tell it like it is... Don't hold back
or anything...

You've said what a number of people feel, and unfortunately
there's no way to control the cacophony of noise that this genre
puts out. Is this a "science" or is it a "belief structure", and
the answer to that question often relies on that individuals
actual experiences?

Those who've had a close encounter often view the subject far
differently than someone still trying to interpret and accept the
data.

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>all of which serve to cast ufology as a domain for cranks only.

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>exactly what it deserves when it tolerates such entities.

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It was stated by Jerome Clark that it is "well documented in
credible historical literature and all linked to immediate Cold
War concerns. It also has nothing to do with the professional
debunking movement, which is mentioned nowhere in that
literature." I agree with most of Jerome's point. Except that it
is prudent to consider its linkage to ufology. Also, it is safe
to say that disinformation methodologies have improved with time.

Let us assume that UFOs are intelligently controlled and some
humans know of this fact. Again, just assume it to be true for
the purposes of this point. Now if they were in fact real, their
existence would be a secret and a much more important secret than
the Cold War.

Given that hypothetical set of facts is would be almost a
certainty that disinformation would be used to keep the secret.

Now, if one considers the ETH an even remote possibility or that

UFOs are secret government craft, then examining the use of disinformation is reasonable.

Frank

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>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Fri, 27 Feb 2009 15:45:31 -0500
>Subject: Re: Committee For Skeptical Inquiry

>I have tracked debunkers for decades and knew or know some of the
>prominent figures personally. The late Marcello Truzzi, who co-
>founded CSICOP (and who broke bitterly with it), was a close
>friend of mine. I've known Joe Nickell since the 1970s, long
>before he took a job with CSICOP/CSI, and his views then are the
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>I do respect his intelligence and sincerity.

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Hello Joe, Frank and List,

With all due respect, Joe, this is a lot of bull.

I am pretty tired of hearing this spurious argument over and over
again: the bulk of the astrology stuff in a year outweighs by
far anything that is published in astronomy, and astronomy has
never been so popular.

You are faulting ufology for being perceived as fringe territory.

Hogwash.

The most damage comes from the alledged scientists who read the
smelly manure excreted with pseudo-competent geek talk and choose
to remain silent.

Science is not at fault. Scientists are.

The same alleged scientists, who are the first to beat to death
a case suffering from the Planet Venus syndrome, become strangely
mute when rubbish gets published by Popular Mechanics or CSISOP.

This is the pure cowardliness of choir boys who are there to
serve, ever so grateful to be part of something larger than them,
even if this means contributing to a big lie.

Faulting ufology is a cop out: it merely serves as the lamest
excuse to desecrate your lab uniform, making you a rat in the
process.

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God, crackpots are everywhere. How do you think the planet got into this mess? Because of obsessive-compulsive competence?

And we should do nothing because, poor us, greed has trumped honesty?

When scientists don't decry the CSISOP and PM B.S., they are, in a sense, like those child molesting priests.

Pious hypocrites.

And they have NO excuse.

Vincent Boudreau

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>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Sat, 28 Feb 2009 14:22:30 -0500
>Subject: Re: Discreditation Of Ufology

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>Hey, Joe, why not just tell it like it is... Don't hold back
>or anything...

I'm not exactly know for my diplomatic touch :-)

>You've said what a number of people feel, and unfortunately
>there's no way to control the cacophony of noise that this genre
>puts out. Is this a "science" or is it a "belief structure", and
>the answer to that question often relies on that individuals
>actual experiences?

You may be right that we can't gain control of ufology, and perhaps that isn't really desirable. Total control also has it's drawbacks. What irks me is that some respected researchers (whether or not that respect is merited) actively participate in events organised by unobjective groups, contribute articles to disreputable journals, and fail to be publicly critical when weak cases are promoted as viable. Groups stage conferences with presentations made by charlatans and proliferate weak cases by treating them as if they are worthy of attention. The motivation of such individuals and groups in my mind is either financial or to gain notoriety at the expense of the reputation of ufology.

When someone does question the credibility of a case or the reliability of a researcher, investigator, or witness, they are often treated as a blasphemous 'debunker' and ignored or derided.

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>data.

and I wouldn't expect any different. The problem isn't the experiencers, but the 'experts' which many of them actively seek out for an explanation to their experience. There are some exceptions where experiencers become active proponents of a particular brand of ufology, but these will in the main have been influenced by acknowledged 'experts' (who are accountable to no-one). The bottom line is that ufology as a whole has no standards, or where they do exist, they are not properly applied.

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Researcher/investigator churn has been happening long before the advent of the internet, though I agree that the people turnover is generally more volatile than it used to be.

The churn isn't only because 'serious' individuals are deterred

by the antics of the glory-hunters, but also because many enter ufology thinking that they either already know the answer or that it won't take long to discover the facts. When they discover how many of their preconceptions are baseless, they throw in the towel. Another factor is that because of the entertainment industry, ufology is portrayed as a thrilling pastime when in fact much of it is extremely tedious and repetitive.

Cheers,

Joe

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Senator McCarthy would be proud of you, Mr Friedman

--
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I have to confess that I am blissfully ignorant about the
situation in the USA. I know that historically, the US
intelligence agencies did take an active interest in ufology.

Here in the UK, the authorities generally hold anything to do
with UFOs at arms length, but there have been exceptions as Nick
Redfern discusses in his book 'On the trail of the Saucer Spies'.

The only active interest in the UK was not directly concerned
with ufology per se, but the activities of some ufologists
outside of ufology. Some people drawn to ufology have anarchic or
otherwise offbeat interests and beliefs. British ufology was (and
may even still be) used as a cover for extreme right-wing
activities. Some elements within British ufology were involved
with the Animal Liberation Front which had carried out letter
bombing campaigns amongst other disruptive and dangerous
activities. Naturally the authorities took an active interest in
thos individuals, but ufology was incidental to their interest.

There is some evidence here that British intelligence took a
passive interest in ufology, with representatives attending UFO
conferences incognito. This was probably in the context of the
risk of exposure of classified projects through ufological
activity. Some ufologists (Tim Good and Matthew Williams for
example) took to hanging around sensitive military installations,
and consequently drew interest from the authorities.

It seems reasonable to me to assume that any military interest in
ufology is only indirectly associated with UFOs. Having said
that, even an indirect interest might encourage the authorities
to attempt to undermine ufology, and in the past, this might have
been best achieved through debunking tactics. My point is that
using groups like the Disclosure Project and the Exopolitics
Movement would be a more effective channel for any such operation
today.

The intelligence services are confronted today with far more
serious threats than the examples given above, and I would expect
any activity by them to be targeted towards the least cost,
maximum effect. Paying a handful of 'debunkers' to spout off
doesn't seem very efficient to me.

In spite of what I wrote above, my own opinion is that the

authorities only exercise a passive interest in ufology today, but were they to take an active interest, they would use the channels mentioned above.

Cheers,

Joe

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Science wasn't the focus of my post - I was discussing general influences on public acceptance that UFOs merit serious investigation. Science is of course a part of that and serious active interest from science would encourage public acceptance.

What scientists need from ufology is a coherent body of data, uncontaminated by accusations of cover-ups, preconceived interpretations of the raw data, exaggeration or skewing of the data, etc.

This has been attempted by some individuals and groups, Dick Hall, Mark Rodeghier (NICAP and CUFOS) come to mind, but their activities were handicapped by the activities of the crank community who leached funds and attention from the 'serious' efforts. The same is happening today - SSDD, and ufology gets what it deserves again.

Regards,

Joe

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This is a typical attitude and response from skeptics.

Terry

Sent: Mar 1, 2009 9:55 AM

In regards to UFO debunking and PSY-ops, CIA, etc.

Although I do not write much about UFOs, what I do write seems to get dismissed by UFO believers as "debunking." I have, in fact, been accused of being in the pay of the US government to provide disinformation on UFOs (during one of my less than half a dozen radio appearances.) [Truth is I decided long ago, there is no point in arguing with hardcore UFO believers, but instead when I do write about these issues, which is extremely rare, I see myself as presenting my view of them and their activities to the mainstream public who knows little about these issues. The main thing I've said is that after 50 years of work UFOlogists have not accumulated any hard evidence of anything and could not stock a well-done exhibit in a reputable museum with their findings, or obtain a decent grant from the government or write a balanced chapter in a legitimate mainstream science textbook.]

Nevertheless, I am accused of opinionated, agenda-driven debunking when I write these things.

So, if I'm doing all this work, how come I'm not getting paid for it?

Which branch of the federal government funds this stuff and how do I sign up? What is the application procedure?=C2

Please tell them where to find me. I am in need of cash.

Thank you.

Peter Huston

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Yes, Stan, you didn't think this up all by yourself. Corliss
Lamont's role in the AHA is well known and gets mentioned in any
even mildly comprehensive commentary on its history.

In fact, the anonymous papers thought by some to be a Scientology
project (because they resembled the sorts of black jobs for which
the group was notorious in those days; as far as I know, however,
nothing was ever proved) were loaded with sinister Lamont-based
insinuations. Though papers were lucidly written and well
researched, as with so much discourse on loaded subjects - as
witness what we see from some on this List almost daily - the
distance between data and conclusions could be measured in
parsecs.

For those who don't know the name, Lamont virtually defined the
Cold War fellow traveler (i.e., someone who, though not
personally a Communist, harbored open sympathies for the Stalin-
era Soviet Union and advocated its case against the West). A
wealthy man from a family inheritance, Lamont did play a large
role in creating and financing the American Humanist Association,
out of which CSICOP evolved, though the two soon separated to
become independent entities. Paul Kurtz, who would lead CSICOP
for decades, had been AHA president, and the anti-paranormal
crusade within the AHA began on his watch.

Of course, no sane person ever accused the AHA of being a
Communist front group. Lamont's strange allegiances
notwithstanding, the AHA's membership held, and holds, a range of
political views. Atheist materialism, the glue that holds the AHA
together, is not a political ideology. Atheists can be found
anywhere on the political spectrum.

The anonymous papers argued that the Russians sought to stop Pentagon research into parapsychological techniques by discrediting the reality of psi. No actual reason to believe that the Soviets funded any American group for that purpose has ever been demonstrated.

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>Paranormal activities which do have basic military possibilities.

Your point being? Kurtz was an anti-Communist and, at least at one time, something of a neoconservative. He voted for Reagan, which disgusted some of his CSICOP colleagues and amused others, given Reagan's penchant for astrology and end-times prophecy.

It bears noting that the most active American UFO debunkers are almost uniformly to the right - sometimes far to the right - in their political beliefs. Philip J. Klass, for example, could be accurately characterized as a hard-core wingnut. If he held a single progressive opinion, I never heard of it in all my years of interacting with him and otherwise monitoring his actions and pronouncements.

In my correspondence with him, the only non-UFO periodical he ever quoted was the conservative National Review. Klass believed, as I have documented elsewhere, that persons who thought the U.S. government might lie about anything (and not just UFOs) amounted to Soviet sympathizers.

>Discouragement of outside interest in related activities could
>serve the goals of both the CIA and Stalinists.

And paranoia about debunkers, which makes ufologists look unhinged, serves the goals of our critics.

Come on, Stan, you know better than that. As you yourself have often demonstrated to great effect, there is much about debunkers open to legitimate criticism. Why any time should be wasted on illegitimate criticism is a mystery. Fortunately, since I am not a paranoid, I will not provide the obvious paranoid answer to that question.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Committee For Skeptical Inquiry

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark.nul>
Date: Sun, 1 Mar 2009 10:12:40 -0500
Archived: Sun, 01 Mar 2009 14:20:38 -0500
Subject: Re: Committee For Skeptical Inquiry

>>From: Stanton T Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 28 Feb 2009 22:19:23 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Committee For Skeptical Inquiry

>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>>To: <post.nul>
>>>Date: Fri, 27 Feb 2009 15:45:31 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Committee For Skeptical Inquiry

>For those who don't know the name, Lamont virtually defined the Cold War
>fellow traveler (i.e., someone who, though not personally a Communist,
>harbored open sympathies for the Stalin-era Soviet Union and advocated
>its case against the West). A wealthy man from a family inheritance,
>Lamont did play a large role in creating and financing the American
>Humanist Association, out of which CSICOP evolved, though the two soon
>separated to become independent entities. Paul Kurtz, who would lead
>CSICOP for decades, had been AHA president, and the anti-paranormal
>crusade within the AHA began on his watch.

This last statement is in error. Kurtz was never AHA president.

He was, however, editor of the organization's magazine, The Humanist, when it published "Objections to Astrology" (September/October 1975 issue), one consequence of which was the decision - encouraged by interested academics, scientists, and freelance writers (including non-Humanists such as Marcello Truzzi and Martin Gardner), to formalize anti-paranormal activism into an organization.

I apologize for the mistake. I have a good excuse, though: when I made it, I'd consumed only my first cup of morning coffee.

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Re: UFO Sighting Near Corinth Greece

From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos.nul>
Date: Sun, 01 Mar 2009 11:13:55 -0500
Archived: Sun, 01 Mar 2009 14:21:49 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Sighting Near Corinth Greece

>Source: All News Web - Sydney, New South Wales, Australia

><http://www.allnewsweb.com/page3143143.php>

>28-2-2009

>Greece: Clear UFO Sighting Near Corinth, Multiple Witnesses
>Michael Cohen m.cohen.nul

>It appears that visitors from other worlds are taking a real
>interest in Greece. Greek newspaper 'Espresso' recently reported
>that earlier this month on Tuesday February 3 a clear UFO
>sighting occurred on the Peloponnese Peninsula near the Isthmus
>of Corinth. The UFO was witnessed and reported to local the
>police by a number of people.

>One of the witnesses, Mr Patapios Palaiologou, a 42 year old
>worker at a local casino was driving his daughter to school when
>he saw the UFO.

>'The time was 8am in the morning and I was with my daughter in
>our car. It was a sunny day and the sky was totally clear. .
>Suddenly, I saw a huge object over the small hillside opposite
>the village where we live. . It looked like nothing I had ever
>seen before and I could not believe it. I pointed it out to my
>stunned daughter. I got out of the car to get a better look. It
>appeared to be it about 400 meters above ground and it was huge,
>about 300 meters in diameter. It looked like the planet Saturn
>with a red ring around it and was metallic silver in colour'.

<snip>

Hi Everyone,

The Greek e-newspaper 'Expresso' is not among the more respected
and credible daily Greek newspapers that occasionally also do
report on UFOs. The U.K. 'Sun' and the U.S. 'Globe' newspapers
are rough equivalents to Greece's 'Expresso' but they are more
responsible in their news reporting.

The fact that Australia's 'All News Web' was the only other news
source to cover this month old UFO story and lacks details to
allow one to investigate further, is further reason not to take
this UFO sighting seriously.

Corinth is a short commute west of Athens, the largest city of
Greece, and not far from the 2 kilometer plus long Rion-Antirion
Bridge that links northern Greece (and the rest of Europe) to the
Peloponnese (southern Greece), technically the largest Greek
island after the Corinth canal was completed. If Mr. Palaiologou
is accurate in his estimate of the size of this Saturn shaped UFO
(1000 foot in diameter!), there would have been many more
witnesses than just him and his daughter and independently by his
aunt and possibly other neighbours.

If the highway from Athens to Corinth or the Rion-Bridge have
live traffic cameras as the hundreds we have from Toronto all the
way to the U.S. border at Niagara Falls, then this massive UFO

would certainly have been shown on 'Expresso tv' along with other shows about scandals, fashion and personalities.

If you want a know about a very important Greek UFO incident that happened very near this same area but had many more witnesses and was independently verified, check out the UFO crash and recovery operation that involved the Hellenic Air Force that was first mentioned in the article below.

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

Nick Balaskas

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From: **Stanton T Friedman** <fsphys.nul>
Date: Sun, 1 Mar 2009 13:05:58 -0400
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>Compiled and edited by Valerie Vaughan

<snip>

I have mentioned Jim MacDonald's name and research in almost all of my more than 700 lectures and focus on his findings on pages 50-52 of my book "Flying Saucers and Science". As I recall Jim's Congressional Testimony (71pages long) is not included in the Vaughan compendium. It is available from my website

<http://www.stantonfriedman.com>

I consider him the finest ufologist that ever lived.

Stan Friedman

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Re: Committee For Skeptical Inquiry

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Sun, 1 Mar 2009 12:57:15 -0500
Archived: Sun, 01 Mar 2009 14:26:59 -0500
Subject: Re: Committee For Skeptical Inquiry

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Fri, 27 Feb 2009 22:46:57 -0500
>Subject: Re: Committee For Skeptical Inquiry

>>From: Franklin Fields <fields.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Thu, 26 Feb 2009 20:26:56 -0500 (EST)
>>Subject: Committee For Skeptical Inquiry

>>Seven articles in one day, the Committee for Skeptical Inquiry
>>has been busy.

>>If I did not know better I might think they were a professional
>>debunking society with a PYS-OP agenda.

>>Of course it would be illegal to perpetrate fraud against the
>>public. But I guess ignorance is legal.

>My response to Shaeffer et al:

>Source: Bruce Maccabee's Research Site

><http://www.brumac.8k.com/prosaic1.html>

I thank Errol for posting part of my article and the link to the
rest of it. I would point out that Klass never responded to this
article - it was published before his death.

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Re: Discreditation Of Ufology

From: **Gerald O'Connell** <gac.nul>
Date: Sun, 1 Mar 2009 18:24:49 +0000
Archived: Sun, 01 Mar 2009 14:28:11 -0500
Subject: Re: Discreditation Of Ufology

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Sun, 01 Mar 2009 14:37:45 +0000
>Subject: Re: Discreditation Of Ufology

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>I have to confess that I am blissfully ignorant about the
>situation in the USA. I know that historically, the US
>intelligence agencies did take an active interest in ufology.

>Here in the UK, the authorities generally hold anything to do
>with UFOs at arms length, but there have been exceptions as Nick
>Redfern discusses in his book 'On the trail of the Saucer Spies'.

>The only active interest in the UK was not directly concerned
>with ufology per se, but the activities of some ufologists
>outside of ufology. Some people drawn to ufology have anarchic or
>otherwise offbeat interests and beliefs. British ufology was (and
>may even still be) used as a cover for extreme right-wing
>activities. Some elements within British ufology were involved
>with the Animal Liberation Front which had carried out letter
>bombing campaigns amongst other disruptive and dangerous
>activities. Naturally the authorities took an active interest in
>thos individuals, but ufology was incidental to their interest.

>There is some evidence here that British intelligence took a
>passive interest in ufology, with representatives attending UFO
>conferences incognito. This was probably in the context of the
>risk of exposure of classified projects through ufological
>activity. Some ufologists (Tim Good and Matthew Williams for
>example) took to hanging around sensitive military installations,
>and consequently drew interest from the authorities.

>It seems reasonable to me to assume that any military interest in
>ufology is only indirectly associated with UFOs. Having said
>that, even an indirect interest might encourage the authorities
>to attempt to undermine ufology, and in the past, this might have
>been best achieved through debunking tactics. My point is that
>using groups like the Disclosure Project and the Exopolitics
>Movement would be a more effective channel for any such operation
>today.

>The intelligence services are confronted today with far more
>serious threats than the examples given above, and I would expect
>any activity by them to be targeted towards the least cost,
>maximum effect. Paying a handful of 'debunkers' to spout off
>doesn't seem very efficient to me.

>In spite of what I wrote above, my own opinion is that the
>authorities only exercise a passive interest in ufology today,
>but were they to take an active interest, they would use the
>channels mentioned above.

For your opinion to have any credibility, Joe, you need explain
in some detail just exactly why things are different today.

When British Intelligence Services were tracking ufologists with
an interest in secret or highly sensitive secure installations,

these locations were prime targets for nuclear powers in a tense, cold war context. What are the 'far more serious threats' confronted today?

The problem with your stance is that it is evidence-based in the most naive way possible: of course, over time, government secrets are laid bare; this means that all the evidence is old evidence, and there is no contemporary evidence. But in the case of government secrets, that will always, by definition, be the case.

The question to ask is whether there is any qualitative difference between government openness now and in the period in the past for which evidence of Intelligence Service interest now exists. The answer is, of course, a resounding 'no'. Only a few days ago there was irrefutable evidence of this:

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk_politics/7266889.stm

Take a look at the patient, serious work on this issue undertaken by Richard Dolan. What you see is that at any particular point in time for which hard evidence is available there is a measurable gulf between what a government says and what it does in this domain. The reasons for this may indeed change over time, but the basic facts don't.

-- Gerald O'Connell
<http://www.onlyport.com>

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Re: Former Defence Minister Maintains UFOs

From: Stanton T Friedman <fsphys.nul>
Date: Sun, 1 Mar 2009 14:43:04 -0400
Archived: Sun, 01 Mar 2009 14:32:33 -0500
Subject: Re: Former Defence Minister Maintains UFOs

>From: Alfred Lehmsberg <alienview.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Wed, 25 Feb 2009 08:24:46 -0600
>Subject: Re: Former Defence Minister Maintains UFOs 'Irrefutable'

<snip>

>>That said, Mr. Hellyer seems better courted than completely
>>castigated, eh? I know a guy who kicks himself because he had a
>>first crack at Hellyer but otherwise distracted, passed him off
>>to another guy.

>The "guy" is me... When Strange Days... Indeed was being broadcast
>in Toronto and Montreal, a friend of Hellyer's called the Toronto
>station and told Victor Viggiani and I that the former politician
>was "interested in UFOs". After a second call I suggested that he
>leave Hellyer's number with the screener and we would call him.

>At the time and trusting Victor and I were on the same page
>regarding UFO phenomena, the people and the politics, I suggested
>that Victor give Hellyer a call. A mistake.

>Victor and Mike Bird - a very nice man whose mind is, in the eyes
>of more than a few, a little too open - contacted Hellyer and Bird
>introducing him to the Corso book. This without my knowledge.

>When Bird and Viggiani staged the Toronto Disclosure Conference in
>2005, my jaw dropped and Stan Friedman, sitting in front of Mike
>Woods and I, slumped in his seat, as Hellyer told the audience
>and press that he was convinced that UFOs existed. He then went
>on to extol Corso's book.

>It eventually transpired that Victor Viggiani, who I regarded as
>a close friend, had his own agenda as far as ufology is concerned.
>He walked off SDI in May 2006 during Dave Furlotte's 'Take On It'.
>Dave was pointing out that Steven Greer, being brought to Toronto
>by Bird and Viggiani - and plugged on-air by Viggiani - was not a
>man held in regard by this field. I've had no contact with either
>Viggiani nor Bird.

>Hellyer, a ufological naif, has been badly exploited by the exopols
>and has nothing to offer ufology. He merely creates misinformed
>distraction and opinion based on dubious sources. And despite what
>he and others now claim there is little or no evidence to suggest
>he was in some sort of ufological-loop as Defence Minister.

>And yes, I do regret not contacting him myself in the first place...

>ebk

I did indeed slump in Toronto both at the auditorium presentation
by Mr. Hellyer and at the Press Conference.

I do hope I am as healthy as he looked at his age, but that I
continue to use verifiable evidence which he did not. At the
press conference he strongly claimed that he had not had access
to classified information about UFOs.

Stan Friedman

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Re: Discreditation Of Ufology

From: **Franklin Fields** <fields.nul>
Date: Sun, 1 Mar 2009 14:29:06 -0500 (EST)
Archived: Sun, 01 Mar 2009 15:23:12 -0500
Subject: Re: Discreditation Of Ufology

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Sun, 01 Mar 2009 14:37:45 +0000
>Subject: Re: Discreditation Of Ufology

>>From: Franklin Fields <fields.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Sat, 28 Feb 2009 16:07:32 -0500 (EST)
>>Subject: Re: Discreditation Of Ufology

>Hi Frank,

><snip>

>>I could not agree more Joe. Again, I said it would be naive to
>>dismiss the possibility of disinformation. I am not limiting it
>>to skeptics. I pointed out that the CIA and others have used
>>disinformation extensively in the past.

><snip>

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>situation in the USA. I know that historically, the US
>intelligence agencies did take an active interest in ufology.

<snip>

>In spite of what I wrote above, my own opinion is that the
>authorities only exercise a passive interest in ufology today,
>but were they to take an active interest, they would use the
>channels mentioned above.

Joe, PSY-OPS are normally used outside of normal authorities.

Pardon my brief definition to insure we are on the same sheet.
Disinformation, propaganda, and other similar strategies are termed
PSY-OPS by the military.

PSY-OPS use deception and other means to influence an audience's values,
belief systems, emotions, reasoning, and behavior. I will use the term
PSY-OP here but these strategies have many names.

PSY-OPS have been used and are currently being used by government agencies
such as the U.S. CIA and modern military commands. I think most would
agree that there is ample evidence to support that conclusion.

I agree the evidence of PSY-OP usage in the UFO subject area is limited
but there are known instances. It is the nature of PSY-OPs that most will
never be known. If the intended targets learn of the activity it would
not be effective.

PSY-OPS are a reality and their use is not limited to governments.
Actually, the government, which also includes the military, contracts with
companies (military industrial complex) that provide services to
supplement their organizational capability. The companies could and do
provide corporations and private individuals with similar services.

For example, a large oil company like Exxon or BP might use the services
of a PSY-OP company to influence public opinion in Mongolia, to give their

company better access to drilling areas.

I am not specifically saying the CIA or the U.S. government is using PSY-OPS on Ufology per se. It is likely, in my opinion, that it is being applied in some way. I say this because there is some strong evidence uncovered by investigators. Terry Hansen and Timothy Good's work come to mind. The PSY-OPS are not necessarily be perpetrated by governments. For the ETH believers it could be an outside ET intelligence applying similar tactics.

But assuming only human interference, it is only natural that it would be applied to the UFO subject area if in fact someone or some agency was trying to keep UFOs a secret. It would also be used if someone was trying to make the public believe in UFOs (think false flag).

My main point is that PSY-OPS are real. It is easily discovered in main stream history and contemporary literature. As a U.S. Military Officer I was trained on aspects of its use. Go to the U.S. Army recruiting web site and see that they are looking for a few good men to keep up the effort. See site:

<http://www.bragg.army.mil/psyop/psyopintro.htm>

I have said this on the List before but I will say it again now, serious UFO researchers should consider the possibilities. Considering PSY-OP usage is not akin to being a conspiracy theorist. It should be part of the job description for a serious investigator.

Best,

Frank

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From: Dick Hall <dh12.nul>
Date: Sun, 1 Mar 2009 14:47:00 -0500
Archived: Sun, 01 Mar 2009 15:25:54 -0500
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>Congressional Testimony (71pages long) is not included in the
>Vaughan compendium. It is available from my website

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

>I consider him the finest ufologist that ever lived.

>Stan Friedman

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for UFO Research. Regretably, we failed to copyright it and this
guy is one of those opportunists who seizes on such lapses for
personal profit. Copies should still be available from FUFOR. If
anyone wants to order it, you should try there first.

Dick

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Re: Sally's Strange Saga And The Raytheon Ray Gun!

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Sun, 1 Mar 2009 20:46:36 +0000
Archived: Mon, 02 Mar 2009 07:36:18 -0500
Subject: Re: Sally's Strange Saga And The Raytheon Ray Gun!

With regard to whether a targeted individual (TI) can tell if they are the focus of EM radiation. My opinion is based on investigative research done as background for a series of articles in Paranoia Magazine and reading abduction cases as an unnamed contributor to Dr. Lammer's book on MIB type abduction.

Usually, the TI experiences a flashing bright light. The TI assumes that the bright light is external. It is not. It is the effect of EM frequencies being directed at the TI. Piggy-backed on the chosen frequency, is another frequency containing a sound - called "silent sound." This frequency can contain a "trigger word" - sounds/modulation that equals a trigger word.

When the "trigger word" impacts the TI's brain, depending on the TI, a script and imagery surfaces from the subconscious. The human brain is truly a remarkable organ and willingly supplies whatever is required without the conscious brain interfering.

In 1974, the U.S. Army published a report on Russian techniques which interfered with human behavior/neurological responses. One Russian experiment involved the effect of flashing lights. The results of these experiments maybe the reason the Russian academic community has a very different approach to the so-called UFO phenomena. It goes something like this: there might be an external cause that creates an emotional response in the human witness. The above is a very limited statement as this is not the forum for a full fledged discussion.

KK

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Re: Discreditation Of Ufology

From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
Date: Sun, 01 Mar 2009 17:45:41 -0500
Archived: Mon, 02 Mar 2009 08:04:12 -0500
Subject: Re: Discreditation Of Ufology

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Sun, 01 Mar 2009 13:58:28 +0000
>Subject: Re: Discreditation Of Ufology

<snip>

>What irks me is that some respected researchers [...] fail to be publicly critical when weak cases are promoted as viable. Groups stage conferences with presentations made by charlatans and proliferate weak cases by treating them as if they are worthy of attention.

A lot of wisdom in such comments. I'd love to ask the documentary producers who choose weak cases (I know there are a few exceptions) why they choose weak cases and avoid the strong cases.

Brad Sparks made that weak case point very cogently, with examples of strong cases, several years ago.

Eleanor White

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Two Crop-Circle Experts Die Within Hours

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Subject: Two Crop-Circle Experts Die Within Hours

Source: The Western Daily Press - Bristol, England, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/bpcjkb>

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

Two Crop-Circle Experts Die Within Hours Of Each Other

The crop circle community has been left stunned after two of its leading lights died within hours of each other.

Dorset investigator and conference organiser David Kingston passed away last week after a year-long battle with cancer.

Meanwhile, the body of crop circle investigator Paul Vigay was found on the Hampshire coast at Southsea.

Mr Kingston was a prominent organiser in the crop circle and UFO research fields, running one of the biggest website and holding a prominent annual conference in Dorchester.

The 70-year-old began full-time UFO research in 1976 and began investigating crop circles in the late 1980s. The Dorchester conferences began in the mid 1990s, after he started lecturing on UFOs, crop circles and conspiracy theories.

The conferences scheduled for this spring and summer were cancelled when Mr Kingston's health took a turn for the worse recently.

Fellow researcher and friend David Haith said: "His wife Mary and his family were at his bedside.

"He was a tireless worker for truth and through his website, conferences and lectures, encouraged a great number of people to go on their own explorations of the mysteries of the universe.

"Now David is en route to uncovering one of the greatest mysteries of all and we wish him a fond bon voyage on his last great journey," he added.

Mr Kingston, from Weymouth, said he first saw UFOs while serving with the RAF all over the world, and found his true calling when links were made between the new phenomenon of crop circles and UFOs in the late 1980s.

His conferences hosted lectures by the world's most prominent experts on UFOs and crop circles, including the British Government's former UFO investigator Nick Pope and Troggs frontman Reg Presley.

Another to have lectured at the Dorchester spring conferences was Paul Vigay, a mathematician and computer expert who became one of the leading lights of the crop circle world.

His body was found on the shore at Southsea, near Portsmouth,

last Thursday =96 police say the circumstances surrounding his death are not suspicious.

Mr Vigay, 44, was well known in the fields of Wiltshire and renowned among crop circle devotees as an expert at decoding the hidden meanings in crop circle patterns. "Paul was one of the brightest stars in the crop circle universe," said circle photographer and researcher Lucy Pringle.

"A talented mathematician, computer technician and a maker of electronic gadgets, he was one of the first researchers into the crop circle phenomenon in the early 1990s, where his talents were quickly recognised.

"He had an exceptional gift for investigation and often led the field in deciphering the mathematical aspects found in certain crop circles. He was amazingly articulate and he had a rare knack of being able to explain technical details in the simplest language. He has made a major contribution to the subject and his place will not be easily filled," she added.

Mr Vigay's friend of 23 years Claire Diestler, 39, from Bedhampton, said she visited him for a cup of coffee last Tuesday. She said: "He was absolutely fine, that's why I am so shocked. There was absolutely no indication that anything was wrong. In fact he was quite jokey. We all feel a bit guilty having seen him.

"We are all worried we did not pick up on something.'

Mrs Diestler added: "He was really interested in UFOs and anything a bit unusual like crop circles.

"He used to go to Wiltshire quite a lot to take photographs of them. He was really popular and had a lot of friends. He was very funny and we always had some great laughs," she said.

[Thanks to Dave Haith for the lead]

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Abduct Me

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Mon, 2 Mar 2009 10:55:04 +0100 (CET)
Archived: Mon, 02 Mar 2009 08:13:51 -0500
Subject: Abduct Me

Sky recently launched a show called Abduct Me:

<http://skyl.sky.com/show/abduct-me>

It's somewhat tongue-in-cheek, but as the 8-part series progresses there will be some interesting interviews with various UK abductees and contactees who may be new to many on this List.

Best wishes,

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

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Inexplicata Blog Updated

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
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Archived: Tue, 03 Mar 2009 06:23:02 -0500
Subject: Inexplicata Blog Updated

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology
March 02, 2009

Mexico: Unusual Object Over Mexico City
By Ana Luisa Cid

A Brush with the Netherworld
By Scott Corrales

Mexico: The Flying Humanoid (or Balloon) Video

Argentina: Another Fireball over Patagonia

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Evidence For Paranormal Doesn't Improve

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Subject: Evidence For Paranormal Doesn't Improve

Source: Yahoo News - USA

<http://tinyurl.com/dam29a>

Mon Mar 2, 2009

Why Evidence For The Paranormal Doesn't Improve
By Benjamin Radford
LiveScience.com's Bad Science Columnist

It seems that every month or two some new piece of evidence surfaces that promises to shed light on an unexplained mystery: A miraculous healing story here, a Borneo river monster photo there. Yet like the proverbial carrot before the donkey, final evidence is always in sight but never obtained.

For decades, UFO buffs have claimed that conclusive proof of alien life is just around the corner. They believe that the "truth will be revealed" - either by extraterrestrials finally making themselves known (a visit to the White House lawn or Times Square might be on the agenda), or by the world's governments ending their conspiracy of silence and letting the public see the real evidence and alien bodies they've had on ice since 1947.

For decades, New Agers have heralded the coming of, well, a New Age. Some may remember the "Harmonic Convergence" that took place in August 1987, when thousands of people gathered at supposedly sacred sites around the world (including Stonehenge and the Golden Gate Bridge) to help usher in a global era of peace, brotherly love, and unity. Unfortunately - despite two days of song, prayer, and dancing - the world's wars, genocide, terrorism, and catastrophe have continued unabated.

Time and again, conclusive evidence is promised and fails to materialize; in fact it follows a predictable pattern. First, a non-scientist or layperson claims to have discovered some important new piece of evidence (such as the discovery of Noah's Ark on Mt. Ararat in Turkey or the discovery of a Bigfoot track). News media then pick up and broadcast the story, sensationalizing it in the process. Then, as public interest mounts, the original promoters promise that scientists will examine the evidence and prove their claims.

You might think that the next step is that scientists examine the evidence and then hold a press conference to announce that the existence of UFOs, Bigfoot, psychic powers, etc. has finally been verified.

But that doesn't happen. Instead, the claims just fade away. Sometimes the evidence turns out to be hoaxed (such as the "Bigfoot body" reported in Georgia, or the New Jersey UFO lights case). More often, the evidence is not faked, it is simply ambiguous and open to a variety of interpretations. Nothing comes of the story because nothing can be determined from the evidence.

A case in point is the Yeti (Bigfoot) tracks found in 2007, by Josh Gates, host of the Sci Fi series "Destination Truth." Gates couldn't figure out what made a few strange tracks in the Himalaya mountains, and assumed it must have been a Yeti. The discovery made international news (aided by the publicity arm of the TV show), and the tracks were sent to the United States to be examined by top scientists. And what became of the footprint, touted as elusive hard evidence for the existence of the Yeti?

As usual, the story began with a bang and ended with a whimper.

The best preserved track that Gates found is not being studied by scientists at the Smithsonian. It is not the subject of scientific scrutiny, with results being published in a peer-reviewed science journal.

No, the much-hyped, long-awaited solid evidence of the Yeti is currently on display at Disney World.

[Thanks to Greg Boone for the lead]

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UFO-Sighting Hotline Up And Running

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Source: The Western Daily Press - Bristol, England, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/c5tcqe>

Monday, March 02, 2009

UFO-Sighting Hotline Up And Running

Flickering mysteriously across the sky or inexplicably going bump in the night, they can create excitement, disbelief and wild conjecture.

But the vast majority of reported UFO sightings or inexplicable happenings have simple and logical, if often somewhat disappointing explanations.

Now West researchers dealing with UFOs and the paranormal, have joined forces to launch a new hotline for people to report intriguing sightings or occurrences.

The 24 hour response line has been set-up by the Swindon UFO Research and Wiltshire Phenomena Research to cope with the enquiries and reports from the public.

From UFOs to spirits that apparently don't just come out of a bottle down at the local pub, they want to hear from anyone who has witnessed such happenings.

Chris Williams of Swindon UFO Research said: "Callers can contact us and we will route their call to an expert within either of the two groups who we feel would be best be able to handle the enquiry."

Mr Williams, who is in his early 40s, has spent half his life delving into UFOs and formed the Swindon group in November 2007.

He said that since June last year the Swindon group had received 47 reports on mysterious objects hurtling through the skies, virtually all of which have been cleared-up with down to earth explanations.

"These have ranged from helicopters and aircraft to light shows and the appearance of Venus."

His team is currently working on a string of reports of strange "dancing lights" spotted in the skies to the north of Swindon last Thursday.

It now appears it was a light show created at Cirencester College during an open day for prospective students.

Mr Williams said: "We believe the lights reflected and refracted in the sky. About ninety nine per cent of sightings have explanations like that.

"We can clear those up and concentrate on the one per cent where

there isn't a logical or apparent explanation."

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Re: Discreditation Of Ufology

From: **Franklin Fields** <fields.nul>
Date: Mon, 2 Mar 2009 16:02:08 -0500 (EST)
Archived: Tue, 03 Mar 2009 06:33:51 -0500
Subject: Re: Discreditation Of Ufology

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Sun, 01 Mar 2009 14:37:45 +0000
>Subject: Re: Discreditation Of Ufology

>>From: Franklin Fields <fields.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Sat, 28 Feb 2009 16:07:32 -0500 (EST)
>>Subject: Re: Discreditation Of Ufology

>Hi Frank,

><snip>

>>I could not agree more Joe. Again, I said it would be naive to
>>dismiss the possibility of disinformation. I am not limiting it
>>to skeptics. I pointed out that the CIA and others have used
>>disinformation extensively in the past.

><snip>

>I have to confess that I am blissfully ignorant about the
>situation in the USA. I know that historically, the US
>intelligence agencies did take an active interest in ufology.

<Snip>

>In spite of what I wrote above, my own opinion is that the
>authorities only exercise a passive interest in ufology today,
>but were they to take an active interest, they would use the
>channels mentioned above.

Joe,

PSY-OPS are normally used outside of normal authorities.

Pardon my brief definition to insure we are on the same sheet.
Disinformation, propaganda, and other similar strategies are
termed PSY-OPS by the military.

PSY-OPS use deception and other means to influence an audience's
values, belief systems, emotions, reasoning, and behavior. I
will use the term PSY-OP here but these strategies have many
names.

PSY-OPS have been used and are currently being used by
government agencies such as the U.S. CIA and modern military
commands. I think most would agree that there is ample evidence
to support that conclusion.

I agree the evidence of PSY-OP usage in the UFO subject area is
limited but there are known instances. It is the nature of PSY-
OPs that most will never be known. If the intended targets learn
of the activity it would not be effective.

PSY-OPS are a reality and their use is not limited to
governments. Actually, the government, which also includes the
military, contracts with companies (military industrial complex)

that provide services to supplement their organizational capability. The companies could and do provide corporations and private individuals with similar services.

For example, a large oil company like Exxon or BP might use the services of a PSY-OP company to influence public opinion in Mongolia, to give their company better access to drilling areas.

I am not specifically saying the CIA or the U.S. government is using PSY-OPS on Ufology per se. It is likely, in my opinion, that it is being applied in some way. I say this because there is some strong evidence uncovered by investigators. Terry Hansen and Timothy Good's work come to mind. The PSY-OPS are not necessarily be perpetrated by governments. For the ETH believers it could be an outside ET intelligence applying similar tactics.

But assuming only human interference, it is only natural that it would be applied to the UFO subject area if in fact someone or some agency was trying to keep UFOs a secret. It would also be used if someone was trying to make the public believe in UFOs (think false flag).

My main point is that PSY-OPS are real. It is easily discovered in main stream history and contemporary literature. As a U.S. Military Officer I was trained on aspects of its use. Go to the U.S. Army recruiting web site and see that they are looking for a few good men to keep up the effort. See site:

<http://www.bragg.army.mil/psyop/psyopintro.htm>

I have said this on the List before but I will say it again, serious UFO researchers should consider the possibilities. Considering PSY-OP usage is not akin to being a conspiracy theorist. It should be part of the job description for a serious investigator.

Best,

Frank

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Ike Librarian Denies Any Film Footage

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Subject: Ike Librarian Denies Any Film Footage

Source: Larry W. Bryant's Blog

<http://ufoview.posterous.com/item-224-ike-librarian-denies>

February 27, 2009

Item 2.24: Ike Librarian Denies Possessing Any Film Footage of Eisenhower's Viewing of UFO-E.T. Artifacts

[LWB note: In a near-historically timely response to my 19 Feb 09 FOIA request (posted as Item 2.20 of this blog - <http://ufoview.posterous.com>), a staffer at the Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library in Abilene, Kan., has sent me a snail-mail reply dated Feb. 20, 2009. Though he - Tim Rives - apparently has done no actual records search for the alleged UFO-E.T. film footage in question, he nevertheless declares that the library contains no such material. I'm quoting his reply, below. Meantime, his denial raises some key points, e.g.:

(1) Either he's been misinformed or is lying about the whereabouts of the film's original negative, or he's keeping the door open on whether the (inherited) copy now in the hands of a fellow named "Bob" may indeed be the original version.

(2) Here's a professional librarian we'd expect to have some excitement over a citizen's possible discovery of a monumental slice of presidential history, and he refrains from even suggesting how his institution (or some other one) might facilitate the forensic vetting of that specimen.

(3) How many times during his librarianship has Rives encountered such a claimed discovery only to end up so jaded as to greet with an arbitrary shoulder-shrug any public inquiry about it? His reaction to the claim has all the irony of the ending of the movie "Raiders of the Lost Arc," whereby the original negative of the Ike UFO-E.T. film reposes on some obscure, dusty basement shelf amidst dozens of canisters labeled, say, "Army Recruitment Training Films of the 1950s Era."]

Text Of Mr. Rives's 20 Feb 09 Letter To L.W.B.:

Dear Mr. Bryant:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act request, which we received in this office on February 20, 2009.

I am sorry, but we do not hold motion pictures, still photographs, or records of any kind documenting President Eisenhower's alleged inspection of alien bodies or UFOs.

You also inquired whether we would accept such a record should it be offered to us. The short answer is yes, provided it

conforms to the criteria outlined in our acquisitions policy below:

Historical materials sought will be those documenting the private and public lives of General and President Dwight D. Eisenhower, as well as the historical events and governmental policies which shaped the mid-Twentieth Century and on which he exercised considerable influence.

* Materials must have substantial historical value.

* The creator, either individual or corporate, must have had a direct - or if indirect, significant - relationship with, or impact on, the life and/or political and governmental activities of General and President Eisenhower, or the larger social, cultural, political, and economic environments that shaped Eisenhower's private life and public service. Papers and associated historical materials will be solicited from:

** The President and the President's family.

** Close personal friends of the President and Mrs. Eisenhower.

** White House staff holding political and policy positions as well as White House career administrative staff whose functions included significant, regular contact with the First Family.

** Executive Office of the President officials who held political and policy-related positions.

** Executive Department Secretaries, Under-, Assistant-, and Deputy-Secretaries. The papers of non-political (career) officials who held solely operational and administrative responsibilities will be solicited only in special circumstances.

** Historical materials of or relating to governmental or nongovernmental organizations with which Dwight D. Eisenhower was associated.

** Collectors of historical memorabilia, particularly those holding presidential and political items relevant to the Museum's exhibit programming.

Again, we would welcome the donation of any substantial historical material fitting the criteria defined as above. Please note, however, that as a federal agency we are prohibited by law from buying material. It must be given to us.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Tim Rives
Supervisory & Solicitation Archivist
Eisenhower Presidential Library & Museum

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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"Lost Sheep Of The Universe"

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Source: The Westender - Brisbane, Australia

<http://www.westender.com.au/news/428>

Mon, 2 Mar 2009

"Lost Sheep Of The Universe"

The Vatican's chief astronomer says that advanced extraterrestrial life is a distinct possibility

The Vatican's chief astronomer says there is no conflict between believing in God and in the possibility of extraterrestrial civilizations, perhaps more evolved than humans.

"In my opinion this possibility exists," said the Reverend Jos=E9 Gabriel Funes, head of the Vatican Observatory and a scientific adviser to Pope Benedict XVI, referring to life on other planets.

"How can we exclude that life has developed elsewhere," he said in an interview with the Vatican newspaper L'Osservatore Romano. The large number of galaxies with their own planets makes this possible, he noted. Asked if he was referring to beings similar to humans or even more evolved than humans, he said: "Certainly, in a universe this big you can't exclude this hypothesis."

In the interview Funes said he saw no conflict between belief in such beings and faith in God. "Just as there is a multiplicity of creatures on earth, there can be other beings, even intelligent, created by God. This is not in contrast with our faith because we can't put limits on God's creative freedom. Why can't we speak of a 'brother extraterrestrial'? It would still be part of creation."

Funes, who runs the observatory that is based south of Rome and in Arizona, held out the possibility that the human race might actually be the "lost sheep" of the universe. There could be other beings "who remained in full friendship with their creator," he said.

Funes' commentary is a giant step away from the historical record that includes the Inquisition, which condemned Galileo in the 17th century for insisting that the Earth revolved around the Sun. The Roman Catholic Church did not rehabilitate him until 1992.

Funes said he believed as an astronomer that the most likely explanation for the start of the universe was "the big bang," the theory that it sprang into existence from dense matter billions of years ago. But he said this was not in conflict with faith in God as creator. "God is the creator," he said. "There is a sense to creation. We are not children of an accident."

He added: "As an astronomer, I continue to believe that God is the creator of the universe and that we are not the product of

"Lost Sheep Of The Universe"

something casual but children of a good father who has a project of love in mind for us."

[Thanks to Frank Fields for the lead]

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Michael Hesemann?

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Date: Mon, 2 Mar 2009 20:13:49 -0300
Archived: Tue, 03 Mar 2009 07:28:03 -0500
Subject: Michael Hesemann?

Hi All,

Can anybody tell me where Michael Hesemann is nowadays? Has he quit ufology? If so, does anybody knows the reasons?

Thanks for information.

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UFO Visits Hunt County

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Tue, 03 Mar 2009 07:32:22 -0500
Archived: Tue, 03 Mar 2009 07:32:22 -0500
Subject: UFO Visits Hunt County

Source: The Herald-Banner - Greenville, Texas, USA

http://www.heraldbanner.com/local/local_story_061180809.html

March 02, 2009

UFO Visits Hunt County
Mysterious object seen by resident, deputies

By Brad Kellar
Herald-Banner Staff

GREENVILLE - No one is sure exactly what it was which reportedly hovered through the Hunt County skies this past weekend, but several people said they saw something.

At least one civilian and three uniformed law enforcement officers reported seeing an unidentified flying object north of Greenville Saturday night.

Similar sightings were also reported near The Colony in Denton County, according to Hunt County Sheriff Randy Meeks.

Meeks said his office received the first call about the object at around 9:20 p.m. Saturday, from a woman who lives along Farm-To-Market Road 2358 near Webb Hill Country Club.

"She said it was hovering above her house," Meeks said. "It was real bright, then it went dim, then it went bright again. Then it moved away. It was moving from that area toward Dallas."

The witness said the object did not sound like an aircraft or a helicopter and noted one of her relatives in The Colony also reported seeing a similar phenomenon later that night. And, they were not alone.

"Three of my officers also saw a bright light," Meeks said, including the deputy who first responded to the sighting. "The officer who got the call was pretty close to Campbell."

Meeks said he personally checked with L-3 Communications Integrated Systems, the local defense contractor who operates out of Majors Field Municipal Airport in Greenville.

"They said they did not have anything in the air that night," Meeks said.

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Re: Abduct Me

From: Terry Groff <terry.nul>
Date: Mon, 2 Mar 2009 08:42:31 -0600
Archived: Tue, 03 Mar 2009 07:34:52 -0500
Subject: Re: Abduct Me

>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Mon, 2 Mar 2009 10:55:04 +0100 (CET)
>Subject: Abduct Me

>Sky recently launched a show called Abduct Me:

><http://sky1.sky.com/show/abduct-me>

>It's somewhat tongue-in-cheek, but as the 8-part series
>progresses there will be some interesting interviews with
>various UK abductees and contactees who may be new to many on
>this List.

>Best wishes,

>Nick Pope

Nick et al,

Chris Bell needs to join Non-Abductees Anonymous.

Talk about tongue-in-cheek. :-)

I'm sure many of you have already seen this but here it is
again:

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

Terry Groff

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Re: Mathematics The Only True Universal Language

From: Terry Groff <terry.nul>
Date: Mon, 16 Feb 2009 19:46:33 -0600
Archived: Tue, 03 Mar 2009 07:36:53 -0500
Subject: Re: Mathematics The Only True Universal Language

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

><http://tinyurl.com/delyah>

>16 February 2009

>Magazine issue 2695

>Mathematics: The Only True Universal Language
>by Martin Rees

>If we ever establish contact with intelligent aliens living on a
>planet around a distant star, we would expect some problems
>communicating with them. As we are many light years away, our
>signals would take many years to reach them, so there would be no
>scope for snappy repartee. There could be an IQ gap and the
>aliens might be built from quite different chemistry.

>Yet there would be much common ground too. They would be made of
>similar atoms to us. They could trace their origins back to the
>big bang 13.7 billion years ago, and they would share with us the
>universe's future. However, the surest common culture would be
>mathematics.

