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Date: Tue, 31 Mar 2009 12:28:39 -0400  
Archived: Wed, 01 Apr 2009 07:39:14 -0400  
Subject: Re: Forensic Analysis Note

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>To: [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 31 Mar 2009 10:44:58 EDT  
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>>To: <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 30 Mar 2009 14:01:46 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Forensic Analysis Note

>>Another important document would be the Cutler-Twining Memo  
>>which mentioned the MJ-12 SSP - Special Studies Project. The  
>>original, carbon copy is still at the National Archives. I have  
>>slide photos of it made at the Archives back in the late 1980's.

>Yes! That came to mind but I'd thought it was already examined.

>I'm starting to recall several important documents ufologists  
>had uncovered and had examined. We could probably get a mess of  
>docs analyzed.

The original carbon copy document has never been analyzed.

Back in 1988 (?) the Fund For UFO Research arranged with a  
document examiner of note in the DC area to analyze the C-T  
memo. He wanted \$3K for the analysis and back when the Fund was  
'rich' we decided we could afford it.

Catch: the document had to be taken to his analysis facility  
\_but\_ the Archives wouldn't let it out of the building!

This, in spite of the admission by the Archives that they didn't  
know where it came from and decided that it was probably a hoax.

So