This makes me wonder what kind of number system might be used
elsewhere. Decimal? Binary? Octal? Duodecimal? We use decimal
basically because that's the number of digits on our hands. Then
we use binary because our computers only understand 1 or 0.

There are cultures here on Earth that don't have a number for
anything greater than three. If it's four or more than it just
becomes "many".

Of course we wouldn't expect this from a technologically
advanced civilization but one never knows.

Terry Groff

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Cox - What's Up Off Siesta Key?

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Date: Tue, 03 Mar 2009 07:50:35 -0500
Archived: Tue, 03 Mar 2009 07:50:35 -0500
Subject: Cox - What's Up Off Siesta Key?

Source: The Sarasota Herald Tribune - Florida, USA

<http://www.heraldtribune.com/apps/pbcs.dll/section?CATEGORY=3DBLOG32>

Friday, February 27, 2009

What's Up Off Siesta Key?
by Billy Cox

A recent sighting bearing a Sarasota tagline logged into the National UFO Reporting Center database was so compelling that even Webmaster Peter Davenport made note at:

<http://www.nuforc.org/webreports/067/S67669.html>

"We spoke with this witness via telephone," he wrote, "and we suspect that the person is a superlative witness. We would welcome reports from the other witnesses present, or from anyone else in... Sarasota, who may have been witness to the same event."

No wonder Davenport was impressed. The guy had a keen eye for detail, filing GPS location coordinates, weather conditions, and even the estimated altitude and speed of the UFO, which put on a show over the Gulf of Mexico off Siesta Key on Christmas night before it accelerated out of sight.

Actually, there were two UFOs that evening, the second one appearing immediately after the first disappeared. "I was able to train a high power telescope on the second object," he wrote, "and saw nothing but a pulsating light that I would have reported as a flare if the trajectory had not been what it was."

"I have seen flares, fighter jets afterburners at night, oil rig burn offs, boat fires, large shooting stars breaking apart, plane crashes and countless other night time lights and phenomena," he added. "I am convinced that was none of these."

He queried regional military and FAA facilities about any 8 p.m.-ish aerial activity on 12/25/08 and got goose eggs. He phoned a local Coast Guard station, where a petty officer informed him they=92d had another UFO call =97 same place, same time. But that was it. The post was anonymous. End of story. Until Feb. 16.

That=92s when the Herald-Tribune was approached by a Sarasota entrepreneur and former politician with additional details of the Christmas night event. Among the witnesses were a Navy C-130 pilot, a schoolteacher, a Presbyterian minister, and the caller=92s son =97 who filed the report with NUFORC.

The reason he contacted the paper nearly two months later was because the UFOs had reappeared the night before, Sunday Feb. 15. Same time, same place, same sequence. But this time, his son managed to catch the second UFO on his digital camera. Problem: No names could be associated with the story because his son was

a Coast Guard pilot who feared the disclosure could jeopardize his career.

So the son forwarded the video to De Void in hopes that more eyes on this thing might shed some light on the mystery. Unfortunately, as he admits, the sequence isn't that good. There's no perspective, no framing, just an orange dot dancing around in the dark. Still, the experience was enough to expand his notions on reality.

"I'm reaching out because I want to know what I saw," says the former law enforcement officer who, once again, contacted the same government outlets he did in December without getting any explanations. "It was purposeful, it was almost as if it were choreographed. I'm a skeptic at heart, but I'm also a trained observer, which means I have to keep an open mind."

Ideas? More videos? Anybody?

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Cox - Ticket To Paradise Only \$995

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Archived: Tue, 03 Mar 2009 07:53:00 -0500
Subject: Cox - Ticket To Paradise Only \$995

Source: The Sarasota Herald Tribune - Florida, USA

<http://www.heraldtribune.com/apps/pbcs.dll/section?CATEGORY=BLOG32>

Thursday, February 26, 2009

Ticket To Paradise Only \$995
by Billy Cox

Long ago, before the hopelessness locked in, De Void had dreams of joining the foreign service in some laid-back equatorial region. What a life it would be:

Scoping the nubile wahines by the pool and getting hammered on Rum Runners beneath the rustling shade of a tiki bar on the edge of the trade winds. Disco inferno-ing with the potentate's glitzy entourage 'til 4 a.m. Phoning in shipments of American-made baubles to placate the local savages whenever they start questioning my integrity.

Sweet bird of youth. Alas.

Then, suddenly, the other day, like manna from heaven, those ancient fantasies were re-ignited when De Void got an e-mail from Dr. Steven Greer, founder of the Center for the Study of Extraterrestrial Intelligence. It was an invitation to participate in Ambassador to the Universe & Consciousness Trainings/Expeditions.

Listen, shut up -did you hear what I just said? Ambassador to the Universe.

The best thing is, I don't need a degree to be an Ambassador to the Universe, and I can qualify in less than a week (see <http://www.cseti.org/programs/Trainings2008.htm>). Tuition is a pittance, \$995, which is a hell of a lot cheaper than throwing \$\$\$ away on foreign studies at Georgetown or Harvard. Because this is the entire universe.

But, uh oh, wait. There's a screening questionnaire and it gets a little personal ("Do you have any mental illnesses or are you on any medications for mental illness?"). And what are they driving at with questions like this: "What are your views on the different ET races?" Because frankly, and I hate to admit this, but some ET races just flat-out make me wanna vomit.

And this one: "If this retreat were to lead to an experience on board a spacecraft and possibly an off-planet event, would you be willing to participate?" Are they kidding? Imagine an ambassadorial candidate to the Universe saying, "Well, to be honest? Truthfully? I think I'd prefer to conduct my ambassadorial duties right here at sea level."

And here's another trick question: "List other authors on UFOs and ETs besides Dr. Greer whom you particularly admire and why." Oh no. I'm not takin' that bait, man. Dr. Greer is the only one

I admire. There are no others.

Jeez, is it possible to flunk the Ambassador to the Universe screening? Maybe I should just send the \$995 and pray to god they take it.

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Archived: Tue, 03 Mar 2009 08:00:11 -0500
Subject: Heading Corso Off At The Pass

Before we get into yet another potential, protracted, flame-war over Lt. Colonel Phillip Corso, I suggest those itching to post pro or con, visit and read the List's Archive:

<http://tinyurl.com/c2puo5>

The curious will find discussion going back to before Corso's appearance at Roswell's 50th Anniversary gathering.

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Re: Evidence For Paranormal Doesn't Improve

From: Stanton T Friedman <fsphys.nul>
Date: Tue, 3 Mar 2009 11:03:49 -0400
Archived: Wed, 04 Mar 2009 17:46:19 -0500
Subject: Re: Evidence For Paranormal Doesn't Improve

>Source: Yahoo News - USA

><http://tinyurl.com/dam29a>

>Mon Mar 2, 2009

>Why Evidence For The Paranormal Doesn't Improve
>By Benjamin Radford
>LiveScience.com's Bad Science Columnist

>It seems that every month or two some new piece of evidence
>surfaces that promises to shed light on an unexplained mystery:
>A miraculous healing story here, a Borneo river monster photo
>there. Yet like the proverbial carrot before the donkey, final
>evidence is always in sight but never obtained.

>For decades, UFO buffs have claimed that conclusive proof of
>alien life is just around the corner. They believe that the
>"truth will be revealed" - either by extraterrestrials finally
>making themselves known (a visit to the White House lawn or
>Times Square might be on the agenda), or by the world's
>governments ending their conspiracy of silence and letting the
>public see the real evidence and alien bodies they've had on ice
>since 1947.

>For decades, New Agers have heralded the coming of, well, a New
>Age. Some may remember the "Harmonic Convergence" that took
>place in August 1987, when thousands of people gathered at
>supposedly sacred sites around the world (including Stonehenge
>and the Golden Gate Bridge) to help usher in a global era of
>peace, brotherly love, and unity. Unfortunately - despite two
>days of song, prayer, and dancing - the world's wars, genocide,
>terrorism, and catastrophe have continued unabated.

>Time and again, conclusive evidence is promised and fails to
>materialize; in fact it follows a predictable pattern. First, a
>non-scientist or layperson claims to have discovered some
>important new piece of evidence (such as the discovery of Noah's
>Ark on Mt. Ararat in Turkey or the discovery of a Bigfoot
>track). News media then pick up and broadcast the story,
>sensationalizing it in the process. Then, as public interest
>mounts, the original promoters promise that scientists will
>examine the evidence and prove their claims.

>You might think that the next step is that scientists examine
>the evidence and then hold a press conference to announce that
>the existence of UFOs, Bigfoot, psychic powers, etc. has finally
>been verified.

>But that doesn't happen. Instead, the claims just fade away.
>Sometimes the evidence turns out to be hoaxed (such as the
>"Bigfoot body" reported in Georgia, or the New Jersey UFO lights
>case). More often, the evidence is not faked, it is simply
>ambiguous and open to a variety of interpretations. Nothing
>comes of the story because nothing can be determined from the
>evidence.

<snip>

Looks to me like Radford hasn't looked at any of the serious evidence related to UFOs. At least he is consistent with Phil Plait's Bad Astronomy. "Don't bother me with the facts, my mind is made up."

Stan Friedman

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Re: Michael Hesemann?

From: **Mark Center** <marklcenter.nul>
Date: Tue, 3 Mar 2009 07:26:03 -0800
Archived: Wed, 04 Mar 2009 17:48:36 -0500
Subject: Re: Michael Hesemann?

>From: Eustaquio Andrea Patounas <socex.ufobras.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Mon, 2 Mar 2009 20:13:49 -0300
>Subject: Michael Hesemann?

>Hi All,

>Can anybody tell me where Michael Hesemann is nowadays? Has he
>quit ufology?

Pretty much.

Mhesemann.nul

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Re: Discreditation Of Ufology

From: Dick Hall <dh12.nul>
Date: Tue, 3 Mar 2009 12:39:45 -0500
Archived: Wed, 04 Mar 2009 17:51:26 -0500
Subject: Re: Discreditation Of Ufology

>From: Franklin Fields <fields.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Mon, 2 Mar 2009 16:02:08 -0500 (EST)
>Subject: Re: Discreditation Of Ufology

>>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Sun, 01 Mar 2009 14:37:45 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Discreditation Of Ufology

>>>From: Franklin Fields <fields.nul>
>>>To: post.nul
>>>Date: Sat, 28 Feb 2009 16:07:32 -0500 (EST)
>>>Subject: Re: Discreditation Of Ufology

>>Hi Frank,

>><snip>

>>>I could not agree more Joe. Again, I said it would be naive to
>>>dismiss the possibility of disinformation. I am not limiting it
>>>to skeptics. I pointed out that the CIA and others have used
>>>disinformation extensively in the past.

>><snip>

>>I have to confess that I am blissfully ignorant about the
>>situation in the USA. I know that historically, the US
>>intelligence agencies did take an active interest in ufology.

>><snip>

>>In spite of what I wrote above, my own opinion is that the
>>authorities only exercise a passive interest in ufology today,
>>but were they to take an active interest, they would use the
>>channels mentioned above.

>Joe,

>PSY-OPS are normally used outside of normal authorities.

>Pardon my brief definition to insure we are on the same sheet.
>Disinformation, propoganda, and other similar strategies are
>termed PSY-OPS by the military.

>PSY-OPS use deception and other means to influence an audience's
>values, belief systems, emotions, reasoning, and behavior. I
>will use the term PSY-OP here but these strategies have many
>names.

>PSY-OPS have been used and are currently being used by
>government agencies such as the U.S. CIA and modern military
>commands. I think most would agree that there is ample evidence
>to support that conclusion.

>I agree the evidence of PSY-OP usage in the UFO subject area is
>limited but there are known instances. It is the nature of PSY-
>OPS that most will never be known. If the intended targets learn
>of the activity it would not be effective.

>PSY-OPS are a reality and their use is not limited to
>governments. Actually, the government, which also includes the
>military, contracts with companies (military industrial complex)
>that provide services to supplement their organizational
>capability. The companies could and do provide corporations and
>private individuals with similar services.

>For example, a large oil company like Exxon or BP might use the
>services of a PSY-OP company to influence public opinion in
>Mongolia, to give their company better access to drilling areas.

>I am not specifically saying the CIA or the U.S. government is
>using PSY-OPS on Ufology per se. It is likely, in my opinion,
>that it is being applied in some way. I say this because there
>is some strong evidence uncovered by investigators. Terry Hansen
>and Timothy Good's work come to mind. The PSY-OPS are not
>necessarily be perpetrated by governments. For the ETH believers
>it could be an outside ET intelligence applying similar tactics.

>But assuming only human interference, it is only natural that it
>would be applied to the UFO subject area if in fact someone or
>some agency was trying to keep UFOs a secret. It would also be
>used if someone was trying to make the public believe in UFOs
>(think false flag).

>My main point is that PSY-OPS are real. It is easily discovered
>in main stream history and contemporary literature. As a U.S.
>Military Officer I was trained on aspects of its use. Go to the
>U.S. Army recruiting web site and see that they are looking for
>a few good men to keep up the effort. See site:

><http://www.bragg.army.mil/psyop/psyopintro.htm>

>I have said this on the List before but I will say it again,
>serious UFO researchers should consider the possibilities.
>Considering PSY-OP usage is not akin to being a conspiracy
>theorist. It should be part of the job description for a serious
>investigator.

Well stated, Frank. And I think this is just the other side of
the coin to the valid point Joe and Jerry Clark have made about
the tendency in Ufology toward conspiratorial thinking and
worse. I guess - in the words of the old Billy Martin
commercial - "I feel very strongly both ways."

It used to be called "psychological warfare" and one of the
NICAP Board members, Joseph Bryan III, turned out to be a
practitioner of it as documented by the late Todd Zechel.

In the old CSI of Los Angeles files, which were acquired by
NICAP, I found evidence of planted stories designed (during the
height of the Cold War, of course) to give the impression that
UFOs were secret U.S. military devices.

The Soviet Union suspected, for a while at least, that the whole
flying saucer phenomenon was only a U.S. propaganda ploy to
frighten them. And this may have been partly true at one point,
with the U.S. exploiting UFO reports for that purpose.

Also there is clear evidence of faked documents and planted
stories relating to crashed saucers, but here it gets murky as
to who is involved and why. Game players and jokesters could
account for some of it, as could certain individuals who are
trying to make a name for themselves and are not beyond engaging
in fraud to do so.

But in some instances PSY-OP cannot be ruled out and must be
considered as one hypothesis. The main thing is that the
hypothesis should be carefully and judicially applied - not
automatically or reflexively assumed.

Dick

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Hello List,

No-one should be nervous of the word `conspiracy'.

As one who looks mainly at the activities of public organizations - that's gov't, law & judiciary, utilities & roads, policing & edu etc - I promise you there's large or small conspiracies in every big county in the UK (or State in the USA), ongoing right now.

There always have been. It's just that the small and large corruption / crime being covered-up differs over time, as do the members of the conspiracies.

The tool which allows you to find them out is statistics.

Most of the statistical data you need are already in the public domain or otherwise on record, but need research (they're usually tucked away), others you might get from carefully verified observation and reports.

Cheers

Ray D

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Re: Michael Hesemann?

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
Date: Tue, 3 Mar 2009 11:50:09 -0800
Archived: Wed, 04 Mar 2009 17:59:08 -0500
Subject: Re: Michael Hesemann?

>From: Eustaquio Andrea Patounas <socex.ufobras.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Mon, 2 Mar 2009 20:13:49 -0300
>Subject: Michael Hesemann?

>Hi All,

>Can anybody tell me where Michael Hesemann is nowadays? Has he
>quit ufology? If so, does anybody know the reasons?

12-17-08

Dear Mr. Gehrman,

I certainly do not agree with Phil's conclusions. I consider it a fact that an unidentified object crashed SE of Socorro on May 31st, 1947, that there was a cameraman who with the film, decided to create a "reenactment".

I do not trust Spiros Melaris at all, due to the many contradictions in his claims and obvious false presentations.

Phil's claim that there is no cameraman does not explain how Ray learned about the real event of May 31st, 1947, which was never uncovered by any UFO researcher before. Only AFTER we started our research it was confirmed by eyewitnesses and official documents re. the "reopening" of the "Niggerhead" Mine on June 1st, 1947, which would serve as a perfect cover to cordon off the crash area.

It is true that one of the many claims and e-mails I heard in 1996 or 97 was the one from an anonymous person, that a Spiros Melaris was behind it. I confronted Ray with the claim, I called Mr. Melaris and did not find anything which would confirm it. At the same time I received e-mails claiming that Rob Irving or even Philip Mantle were involved "in that hoax", with not more or less evidence. As a serious researcher I certainly do not draw conclusions based on rumors or anonymous claims.

When I was introduced to Mr. Melaris at Phil's conference last fall, the name rung a bell, but I did not remember which one, since all this happened 11 or so years ago. Only when Phil told me that Melaris claimed that "a person with a German accent called him", I remembered that this was one of the many phone calls I made at that time trying to collect information on the background of the AA footage.

When Phil claims: "We even have Michael Hesemann admitting (under duress) that he was told in 1996 that Spiros was behind it all, but he did not tell anyone until 18 months ago when pressured by me" this is more than an exaggeration, since he neither "pressured me" nor did I "admit" anything. I just remembered what I considered at that time an insignificant rumor. "Under duress" is an outright lie. Phil wrote an e-mail, I answered. As simple as that, as simple as your inquest today. Also to date this "18 month ago" is more than inaccurate, since the congress was only in October 2007 and our e-mail exchange

re. Melaris happened about a year ago. I like and respect Phil as a human being, but I wonder why he is making these false claims. Obviously the AA meant a lot of frustration for him and he decided to react in quite an extreme way.

Certainly Melaris played some role in the whole affair, but in no way he is the mastermind behind a hoax as he claims to be. He was just hired by Ray who had the BIG problem that he told everybody he has the most important piece of film ever and ended up with ... nothing at all...

I more or less retired from Ufology, concentrating on my original profession as Historian and Author writing books on Church History, so I gave up following all publications...

My book "Beyond Roswell" (Phil only added some details to the original book, which was published in Germany in 1996) only quoted statements available at that time, so any result of any investigation published in 2008 was certainly not considered.

Wishing you a blessed Christmas,

I remain yours sincerely
Michael Hesemann

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Re: Ike Librarian Denies Any Film Footage

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark.nul>
Date: Tue, 3 Mar 2009 14:22:11 -0500
Archived: Wed, 04 Mar 2009 18:00:24 -0500
Subject: Re: Ike Librarian Denies Any Film Footage

>Source: Larry W. Bryant's Blog

><http://ufoview.posterous.com/item-224-ike-librarian-denies>

>February 27, 2009

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Re: Abduct Me

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Wed, 4 Mar 2009 23:47:15 +0000
Archived: Wed, 04 Mar 2009 18:05:15 -0500
Subject: Re: Abduct Me

>From: Terry Groff <terry.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Mon, 2 Mar 2009 08:42:31 -0600
>Subject: Re: Abduct Me

>>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Mon, 2 Mar 2009 10:55:04 +0100 (CET)
>>Subject: Abduct Me

>>Sky recently launched a show called Abduct Me:

>><http://skyl.sky.com/show/abduct-me>

>>It's somewhat tongue-in-cheek, but as the 8-part series
>>progresses there will be some interesting interviews with
>>various UK abductees and contactees who may be new to many on
>>this List.

>Chris Bell needs to join Non-Abductees Anonymous.

>Talk about tongue-in-cheek. :-)

>I'm sure many of you have already seen this but here it is
>again:

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

How about I-saw-a-UFO-for-real-and-now-I-am-devoting-my-life-to-researching-the-phenomena -- anonymous.

A group of people attempting to cope with the stresses of not being taken seriously by anyone outside their on-line chat group.

KK

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http://www.heraldbanner.com/local/local_story_061180809.html

March 02, 2009

UFO Visits Hunt County - Mysterious Object Seen By Resident,
Deputies

By Brad Kellar
Herald-Banner Staff

GREENVILLE - No one is sure exactly what it was which reportedly hovered through the Hunt County skies this past weekend, but several people said they saw something.

At least one civilian and three uniformed law enforcement officers reported seeing an unidentified flying object north of Greenville Saturday night.

Similar sightings were also reported near The Colony in Denton County, according to Hunt County Sheriff Randy Meeks.

Meeks said his office received the first call about the object at around 9:20 p.m. Saturday, from a woman who lives along Farm-To-Market Road 2358 near Webb Hill Country Club.

"She said it was hovering above her house," Meeks said. "It was real bright, then it went dim, then it went bright again. Then it moved away. It was moving from that area toward Dallas."

The witness said the object did not sound like an aircraft or a helicopter and noted one of her relatives in The Colony also reported seeing a similar phenomenon later that night. And, they were not alone.

"Three of my officers also saw a bright light," Meeks said, including the deputy who first responded to the sighting. "The officer who got the call was pretty close to Campbell."

Meeks said he personally checked with L-3 Communications Integrated Systems, the local defense contractor who operates out of Majors Field Municipal Airport in Greenville.

"They said they did not have anything in the air that night," Meeks said.

[Thanks to Greg Boone for the lead]

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From: Richard Hall <richardhall137.nul>
Date: Thu, 5 Mar 2009 09:00:12 -0500
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Jerry and List,

I do know Larry Bryant quite well and he is a nice guy. But he
seems unable to live without tilting at windmills.

I, too, cringe at many or most of his tendentiously worded FOIA
filings and endless, pointless, lawsuits. He is also an ardent
supporter of Steven Bassett and his rantings.

Larry has done some good work along the way, and is nothing if
not persistent and tenacious. Too bad he wastes his considerable
talents on the conspiratorial fantasy fringe.

Dick

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<http://tinyurl.com/ad7eca>

March 4, 2009

Philip Schneider, UFOs And The Black Budget

Philip Schneider was mysteriously found dead on January 16, 1996 after conducting several controversial lectures throughout the US, including Denver where he covered topics such as, Space-Defense, black helicopters, railroad cars built with shackles, extraterrestrials and the secret black budget.

Philip Schneider claimed to be an ex-government structural engineer who helped build deep underground military bases (DUMB) around the United States. He also claims to be one of only three people to survive the 1979 incident between the alien Greys and the US military at the Dulce, New Mexico underground base. Philip voluntarily retired from the military after he disagreed with their spending, secrecy and unconstitutional actions. His ex-wife, Cynthia Drayer believes that Philip Schneider was murdered because he publicly revealed the truth about the US government's involvement with UFOs.

The following quote is from Philip Schneider from one of his lectures:

"I love the country I am living in more than I love my life, but I would not be standing before you now, risking my life, if I did not believe it was so. The first part of this talk is going to concern deep underground military bases and the Black Budget. The Black Budget is a secretive budget that garners 25% of the gross national product of the United States. The Black Budget currently consumes \$1.25 trillion per year. At least this amount is used in black programs, like those concerned with deep underground military bases. Presently, there are 129 deep underground military bases in the United States".

Philip Schneider recounts his encounter with extraterrestrials in the following excerpt:

"I was involved in building an addition to the deep underground military base at Dulce, which is probably the deepest base. My job was to go down the holes and check the rock samples, and recommend the explosive to deal with the particular rock. As I was headed down there, we found ourselves amidst a large cavern that was full of outer-space aliens, otherwise known as large Greys. I shot two of them. At that time, there were 30 people down there. About 40 more came down after this started, and all of them got killed. We had surprised a whole underground base of existing aliens. Later, we found out that they had been living on our planet for a long time, perhaps a million years. This could explain a lot of what is behind the theory of ancient astronauts."

"Anyway, I got shot in the chest with one of their weapons, which was a box on their body that blew a hole in me and gave me a nasty dose of cobalt radiation. I have had cancer because of that."

"I didn't get really interested in UFO technology until I started work at Area 51, north of Las Vegas. After about two years recuperating after the 1979 incident, I went back to work for Morrison and Knudson, EG&G and other companies. "

Philip Schneider released a lot of information pertaining to a supposed deep underground base under Denver International Airport as well. He said these underground bases were all throughout the US and they all were connected by a super highway.

Philip's father Oscar Schneider was also said to have worked on secret government projects including the Philadelphia Experiment, which is the disputed story of the US Navy who supposedly made their large ship invisible for a brief amount of time. Philip and his family were reportedly harassed by government agents including his daughter who says she was being followed and monitored at school. Philip's ex-wife Cynthia Drayer does not believe that he committed suicide. Here are some of her reasons:

1. "There was no suicide note."
2. Philip always told his friends and relatives, that if he ever 'committed suicide' you would know that he had been murdered".
3. "From a number of sources, including his taped lectures (video and audio), and statements to his friends, and the borrowing of a 9mm gun, Philip felt that he and his family were being threatened and were in danger because of his lectures".
4. "All of his lecture materials, alien metals, higher math books, photographs of UFO's coming out of the Operation Crossroad A-Bomb, notes for his book on the alien agenda, were missing. (Everything else in the apartment was still there, including gold coins, wallet with hundreds of dollars, jewelry, mineral specimens, etc)".
5. "No coroner ever came out to his apartment after his body was found (against Oregon Law) - and a police investigation never took under consideration that items were missing from his apartment - it was considered a suicide, plain and simple".

Schneider's death is still a mystery, there are reports that he committed suicide and reports that he was found tortured with piano wire around his neck. There are other reports suggesting that he had a stroke or a heart attack. No one may ever know the truth of Schneider's claims but there is no doubt that he was an interesting figure and that he had some very disturbing and controversial things to say.

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<http://www.adn.com/life/lende/story/711022.html>

March 4th, 2009

Mysteries In The Sky Intrigue Us

Heather Lende
Around Alaska

Haines -- My friend Joanne called Saturday night to ask if I saw what she saw in the sky. I was at the table, just finishing a moose stew dinner with the family and listening to the play-by-play on KHNS of the girls' high school basketball game down in Craig, on Prince of Wales Island. I hadn't been outside since an afternoon ski along the beach around Jones Point to the set tracks on the golf course and back. Then, the sun had been shining on white snow and it felt like spring, especially with the wind at my back. Now, I took the phone out on the back porch and looked up.

"See it?" Joanne said.

"No," I replied.

"You've got to, it's the brightest thing out there," she said. Then I went back in and got a coat and my glasses and binoculars. With the phone in one hand and the binocs in the other, I had Joanne direct me south down the inlet, toward Sullivan Island and low on the horizon, across from Rainbow Glacier. Sure enough, there among all the other stars was an extra-bright orb with flashing red, green and blue lights. It was low enough that my view was partially blocked by the neighbor's spruce trees.

With Joanne still on the line, explaining that she had been walking her cocker spaniel Harry when she saw whatever it was, I took the stairs up to the top of our house two at a time and focused the binoculars on the strange object in outer space from my bedroom window. The double-paned energy-saving glass distorts things, so I opened the window to get a clear look.

"Have you called Hertz?" I asked Joanne, watching the thing twirl. "He has seen a UFO, so he'd know."

"Really? I didn't know that," she said, and decided to call the science teacher. "Fontenot will know," she said.

I asked her to share what she learned.

My husband and daughter weren't interested in the UFO. He said it was probably a satellite. She was busy ironing the squares of paper she had cut out of old grocery bags, crumpled, soaked in water and then hung to dry on two lines tied across our living room. She is student teaching in the first grade and the bags,

she explained, would become covers for the children's make believe, but educational, African adventure journals.

Joanne called back after talking to Fontenot. That's what we call Mark; some people have last names for first names in Haines. Hertz does too; his name is Irwin, but everyone, even the priest at his church, calls him Hertz. He is also an electrician, which figures. With a name like Hertz what else would he be? Certainly not a dentist.

Back to the light in the sky. Joanne said that Fontenot said it might be the International Space Station. "It was just a guess, though." He was finishing up a late supper too.

All the extra daylight and the sunshine that has come with it have kept a lot of us outside longer. Last Sunday, my husband and I went all the way up the Chilkat River to Turtle Rock and back on snowmachines. The weather and snow conditions were so nice that our party ran into half a dozen friends along the remote route, all of them smiling broadly and exclaiming about the great day.

After Joanne and I finished talking, I checked on the Internet and learned that the International Space Station was only visible in the early morning sky and that the comet Lulin was a possibility, except it seemed that we were four days too late to see it so clearly and it didn't look like our UFO.

It snowed the next night, and it is still snowing, so I haven't seen it again. I did see Hertz in the market on Monday, though. He hadn't looked in the sky on Saturday night. But he said that an old-timer, who is long gone, had once seen a hovering flying saucer out at Ten Mile about this time of year.

The one Hertz saw was in Montana, on the family farm when he was a kid. It appeared silent as snow, right above his shoulder, and was, he said, "big as a football field."

There's so much we can't explain. This morning a snowflake landed on the dark sleeve of my coat. It was perfect, like a crystal Christmas ornament.

How did something so fragile and so tiny fall all the way from heaven to Earth without breaking? They say that no two are alike, but how can anyone know that for sure?

I'm sure there's a good explanation for our flashing light and for the miracle of snowflakes. But a big part of me would rather not hear it, at least not at the end of long winter. I prefer to imagine a divine player is out there in the great beyond, spinning electric tops among the stars and gently shaking the last, perfect snowflakes of the season gently down on us.

Heather Lende lives and writes in Haines.

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From: Philip Mantle <philip.nul>
Date: Thu, 5 Mar 2009 15:21:16 -0000
Archived: Thu, 05 Mar 2009 10:49:37 -0500
Subject: UFO DATA Magazine Closes

=46rom Russel Callaghan

4th March 2009

Dear Readers, Subscribers and Friends,

After months of negotiations and promises I have now accept that we can no longer publish UFO DATA as a printed magazine.

The credit crunch has been blamed for everything over the last six months, but along with the financial climate and banks having wobbly knees at the thought of helping businesses carry on in these times, it also seems the interest in this classic subject is at a lifetime low.

Much information is available on the internet and all recent efforts to publish a magazine have failed at large personal costs to those involved, myself personally included.

It has cost me around =A310,000 over the last 18 months to produce the magazine and present some of the best conferences this country has seen.

Don't get me wrong, I have enjoyed every minute of it.

However, the time has come to make a decision.

Without bankrupting myself to keep the 300 or so loyal subscribers in print, I have no option but to go no further with the printed magazine.

The magazine costs around =A33,000 per issue to publish and we had a thousand subscribers two years ago. That dropped last year, hence the personal cost, but this year it is down to the 300 mentioned above. You can see for yourself that the maths just don't work.

Philip Mantle has informed me today that he has to walk away, feeling he has done everything possible to keep the project alive. I thank him for his efforts and he played a big part in trying to move forward, but delays from an interested party has just slowed things down for months, leaving us with no choice but to draw a line under UFO DATA Magazine.

My heartmost thanks go to one individual who has been there for me and the magazine and without him we simply would not have been able to operate. He is Steve Johnson.

Research, webmaster and public relations, he has done everything in a professional and friendly way.

Thank you Steve for everything.

Those who have sent payments by cheque to renew subs since December will find we have not cashed these (we needed to know we were safe to publish) and I have refunded all recent PAYPAL activity.

By way of recompense, and again at my own personal cost, I will endeavour to send all listed subscribers a final electronic version of the magazine along with a DVD from the 2008 conference featuring the best of our lecture presentations.

This will take a little while and I will have to fund it personally. This will be some 600 DVDs and CDs, so please I ask you to bear with me.

Once again I thank you all on behalf of myself and the many individuals who have made the last four years possible.

Thanks a million.

Russel Callaghan

Thanks,

The UFO DATA Team

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LIFE Magazine And Flying Saucers

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
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<http://images.google.com/hosted/life>

A friend sent this link which contains all the photos that appeared in LIFE Magazine from the 1800s on until it's closing.

When you type in the search function the words, flying saucer or ufo you'll get some interesting images that don't have full explanations. There's one of a chap looking at some sort of chamber with some odd looking substance inside.

Just one of many good searches.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com/blog

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03/05/09

Watchers In The Night Sky
By J. D. Adams

Salem, Oregon -- Our UFO sighting was in 1988, but it was years before we told anybody. Amongst ourselves it was rarely mentioned, as if we didn't want to believe it. Being practical Oregonians, our minds reeled at the possibilities that were unleashed by the occurrence. Suddenly we had become players in one of the stories that we could only read about before. I know now what others must have gone through when they saw a UFO at close range, the incredulity that other people expressed when we told them. It became a life-changing experience. The universe seems a different place now, less a barren vacuum of space.

Our sighting wasn't necessarily extraterrestrial, but it was an extremely advanced technology. What that really means is open to conjecture. Most radical departures from conventional wisdom have had to overcome the inertia of the scientific community. One day we will reach out for the stars, but it is folly to think we will be the first to have done so. I have formed this opinion only since that night in 1988. I was formerly a person who looked at the sky expecting only the usual clutter of planes, stars, and the occasional blinking satellite.

Our encounter was on a crisp fall night like any other, with errands to be completed. The sky was clear and full of stars. My wife and I were returning from the grocery store, driving northward along Fischer Road in Salem, Oregon. It is a residential thoroughfare that parallels Interstate 5. Out of the corner of my eye I saw something hovering over the freeway. The unnatural stillness and lack of visible support for the object had caught my eye. At first I thought it was a traffic helicopter, which by itself would have been unusual in this area. As I looked closer at the object, the uniqueness of it compelled me to pull the car over to the side of the road and stop. I got out and listened hard for the sound of rotor noise, but there was none. The fact that it was only about 200 feet away made this highly unusual. The craft had lights about its perimeter, but the exact outline of the body was strangely indistinct, like it had a low profile when viewed from the side.

In an attempt to explain the phenomenon, I initially dismissed it as one of those Harrier jets that can vent the exhaust downward for landing. However, the quietness of the craft and the fact it was over the freeway made this impossible. As human beings symbolic logic is our forte. It is one of the things that distinguish us from lower primates and other animals. But there was nothing in my experience with which I could represent the UFO in my mind, so I came up with the best that I could, a rather poor representation of what I was actually seeing. Later

this would become more pronounced, a bothersome feeling of something totally alien in my familiar world. My wife was also observing the strange craft. Exchanging glances with her, I got back in the car and we drove on to Silverton Road, turning left and passing under the freeway and several blocks westward to our apartment.

As we turned into the parking lot, we both viewed a sight that is still fixed in my mind like a photograph. There was the hovering craft directly over the parking lot. It had followed us over from the freeway. I had to drive toward it as I pulled into our parking spot. We watched in amazement for a few moments and then decided to get out. There were no bright lights shining downward, and nobody else was outside at the apartment complex at this hour to view it besides my wife and I. There was just it and the two of us, as if we had been selected out of a nighttime crowd that was too busy to look upward. One of my impressions at the time was how unusually easy it was for something so remarkable to be otherwise unobserved in the dark sky. It appeared that the UFO inhabitants had seen us watching them, and they were now looking at us out of curiosity or to see if we represented some kind of threat. At this point the craft was about 70 feet overhead. I could see clearly it was perhaps 30 feet across, with a triangular shape that was outlined with small round lights. There was no significant sound coming from it, only a faint humming that was barely noticeable.

The way it hovered absolutely motionless made it all the more fantastic. The craft quietly defied all rational attempts to explain it. It was real, a dark gray triangle floating in a sea of stars. We stared at it for what seemed like thirty seconds. By now tension had built to an alarming degree, so we hastened inside our apartment and walked directly across to the patio door to look out. The craft was slowly moving southward, building speed with deliberate precision. Its ponderous mass floated like it was a feather, disappearing in the night sky. Since we had said little during the event, I asked what my wife had seen as verification. She mirrored my observations. Looking at the clock, we were relieved to see no time was missing. I feel privileged to have viewed such an amazing phenomenon. We shall never forget it.

Was it a secret military prototype, the implementation of Nikola Tesla's later theories of gravity repulsion, spawned from his confiscated notes? Perhaps. But at this late date nothing resembling it has surfaced in the news. Or was it something from beyond our solar system, cloaked in darkness and the ignorance of our more primitive world?

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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Michael Hesemann Responds

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Subject: Michael Hesemann Responds

From: <Mhesemann.nul>
To: socex.ufobras.nul
Date: 2009/3/5
Subject: Re: News

>In einer eMail vom 05.03.2009 11:58:28 Westeurop=E4ische
>Normalzeit schreibt socex.ufobras.nul:

>Hi Michael, how are you? Had you quit ufology? And Magazine2000?

>In attachment, some photos taken together and in Brazilian
>Ufology World Forum.

>Regards

Hi,

First of all, thanks for the photos! Fortunately I lost weight
in the meantime...

I am fine, but I more or less left Ufology for several reasons.
I found the answers and the evidence I was searching for, I
published my findings and the evidence and I returned to the
field I come from, history.

I just published my 28th book, The Pope Who Defied Hitler,
which at the moment is discussed worldwide, due to new documents
I discovered in the Vatican Secret Archives, to which I was
granted access.

My other books deal with both, 20th century history and Church
history including my research on the history of Christian
relics, which was recognized by the responsible ecclesiastical
authorities.

I work as a freelance journalist for several magazines and
newspapers including the German version of Inside The Vatican,
as a freelance lecturer for the educational department of the
Archdiocese of Cologne and as a historian and advisor for the
Pave The Way Foundation, which works on obstacles in the
dialogue between the world religions, especially the Catholic-
Jewish dialogue.

Furthermore, I coordinate the German language website for the
Pauline Year, an initiative of Pope Benedict XVI on occasion of
the 2000th birthday of the Apostle Of The Gentiles:

www.paulusjahr.info

Enclosed please find a photo of my last audience with BXVI on
St. Peter's Square in October 2008.

I left Magazine 2000 in the year 2000, for the simple reason
that the publisher, Mrs. Schlotterbeck, started to invite right-
wing Neo-Nazi authors to write for the Magazine and to claim
that UFOs were Hitlers secret weapon etc., so when she insisted
on publishing this nonsense, I resigned as editor-in-chief under
protest.

Still, I am always ready to discuss and defend my work of the 1990ies and to present the evidence that I uncovered during that time in any public forum. nd of course I would like to see all my old friends from the golden times of international UFO research before the Bush era.

Greetings from Germany,

Michael Hesemann

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Closer To Making Invisibility Cloak

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<http://www.physorg.com/news155477880.html>

March 5th, 2009

Scientists Closer To Making Invisibility Cloak A Reality

J.K. Rowling may not have realized just how close Harry Potter's invisibility cloak was to becoming a reality when she introduced it in the first book of her best-selling fictional series in 1998. Scientists, however, have made huge strides in the past few years in the rapidly developing field of cloaking. Ranked the number five breakthrough of the year by Science magazine in 2006, cloaking involves making an object invisible or undetectable to electromagnetic waves.

A paper published in the March 2009 issue of SIAM Review, "Cloaking Devices, Electromagnetic Wormholes, and Transformation Optics," presents an overview of the theoretical developments in cloaking from a mathematical perspective.

One method involves light waves bending around a region or object and emerging on the other side as if the waves had passed through empty space, creating an "invisible" region which is cloaked. For this to happen, however, the object or region has to be concealed using a cloaking device, which must be undetectable to electromagnetic waves. Manmade devices called metamaterials use structures having cellular architectures designed to create combinations of material parameters not available in nature.

Mathematics is essential in designing the parameters needed to create metamaterials and to show that the material ensures invisibility. The mathematics comes primarily from the field of partial differential equations, in particular from the study of equations for electromagnetic waves described by the Scottish mathematician and physicist James Maxwell in the 1860s.

One of the "wrinkles" in the mathematical model of cloaking is that the transformations that define the required material parameters have singularities, that is, points at which the transformations fail to exist or fail to have properties such as smoothness or boundness that are required to demonstrate cloaking. However, the singularities are removable; that is, the transformations can be redefined over the singularities to obtain the desired results.

The authors of the paper describe this as "blowing up a point." They also show that if there are singularities along a line segment, it is possible to "blow up a line segment" to generate a "wormhole." (This is a design for an optical device inspired by, but distinct from the notion of a wormhole appearing in the field of gravitational physics.) The cloaking version of a wormhole allows for an invisible tunnel between two points in space through which electromagnetic waves can be transmitted.

Some possible applications for cloaking via electromagnetic wormholes include the creation of invisible fiber optic cables, for example for security devices, and scopes for MRI-assisted medical procedures for which metal tools would otherwise interfere with the magnetic resonance images. The invisible optical fibers could even make three-dimensional television screens possible in the distant future. The effectiveness and implementation of cloaking devices in practice, however, are dependent on future developments in the design, investigation, and production of metamaterials. The "muggle" world will have to wait on further scientific research before Harry Potter's invisibility cloak can become a reality.

More information: The paper is co-authored by Allan Greenleaf of the University of Rochester; Yaroslav Kurylev of University College London; Matti Lassas of Helsinki University of Technology; and Gunther Uhlmann of the University of Washington. To read this article in its entirety, visit <http://www.siam.org/journals/sirev/51-1/71682.html>

Source: Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics

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Search on Paul Trent UFO

You can find some good stuff and some bad stuff...

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Is There Anybody Out There Kepler?

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Thursday, 5 March 2009

What is the chance that alien life exists? NASA's latest mission - the Kepler Space Telescope due to launch on Friday night to survey the heavens for Earth-like planets - could take us a step closer to an answer. Kathryn Westcott asks four experts whether mankind prefers the idea of being alone and unique or whether we long for cosmic cousins.

Is There Anybody Out There?

Robert J Sawyer is a Hugo Award-winning science fiction writer

Throughout the history of science, there have been a series of developments from Copernicus (who displaced the Earth from the centre of the Universe) to Darwin (who showed we weren't created full-blown by the hand of God) that knocked out our status of being special. The one claim to being special that we have been able to hold on to is the belief that Earth is the only place in the Universe where intelligent life exists.

For many people, there is a psychological need to be special, and so Kepler - which I bet will succeed in its quest - will take away from that. But for those of us who believe that Earth is merely a typical example and that life-bearing planets are common, Kepler's success will be a wonderful thing.

We already know that our galaxy is teeming with planets - that was the first step in dethroning us from being the only abode of intelligent life. Kepler takes us on the next step: determining if many of those planets are Earth-like. After that, we need to determine if such planets have life, and then if that life is intelligent. Still there are only two possible answers to the question of whether other Earth-like worlds exist - and whichever answer we get will be astonishing.

If we were to find intelligent life on an Earth-like planet, that civilisation would almost certainly be more advanced than ours, given that our Universe is 11 billion years old; we are absolute newborns on the cosmic state.

And, because we are so young, we are facing a huge crisis: our civilisation is on the brink of disaster because of our immature use of technology, both through climate change and through weapons of mass destruction. Many people think we won't survive; there's been a resurgence in the belief in Armageddon. To learn that an extraterrestrial civilisation has survived its technological adolescence would be an inspiring object lesson for us, and would help put an end to all the nay-saying and

doom-mongering.

At the moment, people's focus is incredibly narrow - there is a lot of navel-gazing. We are not thinking about the big questions. If the Kepler mission is successful, our focus will widen - and that's all to the good.

Robert J Sawyer is the author of *Hominids*, in which Neanderthals have developed a radically different civilization on a parallel Earth

Dr Michael Perryman is a senior adviser at the European Space Agency

In the past 15 years, the area of exo-planet research has been one of massive progress. Since 1995, more than 300 planets have been discovered orbiting other stars relatively near to us in space.

But when it comes to whether Earth-like systems are common or not, we really are into the realms of pure speculation.

If Kepler finds Earth-like systems, the next question would be whether this is the kind of environment in which one might start looking for life. That next level of detail requires a few steps in inference.

The conditions must be right for life to evolve. These planets would have to be the right distance from their star to have liquid water, and would have to have a similar temperature to Earth. And, in terms of the host star itself, you need very special conditions: it would need to be the right age, mass and luminosity for life as it we know it to develop.

And if the planet is much lighter than the Earth, or much heavier, then the conditions would not be right either.

In terms of what Kepler might find, the best knowledge at the moment is that it might discover some 50-100 Earth-like planets, but we simply don't know.

Astronomers would not be surprised if that many were found. It's an exciting experiment, because it might find many more - or perhaps many less! Whatever it finds, it's going to advance our knowledge.

But is life as we know it common or unique? Earth's circumstances are really far too special to be easily replicated - there are so many coincidences, chances and conspiracies that seem to be needed for life to take hold and thrive.

Perhaps primitive life forms could exist out there amongst the almost infinity of worlds that probably exist, but as for intelligent life I'm putting my money on the fact that in the whole Universe, we are pretty much unique.

Brother Guy Consolmagno studies the nature and evolution of small bodies in the solar system. He is curator of the Vatican meteorite collection - one of the largest in the world - at the Vatican Observatory

We Jesuits are actively involved in the search for Earth-like planets.

The idea that there could be other intelligent creatures made by God in a relationship with God is not contrary to traditional Judeo-Christian thought.

The Bible has many references to, or descriptions of, non-human intelligent beings; after all, that's what angels are.

Our cousins on other planets may even have their own salvation story - including other examples of the incarnation of the second person of the Trinity. We are open to whatever the Universe has for us.

I am, however, sceptical that we will be able to have these

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conversations with any life form that is discovered...
certainly, not in my lifetime!

The idea that there might not only be us is a wonderful one. It does not question our uniqueness or contradict our belief in God. For most people, if new forms of life were to be discovered, it would not mean everything they believed was wrong, it would only reinforce what they believed all along.

John Herschel, son of the discoverer of Uranus and a founder of the Royal Astronomical Society, argued that it would have been a waste of a Universe if God had only created one place where there were people He loved. This is not an argument based on logic, science or philosophy, but an aesthetic one.

The important thing is to keep in mind that the Universe is the deliberate creation of a loving God. Catholics should not be afraid to embrace such speculations, but we should always remember that they are just speculations. We don't know. But reflecting on these possibilities lets us appreciate in a deeper way what God's redemption actually does mean for us.

My science tells me how God created the Universe and that he loves that Universe.

We shouldn't be afraid of the truth.

I would be delighted if other Earths harbouring intelligent life were discovered. For most people, however, it would be nothing more than a nine-day wonder. I think that we've lived with the idea so much, from speculations by scientists to creatures in science fiction movies, that the human race is already well used to the idea that we are not alone.

We need to look beyond ourselves =96 that's what religion does when it's done right and what astronomy does when it's done right.

Dr Steven J Dick is an astronomer and chief historian at NASA

The Kepler mission is definitely a landmark one, and finding an Earth-sized planet will raise the debate about whether we are alone or not.

We have known for a long time that we are not the centre of the Universe, the question now is whether biologically we are central. It's all we have left.

Even if intelligent life were discovered, we would remain unique in terms of morphology and form.

The chances are another civilisation would be more advanced than us because of the age of the Universe and the fact that our species is comparatively young.

For the human mind, this is a natural question going back to ancient Greeks. Because of popular culture, such as Star Trek, a lot of people would be expecting intelligent life to exist, and are already prepared.

The whole idea of life on another world would certainly raise a lot of debate, particularly in terms of how unique our religion and our philosophy is. This would be good, we have got into a rut of looking at everything from a terrestrial point of view.

Is it scarier to learn that we are alone or not? Well, there are those who would warn us to be careful but most people would be open-minded.

[Thanks to Frank Fields for the lead]

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[Photos, links and map at site]

Butler (Pennsylvania) Paranormal Conference April 4
by Roger Marsh
UFO Examiner

The Butler Paranormal Conference is set for April 4 at the
Tanglewood Senior Center in Lyndora, PA.

This second annual event features:

Brian Schill, International Parapsychology Research Foundation.
Schill is also the author of *Stalking Darkness: Surveillance and
Investigation Techniques for Paranormal Investigators*.

Patty Wilson and Scott Crownover, Ghost Research Foundation.
From their Web site - "The Ghost Research Foundation offers
information, investigation facts, tips, stories and help for
those interested in the paranormal. We are a group dedicated to
serious study of ghosts and unusual phenomena."

John Ventre, Pennsylvania Mutual UFO Network. Ventre is also the
author of *12/21/2012 - A Prophecy*.

Stan Gordon, UFO investigator and author. Stan has been a
longtime PA ufologist; is the central investigator of the Dec.
9, 1965 Kecksburg UFO crash; and the chief investigator of the
1973-74 UFO-Bigfoot surge; and author of the upcoming book -
Silent Invasion: the UFO and Bigfoot Enigma. He is also the
producer of the DVD documentary, *Kecksburg: the Untold Story*.

Rosemary Ellen Guiley, Paranormal Investigator and author. From
her website - "I've written 41 books and hundreds of articles on
a wide range of subjects, including the paranormal, psychic,
spiritual and mystical. My driving purpose is to help further
our understanding of our place and role in the cosmic scheme.
What exactly are we doing on this beautiful planet we call
Earth? In terms of the paranormal, what are we experiencing, and
why?"

The conference will also offer multi-media displays, book
signings, and retail booths with CDs, books, t-shirts, raffles
and more.

Stop out for what looks like an exciting conference. The event
is from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Tanglewood Senior Center is at 10
Austin Ave., Lyndora. The event is sponsored by the Butler
Organization for Research on the Unexplained and the Center for
Unexplained Events.

For more info: Cruise their web site or call Dan Hageman at 724-284-9734; or Brian Seech at 724-857-3157.

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MUFON To Receive Major Funding From Billionaire Backer
By
Eddie Middleton

Billionaire real estate investor and entrepreneur Robert Bigelow of Las Vegas, Nevada is now betting his bucks on MUFON to find valuable new knowledge about alien propulsion systems.

Bigelow who has long been known to give millions of dollars to fund serious UFO research has just concluded a deal with MUFON whereby he will supply this organization with whatever it needs to be able to go out and bring back the hard evidence, not only to document the reality of UFOs interacting with us but most importantly to gather the kind of information that will truly advance scientific understanding of this phenomenon.

This may well prove to be a historical occasion for MUFON and for the science of Ufology in general.

MUFON since its inception has been a volunteer effort on the part of civilians who devote whatever spare time and energies they can afford in order to fulfill MUFON's stated mission of scientifically investigating the UFO phenomenon for the benefit of humanity.

Now for the first time MUFON's members are going to be paid to do their work.

MUFON's agreement with Bigelow is to train and qualify a special rapid response team of Field Investigators who can be deployed within 24 hours to the scene of a major UFO event, the kind designated as Category 2 or 3 in the classification system devised by legendary UFO researcher Jacques Vallee. These are the rarer cases where either physical traces are left or physiological effects are caused in the witness.

Bigelow has hired 50 top-flight scientists to assist MUFON in this endeavor who will function as consultants and do expensive lab analysis of alien materials gathered at the location of a UFO event.

Bigelow, who never does anything on a small scale, a few years ago founded BAASS (Bigelow Aerospace Advanced Space Studies) with the incredibly ambitious goal of putting a commercial hotel up in orbit around the earth.

He thinks that even one category 2 or 3 case if properly investigated can yield significant scientific paydirt. Whatever high-tech equipment needed by the investigators on the scene will be drop-shipped to them overnight by BAASS. These high-

profile cases will be investigated using the strictest methods of scientific protocol.

Bigelow who has been known to keep his findings on the UFO subject secret has agreed per his contract with MUFON to hold nothing back from this organization that is revealed in the BAASS lab analysis of materials supplied by MUFON.

This project which just launched on March 1st is code named SIP - Star Impact Project. It is a pilot experiment and will be reviewed on June 30th to see if it has proven successful enough to warrant funding for the rest of the year.

Understandably there is a lot of excitement at MUFON Headquarters and among its membership. Now with this major infusion of funds from Bigelow, it will be better able than ever to carry out its stated mission. And Bigelow possibly will get what he wants to forward his goal.

How this will all work out is hard to guess. This is something that has never been tried before. They are moving into unchartered territory here.

In any case, Bigelow's investing so heavily in MUFON's ability to make SIP a successful search and find operation for greater knowledge about alien technology is some extremely good PR for MUFON whose credibility can be expected to take a significant leap forward in the eyes of the general public.

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March 04, 2009

Internet-Observatory To Provide Movie-Like Window On Universe
Posted by Casey Kazan

"LSST is truly an Internet telescope, which will put terabytes of data each night into the hands of anyone that wants to explore it. The 8.4-metre LSST telescope and the 3-gigapixel camera are thus a shared resource for all humanity =97 the ultimate network peripheral device to explore the universe."

--Bill Gates Microsoft Co-Founder

The Large Synoptic Survey Telescope, partially funded by \$30 million from Microsoft founders Bill gates and Charles Simyoni, the developer of Word and Excel, is projected for 'first light' in 2014 in Chile's Atacama Desert -the world's Southern Hemisphere space-observatory mecca. The 8.4-meter telescope will be able to survey the entire visible sky deeply in multiple colors every week with its 3-billion pixel digital camera. The telescope will probe the mysteries of dark matter and dark energy, and it will open a movie-like window on objects that change or move rapidly: exploding supernovae, potentially hazardous near-Earth asteroids and distant Kuiper Belt objects.

"What a shock it was when Galileo saw in his telescope the phases of Venus, or the moons of Jupiter, the first hints of a dynamic universe," Simonyi said. "Today, by building a special telescope-computer complex, we can study this dynamism in unprecedented detail. LSST will produce a database suitable for answering the wide range of pressing questions: What is dark energy? What is dark matter? How did the Milky Way form? What are the properties of small bodies in the solar system? Are there potentially hazardous asteroids that may impact the Earth, causing significant damage? What sort of new phenomena have yet to be discovered?"

The telescope will be constructed on Cerro Pachon, a mountain in northern Chile. Its design of three large mirrors and three refractive lenses in a camera leads to a 10-square-degree field of view with excellent image quality. The telescope's 3,200-megapixel camera will be the largest digital camera ever constructed.

The project, known as LSST, exemplifies characteristics Simonyi and Gates have exhibited in their careers =97 innovation, excitement of discovery, cutting-edge technology and a creative energy that pushes the possibilities of human achievement.

LSST is designed to be a public facility. The database and resulting catalogues will be made available to the public with no proprietary restrictions. A sophisticated data management system will provide easy access, enabling simple queries from individual users. The public will actively share the adventure of discovery.

The wide-field imaging telescope now known as the LSST was originally designed at the UA by Regents' Professor of Astronomy Roger Angel. UA astronomer Philip Pinto is responsible for simulating the telescope's operation to develop new scientific strategies and to ensure that the instrument works as intended. The UA was one of the four founding members of the LSST Corporation in spring 2003.

The project has received two major gifts: \$20 million from the Charles Simonyi Fund for Arts and Sciences and \$10 million from Microsoft founder Bill Gates. The gifts enable the construction of the project's three largest mirrors. Production for the two largest mirrors is now underway at The University of Arizona's Steward Observatory Mirror Lab.

[Thanks to Bill Bro for the lead]

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Nickell rolled into Nova Scotia about 7 years ago to look at the
Oak Island Money pit and Shag Harbour. He was here one day and
claimed Oak Island was a hoax and Shag Harbour a sighting of
flares.

When asked on ATV-the local CTV affiliate what I thought of this
while promoting a book on Live At Five, I explained that Nickell
makes a living doing this apparently and that flares explanation
was the first thing to be eliminated. I also asked who you were
going to believe, two people who had been investigating this
event for some 8 or 9 years or some self-proclaimed 'expert' who
never once looked into the documentation or interviewed the
witnesses.

As for Oak Island - not UFO related - when one sees the
engineering involved in cofferdamming a large cove to lay out an
intricate network of feeder-pipes leading to the shaft to flood

it with the logs and planking carbon dated to over 400 years ago, that's some 'hoax'.

I'd ignored the moneypit mystery for years but I was flabbergasted when I first read the work put into this deep shaft on a small island to hide some treasure. The method was ingenious.

As for Nickell, he insults a lot of people's intelligence into the bargain - particularly those who have actually spent time on a particular case. I don't think these people consider the fairness of their skewed remarks as long as they have a remark. They rely on having a skeptical and highly uninformed media and scientific community on their side.

Don Ledger

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There are even well advanced plans by private groups such as
Odyssey Moon - which has much involvement by the Canadian space
industry but also participation by Canadians, including many
colleagues from York University where I work - to place robotic
rovers on the Moon that will be capable of checking out nearby
TLP and Apollo landing sites.

* Members of Odyssey Moon are currently working with NASA in

reprocessing the massive numbers of images taken by its five Lunar Orbiters (1966-1967) that were used to select safe sites for the six Apollo manned lunar landings. The public only got to see the much lower resolution versions of these images of the surface of the Moon partly because of the limitations of the computer technology at the time but also because the U.S. did not want to reveal to the rest of the world just how small things it could detect with its space probes and spy satellites over 4 decades ago.

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Any Apollo artefacts will have been shipped there since the
supposed moon landings. The tracks will have been created by the
cheese mining activities as I exposed in my message at:

<http://www.ufoupdateslist.com/2001/dec/m13-009.shtml>

which is also the cause of the TLP.

Do people really think that world governments would undertake
genuine lunar exploration in the middle of a credit crunch? It's
all a sham, intended to conceal the ecologically corrupt and
possibly catastrophic global cheese cartel's mining operations.
Any results, including images will be faked.

By the way, my research has led me to the conclusion that there
is no basis in the Global warming hypothesis - the weather
changes are entirely caused by tidal interference brought on by
the shift of mass from the moon to Earth due to cheese
consumption.

When will people wake up and listen? Sheesh!

Joe

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Trivia for UFO buffs...

Answer:

<http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/1976STIN...7623125H>

and which ufologist and astronomy educator wrote about such
phenomena in 1981?

Answer:

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NASA'S KEPLER MISSION ROCKETS TO SPACE IN SEARCH OF OTHER EARTHS

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. -- NASA's Kepler mission successfully launched into space from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Fla., aboard a United Launch Alliance Delta II at 10:49 p.m. EST, Friday. Kepler is designed to find the first Earth-size planets orbiting stars at distances where water could pool on the planet's surface. Liquid water is believed to be essential for the formation of life.

"It was a stunning launch," said Kepler Project Manager James Fanson of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif. "Our team is thrilled to be a part of something so meaningful to the human race -- Kepler will help us understand if our Earth is unique or if others like it are out there."

Engineers acquired a signal from Kepler at 12:11 a.m. Saturday, after it separated from its spent third-stage rocket and entered its final sun-centered orbit, trailing 950 miles behind Earth. The spacecraft is generating its own power from its solar panels.

"Kepler now has the perfect place to watch more than 100,000 stars for signs of planets," said William Borucki, the mission's science principal investigator at NASA's Ames Research Center at Moffett Field, Calif. Borucki has worked on the mission for 17 years. "Everyone is very excited as our dream becomes a reality. We are on the verge of learning if other Earths are ubiquitous in the galaxy."

Engineers have begun to check Kepler to ensure it is working properly, a process called "commissioning" that will take about 60 days. In about a month or less, NASA will send up commands for Kepler to eject its dust cover and make its first measurements. After another month of calibrating Kepler's single

instrument, a wide-field charge-couple device camera, the telescope will begin to search for planets.

The first planets to roll out on the Kepler "assembly line" are expected to be the portly "hot Jupiters" -- gas giants that circle close and fast around their stars. NASA's Hubble and Spitzer space telescopes will be able to follow up with these planets and learn more about their atmospheres. Neptune-size planets will most likely be found next, followed by rocky ones as small as Earth. The true Earth analogs -- Earth-sized planets orbiting stars like our sun at distances where surface water, and possibly life, could exist -- would take at least three years to discover and confirm. Ground-based telescopes also will contribute to the mission by verifying some of the finds.

In the end, Kepler will give us our first look at the frequency of Earth-size planets in our Milky Way galaxy, as well as the frequency of Earth-size planets that could theoretically be habitable.

"Even if we find no planets like Earth, that by itself would be profound. It would indicate that we are probably alone in the galaxy," said Borucki.

As the mission progresses, Kepler will drift farther and farther behind Earth in its orbit around the sun. NASA's Spitzer Space Telescope, which was launched into the same orbit more than five years ago, is now more than 62 million miles behind Earth.

Kepler is a NASA Discovery mission. Ames is the home organization of the science principal investigator and is responsible for the ground system development, mission operations and science data analysis. JPL manages the Kepler mission development. Ball Aerospace & Technologies Corp. of Boulder, Colo., is responsible for developing the Kepler flight system and supporting mission operations. NASA's Launch Services Program at NASA's Kennedy Space Center, Fla., managed the launch service including payload integration and certifying the Delta II launch vehicle for NASA's use.

For more information about the Kepler mission, visit:

<http://www.nasa.gov/kepler>

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Sunday March 08, 2009

That Guy: UFOs And Bigfoot - The Kiwi Connection
Leigh Hart

In just a couple of months you will be able to join me, the explorer and "expert" and "proud New Zealander", as I take a long, hard look at the world's greatest mysteries and in the process, myself. Armed with an internet archaeology degree, a healthy dose of scepticism and a credit card, I will embark on a quest that will take me and my hand-picked team far from home, to some of the most intriguing, remote, and physically challenging locations in the world.

From Stonehenge to Machu Picchu, the viewer will be able to travel with me, metaphorically and in economy class, every step of the way, witnessing first-hand my fresh and sometimes unorthodox approach to archaeology, science and interview techniques.

I will dig for the truth, whether it's trekking through South America in search of El Dorado, the lost city of gold, taking part in expeditions to net Big Foot and the Loch Ness Monster, or asking the hard questions at the UFO capital of the world, Roswell.

Until now, nobody overseas has been able to solve these age-old mysteries, so I believe its time to give the Kiwis a shot!

With Kiwi know-how, I will meet and challenge many of the "acclaimed experts" on matters as diverse as the pyramids, the Bermuda triangle and UFOs. And I will dare to dig deeper than previous documentaries, and bring a "let's wrap this up once and for all" sort of approach to all my investigations. Incidentally, that is a phrase you will probably hear quite a bit throughout the series. Regardless of who I am interviewing, I will play the devil's advocate to an annoying degree.

Amidst all the exciting and exotic travel and my attempts to shed new light on these age-old international mysteries, I will endeavour to find a New Zealand connection in just about everything I explore. Often these connections may be surprisingly solid but more often than not they will be incredibly flimsy at best, and clearly a result of having been funded by TVNZ.

It takes a unique talent to be able to find a New Zealand connection with mysterious history that is sometimes thousands of years old but, if it can be done, I believe I am the man to do it.

My doco team will camp for a number of days in the northern

Californian wilderness. This is Bigfoot's backyard, but probably of more concern is the fact that it is also the home of many more tangible beasts such as grizzly bears, wild cats and some very stupid and possibly inbred people. I will talk to many people who claim to have had first-hand encounters with the legendary Bigfoot, including a guy called Dan who maintains he was raped repeatedly by the beast back in 1964.

As promised, we also meet New Zealanders who have had first-hand experience with Bigfoot, specifically the Thompson family from Dunedin who claim their camper van was attacked by Bigfoot while on holiday just north of San Francisco - an attack that regrettably wasn't covered by their vehicle insurance package.

A crashed flying saucer? An alien base at Area 51? The story of the Roswell UFO Incident has it all: Government conspiracy, alien bodies, cover-ups and now a shocking New Zealand connection.

The truth about Roswell may be "out there", but it has been shrouded by faulty memories, hoaxes - and sometimes deliberate lies.

My team will head to New Mexico and attempt to get to the bottom of the most famous story in UFO history.

I will interview some of the original eyewitnesses from the 1947 incident, and talk to Professor Stanton Friedman, the world-renowned Ufologist responsible for exposing the story in the 1970s.

Naturally, we will visit the desert crash site and with the help of the latest technology, as seen on TVNZ's top-rating show Serious Crash Unit, we will recreate the saucer's final moments before it crashed. We will talk to military personnel allegedly involved in the cover-up, including a former security guard who claims to have seen the alien bodies, and a retired panel beater who claims "the ship was a complete write-off".

At the conclusion of this episode viewers will be asking themselves: "How could such a memorable event, with so many people involved, be covered up for so long?"

By using common-sense techniques and the participants of a weekly swingers' party, I will demonstrate how it is possible to orchestrate a cover-up of this scale.

Leigh Hart's Mysterious Planet will air on TV2 later this year - or will it?

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>This may well prove to be a historical occasion for MUFON and
>for the science of Ufology in general.

>MUFON since its inception has been a volunteer effort on the
>part of civilians who devote whatever spare time and energies
>they can afford in order to fulfill MUFON's stated mission of
>scientifically investigating the UFO phenomenon for the benefit
>of humanity.

>Now for the first time MUFON's members are going to be paid to
>do their work.

>MUFON's agreement with Bigelow is to train and qualify a special
>rapid response team of Field Investigators who can be deployed
>within 24 hours to the scene of a major UFO event, the kind
>designated as Category 2 or 3 in the classification system
>devised by legendary UFO researcher Jacques Vallee. These are
>the rarer cases where either physical traces are left or
>physiological effects are caused in the witness.

>Bigelow has hired 50 top-flight scientists to assist MUFON in
>this endeavor who will function as consultants and do expensive
>lab analysis of alien materials gathered at the location of a
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>Bigelow, who never does anything on a small scale, a few years
>ago founded BAASS (Bigelow Aerospace Advanced Space Studies)
>with the incredibly ambitious goal of putting a commercial hotel
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>He thinks that even one category 2 or 3 case if properly
>investigated can yield significant scientific paydirt. Whatever
>high-tech equipment needed by the investigators on the scene
>will be drop-shipped to them overnight by BAASS. These high-
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>of scientific protocol.

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>subject secret has agreed per his contract with MUFON to hold
>nothing back from this organization that is revealed in the
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>This project which just launched on March 1st is code named SIP
>- Star Impact Project. It is a pilot experiment and will be
>reviewed on June 30th to see if it has proven successful enough
>to warrant funding for the rest of the year.

>Understandably there is a lot of excitement at MUFON
>Headquarters and among its membership. Now with this major
>infusion of funds from Bigelow, it will be better able than ever
>to carry out its stated mission. And Bigelow possibly will get
>what he wants to forward his goal.

>How this will all work out is hard to guess. This is something
>that has never been tried before. They are moving into
>unchartered territory here.

>In any case, Bigelow's investing so heavily in MUFON's ability
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supporter of the broadly discredited 'Disclosure Project'. I
could dredge up more examples of questionable MUFON standards (a
glance at some of their annual conference presenters lists
should suffice), but that isn't necessary to make this point.

I think the money would be better spent on establishing a
non-partisan, credible panel of experienced investigators and
researchers.

I am not going to waste time on making suggestions as to who might appear on such a panel, it would seem that the opportunity to do so has passed.

Cheers,

Joe

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There are a couple of points to make here. The groundwork for a
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the mix. But the actual scope of what we were looking at, as
well as the logistics in trying to get a team somewhere within
24 hours, became more than the group could really hope for in
funding.

We really only looked at trying to deal with the North
American continent, but even that was problematic when you had
to stage a "Go Kit" somewhere with your tools and a group of
experts willing to put their lives on immediate hold and race to
the scene. And what would be the criteria that would make this
type of exercise worth the effort? Would you test the process
with exercises to work out any kinks? What independent labs
would you have at the ready to handle any testing that was
needed? I can go on, but this gets very complicated very
quickly. Discussion never led to a resolution of some of these
questions, and in the end, the Sci-Fi Channel was bought by the
parent Company of NBC, and their UFO funding slowed to a
trickle.

Secondly, I wish MUFON well. But, knowing how Bigelow tends to operate, they need to show results very quickly. The current leadership of MUFON didn't work with him when the UFO Research Coalition was formed with his backing, but he was a results driven individual and unless you showed progress he quickly lost interest. This happened to his backing of NIDS as well, which I believe now exists only as a collection of documents.

Steve

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See:

<http://kepler.nasa.gov/sci/design/orbit.html>

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Kepler Satellite Orbit Info

From: David Iadevaia <api.nul>
Date: Sun, 8 Mar 2009 05:50:35 -0600 (MDT)
Archived: Sun, 08 Mar 2009 08:17:55 -0400
Subject: Kepler Satellite Orbit Info

Here is a link that describes something about the satellite's orbit:

<http://kepler.nasa.gov/sci/design/orbit.html>

David Iadevaia
<http://www.davidiadevaia.com>

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Re: Kepler Mission In Space

From: J. Maynard Gelinas <j.maynard.gelinas.nul>
Date: Sat, 7 Mar 2009 19:17:57 -0500
Archived: Sun, 08 Mar 2009 08:20:13 -0400
Subject: Re: Kepler Mission In Space

>From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Sat, 07 Mar 2009 18:03:53 -0500
>Subject: Re: Kepler Mission In Space

>>From: NASA News <hcnnews.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>>Date: Sat 07 Mar 2009 01:00:01 EST
>>Subject: NASA's Kepler Mission Rockets To Space In Search Of Other
>>Earths

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>>Engineers acquired a signal from Kepler at 12:11 a.m. Saturday,
>>after it separated from its spent third-stage rocket and entered
>>its final sun-centered orbit, trailing 950 miles behind Earth.
>>The spacecraft is generating its own power from its solar
>>panels.

>Huh? What'll keep it from being sucked back towards and
>ultimately smashing into Earth, the result of Earth's gravity?

It has acquired enough momentum via rocket propulsion to escape
earth's gravity well.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Momentum>

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From: Terry Groff <terry.nul>
Date: Sat, 7 Mar 2009 14:37:40 -0600
Archived: Sun, 08 Mar 2009 11:03:29 -0400
Subject: Re: Bigelow Backs MUFON

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Sat, 07 Mar 2009 14:55:30 -0400
>Subject: Re: Bigelow Backs MUFON

>>Source: The Examiner - Denver, Colorado

>><http://tinyurl.com/beyqzs>

>>March 6 2009

>>MUFON To Receive Major Funding From Billionaire Backer

>>By
>>Eddie Middleton

>>Billionaire real estate investor and entrepreneur Robert Bigelow
>>of Las Vegas, Nevada is now betting his bucks on MUFON to find
>>valuable new knowledge about alien propulsion systems.

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>I think this is a significant development. But I have some
>questions; the foremost being, were the project to continue past
>June 30 [the project name is a bit corny - BTW] would this
>extended to investigations in Canada or even the UK or just the
>United States? Seems to me the more widely spread the
>investigations the more significant the results.

>But judging by the Rapid Response Team set-up I'm guessing that
>this will be restricted to the United States.

>Any other thoughts out there re this piece of news?

>Don Ledger

Don, et al

The name derives from MUFON's _STAR_ Team or Strike Team Area
Research.

This is definitely new territory and no one knows how it will
pan out.

This project only addresses what MUFON is calling type 2 and 3
cases. These types are derived from the Vallee Classification
system.

Type 2 cases are considered to be AN2, FB2, MA2 and CE1
Type 3 cases are AN3-AN5, FB3-FB5, MA3-MA5 and CE2-CE5

If a case outside the US is deemed significant enough then MUFON
would indeed dispatch a team to investigate but the majority
will be within the US.

One of the main advantages to MUFON of this project is that we
will have access to sophisticated equipment and laboratories
manned by 50 scientists in all fields of study. An investigator
will be able to request equipment and have drop-shipped over
night to their location.

I have already submitted my application as a Dispatch Operator and Investigator. Ken Cherry asked me if I would like to be the State coordinator for Texas but I declined.

Only time will tell if this is a deal or dud.

Terry Groff
MUFON
Deputy Director
CMS Administrator
Field Investigator (TX)

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Re: Bigelow Backs MUFON

From: **Richard Hall** <richardhall137.nul>
Date: Sun, 8 Mar 2009 11:43:43 -0400
Archived: Sun, 08 Mar 2009 11:59:18 -0400
Subject: Re: Bigelow Backs MUFON

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: [post.nul](#)
>Date: Sun, 08 Mar 2009 01:17:18 -0400
>Subject: Re: Bigelow Backs MUFON

>>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>>To: [post.nul](#)
>>Date: Sat, 07 Mar 2009 20:39:16 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Bigelow Backs MUFON

>>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
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>>Yes, I think it may be a missed opportunity and that the money
>>may be effectively wasted. This is due to my perception of
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>it runs its course.

>Don Ledger

Your concerns are well based. Those of us who worked with
Bigelow in the past (or tried to) are snickering to ourselves.

I resigned from MUFON over the very sort of negative that Joe
cites, but they also have many good, well-trained, careful
investigators. Just like the UFO field at large, some purging of
kooks and airheads would be a big plus. But MUFON is the largest
and best organized U.S. group that actually has a large network
of people in the field, so it is not totally a crazy idea.

Bigelow himself is the main problem. We (the UFO Research
Coalition) recommended a rapid response team years ago, but
Bigelow has his own axes to grind and micromanages everything to

fit. After swearing that we would make all the decisions about investigations, he (typically, as we learned) violated our agreement and began dictating our actions.

My break with him came when he essentially unilaterally fired our world-class investigator, Walt Webb, over our strong objections.

All I can say is lots of luck to MUFON, and may the UFOs cooperate by showing up and leaving physical trace evidence within the next six months.

Snicker, snicker!

Dick

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Re: Bigelow Backs MUFON

From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
Date: Sun, 08 Mar 2009 18:34:08 +0000
Archived: Mon, 09 Mar 2009 06:49:22 -0400
Subject: Re: Bigelow Backs MUFON

>From: Richard Hall <richardhall137.nul>
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Mr Hall, you old cynic, you! Don't I remember another
millionaire offering to throw money at ufologists? What was his
name now, Joe... Joe Firmage?

Whatever happened to him?

--
John Rimmer

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Date: Mon, 09 Mar 2009 07:00:01 -0400
Archived: Mon, 09 Mar 2009 07:00:01 -0400
Subject: Believers Hunt UFO At Annual Meeting

Source: The San Francisco Chronicle - California, USA

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

Sunday, March 8, 2009

Believers Hunt UFO At Annual Meeting

By Kathleen Hennessey
Associated Press Writer

LAUGHLIN, CA (AP) -- A high-pitched cry of delight rings through the desert night. A few dozen heads cocked skyward turn in tandem toward the sound. They move deliberately, trying not to lose sight of the stars, trying to see what the others see.

"Oh my God, you guys, it's a giant delta! It is a great big delta!"

"That huge, that's a mothership, probably."

"We're going to see a battle."

This is UFO hunting among the believers.

And this is how you end a day at the recent International UFO Congress Convention & Film Festival, which has brought together the extraterrestrially curious in the United States for 18 years.

Late last month, the group gathered in this desert casino town to discuss the truth they believe is out there. This year, that meant lectures on alien implant research, alien technology, the secret societies that "threaten to take over America" and something called "exoconsciousness." Nearly 1,000 people attended the annual meeting.

The convention is the brainchild of co-founder Bob Brown, a former commercial pilot and a filmmaker who says his captivation with the paranormal dates back to his northern California childhood. When he was 9, a family friend gave him a copy of "There is River," a biography of self-described psychic Edgar Cayce, and "Autobiography of a Yogi." A searcher was born.

Years later, after a UFO sighting of his own and countless hours of research, Brown concluded that even the mainstream UFO community was suppressing information and wrongly dismissing some important paranormal events. He and co-founder Wendell Stevens, a UFO investigator, set out to create a less political forum.

"We decided that it needed to be done better. People needed to have a respectful and wonderful place to disseminate information. You don't do it for money," said Brown, a soft spoken man who might pass for a salesman if not for his Marvin

the Martian tie.

Indeed, there is an come-one-come-all feel at the conference. Conspiracy theorists mingle with new-age artists. Dense, scholarly treatises sit next to self-published tales of alien encounters.

The community of believers has its own celebrities, trends and language.

When asked her name, Cari Barlow, of Siena Vista, Ariz., stumbled. She usually goes by her star name "Joujoului," she explained. She also can write in Reptilian, the language of the alien race she believes to be in her blood line.

"I've know I'm a hybrid," she said plainly. "I knew all my life, but I realized when my ex saw me shape shift."

At the UFO Congress she feels at home: "Even the skeptics are open minded. It's like family."

However deep this subculture, it is not impervious to current events and popular culture.

Among the hottest selling DVDs was "Hidden Agenda: The Capitalist Conspiracy =97 An Inside View of International Banking," according to Tom Bearden of UFO TV, a DVD distributor in attendance.

President Barack Obama graced the cover of the latest issue of a journal published by Italian UFO enthusiast and journalist Maurizio Baiata.

"You Americans, with Obama you have hope. Obama represents a new hope for the country but also for disclosure, if he starts pushing for disclosure of the big secrets," Baiata said.

The big secrets seemed as open as the night sky to those who joined Ed Grimsley on his evening sky watch trip. Grimsley believes he's been watching battles between unknown aircraft since he was a teenager. Armed with night vision binoculars and laser pointers, he led expeditions of the curious to a roadside overlook just outside of town.

The group passed around the binoculars and were told the rules =97 conventional wisdom for the unconventional.

If a light is moving slowly in a straight line, it's a satellite. If it blinks and has two wings, it's a plane. If it moves quickly, starts and stops, or dodges the beam of the laser pointer, it's =97 unidentified.

"I saw a Lexus on the freeway, I don't know who the owner is," explains Melinda Leslie, of Costa Mesa, Calif., an alien abduction researcher, office manager and spotter of the giant delta.

"Could it be ours? Theirs? I don't know."

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Re: Is There Anybody Out There Kepler?

From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos.nul>
Date: Sun, 08 Mar 2009 19:16:30 -0400
Archived: Mon, 09 Mar 2009 07:02:07 -0400
Subject: Re: Is There Anybody Out There Kepler?

>Source: BBC News - London, England, UK

><http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/science/nature/7918497.stm>

>Thursday, 5 March 2009

<snip>

>Kathryn Westcott asks four experts whether mankind prefers the
>idea of being alone and unique or whether we long for cosmic
>cousins.

>Is There Anybody Out There?

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>Robert J Sawyer is a Hugo Award-winning science fiction writer

>Throughout the history of science, there have been a series of
>developments from Copernicus (who displaced the Earth from the
>centre of the Universe) to Darwin (who showed we weren't created
>full-blown by the hand of God) that knocked out our status of
>being special. The one claim to being special that we have been
>able to hold on to is the belief that Earth is the only place in
>the Universe where intelligent life exists.

>For many people, there is a psychological need to be special,
>and so Kepler - which I bet will succeed in its quest - will
>take away from that.

<snip>

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>Dr Michael Perryman is a senior adviser at the European Space
>Agency

>In the past 15 years, the area of exo-planet research has been
>one of massive progress. Since 1995, more than 300 planets have
>been discovered orbiting other stars relatively near to us in
>space.

>But when it comes to whether Earth-like systems are common or
>not, we really are into the realms of pure speculation.

<snip>

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>Brother Guy Consolmagno studies the nature and evolution of
>small bodies in the solar system. He is curator of the Vatican
>meteorite collection - one of the largest in the world - at the
>Vatican Observatory

>We Jesuits are actively involved in the search for Earth-like
>planets.

>The idea that there could be other intelligent creatures made by
>God in a relationship with God is not contrary to traditional

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>Judeo-Christian thought.

>The Bible has many references to, or descriptions of, non-human
>intelligent beings; after all, that's what angels are.

<snip>

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>Dr Steven J Dick is an astronomer and chief historian at NASA

>The Kepler mission is definitely a landmark one, and finding an
>Earth-sized planet will raise the debate about whether we are
>alone or not.

>We have known for a long time that we are not the centre of the
>Universe, the question now is whether biologically we are
>central. It's all we have left.

>Even if intelligent life were discovered, we would remain unique
>in terms of morphology and form.

<snip>

Hi Everyone,

I know of or have met these four "experts", as well as many other so-called or self-proclaimed experts on extraterrestrial life - a subject that science has, so far, done nothing to study and knows very little about except for possibly UFOs and the vast amounts of recorded knowledge obtained through direct revelation from God or ETs over thousands of years of human history which science considers as "myths" or "religious" views and thus dismissed as non-applicable or untrue.

I found it very amusing that a month before Kepler even left the launch pad on its important quest to search for the first Earth-like planets in orbit around nearby stars, these experts were already making and promoting the announcement that our galaxy has billions of Earths (see URL below), all this before a single Earth-like exoplanet has even been detected by anyone!

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/science/nature/7891132.stm>

One thing we can count on from the recent launch by Kepler, as with any new experiment or the first search for something, there will be surprises, unexpected discoveries and of course many disappointments too. After all, every expert can not be right.

Having taken a graduate level course on Extrasolar Planets (as they were first called) taught by a York U. space scientist who also worked on the Kepler space mission at NASA's Ames Research Center, California and thus no less an expert myself, I sent in my name and comments which, along with those by many other space and SETI enthusiasts and are now in space aboard Kepler. For those that may be interested, I have included my comments below (I am Kepler's participant number 2085).

"The discovery of an Earth-like planet orbiting within the habitable zone of a nearby Sun-like star will be the needed inspiration for mankind to strive for and achieve the next major step in manned spaceflight - visiting another solar system in our immediate neighbourhood of the Milky Way galaxy."

"If no life is found or suspected to have once existed on any of these Earth-like planets, this discovery will confirm to all that life on Earth is indeed special, precious and a unique creation of God. Such a discovery would unite all peoples and help bring about an end to tribal warfare and ethnic rivalries by heralding a new era of love, cooperation and peace."

As for Eleanor White's question as to how Kepler can maintain its fairly constant 950 mile separation from us as it trails the Earth in its orbit around the Sun and does not ultimately fall back to Earth by gravity, I think this can be easily understood by example rather than having to resort to orbital mechanics.

The example is Cruithne (Asteroid 3753) which was discovered by two York U. astronomers. Since Cruithne, sometimes called the Earth's second natural satellite after the Moon, like Kepler is

Re: Is There Anybody Out There Kepler?

in orbit around the Sun and not in orbit around the Earth but they also have the same orbital period (exactly one year) and average velocity in space as the Earth does, they then become co-orbiting objects. If Kepler's average orbital velocity around the Sun is just a tad faster than Earth's, it will indeed fall back but if Kepler's velocity is a tad slower, then its 950 mile separation from Earth will actually get bigger with time.

Since Cruithne was discovered, a few more such co-orbital asteroids have been identified which are always in the Earth's immediate neighbourhood. In the past I have proposed to use one or more of these asteroids, which happened by chance(?) to have just the right motion in space, as a manned space platform or base - unless it is already occupied by ETs who beat us to it and are using Earth's co-orbiting asteroids to keep tabs on us!

Nick Balaskas

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>investigators.

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I am just finding out about that now, thanks to Robert Powell in
an off-List dialogue.

As is often the case, it is the public actions of a few who
colour people's perception of an entire organisation. It then
falls on the organisation to exercise care when making
appointments.

Cheers,

Joe

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Are Americans Superstitious?
Karlyn Bowman

Surprising numbers believe in omens, UFOs and government conspiracies.

Officially, the term "ides" refers to the 15th day of certain months in the old Roman calendar. But March 15 has a special, inopportune significance - as every reader of Julius Caesar knows.

In an attempt to quantify how superstitious Americans are, pollsters have explored our beliefs about prophecies like the soothsayer's warning about Caesar's imminent death. They've also studied what we think about all things supernatural and fantastical.

Gallup began a battery of questions this way: "Some people are superstitious and try to behave in such a way as to avoid bad luck or jinxing themselves, and others are not. How superstitious are you?" One percent of respondents admitted to being very superstitious, 24% somewhat so, 28% not very and 47% not at all.

The follow-up questions revealed that around a quarter of us are superstitious about knocking on wood, 13% about a black cat crossing a path, 12% about walking under a ladder, 11% about breaking a mirror, 9% about the number 13 - and 9% of respondents believed that speaking ill of a person makes it come true.

A small collection of questions on paranormal phenomena exist in the survey archives. Again, turning to Gallup's findings, 63% of respondents to one poll indicated they believe in d=E9j=E0 vu.

In questions asked in 1996 and then a decade later, slightly more than four in 10 believed in ESP, around 30% in telepathy and about a quarter in clairvoyance. Sixty percent said they had had the feeling of d=E9j=E0 vu, and 18% in another question said they had felt they were in touch with someone who had already died.

In November, Harris updated a broader question about "various things some people believe in." Substantial majorities believed in God (80%), miracles (75%) and heaven (73%) - to name just a few of the religious items the polling firm included. But significant numbers also believed in ghosts (44%) and witches (31%). The responses have held steady since Harris first asked the questions in 2005.

In a Gallup question, a third said houses could be haunted, 16% said they had been in such a house and 9% said they had been in the presence of a ghost.

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March 9, 2009

Close Encounters Of The Cameron Kind; Woman Recalls Night With UFO
by Jeanne Williams - Cameron Writer

CAMERON -- People told stories about encounters with unexplained, slow-moving, glowing objects in the night sky over Stephenville last January. There were reports of an unidentified amber-lighted aircraft that buzzed President Bush's Crawford ranch last summer. Those and the 34 aerial anomalies witnessed in Texas skies last month and reported to UFO-trackers at MUFON are merely d=E9j=E0 vu to Cameron's Penny Mowdy Horelica.

In the early spring of 1975, Mrs. Horelica, then a C.H. Yoe High School senior, said she was returning home in her 1964 black Ford Mustang from an after-school job at the Safeway Supermarket when, five miles outside of Cameron on FM 1600, she spotted a glowing object in the sky that resembled a bright motorcycle light floating on the horizon.

As the object maneuvered directly toward her, floating around like no conventional aircraft moves, her first thoughts were that it was a weather balloon or "something Air Force," she said.

Just before she approached the Little River Bridge, the object closed in and chased her down FM 1600 until it rendezvoused with her vehicle, hovering atop the Mustang and floating back and forth as the scared teenager floor-boarded her car toward home, she said.

As the craft got closer, it changed in appearance from an iridescent motorcycle light to a moon-sized, then a sun-sized sphere, and, close-up, matched the dimensions of Cameron fire station's rear parking lot.

"I was so scared I couldn't get away from it," Mrs. Horelica said.

The car interior was illuminated by the craft that produced a low hum. The radio was jammed to static, and the car's headlights went out.

Blinded by the light, she said she kept driving on instinct, with the object hovering overhead. She arrived at her grandmother's house scared out of her wits.

She stopped the vehicle, jumped out and raced to the front porch, where she met her grandmother, pointing out frantically the huge, lighted object that by then floated over a field in front of the house. Her grandmother called neighbors who also witnessed the glowing craft. The aircraft hovered less than a minute before a fireball exploded and it vanished into darkness.

"We never saw anything like that again," Mrs. Horelica said.

The adventure continued the next day at school where history and science classes were devoted to her UFO experience, which had been reported on a local radio station after she reported the sighting to the Cameron Police Department.

Mrs. Horelica consented to a live interview on the radio, and her experience was reported in two weekly newspapers.

Penny Mowdy became famous for a while as the Yoe High teenager who had seen a UFO.

"I got a lot of flack," she said. "But it wasn't that bad because I wasn't the only one that had seen it. Kids and some people were like, 'What were you drinking?' and stuff like that."

Teasing did get so intense by some skeptics at school that she cried. The drive home after her 10 p.m. shift ended was a frightening experience for a while, and she kept searching the dark sky for a lighted object. To date, she has never again seen a UFO, but fear lingers.

"I had trouble with it," she said of the sighting.

The terror she experienced the night she was chased by a glowing and humming UFO doesn't haunt on a day-to-day basis, but it surfaces when she drives at night in a lonely area or sees an aerial light of an airplane or helicopter, or a bright star.

As a teenager, she had no interest in science fiction, UFO sightings or the extraterrestrial, preferring dancing, parties, handicrafts, fashion, friends, movie stars, and listening to classic country singers such as Hank Williams, Johnny Horton and Marty Robbins.

After high school graduation, she got a job as Cameron police dispatcher, and married Henry Horelica, who today is the Cameron fire chief.

The Horelicas raised their family in the fire station. Today, this busy mother, grandmother and fire department ladies auxiliary volunteer checks UFO reports, watches programs on sightings, and there is a vu when newsreels show people describing "something similar to what I saw," she said.

Mrs. Horelica said she is not sure how the UFO sighting was investigated by law enforcement. Records on the sighting could not be found at the Cameron Police Department. Officials said the reports probably were destroyed after sustaining severe water damage from a leaky roof.

Milam County Sheriff David Greene said if a sighting is reported, investigators would take a statement and contact aeronautical authorities after first contacting Fort Hood.

MUFON, the Mutual UFO Network, headquartered in Morrison, Colo., established in 1969 by Seguin resident Walt Andrus, recorded a UFO sighting in Texas in 1975, said Alejandro Rojas, MUFON's director of public education and media relations. That was the year of Mrs. Horelica's sighting.

While Mrs. Horelica saw a round lighted object, the witness of another sighting observed a cylindrical formation of red lights descending from the sky. Lights turned white then scattered and disappeared, Rojas said.

Additionally, in the mid-1970s during the summer, a woman and her cousin were traveling east on FM 2861 from Highway 16 north of Comanche when they saw "a huge formation of red lights in a cylindrical shape heading toward the ground. The lights were very wide in the middle of the shape but not on each end. As it got very close to the ground, the red lights turned bright white, scattered and disappeared," Rojas said.

MUFON, one of three groups in the UFO Research Coalition, sees a rise in the number of reported UFO sightings in recent years. In January, MUFON recorded 549 reports, with 34 of those from Texas.

"However, it is hard to say whether that is due to the public knowing more about us and how to reach us, or whether there are more sightings," Rojas said. "For instance, we received a lot of media coverage during the Stephenville, Texas, sightings last year, and our number of sightings nationwide increased, we believe due to people being aware that they can report their sightings to us. People can go to our site to report sightings, and to view the reports that have been made."

UFOINFO, another tracking organization on the Web, reported a UFO sighting in Milam County on Jan. 6, 2005, identical to a "brilliant object caught on film" at Kaufman County. A Milam County resident who was not identified reported a good-sized rounded type of object with a silver sheen that was trailed by a long blue-white flame and trail of smoke. A year earlier, she and her husband saw three silver, round objects traveling the same path.

Mrs. Horelica describes her incident as "a very different experience, but it is one that I don't care to have happen again. We will never know in our lifetimes what it was."

There was no question in Cameron that Mrs. Horelica had seen a strange object, said her husband, Henry. Since then, others have related UFO sightings in Milam County.

"She was real scared," said Horelica, who has seen "lights in the sky that are stationary, and then they go, too quick to be an airplane. The world is just a pinpoint in the universe. Who is to say there is not anything else out there?"

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>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Mon, 09 Mar 2009 10:22:09 +0000
>Subject: Re: Bigelow Backs MUFON

>>From: Richard Hall <richardhall37.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Sun, 8 Mar 2009 11:43:43 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Bigelow Backs MUFON

>Hi Dick, List,

><snip>

>>I resigned from MUFON over the very sort of negative that Joe
>>quotes, but they also have many good, well-trained, careful
>>investigators.

><snip>

>I am just finding out about that now, thanks to Robert Powell in
>an off-List dialogue.

>As is often the case, it is the public actions of a few who
>colour people's perception of an entire organisation. It then
>falls on the organisation to exercise care when making
>appointments.

Joe,

Precisely right, and I argued that until I was blue in the face.
I would add that the same reasoning applies strongly to the
entire field of "UFology."

A relatively small number of kooks and clowns gives all of us a
bad name, and allows alleged scientists to point out their (the
kooks) nonsense as the reason for their (the scientists)
disinterest.

It's a total cop-out on the part of the scientists, but the
point remains true nevertheless. That is why I have, for many
years, made a strong effort to expose kookery and nonsense in
the field on this list and elsewhere.

Dick

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From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
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>From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Sun, 08 Mar 2009 18:34:08 +0000
>Subject: Re: Bigelow Backs MUFON

>>From: Richard Hall <richardhall37.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Sun, 8 Mar 2009 11:43:43 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Bigelow Backs MUFON

>>All I can say is lots of luck to MUFON, and may the UFOs
>>cooperate by showing up and leaving physical trace evidence
>>within the next six months.

>>Snicker, snicker!

>Mr Hall, you old cynic, you! Don't I remember another
>millionaire offering to throw money at ufologists? What was his
>name now, Joe... Joe Firmage?

>Whatever happened to him?

John... do you know anything more about Joe Firmage or the other
"angels" of the field, other than what you're read on Updates?
The picture is far more involved than most would want to go into
publicly.

Joe is still trying to promote his web concept, but he hasn't
really made it as big as he did when the dot com business
exploded in the 90's. He, like many others, lost his shirt (I
believe). But I don't believe that Firmage ever came up with
financial assistance for any of the research organizations. He
wanted to promote a web site that could be used to promote well
vetted material, and then promote it (while Joe ran the site and
charged for the information).

Ufology was only one of the areas covered by the site and I
believe that everyone nodded politely when it was proposed.
Let's not compare a web promoter with an actual businessman
trying to make prudent investments in technology discovery.

I believe that the UFO Research Coalition was formed as a
requirement for funding from Bigelow, and the framework
continues to this day in a limited form. But the point is that
substantial funds were made available to coordinate research,
which Bigelow believed was stifled by the infighting that took
place between the three major research groups at that time. His
corporate answer was to bring them into the same tent and give
them all common goals and funding.

But Bigelow has not been the only funding entity that ufology
has been able to tap over the years, but just as they didn't
seek publicity in making those contributions, I'm not sure that
their kindness needs to become the subject of debate and
discussion.

Over the years there have been a very few that have given large
support to ufology, and each has their own reasons for making
that contribution.

I sincerely hope that MUFON's experience with Bigelow's support is positive and leads to creation of a rabid investigation group.

Steve

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There's quite a few of them around, Steven!

--
John Rimmer

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>Source: The Examiner - Denver, Colorado

><http://tinyurl.com/beyqzs>

>March 6 2009

>MUFON To Receive Major Funding From Billionaire Backer
>By
>Eddie Middleton

>Billionaire real estate investor and entrepreneur Robert Bigelow
>of Las Vegas, Nevada is now betting his bucks on MUFON to find
>valuable new knowledge about alien propulsion systems.

>Bigelow who has long been known to give millions of dollars to
>fund serious UFO research has just concluded a deal with MUFON
>whereby he will supply this organization with whatever it needs
>to be able to go out and bring back the hard evidence, not only
>to document the reality of UFOs interacting with us but most
>importantly to gather the kind of information that will truly
>advance scientific understanding of this phenomenon.

>This may well prove to be a historical occasion for MUFON and
>for the science of Ufology in general.

<snip>

>Now for the first time MUFON's members are going to be paid to
>do their work.

>MUFON's agreement with Bigelow is to train and qualify a special
>rapid response team of Field Investigators who can be deployed
>within 24 hours to the scene of a major UFO event, the kind
>designated as Category 2 or 3 in the classification system
>devised by legendary UFO researcher Jacques Vallee. These are
>the rarer cases where either physical traces are left or
>physiological effects are caused in the witness.

>Bigelow has hired 50 top-flight scientists to assist MUFON in
>this endeavor who will function as consultants and do expensive
>lab analysis of alien materials gathered at the location of a
>UFO event.

<snip>

>He thinks that even one category 2 or 3 case if properly
>investigated can yield significant scientific paydirt. Whatever
>high-tech equipment needed by the investigators on the scene
>will be drop-shipped to them overnight by BAASS. These high-
>profile cases will be investigated using the strictest methods
>of scientific protocol.

>Bigelow who has been known to keep his findings on the UFO
>subject secret has agreed per his contract with MUFON to hold
>nothing back from this organization that is revealed in the
>BAASS lab analysis of materials supplied by MUFON.

>This project which just launched on March 1st is code named SIP
>- Star Impact Project. It is a pilot experiment and will be

>reviewed on June 30th to see if it has proven successful enough
>to warrant funding for the rest of the year.

>Understandably there is a lot of excitement at MUFON
>Headquarters and among its membership. Now with this major
>infusion of funds from Bigelow, it will be better able than ever
>to carry out its stated mission. And Bigelow possibly will get
>what he wants to forward his goal.

>How this will all work out is hard to guess. This is something
>that has never been tried before. They are moving into
>unchartered territory here.

>
>In any case, Bigelow's investing so heavily in MUFON's ability
>to make SIP a successful search and find operation for greater
>knowledge about alien technology is some extremely good PR for
>MUFON whose credibility can be expected to take a significant
>leap forward in the eyes of the general public.

Hi, List

Does anyone else on the UpDates List find this announcement rather... odd? Eddie Middleton, the MUFON State Director for Tennessee, wrote the above article for examiner.com, but no links or references to press releases or sources are cited or appended to the article.

I checked several pages on both the Bigelow Aerospace and MUFON websites, where news and/or press releases are otherwise noted, but found no reference to this story at all.

Using google, I also found the only links or references to this article all go back to the examiner.com article. As it has been several days since this story broke, I find it very strange that no other announcements, with further details, have appeared either from MUFON or Bigelow themselves.

Also, assuming Middleton has his story straight, does anyone else find it unlikely, given that this "Star Impact Project" began March 1st, and "will be reviewed on June 30th to see if it has proven successful enough to warrant funding for the rest of the year" that any such required CE 2 or 3 case is going to occur within the 5 month timeframe noted? Or that "Bigelow has hired 50 top-flight scientists to assist MUFON in this endeavor"?

Does anyone know of any other documentation from either MUFON or Bigelow that would substantiate this article by Middleton? I could find none, and therefore think that at least some things about this announcement are probably, to say the least, suspect.

Steve

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>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
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><snip>

>>I think this is a significant development. But I have some
>>questions; the foremost being, were the project to continue past
>>June 30 [the project name is a bit corny - BTW] would this
>>extended to investigations in Canada or even the UK or just the
>>United States? Seems to me the more widely spread the
>>investigations the more significant the results.

>>But judging by the Rapid Response Team set-up I'm guessing that
>>this will be restricted to the United States.

>>Any other thoughts out there re this piece of news?

<snip>

>If a case outside the US is deemed significant enough then MUFON
>would indeed dispatch a team to investigate but the majority
>will be within the US.

Terry,

Who or what are they going use for their triggers? Often the
case is a couple of days old before before an investigator hears
about it. Are they relying on some agency or the general public
to forward a case to them?

What kind of juice will MUFON's team have with ATC and the FAA
or the military re gleaning information from them?

>One of the main advantages to MUFON of this project is that we
>will have access to sophisticated equipment and laboratories
>manned by 50 scientists in all fields of study. An investigator
>will be able to request equipment and have drop-shipped over
>night to their location.

Certainly an envious position to be in with all of those resources.

>I have already submitted my application as a Dispatch Operator
>and Investigator. Ken Cherry asked me if I would like to be the
>State coordinator for Texas but I declined.

>Only time will tell if this is a deal or dud.

Well, good luck.

Don Ledger

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Friday, February 27, 2009

What's Up Off Siesta Key?
by Billy Cox

A recent sighting bearing a Sarasota tagline logged into the National UFO Reporting Center database was so compelling that even Webmaster Peter Davenport made note at:

<http://www.nuforc.org/webreports/067/S67669.html>

"We spoke with this witness via telephone," he wrote, "and we suspect that the person is a superlative witness. We would welcome reports from the other witnesses present, or from anyone else in... Sarasota, who may have been witness to the same event."

No wonder Davenport was impressed. The guy had a keen eye for detail, filing GPS location coordinates, weather conditions, and even the estimated altitude and speed of the UFO, which put on a show over the Gulf of Mexico off Siesta Key on Christmas night before it accelerated out of sight.

Actually, there were two UFOs that evening, the second one appearing immediately after the first disappeared. "I was able to train a high power telescope on the second object," he wrote, "and saw nothing but a pulsating light that I would have reported as a flare if the trajectory had not been what it was."

"I have seen flares, fighter jets afterburners at night, oil rig burn offs, boat fires, large shooting stars breaking apart, plane crashes and countless other night time lights and phenomena," he added. "I am convinced that was none of these."

He queried regional military and FAA facilities about any 8 p.m.-ish aerial activity on 12/25/08 and got goose eggs. He phoned a local Coast Guard station, where a petty officer informed him they'd had another UFO call - same place, same time. But that was it. The post was anonymous. End of story. Until Feb. 16.

That's when the Herald-Tribune was approached by a Sarasota entrepreneur and former politician with additional details of the Christmas night event. Among the witnesses were a Navy C-130 pilot, a schoolteacher, a Presbyterian minister, and the caller's son - who filed the report with NUFORC.

The reason he contacted the paper nearly two months later was because the UFOs had reappeared the night before, Sunday Feb. 15. Same time, same place, same sequence. But this time, his son managed to catch the second UFO on his digital camera. Problem: No names could be associated with the story because his son was

a Coast Guard pilot who feared the disclosure could jeopardize his career.

So the son forwarded the video to De Void in hopes that more eyes on this thing might shed some light on the mystery. Unfortunately, as he admits, the sequence isn't that good. There's no perspective, no framing, just an orange dot dancing around in the dark. Still, the experience was enough to expand his notions on reality.

"I'm reaching out because I want to know what I saw," says the former law enforcement officer who, once again, contacted the same government outlets he did in December without getting any explanations. "It was purposeful, it was almost as if it were choreographed. I'm a skeptic at heart, but I'm also a trained observer, which means I have to keep an open mind."

Ideas? More videos? Anybody?

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>>>To: post.nul
>>>Date: Sat, 07 Mar 2009 14:55:30 -0400
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>>>>Source: The Examiner - Denver, Colorado

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Terry,

Good luck with your application, but there's little information
on anyone actually thinking this through, and I hope it's only
because the information isn't being disseminated yet. I do have
a couple of minor questions:

- Where will the "Dispatch Operator" be housed and how will that
person be notified of an incident?

- Will NUFORC be a major source for your calls, or will a
completely new network for UFO reporting be created?

- How will those calls be vetted for importance and what will the trigger be to generate a call for an emergency investigation into an incident?
- Where will the "sophisticated equipment and laboratories manned by 50 scientists in all fields of study" located, and who are they?
- As a follow-up, I would ask what equipment is included in this mix, since the discussion of this several years ago was very extensive?
- As with any emergency preparedness scenario, this would require practice to become efficient at the process. Are there test scenarios being considered to prepare for the real thing?
- Has there been a discussion of what the trigger would be to initiate a quick response?
- If "physical evidence" is the key (as it was in earlier discussions), how many such Events have occurred in the past two years that would meet that criteria in the North American Continent? This would give you an idea of how often such responses might be needed and the funding level required.
- How do you handle the "local" MUFON investigators who want to race to the scene and might contaminate the evidence that is gathered? There are jurisdictional issues here that MUFON will have to address, and to believe that all MUFON investigators are qualified to handle such investigations is, IMO, foolish.
- In the end, what is the goal of this "investigation"? Previously, the goal was to generate articles for publication in scientific journals on the unusual nature of trace case evidence, but current cases were few and far between. Bigelow wasn't into the scientific exploration as much as the technology that he might profit from, so I'm not sure this is his focus.

We haven't seen many MUFON leaders mention this backing, with the exception of the article that everyone is quoting. I suspect that this information wasn't supposed to be released yet and MUFON may be caught off guard a bit.

Steve

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>>>><http://tinyurl.com/beyqzs>

>>>>March 6 2009

>>>>MUFON To Receive Major Funding From Billionaire Backer
>>>>By
>>>>Eddie Middleton

>>>>Billionaire real estate investor and entrepreneur Robertb Bigelow
>>>>of Las Vegas, Nevada is now betting his bucks on MUFON to find
>>>>valuable new knowledge about alien propulsion systems.

>><snip>

>>>I think this is a significant development. But I have some
>>>questions; the foremost being, were the project to continue past
>>>June 30 [the project name is a bit corny - BTW] would this
>>>extended to investigations in Canada or even the UK or just the
>>>United States? Seems to me the more widely spread the
>>>investigations the more significant the results.

>>>But judging by the Rapid Response Team set-up I'm guessing that
>>>this will be restricted to the United States.

>>>Any other thoughts out there re this piece of news?

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Don,

Cases will come from the MUFON Case Management System (CMS) in real-time. SIP Dispatch Operators will be monitoring each case from any computer linked to the internet

Of course we have no control over when a witness actually reports the event but we will act as soon as a report is verified and is deemed worthy of sending a team to investigate.

You can find an Overview and an FAQ on the SIP Page at

<http://www.mufon.com/MUFONSIP.htm>

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>>Only time will tell if this is a deal or dud.

>Well, good luck.

Thanks.

Terry

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Mutilated Cow Found Near Trinidad

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Subject: Mutilated Cow Found Near Trinidad

=DFource: KOAA-TV - Colorado Springs, Colorado, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/b55szf>

Tue Mar 10, 2009

Mutilated Cow Found Near Trinidad

Story By: David Ortiviz

A rancher in Las Animas County made a shocking and gruesome discovery over the weekend. He found a mutilated cow by the Purgatoire River.

The mutilated cow was discovered near the town of Weston, which is about 20 miles west of Trinidad. "First reaction, she's been mutilated," said Mike Duran.

Duran's cow was found dead with her udders and reproductive organs missing. "No tracks at all," said Duran. "No blood, no predators," he added.

The cow was last seen alive on Friday. Two days later Duran says he found her mutilated by the river.

Duran has a theory about what happened. "We have other life out there and I think that's what it is," said Duran.

Duran says he thinks aliens abducted the cow, carved it up and then dropped it back by the river. He doesn't have proof, but claims to have seen some strange sights in the Colorado skies above his ranch. "Like a round circle in the air," said Duran. "I've watched them and then they just disappear," he said.

Duran has about 40 cattle on this ranch and believe it or not he says this isn't the first time something like this has happened. He says another cow was mutilated on the same field in 1995. "It's just a shock that it's happened again," said Duran.

The rancher reported both mutilations to the Las Animas County Sheriff's Office, but so far investigators haven't been able to solve either case. "It's one of those unsolved mysteries I guess," said Duran.

Reports of mutilated cattle have been made across the country since the late 1960s. The FBI has investigated these bizarre occurrences and published reports.

By the way, Duran has left the cow in the spot where he found it, and says no predators have come to feast on it.

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Do You Want To See A UFO

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Source: Joseph Capp's UFO Media Matters Blog

<http://ufomedia.blogspot.com/2009/03/do-you-want-to-see-ufo.html>

Sunday, March 8, 2009

Do You Want To See A UFO

UFO Media Matters Exclusive: Now You Can!
DVD Clips Below

[The Roswell piece Has Roswell Evidence Finally Emerged" Part 1 was pulled because of factual mistakes I made on the landing spot where the pieces where recovered. Part 1 Plus Part 2 will run next week together. I am sorry to everyone for MY mistake. Chuck was wonderful with it and I will work with him to make sure it is accurate.]

The one time in my life I witnessed Unidentified Flying Objects, they were so close and in such a clear daylight sky that I couldn't even rationalize it away. I thought ... this is a once in a lifetime experience! Well, I was wrong; it has happened to me again... but this time I went looking for them. Although these craft were witnessed at night, they were no less convincing and spectacular.

How would you like to see a UFO... not by accident... but on purpose?

On Thursday, February 28th 2009, I saw dozens of crafts fly over a locally known scenic view, near Laughlin, Nevada (hardly your UFO hotspot).

The person showing us around this nightspot was Ed Grimsley, a pioneer, and all time good person. Now, not a lot of people believed Ed at first, but they do now. Ed basically said anyone can see UFOs with the right equipment. They only hide in the visible light.

These excursions into the night were sponsored by the 2009 International UFO Congress. Ed received room and tickets to the conference for his nightly adventures. The purchase of the very costly eight night-vision scopes came out of Ed's pocket/

Thanks to Mr. Grimsley, one of my lifelong dreams has been fulfilled 20 times over.

That dream was to see another genuine UFO craft before I passed.

Not only did we see single objects, we saw groups of objects. They changed directions; they would hover; they would accelerate at great speed.

When I was a young man I had my own scope and was an amateur astronomer. I know what planets, stars and meteors look like. "these sirs... were not none of those" I am not saying everyone is

going to see what we saw... because given time, you'll probably see more.

I want one like these. night-vision scopes.

"Old man Shouts at Cloud" nope. "Old Man shouts at UFOs"

After an instruction period on what a plane looks like and not to wave at them with the laser we headed out in each group. My friend was the first to spot a craft. A retired scientist, he looked in amazement as a long cylinder which he estimated to be a mile to a mile half across, was moving in the sky. As he shouted to the others, and used his laser to point, he mentioned it stopped moving. The other scopes focused on a still tube-like object hovering for a few seconds... then to our delight it the damn thing started to travel again. You could hear the shouts as everyone followed along. Remember, most of the time you would not see these crafts without the aid of the scopes. You would look up at the night sky and see nothing.

But this was just the beginning. We started to see round crafts that would make their way across the sky much higher than any jet. Then, when you figured they must be satellites, you'd find out you were wrong... they would hover or make, what I would call, a solid course correction.

But it was from 30 Degrees above the horizon that we really got a show we would never forget. An object you could see without the use of the scopes started to move up above the horizon and towards us. We all put our scopes on it and then, when we knew what it was not, we pointed at it with our lasers. It seemed like an oval type ship with luminescence. I shouted and waved. I figured something aboard must be controlling it. The lasers hit it again, and wouldn't you know it, the craft picked that time to display brightly and then rolled and accelerated in another direction. We all shouted out with excitement at the same time. I followed the craft with the scope for about 12 seconds. It started going down toward the horizon and then it changed direction back toward us when I finally lost it.

We witnessed groups of two, three, four, and six traveling together in unison. Sometimes a group would stop in unison and hover only to start again together.

It was well worth the... oh, that's right, you didn't have to pay anything... there goes the "well they're all in it for the money" theory."

A very good friend of mind (thanks Paul), did the leg work for you.

Here is the Do's and Don'ts of buying the right scope for this adventure.

AN-PVS-7/Generation 3 Night Vision Binoculars by NIGHT OPTICS USA, Inc. is the company that makes the ones we used in Nevada. There is a similar type of night vision binoculars by a company called ATN. The binoculars look very similar but I'm told that Night Optics USA is the brand to get. Either way they both use the same type of tube used for Night Vision technology. I was told to stay away from ATN due to reliability issues.

Generation 2 Generation 3

1. Tube Lifetime - 2500 - 5000 hours 10,000 hours
2. Photo Response - 500 1800
3. Price - \$2999.99 \$3749.99
4. Magnification 1x (3x or 5x optional) 1x (3x or 5x optional)
5. Resolution 45 to 64 lp/mm 64 to 72 lp/mm
6. Recognition Range 656' 984'
7. Camera/Camcorder Adaptable- No (Ed Grimsley duck taped a camcorder to one and it worked fine)

Export Restrictions

While all Gen 3 and some Gen 2+ require export licenses, all night vision products are subject to United States Export rules and regulations. Valid export licenses may be issued by the U.S. Department of Commerce or the U.S. Department of State, Directorate of Defense Trade Controls, in accordance with the International Traffic in Arms Regulation (ITAR), Title 22, Code of Federal Regulation 120-130. Consult Night Optics USA, Inc. They are always willing to help!

*Beware of purchasing used Night Vision Binoculars. I'm told that some people are putting Generation 3 parts on a Generation 2 unit and selling them as Generation 3. Lots of scams out there so BEWARE. It's also recommended to ask how many hours are on the unit prior to purchasing. If the tube needs to be replaced it can cost nearly as much as the used unit.

Remember It is unlawful to take any of these scopes out of the country.

I hope someday to have a "UFO Scope News". You could make it happen Good Luck,

Joseph Capp
UFO Media Matters
Non-Blog Commercial

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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20 Questions SDI #467

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Subject: 20 Questions SDI #467

SDI #467

20 Questions stalwartly 'Canad-iated' by Dave Furlotte, Chris Styles, and Chris Rutkowski as compellingly introduced, expertly orchestrated, and otherwise addressed by Maestro Canad-ioso Errol Bruce-Knapp:

1. Are there more cops chasing UFOs and should the occupants of same speak to the police if pulled over?
2. Why is a policeman the better witness to a UFO?
3. What are the Ufological consequences of more people with cell phone cameras?
4. Does official authority regularly change stories about UFOs to fit emergent facts?
5. Are there more UFOs presently... or more cell phones capturing what's always been there?
6. Is the mainstream reporting more UFOs... because lay persons are reporting more UFOs via cell pone, YouTube, and Twitter?
7. Are military aircraft still attacking UFOs the way UFOs were attacked in the 1950s as a result of shoot down orders then in effect as per Feschino in Shoot Them Down ?
8. Are more reports of UFOs coming from commercial pilots than ever before?
9. Is it really "only matter of time" before there is a huge public outcry from the citizenry regarding just what in hell is flying so strangely in our skies, pray tell, as pursued by the police and military aircraft all the way from simple observation helicopters to armed F-16s?
10. If UFOs do not exist, or are in fact merely an inert "unidentified aerial phenomena" without import or any special interest -by official report beneath significance- what is being pursued and unsuccessfully interdicted by police and military aircraft... as diverse as light observation helicopters and armed F-16s?
11. Are UFOs a threat to public safety?
12. How is getting Al Capone on his income taxes like disclosing UFOs because they are a threat to civil airplanes?
13. Is the flow of information with regard to UFOs largely un-controlled?
14. Is it true that the government and the military have no real control over information transmission?
15. When is a UFO, a UAP - a UFO?
16. What's the "Dirty Water", really, for?

17. Is Shag Harbor, and other documented maritime close encounters of the "woo-woo" kind, evidence of a hazard to maritime public safety?
18. How does a demonstrated encounter like Shag Harbor slip through the cracks of a conscientious history?
19. Was there a Canadian Law Enforcement presence witnessing the Shag Harbor event?
20. What was the sparkling yellow foam afloat on the water of same?

Verily, with 70 plus minutes remaining at this point, the "barragrugous Zot" continues unabated and with no small vigor, reader! Styles rocks on unimpeded by the smallest hesitation to outline only the facts of the highest strangeness! Then Rutkowski rolls out legitimate all timers, eclipsing all gone before! Not for the institutionally faint of heart unless you're interested in finally bringing those barriers down and discounting a little ego. Though, any of us can use a little of that if current events show that to be true, at all.

The Toad is known by more and more! Know the toad!

Ufological sensibilities empowered are the listener's own!
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Chalfont UFO Call Brings Out Five Police Officers

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Source: This is Local London - England, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/bn45qd>

Tuesday 10th March 2009

[Two photos of Chinese Lanterns]

Chalfont UFO Call Brings Out Five Police Officers
By Alex Hayes

A woman was "surprised" when five police officers crowded into her bedroom after she spotted mysterious lights in the sky.

Several people contacted the Bucks Free Press to say they had seen the same mysterious lights on February 14 in the Chesham area, with one man claiming they were UFOs.

Helga Jones and her daughter Alex, 20, called police after spotting the lights bursting into flames near their home in White Hart Close, Chalfont St Giles.

The 59-year-old said: "I was in bed not feeling very well when my daughter came in and told me I had to see something.

"She pulled the curtain back and we could see these flames falling from the sky.

"At first we thought it was some kind of plane or helicopter on fire, but we couldn't hear any noise, so Alex called the police."

The pair were soon joined in the bedroom by five officers, who were trying to work out where the flaming debris had landed.

Mrs Jones added: "I couldn't believe it. It was a bit like the Keystone Cops. All I couldn't help but think it was getting a bit ridiculous.

"They were getting really into it, pulling out maps and chatting on the radio to each other trying to work out what it was and where it came down.

"They obviously didn't have much on that night."

It was later revealed the mysterious lights were actually Chinese lanterns, which had been launched from a party by Joanne Collins.

Marianne Shaw, a spokesman for Thames Valley Police, said they had to investigate as it was reported to them as burning debris falling from the sky.

She added: "Officers were trying to work out where the debris had landed in case it was a parachute, which is why a call was put out for officers in the area to come out."

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Camcorder Tags The Culprit - Cox

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Source: Billy Cox's Blog De Void

<http://www.heraldtribune.com/section/blog32>

Tuesday, March 10, 2009

Camcorder Tags The Culprit
by Billy Cox

If you Google "Fort Myers Beach UFO" and take a peek at what pops up on YouTube, you might think ET was cruising Lee County's distressed housing market for bargains. Boots Hale isn't sure what to make of the footage at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MZ-JIk-ftOY>

but the goofball sequence at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z6aRNqNZHV4>

gives him a laugh.

"We call it the pacemaker," he says of what appears to be an impressive hoax, which passes overhead and shows off its underbelly.

Just don't try to tell the man what he's been seeing every night over the Gulf since late January is Venus or some other celestial body. "I'm 80 years old, but I'm not senile," Hale insists. "I've had cataracts but I've had new lenses put in so I can see a lot better now. And I know what Venus is; I've seen it plenty of times. I'll bet my life on it that that's not Venus we're looking at."

The Cape Coral resident noticed the bright object on the western horizon early one evening when he was in the yard with his dog. He called his wife Jeannette out for a look-see, and the two have been intrigued ever since.

The thing doesn't exhibit the herky-jerky movements displayed by most UFOs. And it's as reliable as a clock - the thing is there every night. It tends to hang in the western sky for hours, moving only gradually. Like her husband, Jeannette thinks she's looking at an alien spacecraft. Because? "The way it pulses, and the way it appears to change size, and how the lights change colors," she says.

In Bradenton, Jeff Rodgers, director of the Bishop Planetarium, is fairly certain the Hales are being entertained by Venus, which is putting on a blazing show to the west. Failing that, he'd put his money on Canopus, the second brightest star next to Sirius, to the south. Lately, Rodgers says, Canopus is "scintillating like mad," shifting from red to green to blue.

At any rate, the Hales were so certain of their ET sightings that, on the early evening of Feb. 21, they took a camcorder to Fort Myers Beach for documentation. The results from the half-

hour session are ambiguous. Although the light appears to pulsate from time to time when they zoom in, there's little perspective against the flat black sky.

Amid the background noise, where idling diesel engines gurgle and another vehicle beep-beep-beeps its way into reverse, there is an unexpected punctuation to the Hales' chatter. "Excuse me," Jeannette announces. "What?" Boots says. "I broke wind," she replies. There isn't much Boots can add to that except "Woo!"

Over the phone, Jeannette, 73, acknowledges the incident with a chuckle. Clearly, they've both moved on. "We're celebrating our five-year wedding anniversary today," she says.

And they've just purchased a six-inch telescope, with which they hope to resolve the mystery once and for all.

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Discovery Of Liquid Water On Mars

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Subject: Discovery Of Liquid Water On Mars

Hi Everyone!

Last month I wrote about a space scientist colleague who worked on the Phoenix Mars lander who showed me some pictures of the underside of the lander that were taken in June and again in September before the lander went into hibernation over the long Martian winter. The pictures showed some blobs on one of the lander's legs that seem to have grown or moved during the few months the two set of pictures were taken. I proposed to him that those blobs captured by the lander's camera could turn out to be example of "Shadow Life" on Mars. If my interpretation turns out to be correct we may have our first close-up images of Martians and proof that ET life exists.

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<http://spaceflightnow.com/news/n0903/08marswater/>

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UFOs And Close Encounters: The Psychology Of A Phenomenon

McGill psychology professor Don Donderi continues his four-part, weekly discussion of UFO phenomenon with a review of the best evidence that UFOs are a class of phenomena by themselves, and not mistaken observations of either natural phenomena or human artifacts (e.g. satellites, aircraft). Dr. Donderi will discuss and illustrate the arguments of skeptics, including those of psychoanalyst C. G. Jung, and well-known scientists like Carl Sagan and the late British physicist R. V. Jones, as well as the role of the UFO phenomenon in modern written and media culture.

Following today's lecture, the series continues next Wednesday, March 18 with a discussion of the most controversial aspect of the UFO close encounter experience: UFO abductions. Dr. Donderi will discuss the modern background of the phenomenon, the arguments of psychological skeptics, including those raised at a symposium he organized in May 2008 at the Association for Psychological Science convention in Chicago. He will also describe his own research involvement with this problem, which involves the use of standard psychological measurement methods to evaluate alleged abductees and to define common features of the experience.

A research psychologist who has published many experimental and theoretical papers in the areas of visual perception, memory, and psychological measurement, Dr. Donderi has studied the UFO phenomenon since 1966.

The talks conclude on Wednesday, March 25 with a discussion of the epistemology of the UFO phenomenon, based on a widely known work, *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions*, written by Thomas Kuhn in 1962. Dr. Donderi will also discuss the role of Bayes' theorem in evaluating the evidence, and the contribution of Leon Festinger's cognitive dissonance theory in explaining the scientific public's reaction to the UFO phenomenon in general.

Each lecture is scheduled to last an hour, with time for audience questions and discussion both during and after the talk.

UFOs and Close Encounters: The Psychology of a Phenomenon, Four talks by Don C. Donderi; Wednesdays March 4, 11, 18 and 25, 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m, Room N 2/2 Stewart Biological Sciences Building. Admission is free, all are welcome.

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20 Questions stalwartly 'Canad-iated' by Dave Furlotte, Chris Styles, and Chris Rutkowski as compellingly introduced, expertly orchestrated, and otherwise addressed by Maestro Canad-ioso Errol Bruce-Knapp:

1. Are there more cops chasing UFOs and should the occupants of same speak to the police if pulled over?
2. Why is a policeman the better witness to a UFO?
3. What are the Ufological consequences of more people with cell phone cameras?
4. Does official authority regularly change stories about UFOs to fit emergent facts?
5. Are there more UFOs presently... or more cell phones capturing what's always been there?
6. Is the mainstream reporting more UFOs... because lay persons are reporting more UFOs via cell pone, YouTube, and Twitter?
7. Are military aircraft still attacking UFOs the way UFOs were attacked in the 1950s as a result of shoot down orders then in effect as per Feschino in Shoot Them Down ?
8. Are more reports of UFOs coming from commercial pilots than ever before?
9. Is it really "only matter of time" before there is a huge public outcry from the citizenry regarding just what in hell is flying so strangely in our skies, pray tell, as pursued by the police and military aircraft all the way from simple observation helicopters to armed F-16s?
10. If UFOs do not exist, or are in fact merely an inert "unidentified aerial phenomena" without import or any special interest -by official report beneath significance- what is being pursued and _unsuccessfully_ interdicted by police and military aircraft... as diverse as light observation helicopters and armed F-16s?
11. Are UFOs a threat to public safety?
12. How is getting Al Capone on his income taxes like disclosing UFOs because they are a threat to civil airplanes?
13. Is the flow of information with regard to UFOs largely un-controlled?
14. Is it true that the government and the military have no real control over information transmission?
15. When is a UFO, a UAP - a UFO?
16. What's the "Dirty Water", really, for?

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19. Was there a Canadian Law Enforcement presence witnessing the Shag Harbor event?
20. What was the sparkling yellow foam afloat on the water of same?

Verily, with 70 plus minutes remaining at this point, the "barragrugous Zot" continues unabated and with no small vigor, reader! Styles rocks on unimpeded by the smallest hesitation to outline only the facts of the highest strangeness! Then Rutkowski rolls out legitimate all timers, eclipsing all gone before! Not for the institutionally faint of heart unless you're interested in finally bringing those barriers down and discounting a little ego. Though, any of us can use a little of that if current events show that to be true, at all.

The Toad is known by more and more! Know the toad!

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>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos.nul>
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I see the little nozzles at the top of one of the photos. I'm
wondering if when the PML landed, the blast from them melted ice
and sprayed water on the legs and other parts of the lander
which then froze on there. If that's the case you have to
possibly factor in the fuel's reaction with or the water as
well. To expect a 100% burn of fuel without some residual left
to mix with the ice/water is optimistic. It might create some
interesting chemistry, water, H2O and residual exhaust gasses.

Does anyone know what this engine was burning for fuel? Robert
Powell is a chemist. Any thoughts?

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Four years before Gary Power's Lockheed Skunk Works built U-2 spyplane, which was secretly test flown at Area 51, was shot down in 1960 by a surface-to-air missile that exploded near his plane while on a secret spy mission high over the Soviet Union, Canadian pilots intercepted and accidentally destroyed another U-2 without firing a single shot, this time killing its CIA pilot Howard Carey. The story of this fatal encounter with a high altitude UFO that was frequently tracked on radar and nicknamed "The Beast" by Canadian CF-86 Sabre pilots based in Europe can now be told.

The article about this incident can be found in the latest issue of the 'Canadian Undergraduate Physics Journal' (see URL below). It was written by Patrick Bruskievich whose father worked in Europe as a mechanical and aeronautical engineer looking after the CF-86 Canadair built Sabre jets that had the much more powerful Orenda engines like the ones built for the Avro Arrow.

http://www.cupj.ca/0702_Avro.pdf

Canadian fighter pilots continue to be dispatched to intercept unidentified objects approaching Canadian airspace which often turn out to be Russian bombers on routine recon missions like one that was intercepted on the eve of President Obama's trip to Canada - his first foreign visit, but not in all cases. Strange unidentified objects overflying Canadian airspace at extremely high altitudes and speeds up to Mach 9 and above are frequently sighted but not talked about or ignored altogether. Could it be that these UFOs are our own still secret vehicles that have long since made the U-2 and even the SR-71, another Skunk Works project, obsolete?

This would also explain why UFO overflights of Parliament Hill in Ottawa, Canada's capital city, have only on rare occasions resulted in the evacuation of our Parliamentarians to places of safety - according to confidential information shared with me by security officials after I made inquiries about some of these little known UFO incidents.

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So what? In the first place, it's "harbor" on the cover of the
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unlike a derisive commentary made when simply anything said
must suffice?

Thanks for playing, though.

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So it is only natural that something of this would be covered in the conference, even though the Book of Enoch is probably just an abbreviated distortion of its source. The chronology of this, as I see it, is that much later, in the "Adam and Eve" era, related aliens revisited Earth and again begat offspring, this time with the approval of their leader.

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that in Canada 'harbour' is spelt with a 'u' (as it is indeed in
the rest of the English-speaking world except the USA)

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Thank you for ensuring that in future the name is spelt
correctly in your own contributions.

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in your part of the woods.

Oh, this is jolly good fun. Shall we break for tea now?
Incidentally, our way of doing things is pretty nearly
universal. Just see what we have done for the world economy.

Dick

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remotely in your camp you'd have never typed a word. In the
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"motives" adduced. In the third you seem to remain so willing to
be provided with ongoing excuses to continue to say nothing at
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I suspect Ms. Strieber feels that the subject is about a harbor,
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intentions... so, then, saying nothing untoward about the
intelligence of prospective readers. It is; however, predictable
that you would try to spin it that way, eh? Too, if you really
gave a damn you'd proofread a little better what you sent to
this List (in the first line of the immediately preceding).

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For the reason that it is always done, Mr. Rimmer. To appeal
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suggested by an antique European language influence.

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UFO-Alien Abduction Sleuth Spots Christian 'Smoking Gun'

"If this is real. This is huge."

An agnostic UFO researcher worked the incoming reports and followed up with witnesses in the field. Curiosity fed his hook-up with the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) and set-up up as Florida state section director in Brevard County.

The beat was fielding a regular flow of incoming reports of unidentified flying objects - civilian reports of flying saucers and related anomalies.

Monthly meetings boosted the witness count. Some of those witnesses were reporting alien abduction =96 a challenge working in a "nuts and bolts" scientific organization =96 but he soon realized that it's all part of the same phenomena.

The investigator is Joe Jordan. His story is multi-layered and takes us down a rough and questionable road to get to the truth =96 a turn to Christianity =96 and an awakening in him of a simple, historical and rather frightening truth about UFOs and aliens. And no one's talking about it on CNN.

The "real" in "if this is real," is that an emerging and growing body of alien abduction experiencers seems to have not only discovered a way of ending a single abduction scenario =96 but a method of halting the abduction process completely =96 by invoking the name of Jesus Christ.

Stories of unidentified flying objects, flying saucers, aliens and alien abduction, have been popping up throughout Man's history =96 based on the earliest writings and art that have survived from many different cultures and artifacts found over the centuries. Today's 21st century communication methods and cheap digital photography may make it appear that the current daily reports globally are a hot new topic.

"The contactees and abductees claim they were in contact with the so called beings behind the sightings," Jordan said. "I turned to MUFON, and said, 'Guys, we've been chasing our tails with sighting reports. If we're going to try and get to the actual events going on and the purpose of what's going on, we have to get to the source itself. And if these people are getting close, these are the people we need to get in touch with.'"

"We need to invest in alien abduction," he said.

CE-4 is formed

By early 1995, Jordan had founded CE4 =96 a private group that studies alien abduction and they began compiling a database from their research.

The experiences along the way changed Jordan.

"We started working with experiencers," he said, "seeing the same similarities. I came in as an agnostic. I was practicing new age stuff myself. I was converting Christians around me into the new age and metaphysical side. But I got challenged."

Since the majority of alien abductees Jordan was interviewing were women, he felt that he needed to bring a woman on board CE4 to make those giving up testimony feel more comfortable =96 and a woman he knew stepped in to help.

The woman was Christian, and after working with Jordan for a time, pulled him aside.

"She said, 'If you're going to work in this realm, you have to have some protection.' So I pulled out my crystals. And she said, 'I'm talking about real protection,' and this is when things started to change.

"She handed me a Bible.

"I pushed it away and said that this had nothing to do with what we're dealing with. But she showed me the protection the Bible offered."

Jordan ended up taking her up on that offer and read the Bible =96 and soon became a Christian himself.

"But at the same time," he said, "I'm a UFO investigator. I have this want to know as much about something as possible. Now as a Christian, I want to know more."

The Christianity learning curve for Jordan wasn't moving along fast enough and he opted to step into a video course as part of a friend's Bible study group =96 two or three hours of video nightly for two weeks over a Christmas holiday.

"It was very intense," he said of the experience. "I couldn't have learned all of this in 50 years of Sunday school."

Jordan has a vision

But during one of the video screenings =96 Jordan had a vision as he sat watching the media. The vision was an alien gray face right in front of his face. "I watched that face morph," he said, "into a horrific thing. I said, 'this is not what it seems to be. This is something we should not be working with.'"

Jordan put his investigations aside. But a couple of weeks went by, and he had an inspiration =96 "you're not done with this."

"I kept getting this =96 'you're not done with this.' I asked, 'What do you want me to do?' And I heard, 'You need to take this message =96 what you learned =96 back to what you were doing.'"

Jordan pressed further. "I can't share this with the new age people =96 you've got to give me something better than this."

He pondered humorously. "You don't talk back to God, but a couple of weeks later, I hear =96 'You already have what you need.'"

Jordan the investigator then turned to colleagues, repeated the message, and announced =96 "let's look again at what we already have."

What they already had was witness testimony. One of those cases was six months old, a guy named Bill who was interviewed on video in his living room during a two-hour session.

"It was like, originally, we never heard what he said," Jordan said. "It starts out as a typical experience. He saw something from his living room window. He went to sleep and had an abduction experience. But during that experience, being terrified, he cried out =96 'Jesus, help me' And the experience instantly stopped. He woke up in bed next to his wife."

Jordan wondered why this piece of the story where the abductee invokes the name of Jesus Christ did not stand out before.

"If this is real," he said. "This is huge."

Other researchers contacted

No where in the alien abduction research that Jordan had poured over had he ever read about any method at all where one could stop an experience once it was in motion. He decided to check it out and began calling alien abduction researchers around the country. He set up the story by simply telling them that he did not know what to make of a particular case and needed an opinion. In each case, he said, the researcher did the same thing.

"Can we talk off the record?"

"They all pretty much said the same thing," Jordan said. "They had come across similar cases where the abductee cried out the name of Jesus, said prayers. So this is not a once in a lifetime case."

But when asked why this had not been brought out into the open before, Jordan said he got one of two answers.

The first answer was basically, 'well, we didn't know what to make of it.'

"But what bothered me," he said, "was the second answer. They were afraid to go there as it would affect their credibility in the UFO field."

Some details 'under the rug'

Jordan was confused. "We're looking at what people call a cover-up. They're not sharing everything that they have."

This research fueled the fire under Jordan. "I told them that I was going to take this on," he said. "I think it needs to be recorded and shared. I'm going to build this database. They told me =96 'please do =96 because we can't.' I thanked them all and moved on."

In the 13 years that followed, Joe Jordan has worked more than 350 cases =96 and has fought hard to get the word out. This summer, he makes his third annual presentation at a major UFO symposium in Roswell, NM.

Part 2 coming soon

Stop back in two days for part 2 - more about Joe Jordan's CE4 ministry and some background on a Christian view of UFOs and aliens as a worldview - with both historical and Biblical references as well as witness testimony.

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>I see the little nozzles at the top of one of the photos. I'm
>wondering if when the PML landed, the blast from them melted ice
>and sprayed water on the legs and other parts of the lander
>which then froze on there. If that's the case you have to
>possibly factor in the fuel's reaction with or the water as
>well. To expect a 100% burn of fuel without some residual left
>to mix with the ice/water is optimistic. It might create some
>interesting chemistry, water, H2O and residual exhaust gasses.

>Does anyone know what this engine was burning for fuel? Robert
>Powell is a chemist. Any thoughts?

The fuel contained hydrazine, which could act as an anti-freeze if
any got mixed in with water droplets from melted ice during the
landing.

That is one of the other theories being considered besides
brines.

Ammonia may also have been created, which could have the same
effect.

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>March 12 2009

Hi All,

This post read:

<snip>

>"She handed me a Bible.

Ok, check please!

The Bible... this is is where things 'usually' go horribly wrong. Here we have individuals who believe that 'Jesus is magic' and that by merely invoking his name, a name BTW which a kazillion Mexicans and Puerto Ricans share, will 'miraculously' cause the abductions to stop. Did I get that correct?

I guess agnostic, atheist, non-believer abductees are just screwed. Who do we call on? Bill Maher???

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As for me, I find stuff like this to be both funny and sad all at the same time. It's precisely stuff like this that keeps me away from the Internet!

Let us pray...

'Oh Lord, I pray for the eventual sane-up of ALL Mankind! Keep us alive till that glorious day because we're all dumber than a bag of hammers. We're liable to snuff ourselves out, out of sheer stupidity long before then. So look out for us Lord, we know not what we do. Mostly.'

Warmest regards to All, especially to my old friends, EBK and Dick Hall, both of whom I've been neglecting badly...

'I promise I'll call soon, mom!' ;)

John Velez

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From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
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>From: Paul Scott Anderson <paulscottanderson.nul>
>To: [post.nul](#)
>Date: Sat, 14 Mar 2009 20:25:18 -0700
>Subject: Re: Discovery Of Liquid Water On Mars

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: [post.nul](#)
>>Date: Thu, 12 Mar 2009 18:14:44 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Discovery Of Liquid Water On Mars

>>I see the little nozzles at the top of one of the photos. I'm
>>wondering if when the PML landed, the blast from them melted ice
>>and sprayed water on the legs and other parts of the lander
>>which then froze on there. If that's the case you have to
>>possibly factor in the fuel's reaction with or the water as
>>well. To expect a 100% burn of fuel without some residual left
>>to mix with the ice/water is optimistic. It might create some
>>interesting chemistry, water, H2O and residual exhaust gasses.

>>Does anyone know what this engine was burning for fuel? Robert
>>Powell is a chemist. Any thoughts?

>The fuel contained hydrazine, which could act as an anti-freeze if
>any got mixed in with water droplets from melted ice during the
>landing.

>>That is one of the other theories being considered besides
>brines.

>Ammonia may also have been created, which could have the same
>effect.

Hydrazine. That's the one I was looking for. Thanks. Heard of it
before. Doesn't freeze up on the nozzles, in the orifices or
combustion chamber throats.

The IPCS INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMME ON CHEMICAL SAFETY
Health and Safety Guide No. 56

at:

<http://tinyurl.com/cmxcgc>

As Paul suggested it has an association with ammonia as well as
water. Also used in the manufacture of cigarettes. Glad I gave
the things up.

Don Ledger

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>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Wed, 11 Mar 2009 02:13:44 -0400
>Subject: Discovery Of Liquid Water On Mars

>Hi Everyone!

>Last month I wrote about a space scientist colleague who worked
>on the Phoenix Mars lander who showed me some pictures of the
>underside of the lander that were taken in June and again in
>September before the lander went into hibernation over the long
>Martian winter. The pictures showed some blobs on one of the
>lander's legs that seem to have grown or moved during the few
>months the two set of pictures were taken. I proposed to him
>that those blobs captured by the lander's camera could turn out
>to be example of "Shadow Life" on Mars. If my interpretation
>turns out to be correct we may have our first close-up images of
>Martians and proof that ET life exists.

>After much head scratching among Mars scientists at a recent
>meeting, it was determined that these blobs on Phoenix's leg, as
>well as what was seen on the ground underneath the lander, is
>conclusive evidence that liquid water does exist on Mars - and
>lots of it too - unless Phoenix was fortuitous enough to land on
>the only water hole on the entire planet. Of course, where there
>is water there is the possibility that Earth-like organisms may
>exist there too.

><http://spaceflightnow.com/news/n0903/08marswater/>

>If this very important discovery of liquid water on Mars is
>confirmed, it will take manned space flight to the next level
>but making it possible for the invasion and colonization of the
>Red Planet by us terrestrials in our UFOs from Earth.

Hi Nick,

I had replied previously about this in your "Spirit's Solar Panels Cleaned Again" thread where you mentioned this about Phoenix. As per the links I had already posted at the time (February 22), 21 of the scientists involved with the LPSC paper think it is likely that these were liquid water droplets on the lander leg. There is still a lot of debate though, as to whether these came from pre-existing brines beneath the lander, or droplets formed from melting of the ice patch below the lander with either hydrazine (from the thrusters) or perhaps ammonia mixed in. Any of those three could keep the droplets liquid instead of freezing. Other scientists have been saying they still think these were just bits of ice or frost, but how would that explain their gradual movement and merging together, as observed by the Phoenix team?

The LPSC conference is March 23-27:

<http://www.lpi.usra.edu/meetings/lpsc2009>

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Thanks for the reply John! I was hoping you'd weigh-in on this.

I'm not disagreeing with you John. Due to the abundance of
abductions in every land, there should be found as many events
that completed without a hitch, for the abductors, whose
abductees cried out "Jesse" or any of that name's derivatives.

But where is that evidence published?

We both know, as Stan says, absence of evidence doesn't equal an
evidence of absence. But that vacuum of evidence fills up with
ideas and support like that behind the upcoming "Christian-UFO
Conference" slated for Roswell this Summer.

Sounds similar to the ideas and support behind those
exopoliticos.

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UFO-Alien Christian 'Smoking Gun' - Pt. II

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UFO-alien Christian 'smoking gun' - part 2
Roger Marsh, UFO Examiner

[Numerous photos at site]

Joe Jordan is a man with a mission. Working on UFO reports as part of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) led him to additional stories of alien abduction. Coming in the door as an agnostic, he worked the cases like any other field investigator and eventually formed CE-4 Research in Florida to concentrate on these cases.

As his investigation into reported alien abduction continued, Jordan was cautioned by a colleague to be armed - a reference to Biblical study, which he followed up on and became a Christian himself. Following a vision he received during an intensive Biblical training session, he took a second look at witness testimony already reviewed. What startled Jordan - something he had heard, but overlooked in his original investigation - was the fact that some witnesses had revealed how they had ended both a current abduction and any future abductions.

They invoked the name of Jesus Christ.

A follow-up with ufologists from around the country revealed that he was not alone in his findings. Others who had gone before him had discovered similar testimony, but had overlooked it because they either did not know what to do with it, or they were afraid of hurting their research image.

But now word was out. One local newspaper interview with a Gannett publication moved the story out to a wide audience. And the story was posted on web sites - like Flying Saucer Review. Jordan's phone calls suddenly took on a national, rather than local, flavor.

While Jordan's findings may not be universal, he did find enough witnesses where the evidence can be considered repeatable. "We have repeatability," he said. "And MUFON stresses repeatability." But somehow, he said, it's the "most hated subject in ufology."

Jordan explained that within ufology there is a split. On one side you may have Christians who are very positive about the research, but an opposing group - highly connected with the new age and the metaphysical - that are against these ideas.

But Jordan has managed to work successfully within and around UFO organizations - and build his Christian ideas privately as CE-4 Research. In fact, Jordan's management of and participation in this year's first ever Christian UFO-alien symposium at Roswell, NM - marks the third successive year in a row that he has presented annually at a Roswell conference.

Results have not always been the best.

While Jordan stressed he brings repeatability to the symposium - live witnesses - "Each time you open it up to Q&A, they never question the evidence. They want to attack you on your belief system. I saw this talk after talk."

"I brought the evidence," he said. "What do they bring? Heresay pictures and videos. I brought a stage full of living experience that they can touch, smell, talk to these people. Don't trust me. Trust the evidence."

But Jordan pointed out that the attacks came.

"The attacks came on us as Christians," he said. "How dare we bring religion to this phenomena." He said the witness testimony was never questioned. But not everyone attacked Jordan and his ideas. Two ufology researchers seemed to be interested. "They realized that if even one of these cases is real, this is something that must be looked at. I give them credit for going that far."

Another researcher, Jordan said, got the chance to see a woman who he had originally worked with, who ended her abductions by invoking the name of Jesus Christ. The researcher kept saying, "You are so different from when I knew you before. He was seeing the change in her - recognizing it - he was so fascinated because he saw something so different."

Fallen Angels

But who are or what exactly are the Fallen Angels that Joe Jordan believes could be the source of what is commonly referred to as aliens?

The answer is not simple, but Jordan explains from a Biblical perspective that God created the Cherubs - the highest order - and then the angels. Satan, he said, was created as a Cherub. The translation of angel - is messenger. In scripture, he said, there are encounters between angels and humans. They describe their purpose as communicators with man, to share a message. But within the angels, there was at one time a "galactic rebellion," he said. There was a "force that turned against the good side and became the dark side - led by Lucifer - who wanted to be like God. He was jealous, envious. And envious of Man's creation."

Jordan explained further.

"We know that the ability of the angels can manifest from spiritual to physical," he said, "the ability to appear to transform - pass through objects - and you see all of the earmarks as the so-called aliens.

"Then you tie it into the idea that they have to respond to the name of Jesus Christ. Why do we feel that we're dealing with angels and not demons? Demons don't have the same abilities as angels. Demons are more of a possession. We don't see possession. We see deception. They are jealous of man and their purpose is to deceive."

Of the hundreds of witnesses Jordan has interviewed, nearly 70 have allowed their testimony to be public. He said that helping these people is his main concern, and the research is secondary. But, he said, "if they allow their testimony to be public, that's a plus" as it may help others.

There is currently a secondary project started where this public testimony is being recorded. "It's one thing to read these testimonies," he said, "but another thing to hear the inflection in their story. It's fascinating." Now the stories are coming in from other researchers.

Alien abduction start-up

But how does the alien abduction experience come about? Jordan believes there are three ways.

First, he said, you have the person who has heard about alien abduction, and says, "Man, I'd like to have that experience."

But, Jordan warns, "be careful what you ask for. People have openly asked for the experience."

"Second, is where people have unknowingly opened doors that they didn't realize moved into the paranormal and occult - dabbling in areas that were ungodly.

"Third, we have adults that have said, 'I've had this experience since I was a child.' And a child isn't quite knowledgeable enough to know that a door can be opened." In these cases, Jordan said, there may have been a demonic force that was unknowingly brought into the household because the head of the household was not aware they were leading their family in that direction.

Educating the church

The upcoming Christian UFO-Alien symposium this July in Roswell, Jordan said, is a conference to educate the church.

"If you look at the statistics on this," he said, "the polls, the research shows that probably 5 million people have had this type of experience. That's huge. In the church, that's called a mission field - and it's an untouched mission field. They turn a blind eye to it. They're wrongly taught. There's a lack of knowledge on what they're dealing with. We've spent the time. Done the ground work. We want to equip them. You have a lot of hurting people out there."

Changing the human mindset is what the whole experience is about.

"That's the purpose of the experience itself," he said. "The whole UFO experience is about changing the mindset. It will change your views. It changes their perception of reality - takes you away from the one true God. In this great war, the prize, is your soul. If he can take your focus away from the one true God, you're doomed. We're dealing with a star wars that's way past the movie."

Book of Enoch

Jordan recommends looking at the Bible's Book of Enoch. "It describes this whole relationship with these angels before the flood of man. They were seducing man with technology - the science of divination, astrology, the science of weaponry. But beyond dealing with fallen angels, does Joe Jordan believe there is life elsewhere in the universe?

"Absolutely not," he said. "There's a reason for the stars and the planets - a reason God gave us the entire universe - so that we would be in awe. All of this was created for us. If you comprehend this, that this was made just for me, wouldn't this make you a better person?

"This is what the enemy is trying to take away from us."

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Investigators Busy With UFO Sightings

BUCKS COUNTY. From flaming trees to six-sided, hovering aircraft, people in towns like Langhorne and Fairless Hills are seeing things otherworldly - making the area the current ground zero of the UFO world.

"I'm spending almost two hours a night on these sightings in Bucks County," John Ventre of the Pennsylvania chapter of the Mutual UFO Network said last week. "This wave that [started] the second half of last year was incredible."

Over 100 sightings since June more suited for Fox and Mulder than local police departments have attracted the attention of the Discovery and History channels.

The Discovery Channel brought its "UFOs Over Earth" series to Bucks County last year and the History Channel's "UFO Hunters" is now investigating some of the more credible sightings.

"There was an incredible spike in 2008," UFO Hunters producer Kevin Barry said. "We're still talking to people to see if we have something on our hands."

Unexplainable sightings are not new to Lower Bucks County, Barry said, noting a well-known 1973 UFO sighting along Route 1 in Fairless Hills.

"It's interesting because there is a history there," Barry said.

Sightings last year include a Levittown woman who said she saw probes of light dropped into a tree in her backyard, Ventre said, and a Doylestown man who saw a slow-moving six-sided UFO near his home.

The new question - beyond where aliens will appear quickly and vaguely next - is what comes first: the appearance of UFOs or the appearance of UFO television shows.

"That's an undeniable part of some stories. What makes people see these things?" Barry said.

Brian X. McCrone

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NCCC: Renowned Ufo Expert To Speak At NCCC
By Jessica Wasmund
The Tonawanda News

SANBORN =97 Marjim Manor has its ghosts, and Sanborn has its UFOs.

Niagara County Community College will be hosting renowned author, lecturer and ufologist Stan Gordon at 7 p.m. Monday at the NCCC Saunders Settlement Road location. He will touch on all aspects of the unknown in his lecture, "Did the War of the Worlds Begin in 1965?"

According to Shane Sia, of the Medina Tourism Committee, Gordon will present a lecture on all of his experiences. Gordon has made notable television appearances on the History and Discovery channels for his experiences with unexplained phenomena =97 including UFOs and Bigfoot.

"Every year, we have a guest speaker, and the student activities board usually invites a speaker of international fame to come as their guest and present a lecture to the student body and community," said Kathy Shorey, chairwoman of the event. "Each year, Dr. Philip Haseley of the anthropology department co-ordinates the event between the school and community. He's from western Pennsylvania, near Pittsburgh, and the fact that he is an international speaker makes it more exciting."

Admission to the event is free, but there is a voluntary donation of \$3. The money will be donated to Niagara Hospice.

"The state of Pennsylvania always calls him in cases where unexplained situations occur, so he's available at a moment's notice," Shorey said. "He's the state's authority on this type of situation."

She said in the past, the lectures have been well-attended. In the morning he will be speaking to students, but the evening hours will be open for community participation. Haseley, Shorey and others are investigators for the group MUFON =97 an international group of more than 5,000 members who do scientific research on UFOs to benefit humanity.

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[Photo of Professor Donderi]

Prof Talks UFO Science

David Zuluaga Cano
Science and Technology Writer

"All science, regardless of what science you're in, begins with observable phenomena," asserted Professor Don Donderi of the Department of Psychology last Wednesday, during the second lecture of his four-piece series on unidentified flying objects (UFOs). Entitled Evidence, Scientific Reaction, And Popular Culture, the talk, attended by eight students, discussed the growing body of testimonials from people claiming to have seen UFOs, as well as scientific evidence supporting their existence.

According to Donderi, the first widely publicized UFO sighting occurred in 1947. Kenneth Arnold, a private pilot from Idaho, saw what he later described as "bright, saucer-like objects" flying in the air. Arnold tried to approach the government about the incident, but after failing to find a receptive federal agency, he turned his attention to the local press. After news of this incident was published, reports of UFO sightings became more common.

The task of classifying eyewitness accounts was first dealt with by the U.S. Air Force (USAF), beginning in the late forties. The USAF hired J. Allen Hynek, an astronomer, to consult on Project Blue Book, a systematic study of UFO sightings. Hynek proposed a classification system for the different types of reports. His system divided the accounts into categories such as Daylight Discs, Radar/Visual Reports, or Close Encounters. The Condon report, a USAF-sponsored paper published in 1969, reviewed Project Blue Book data and concluded that there was no scientific knowledge to be gained from the study of UFOs.

After Condon was published, the USAF stopped all official investigations into UFOs. Other world governments, however, have shown less apathy toward the subject. In 1958, the Almirante Saldanha, a Brazilian ship, observed a strange object flying over Trindade Island, in the South Atlantic Ocean. Almiro Bara-FAna, a submarine photographer onboard, took pictures of the object, which were then analysed exhaustively by the Brazilian Navy's Aerial Reconnaissance Lab, explained Donderi. "No piece of evidence, like a photograph, is worth anything at all without information about how it was taken," said Donderi. At the behest of President Juscelino Kubitschek, the navy released an official report on the incident that included the photographic evidence.

As Donderi explained, however, one of the major problems in the study of UFOs is that even if one establishes the reliability of eyewitness accounts to form empirical evidence, there are limits to what can be explained given our current understanding of the universe.

Dr. Albert Bregman, Emeritus Professor from McGill Psychology, for example, remarked during the question period at the end of the lecture that UFOs defy our notions of Newtonian physics.

"If [UFOs] are solid objects, they violate some fundamental physical laws such as momentum," Bregman said.

Donderi argued that the inability to explain UFO phenomena using current scientific understanding does not necessarily preclude the problem from having a solution.

"Everyone talks about the speed of light being a limiting factor [in interstellar travel], but how long is it [travel to Earth] for them? It's not about how long we live, but how long they live," Donderi said.

After the lecture, Tom Gibbs, UO Political Science, said that he was surprised there were so many scientific considerations in the exploration of UFO sightings.

"What struck me the most was that I had never considered the physics involved in a possible Earth landing. It makes me ponder the foreignness of extraterrestrial biological make-up, and our possible comparatively quaint scientific advancement," Gibbs said.

Donderi's third lecture, "Close Encounters," is on March 18 in room N2/2 of the Stewart Biology Building at 4 pm.

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The project is the first attempt to construct a state of the art geospatial database of UFO reports since the advent of readily available Geographic Information Systems to the general public.

The Geospatial Animation Project [fill in the GAP] is based on data developed by investigators Michael Tanner and Bill Hamilton, with additional reports from the National UFO Reporting Center, former Councilwoman Frances Barwood and MUFON [Mutual UFO Network].

The project thus far has been developed under the careful guidance of Michael Tanner, who personally observed the lights in 1997. Tanner was lead investigator of the effort mounted by Village Labs of Tempe to correlate reports from as far away as Henderson, Nevada to just north of the Mexican border. Tanner worked from a combined data base of over 850 reports on that night alone to help design the GAP data set, which is still under construction.

Initial focus of the work is on documenting the Very Large Objects that traversed the central Arizona region between 8:00 PM to 10:30 PM. The VLO craft have gone largely unreported in the national media while attention has been focused on the issue of flares vs amber orbs. Observer Tim Ley did a series of renderings of the V-shaped craft he personally witnessed, one of which was printed in USA Today in an account of the Phoenix Lights published some months after the event. Other than that, the VLO craft have not been discussed in the media.

Use of these images is granted to media organizations wishing to present new evidence of the 1997 event.

Image Credit should be given to Phoenix Lights Network, and a link or mention of the url of the website accompanying publication.

<http://www.thephoenixlights.net>

Further Details contact Dr. Lynne Kitei at drlynn@nul

An animation of the project including craft shown in these images will be presented during the 12th anniversary screening

of Dr. Kitei's documentary at the Harkins Shea 14 theaters on Sunday, March 15.

Screening times will be 1 PM, 4 PM and 7 PM and the public is invited.

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http://ufophysical.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=70

March 15, 2009

Marley Woods Update

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[Photo]

Our ability to observe new activity was ended by a major ice and snow storm in the last week of January. The area was without electricity and many of the remote roads could not be traveled for some time.

On February 14, 2009 large tracks were found in the northern Marley area. The tracks were located at an open field gate and at the base of a pond overflow 519 feet north of the gate. This is a very remote area of heavy timber and deep hollows and 1,176 feet north of previous white hair locations. Phillips arrived at the location the next day and the property owner and Phillips found a total of 9 distinct tracks on the south side of the gate.

The tracks were 10cm wide and 13cm long. The animal was quite heavy leaving 3.8cm deep tracks. The 9 tracks were found in a straight path 25 feet long. 5 additional tracks at the pond overflow were very distinct with several tracks distorted by the extremely wet soil. The pond tracks showed very deep claw holes measuring 0.7cm in diameter. The tracks were photographed and casts were made. A large amount of the long white hair was found on the ground some 40 feet from the pond area tracks. The SIU is attempting to identify the tracks at this time.

Reports of the unknown 'white animal' continue to this date with five in the first 10 days in March, seven in February, and eight in January.

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>While Jordan's findings may not be universal, he did find enough
>witnesses where the evidence can be considered repeatable. "We
>have repeatability," he said. "And MUFON stresses
>repeatability." But somehow, he said, it's the "most hated
>subject in ufology."

>Jordan explained that within ufology there is a split. On one
>side you may have Christians who are very positive about the
>research, but an opposing group - highly connected with the new
>age and the metaphysical - that are against these ideas.

>"Absolutely not," he said. "There's a reason for the stars and
>the planets - a reason God gave us the entire universe - so that
>we would be in awe. All of this was created for us. If you
>comprehend this, that this was made just for me, wouldn't this
>make you a better person?

>"This is what the enemy is trying to take away from us."

Hello List,

Well call me simple minded but this is what I've thought all along. There may be aliens, but these abductors have never behaved like space explorers or scientific researchers. And I've never lost my faith, only strengthened it. I would encourage others to do the same. The late Malachi Martin spoke of this too, after many years of his own experiences.

There are many who simply reject Christ. So be it.

I too, stand in awe of the universe as this man says. It has to do with God being infinite and man only finite. What we see as really big, isn't so for God. Kinda makes me feel humble and keeps me in my place, when I start feelin' too big for my britches.

My family and I wish Mr. Jordan well and hope that others will too.

Randel Smith
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[Links, video & photo at site]

UFO Formation In South Africa Filmed By Cops
by Adriana Stuijt

Twenty three lights moved steadily in the night-sky of Witbank, South Africa on Friday March 6 2009 - and scores of residents in nearby Middelburg also saw them. They called in the police, who filmed the odd formation of lights on their cellphones.

Mrs Hetta Malan of Middelburg was one of the many Middelburg, South Africa residents who spotted the formation that Friday-night. It was moving steadily towards the nearby mining town of Witbank, she told the Afrikaans-language newspaper Beeld.

And in Shropshire in the UK yesterday, many people also reported seeing many strange globes and lights in the sky: see

In South Africa, police inspectors Chris Gatzonis and Awie Labuschagne of the Middelburg police station even filmed the lights, alas the images on their cellphones were poor. The footage, shown on the Beeld newspaper website, can be seen here.

"We were on active duty and driving across the bridge at Aerorand in Middelburg. First we saw five orange lights, moving in formation going in the direction towards Witbank. Later only two were left. Then the clouds moved in front of them and we lost sight of them," said Chris Gatzonis. This was the first time the lights were spotted. And last weekend, the two police officers saw similar lights again -- this time they counted a pattern in formation of 23 lights, coming back from Witbank.

See the cellphone video - with Afrikaans commentary by the two cops, here

[More...]

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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Nice to see that the 'V' is getting its due, finally.

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Interesting. But, there doesn't seem to include a discussion of
the subconscious and how it influences the conscious mind. As
in:

"It doesn't matter what words one uses. The focus is in the
intent."

If one believes the word "Jesus" will stop the event one is
experiencing. It will usually stop.

KK

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Well, so to avoid "alien abduction" all we have to do is invoke
the name of Jesus Christ? I can't tell you what a relief that
is.

Silly me. I had anticipated having to invoke the name of
Muhammad, you know, just in case. Or Bonzo.

While Vallee and others presciently predicted the rise of ufo
cults with a new age orientation, as a kind of rejection of and
evolution from mainstream religious belief structures, who could
have anticipated those among the regressive fundamentalist
Christian fringe who would also attempt to co-opt and reinforce
their creationist ideologies by similarly adopting ufo
phenomenology and "aliens" (as "fallen angels" from the Enochian
tradition) to further bolster and add a kind of parallel "new
age" commercialized spin to enhance their own darkly biased and
circumscribed propoganda in order to feebly attempt to persuade
the gullible to pay them to be proselytized as to their
dualistic "good vs. evil" dichotomies of primitive, deluded
spiritual beliefs from such an obviously solipsistic and
narcissisticly anthropocentric point of view using such
delightfully transparent fear-mongering tactics?

I'm rather impressed by the level of hubris and sophistry this indicates. Oh, gosh - I guess as an agnostic, now the evil angelic aliens will have to drag me off to hell soon.

See you all there! I'll be down at the Dantean 7th circle, you know, partying with all those nubile Raelian babes...

Steve

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Accused Security Guard Believes In Aliens

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Archived: Tue, 17 Mar 2009 13:31:00 -0400
Subject: Accused Security Guard Believes In Aliens

Here we go again, MSM using one person to paint those of us who believe in alien life as crack pots, and a threat to society.

KNOXVILLE, TN -- A security guard accused of shooting two people outside a jewelry store published books detailing his some of his general beliefs and experiences in books he published more than a decade ago. He thinks the Bible reveals alien life, and Christians believe in them:

<http://tinyurl.com/djt9v5>

In the books, he was clear about his beliefs. "Mister Walker believes in aliens and UFOs and things of that nature." He writes about Elijah going to heaven: "Elijah, the prophet was caught up in a chariot in a whirlwind and went to heaven. Was that a UFO? Hell, some bible scholars will get mad at me.... That is what the Bible says."

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Source: BBC News - London, England, UK

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/7946393.stm

Monday, 16 March 2009

'Drop Hacker Case' - Terry Waite

Human rights campaigner and former hostage Terry Waite has called on the US to drop charges against British computer hacker Gary McKinnon.

Glasgow-born Mr McKinnon, 42, from Wood Green, north London, faces up to 70 years in prison if found guilty in the US of breaking into military computers.

He has Asperger's Syndrome and claims he was looking for details of UFOs.

Mr Waite, a hostage in Lebanon for four years, called the motives "harmless" and said "common sense" was needed.

He said the Pentagon ought to thank the self-confessed hacker for "exposing" the vulnerability of its computer security.

Mr Waite said Mr McKinnon's illness, a form of autism, made him "irrationally obsessive" and added that it was a waste of time to pursue him.

"No nation under the sun ought to convict an individual whose behaviour is occasioned by illness," he said.

Gary is clearly a very clever chap.

He has that unique ability to find his way through the internet jungle and enter the inner recesses of the Pentagon. Full marks for his ingenuity.

"Was Gary a spy? Was he attempting to bring down the mighty military force of the USA? As far as I know he was not. He was simply looking for little green men.

Anyone who has the slightest acquaintance with [Asperger's Syndrome] will know that while the sufferer can be, and indeed often is, brilliant in certain logical processes they can become irrationally obsessive in other directions."

However, Mr Waite - who was kidnapped in Lebanon in 1987 - said he supported the efforts of the authorities to "track down and stop illegal activity" on the web.

Mr McKinnon's lawyers have appealed for him to be prosecuted in the UK on lesser charges, but the CPS said the best place for the case to be heard was the US.

In total, he hacked into 97 government computers belonging to

organisations including the US Navy and Nasa during 2001 and 2002.

The US government says this caused damage costing \$800,000 (=A3550,000) at a time of heightened security in the wake of the 11 September 2001 terror attacks.

Mr McKinnon, who was arrested by British police in 2002, has already appealed unsuccessfully to the House of Lords and the European Court of Human Rights to avoid extradition.

His battle now rests on a judicial review of the government's decision to extradite him. His lawyers have claimed he is at risk of suicide if extradited.

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If I am to consider this claim - that invoking the name of Jesus
Christ will stop alien abductions - I would like to see these
things:

- The data collection methods used by this researcher.
- The final data set collected.
- The regression analysis and other statistical methods.
- The statistical results thus calculated.

If the researcher has these, he or she might consider writing a
paper for publication. Otherwise, I believe this discussion is a
dead-end.

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Bigelow Funding & MUFON FYI

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
Date: Tue, 17 Mar 2009 12:01:12 -0700
Archived: Wed, 18 Mar 2009 12:52:46 -0400
Subject: Bigelow Funding & MUFON FYI

I sent MUFON a copy of the Bigelow post from UFO UpDates and asked if they could comment. This was their reply:

BAASS Funding,

The story for the most part is correct. Here are our talking points. As he said, this is just a test, that is why we are not sending out a press release or making a big deal out of it right now.

Here are some bullet points:

Project Name: STAR Team Impact Project

MUFON is being sub-contracted to provide information to Bigelow Aerospace Advanced Space Studies (BAASS) on the UFO phenomenon.

MUFON's mission is the scientific study of UFOs for the benefit of humanity. To solve this mystery requires that we gather quality data on the most significant cases, especially those that involve physical or trace evidence. By having the financial means to deploy highly skilled investigators quickly to the scene of a significant case, we can gather all the initial crucial data before it is tampered with, destroyed or hoarded.

Data gathered from cases that we feel warrant a deployment will be shared with BAASS as well as physical or trace evidence that is being lab tested. Lab test results are shared with MUFON. MUFON is free to publish its own related research or seek independent testing.

Witness information will not be passed on to BAASS unless the witness agrees to this. There are two ways a witness can agree to have their witness information passed on: by checking a button when they file their initial report or by signing a release form.

We appreciate this opportunity from BAASS. We hope that this project will result in evidence that will compel the scientific community to research the nature of the UFO phenomena, by proving that there is indeed scientific knowledge to be gained.

Alejandro T. Rojas
Mutual UFO Network (MUFON)
Director of Public Education
Phone: 303-279-4767

"The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious. It is the source of all true art and science."

--Albert Einstein

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Re: UFO-Alien Christian 'Smoking Gun' - Pt. II

From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj.nul>
Date: Tue, 17 Mar 2009 13:44:44 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Wed, 18 Mar 2009 13:32:00 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO-Alien Christian 'Smoking Gun' - Pt. II

>From: Steve Sawyer <stevesaw.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 17 Mar 2009 04:31:56 -0700
>Subject: Re: UFO-Alien Christian 'Smoking Gun' - Pt. II

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

>><http://tinyurl.com/bjawke>

>>March 14, 2009

>>UFO-alien Christian 'smoking gun' - part 2
>>Roger Marsh, UFO Examiner

>>Joe Jordan is a man with a mission. Working on UFO reports as
>>part of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) led him to additional
>>stories of alien abduction. Coming in the door as an agnostic,
>>he worked the cases like any other field investigator and
>>eventually formed CE-4 Research in Florida to concentrate on
>>these cases.

>>As his investigation into reported alien abduction continued,
>>Jordan was cautioned by a colleague to be armed - a reference to
>>Biblical study, which he followed up on and became a Christian
>>himself. Following a vision he received during an intensive
>>Biblical training session, he took a second look at witness
>>testimony already reviewed. What startled Jordan - something he
>>had heard, but overlooked in his original investigation - was
>>the fact that some witnesses had revealed how they had ended
>>both a current abduction and any future abductions.

>>They invoked the name of Jesus Christ.

>Well, so to avoid "alien abduction" all we have to do is invoke
>the name of Jesus Christ? I can't tell you what a relief that
>is.

>Silly me. I had anticipated having to invoke the name of
>Muhammad, you know, just in case. Or Bonzo.

>While Vallee and others presciently predicted the rise of ufo
>cults with a new age orientation, as a kind of rejection of and
>evolution from mainstream religious belief structures, who could
>have anticipated those among the regressive fundamentalist
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Steve,

If you're ever abducted, just repeating your paragraph above

ought to be enough to drive the aliens away. A new record - 132 words in one sentence!

From what I've read, there is something to it, but invoking the name of anything or anyone you have a strong, absolute belief in will work, not just the name "Jesus".

Jim Deardorff

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Anyone Chasing Bucks County Flap?

From: Chris Burns <Thurstonoreggae.nul>
Date: Tue, 17 Mar 2009 18:28:41 EDT
Archived: Wed, 18 Mar 2009 14:33:00 -0400
Subject: Anyone Chasing Bucks County Flap?

List,

Considering how much alleged UFO activity is being reported in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, are any List members local to that area, and is anyone actively getting out and chasing the phenomena?

I don't know if there is enough to warrant nightly vigils, but from past/current incidents like Exeter, Pine Bush and Marley Woods, it certainly seems like it might be worth some regular nights.

Anyone know of a group actively out there watching in Bucks County?

Thanks,

Chris Burns
www.pinebushanomaly.com

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Wendelle Stevens Cheats His Authors

From: Rich Heiden <rwheidenu.nul>
Date: Tue, Mar 17, 2009 at 12:24 PM
Archived: Wed, 18 Mar 2009 14:34:00 -0400
Subject: Wendelle Stevens Cheats His Authors

[Zitha asks that her e-mail be included, as below. It's OK to include mine too, especially as some readers might be more comfortable writing to somebody without the potential of a language barrier.-- Rich]

The Story Of A Book That Was Lost In A Sea Of Confusion,
Lies, And Plagiarism

By Zitha Rodr=EDguez Montiel
Translated by Richard W. Heiden

In 1979, the author interviewed Professor R.N. Hern=Elndez, professor with the National Autonomous University of Mexico (Universidad Nacional Aut=F3noma de M=E9xico, or UNAM).

The professor claimed to this author that he had had a close contact with an extraterrestrial woman. That was how the idea of writing a book about his history was born. It was written by the author of this article.

The book's original Spanish title is "Profec=EDas de una Mujer Extraterrestre" ("Prophecies of an Extraterrestrial Woman") and, as the name indicates, this lady gave the professor many predictions about our future, especially climactic changes that would be produced in our days.

The book was recorded in Mexico's Instituto Nacional de Derechos de Autor (National Copyright Institute), in the year 1985.

In 1988, the author got in touch with Wendelle C. Stevens, publisher and editor of UFO Photo Archives, and proposed to him that he publish the book. Wendelle, who at that time lived in Florence, Ariz., accepted the book for publication. He translated it to English and changed the title to:

UFO Contact From Andromeda

It was copyrighted and given the International Standard Book Number (ISBN), 0-934269-12-2.

When it was published, the author received as payment only forty copies from Wendelle.

At the same time, Wendelle promised Zitha Rodr=EDguez that he would forward to her any profits from the book, which never happened.

As time passed, and over a period of at least ten years, the author received over two thousand letters from people who assured her they had bought the book and were interested in the story of Professor Hern=Elndez.

Between the years 1989 and 1993, whenever the author inquired about the book, Wendelle C. Stevens would tell her that very few copies had been sold, and that the book was not going to be reprinted.

In 1994, when the author attended the UFO Congress in Mesquite, Nevada, she saw that the book was available for sale.

At that same Congress, Wendelle told the author that he had very few copies of the book left, and that he would not print any more because nobody was interested in it. Also present when he said this was Patricia Olopa (also of Mexico), who heard everything.

Then the author asked Wendelle to not print it any more because she had plans to publish it in Mexico. Wendelle promised that he wouldn't. Nevertheless, the next year, in 1995, Wendelle authorized Akasa Yaynları [This is copied from the web site that follows; note the undotted i's] (Akasa Publishing) to publish the book in Turkish, and it was distributed in that country. See translation:

<http://www.kitapstore.com/goster/kitap.asp?kitap=3D29136&SID=3D815163250116>

The author learned of this from the Internet only in 2003, through a friend, because Wendelle never notified her. She also learned that the book had sold a little over 1,400,000 copies (according to an Internet page), but Wendelle denied this figure.

The translator who rendered the work from English to Turkish must have had quite a challenge, because of the very poor quality of the translation from Spanish. Wendelle received the manuscript when he was incarcerated in Arizona, and the author seems to recall that he said at the time that he received assistance from a fellow convict who spoke both English and Spanish. Though in the book itself that he published, Wendelle took full credit for the translation.*

The author wrote to Akasa Publishing at an address obtained from a friend in Ankara, but the publisher never responded to repeated e-mails.

But the betrayal and lies on Wendelle's part did not stop there.

In 2004, Wendelle authorized Robert ("Bob") Shapiro, of Light Technology Publishing to not only publish the above-mentioned book, but also to add the story of a medium, who claimed to have mental contact with Prof. Hernandez. This was an offense on the work itself, as it deformed the original idea, and the author was not notified of this.

This book was titled:

"Ultimate UFO Series: Andromeda/ Channeled Commentary
by Andromedans & Zoosh Through Robert Shapiro"

Below that (on both the cover and the title page) it says:

"Includes the text of UFO Contact From Andromeda
Extraterrestrial Prophecy

c. UFO Books: Rodriguez Hernandez Stevens"

And below that, the logo and name of Light Technology Publishing.

The copyright page adds the ISBN, 1-891824-35-X.

At the top of the copyright page it says that pages 167-459 were taken from the above-mentioned book. Though it identifies the book only by date and publisher, it is an obvious reference to "UFO Contact from Andromeda."

When the author again got in touch with Wendelle, to express her disapproval concerning this development, Wendelle advised her to speak with Bob. Bob never responded to the Internet messages that the author sent him. Thus time passed.

Realizing that Wendelle did not answer the author's mail anymore, Zitha Rodriguez asked a U.S.-Mexican attorney to speak with Wendelle about it, but the latter always denied having authorized Akasa Publishing and Light Technology Publishing to publish the book.

Until now, neither Wendelle, nor Akasa, nor Bob Shapiro, have responded to the author's entreaties. Perhaps they are waiting

for her to tire of wailing in the desert.

The author desires these facts to be known so that the guilty parties do not remain unpunished, and that other authors do not suffer the same thing. But it would be interesting to know if there have already been other victims.

With these events, the author feels betrayed, attacked, and ill-served in her interests by Wendelle C. Stevens, because she fully confided, in good faith, in the word of the publisher of UFO Photo Archives.

Zitha Rodr=EDguez Montiel
Mexico City
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*I remember Wendelle's talk at the UFO congress that Zitha organized in Mexico City in August of 1995. Wendelle acted as his own translator, speaking in both English and fractured Spanish. It was (I must say) a brave effort, but with rather pathetic results. Even though he and Randolph Winters were speaking about the Billy Meier case of Switzerland, Wendelle's translation kept giving the name of the country as "Suizlandia" rather than "Suiza", which is the correct word in Spanish.=97Trans.

Postscript by translator:

Since this article was originally written in 2007, I have learned of two more books that Wendelle has arranged to get reprinted without the knowledge of the author. In one case, the author got in touch with the re-publisher after the fact to negotiate royalties. The author reports that "I would like to keep my arrangement private. I do not have anything against [the publisher]. He treated me very well."

In the other case, Wendelle arranged for the re-publication not too long after the author asked him about getting the text of the book on a disc, with a view toward facilitating a reprint. At that time "he said there was not much interest in the book."

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18th March 2009

Lights In The Sky: Builder On Rooftop Snaps Four 'UFOs' Flying Over London

By Caroline Graham

It's a scenic shot that appears to be out of this world.

Taken on a mobile phone early one morning it captures the London landscape as well as four curious lights hovering over the Houses of Parliament. Could they be UFOs?

[Daylight photo]

Derek Burden was working on the 16th floor of a building in Covent Garden in the capital's West End when he took the picture at 8.30am.

But it was only when he looked at the image a few days later with his wife Sarah that he noticed the eerie shapes in the cloudy sky.

Mr Burden, 40, said: 'I was waiting for some materials to arrive so I thought I would step out onto the balcony to have a cup of tea. I was 16 floors up and I thought I would take some pictures of the view for my wife who doesn't get to come to London much.'

'I didn't notice anything at the time because I was focusing on getting in all the sights but when I showed Sarah that weekend she said "What are those lights in the corner?"'

Mr Burden, from Luton, said the lights are not any kind of reflection, claiming he took the picture outside with no office lights behind him.

He added: 'The picture clearly shows four saucers all the same size. I've shown loads of the guys on the building sites and they're all amazed.'

'I took the picture to Boots as well and had it blown up - it looks wicked.'

So are the supposed space ships aliens travelling on their daily commute, or perhaps some outer space shoppers heading up West? Mr Burden is stumped.

'I haven't a clue what the saucers are. I've never really believed in all that,' he said. 'But it's a big old place out there and I think the picture speaks for itself.'

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Tue Mar 17, 2009

UFO Class On Tap At SVHEC
By Carolyn R. Wilson/Correspondent

It was a warm June evening in 2008 when an Abingdon resident stepped outside his Beverly Drive apartment to relax while smoking one of the day's last cigarettes. Enjoying the evening air, he suddenly heard a low sound similar to a small engine that caused him to look up. A large rectangular object, the size of a football field, drifted slowly overhead only 1,500 to 2,000 feet in the air. He raced to his neighbors' apartments for them to see the mysterious sight. Fifteen minutes later, a second identical object flew over, followed by an orb-like light. His account indicated that the craft had no windows and was a solid black mass. The witness was able to see the engine and later drew it for documentation.

Despite what skeptics say, the Abingdon resident is among thousands of people who claim to have witnessed such alarming sightings.

"UFOs have been seen by military and commercial pilots, astronomers, doctors, lawyers and other professionals," said Trevor Carter, who has studied UFOs for years and will conduct a class on ufology from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on March 28 at the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center.

During the Weekend Adult Lifetime Learning (WALL) class, Carter will concentrate on a detailed introduction to documenting UFOs, and discuss the history and scientific data that is available. Carter has invited UFO witnesses, one of whom is radio personality Danny Gordon of Wytheville, to share their experiences with class participants. Gordon, who has appeared on the television series Unsolved Mysteries documenting the UFO sightings in Wythe County in the late 1980's, will co-present the class.

Carter, a software test analyst, has been fascinated with outer space and UFOs for most of his life, but during the past two years he has immersed himself in books, Web sites and scientific papers to learn more about the mysterious phenomenon. Carter discovered the Abingdon sightings while browsing the site for the Mutual UFO Network at <http://www.mufon.com>. Carter is a member of MUFON and is working with a MUFON Field Investigator on the Abingdon case.

"I want to be a bridge between the information that is nonsense and real, and to provide people with relevant information," he said. "I've spent many years reading books, listening to witnesses, talking to former NASA employees and other UFOlogists, as well as reviewing the scientific papers that are

available. I had to weed out a lot of nonsense and fantasy. There is a reality to the UFO phenomenon, but it is not completely solved."

He believes many of the sightings can be explained by atmospheric conditions, meteors and even airplanes that refuel in the air. A very small percentage of evidence could represent extraterrestrial technologies, which is often referred to as the ET Hypothesis. He is skeptical about this hypothesis even though he is fascinated by the thought of life on other planets.

Some people may welcome the opportunity to see a UFO, while most would feel terrified at the thought. No doubt, data collected from sightings are a source of great mystery and wonder.

Carter said data indicate some UFOs have the ability to hover and make little to no noise. Some of these objects have been calculated as reaching speeds in excess of 7,000 miles per hour. UFOs have been spotted in shapes, such as saucers, triangles, eggs, diamonds, spheres and rectangles. The presence of UFOs has been known to cause a loss of signals in car radios and cell phones, and in some cases car engines completely shut down, he said. There have been cases where vegetation did not grow back where a sighting had taken place. People have even reported skin burns from being too close to the exhaust of a UFO. There are more than 3,000 physical trace cases.

According to Carter, UFOs have been around for more than 60 years, maybe even longer. As early as 1504 B.C., documentations of sightings exist in the annals of the Egyptian kings. In Roman times, unexplained sightings were attributed to astrological changes.

"After the atomic bomb blast in 1945, UFOs increased in frequency. Most notably, in 1947 a wave of UFO sightings occurred throughout the United States, and in July 1947 the army announced to the world that they had recovered a crashed saucer, but only a day later denounced their initial claim and said it was a weather balloon," he said.

A widely recognized, famous case is the Roswell UFO incident, which involved the recovery of materials near Roswell, N.M., in July 1947. According to Carter, there are various views on what actually happened, but the United States military maintains that what was recovered was a top-secret research balloon that had crashed. However, many UFO proponents believe the wreckage was of a crashed alien craft and that the military covered up the craft's recovery.

Carter is familiar with large waves of sightings that have occurred recently throughout Stephenville, Texas, where a few people witnessed a UFO that was larger than a football field. In 1997, Phoenix, Ariz., residents claimed to have seen a mile-wide UFO.

"Even ex-governor Fife Simington has publicly acknowledged that he witnessed the UFO," he explained.

In the 1980s, as many as 7,000 cases were investigated in the Hudson Valley area of New York and documented by Dr. J. Allen Hynek. Even former president Jimmy Carter reported seeing a peculiar light in the sky in 1969.

In Southwest Virginia, numerous sightings have occurred in Wytheville, Abingdon, Marion and Saltville. Carter thinks many sightings are never reported by witnesses for fear of ridicule or disbelief.

"The wealth of information on UFOs is overwhelming," said Carter, "but little has been done to find the truth. There is no conclusive evidence of ET visitation available to the public yet, but many UFO proponents, such as the Disclosure Project headed by Dr. Steven Greer, brought forth former military and government officials who have stories to tell and some documentation to support their claims. They tried to push for congressional hearings, but to no avail."

Carter wants to continue his research of UFOs as long as possible. Currently, he is investigating three sightings in the region.

"I may not find the truth, but I won't be satisfied until I exhaust my resources."

For more information on the ufology class, contact the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center at (276) 619-4300.

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I don't suppose there is any consideration given to the
possibility that the name might not be what deters said aliens

but the profane use of the words.

John Bleushi's famous quote from the movie Blues Brothers comes to mind when prompted by James Brown - the preacher - as to whether he has seen the the light, Belushi says, "Yes, Jesus H. tap dancin' Christ, I have seen the light!"

Perhaps the aliens would be less inclined to abduct foul-mouthed humans. Maybe "Holy s**t!" Might have had the same effect. There's a movie in there somewhere.

Don Ledger

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>From: Chris Burns <Thurstonoreggae.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Tue, 17 Mar 2009 18:28:41 EDT
>Subject: Anyone Chasing Bucks County Flap?

>List,

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>Bucks County, Pennsylvania, are any List members local to that
>area, and is anyone actively getting out and chasing the
>phenomena?

>I don't know if there is enough to warrant nightly vigils, but
>from past/current incidents like Exeter, Pine Bush and Marley
>Woods, it certainly seems like it might be worth some regular
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>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj.nul>
>To: [post.nul](#)
>Date: Tue, 17 Mar 2009 13:44:44 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: UFO-Alien Christian 'Smoking Gun' - Pt. II

>>From: Steve Sawyer <stevesaw.nul>
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>>Date: Tue, 17 Mar 2009 04:31:56 -0700
>>Subject: Re: UFO-Alien Christian 'Smoking Gun' - Pt. II

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

>>><http://tinyurl.com/bjawke>

>>>March 14, 2009

>>>UFO-alien Christian 'smoking gun' - part 2
>>>Roger Marsh, UFO Examiner

>>>Joe Jordan is a man with a mission. Working on UFO reports as
>>>part of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) led him to additional
>>>stories of alien abduction. Coming in the door as an agnostic,
>>>he worked the cases like any other field investigator and
>>>eventually formed CE-4 Research in Florida to concentrate on
>>>these cases.

>>>As his investigation into reported alien abduction continued,
>>>Jordan was cautioned by a colleague to be armed - a reference to
>>>Biblical study, which he followed up on and became a Christian
>>>himself. Following a vision he received during an intensive
>>>Biblical training session, he took a second look at witness
>>>testimony already reviewed. What startled Jordan - something he
>>>had heard, but overlooked in his original investigation - was
>>>the fact that some witnesses had revealed how they had ended
>>>both a current abduction and any future abductions.

>>>They invoked the name of Jesus Christ.

>>Well, so to avoid "alien abduction" all we have to do is invoke
>>the name of Jesus Christ? I can't tell you what a relief that
>>is.

>>Silly me. I had anticipated having to invoke the name of
>>Muhammad, you know, just in case. Or Bonzo.

>>While Vallee and others presciently predicted the rise of ufo
>>cults with a new age orientation, as a kind of rejection of and
>>evolution from mainstream religious belief structures, who could
>>have anticipated those among the regressive fundamentalist
>>Christian fringe who would also attempt to co-opt and reinforce
>>their creationist ideologies by similarly adopting ufo
>>phenomenology and "aliens" (as "fallen angels" from the Enochian
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>>age" commercialized spin to enhance their own darkly biased and
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>>the gullible to pay them to be proselytized as to their
>>dualistic "good vs. evil" dichotomies of primitive, deluded
>>spiritual beliefs from such an obviously solipsistic and
>>narcissisticly anthropocentric point of view using such

>>delightfully transparent fear-mongering tactics?

>Steve,

>If you're ever abducted, just repeating your paragraph above
>ought to be enough to drive the aliens away. A new record - 132
>words in one sentence!

>>From what I've read, there is something to it, but invoking the
>name of anything or anyone you have a strong, absolute belief in
>will work, not just the name "Jesus".

Hi, Jim & List

So, you enjoyed my turgidly "loquacious verbosity," eh, Jim?

I was just perusing a few of the many webpages at your Christian
research website, at <http://www.tjresearch.info/>, and can
clearly see, as a former atmospheric scientist, how objective
and unbiased your obliquely sardonic comment actually is, and
appreciate the spirit of logic and rationality you surely must
have intended it with, as is also so obvious from the quality of
your investigatory findings on the non-existent Talmud of
Jmmanuel, which you note as being co-discovered by Eduard
(Billy) Meier, that paragon of honest virtue and unquestioned
scientific veracity.

Say hello to Billy, and Semjasa, for me if you would, in
passing.

Although I find it difficult to express just how much I
appreciate your Christian revisionism, if it weren't for your
research, piggy-backing on Meier's, I never would have known
the proverbial Adam was actually created by an "extraterrestrial
leader" from the Pleiades, or that Jesus was this ET's
reincarnated spirit. Imagine that. Fascinating... stuff. I mean,
who knew?

In view of the agnostic scales that have now fallen from my
sorrowful eyes, I feel compelled to honor these crucial
revelations and now plan to invoke the august name of
"Deardorff!" in the unlikely event that those evil aliens ever
do attempt to abduct me for previously being such a sadly
disbelieving heathen. I repent! Am I forgiven now?

Steve

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John, I had been in contact several months ago with John Ventre regarding something my daughter had seen one night. She's a college student in Philadelphia, and while I was pretty sure from her description that she'd seen a fireball, I wanted to see if that information might be useful to factor in with any reports.

IIRC, I'd gotten his contact info from an article on the Bucks County UFO flap. You could try him at:

jventre1.nul

Carol

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DVD Review: Groom Lake
Written by Fitz

William Shatner. The name alone evokes many memories for me. Star Trek mostly, with some Airplane: The Sequel and Tek War thrown in for good measure. He's been in the movie and television industry forever, but has also been attached to a number of book projects over the years and had a director credit on Star Trek V: The Final Frontier way back when.

Little did I know that after the passing of his first wife he was inspired to write a story about aliens and everlasting love. In 2002, his story was adapted for the screen by Maurice Hurley and they started producing Groom Lake on a shoestring budget in the deserts of southeastern Arizona.

"Groom Lake" is one of the many names associated with the fabled Area 51, which has forever been associated with the US military and top secret research into aliens and UFO technologies. For years there have been UFO sightings associated with different parts of the country such as McCarran Airport and Area 51 in Nevada, Roswell, New Mexico, and elsewhere.

The story of Groom Lake is about Kate (Amy Acker) and her husband Andy (Dan Gauthier) as they go on an adventure to prove the existence of extraterrestrials. Kate, dying of a terminal illness, is trying to reconcile the practical "see it/believe it" philosophy of her husband with her own need to believe in something more =97 like Heaven or life on other worlds =97 something to reinforce the feeling that mankind will not simply disappear when the sun explodes in a few million years.

The couple are amused by the eccentricities of the townspeople living on the edge of a military base near Groom Lake. But they never thought they'd be wrapped up in the madness of UFO sightings and strange behavior of the alien-crazed people watching. In the end, though, Kate gets an answer to her questions.

In addition to Acker (Angel and Dollhouse) and Gauthier (All My Children, One Life to Live, and more), Shatner recruited friends to help with the film, including Dick Van Patten (Eight is Enough), who plays a scientist on the base.

When you watch this film, it's very easy to giggle at some of the camera work and special effects. But on the minimal budget they had, I think it's on par with many of the less than great movies that appear on the SciFi Channel on Saturday nights. And they did this back in 2002, so they were ahead of the curve as far as B-movies went back then.

But when you watch the interview with Shatner that is the sole extra on the DVD, you begin to appreciate the monumental task of producing a movie on no budget, pulling in favors from friends and family, and just trying to get it done and in the can.

Is this a great movie? No, it's not. But I can say I have a lot of respect for Shatner and the crew who worked on this picture. Though it's not the best film, you have to admire the tenacity of the cast and crew.

If you're a fan of William Shatner's work and like B-movies, I recommend you check out Groom Lake at your local video rental store.

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Hi Everyone!

Throughout recorded human history, only this generation has accepted as an established truth that ET piloted UFOs and alien abductions are related and present the most compelling evidence we have that we are not alone in the universe. Although UFOs and abductions are very real, the connection between the two is based more on our hopes and beliefs rather than on the actual facts.

One of these simple facts is that in practically all of the credible and well documented cases where a person was abducted by non-human entities, an actual UFO is never seen or reported. The abductees often describe being in an unfamiliar room or place but it is us, through our biased minds, that deduce the abductees were in the interior of an extraterrestrial craft.

From what I have learned through direct contacts with abductees and my own investigations with physical evidence and the alien abduction phenomenon, William's thinking is closer to what is really happening out there - although much simpler.

If we set aside our modern day interpretation about the strange things we see in the sky and the encounters with non-human entities and try to understand them in light of what we already know from past generations who also reported such things - a vast database that is too quickly dismissed as irrelevant or outdated - this generation may finally learn the answers to the still unsolved UFO mystery.

If we accept from history that humans are a unique creation made in the image of the Creator and that we have a very special relationship with this Creator (recall the very first words in the universal 'Lord's Prayer' which we once recited at school and prior to government business, etc. for this relationship), we can then understand why the non-human entities or aliens seem to know so much about us and why their abduction attempts are thwarted after abductees simply identify themselves as children of the Creator reminding the aliens just who they would be accountable to for their actions!

Over the years, I have been visited at work by students, staff and members of the community who have heard about me and my work with UFO related physical evidence (suspected alien implants, ET biological samples, crashed UFO debris, etc.) and interest in the alien abduction phenomenon. Many of these visitors were very traumatized by their own alien abductions experiences which they shared with me, often in tears.

Since I would be in the wrong to withhold something that may be very important to those being abducted by non-human entities, let me say that no matter what the people who visited me said they did to prevent being abducted (fighting, yelling, tying themselves to their beds, etc.), the only thing that worked was to follow my advice that they identify themselves as children of God and to tell their abductors that they have no right to take them away against their free will (a right that even God respects). From the feedback I got from my visitors, this approach worked every time!

There is one additional thing that I would like to share with you in this post regarding the possible identity of some of these aliens or non-human entities.

From my many visits to monasteries, I have learned from the abbots that close encounters with UFOs and encounters with non-human entities by the monks are not uncommon. Sometimes these entities present something of value or beauty to the monks such as a gold disk (which would later dematerialise) and occasionally they will engage in a physical fight over issues such as jurisdiction where scars would be left on the monks. The monks know of these entities as demons.

Although these non-human entities are powerful, they are not even a close match to the power of the Creator of the universe - our Father in Heaven. The entities are waging an ongoing war against God's creation, including us here on Earth. Although they cannot win even a single battle against God, they can and do cause Him much pain and grief. They do this by getting us, God's children, to believe in a lie and exercise our free will

to leave the Father. Since the choice we made was ours to make, God cannot intervene even if our choice ultimately leads us to our destruction - unless we cry out His name for help as some have done during alien abduction attempts that were thwarted.

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>>Last month I wrote about a space scientist colleague who worked
>>on the Phoenix Mars lander who showed me some pictures of the
>>underside of the lander that were taken in June and again in
>>September before the lander went into hibernation over the long
>>Martian winter. The pictures showed some blobs on one of the
>>lander's legs that seem to have grown or moved during the few
>>months the two set of pictures were taken. I proposed to him
>>that those blobs captured by the lander's camera could turn out
>>to be example of "Shadow Life" on Mars. If my interpretation
>>turns out to be correct we may have our first close-up images of
>>Martians and proof that ET life exists.

>>After much head scratching among Mars scientists at a recent
>>meeting, it was determined that these blobs on Phoenix's leg, as
>>well as what was seen on the ground underneath the lander, is
>>conclusive evidence that liquid water does exist on Mars - and
>>lots of it too - unless Phoenix was fortuitous enough to land on
>>the only water hole on the entire planet. Of course, where there
>>is water there is the possibility that Earth-like organisms may
>>exist there too.

>><http://spaceflightnow.com/news/n0903/08marswater/>

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A 2007 Argentine Horse Mutilation

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Date: Fri, 20 Mar 2009 09:01:07 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Fri, 20 Mar 2009 10:13:27 -0400
Subject: A 2007 Argentine Horse Mutilation

Argentina: A Horse Mutilation From 2007
By Silvia Perez Simondini - VISION OVNI
Entre Rios, Argentina

In spite of the number of mutilations that we've seen along the length of our country, we have never witnessed what a cattleman who visited the UFO Museum had to show me.

It's a horse - not just any horse, as it was a wild colt that no one could tame. However, it appears that someone managed to do so.

On October 1, 2007, in the Moscas Sur District, Department of Uruguay, separated from Rosario del Tala by the reiver bearing the same name, Mr. Edgardo Raul Sloomman of the San Diego ranch found one of his colts in the manner shown in the photograph that appears above. Regrettably, this photo is not perfectly clear, as the gentleman did not have the negatives and it was only possible to take a photo of the photo. But as it is nevertheless important, I ask that you concentrate on what it shows: on the animal's neck, and toward the bottom, it is possible to see some collar-shaped lines caused by some element that stripped the colt's flesh as it slid threw. These lines end in a sort of fungus that multiplies as it becomes larger. This is something we had never seen before, and it truly concerns us, as the subject of mutilations appears to be changing directions little by little. These events have never ceased to occur since 2002.

According to the tests performed, says Mr. Sloomman, the fungus is a living matter of unknown origin that reproduces in colonies and is resistant to chlorine. The strangest part of all was the disintegration of edge of the scalpel that came into contact with this matter.

Another interesting detail is that cellphones would shut down whenever their users approached the animal's carcass.

The conclusion is that a liquid slid down the colt's neck. It is totally corrosive and peeled the animal's hide as it did so. This cattleman's horse herd occupies a 90-hectare spread, and four or five mutilated cows were found that same day.

What makes the UFO Museum wonderful is the willingness of the public to bring us their evidence and eyewitness accounts. We are enormously grateful for this, since as occurred in this case, we obtain information that was completely unknown in the cattle mutilation phenomenon. Our sincerest thanks to Mr. Sloomman for his cooperation.

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Interview With Puerto Rican Research Group's Jose

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What is the Puerto Rican Research Group?

It=92s a non-profit entity that emerged in the 1960=92s, but by 1988 was established as an organization registered with the Puerto Rican State Department. It is made up of several individual specialized in given technical fields and having knowledge of specific areas. For example, the group=92s director or leader is Mr. Willie Durand Urbina, who has a background in cinematography. He was a cameraman for a San Juan-based TV station and he has pursued this profession as a photo and video analyst. He=92s currently specializing in optics and how it affects our environment. Willie covers the San Juan Area. Another of our members is Juan A. Lopez, another technician in photo analysis and the group=92s logistician. His work is of great importance, as he has considerable knowledge of photo imagery. Juan covers the Hato Rey and Fajardo areas. Whalberto Cardona is an airline pilot with a vast knowledge of aircraft; his opinions are very important within the group when it comes to analyzing objects in our skies. He covers the entire southeastern region of Puerto Rico. Carmen Martinez is a special member of our group, as she delves in the paranormal. She=92s our adviser in paranormal affairs and specializes in this field. Jos=E9 A. Martinez has a background in computer science and worked for the Department of Justice=92s internal security department. He=92s in charge of field research, collecting all data in a forensic manner, guarding the scene to keep it from being tainted until specialized equipment can be brought in. He=92s also in charge of several of the group=92s websites and of informing the pertinent media.

To what can we ascribe the constant presence of anomalous phenomena in Puerto Rico?

The presence of these phenomena can be attributed to several sources, from natural and artificial phenomena to others having no logical explanation whatsoever. We are in a part of the planet that constitutes one of the vertexes of the so-called Bermuda Triangle. It could be the considerable quantity of geomagnetic energy that surrounds the entire Caribbean area, and it has been shown that phenomena of this type is attracted to these natural magnetic fields, and this could be an explanation. But above all, we=92re on a geological fault that is in constant motion, creating pressure and friction, releasing lights that are sometimes mistaken for UFOs, apparitions, =93hachos=94, witches and other names given by people who are not aware of natural forces. These strange phenomena include the Chupacabras, an entity that appears every 20-30 years and is very furtive. Others dismiss this phenomenon, but have not conducted field research to emit a sound judgment on the matter. There are hundreds of witnesses who have seen it, and describe the same thing. It=92s a case that remains open for discussion and analysis.

And specifically, why in the island=92s southwestern corner?

Not only in the southwestern corner of Puerto Rico. We have identified other places with constant sightings, among them the Ponce coastal region, Guayanilla, Guanica, Lajas, Aguadilla,

Cabo Rojo, the mountainous area of Yauco, Orocovis, El Yunque, Morovis, Luquillo, Cerro Las Mesas, Mayaguez, Marcao, Adjuntas, Eastern Vieques, Fajardo, Vega Alta and Vega Baja, Arecibo =96 all of these areas have been identified as geomagnetically aberrant. This means that these areas contain some kind of magnetic mineral that affects AM radio communications and the frequencies employed by the State and Municipal police forces.

Has Laguna Cartagena ever been discussed again? This body of water attracted considerable attention in the late 1980s and early 1990s.

Laguna Cartagena is linked to many local legends, ranging from witches, wandering spirits on the roads, and even aliens have reportedly been seen walking along the highways. An incident occurred here in the =9180s when hundreds of witnesses from Lajas, Betances and nearby communities saw an object plummet into the lagoon. Witnesses say that a huge sphere fell into the waters. What makes this incident strange is that Federal authorities immediately intervened to remove whatever it was that fell. They explored the lagoon for several weeks with Navy divers, twin-rotor helicopters over the lagoon, drawing water, and managed to remove some spheres. While Puerto Rico has several natural and artificial lagoons, including the Vega Lagoon in Yauco, which has had its own UFO accounts for years. It=92s located in the mountainous region of Yauco, and many locals have reportedly seen huge objects coming out of these waters in total silence.

What do you think that INEXPLICATA=92s readers overseas should know about UFO=92s in Puerto Rico?

For those who are reading this article in English, we would like to tell them that the Hispanic peoples have very good and compelling cases. The language barrier has been considerable in making some of these cases known, and the important work being carried out by our friend Scott Corrales has been to provide assistance to non-Spanish speakers and make them aware of what is going on in Puerto Rico and it=92s kindred countries. Puerto Rico has serious researchers who work unselfishly as well as alleged professionals who mock witnesses and denigrate their integrity. Such individuals do not last for long, and are in league with the CIA, the NSA and the FBI. It=92s regrettable that this should happen in Puerto Rico, but I imagine that it happens in other countries as well, following the pattern of disinformation and mockery on radio, in the press and television. UFOs in Puerto Rico are real. We have been witnesses to this phenomenon and collected evidence about it. Let there be no question about this, although many [cases] have not come to light because some want to avoid being the target of mockery or criticism. Others prefer to remain anonymous, and still others face situations that may befall them [as a result of research]. We have changed the way we work to avoid these situations. We are very grateful to INEXPLICATA for this opportunity, and for giving the English-speaking UFO community a chance to know more about us and share their knowledge with serious researchers in Puerto Rico. You can contact us at:

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UFO Investigator Finds Mystery
By Dave Phillips
The Gazette

COLORADO SPRINGS =97 UFO field investigator Chuck Zukowski likes to think of himself as a skeptic.

He won't throw his UFO detective gear in his truck (license plate: UFONUT) and drive out to the middle of nowhere just because someone says they saw a few glowing orbs over a field.

"Cattle mutilations I'll go out for, but orbs? They have to have some sort of documentation - a photo, a video," he said recently as he pulled his Nissan Xterra up to Ute Valley Park.

There was something at the park the he felt was definitely worth a closer look.

Zukowski is nationally known in sky-watching circles as a meticulous documenter of the unexplainable. In 20 years as a UFO investigator he has helped organize archeological digs at UFO hot spots near Roswell, N.M. (Conclusion: Sites need more study.) He has inspected a strange stone found in the New Mexico desert, expertly carved with a design that also appeared in a crop circle in England. (Conclusion: Stone needs more study.) He has appeared as an expert on the Sci Fi Channel and the super-late-night paranormal radio show Coast to Coast a.m.

More importantly, he says he has seen UFOs himself.

Despite his license plate, Zukowski doesn't consider himself a nut.

"My thing is I'm always looking for proof," he said. "If something can be explained by science, great. But if it can't"

He trailed off, leaving listeners to infer their own silent replay of the theme from "The Twilight Zone."

Zukowski was at Ute Valley to investigate something strange - maybe related to aliens, maybe not. He found two grotesque faces carved in the park's crumbly sandstone.

"These kids, teenagers, contacted me a while ago when some they saw lights hovering above the park on a number of occasions," he said, pushing through the scratchy brush while searching for the site.

Near the point where the kids said they saw the lights, Zukowski stumbled on the two faces carved into the stone.

One looks a bit like the grinning Janus mask that high school drama clubs always put on their T-shirts. The other's crude features looked a bit more tribal - almost like an Easter Island head.

To the average park hiker, both seemed to be recently carved, probably by a contemporary neighbor, possibly while high.

But you don't get to be a nationally known UFO field investigator by settling for the most likely explanation.

"Sure, these could be recent," said Zukowski, who in his day job designs microchips for everything from cell phones to spy satellites. "But how do we know? How do we know until they are thoroughly investigated?"

He has brought rock art experts and a city parks official to the site. Both, he said, indicated they would get back to him, then never did. Frustrated, he e-mailed The Gazette, hoping to uncover some answers.

Zukowski doesn't think the carvings have anything to do with aliens - at least directly.

They are more likely Ute, he said. "Though the style seems more Aztec or Mayan, so who knows?"

It may be an American Indian record of an extraterrestrial encounter. He even says the high neighbor theory is plausible. He wants scientists to take a look and decide for themselves.

"We just won't know until we study this more," he said.

For now, he'll keep Ute Valley in his unsolved mysteries file, right next to an incident that happened a few days later.

"I got a report a dark grayish triangular object was spotted last night flying SW to NE," he e-mailed. "I'm going to contact the Sheriff's department this afternoon and see if anyone else called this in."

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Hi Steven,

Nothing has meaning by itself or can be studied and understood
in total isolation of everything else. This is why the science
and engineering graduates of the university where I work must
take courses in the humanities/ethics and the social/political
sciences. The reality is that big science cannot be done without
politics. There are similar relationships between religion (or
any belief system) and politics that go back since the start of
recorded history.

As for the "Christian" content of my post to the list, you will
note that I made no direct references to Jesus or Christ but
talked about what I learned from the monks and summarized the
views that had universal acceptance among us in the past. The
primary sources of scientific knowledge in this generation can
be classified as inspiration (i.e. rational thinking and logical
deductions, etc.) and what I call perspiration (i.e. testing of
hypotheses and experimentation, etc.). One primary source of
knowledge that is no longer accepted by this generation is
revelation (i.e. direct knowledge or truths from non-terrestrial
beings and God, etc.).

For an example of what I mean, read the Acts of the Apostles
which is part of the New Testament - the earliest history of the
Church after Jesus is out of the picture. The sheer number,
quantity and quality of the strange objects sighted in the sky

and the encounters with non-human entities mentioned in this account should classify it as one of the most important books on the subject of UFOs and alien interventions. Should we ignore this body of evidence because it has been labelled a "religious" book?

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from the exhaust blast and contaminants mixed in with the water
ice. That experiment was a bit of a bust apparently. There was
only a 3 month window for experiments before Martian winter hit.
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of religion and politics is often the bane of man's existence
and hate to see it slipped in here.

Personal religious experience may sometimes offer information
relevant to our study of UFO and allied phenomena. Written
material and statements of fact that offer the possibility of
corroboration can be relevant, even if coming from a religious
context.

But dogma of the sort Nick posts above? Please. Not here. It's
just not appropriate.

Carol

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Re: UFO-Alien Christian 'Smoking Gun' - Pt. II

From: Katharina Wilson <K.Wilson.nul>
Date: Fri, 20 Mar 2009 14:36:38 -0500
Archived: Sat, 21 Mar 2009 10:28:00 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO-Alien Christian 'Smoking Gun' - Pt. II

>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos.nul>
>To: [post.nul](#)
>Date: Fri, 20 Mar 2009 01:47:22 -0400
>Subject: Re: UFO-Alien Christian 'Smoking Gun' - Pt. II

>>From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
>>To: <[post.nul](#)>
>>Date: Thu, 19 Mar 2009 11:49:59 -0400
>>Subject: Re: UFO-Alien Christian 'Smoking Gun' - Pt. II

>>>From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
>>>To: [post.nul](#)
>>>Date: Wed, 18 Mar 2009 14:42:32 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: UFO-Alien Christian 'Smoking Gun' - Pt. II

>>>If I am to consider this claim - that invoking the name of
>>>Jesus Christ will stop alien abductions...

<snip>

>>>On the contrary, I'd say invoking the name of Jesus Christ is a
>>>very practical, easily done thing that abductees can try. Even
>>>if it doesn't work in every single case.

Eleanor:

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>>confined to our ordinary 3D reality.

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>>A particular state of consciousness necessary for accessing such
>>"extra-dimensional" realities may be a prerequisite for the
>>abduction experience to happen.

Regarding William T's ideas above: I personally believe this is
exactly what is occurring. Abductions are real and do occur in
our reality or space time as we understand it, but some
abductions and/or experiences with these Beings do not occur in
our ordinary 3D reality. Some of these Beings are able to
interact with us both in our reality and in theirs - or either
'from their reality,' wherever that may be.

<snip>

>One of these simple facts is that in practically all of the
>credible and well documented cases where a person was abducted
>by non-human entities, an actual UFO is never seen or reported.
>The abductees often describe being in an unfamiliar room or
>place but it is us, through our biased minds, that deduce the
>abductees were in the interior of an extraterrestrial craft.

Regarding Nick's statement above: I have to respectfully disagree. This just simply is not the case. There are many credible abductees who report having seen an alien craft ['UFO'] and have reported walking into them or remember being floated upward and into the craft, sometimes in conjunction with a blue or white light.

Debbie Jordan (Kathie Davis) of Intruders had physical ground traces left in her yard; Linda Cortille's case had multiple witnesses describe seeing her being floated (along with Beings) upward and into a structured craft; Ed Walters has photographs, along with other eyewitnesses, who saw the same type of craft. I'm sure Dr. Maccabee may chime in on this case and his in-depth involvement in analyzing Ed's and other witnesses' photographs.

Below is a brief list of books you might want to read (or re-read). This list is by no means comprehensive, but it's a good place to start. Note: The first two cover information pertaining to UFOs and/or religions and their effect on humanity and our planet.

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<http://www.alienjigsaw.com>

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March 19, 2009

Reports Of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) Reached A Record Level In 2008

Denver, CO, March 19, 2009 --(PR.com)-- You may think that reports of strange craft flying around in our skies are rarities. However, according to the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), thousands of reports are made yearly, and reports of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) in 2008 reached a record high, with over 5,000 reports. This number is more than double the reports made in 2007.

So why is their such a drastic increase? According to Robert Powell, MUFON's Director of Research, "Last year's record numbers were contributed in part by mass sighting reports in Erath County, Texas and Bucks County, Pennsylvania." He goes on to emphasize that many of the witnesses making these reports are highly credible professionals, such as police officers, county constables, engineers and former air traffic control operators.

Some of the best evidence collected in 2008 was related to the Stephenville, Texas sightings. In that investigation, a comprehensive radar report confirmed an unknown object(s) in the area of Stephenville on the evening of Jan. 8, 2008, and supported claims made by eight witnesses. Powell, along with radar expert Glen Shultz, went through millions of radar hits, provided to them through a Freedom of Information Act request to the FAA, to discover this startling correlation. Although the Stephenville sightings became a large worldwide media event, Powell is shocked at the lack of attention the radar report has received.

Powell pointed out that this year also brought forth declassified materials in the case of UFO files by the governments of Denmark and the United Kingdom. He says, "The United States remains as the only major nation whose government claims to ignore UFOs. One wonders what NORAD does when an unknown object shows up on their radar screens."

The Mutual UFO Network was created in 1969 for the scientific study of UFOs for the benefit of humanity through investigations, research and education. It has become the largest civilian UFO investigation organization with certified investigators across the country actively researching UFO reports. Visit www.MUFON.com to find out how to become an investigator, or to look at the reports.

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Re: Discovery Of Liquid Water On Mars

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
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Archived: Sat, 21 Mar 2009 11:36:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Discovery Of Liquid Water On Mars

>From: Robert Powell <rpowell.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Fri, 20 Mar 2009 08:29:32 -0500
>Subject: Re: Discovery Of Liquid Water On Mars

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Thu, 12 Mar 2009 18:14:44 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Discovery Of Liquid Water On Mars

>>>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos.nul>
>>>To: post.nul
>>>Date: Wed, 11 Mar 2009 02:13:44 -0400
>>>Subject: Discovery Of Liquid Water On Mars

>>>Last month I wrote about a space scientist colleague who worked
>>>on the Phoenix Mars lander who showed me some pictures of the
>>>underside of the lander that were taken in June and again in
>>>September before the lander went into hibernation over the long
>>>Martian winter. The pictures showed some blobs on one of the
>>>lander's legs that seem to have grown or moved during the few
>>>months the two set of pictures were taken. I proposed to him
>>>that those blobs captured by the lander's camera could turn out
>>>to be example of "Shadow Life" on Mars. If my interpretation
>>>turns out to be correct we may have our first close-up images of
>>>Martians and proof that ET life exists.

<snip>

>>>If this very important discovery of liquid water on Mars is
>>>confirmed, it will take manned space flight to the next level
>>>but making it possible for the invasion and colonization of the
>>>Red Planet by us terrestrials in our UFOs from Earth.

>>I see the little nozzles at the top of one of the photos. I'm
>>wondering if when the PML landed, the blast from them melted ice
>>and sprayed water on the legs and other parts of the lander
>>which then froze on there. If that's the case you have to
>>possibly factor in the fuel's reaction with or the water as
>>well. To expect a 100% burn of fuel without some residual left
>>to mix with the ice/water is optimistic. It might create some
>>interesting chemistry, water, H2O and residual exhaust gasses.

<snip>

>I think the theory that it's a high salt content water that
>originated from the Martian surface from a splash back during
>the touchdown of the Phoenix Lander is reasonable. See the
>following link:

><http://www.astronomy.com/asy/default.aspx?c=a&id=8019>

Hi Robert, Don, Everyone!

Those little nozzles are part of Phoenix's retrorocket engines which use hydrazine as a propellant. The combustion products of hydrazine should only be hydrogen, nitrogen and ammonia but as Don correctly pointed out, this assumes 100% efficiency in the

combustion process and does not also take into account Martian dust and the chemical composition of Mars' atmosphere. Cold water-moist Martian air will readily condense around fine particulate matter that has been heated by the rocket exhaust to form visible puffs of water clouds - just like what we see coming out of car tailpipes or in the pretty jet 'con-trails' that sometimes form in the sky here on Earth.

Checking the daily weather reports coming in from the Canadian weather station on the Phoenix lander, I noticed that the air temperature reached highs of about -15 degrees Centigrade. Under similar temperatures here in Toronto where I live, there were liquid water puddles present on my frozen driveway from the salt that I deposited on the ground to prevent someone from falling on the slippery ice.

Since the rate of evaporation of liquid water on Mars should be faster than on Earth, I cannot see how two very cold water droplets could merge into one and still be present on the leg of the Phoenix lander months later unless that mysterious blob was now just the salt residue after the water evaporated.

Although evidence of flowing liquid water has been detected from spacecraft orbiting Mars and the two U.S. Viking landers in 1976 also photographed white covered rocks on certain mornings which I suspect was frozen morning dew, the Phoenix lander is the first mission to conclusively prove that Mars has lots of water by actually sampling the surrounding soil.

As for me, I still suspect that those mysterious blobs on the one of the legs of the Phoenix lander may turn out to be vegetation or some form of Martian "Shadow Life". If this turns out to be true, it would confirm another discovery of life on Mars that was made by the Pathfinder lander (see abstract below for a poster that was presented at NASA's Second Astrobiology Science Conference) that has since been forgotten like the earlier detections of life on Mars by the Viking lander in 1976.

"The Superpan, an image product from the Pathfinder lander camera, is a multispectral panorama of the Pathfinder landing site acquired in 15 wavelengths in the spectral range 440-1100 nm. We have performed an automated search of the Superpan image cubes for the spectral signature associated with chlorophyll. First, images were calibrated to radiance values and then the multispectral images were co-registered to subpixel accuracy. An automated pixel-to-pixel search was performed on a 3-filter set of images (530 nm, 670 nm, 980 nm) to identify pixels where the following condition was met: 530 nm > 670 nm, and 980nm > 670 nm. Thus, we searched for the spectral signature associated with red light absorption by chlorophyll. When this case was met by the search routine, we plotted a full spectrum for the involved pixels and carefully examined the images. The condition was met for small areas in six image cases. All of these cases occur in near field images, where resolution is highest. Four of the cases occur on the spacecraft and appear to be associated with spacecraft structure. Two intriguing cases occur in small areas on the ground near the spacecraft."

Nick Balaskas

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From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Sat, 21 Mar 2009 14:50:43 -0000
Archived: Sun, 22 Mar 2009 08:33:13 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO-Alien Christian 'Smoking Gun' - Pt. II

Hello List,

The central argument - that "help can be evoked" by calling on supernatural forces, is part of a long tradition - starting way back with myth & fable, coming forward to "trial by ordeal", and more recently with P.E.AR. (and other statistically significant para-sci experiments' results) and the medically powerful "placebo effect".

It boils down to the fact that "strong belief" can make changes in the human mind and body and (apparently) somehow affects external 'perceived reality' - even that measured by instrumentation.

Cheers

Ray D

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>>>abduction experience to happen.

That a particular state of consciousness is required for the
abduction experience to proceed is not necessarily inconsistent
with the aliens sometimes morphing into a Jesus-like face
following the prayer.

The experiencer could have any one of several intentions when
praying. These would be correlated with different cognitive
states, and only some may be incompatible with the state
required for the abduction experience. It would be no surprise
if the prayer content were incorporated into the ongoing
experience if incompatibility were not achieved.

As examples of possible intentions, the experiencer might be
praying for Jesus to pull him out of the situation he is in. He
may see himself as a poor lost soul, and the intention of the

prayer is to ask for rescue. On the other hand, the prayer could be intended to reinforce awareness of the soul's existing connection to the cosmic One. The first might be seen as a prayer to "save me", while the second is more a prayer to "save us".

We may see this distinction as more or less subtle. In any case, I would argue that each intention activates a unique state of consciousness. Perhaps one of them disrupts the abduction experience while the other is incorporated.

William Treurniet

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From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
Date: Sat, 21 Mar 2009 11:15:14 -0700 (PDT)
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This corresponds with the best primary source data, (witness
testimony), I have received, as well.

<snip>

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>read)...

<snip>

Might I also recommend these web sites below. But before I do,
I ask all readers to please remember that books and websites are
by nature hearsay-level documents. Primary sources, the
witnesses themselves, are the best sources of information on any
topic.

I need to also warn the reader to beware of confusion. Never
to be confused with any principle attribution of William of
Ockham, simplicity is the preferred economy of the universe.

Here are my favorite web sites, at this time, on this topic:

Katharina Wilson's Alien Jigsaw
<http://www.alienjigsaw.com>

Karla Turner Memorial
<http://www.karlaturner.org/>

Budd Hopkins' Intruders Foundation
<http://www.intrudersfoundation.org/>

David Jacobs' International Center for Abduction Research
<http://www.ufoabduction.com/>

Patrick Cooke's Bible UFO Connection
<http://www.bibleufo.com/>

I can't recommend John Mack's web site anymore. Since his death,

those who have continued in his name have based their work on the conclusion that alien abduction is a malady needing treatment. I suppose that's to be expected; their focus is psychology. If your only tool is a hammer, you tend to see everything as a nail.

I also can't recommend Whitley Strieber's books and web site. His focus is sales.

I sincerely hope this helps. I do not like to see good money (ours) spent on snake oil, like wishful thinking of born-again believers in a new age Christianity, exopolitics, or any unproven theory.

Most good news comes from _happy_ "accidents", repeatable ones that is.

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Source: The Shropshire Star - Telford, England, UK

www.shropshirestar.com/2009/03/20/schoolgirl-films-ufo-sighting/

March 20, 2009

Schoolgirl Films 'UFO Sighting'

[Video]

This is the latest in a series of sightings of UFOs in the skies over Shropshire which was captured on camera by Bridgnorth school girl Harriet Rogers.

Thirteen-year-old Harriet filmed about seven minutes-worth of footage with the help of her dad on February 21.

The pair were amazed to see the light and spent about 20 minutes watching the bizarre lights. It was still there when they stopped recording, Harriet said.

"My grandmother telephoned telling us about a light in the sky; we went upstairs and had a look.

What my dad and I saw was a light much brighter compared to the stars.

At first, we thought it was a helicopter but then my dad went outside but could not hear any rotary blades.

That's when we started getting suspicious, so I got the camcorder out.

To the human eye, it just looked like a bright light but, on the cam-recorder we could see it pulsing, then suddenly changing colours. It was low in the sky, the bright light on the first part of the recording is a street light," said Harriet.

The pair decided to go out and follow the light along the Craven Arms Road to try get a bit closer and they started to notice it was going down beyond the horizon.

She added: "This is when you could see with your own eyes that it was pulsing and changing colours.

We stopped in a lay-by and rested the camcorder on a gate post where we got the best shots. We could see how it was getting much brighter than before."

This isn't the only time that we have seen it, we have seen about two other separate occasions, all roughly in the same direction but not the exact place.

Harriet is not the only one to have spotted strange lights over Shropshire in the last few months.

There have been up to 30 sightings of mysterious spheres of light logged by UFO experts in the last two months with at least eight recorded in the last fortnight.

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>Hi Robert, Don, Everyone!

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>which use hydrazine as a propellant. The combustion products of
>hydrazine should only be hydrogen, nitrogen and ammonia but as
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Date: Sat, 21 Mar 2009 20:05:58 -0700
Archived: Sun, 22 Mar 2009 10:42:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Discovery Of Liquid Water On Mars

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Fri, 20 Mar 2009 13:30:00 -0300
>Subject: Re: Discovery Of Liquid Water On Mars

>I don't think there would be anything Earth-Mars shaking about
>what is on the legs. There was bound to be some back scattering
>from the exhaust blast and contaminants mixed in with the water
>ice. That experiment was a bit of a bust apparently. There was
>only a 3 month window for experiments before Martian winter hit.
>Be interesting to see if the Phoenix can be restarted in the
>Martian summer, though that's not expected.

The idea that contaminants from the fuel exhaust may have mixed in with melted ice droplets is one theory, but still just a theory. The science team will be presenting their case on Monday at the LPSC conference that the droplets came from a pre-existing brine layer just below the ice patch. This would not be as unusual as some people think, despite such cold surface temperatures, as similar brines are found just below the top surface soil / ice layer in the Dry Valleys of Antarctica, where conditions are similar to those at the Phoenix landing site.

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>As for me, I still suspect that those mysterious blobs on the
>one of the legs of the Phoenix lander may turn out to be
>vegetation or some form of Martian "Shadow Life". If this turns
>out to be true, it would confirm another discovery of life on
>Mars that was made by the Pathfinder lander (see abstract below
>for a poster that was presented at NASA's Second Astrobiology
>Science Conference) that has since been forgotten like the
>earlier detections of life on Mars by the Viking lander in 1976.

There is also this update from the University of Michigan:

<http://www.ns.umich.edu/htdocs/releases/story.php?id=3D7041>

=46rom the article:

"Photos of one of the lander's legs show droplets that grew during the polar summer. Based on the temperature of the leg and the presence of large amounts of "perchlorate" salts detected in the soil, scientists believe the droplets were most likely salty liquid water and mud that splashed on the spacecraft when it touched down. The lander was guided down by rockets whose exhaust melted the top layer of ice below a thin sheet of soil.

Some of the mud droplets that splashed on the lander's leg appear to have grown by absorbing water from the atmosphere, Renno says. Images suggest that some of the droplets darkened, then moved and merged=97physical evidence that they were liquid.

The wet chemistry lab on Phoenix found evidence of perchlorate salts, which likely include magnesium and calcium perchlorate hydrates. These compounds have freezing temperatures of about -90 and -105 Fahrenheit respectively. The temperature at the landing site ranged from approximately -5 to -140 Fahrenheit, with a median temperature around -75 Fahrenheit. Temperatures at the landing site were mostly warmer than this during the first months of the mission.

Thermodynamic calculations offer additional evidence that salty liquid water can exist where Phoenix landed and elsewhere on Mars. The calculations also predicts a droplet growth rate that is consistent with what was observed. And they show that it is impossible for ice to sublimate from the cold ground just under the strut of the lander's leg and be deposited on a warmer strut, a hypothesis that has been suggested."

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Re: UFO-Alien Christian 'Smoking Gun' - Pt. II

From: Joaquim Fernandes <jfernan.nul>
Date: Sun, 22 Mar 2009 12:14:38 -0000
Archived: Sun, 22 Mar 2009 11:48:00 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO-Alien Christian 'Smoking Gun' - Pt. II

From: Katharina Wilson <K.Wilson.nul>
To: <post.nul>
Date: Fri, 20 Mar 2009 14:36:38 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO-Alien Christian 'Smoking Gun' - Pt. II

<snip>

>Debbie Jordan (Kathie Davis) of Intruders had physical ground
>traces left in her yard; Linda Cortille's case had multiple
>witnesses describe seeing her being floated (along with Beings)
>upward and into a structured craft; Ed Walters has photographs,
>along with other eyewitnesses, who saw the same type of craft.
>I'm sure Dr. Maccabee may chime in on this case and his in-depth
>involvement in analyzing Ed's and other witnesses' photographs.

>Below is a brief list of books you might want to read (or
>re-read). This list is by no means comprehensive, but it's a
>good place to start. Note: The first two cover information
>pertaining to UFOs and/or religions and their effect on humanity
>and our planet.

<snip>

Katharina,

Don't forget to add the Fatima Trilogy (Anomalist Books, 2007,
2008). It seems to me a elucidative example of "mimetic"
influence disguised of cultural-religious beliefs.

Joaquim Fernandes

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Source: Oh My Gov! - Washington, DC, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/c6noeb>

Friday 20 March 2009

UFO Enthusiasts May Sue NASA For Fraud

The U.S. space agency NASA may want to brace itself for a flood of lawsuits in small claims courts. The idea was floated at the recent International UFO Congress and supporters will again promote it at the X-Conference next month.

Small claims courts, similar to the ones popularized on television shows like the People's Court, are usually the domain of neighbor disputes over minor property issues. Citizens can file suit against another person, business, government, or other entity for an amount not to exceed hundreds or thousands of dollars, depending on the state or county statute. Attorneys are not allowed for either the plaintiff or defendant.

So what beef do UFO hunters have with NASA? They claim that the space agency is committing fraud by altering or destroying photographic evidence it has of signs of life in other planetary systems. Part of NASA's official mission is to "Look for signs of life in other planetary systems" and the agency receives over \$17 billion a year in taxpayer funding to accomplish that mission. Supporters of the small claims idea say that this is "waste, fraud and abuse" because it keeps asking for the money every year while "pretending" that it hasn't found anything.

Jeff Peckman, of the Denver UFO Examiner, explained the reasoning using his hometown as an example:

...the portion of NASA funding coming from Denver taxpayers amounts to over \$30 million each year. That might seem small compared to the Federal budget and even the Denver city budget. But it's almost daily news that city budgets like Denver are cutting \$1 million here and there from programs to help the homeless, children, people with special needs, law enforcement and more.

NASA's bloated and wasteful budget could be better spent locally to help individuals and communities. The alleged fraud NASA has engaged in by doctoring or destroying UFO photos is just a small piece of the bigger picture. But it's a piece that citizens can use to get at least one government agency into the light of closer public scrutiny.

The claim that NASA is hiding the truth about aliens isn't just an idea of sci-fi fans who emerge from their mother's basement just once a year for gatherings of like-minded fanatics. A 77-year-old former NASA astronaut, Dr. Edgar Mitchell, who was a crewmember of the Apollo 14 mission, says he knows that NASA is well aware of visits to earth by "little people who look strange to us."

NASA's response was not surprisingly concise and authoritative:
"NASA does not track UFOs. NASA is not involved in any sort of
cover up about alien life on this planet or anywhere in the
universe. Dr. Mitchell is a great American, but we do not share
his opinions on this issue."

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Source: The Telegraph - London, England, UK

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Dog Walker Met UFO 'Alien' With Scandinavian Accent

A dog walker claimed she met a man from another planet who said aliens were responsible for crop circles, military UFO files have revealed.

By Sarah Knapton

The anonymous woman telephoned RAF Wattisham in Suffolk in a state of distress to describe an encounter she had the previous night. A covering letter in the files notes that it is "one of our more unusual UFO reports".

The woman told the operator at the base that the incident happened as she was walking her dog on a sports field close to her home near Norwich at about 10.30pm on November 20 1989.

She was approached by a man with a "Scandinavian-type accent" who was dressed in a light brown garment like a flying suit.

The report notes: "He asked her if she was aware of stories about large circular flattened areas appearing in fields of wheat, and then went on to explain that he was from another planet similar to Earth, and that the circles had been caused by others like him who had travelled to Earth."

The man said the purpose of their visits was friendly but they were told not to have contact with humans for fear that they would be considered a threat.

The woman said she was "completely terrified" and after about 10 minutes the man left.

As she ran home she heard a "loud buzzing noise" behind her and turned to see a large glowing orange-white spherical object rising vertically from behind trees.

The RAF operator who took the statement from the woman said the conversation lasted about an hour and described it as a "genuine call".

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Perhaps this was already discussed but both temperature and
pressure have to be taken into account when evaluating the
stability of chemicals - there ability to remain solid, liquid,

or in gaseous states (sublimation included).

Two other influencing factors is the composition/porosity of the soil/metal which will invariably have an influence on the surface energy of these same potential chemical precipitates/deposits and their ability to migrate, flow, or evaporate.

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Date: Sun, 22 Mar 2009 11:27:00 -0400
Archived: Sun, 22 Mar 2009 13:57:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Schoolgirl Films 'UFO Sighting'

>Source: The Shropshire Star - Telford, England, UK

>www.shropshirestar.com/2009/03/20/schoolgirl-films-ufo-sighting/

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As they say in Baltimore, Good Golly Miss Molly! Why is this not almost certainly a planet or bright star? There is not the slightest mention of anything anomalous about it, nor any reason I can see to waste 30 seconds on it unless and until something far more substantial is produced.

Dick

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>the cam-recorder we could see it pulsing, then suddenly changing
>colours. It was low in the sky, the bright light on the first
>part of the recording is a street light," said Harriet.

>The pair decided to go out and follow the light along the Craven
>Arms Road to try get a bit closer and they started to notice it
>was going down beyond the horizon.

>She added: "This is when you could see with your own eyes that
>it was pulsing and changing colours.

Zoomed in and out of focus. Looks like 2 frame per second. JVC
camera in night mode"?

Venus sighting?

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Source: Scotland On Sunday - Edinburgh, Scotland, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/coa9rk>

22 March 2009

Close Encounters Of Pitlochry Kind
By Marc Horne

Government ministers were alerted over a UFO photographed hovering over the Scottish countryside, it has emerged.

Newly released Ministry of Defence files reveal they took the unusual step of informing senior Cabinet figures after an unidentified object was captured on camera in Perthshire.

While most reports of flying saucers are quickly dismissed by defence chiefs, the previously classified papers show the sighting, which took place near Pitlochry in 1990, was taken extremely seriously.

A former MoD official who investigated the case told Scotland on Sunday that despite strenuous efforts they could find no earthly explanation for the craft.

Witnesses reported seeing a large, diamond-shaped object hanging in the air next to a RAF Harrier above the A9 at Calvine, north of Pitlochry, on August 4.

The UFO is said to have hovered for about 10 minutes before zooming skywards at high speed and disappearing from view.

The apparent close encounter of the Caledonian kind was photographed by members of the public whose images appear to show a blurry, diamond-shaped craft next to a jet.

Fearing the pictures would spark significant media interest, the MoD decided to bring it to the attention of the Government.

A Whitehall official wrote in a memo: "Such stories are not normally drawn to the attention of ministers.

"On this occasion, however, the MoD has been provided with six photographic negatives of an alleged UFO... and has been asked for comments almost certainly for inclusion in a forthcoming story."

The memo suggested the media should be told that "no definite conclusion had been reached regarding the large diamond-shaped object".

It has also emerged the MoD went on to commission a series of line drawings of the object the following year, noting that the "sensitivity of the material suggests very special handling".

Former MoD civil servant Nick Pope, who dealt with UFO reports,

described the image as the "most impressive" ever shown to his department.

He said: "The MoD has all sorts of equipment and expertise that we used to analyse and enhance imagery to tell whether there were any signs of fakery.

"This picture was assessed by our digital experts, who concluded it was a real photograph showing a solid-structured craft which was estimated as being around 25m in diameter.

"There were no wings and no visible signs of any propulsion system.

"It was exotic and unknown in a way far beyond even the most modern stealth aircraft being trialled at that time."

Pope, who served in the MoD for 21 years until 2006, claims they were unable to come up with any firm answers about the craft and its origins.

"I remember going to a briefing with the defence intelligence staff where the photograph was discussed.

"My opposite number in defence intelligence pointed his finger to the left and said, 'It is not the Americans,' then to the right, saying, 'It is not the Soviets,' and finally, he said, 'That only leaves...' and pointed his finger directly up."

During his time with the ministry, Pope had a blown-up copy of the photograph on his office wall until it was personally taken down by his superior. He recalled: "My head of division removed it and put it in his drawer because he was convinced, wrongly in my opinion, that it showed a top secret prototype craft.

"Somewhere along the line the photo disappeared, but I have no idea whether it was genuinely misplaced or whether it was treated as something we shouldn't have seen and put through a shredder."

Meanwhile, another newly released file reveals how efforts to create a computer database of UFO reports were halted amid fears of a potential public relations disaster should its existence come to light.

The aim was to produce a database which could supply information and explanations when ministers were asked questions in Parliament about sightings.

A memo from March 1988 revealed the project was to be ditched because it "contravened" statements from ministers saying UFOs did not pose a threat to the UK.

The official wrote: "I also understand that there was some concern about public reaction if knowledge of the work being undertaken emerged in the media."

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Subject: More Secrets Revealed In New MoD Release

Source: The Guardian/Observer - London, England, UK

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2009/mar/22/ufos-aliens-di55-mod>

Sunday 22 March 2009

New UFO Secrets Are Revealed In MoD Files

Release of classified documents sheds light on infamous 'alien' encounters

As close encounters go, the claim by a woman that an alien attempted to seduce her on a country road sounds far-fetched, but files released today reveal that it was considered serious enough for the Ministry of Defence to investigate.

The Norfolk woman who claimed she was approached by a man who said he came from another planet similar to Earth was questioned by the MoD intelligence branch DI55, whose brief was to investigate credible UFO reports.

She told them that, during their 10-minute chat, the man said his race was responsible for creating crop circles and explained the importance of contact between humans and his own people.

The woman, whose identity is not revealed in the government's "X-Files", was described by officials as "agitated" following the incident in which she "heard a loud buzzing noise behind her, then turned to witness a large, glowing spherical object rise steadily until it disappeared".

The claims were examined by DI55 (whose very existence was denied by the government until recently) and described by an intelligence official as "one of our most unusual UFO reports".

Other cases include the description of a black inverted boomerang-shaped UFO by two experienced air traffic controllers at Heathrow. The sighting, from the airport's control tower on the morning of 17 December 1992, came a week after numerous witnesses in Louth, Lincolnshire, reported seeing three lights attached to a large, triangular craft.

Today's release of the MoD documents also sheds light on one of Britain's most infamous UFO episodes, namely the death of an American air force pilot, Captain William Schaffner, whom conspiracy theorists believe was killed during a high-speed duel with aliens above the North Sea.

On the evening of 8 September 1970, Schaffner's RAF Lightning crashed into the sea during a low-level exercise following take-off from RAF Binbrook, Lincolnshire. Schaffner's body was never found, which became significant after claims that Schaffner's plane was scrambled to intercept UFOs.

Although the 28-year-old's death continues to be attributed by

some internet sites to a secret war between aliens and earthlings, the MoD files contain a previously unreleased summary of the original RAF Board of Inquiry report into the crash, which makes no mention of UFOs. It concluded that the pilot's death was a tragic accident.

Dr David Clarke, a lecturer in journalism at Sheffield Hallam University and author of *Flying Saucerers: A Social History of UFOlogy*, said: "From suspected US Air Force spy planes to Russian rockets burning up in the atmosphere, these new files show the many and varied explanations for UFO reports submitted to the MoD. Making the material available allows us all to make an informed decision on the mystery of UFOs."

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Archived: Sun, 22 Mar 2009 16:04:00 -0400
Subject: 1,200 Mysterious UK Sightings 1987/93

Source: The Sunday Independent - London, England, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/dzujtp>

Sunday, 22 March 2009

UFO: Secret Records Show There Were Almost 1,200 Mysterious Sightings Between 1987 And 1993

By Richard Osley

The Ministry of Defence abandoned plans for a secret computer database of UFO sightings for fear they would be mocked if its existence was ever revealed to the public, once-classified documents reveal.

The idea was scrapped because officials did not want people to believe they were taking the idea of visitors from outer space seriously. Instead, the MoD continued to keep only paper records of almost 1,200 sightings reported between 1987 and 1993. These include "pie shaped" flying saucers and diamond-shaped shards of light in the night sky. The files, to be posted on the National Archives website, include the story of an alien banana-man spotted in west London in May 1989.

Another mystery was the story of a woman who said that while walking her dog near Norwich in November 1989 she was approached by a man with a "flying suit" and "a Scandinavian-type accent". The report notes: "He asked her if she was aware of stories about large circular flattened areas appearing in fields of wheat, and then went on to explain that he was from another planet similar to Earth, and that the circles had been caused by others like him." The report said he disappeared and, as she ran away in fear, the woman saw a large glowing orange-white ball rising vertically from behind trees.

Other recorded incidents include a spate of UFO sightings in London in 1993 which were all put down to the presence of a brightly illuminated airship advertising the new Ford Mondeo, strange circular lights lighting up the sky in Rochdale in 1987, and various reports of strange objects in Derby in the same year, one of which "left a trail of bright blobs behind it".

An "elongated spinning top" apparently three times the size of an airship was spotted by a taxi driver in Huddersfield in 1990. The night before, he had reported a silver space craft emitting green, red and white beams. The MoD also looked into a photo of a diamond-shaped light hovering above an air base in Pitlochry. The bright light was spotted jerking vertically in a strange movement in August 1990.

Several documents cover the death of an US pilot attached to the RAF who crashed into the North Sea in 1970. Captain William Schaffner's death was investigated 20 years later after claims he had gone missing after approaching a bright light off the east coast. In 1992, The Grimsby Evening Telegraph printed an

alleged transcript of his call back to base in which he reportedly said he had seen something "like a large soccer ball made of glass. It's like bobbing up and down and going from side to side slowly."

The MoD insisted in its reports that there had been nothing sinister and Captain Shaffner had misjudged how low he was flying and had then failed to operate his ejector seat properly.

The MoD said it recorded each sighting to help ministers answer questions from MPs in Parliament =96 but they were always kept on paper. Notes from March 1988 show that the plan for a full computerised database was spiked. A memo sent to staff said it "contravened" statements from ministers saying UFOs did not pose a threat to the UK and resources would not be diverted to investigate incidents.

"I also understand that there was some concern about public reaction if knowledge of the work being undertaken emerged in the media," an official wrote. He said it now seemed "all work must stop", but that UFO incidents would continue to be logged "as and when" they took place.

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Howard Blum And 'Out There'

From: Rich Heiden <rwheidenu.nul>
Date: Fri, Mar 20, 2009 at 4:16 PM
Archived: Sun, 22 Mar 2009 17:45:00 -0400
Subject: Howard Blum And 'Out There'

Howard Blum and Out There

A couple of years ago I wrote to the Indianhead Federated Library System (based in Eau Claire, Wis.), for information about coverage of Elmwood UFO Days in area newspapers. Readers of Howard Blum's Out There: The Government's Secret Quest For Extraterrestrials know that he featured Elmwood in the book.

My subsequent correspondence with Joanne Baier of the library system includes this passage about Blum, which may be of interest to others as well.

From: Joanne Baier <XXX.nul>
To: Rich Heiden <XXX.nul>
Date: Monday, August 14, 2006 1:42 PM
Subject: RE: UFOs and your brochure

Dear Rich,

I'll send you a copy of the brochure I compiled from various news articles and papers.

I do know about the Blum book as I am misquoted in it several times. I was the librarian at the public library when Blum was gathering information for his book. Much of what he wrote about Elmwood is just plain wrong - more like fiction than fact - so you are smart to question his other "information" as well.

Sincerely,

Joanne Baier

See also these relevant Web sites:

<http://www.textfiles.com/ufo/UFOBBS/1000/1591.ufo>

<http://www.shoah.plus.com/801/coverup/gov.html>

<http://www.skepticfiles.org/ufo2/outthere.htm>

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Re: UFO Reports A Record In 2008

From: Terry Groff <terry.nul>
Date: Sat, 21 Mar 2009 16:57:09 -0600
Archived: Sun, 22 Mar 2009 17:46:00 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Reports A Record In 2008

>Source: PR.Com - Levittown, New York, USA

><http://www.pr.com/press-release/139591>

>March 19, 2009

>Reports Of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) Reached A Record
>Level In 2008

>Denver, CO, March 19, 2009 --(PR.com)-- You may think that
>reports of strange craft flying around in our skies are
>rarities. However, according to the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON),
>thousands of reports are made yearly, and reports of
>unidentified flying objects (UFOs) in 2008 reached a record
>high, with over 5,000 reports. This number is more than double
>the reports made in 2007.

<snip>

And, MUFON is currently on a pace to exceed that by around 600
reports this year... We have been averaging about 16 reports per
day, and that's just in the US.

Terry Groff

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Re: Schoolgirl Films 'UFO Sighting'

From: Viktor Golubik <Diverge247.nul>
Date: Sun, 22 Mar 2009 15:14:39 EDT
Archived: Mon, 23 Mar 2009 06:16:51 -0400
Subject: Re: Schoolgirl Films 'UFO Sighting'

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Sun, 22 Mar 2009 12:47:55 -0400
>Subject: Re: Schoolgirl Films 'UFO Sighting'

>>Source: The Shropshire Star - Telford, England, UK>

>>www.shropshirestar.com/2009/03/20/schoolgirl-films-ufo-sighting/

>>March 20, 2009

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Where's the intelligently designed manual focus adjust?
Evidently, we're going backwards not forwards with
design. Can't they leave anything up to the user
anymore?

However, great training footage... a definite keeper for
that.

golubik

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Re: Discovery Of Liquid Water On Mars

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Mon, 23 Mar 2009 01:19:13 -0300
Archived: Mon, 23 Mar 2009 06:19:16 -0400
Subject: Re: Discovery Of Liquid Water On Mars

>From: Paul Scott Anderson <paulscottanderson.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Sat, 21 Mar 2009 20:05:58 -0700
>Subject: Re: Discovery Of Liquid Water On Mars

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Fri, 20 Mar 2009 13:30:00 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Discovery Of Liquid Water On Mars

>>I don't think there would be anything Earth-Mars shaking about
>>what is on the legs. There was bound to be some back scattering

>>from the exhaust blast and contaminants mixed in with the water
>>ice. That experiment was a bit of a bust apparently. There was
>>only a 3 month window for experiments before Martian winter hit.
>>Be interesting to see if the Phoenix can be restarted in the
>>Martian summer, though that's not expected.

>The idea that contaminants from the fuel exhaust may have mixed
>in with melted ice droplets is one theory, but still just a
>theory.

Wasn't even that, really. Just my musings.

Well see what happens later today.

Don Ledger

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Re: More Secrets Revealed In New MoD Release

From: Steve Sawyer <stevesaw.nul>
Date: Sun, 22 Mar 2009 23:41:01 -0700
Archived: Mon, 23 Mar 2009 07:20:00 -0400
Subject: Re: More Secrets Revealed In New MoD Release

>Source: The Guardian/Observer - London, England, UK

><http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2009/mar/22/ufos-aliens-di55-mod>

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Hi, List---

I'm wondering, regarding the Calvine case noted above, if any of
the color photographs mentioned are either contained in the
newly released MOD files or otherwise available for online
viewing?

Steve

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PRG Update - March 22, 2009

From: **Stephen Bassett** <PRG.nul>
Date: Sun, 22 Mar 2009 19:39:36 -0700
Archived: Mon, 23 Mar 2009 07:22:00 -0400
Subject: PRG Update - March 22, 2009

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Paradigm Research Group

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Exopolitics World Network Facebook Page

www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=55377642401

The EWN Facebook page is at 624 members and climbing. If it is to be a significant source list for the Disclosure movement, it must grow many times this size. Please continue to direct people to this page, particularly if you are a page administrator.

UK Document Release

<http://tinyurl.com/csoww7>

<http://newsblaze.com/story/20090322095016ianb.nb/topstory.html>

The UK government has released another batch of UFO files to the Internet causing another spate of news stories related to certain cases. In general, mainstream news media cover continues to expand. Right now the news cycle in the UK is very strong.

X-Conference 2009 - Exhibitors/Artists

www.x-conference.com

There are still exhibitor tables available in the Exhibitor Room and gallery space available for artists to display and sell relevant art. Contact PRG if you are interested.

X-Conference 2009 - Update

www.x-conference.com

George Noory, who is presenting and meeting with attendees for two hours this year, will be broadcasting from the WMAL AM 630 studio in Northwest Washington, DC on Friday night PST (Saturday morning EST). Guests will include some of the conference speakers. The complete presentation schedule is up on the conference website now.

Full speaker lineup for 2009: Cheryll Jones (Host); Stephen Bassett (Moderator/Speaker); George Noory (Special Presentation & Keynote - short); Edgar Mitchell, PhD (Special Presentation); Dr. Roger Leir (Special Presentation); Col. John Alexander, PhD (Special Presentation - Debate with Stephen Bassett); Colin Andrews; Art Campbell; Richard Dolan; Graham Hancock; Paola Harris; Jeff Peckman; Nick Pope; Michael Salla; PhD; Victor Viggiani; Alfred Webre, JD. Guest Activists: Dr. Joseph Buchman, Dr. Rebecca Hardcastle, Terri Mansfield, Robert Fleishcer (Germany), Frederik Uldall (Denmark).

Press Conference - National Press Club
13th Floor, 14th and F Streets, NW, Washington, DC

The press conference on Monday morning (at either 9:30 am or 10 am), April 20, following the X-Conference will feature: Dr. Edgar Mitchell, Nick Pope, Major Milton Torres and Dr. Roger Leir.

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From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
Date: Mon, 23 Mar 2009 08:01:34 -0400
Archived: Mon, 23 Mar 2009 08:40:34 -0400
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Does anyone have an explanation for the small, smoothly moving
white dots at 7:55 and 6:33 counter positions? Also at 2:55,
there is smooth movement of a lighter, blurry background object.
The smooth motion seems inconsistent with the proposed
2-frame/sec frame rate.

William

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So Long Mr. Reiss

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Source: The Sarasota Herald Tribune - Florida, USA

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Friday, March 20, 2009

So Long, Mr. Reiss
By Billy Cox

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It was a year ago this month when the neighbors at his apartment complex in Titusville started getting suspicious. He hadn't been seen conducting his daily rituals - most conspicuously, feeding stray cats - in three days. But the car was still there. He lived alone, widowed in Y2K. Three days' worth of newspapers cluttered his doorstep. Unanswered knocks at the door.

When the authorities barged in, they found John Reiss in bed. A cardiac incident, according to the coroner. He was 74. No local survivors. Relatives from Ohio, including niece Charlotte Rucker, converged to clear out his things. She always called him J-Bob.

For 38 years, J-Bob worked across the Indian River as an electrical engineer at Kennedy Space Center, leaving fingerprints on some of NASA's most celebrated planetary probes: Viking, Voyager, Cassini, Galileo. After that, he shifted over to contract work for expendable launch vehicles. His last stop was the Analex Corp., where he drew a part-time paycheck.

Funny how you can work with people for years and years and never know who they are. When J-Bob's family visited his desk at KSC to collect personal items, they got to talking with his colleagues. That's when Charlotte understood just how rigidly ordered her uncle's life was.

"They had great admiration for him, they liked working with him," she recalls. "And they were quite amazed to find out he had such an interest in UFOs. They had no idea. He kept it to himself."

The family studied the will, halfway expecting to see a good chunk of it earmarked for charity. But there was only one category he specified should go elsewhere. "He wanted you to have his UFO stuff," Charlotte says from her home in Warren, Ohio.

John Reiss - a total stranger. Little more than a commiserating voice on the phone, once upon a time. His life's consuming passion, this great white whale, concealed from co-workers, now bundled into seven cardboard boxes, most of them heavy.

Charlotte got a glimpse when she was 12. She was with a couple of friends when, against a cloudless blue sky, this startling,

orange cigar-shaped thing with a single bright spotlight dropped in out of nowhere and rotated 360 degrees above the treetops before zipping away. She mentioned what she saw to J-Bob over the phone. J-Bob started asking her all sorts of questions and even asked her to sketch it out for him.

"But we never really had a serious conversation about why he was so interested," she says. "The only thing I can figure is, he must've had an encounter himself. I just don't know."

Some of the boxes are tight as bricks and packed with related books, some rare, clothbound, exuding those incomparable musty aromas of history and neglect. He compiled albums of newspaper clippings from the 1950s forward. He saved stacks of niche 'zines as well as copies of the quarterly Cleveland UFO Journal, which he edited from 1965 - and practically apologized for - until it folded in 1970 due to apparent lack of reader interest:

"Admittedly," he wrote, "technical type reports do not always make for the most interesting reading; however, this publication has tried to maintain the factual approach to the subject of which the Cleveland UFOlogy Project has adhered to over the years."

He kept spiral notebooks of his interviews with eyewitnesses, as well as scads of form-letter reports. One account contains a sequence of five black-and-white photos taken on 2/19/67 with a Kodak 104 Instamatic camera. The shooter captured a domed disc as it flirted above the winter bones of a deciduous forest in rural Ohio.

He saved official NASA booklets with titles like "An Analysis of the Extraterrestrial Life Detection Problem" and NICAP reports on themes that appealed to his professional persuasions: "Electro-Magnetic Effects Associated With UFOs."

And in 1968, while the University of Colorado was wrapping up its whitewash that would end America's official inquiries into the phenomenon, Reiss was reading a RAND Corp. analysis calling for just the opposite - a vigorous, centralized database stewarded by a multi-disciplinary scientific board.

"We see a wide, almost exasperating, range of reported phenomenology," the document stated, including a detailed accounting of what surely made Reiss's eyes light up: "disturbances in practically every kind of device - radio, TV, auto ignition, aircraft electronics, compass, magnetometer, magnetic automobile speedometer, etc."

Reiss scoured the news and the trades for UFO-related electromagnetic evidence worldwide. From Ankara to Council Bluffs, from Darmstadt to Sarasota, J-Bob compressed the reports by date, time and location into type-written index cards that filled two trays. His chronology of stalled engines, sputtering radio signals, cockpit failures and power outages traced back to 1945. Reiss quit filing in 1991, even though he had space reserved for future entries up to 2003. Maybe he sensed the futility of it all. Or maybe he had all the information he needed.

"You know something?" Charlotte says. "J-Bob started out as an atheist. Then he became an agnostic. And finally he just said, 'This didn't all happen by itself - there has to be a supreme being that created all this.'"

If J-Bob ever ventured a theory about what he was onto, he never told Charlotte. Or, evidently, his buddies at NASA. He made his statement with seven boxes.

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>Subject: Re: More Secrets Revealed In New MoD Release

>>Source: The Guardian/Observer - London, England, UK

>><http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2009/mar/22/ufos-aliens-di55-mod>

<snip>

>I'm wondering, regarding the Calvin case noted above, if any of
>the color photographs mentioned are either contained in the
>newly released MOD files or otherwise available for online
>viewing?

I've scrolled through the entire release and can't find any
photographs. On the Calvin case there is an 'image' - looks
like a second generation photocopy.

There never are any photographs in these releases. Nobody in the
UK sends photographs to the MoD, and the MoD lacks the budget,
initiative or wherewithal to go and retrieve any from those who
might have them!

Those whose sterling work has resulted in these releases are
reluctant to comment on the matter.

There are photocopies of maps, newspaper articles etc,, but
never any photographs.

I will leave the List to draw its own conclusions from this
extraordinary set of circumstances.

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Gerald O'Connell
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Did You See A UFO?

A group of Booker T. Washington High School students say the truth is out there.

The students say they watched a strange circle of red lights dart around the sky around 8:30 p.m. tonight in the vicinity of Pensacola Gulf Coast Regional Airport.

The studentssaid they were gathered outside the school waiting for their ride home when the mysterious lights appeared. One student shot some video of the lights on his cell phone and showed them to a Pensacola News Journal editor.

The video shows a bright light moving around the sky for several minutes.

The students said they saw helicopters appeared around the same time and seemed to be searching for the lights.

Meanwhile, according to a report posted on the Mutual UFO Network Web site, the lights were seen from Nine Mile Road at the same time the students reported them.

"I was sitting on my back porch, which faces east, at my home on Nine Mile Road and Ashland Rd. in Pensacola... At approximately 8:30 p.m. a "spiral," for lack of better term, of lights began glowing a very bright red-orange in the east sky. This was not a helicopter or plane. It would glow for approx 1 - 4 seconds then fade out from tail to the center of the "spiral," the report said.

The report is posted at:

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

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In Search Of UFOs
Posted by Joel Martinsen

The Journal of UFO Research, China's premier publication devoted to investigating the paranormal, has gotten a makeover.

The magazine, now printed in full-color, appears to no longer be an embarrassment to its parent company, the Duzhe Group. The company's name now joins that of the publisher, Gansu Science and Technology Press, on the cover, and a list of sister publications is included in the masthead.

Neither of this month's cover stories has anything to do with UFOs. The main cover feature is all about poltergeists (including a creepy back cover), while the second feature article is a translation of "The Top Ten Ways to Destroy the Earth" by Sam Hughes, to which the magazine has added the subtitle "UFO Top Ten." None of the destruction methods is UFO-related (unless we consider the effect that the fragments of the destroyed Earth will have on other inhabited planets in the galaxy).

In fact, most of the actual UFO content in this issue consists of summaries of UFO reports in the Chinese media over the past few decades. Readers seeking more relevant UFO information can visit a new sub-board for The Journal of UFO Research that the Duzhe Group recently created on its website BBS.

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Ministry Of Defence Explains Two UFOs Over Wales
by Ben Glaze
Western Mail

The truth is indeed out there - and it's less exciting than Mulder and Scully would have you believe.

Newly-released Ministry of Defence files claim there were rational explanations for two UFO sightings over Wales in the early 1990s.

Conspiracy theorists have focused on the nation over the past nine months since a South Wales Police helicopter crew reported a UFO over RAF St Athan in the Vale of Glamorgan and unexplained damage to a wind turbine just over the English border earlier this year.

The declassified documents, available on the National Archives website, detail investigations into two incidents over Wales.

The first happened on the border on December 9, 1991 at 4.50pm when "dozens of people" reported "burning white lights, flames and rumbling sounds".

"The object seen was a bright, white light at high altitude with flames (or an illuminated vapour trail) in its wake," says the file.

Many witnesses believed they were witnessing an aircraft accident and some reports indicated the object broke up.

A few seconds after the sighting, a low rumbling sound was heard and some windows were seen to be shaking."

It adds: "For the time being we are treating this as a UFO incident."

A senior RAF officer replies to the report saying: "I am afraid I am unable to shed light on the incident.

"It does, however, sound very much like an aircraft engine going in and out of reheat."

Debunking the existence of extra-terrestrial life, the MoD claims the incident was "traced to a USAF pilot who jettisoned fuel that was ignited by the aircraft's afterburner".

In a second UFO sighting during the early hours of March 31, 1993, a policeman in Merthyr Tydfil was among "hundreds, probably thousands of people" in South Wales, the West Country

and South-West Ireland who spotted "two brilliant objects emitting bright vapour trails flying north to south, quickly and silently, across the night sky".

Investigators found "significant UFO activity over a very wide area".

In a report from RAF West Drayton to the MoD, the unnamed policeman, one of 20 who reported the objects, described seeing "two very bright" white UFOs, "circular with tails" over Gelligaer Common.

He said they were flying "very slowly" north at about 400ft.

One witness said: "I thought they were a couple of meteorites, but instead of vanishing quickly, they kept on coming.

They were travelling parallel to each other, travelling very precisely.

They were like very big stars, They were as bright as Sirius (the brightest star in the night sky) and about four times as large."

The witness added: "The lights were white like stars and the trails were white like fog.

"The trails came from directly behind the objects and were a single thick trail, not like those given off by large airliners which are split in two.

"My first thought was, 'My God, what's that?' They were obviously some kind of controlled craft, but not like anything I'd seen before."

Another witness said: "There were two bright, shining orange lights moving at great speed.

"They had flown over the rooftop and were heading in the direction of the sea.

"There was complete silence and the speed was greater than any plane, shooting star or other object I've ever seen."

Two policemen saw the craft flying from South Wales over the Bristol Channel.

"Stopping their patrol car, they watched as the lights drew nearer to them," says the report.

"The lights or object(s) passed to the west, going in a south-east direction."

A pilot flying over Wales also reported the UFO.

Introducing the released files, the MoD says the sightings were "later traced to the re-entry of a Russian Cosmos rocket body which burned up, decaying over the North Atlantic."

UFO expert Dr David Clarke, a lecturer at Sheffield Hallam University, yesterday said the files proved the MoD was "not in the slightest bit interested in aliens".

He added: "They're only interested in the defence implications. The question is, 'What are the Russians testing and could any of these sightings be something of that kind?' As soon as they have eliminated that, they're not interested."

Former MoD official turned UFO specialist Nick Pope said: "There are some UFO sightings here which had us genuinely puzzled. The UFO phenomenon provoked discussion, debate and disagreement, even within the MoD."

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Police Helicopter Crew's UFO Encounter
by Ben Glaze
South Wales Echo

Last summer alien-hunters descended on South Wales after a police helicopter crew reported a UFO above RAF St Athan in the Vale of Glamorgan.

The pilot was at 500ft awaiting clearance to land when he spotted what appeared to be another craft hurtling towards him from below.

A source said: "The chopper had to swerve sharply to avoid being hit.

The guys said if they'd stayed where they were, they'd be dead - it would have been a direct hit.

-They are convinced it was a UFO. It sounds far-fetched, but they know what they saw.

These guys are hardened professionals and know people will take the mickey, but they are certain they saw a UFO."

The source added the mysterious craft flew towards Cardiff and out across the Bristol Channel.

South Wales Police reported the sighting, which has yet to be officially explained, to the "relevant authority".

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Wrexham Woman Thought Aliens Were Coming After Spotting UFO

A couple have been left baffled by the identity of a set of strange lights they saw in the sky above their home near Wrexham on Sunday evening.

The man and wife, who do not wish to be named, had just returned to their home in Sontley Road, just outside Wrexham in north east Wales, at about 7.40pm and parked their car on the driveway when they looked up and saw the lights passing overhead.

The man said: "At first there was just one of them. It looked like the underside of a helicopter and was at about the same height you see them travelling. But while helicopters usually make a lot of noise, there was absolutely no sound coming from this object.

"My wife and I got out of the car to get a better look and, as we did, another two of these things - just the same as the first - passed over our home, then two more.

"As they passed overhead some of them just seemed to vanish into thin air but one or two appeared to shoot off at high speed."

The man added: "We couldn't believe what we were seeing, so I called over our neighbour and he saw the last two of these things.

"We tried to think of a logical explanation but there doesn't appear to be one and at the time I'd only had half of shandy!"

His wife said: "I really thought aliens were going to come and get me.

"Watching all this was fascinating and took about three to five minutes. I know our home is under the flight path for Manchester Airport but this was definitely not a plane we saw.

"These lights were coming from the direction of Rhostyllen and heading towards Marchwiell, and we would love to find out if anyone else saw them at the same time."

According to the Helilog of North Wales Police the lights are unlikely to have been those of the force helicopter which, at the time, was patrolling over the Denbigh area, from where it had travelled from Conwy.

The lights over Sontley are just the latest in a long line of possible UFO sightings over the Wrexham area.

In a similar incident last September, the Evening Leader was inundated with calls after strange, dazzling lights were seen flying slowly through the night sky over Rhos, Johnstown and Borras

Janet Bancroft, 28, and partner Mark Pluke, 24, both witnessed the dazzling lights from their home on Maes-y-Ficerdy, Rhos, after Mark had gone to put the rubbish out.

According to the couple, the lights, spotted at about 7.40pm, formed into a slow-moving triangle before eventually disappearing from view some 20 minutes later.

If you saw the lights over the Sontley area last Sunday, get in touch with the Evening Leader by ringing our news desk on 01978 355151, e-mailing us at digitalnews.nul or leave a comment below

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March 23, 2009

Ex-Con Millionaire Backs UFO Hacker McKinnon
By John Hill

Entrepreneur Duane Jackson hit 30 this year with a business valued at up to =A310million.

But he could just as easily have reached this milestone in jail.

The Kashflow CEO has built his accountancy software firm up from nothing over the last six years, and even attracted praise from Microsoft figurehead Bill Gates.

But this success looked like an impossible dream back in 1999, when a 19-year-old Mr Jackson was caught in possession of 6,500 ecstasy pills in Atlanta, Georgia.

Mr Jackson said: "I grew up in children's homes around Canning Town, in an environment in which criminality is a career choice.

"I'd never got into drugs myself, but my best friend was running them back and forth and making lots of money. I realised how easy it was, and thought I'd give it a go myself.

"I didn't know that the gang was under surveillance at the time, and before I knew it I was being arrested."

Mr Jackson spent six weeks at the maximum-security Clayton County Detention Centre before the British police persuaded the United States Drug Enforcement Agency to let him stand trial in the UK.

He was sentenced to five years in prison in 2000, and was released after two and a half years in 2002.

He said: "It was a real fork in my life. In the US, I was looking at spending the next 25 years in prison. My life would have been over."

It is this stark contrast that has led him to add his name to the growing list of figures supporting Pentagon hacker Gary McKinnon in his bid to stand trial in the UK.

The Londoner faces a 70-year jail sentence if the British government allow him to be extradited to the US to face charges of hacking into the country's computer systems in search of evidence of UFOs.

London Mayor Boris Johnson, musician Sting and former Middle East hostage Terry Waite have all urged the Crown Prosecution

Service to handle the trial of McKinnon, 42.

Mr Jackson said: "It is ridiculous for this harmless man with a UFO obsession to be charged under terrorist legislation. He attacked a US computer while he was physically in the UK.

"If he was looking at a comparable sentence, it wouldn't be such a big deal. But he'd get less than five years here.

"The CPS says it has enough evidence to prosecute him here, and that's what it should be doing."

Mr Jackson himself struggled to find employment after his release, so he started his own company with help from the Prince's Trust. Kashflow produces jargon-free software allowing businesses to monitor costs.

He said: "[Jail] still casts a shadow over my life now. I have a nice big 50in TV which is costing me four or five times more to insure because of something that happened 10 years ago.

"But I owe a lot to the support of the Prince's Trust, and as soon as I take one of these offers for the company, I'll be giving a big wedge of it to them.

"I've had approaches to sell for between 2 million and 10 million pounds but I'm enjoying what I'm doing too much."

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23 March 2009

Alien Expert From Hastings VIP Guest At UFO Conference
By Richards Morris

A paranormal expert from Hastings has just returned after speaking at the one of the world's biggest UFO conferences in America.

Malcolm Robinson, who lives in the Old Town, was treated to an all expenses paid trip of a lifetime by the organisers of the International UFO Congress, held in Nevada.

The 51-year-old Scot was asked to talk about UFO and paranormal activity in his native Scotland - a subject he is considered a world authority on.

In fact, such is Mr Robinson's stock, he was once approached by film director Steven Spielberg to launch a multi-million pound hunt for the infamous Loch Ness Monster.

Mr Robinson, who grew up in the little Scottish town of Alloa before eventually settling in Hastings in 2007, got hooked on the paranormal after reading ghost story books as a young boy. From there it flourished and, in 1979, he formed Strange Phenomena Investigations - a group which is still running today.

As he explained: "It got into this business initially to disprove things - and 99 per cent of UFO or paranormal cases are easily explained. However, I soon found the one per cent that can't be explained and it is these cases which fascinate me."

In recent years Mr Robinson has filmed a host of documentaries for television, been interviewed on dozens of radio shows and become something of a regular in the national press - commenting on hundreds of UFO and ghost stories.

However, he says appearing at the Nevada conference was one of the high points of his career so far. This was their 18th year for the conference, but the first time a Scot had been invited to lecture in the USA - an honour which was not lost on Mr Robinson.

Mr Robinson said: "Being at this conference gave me an opportunity to meet fellow researchers and there were 30 of them from all parts of the world, the best in their field, each who were sharing the information from their own countries.

"We had speakers from Turkey, Brazil, Italy, Croatia and elsewhere and I had a great time meeting them all.

"My own presentation went off fantastic and I was warmly

received by the large audience.

"The response after my lecture was great and I was signing autographs and smiled as a number of American women all commented on my warm and lovely Scottish accent.

"Some of the other guest speakers gave incredible lectures and some of the UFO film footage that was shown at the conference just had to be seen to be believed.

"I made loads of new contacts who will remain friends for life and they now know the name of Malcolm Robinson. I'm pretty sure that America has not seen the last of me, I'll be back.

So, does Mr Robinson think the truth is still out there? "The information provided at this conference clearly showed that there are vehicles operating in the skies of the world, which clearly are not our own." said Mr Robinson. "UFOs are real, of that there is no question.

"There have been literally thousands of first class UFO reports coming from all parts of the world. "We are at the bottom of a long ladder of understanding and each day brings us closer to the truth."

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MoD Files Commentary & Drawings URLs

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Tue, 24 Mar 2009 12:23:00 -0400
Archived: Tue, 24 Mar 2009 12:23:00 -0400
Subject: MoD Files Commentary & Drawings URLs

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From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
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Archived: Tue, 24 Mar 2009 13:49:40 -0400
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Thanks Errol for the links!

I have to say these MoD files are quite the awesome bit of history! It's a foreshadowing of what would happen if the U.S. did likewise. The MoD files are jamming up the wire services as every tidbit seems to be getting ink. The variety of reports is very interesting.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com/blog

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Can I Get A Witness? Yes!

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Tue, 24 Mar 2009 13:43:01 EDT
Archived: Tue, 24 Mar 2009 13:55:00 -0400
Subject: Can I Get A Witness? Yes!

Several years ago I did an interview with UFO Magazine as well as several radio shows and websites regarding several UFO incidents that occurred while I was working for the Gannett News Service at their Poughkeepsie Journal paper.

The two incidents I reported detailed that large boomerang shaped craft flew over the newspaper building and city of Poughkeepsie with multiple witnesses. This all occurred during 1984-1985. The craft were present at distance of a few hundred feet and for years I couldn't get anyone to talk about the incidents. Often in UFO sightings you all are probably aware that witnesses sometimes are very reluctant to come forward. In this case, during one of the incidents it was alerted to us in the newsroom by our staff photographer who was out on assignment that night. They radioed in to the city desk that we on staff might be able to see the craft if we looked out of the office windows as the craft had caused quite a commotion on the highway as people were leaving their cars to observe it.

Well after needling this photographer for years, they have decided to come forward and confirm at least that part that they did witness the craft on the night in question and radioed in the alert. That's all I could get from them but at least it's a little step forward and I might get others to fess up too.

This photographer doesn't want any publicity nor interviews but will confirm their identity and statement to several of our colleagues in the field of UFology whom I've contacted. I needed just three professionals and ended up with five. That way I'm sure to please believers and skeptibunkers alike.

Every little bit helps and although this confirmation in no way concludes any ETH it does add a little more to my one account.

I've now seen these large boomerang craft up close overhead at least 3 times, twice over our newspaper building and the third time directly overhead of the IBM main manufacturing plant in Poughkeepsie. I've been told by experts in the field of military craft that these craft are not ours. I take that with a grain of salt but still, just recently another security officer in the military told me of several craft we do have and some, just some are of triangular design with remarkable anti-gravity capabilities.

So one day we might get more info but at least for now in my journey a little bit more of the puzzle is in place.

Best,

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Re: Can I Get A Witness? Yes!

From: Katharina Wilson <K.Wilson.nul>
Date: Tue, 24 Mar 2009 13:14:28 -0500
Archived: Tue, 24 Mar 2009 14:56:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Can I Get A Witness? Yes!

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Okay, maybe I'm naive, but surely there are photographs
associated with this, right? Will we be able to view them on
your blog? Please?

Katharina Wilson
www.alienjigsaw.com

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From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
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>>reluctant to comment on the matter.

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Hi Joe,

Gerald brings up an interesting point though. In the mid 1990s and again in 1998 when I went through the - at the time - 7,700 files [there are now 9,900] on microfilm available from the Canadian National Archives there were only a couple of poorly photocopied blobs on paper that could have been anything although one from Sydney Cape Breton had the look of that photo displayed on the cover of John Fuller's Incident At Exeter.

The same thing seems to apply re. Project Blue Book. It seems to me that some photos should have survived out of these three releases and thousands of reports.

The Calvine photos for instance; did the originals not survive?

As the one I viewed stands, that could have been a shot of anything. Despite the poor quality of the photo the plan-form of a Harrier clearly stands out. As for the 'triangle' which it isn't, the delta winged aircraft has been around since the late 1940s so as that photo stands it's hardly worthy of mention. If the MOD has the original and just doesn't have the time and resources to reproduce it, perhaps they could forward it to David Clarke to have it generated in a more user-friendly format.

Unfortunately due to my dial-up situation - my only option right now - I am unable to download the latest MOD files, not without tying up my phone line for days.

Don Ledger

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NASA & Microsoft To Make Universe Of Data Available

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NASA And Microsoft To Make Universe Of Data Available To The Public

WASHINGTON -- NASA and Microsoft Corp. announced Tuesday plans to make planetary images and data available via the Internet under a Space Act Agreement. Through this project, NASA and Microsoft jointly will develop the technology and infrastructure necessary to make the most interesting NASA content -- including high-resolution scientific images and data from Mars and the moon -- explorable on WorldWide Telescope, Microsoft's online virtual telescope for exploring the universe.

"Making NASA's scientific and astronomical data more accessible to the public is a high priority for NASA, especially given the new administration's recent emphasis on open government and transparency," said Ed Weiler, associate administrator for NASA's Science Mission Directorate in Washington.

Under the joint agreement, NASA's Ames Research Center in Moffett Field, Calif., will process and host more than 100 terabytes of data, enough to fill 20,000 DVDs. WorldWide Telescope will incorporate the data later in 2009 and feature imagery from NASA's Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter, known as MRO. Launched in August 2005, MRO has been examining Mars with a high-resolution camera and five other instruments since 2006 and has returned more data than all other Mars missions combined.

"This collaboration between Microsoft and NASA will enable people around the world to explore new images of the moon and Mars in a rich, interactive environment through the WorldWide Telescope," said Tony Hey, corporate vice president of Microsoft External Research in Redmond, Wash. "WorldWide Telescope serves as a powerful tool for computer science researchers, educators and students to explore space and experience the excitement of computer science."

Also available will be images from a camera aboard NASA's Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter, or LRO, when publicly released starting this fall. Scheduled to launch this May, LRO will spend at least a year in a low, polar orbit approximately 30 miles above the

lunar surface collecting detailed information about the lunar environment.

"NASA is excited to collaborate with Microsoft to share its portfolio of planetary images with students and lifelong learners," said S. Pete Worden, director of Ames. "This is a compelling astronomical resource and will help inspire our next generation of astronomers."

This agreement builds on a prior collaboration with Microsoft that enabled NASA to develop 3-D interactive Microsoft Photosynth collections of the space shuttle launch pad and other facilities at NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida. The images featured on Microsoft's WorldWide Telescope will supplement existing imagery and data available on NASA's Web site, the Planetary Data System and other sources.

The WorldWide Telescope is a Web 2.0 visualization environment that functions as a virtual telescope, bringing together imagery from ground- and space-based telescopes for a seamless, rich media guided exploration of the universe. Through WorldWide Telescope and Microsoft technology, people will be able to pan and zoom in on these images and the most interesting locations on Mars and the moon without distorted views at the poles.

Attracting millions of users since its release last spring, WorldWide Telescope provides a base for teaching astronomy, scientific discovery and computational science. Tours with narration, music, text and graphics create interactive learning experiences that allow people to search, explore and discover the universe in a new and unique manner. Additional information and a free download of WorldWide Telescope can be found at:

<http://www.worldwidetelescope.org>

To further integrate the planetary data into WorldWide Telescope, Ames is developing a suite of planetary data processing tools. These software tools convert historic and current space imagery data into a variety of formats and images of the moon, Mars and other planetary bodies readily available for easy browsing and use by the general public, enabling the creation of enhanced educational tools for students and teachers.

"NASA has a wealth of images and data, from the Apollo and Lunar Orbiter missions to Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter and the Mercury Messenger flybys," said Chris C. Kemp, chief information officer at Ames. "This collaboration makes it possible for NASA to leverage exciting new Microsoft technologies to make NASA's data -- and America's space program -- more accessible to the public."

More information about NASA is available at:

<http://www.nasa.gov>

Microsoft Research collaborates openly with colleges and universities worldwide to enhance the teaching and learning experience, inspire technological innovation, and broadly advance the field of computer science. More information can be found at:

<http://research.microsoft.com>

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>And what would you like them to say, Gerald?

What I'd like them to say, Joe, is why they think there aren't
any photographs in the files.

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Gerald O'Connell
<http://www.onlyport.com>

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Subject: Ozark UFO Conference To Include Eight Lectures

Source: The Carroll County News - Berryville, Arkansas, USA

<http://www.carrollconews.com/story/1524608.html>

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

21st annual Ozark UFO Conference To Include Eight Lectures
by E. Alan Long
Carroll County News

EUREKA SPRINGS -- The 21st Annual Ozark UFO Conference will be held at the Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center in Eureka Springs, April 10-12.

The conference will include eight lectures and audio-visual presentations on Friday and Saturday. Sunday morning "mini-sessions" will include speakers and videotape session.

There will be considerable attention paid to the alleged government cover-up of UFO's. Grant Cameron, whose Web site is entitled A Tale of Extraterrestrial Politics in the White House, will address the conference on presidential knowledge of UFO's. Richard Dolan, author of UFO's and the National Security State, will discuss exposing the alleged decades-old government cover-up of the subject.

Wendelle C. Stevens is a retired U.S. Air Force pilot turned UFO investigator and researcher. His military career included UFO sightings reports and film footage made by Air Force crews. Stevens will speak on what has become his lifelong interest in uncovering the truth regarding UFO activity.

Presenter Dr. Joseph P. Farrell, of Sioux Falls, S.D., has a doctorate in patristics, the study of early Christian writers, from the University of Oxford. His first book, "Giza DeathStar," was published in 2002. Later works include "The Cosmic War: Interplanetary Warfare," "Modern Physics," "Ancient Texts," "Secrets of the Unified Field: The Philadelphia Experiment, the Nazi Bell," and "The Discarded Theory."

Dr. Paul LaViolette, Ph.D., will focus on reverse engineering of UFO technologies. Author of "The Talk of the Galaxy," "Earth Under Fire," "Genesis of the Cosmos (Beyond the Big Bang)," "Subquantum Kinetics," and editor of "A Systems View of Man," LaViolette received his B.A. in physics from Johns Hopkins, his M.B.A. from the University of Chicago, and Ph.D. from Portland State University. He is currently president of the Starburst Foundation, an interdisciplinary scientific research institute, and is a resident of Athens, Greece.

Presenter Ted Phillips will have a much shorter trip to the conference. The Reeds Spring, Mo., resident's presentation, "The Marley Woods: Ten Years of Research," will detail decades of strange encounters and sightings near Altus Spring Hollow, Mo.

Several presenters return from last year's conference lineup,

including Timothy Good, Linda Moulton Howe and Allison Joiner.

Good has interviewed key UFO witnesses including astronauts, military and intelligence specialists, pilots, politicians and scientists. The British researcher has amassed a wealth of evidence of the existence of UFO's, including several thousand declassified intelligence documents. He has published six books on the subject.

Emmy Award-winning TV producer, investigative reporter and author Howe will deliver a presentation entitled "Bentwaters 1980: Telepathic Lights?" Her Web site received the 2006 W3 Silver Award for excellence in news, the 2003 Web Award for Standard of Excellence and the 2000 Encyclopedia Britannica Award honoring internet excellence.

Reporter Angela Joiner returns to update the conference on her investigation of strange lights and sightings early last year in Stephenville, Texas.

Registration is \$50 per person at the door or \$45 in advance, and starts at 8 a.m. on Friday, April 10. The conference begins at 1 p.m. that day and concludes at noon on Sunday, April 12.

Advance registration is available by mail at: Ozark UFO Conference, #2 Caney Valley Drive, Plumerville, AR 72127-8725. Additional information may be obtained by phone at (501)354-2558 or by e-mail at ozarkufo.nul

The Best Western Inn of the Ozarks Resort is setting aside a block of rooms for conference use. Room reservations can be made by calling the Inn at (479) 253-9768 or 800-552-3785, or by writing to the Inn at P.O. Box 431, Eureka Springs, AR 72632. Their special room rate for the conference is \$68 for double occupancy; other rates apply for other types of rooms. Other Eureka Springs lodging info is available on-line at: www.eurekasprings.org/placestostay/.

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In Memoriam - Tony Dodd

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Wed, 25 Mar 2009 07:08:21 -0400
Archived: Wed, 25 Mar 2009 07:08:21 -0400
Subject: In Memoriam - Tony Dodd

Source: The Tony Dodd UFO Zone - Bath, England, UK

http://www.crowdedskies.com/tony_dodd_zone.htm

24 March, 2009

It is with great regret that we received the news today that Tony Dodd has left this world after a long illness.

Tony inspired myself and others into looking at the universe with inquisitive eyes and I as well as others owe him a great deal for this. We wish him well on his new journey ahead and give thanks for the time and knowledge we shared with him.

Thank you Tony - from Roy Lake and Daz Smith
(London UFO Studies & crowdedskies)

[Thanks to John Hayes for the lead]

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Re: Can I Get A Witness? Yes!

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
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Archived: Wed, 25 Mar 2009 07:16:47 -0400
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>Okay, maybe I'm naive, but surely there are photographs
>associated with this, right? Will we be able to view them on
>your blog? Please?

>Katharina Wilson
>www.alienjigsaw.com

No you're not being naive Katharina. I asked and was told all
this photog can do now is confirm, that's why I posted the
information above. Wish there was more but it was like pulling
teeth to get them to go this far and considering how some
knuckleheads in the UFO community as well as the press behave
towards witnesses I don't blame my friend for not going further.

That is all.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com/blog

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ET Tracked Down On Google Street View
UFO experts were left baffled after claims that ET was finally tracked down on Google Street View.

[Image]

A misty shape, bearing a distinct similarity to the movie alien, was captured behind a bush next to a mysterious beam of light.

The spooky snap was caught by Google image cameras in the town of Berkeley Heights in New Jersey.

Some claim the image could be evidence of life in outer space while others point to a simple trick of the light.

The 'ET' alien was photographed on Diamond Hill Road, a semi-rural location about eight miles from Morristown Municipal Airport, New Jersey and 30 miles from the bright lights of New York City.

Malcolm Robinson, head of the Strange Phenomena Investigations, described the image as "the first of its kind".

He said: "On close inspection the similarities with ET are obvious but it's hard to say with any certainty what exactly it is

"Of added interest is the strange beam of light to the right, which I cannot explain either.

"This picture is the first of it's kind, as far as I'm aware, in that its been captured on Google's new Street View technology.

"However, because it was captured by Google it would appear that there aren't any witnesses to back up what was photographed, which is frustrating.

"Without further details to go on I'm really stumped. We'd all love it to be alien, but that's a big assumption."

Nick Sawyer, one of many web-users to have spotted the alien-like creature, added: "Whatever it is, you cannot deny that it looks exactly like ET.

"The head is an oblong shape and it seems to have the same long neck and fat body.

"There is also a beam of light right next to him, who knows, that might be an unseen spaceship trying to make contact.

"In all seriousness, however, I'm mystified at what it is. The area is not far from an airport and UFOs have been reported to take an interest in our own aviation technology.

"New York City is only an hour's drive as well so you never know, he might be eyeing up a trip to the Big Apple."

Technical experts are also in a muddle over what the image could be, although one told an online chatroom: "When the light shines directly at and between two of the lenses, the software compiling the images together may end up putting up a slicing white laser.

"But I cannot be sure one hundred per cent."

Three months ago, police in nearby Morris County, New Jersey, were alerted to a series of unidentified flying objects hovering over the area.

Dozens of residents watched on in awe as five flickering red lights moved gently across the night's sky.

Local resident Paul Hurley, a pilot who works at Morristown Airport, said: "I've been in the aviation industry about 20 years, so I knew they weren't airplanes".

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Unreluctantly,

Joe

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Confessions Of An Alien Hunter
By Michael Schirber
for Astrobiology Magazine
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The search for extraterrestrial intelligence, or SETI, turns 50 years old this year. By scanning the cosmic radio dial, it has forged a scientific beachhead into the mystery of whether we are alone in the universe. One of its main disciples has written a book chronicling the history and offering an apologia as to why it is a worthy cause.

As senior astronomer at the SETI Institute, Seth Shostak spends a good deal of his time publicly championing the search for extraterrestrial intelligence. He writes popular articles, gives presentations and even offers technical advice on movie sets (showing Keanu Reeves, for example, how to write the Greek letter "mu" on a blackboard).

In his new book *Confessions of an Alien Hunter: A Scientist's Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence*, Shostak provides an insider's account of the SETI universe.

Shostak defends his choice of work from detractors that would say he and his companions are tilting at windmills. He is neither bitter nor strident - instead he weighs the opposing viewpoints very carefully (sometimes obscuring his own convictions).

But the book is in no way stiff. Shostak pokes fun of Hollywood depictions of aliens and lampoons several hoaxes like the Face on Mars.

He peppers his prose with clever turns of phrase and a seemingly endless supply of analogies, such as "the moon was drier than a Mark Twain quip," and "finding clues to life's earliest moments on Earth is tougher than overcooked roadkill."

This is an enjoyable read both for those who believe "the truth is out there" and those who think that we pretty much have the galaxy to ourselves.

A-Hunting We Will Go

Although some early attempts to make alien contact date back to the 19th century, SETI in its current form began in 1959, when Giuseppe Cocconi and Philip Morrison published a paper claiming that interstellar messages would best be sent by radio.

Independently, Frank Drake devised a search of nearby stars, called Project Ozma, with an antenna at the National Radio Astronomy Observatory (NRAO) in West Virginia.

In the years that followed, radio astronomers used spare telescope time to occasionally dabble in informal SETI surveys. One of these dabblers was Shostak. In the 1970s, while doing postdoctoral research at the NRAO, he filled the time between scheduled galaxy observations with impromptu peeks at nearby star systems. As he writes in his book:

"This was like feeding pocket change to a slot machine on the off chance of hitting the jackpot - in this case, an artificial signal that would come booming in and make my day."

Around this same time, some of the SETI hobbyists began to organize themselves. With NASA funding, a formal search strategy was put together and the necessary computer equipment was developed for analyzing incoming radio waves. In 1984, the non-profit SETI Institute formed as the organizational nucleus of various SETI-related research projects (Shostak joined in 1991).

NASA funding was pulled in 1993, but private funding allowed the research to continue. Under the name Project Phoenix, SETI astronomers examined about 750 star systems from 1995 to 2004.

Without a dedicated SETI telescope, the alien hunters contented themselves with hopscotching between existing radio observatories: mainly the NRAO's Green Bank telescope, the Arecibo telescope in Puerto Rico, and the Parkes telescope in Australia.

They used their allotted time at these facilities to point the antennas at different stars in the sky, eventually scanning millions of channels between 1,200 and 3,000 MHz on the radio dial.

In describing how this data was analyzed, Shostak jokes about Hollywood's portrayal of SETI work:

"You can now appreciate one of the more delicious incongruities of the movie Contact. In the film, Jodie Foster sits on the hood of her car in the New Mexico desert, with earphones playing celestial static to her bored brain. But in the technically correct version, she would be wearing tens of millions of earphones (or using a computer). Surprisingly, when this fact was pointed out, Warner Brothers refused to give it much consideration. Presumably the production company worried that wearing millions of earphones would crowd the shot."

A Lonely Quest

Another incongruity in the movie is that Jodie Foster makes contact with other beings. No such luck yet for SETI's real-life protagonists.

It is perhaps telling that the most dramatic event to occur in decades of actual alien hunting was a false alarm. Shostak describes the events of June 24, 1997, when the SETI crew had been up all night following a signal that had the makings of an interstellar "hello.":

"The possibility of discovery was making me fidgety. My immediate worry, ironically, was about trivial matters. If the signal turned out to be real - if it really was beamed from aliens - then my schedule for the week was going to be completely messed up... We were on the verge of proving that humankind had company, that other intelligence dwelled among the stars. But I wondered if we were ready to hear from beings that would make Homo sapiens look like an also-ran."

Although the radio blips later turned out to be from a solar-observing satellite, Shostak believes a bona fide message could be picked up in the next few decades. This optimism is due to the recently-constructed Allen Telescope Array, a facility dedicated to hunting for alien signals. The ATA will eventually comprise 350 radio antennas scattered over a half mile stretch in northern California. Shostak writes:

"A straightforward calculation shows that by the year 2030, the Allen Telescope Array could check for signals in the direction

of a million or more star systems."

If the number of cosmic neighbors estimated by SETI pioneers Frank Drake and Carl Sagan are right, then one or more of these stars is home to an alien civilization that is sending us a message - a message that is surely going to mess up all of our schedules for the week.

A Life's Gamble

Shostak clearly explains what astrobiologists assume when they estimate how many radio-broadcasting societies fill our galaxy. He also gives his take on what these aliens might be like (he's guessing they are computers) and whether they are already here poking around in our air space, farmlands and bedrooms (he's pretty sure they aren't).

But there's one issue that Shostak comes back to several times throughout the book. Why do SETI at all?

"Many scientifically literate critics point to the Fermi paradox, or some variant thereof, and pronounce that the verdict is already in: Our galaxy is, at best, only sparsely inhabited. Even those who accept SETI's mission frequently opine that it may take generations to succeed, if success occurs at all. So... why would I spend my one-and-only brief moment on the stage of life chasing this particular rainbow? ... [It] is the fact that SETI addresses a truly big-picture question. This is exploration on the scale of those European sailors who plied and plotted the world at the start of the 16th century. Unless our concept of the cosmos is gravely in error, SETI is the beginning of the last major foray into the unknown."

To those who would say that SETI is going about it all wrong, that future technology or scientific discoveries will revolutionize alien searches, Shostak answers with another analogy to ocean exploration:

"Imagine being a member of the Spanish court in the late 15th century, counseling Columbus. You might suggest he give wooden ships a pass and hang fire for 500 years, after which he could cross the Atlantic in hours eating low-grade meals off his lap. Yet Columbus discovered an extraordinary new world, and his wooden ships were (just) good enough to find it."

Will the Allen Telescope be SETI's Santa Maria? We'll have to wait and see.

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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Tuesday, March 24, 2009

More Yawns From The MoD
By Billy Cox

The revelations contained in the British Ministry of Defence's latest UFO data dump last weekend:

<http://ufos.nationalarchives.gov.uk/>

were so nebulous and soupy-thin, nobody could agree on a lead.

After reviewing the files on nearly 1,200 incidents logged over the UK from 1987-93 and now posted in its National Archives, media roundups were all over the board. London's Observer ran with an anonymous woman who said she was approached by a Nordic looking space alien as she walked her dog, and was informed his ET posse was responsible for all those crop circles. That was good enough for CNN International, too.

The BBC led with how a diamond-shaped UFO photographed near a Royal Air Force jet flying over Scotland was studied by military officials before being regarded as inconclusive. The Telegraph reported that an American pilot killed during an alleged hot pursuit of a UFO over the North Sea in 1970 actually died in the ocean following a non-related navigational error.

The Independent followed the most illuminating angle, about how the MoD once scrapped its plans to file UFO reports in a computer database "because officials did not want people to believe they were taking the idea of visitors from outer space seriously."

Which gives us an idea about just how much the British bureaucracy hates this stuff.

According to Nick Pope, who once worked the UFO desk for the MoD during the 1990s, the Brits have four basic levels of information classification: Restricted, Confidential, Secret and Top Secret. Above that are special categories such Eyes Only. None of the docs posted online last weekend are above Confidential.

One of the few UFO papers elevated to Eyes Only status - known as Project Condign - was declassified in 2006. The 460-page review of British sightings dating back to 1950 addressed a broad range of issues, from what Pope describes as "terrifying near misses" between commercial aircraft and UFOs, to tortured "plasma-field" explanations for the phenomenon.

But the study, conducted from 1996 to 2000, came together only after the wonks agreed to fumigate the UFO stench and replace it

with something a little more aromatic: UAP, or Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon. So in the end, Project Condign wouldn't have to hold its nose as it advised military pilots: "No attempt should be made to out-manoeuvre a UAP during interception."

Anyhow, bottom line: no smoking guns in the MoD's latest releases. But give 'em credit for keeping up appearances.

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congratulatory and triumphant comments of the disclosure
protagonists at the time, there had been no mention of the
dearth of photographic material. I found that odd, hence my
query.

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>a negative in the file.

One negative. Or, what appears to you to be one negative.
Scarcely an indication that one would be mistaken in believing
that there is a surprising absence of photographic material.

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>from a scan of a print-out of a scan of probably a photocopy of
>a negative or photographic print eludes me.

It is not a question of what I would expect to learn. It is a
question of why there is an absence of a certain type of
material. Moreover, your implication that there would be nothing
to be learned from such material because of its poor quality is
specious in the extreme. It merely raises the further question
of why the release(s) should be limited to nth generation copies
of zero evidential value. Do neither the MoD nor the National

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It gets worse. You have seen photographs in the files, but there seem to be none in the releases. Is that it?

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Demonstrating exactly what, in this connection? That we shouldn't be bothering with photographs because they'll all turn out to be of streetlights after first being mistakenly identified as Mars?

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So the reason for the absence of photographic material is asbestos contamination? That at least is plausible. Perhaps future releases of material unaffected by asbestos contamination will not be subject to this nth generation constraint. It will be instructive to see how this develops!

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I cannot provide examples of what is not there, can I?

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They haven't advanced ufology one iota. Nothing ever does. We go
around everlastingly in the same unproductive circles,
occasionally fooling ourselves that we are getting closer to the
truth. All that really happens is that as our knowledge of other
matters advances, our speculation becomes more sophisticated.

This, however, is no reason at all to fail to point out
inconsistencies and anomalies wherever they occur, and no reason
not to be interested in photographic material that ought, prima
facie, to be there but apparently isn't.

My thanks to you for commenting, unreluctantly or otherwise.

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Gerald O'Connell
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Joe,

I'm having difficulty interpreting this. What forms of evidence are not often overrated, or even counterproductive? In your opinion, what kind of evidence, if any, has "advanced" ufology? The MoD files?

I do not dispute that there is controversy surrounding the Trindade and McMinville photographs, and they may well both be well-executed hoaxes. But they are among a handful - to include Heflin, IMO- that are overtly realistic as well as difficult to hoax.

The fact that reasonable people continue to disagree about the genuineness or significance of these images does not imply that investigating them was, or is, unproductive. The Mori-Shough exchanges on Trindade, and the Maccabee analysis of McMinville, are both edifying in their own right. To the extent that their discussions rise to the level of - dare I say it - science, they do serve to advance ufology, whether a hoax was involved or not.

Regards

Mike

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Destination Aztec

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Thu, 26 Mar 2009 08:16:59 -0400
Archived: Thu, 26 Mar 2009 08:16:59 -0400
Subject: Destination Aztec

Source: The Durango Telegraph - Colorado, USA

<http://www.durangotelegraph.com/telegraph.php?inc=3D/09-03-26/pole.htm>

March 25, 2009

Destination Aztec

"They're Here!"

Xenophiles and UFO buffs from around the country will descend on the Four Corners this weekend. The 12th annual Aztec UFO Symposium blasts off on March 27-28.

"Prepare for Contact =96 They're Here!" is the theme of the upcoming symposium, sited in the New Mexico town where a UFO allegedly crashed in 1948. According to accounts, "16 humanoid bodies" were recovered along with an undamaged craft north of Aztec in Hart Canyon in March of that year.

The symposium marks this event, and this year organizers are asking, "How are we, as a society, going to handle it if and when disclosure becomes public?"

The symposium opens on Friday from 5-9 with a meet-and-greet dinner. The following day, a panel of speakers will cover everything from ancient archeological findings of UFOs to contactee/abductee stories. There will also be free guided tours of the crash site.

All events benefit the Friends of the Aztec Library.

In an interesting twist, the Aztec Public Library recently worked with Disney Productions on the new release, "Race to Witch Mountain." Set designers approached the library about replicating the annual UFO Symposium for the movie. Disney eventually purchased T-shirts, bags, caps and other memorabilia that were used to create the film's UFO Conference Vendor Room.

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Watch UFO Hunters Tonight

From: John Greenewald Jr. <john.nul>
Date: Wed, 25 Mar 2009 20:16:53 -0500
Archived: Thu, 26 Mar 2009 09:20:00 -0400
Subject: Watch UFO Hunters Tonight

Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone is well! I am actually on the road shooting my next episode of UFO Hunters. As many have not heard, I joined Season 3 of UFO Hunters, and am producing/writing a few of their episodes.

Tonight, on the History Channel, is my first episode for them. It is primarily on the Dulce installation, rumored to be in Dulce, New Mexico.

I hope you all will tune in. We had a great time shooting the episode, and did come across some pretty amazing things.

Please let me know what you thought. Check your local listings, but yes, it airs tonight, is titled "Underground Bases" I believe, and should air at 10E, 9C. But check your listings!

Sincerely,

John Greenewald, Jr.

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Re: More Secrets Revealed In New MoD Release

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Thu, 26 Mar 2009 07:58:54 +0000
Archived: Thu, 26 Mar 2009 09:29:00 -0400
Subject: Re: More Secrets Revealed In New MoD Release

>From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Wed, 25 Mar 2009 18:46:50 +0000
>Subject: Re: More Secrets Revealed In New MoD Release

>>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Tue, 24 Mar 2009 21:04:11 +0000
>>Subject: Re: More Secrets Revealed In New MoD Release

<snip>

>>First, I'll refer you to a comment by me - unreluctantly - in
>>response to a similar query from you on the ufologyinuk List in
>>May last year:

>Unreluctant as your response may have been, it is equally the
>case that it had to be elicited. Amongst the various self-
>congratulatory and triumphant comments of the disclosure
>protagonists at the time, there had been no mention of the
>dearth of photographic material. I found that odd, hence my
>query.

Why should I spontaneously comment on something which is not
present when I had no expectation that it should be present?

>>..."To answer your question, I have seen one what appears to be
>>a negative in the file.

>One negative. Or, what appears to you to be one negative.
>Scarcely an indication that one would be mistaken in believing
>that there is a surprising absence of photographic material.

Well give me a specific example of what you think is
missing.

>>However, what you might expect to learn
>>from a scan of a print-out of a scan of probably a photocopy of
>>a negative or photographic print eludes me.

>It is not a question of what I would expect to learn. It is a
>question of why there is an absence of a certain type of
>material. Moreover, your implication that there would be nothing
>to be learned from such material because of its poor quality is
>specious in the extreme. It merely raises the further question
>of why the release(s) should be limited to nth generation copies
>of zero evidential value. Do neither the MoD nor the National
>Archives own a scanner? Cannot scanned first generation items be
>put into a PDF document?

Of course they can if they exist in the file to start with, but
the mechanism used for redaction requires that the scanned file
is printed on paper, redacted, and re-scanned.

>>There are also references to photographs in the file,

>References to photographs are not photographs.

Of course not, but if the reference states 'photograph not

requested' or 'photograph returned to sender' why should you expect to see a scan of the photograph in the file?

<snip>

>>To expand, I have seen photographs in the paper copies of files >>held at TNA.

>It gets worse. You have seen photographs in the files, but there >seem to be none in the releases. Is that it?

I thought it was obvious that I was discussing the original paper files released to TNA long before the current batch of releases. If that wasn't clear to you, then I apologise.

<snip>

>>So much for 'expert witnesses' and the investigative powers of >>police officers.

>Demonstrating exactly what, in this connection? That we >shouldn't be bothering with photographs because they'll all turn >out to be of streetlights after first being mistakenly >identified as Mars?

I cited that as an example of a photograph available at TNA in the paper files. Because you appear to attach some significance to photographs in MoD files, I also provided an indication of the background to the image. I thought it might be helpful.

In fact, most dots of lights in images are not readily identifiable due to lack of reliable information about when, where, and how the photograph was taken.

>>I have seen numerous references in the files to photographs, >>most indicating that the images were returned to the sender >>following assessment.

>'Most' is not 'all'. What about the others? No copies made of >those returned?

Provide an example of a photographic case where the image was not returned to the sender but the image is not in the files and maybe we can discuss this sensibly, otherwise we are just wasting valuable time.

>>In the case of the Calvine report in the >>current release, prints were made for assessment and the >>negatives were returned to the newspaper.

>>In the case of these documents, they were contaminated by >>asbestos and hence scanned before being printed off, redacted, >>printed off again and re-scanned prior to release. It is >>therefore difficult to say whether the images are photographs or >>photocopies of photographs, and the original documents have >>already been destroyed.

>So the reason for the absence of photographic material is >asbestos contamination? That at least is plausible. Perhaps >future releases of material unaffected by asbestos contamination >will not be subject to this nth generation constraint. It will >be instructive to see how this develops!

No, the reason for the lack of images in the recently released files as far as I can tell is that the images you expect to see were not present in the original paper files - what leads you to expect that there should have been?

>>Perhaps you can provide some specific examples that you would >>like some comment on?

>I cannot provide examples of what is not there, can I?

but you seem to want me to comment on images which probably weren't there in the first place - what makes you think that there should be more images?

>In the case of what is there, as the material cannot be assessed >for its status due to the conditions of retrieval, there would >be scant purpose in wasting your time.

Then why waste it with meaningless questions about something that is not and as far as I can should not be there!?

>>I should however point out that because I have had a hand in >>securing the release of the files doesn't endow me with any >>special knowledge as to why anything might be missing from the >>files, but I will dust off my crystal ball and do some scrying >>if you identify any specific examples.

>If you have privileged access that could lead to explanatory >outcomes, then I will leave it to your investigative conscience >to pursue whatever leads you believe might be fruitful.

I have not had any privileged access - I happened to be one of the people who applied enough pressure to secure the release of the files. The MoD didn't give me access to the original paper copies.

>>I would also add that in my view, the value of any photograph in >>terms of evidence is limited and IMO often over-rated or even >>counter-productive. Just look at the controversy over the >>Trindade or McMinville images - how have they advanced ufology?

>They haven't advanced ufology one iota. Nothing ever does. We go >around everlastingly in the same unproductive circles, >occasionally fooling ourselves that we are getting closer to the >truth. All that really happens is that as our knowledge of other >matters advances, our speculation becomes more sophisticated.

>This, however, is no reason at all to fail to point out >inconsistencies and anomalies wherever they occur, and no reason >not to be interested in photographic material that ought, prima >facie, to be there but apparently isn't.

If there were grounds to think that anything has been removed from the files, I would take an interest. Without those, I don't see what you are getting at?

>My thanks to you for commenting, unreluctantly or otherwise.

I now unreluctantly withdraw from this nonsense until you come up with something worthy of consideration.

Regards,

Joe

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More On Tony Dodd's Passing

From: Philip Mantle <philip.nul>
Date: Thu, 26 Mar 2009 08:45:41 -0000
Archived: Thu, 26 Mar 2009 10:30:00 -0400
Subject: More On Tony Dodd's Passing

From: David Cayton <davidacayton.nul>
Sent: 25 March 2009 18:33:56

Hello All,

This morning, 25th. March, I received the not unexpected dreaded telephone call from Tony's wife, Pauline, to tell me the sad news of Tony's peaceful passing just about midnight yesterday. He had been looked after at home by Pauline and family coupled with professional nursing care, since last August when he was diagnosed with a terminal brain tumour.

For those wishing to know of the funeral arrangements, it will take place next Tuesday, the 31st. of March at 12.45 at the Parish Church of Linton which is close by Grassington, Nr. Skipton, North Yorkshire.

Pauline and the family request no flowers please but instead donations to either, Brain Cancer Research or the RSPCA in Tony's memory. Pauline tells me he was very fond of his animals.

I am so sorry to notify such sad news. I was one of Tony's Quest International UFO Investigators for some years from 1993. Over very many years, Tony had made a great contribution to the whole UFO field with his own investigations, magazine articles and most of all, his popular lectures and talks on Conference and meeting platforms all over the world.

He was so well liked and respected by everybody for his patience and humility and willingness to talk at length to anybody on UFO topics. He doggedly stuck to finding and reporting the truth of the reality of extraterrestrial presence, even at the expense of seriously damaging his police career prospects!

Over the past years we have shared many private phone chats, pondering the meaning of it all and debating the various risks and rights and wrongs of 'blowing the lid off' aspects of the UFO business!

Certain mind blowing dreadful evidence, that he knew the authorities were desperate to 'keep the lid on', had come his way from particular official sources, had concerned him ,but Tony's loyalty to his Country and the certain 'Authorities' prevailed! "Blowing the lid off" was a favourite line of Tony's which we chuckled about many a time! He and Pauline had put up with threats from the authorities from time to time, mainly in the USA, but he carried on doing what he was meant to do, exercising constraint and responsibility!

Perhaps 25 years of exemplary service with the rank of sergeant in the West & North Yorkshire Police Force had something to do with his loyal attitude?

The content and title of his marvellous book, Alien Investigator - The Case Files Of Britain's Leading UFO Detective published in 1999, perhaps says it all about Tony as a person and a wonderful friend we have lost. I for one, as my past mentor, will miss

him greatly.

Please pass on this sad news to others who you think would appreciate knowing of Tony's passing.

David Cayton

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Re: More Yawns From The MoD

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Thu, 26 Mar 2009 10:00:04 +0100 (CET)
Archived: Thu, 26 Mar 2009 10:35:00 -0400
Subject: Re: More Yawns From The MoD

>Source: The Sarasota Herald Tribune - Florida, USA

><http://www.heraldtribune.com/article/20090324/blog32/903249954>

>Tuesday, March 24, 2009

>More Yawns From The MoD
>By Billy Cox

<snip>

>According to Nick Pope, who once worked the UFO desk for the MoD
>during the 1990s, the Brits have four basic levels of
>information classification: Restricted, Confidential, Secret and
>Top Secret. Above that are special categories such Eyes Only.
>None of the docs posted online last weekend are above
>Confidential.

<snip>

In case anything has been lost in translation, this was my exact
statement:

Above "unclassified", the UK operates four levels of
classification: Restricted, Confidential, Secret and Top Secret.
Caveats (e.g. UK Eyes Only) can be used to place further
restrictions on access to classified information and the need to
know principle applies at all levels.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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Re: More Secrets Revealed In New MoD Release

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Thu, 26 Mar 2009 10:39:38 +0100 (CET)
Archived: Thu, 26 Mar 2009 11:37:00 -0400
Subject: Re: More Secrets Revealed In New MoD Release

>From: Steve Sawyer <stevesaw.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Sun, 22 Mar 2009 23:41:01 -0700
>Subject: Re: More Secrets Revealed In New MoD Release

>>Source: The Guardian/Observer - London, England, UK

>><http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2009/mar/22/ufos-aliens-di55-mod>

<snip>

>I'm wondering, regarding the Calvine case noted above, if any of
>the color photographs mentioned are either contained in the
>newly released MOD files or otherwise available for online
>viewing?

<snip>

The image in the file is either a drawing of the photo, or a copy of the photo that has been drawn over. It bears little resemblance to the enlarged image that was on my office wall.

More generally, MoD is sent photos and videos from time to time. In my day they used to go to the DIS and others for analysis. We all kept copies, but would return the originals/negatives if asked. MoD now tries to send everything back. MoD lawyers may be twitchy about copyright issues involved in posting photos on the National Archives website.

In relation to the above, the following links may be of interest:

<http://tinyurl.com/coa9rk>

<http://tinyurl.com/cuoks4>

<http://tinyurl.com/cqttbb>

Best wishes,

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

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From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Thu, 26 Mar 2009 08:29:10 -0400
Archived: Thu, 26 Mar 2009 11:40:00 -0400
Subject: New O'Hare Video?

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Ice Man Down?

From: **Kevin Randle** <KRandle993.nul>
Date: Thu, 26 Mar 2009 09:53:43 EDT
Archived: Thu, 26 Mar 2009 13:04:26 -0400
Subject: Ice Man Down?

Hello List -

I have a quick question... Whatever happened to that Ice Man Down book that was going to break the Roswell case wide open. Kenny Young had interviewed the researchers. I have heard nothing about it and all the information I can find is years old.

Thanks in advance.

KRandle

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MoD Release? What About Canada & US?

From: Chris Rutkowski <rutkows.nul>
Date: Thu, 26 Mar 2009 10:26:09 -0500 (CDT)
Archived: Thu, 26 Mar 2009 13:08:38 -0400
Subject: MoD Release? What About Canada & US?

List,

With all the hoopla regarding the recent MoD release of UFO docs, a few things seem to have slipped under the radar (to use an appropriate metaphor).

First, the Canadian government has been relatively transparent about UFO reports. Several researchers in Canada, among them Grant Cameron, Stan Friedman, Gord Kijek and myself, have been looking at official UFO files from the National Archives in Ottawa for *decades*. The recent attention to the online accessibility of many of these documents (+9,000 or so) was heralded as a "release" akin to the MoD releases, clearly inaccurate.

What is also not appreciated is that current official Canadian UFO documents are available as well. Geoff Dittman and I include them each year in our annual Canadian UFO Survey. (The 2008 version is available at:

<http://survey.canadianuforeport.com>

In fact, one of the most recent Canadian documents concerns an American military UFO report by a USAF flight crew. I noted it recently on my blog at:

<http://tinyurl.com/dlkchi>

In the case of the MoD release, they went to considerable effort to point out that a USAF pilot who died chasing a UFO was simply lost at sea without any UFO association. I mentioned this MoD case file back in October 2008, by the way, also in my blog, at:

<http://dundurn.com/ufos/page/4/>

The reality is that many official documents about UFOs are now or have been available, and there is a great deal of evidence that governments around the world have been investigating UFO reports for many years.

Does this mean aliens are invading Earth? No. Does it mean that the subject of UFOs is worth studying? Yes.

Hence, UFO UpDates.

Chris Rutkowski

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Steven, et al,

To the best of my knowledge, the alleged videographer hasn't been vetted and is an anonymous poster originally at YouTube; using his claimed identity - that he won't disclose as the excuse for not coming forward 2 years ago, and not revealing himself now!

Without any corroboration this offering is dead on its face. Moreover, I'm afraid IMHO that this is someone having fun at other people's expense, again.

Additionally, there are discrepancies with the statement that coincides with the video, e.g., the reported altitude was said to be at 750' yet in the background one supposedly sees an aircraft taking off, indicating the shot was taken parallel to the ground; if this is the case I would argue that the alleged craft wouldn't be in the frame.

Moreover, the shot of the object itself is a 'side-shot' or profile of a typical classic flying Saucer, opposed to a shot pointing up at an object at 750' altitude.

If one wanted to spend time going over the details as stated in the NARCAP report this video would quickly be laid aside - although in my view it already is.

Cheers,

Frank
<http://www.theufochronicles.com/>

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Date: Thu, 26 Mar 2009 13:43:48 -0300
Archived: Thu, 26 Mar 2009 14:12:00 -0400
Subject: Re: New O'Hare Video?

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This could be anything from from anywhere. Not a hint of an airport below - Concourse C. The jet - taking off? - could not have been below the 'object' because that would mean the jet flew over the central portion of the airport which is illegal and would have been below a 1,900 foot, measured, solid cloud base.

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The distance of the object from the photographer-apparently zoomed in - does not jibe with the jet taking off. The Jet would have been large as well when the background was pulled in along with the object in zoom mode. The shot would had to be from an elevated position too to get that angle and profile. There's a lot wrong with this video.

Anyway, I don't buy it.

Don Ledger

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Hi Steve,

Well, I'm in no position to be vetting, but his text account of the sighting is in stark conflict with the original accounts. Specifically, he describes a "gigantic" object, "well over 100 meters in length", at an altitude of 750 feet.

This implies an angular width of well over 25 degrees, a substantial fraction of the sky. I think the witness pool would be substantially larger had that been the case.

The original accounts describe an object perhaps a few tens of feet in diameter, subtending an angle on the order of a quarter at arm's length, or smaller.

Mike

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Re: Watch UFO Hunters Tonight

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac.nul>
Date: Thu, 26 Mar 2009 14:02:57 -0400
Archived: Thu, 26 Mar 2009 17:12:44 -0400
Subject: Re: Watch UFO Hunters Tonight

>From: John Greenewald Jr. <john.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Wed, 25 Mar 2009 20:16:53 -0500
>Subject: Watch UFO Hunters Tonight

>Hello Everyone,

>I hope everyone is well! I am actually on the road shooting my
>next episode of UFO Hunters. As many have not heard, I joined
>Season 3 of UFO Hunters, and am producing/writing a few of their
>episodes.

>Tonight, on the History Channel, is my first episode for them.
>It is primarily on the Dulce installation, rumored to be in
>Dulce, New Mexico.

>I hope you all will tune in. We had a great time shooting the
>episode, and did come across some pretty amazing things.

>Please let me know what you thought. Check your local listings,
>but yes, it airs tonight, is titled "Underground Bases" I
>believe, and should air at 10E, 9C. But check your listings!

Very interesting. Dulce was first investigated way back in the
early 1980's as a result of claims by Paul Bennewitz and an
abductee. John Lear came in later.

The late Jim McCampbell and Bill Moore carried out the early
investigation - independently, not working together. As I
recall, except for a few UFO sightings and cattle mutilations
nothing concrete was found.

During the Hunters show I kept looking for a doorway, similar to
the doorway to the West Virginia shelter at Greenbriar or a
doorway into a mountain such as at "Site R" north of Camp David
(which you didn't show, but could have; I could tell you exactly
where to look).

Clearly the reality of the Dulce Base is not yet proved.

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From: Gord Heath <gordheath.nul>
Date: Thu, 26 Mar 2009 13:37:23 -0700
Archived: Thu, 26 Mar 2009 17:19:43 -0400
Subject: Re: MoD Release? What About Canada & US?

>From: Chris Rutkowski <rutkows.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 26 Mar 2009 10:26:09 -0500 (CDT)
>Subject: MoD Release? What About Canada & US?

>List,

>With all the hoopla regarding the recent MoD release of UFO
>docs, a few things seem to have slipped under the radar (to
>use an appropriate metaphor).

>First, the Canadian government has been relatively transparent
>about UFO reports. Several researchers in Canada, among them
>Grant Cameron, Stan Friedman, Gord Kijek and myself, have been
>looking at official UFO files from the National Archives in
>Ottawa for *decades*. The recent attention to the online
>accessibility of many of these documents (+9,000 or so) was
>heralded as a "release" akin to the MoD releases, clearly
>inaccurate.

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I agree with the point that Chris makes that there was no
'sudden release' of Canadian UFO documents by National Archives
as some of the over enthusiastic proponents of "UFO disclosure"
seemed to be implying a while back. There was 'nothing new' in
these documents which have been available for many years.

The Canadian government does provide access to many UFO
documents as does the US government. I am referring to the old
documents from the Department of Transportation as well as many
documents from the RCMP. However, it is wrong to conclude that
the Canadian Government has any sort of "open transparent
policy" on the treatment of UFO information. It simply cannot
possibly have an "open policy" with respect to updating the
public on those reports that fall under the responsibilities of
national defense and NORAD. The online collection of 'National
Defense files' on UFOs is mostly junk consisting of rather silly
correspondence with members of the general public. I don't see
how the reporting of an incident involving "twinkling stars" by
USAF personnel flying in Canadian air space is anything that
exceptional other than perhaps to demonstrate the continuing
charade by the military and government in Canada and the US who
feign 'openness' with the public while stating and there is of
course 'nothing to fear' and 'no possible indication that we are
being visited'. I don't know if Chris believes that they would
send a civilian 'UFO hobbyist' like him or any of us, any report
originating with the military that could not be easily explained
away like the report he notes in his post.

The response of the Canadian government to the submission of the
report on the 1996 sighting of a giant UFO by thirty plus
witnesses in several widely disbursed communities in the Yukon
is symptomatic of government response. There is no evidence if
you openly ignore such sightings and treat them as
inconsequential by forwarding them to a UFO hobbyist, like those
who prepared the report, as the only response with no comment
and no follow up investigation.

I think that UFO Updates and other similar forums exist because the government long ago told us there was simply nothing worthwhile to investigate as far as UFO reports are concerned. There existence merely affirms that not everyone believes the hogwash treatment that UFO incidents receive from the government and the military - at least on the official level.

Best wishes,

Gord Heath
UFOBC

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Archived: Thu, 26 Mar 2009 18:21:00 -0400
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visitation - we spy on the Russians, so there is a good chance
that if they know about it, we would. The Russians spy on the
Chinese, and the Chinese spy on the USA. With all of the
espionage taking place over such a long time is it possible that
such an important secret would not be discovered and used to
embarrass opposing governments?

I should add that I started looking at government files with
both the desire and the expectation that I would find evidence
of ET visitation in them. The desire is still there, but the
expectation diminished the more I read.

>I do not dispute that there is controversy surrounding the
>Trindade and McMinville photographs, and they may well both be
>well-executed hoaxes. But they are among a handful - to include
>Heflin, IMO- that are overtly realistic as well as difficult to
>hoax.

>The fact that reasonable people continue to disagree about the
>genuineness or significance of these images does not imply that
>investigating them was, or is, unproductive. The Mori-Shough

>exchanges on Trindade, and the Maccabee analysis of McMinville,
>are both edifying in their own right. To the extent that their
>discussions rise to the level of - dare I say it - science, they
>do serve to advance ufology, whether a hoax was involved or not.

I don't disagree, but the net effect is to actually question the validity of these images as 'evidence' at all. In science, it is usually possible to reach a consensus, but in the case of photographs and other 'ufological' evidence the outcome is almost always polarisation of views. This can only be because the evidence (in whatever form) isn't sufficiently persuasive. There will always be problems with photographic evidence since it lends itself to manipulation and interpretation as has been demonstrated since the days of 'ectoplasmic emanations' and the Loch Ness monster.

A good example of how ufology ought to operate is the Guernsey case, where there was evidence in support of and against a number of different hypotheses. If the team who analysed the case had of concluded that the report was generated by earthquake lights, that conclusion would have been flawed and easily rebutted. Sometimes it is good to say 'I don't know' rather than "it was an alien spaceship", and this is where I think the pro-ETH camp fail and draw scorn from science.

The Guernsey report is available from:

<http://www.guernsey.uk-ufo.org/>

and even though it is essentially inconclusive, it is a worthy record of the evidence available at the time. A photograph of the phenomenon would add to our knowledge in conjunction with the other known facts, but by itself it would be almost worthless.

Regards,

Joe

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[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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>>New O'Hare Video from out of the blue (or clouds, or whatever)

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Several contributors of earlier posts argue that the video does
not show the O'Hare ufo.

Two comments at:

<http://tinyurl.com/cgg66k>

support this contention and might be of interest here.

"Wasn't it completely overcast that day? So why do I see some

blue in the sky?"

"Well, I was there. I saw it. This video is not what I or anyone who was really there saw in the air that day."

The second comment is consistent with the info in the NARCAP report, and for me it has the ring of truth.

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Hello Joe, Michael and List,

Personally, the MOD documents have tested my patience more than
anything else.

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conclude that the MOD has done everything to stay in the dark.

Since aliens are not hostile, national security cannot be
compromised, ergo, when confronted with a true UFO, they stop
investigating the phenomenon.

This is written in black and white in the MOD documents.

So, contrary with what you infer, the MOD, with their access to technology and expertise, is not in the dark because it cannot know, but because it will not study.

If one wants to find anything, one must look elsewhere.

The main thing that has been disclosed in the MOD releases is that the phenomenon, because nothing can be done about it, falls outside their area of interest.

This much explains the paranoia: it is very hard to believe that one can be so thick as to find no interest in ET. So, somebody, somewhere, at a governmental level, must have dug deeper into the subject.

But, if the conspiracy theorists are wrong, we are all hoping that Britain will be the only victim of terminal myopia.

God save the Brits.

Vincent Boudreau

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>the dark as the general public, it begs the question as to how
>any other government could have positive knowledge of alien
>visitation - we spy on the Russians, so there is a good chance
>that if they know about it, we would. The Russians spy on the
>Chinese, and the Chinese spy on the USA. With all of the
>espionage taking place over such a long time is it possible that
>such an important secret would not be discovered and used to
>embarrass opposing governments?

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Have government agencies in the UK never lied?

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Re: More Secrets Revealed In New MoD Release

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Fri, 27 Mar 2009 06:54:59 -0400
Archived: Fri, 27 Mar 2009 07:18:31 -0400
Subject: Re: More Secrets Revealed In New MoD Release

>From: Vincent Boudreau <vincentboudreau.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Thu, 26 Mar 2009 23:45:44 -0400 (EDT)
>Subject: Re: More Secrets Revealed In New MoD Release

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>Hello Joe, Michael and List,

>Personally, the MOD documents have tested my patience more than
>anything else.

>Anyone who has taken the trouble to read them can hardly fail to
>conclude that the MOD has done everything to stay in the dark.

>Since aliens are not hostile, national security cannot be
>compromised, ergo, when confronted with a true UFO, they stop
>investigating the phenomenon.

>This is written in black and white in the MOD documents.

>So, contrary with what you infer, the MOD, with their access to
>technology and expertise, is not in the dark because it cannot
>know, but because it will not study.

>If one wants to find anything, one must look elsewhere.

>The main thing that has been disclosed in the MOD releases is
>that the phenomenon, because nothing can be done about it, falls
>outside their area of interest.

>This much explains the paranoia: it is very hard to believe that
>one can be so thick as to find no interest in ET. So, somebody,
>somewhere, at a governmental level, must have dug deeper into
>the subject.

>But, if the conspiracy theorists are wrong, we are all hoping
>that Britain will be the only victim of terminal myopia.

>God save the Brits.

Wasn't this more or less the conclusion of Project Blue Book
when they decided to close up shop? I would expect the decision
by the US Air Force was not made in a vacuum and with the cold
war raging there were limited resources to use in monitoring
non-threats.

I would add that while I can imagine some curiosity about ETs if
they ran across one, I would expect most in the military really
didn't want to encounter one. Too much paperwork and it would
sidetrack your career path.

The issue of its impact on your future is another reason by
politicians and the media tend to avoid the subject, but that's
another story.

Steve

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Hoaxers Are Getting Boring - Cox

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Source: The Sarasota Herald Tribube - Florida, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/cwv6ne>

Thursday, March 26, 2009

Hoaxers Are Getting Boring
By Billy Cox

Early this week, it appeared as if rumors of footage from the celebrated 11/7/06 UFO incident over Chicago's O'Hare International Airport were about to be verified. Which would've been impressive, because this was the one that eyewitnesses claimed burned a round hole in the low cloud cover during its unhurried departure from the vicinity of the United Airlines terminal.

Unfortunately, even before you clicked on the sequence at:

<http://tinyurl.com/cgg66k>

this one started barking like a dog. The video, slugged "Chicago O'Hare Airport UFO Witness Breaks His Silence", was an anonymous post with this introduction: "I have sat on this evidence for over 2 years, mainly because of the nature of my background, if you knew who I was then you would understand."

Hmm. Somebody extremely important, obviously. Barack Obama? Hot Rod Blagojevich?

Anyway, just for the hell of it, because even a broken clock is right twice a day, De Void asked Ted Roe to take a look. Roe was a member of the National Aviation Reporting Center on Anomalous Phenomena team that published a media-ignored analysis of that event at:

http://www.narcap.org/reports/010/TR10_Case_18a.pdf.

Roe was skeptical from the first glaring inconsistency in the account, which stated the object was "well over 100 meters in length." Roe said in an e-mail that none of the confirmed eyewitnesses "described it as gigantic or even large."

There were numerous other problems, including the bluish sky on an overcast day, plus a lack of identifiable airport markers for context.

Bottom line: "I don't see anything of technical value as there is no movement, no distortion or anything else of useful interest... I do think that this is a hoax and the person who is fronting it has dug himself a deep hole and will probably not come forward to defend it in public."

Why is it that people with too much time on their hands always hoax UFOs? Why not show a little imagination and recreate leprechauns or gryphons or maybe even the return of the quagga?

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Pink Floyd Guitarist Supports McKinnon

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Fri, 27 Mar 2009 13:32:54 EDT
Archived: Fri, 27 Mar 2009 21:32:30 -0400
Subject: Pink Floyd Guitarist Supports McKinnon

<http://tinyurl.com/cabvdy>

Things just seem to continue to ramp up in the UK UFO arena.

Having a celebrity of legend like guitarist David Gilmour come to the fore in support of McKinnon is just another of the swell of UFO related news coming from the UK.

I've been saying for a while now that if any big UFO news comes out of a major country it will be Great Britain way before the United States kicks in. Combined with the releases of MoD documents, numerous sightings of late and now the support for McKinnon this moves UFOs way up to the top of the news list.

I'd suspect good ol' Nick Pope has got his hands full as well as the rest of the UK UFO community. In these unprecedented events of interest we should all support their efforts as best we can keeping a level head as they forge along.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com/blog

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From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Fri, 27 Mar 2009 14:39:58 -0300
Archived: Fri, 27 Mar 2009 21:36:12 -0400
Subject: Re: New O'Hare Video?

>From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Thu, 26 Mar 2009 18:56:14 -0400
>Subject: Re: New O'Hare Video?

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Thu, 26 Mar 2009 13:43:48 -0300
>>Subject: Re: New O'Hare Video?

>>>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>>>To: <post.nul>
>>>Date: Thu, 26 Mar 2009 08:29:10 -0400
>>>Subject: New O'Hare Video?

<snip>

>Several contributors of earlier posts argue that the video does
>not show the O'Hare ufo.

>Two comments at:

><http://tinyurl.com/cgq66k>

>support this contention and might be of interest here.

>"Wasn't it completely overcast that day? So why do I see some
>blue in the sky?"

>"Well, I was there. I saw it. This video is not what I or anyone
>who was really there saw in the air that day."

>The second comment is consistent with the info in the NARCAP
>report, and for me it has the ring of truth.

For both comments and some others that were in that Examiner
story. The Sky was solid overcast with 4 levels of cloud stacked
up many thousands of feet and it was near dark so the lightness
in the sky in the video is either due to over saturation or it
was just not shot at O'Hare. Nothing about the video leads me to
think it was shot at O'Hare at least not on the day and time in
question.

As to the second comment, come forward with your testimony, get
it on the record. The person who claims that many saw it but did
not report it has a responsibility to speak out. If however
their job is at stake then that is another matter.

It should be noted that United Airlines issued a company memo
forbidding anyone to discuss this case with the media. The memo
itself was illegal and United should have been censured for this
act. They had no right to trample on American First amendment
rights.

It would be interesting to know why Jon Hillenkotter did an
about face not long after he 'broke' the story-to the Chicago
Trib's good fortune-on New Years Day 2007.

Don Ledger

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>From: Stanton T Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Thu, 26 Mar 2009 21:57:22 -0300
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Even if I knew that the 'friendly nations' spy on each other, I
couldn't possibly tell anyone, though there is some evidence to
support that historically. I am still trying to find out through
FoIA who was responsible for the bugging of the EU offices in
2003 - see:

<http://tinyurl.com/cjniod>

Bearing in mind that at the time, there was a proposal to form a
'European Army' which raised strong objections from the USA on
the grounds that it would undermine the NATO alliance.

However, it would not necessarily require direct espionage on a
'friendly nation' - as I hinted at in my previous post, we
actively (and demonstrably) spy on many countries. Over 60
years, there is a good chance that we would have picked up on
say, Soviet intelligence reports about US interaction with
Extraterrestrials. Secrets don't stay secret for very long if
they are of military significance. History is littered with
cases of spies being caught after they passed on information,
for example, the 1999 Los Alamos/Wen Ho Lee case.

As for the notion of a parallel operation, I would suggest that
DI55 was it - there are references in the files at Sec(AS) to
the effect that Sec(AS) would not necessarily be told of the
outcome of DI55 investigations, and the Condign report (which by
the way was classified 'SECRET' since you appear to consid
rsuch things important) was not circulated to Sec(AS)'s
successor (DAS).

For there to be another as yet unknown 'UFO investigation
department', such an entity would require access to radar data
and it's own reporting network. How would reports from foreign
pilots reach such an invisible department? How could such a
department accomplish witness interviews and site surveys
without exposing themselves? Of course, 'absence of evidence is
not evidence of absence', but neither is it proof of existence.

That brings me nicely on to the redacted pages you are so fond
of waving around. What do they indicate? That ET is definitely
visiting this planet? Of course not, all they indicate is that
there is material in the documents which is considered
sensitive. That data could pretty well relate to anything,

including illegal overflights of intelligence-gathering aircraft over 'friendly nations', for example. It is only evidence that 'something' is hidden, not evidence of ET visitation which is your intended implication when you mention them. Another example of worthless ufological 'evidence'.

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>someone without a Need to know? Where is the Intelligence
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In the case of the Condign report, it wasn't released to DAS, but had to be released under the terms of the FoIA to two civilians with no military 'need to know'.

>Have government agencies in the UK never lied?

Yes, lies have been told in the UK by the authorities, including lies about what information was held. Being caught lying though can have serious consequences, including criminal prosecution and loss of employment and pension.

The other side of the coin is accidental leaks and whistle blowing, both of which have occurred in the UK, sometimes spectacularly such as Military laptops on sale on Ebay with sensitive and unencrypted data on the hard drives.

Again, what are the odds of sustaining a secret over 60 years with all of the deliberate espionage and leaks and accidental exposure? Especially something as controversial as ET visitation which would be bound to pique the conscience of a lot of people as to the validity of withholding such information.

All this makes me wonder what possible benefit hiding photographs would achieve (going back to the original question in this thread).

Cheers,

Joe

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Welcome to the club!

>Anyone who has taken the trouble to read them can hardly fail to
>conclude that the MOD has done everything to stay in the dark.

No disagreement from me, it's a view I have formed a long time ago. Their policy is almost unchanged since the Flying Saucer Working Party (if anything they have become less interested and active since then), see:

<http://www.uk-ufo.org/condign/modpolicy.html>

which describes the scaling-down of their involvement in the 1970s.

<snip>

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>one can be so thick as to find no interest in ET. So, somebody,
>somewhere, at a governmental level, must have dug deeper into
>the subject.

It's simply a matter of budgets and roles. Ufology is a bottomless pit in terms of expenditure, and if it is perceived as not being a military threat, then it is outside the remit of the military (in the UK at least).

When there are clear military threats like there were during the Cold War, the Republican terrorist campaign in Northern Ireland, the Falklands war, intervention in former Yugoslavia, Kosovo, and Africa, and now the operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, the military are unable to justify or afford any real effort in relation to UFOs, but they still have to maintain the appearance of keeping a watch on reports for the benefit of the public and the politicians.

>But, if the conspiracy theorists are wrong, we are all hoping
>that Britain will be the only victim of terminal myopia.

I think perhaps other people should take a look at the bigger picture...

>God save the Brits.

We're just waiting for the US cavalry to come riding in and save the world from 'them injuns',

Cheers ,

Joe

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My Thoughts On Roswell
By Jim DeManche
Director California UFO Research Society

On or around July 4, 1947 an object or objects, crashed on a ranchers field outside the small town of Roswell, New Mexico in the Southwest United States. Do I personally believe this happened? Yes I do. Was this object or objects extraterrestrial in origin? I believe it was.

There are two basic camps when it comes to Roswell; those who believe, and those who don't. To be fair, books written on the pro-side are: The Roswell Incident (1980), The UFO Crash at Roswell (1991), Crash at Corona (1992), The Truth About the UFO Crash at Roswell (1994), and The Roswell Encyclopedia (2000). On the con-side are: The Real Roswell Crash Cover-up (1997), and Roswell: Inconvenient Facts and the Will to Believe (2001).

There is no disputing the fact that an unknown or unidentified object, crashed to earth in July 1947 on a ranchers field in New Mexico. Some researchers and investigators have linked a crashed vehicle with dead or dying aliens to this same event. This may be true, or it may have been two individual events occurring in tandem. We have eye witness testimony, but no physical evidence.

What is so different about this case that has created such controversy for over fifty years? Quite honestly, its the truth! More than anything else the truth has been debated, argued, and written about endlessly. Why is this? Because there is no physical evidence available to be examined by today's modern scientific, forensic or legal community. Notice I said "no physical evidence is available", not "no physical evidence exists".

Do I believe physical evidence exists that could prove the extraterrestrial theory? Yes I do. The press release issued by 1st. Lieutenant Walter Haut on July 9, 1947, to the four media outlets in Roswell, New Mexico records the capture of a flying saucer! It is a fact of history. One only needs to remember, that the 509th Bomb Group at Roswell Army Air Force, supplied the Atomic Bombs that ended WWII. The press release about a flying saucer released by the same 509th Bomb Group was not an accident, or case of mistaken identity, but a fact!

See image 1 below:

In the United States of America, the testimony of two or more credible witnesses can send a person to prison for the remainder of their life! A person can even be convicted of murder, even if a body is never found or produced! This is commonly referred to

as "Circumstantial Evidence". So what is the circumstantial evidence in regard to Roswell?

Volumes have been written on the statements by witnesses. Taking into consideration variables for memory, the testimonies have remained for the most part consistent, whether you believe them or not. Most people who are honest, will not change the facts or the circumstances in their statements. Its only when ones dishonesty is exposed, that their story begins to change or fall apart under pressure. The governments story has changed from a "Weather Balloon" to "Project Mogul" to "Crash Dummies". You be the judge, its not the difficult.

In the summer of 2007, I had the great privilege to visit one-on-one with Jesse Marcel, Jr., the son of Major Jesse Marcel, Sr. from the 509th Bomb Group in Roswell. We were both at the 'Bay Area UFO Expo' in San Jose, California at the same time. Jesse Marcel, Jr. frankly and honestly described his experiences the night his father brought home the 'crash debris' from a ranchers field.

See image 2 below: Jesse Marcel Jr. (on the left) and Jim DeManche

Do I believe his father brought home extraterrestrial material from a crash site? Yes I do. Do I believe that in 1947 (young 12yr. old) Jesse Marcel, Jr. handled "mystery metal" that kept it's shape even when crushed in his hand? Yes I do. Do I believe that a small "I-Beam" type structure with unknown or alien symbols was handled by young Jesse Marcel, Jr? Yes I do.

See image 3 below: Jesse Marcel Sr.

After 30yrs. of Law Enforcement experience, I am very confident when determining the truthfulness or deception in someones testimony, story, or statement. Jesse Marcel, Jr. is telling the truth. And if he is telling the truth, then so are the majority of other witnesses telling the truth. So now you will have to determine for yourself, who is telling the lie? I highly recommend you read the book by Jesse Marcel, Jr. The Roswell Legacy (2007).

All things being equal, when you have eliminated all other possibilities, whatever is left, must be the truth
--Occam's Razor

Jim DeManche, Director
CUFORS - California UFO Research Society

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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There is one correction. Walter Haut's press release went out at about noon July 8, 1947, not July 9. It was carried by evening papers from Chicago west. The cover story went out about 4 hours later and appeared in the last edition of the Los Angeles Herald Express. July 9 papers all had the cover story (basically General Ramey empties Roswell saucer). The debunkers all try to ignore the July 8 stories. Another pro-Roswell book is Witness To Roswell.

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<http://radicalfilms.co.uk/>

March 27, 2009

Compilation Of NASA 'UFOs'

Some debris, a balloon. But just one has to be real. One. And this footage compilation is a drop in the ocean.

<http://radicalfilms.co.uk/2009/03/27/compilation-of-nasa-ufos/>

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Investigator Finds Mystery At Colorado Park

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Mar 27, 2009

UFO Investigator Finds Mystery At CO Springs Park
By Dave Philipps
The Gazette

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) -- UFO field investigator Chuck Zukowski likes to think of himself as a skeptic.

He won't throw his UFO detective gear in his truck (license plate: UFONUT) and drive out to the middle of nowhere just because someone says they saw a few glowing orbs over a field.

"Cattle mutilations I'll go out for, but orbs? They have to have some sort of documentation -- a photo, a video," he said recently as he pulled his Nissan Xterra up to Ute Valley Park.

There was something at the park he felt was definitely worth a closer look.

Zukowski is nationally known in sky-watching circles as a meticulous documenter of the unexplainable. In 20 years as a UFO investigator he has helped organize archaeological digs at UFO hot spots near Roswell, N.M. (Conclusion: Sites need more study.)

He has inspected a strange stone found in the New Mexico desert, expertly carved with a design that also appeared in a crop circle in England. (Conclusion: Stone needs more study.) He has appeared as an expert on the Sci Fi Channel and the super late-night paranormal radio show Coast to Coast a.m.

More importantly, he says he has seen UFOs himself.

Ask him when the black van is coming for him, and he chuckles and says, "I've seen them around."

Despite his license plate, Zukowski doesn't consider himself a nut.

"My thing is I'm always looking for proof," he said. "If something can be explained by science, great. But if it can't"

He trailed off, leaving listeners to infer their own silent replay of the theme from "The Twilight Zone."

Zukowski was at Ute Valley to investigate something strange -- maybe related to aliens, maybe not. He found two grotesque faces carved in the park's crumbly sandstone.

"These kids, teenagers, contacted me a while ago, (saying) they

saw lights hovering above the park on a number of occasions," he said, pushing through the scratchy brush while searching for the site.

Near the point where the kids said they saw the lights, Zukowski stumbled on the two faces carved into the stone.

One looks a bit like the grinning Janus mask that high school drama clubs always put on their T-shirts. The other's crude features looked a bit more tribal -- almost like an Easter Island head.

To the average park hiker, both seemed to be recently carved, probably by a contemporary neighbor, possibly while high.

But you don't get to be a nationally known UFO field investigator by settling for the most likely explanation.

"Sure, these could be recent," said Zukowski, who in his day job designs microchips for everything from cell phones to spy satellites. "But how do we know? How do we know until they are thoroughly investigated?"

He has brought rock art experts and a city parks official to the site. Both, he said, indicated they would get back to him, then never did. Frustrated, he e-mailed The Gazette, hoping to uncover some answers.

Zukowski doesn't think the carvings have anything to do with aliens -- at least directly.

They are more likely Ute, he said. "Though the style seems more Aztec or Mayan, so who knows?"

It may be an American Indian record of an extraterrestrial encounter. He even says the high neighbor theory is plausible. He wants scientists to take a look and decide for themselves.

"We just won't know until we study this more," he said.

For now, he'll keep Ute Valley in his unsolved mysteries file, right next to an incident that happened a few days later.

"I got a report a dark grayish triangular object was spotted last night flying SW to NE," he e-mailed. "I'm going to contact the sheriff's department this afternoon and see if anyone else called this in."

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Strange Lights Over Rendlesham

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Video Of Strange Lights Above Famous UFO Spot

More strange lights have been spotted over Suffolk - this time not far from the county's most famous UFO incident.

The fast-moving silent light was seen to move in a pattern over Rendlesham Forest before suddenly disappearing.

Ufologists claim the forest is still regularly visited by alien craft and is a portal to the stars, a sort of gateway by which spaceships can easily arrive and depart, and there have been many sightings in the area.

Supermarket delivery driver Justin Watson, of Ipswich, saw the latest unexplained light last week as he was travelling through the forest after making a delivery in Butley.

"As I was driving I looked into the sky to see a very bright light, what I thought was a star or very bright star/planet similar to Venus - however, I quickly noticed it was moving, at a medium speed across the sky," he said.

"There were no flashing lights around it and so, rather interested, I stopped on the verge and got out of my van to see if it was making a noise.

"I couldn't hear anything - even above the noise of the van running."

Mr Watson, a UFO enthusiast, thought the light could possibly be a helicopter but felt in the quiet of the forest he would have been able to have heard its engine.

"It was moving quite rapidly however seemed to change its course very slightly every few seconds, almost symmetrically," he said.

"I tried to follow it but I couldn't see it again after I moved off."

He said friends had seen a filmed what was thought to be a UFO over a music festival at Martlesham Heath last year - a video has been put on the You Tube web site - and also a fast-moving bright light above Norwich Road, Ipswich.

It was in 1980 that an alien spaceship was said to have landed close to the Woodbridge air base, an incident which sparked an investigation by the American air force and is also in Ministry of Defence records.

Did you see the light over Rendlesham? Tell us your UFO

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Re: More Secrets Revealed In New MoD Release

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>To: post.nul
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>>From: Stanton T Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 26 Mar 2009 21:57:22 -0300
>>Subject: Re: More Secrets Revealed In New MoD Release

><snip>

>>I don't see how the paragraphs show the MOD is in ignorance of
>>more data. Remember General Bolender's comment that reports of
>>UFOs which could effect national security are not part of the
>>Blue Book System. Are you suggesting that the MOD has spied on
>>the US and found all of these? Does the same MOD group
>>releasing >reports which don't effect national security, found
>the information about UFOs that is whited out on 160 pages of
>>NSA UFO material, or blacked out on pages of CIA UFO material?

>Even if I knew that the 'friendly nations' spy on each other, I
>couldn't possibly tell anyone, though there is some evidence to
>support that historically. I am still trying to find out through
>FoIA who was responsible for the bugging of the EU offices in
>2003 - see:

><http://tinyurl.com/cjnjod>

>Bearing in mind that at the time, there was a proposal to form a
>'European Army' which raised strong objections from the USA on
>the grounds that it would undermine the NATO alliance.

>However, it would not necessarily require direct espionage on a
>'friendly nation' - as I hinted at in my previous post, we
>actively (and demonstrably) spy on many countries. Over 60
>years, there is a good chance that we would have picked up on
>say, Soviet intelligence reports about US interaction with
>Extraterrestrials. Secrets don't stay secret for very long if
>they are of military significance. History is littered with
>cases of spies being caught _after_ they passed on information,
>for example, the 1999 Los Alamos/Wen Ho Lee case.

>As for the notion of a parallel operation, I would suggest that
>DI55 _was_ it - there are references in the files at Sec(AS) to
>the effect that Sec(AS) would not necessarily be told of the
>outcome of DI55 investigations, and the Condign report (which by
>the way was classified 'SECRET' since you appear to consider
>such things important) was not circulated to Sec(AS)'s
>successor (DAS).

>For there to be another as yet unknown 'UFO investigation
>department', such an entity would require access to radar data
>and it's own reporting network. How would reports from foreign
>pilots reach such an invisible department? How could such a
>department accomplish witness interviews and site surveys
>without exposing themselves? Of course, 'absence of evidence is
>not evidence of absence', but neither is it proof of existence.

>That brings me nicely on to the redacted pages you are so fond
>of waving around. What do they indicate? That ET is definitely
>visiting this planet? Of course not, all they indicate is that
>there is material in the documents which is considered
>sensitive. That data could pretty well relate to anything,
>including illegal overflights of intelligence-gathering aircraft
>over 'friendly nations', for example. It is only evidence that
>'something' is hidden, not evidence of ET visitation which is
>your intended implication when you mention them. Another example
>of worthless ufological 'evidence'.

>>Why would the MOD release TOP SECRET material, if it had any, to
>>someone without a Need to know? Where is the Intelligence
>>Community's UFO material? Many of the US government agencies
>>have certainly lied about UFOs as I have noted on my website in
>>an article Government UFO Lies.

>In the case of the Condign report, it wasn't released to DAS, but
>_had_ to be released under the terms of the FoIA to two civilians
>with no military 'need to know'.

>>Have government agencies in the UK never lied?

>Yes, lies have been told in the UK by the authorities, including
>lies about what information was held. Being caught lying though
>can have serious consequences, including criminal prosecution
>and loss of employment and pension.

>The other side of the coin is accidental leaks and whistle
>blowing, both of which have occurred in the UK, sometimes
>spectacularly such as Military laptops on sale on Ebay with
>sensitive and unencrypted data on the hard drives.

>Again, what are the odds of sustaining a secret over 60 years
>with all of the deliberate espionage and leaks and accidental
>exposure? Especially something as controversial as ET visitation
>which would be bound to pique the conscience of a lot of people
>as to the validity of withholding such information.

>All this makes me wonder what possible benefit hiding
>photographs would achieve (going back to the original question
>in this thread).

Sorry Joe, but when I wave the very heavily blacked out CIA UFO Documents and the very heavily whited out NSA UFO documents, I do not say this has anything at all to with whether or not some UFOs are of ET Origin. My point is that they prove government agencies are withholding UFO related information, despite claims to the contrary. Surely you don't believe all that redacted material is sources and methods information.

Many substantial secrets have been kept secret for decades. I discuss a number in "Flying Saucers and Science"... like 35 years for the Corona Spy Satellite which obtained more information about Soviet Military installations than all the U-2 flights that preceded it, or the NRO Poppy Satellites. That some secrets leak (sometimes intentionally with false info) doesn't mean all do.

Stan Friedman

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Sunday March 29, 2009

Kept 30 Years, Supposed UFO Piece Now 'For Sale'
By Rick McCrabb

Columnist

Sunday, March 29, 2009

MIDDLETOWN =97 It's been 30 years since Greg Kirby, of Middletown, lied to local police officers and federal agents when asked if he turned over all the unidentified pieces he found in Blue Ball.

Today, he doesn't sound scared: "Let them come and get me."

Or, as he said a bit later, "I hope I can get home safely without those guys in the dark sunglasses pulling me out of the car and throwing me in the back seat." He was only half-kidding.

Thirty years ago today, Kirby, then a 21-year-old minding his own business, found himself embroiled in the middle of controversy and UFO speculation when he watched a white-hot mystery object fall in Blue Ball.

Kirby was driving north on Old Ohio 25 about

7:30 p.m. on March 29, 1979, when he saw the fireball go down in a parking lot at the Robin Springs apartment complex.

After the pieces cooled off, he called Middletown police, and turned over "all" the items to Federal Aviation Administration officials.

Stories about the fireball mystery made headlines for several days in The Journal, Dayton Daily News and Cincinnati Enquirer. Kirby was interviewed by three local television stations and received a phone call from ABC News in New York.

"It was a mystery with capital letters," Kirby said.

A UFO buff from Maryland drove to Middletown and visited him, and a man from Kentucky asked Kirby if they were long-lost cousins.

Thirty years ago, Kirby said his only regret is that he didn't keep a piece of the metal as a memento.

Now he tells a different tale.

Kirby, 51, who calls himself "a hippie," recently came forward and admitted he still owns one lightweight piece =97 smaller than

a dime =97 and it's for sale. He said his mother recently gave him the item after his father, Thomas Kirby, a Franklin and Springboro attorney, passed away.

"Cha-ching, cha-ching," Kirby said when asked the item's value. "If this really is as rare as they say, and rarity is the key component of economic, this is worth a lot of money."

Kirby said a rich investor =97 he kept mentioning Bill Gates =97 may want to buy the item, then donate it to a university or space museum.

Kirby won't give it away.

"The bottom line," he said, "is it's for sale."

He wants someone =97 anyone =97 to definitely tell him the origin of the item.

"The one person I know who won't tell me works for the United States government," he said.

He recently spoke with a friend who worked for Aeronca Inc., a company that built airplanes in Middletown. The man specialized in honeycomb patterns and the man said he never had seen anything that resembled the item.

"That's what they all say," Kirby said.

When Kirby first discovered the items, he said many people didn't believe him.

"For many years," he said, "there was a lot of ridicule."

He was an admitted "prankster" who was known to set off cherry bombs from time to time.

Police, he said, knew him by his first name.

As Kirby told childhood tales, he smiled and said: "I wish these things would have been found by a carload of nuns. It would have been more credible."

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Plenty Of True Believers At 2009 UFO Symposium
By Brendan Giusti - The Daily Times

AZTEC =97 There are some people that believe and some that don't.

But for the panel of local speakers at the Aztec UFO 2009 Symposium Saturday, the encounters were real.

The speakers were the capstone of the annual two-day event, which in its 12th year, attracted more than 300 people from as far away as Hawaii and Alabama.

"A fear factor would keep a lot of people away," event planner Katee McClure said.

There's still a large stigma attached to anyone who speaks of encounters, she said.

Aztec resident Shirley McNall talked of abductions she has experienced while her husband was asleep.

"He doesn't wake up," she said. "It doesn't phase him."

Her family has experienced encounters with UFOs and aliens for three generations, McNall said.

One incident stood out for McNall.

In 1988, McNall woke up to a short creature with large brown eyes above her in bed, she said at the symposium Saturday.

"He stood and stared at me," McNall said. "He was probably 3 feet tall at the most."

The creatures' eyes looked sad, she said. And after a few moments, she said the creature walked through a shut door and vanished.

"I wasn't afraid," McNall said. "It was almost like I was drugged."

McNall said she has woken up with bruises on her arms and scratch marks from other abductions and encounters that she says typically occur in the middle of the night.

"I don't know who it is that comes and sees me in the middle of the night," she said.

The other two speakers talked of bright lights and large flying objects.

"I'm telling you there's some unusual things going on in the skies over Pagosa Springs," said Oscar Dominguez, a Pagosa Springs, Colo., resident, and speaker at the event. "I don't know what's going on, but I think something is."

Dominguez has seen UFOs in Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona and California. He also has spotted large objects that seemed to float in the sky near his home.

"I would sense things before I would see things," he said.

While Dominguez and McNall spoke of multiple encounters and sightings, Aztec resident H.F. Davis told the symposium attendees about one incident in the 1970s that killed a neighbor's horse.

Davis said that after he saw a series of circling bright lights in the sky, he discovered a neighbor's horse dead. The animal had precision incisions in its skin where something removed its organs and arteries, he said.

Though Davis' experience was an isolated incident, the three local speakers talked of recurring sightings in the Four Corners area.

"The nights seem to be filled with some unusual activity," Dominguez said.

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Fox TV Hosts Discussing UFOs

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Subject: Fox TV Hosts Discussing UFOs

Dear colleagues.

At the link below I have uploaded the Fox TV After The Show Show of March 29, where hosts discussed UFOs. During the discussion, the Roswell Incident and the O'Hare sighting were mentioned too.

Thanks to Grant Cameron for initial lead.

Link 1 - (adrive link will be available for the next 14 days):

<http://tinyurl.com/d9zdre>

Link 2 - Backup stable link:

<http://tinyurl.com/dgxptb>

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Best Wishes

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Forensic Analysis Note

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
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Subject: Forensic Analysis Note

Many of you deal with documents as do I. In order to confirm whether a document or object is legit we often use experts in the varied forensics field.

Starting off I'm talking about handwriting to validate if a signature or written piece is authentic. Luckily I found out a classmate of mine and his wife are some of the best in the world and even have a school where they train people. Bart has been on Larry King Live and other news and radio programs where he's been called upon to authenticate something. Tonight I found out that he and his wife and son are crazy into the paranormal and have been itching to get into examining objects and documents researchers in the field uncover.

They not only have experts in handwriting but also in all fields of forensics and are very nice people. It would be good to have honest, objective, experts that researchers could call upon. So I'm sending them to many of your websites to see your research and get studied up on what's been presented in UFOlogy. Getting lab work done can be very expensive and the horror stories of lost valuable objects and documents I'm all too familiar with.

Maybe I can get Bart and his wife to explain how the process is done. They're often busy with corporate, legal, and law enforcement projects along with their school, but their interest in such topics as UFOology really surprised me considering their high brow connections. At first I thought they would laugh when I mentioned how there are thousands of cases of physical evidence and documentation and signatures that researchers have brought forth and how many go unexamined due to either funding or fear of loss of the evidence.

What would be useful is if you all could list what you require as professional researchers and scientists from a forensics lab and some of your best and worst experiences. It would be a help so that Bart could see what you're up against.

I did mention the case of the Harry Truman signature and they were all fired up to look into that one. Hopefully they can add some real professional service to the UFOlogy field.

Best,

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>Secrets don't stay secret for very long if
>they are of military significance.

While it is true to say that all the secrets we know about are no longer secret, this does not mean that we know all the secrets that there are. All spies do not get caught, and some spies can never be acknowledged as such (or the full extent of their activities revealed) even after some of their activities pass into the public domain.

Sometimes we have to piece together the story from fragments of information that don't make much sense until a set of connections is accidentally discovered or painstakingly uncovered.

These are such elementary truths that I am genuinely surprised that they need to be stated, but in the light of the above assertion it appears that they do.

<Snip>

>All this makes me wonder what possible benefit hiding
>photographs would achieve (going back to the original question
>in this thread).

Given your predilection for the mundane, I am surprised that one obvious explanation eludes you: photographic evidence might be considered by the public to be so persuasive that there would be a demand for more and better investigation, and also for answers which the authorities already know they are ill-equipped to deliver.

--

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Mon, 30 Mar 2009 08:06:57 +0000 (GMT)
>Subject: Fox TV Hosts Discussing UFOs

>At the link below I have uploaded the Fox TV After The Show Show
>of March 29, where hosts discussed UFOs. During the discussion,
>the Roswell Incident and the O'Hare sighting were mentioned too.

>Thanks to Grant Cameron for initial lead.

>Link 1 - (adrive link will be available for the next 14 days):

><http://tinyurl.com/d9zdre>

Interesting that this was on the Internet only, and not on their
broadcast.

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From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Mon, 30 Mar 2009 12:20:58 -0400
Archived: Mon, 30 Mar 2009 13:42:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Forensic Analysis Note

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Mon, 30 Mar 2009 04:36:45 EDT
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>Many of you deal with documents as do I. In order to confirm
>whether a document or object is legit we often use experts in
>the varied forensics field.

>Starting off I'm talking about handwriting to validate if a
>signature or written piece is authentic. Luckily I found out a
>classmate of mine and his wife are some of the best in the world
>and even have a school where they train people. Bart has been on
>Larry King Live and other news and radio programs where he's
>been called upon to authenticate something. Tonight I found out
>that he and his wife and son are crazy into the paranormal and
>have been itching to get into examining objects and documents
>researchers in the field uncover.

>They not only have experts in handwriting but also in all fields
>of forensics and are very nice people. It would be good to have
>honest, objective, experts that researchers could call upon. So
>I'm sending them to many of your websites to see your research
>and get studied up on what's been presented in UFOlogy. Getting
>lab work done can be very expensive and the horror stories of
>lost valuable objects and documents I'm all too familiar with.

>Maybe I can get Bart and his wife to explain how the process is
>done. They're often busy with corporate, legal, and law
>enforcement projects along with their school, but their interest
>in such topics as UFOlogy really surprised me considering their
>high brow connections. At first I thought they would laugh when
>I mentioned how there are thousands of cases of physical
>evidence and documentation and signatures that researchers have
>brought forth and how many go unexamined due to either funding
>or fear of loss of the evidence.

>What would be useful is if you all could list what you require
>as professional researchers and scientists from a forensics lab
>and some of your best and worst experiences. It would be a help
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Date: Mon, 30 Mar 2009 14:01:46 -0400
Archived: Tue, 31 Mar 2009 07:36:43 -0400
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Fay Sharpe (18) got more than she bargained for when she was trying to find her friends in her neighbourhood of Bethnal Green, East London on the online map =96 and came across some unidentified flying objects in the sky above Wolverley Street.

She told 'The Sun': =93I was checking out the road to see if I could spot my mates. I thought it looked very strange and zoomed in.

"I thought it was some planes but they look pretty close together for that. Maybe they are UFOs."

Ufologist Nick Pope is excited about the picture: =93It appears to show nine objects flying in near perfect formation.

"About the only thing I know that can do this is the Red Arrows - and it's not them."

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Date: Tue, 31 Mar 2009 15:45:45 +0200
Archived: Tue, 31 Mar 2009 09:55:00 -0400
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Yes, having a resource like a professional in forensics around who
isn't going to charge through the roof is a plus side for this field
of research.

I'm surprised at the numbers of emails I've gotten so far
regarding it.

Every bit helps in doing research. Every tidbit leads one step
closer to answering a mystery. Sometimes it's a new witness like
I've gotten recently in a case that's plagued me for decades.
Other times it's someone being able to gather soil samples or
recover stains from clothing.

We use so much electronic communications now, physical documents
might be hard to come by. In the old days there were documents
all over the place. Testing them for authenticity is a big plus
in a court of law and perhaps science too.

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Archived: Tue, 31 Mar 2009 10:56:59 -0400
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Source: Phil Plait's Bad Astronomy Blog - New York, New York, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/c5o9qz>

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[Many links in article]

So, You Wanna Be A Skeptic?

If you read this blog, chances are you're skeptical about something. Maybe you think all psychics are frauds, or Jenny McCarthy is a massive health threat, or homeopathy is killing people who should be taking real medicine, or the 911 Truthers are full of it. I'm sure there's some form of bad thinking out there that sticks in your craw. And maybe, like me and many, many other folks, you've had enough.

Knowing that stuff, reading about it, is a whole lot different than getting off your keister and doing something about it. If you've got the itch, the need, the desire, the passion to get up and do something about all the nonsense facing the world, what can you do?

What's the next step?

I'm glad you asked. Daniel Loxton, a long-time skeptical activist, gathered together a dozen other go-getters to create a guide for people who want to fight the good fight. Called "What Do I Do Next?" (PDF), it's chock full of advice to get you off your sofa and into the action. It has tons of great information for you, with details on how you can accomplish your goals. There's also an online Quick Reference Guide, a shorter version if you're impatient like me. The bulleted list has just the facts with quickie advice. There's also a Skeptical Activism page on Skeptics.com, and a forum where you can interact with other like-minded folks.

Let me ask you a question: who are your skeptical heroes? Randi? Genie Scott? Michael Shermer? Penn&Teller? Barbara Forrest?

Do you think these folks have always been giants in their field? No. They started off just like you and me. Intelligent, curious, reality-based people who, one day, had had enough. So they did something about it. That's what Robert Lancaster did. That's what Tim Farley did. That's what Rebecca Watson did.

They did something, and they're making a difference. So can you. Get involved.

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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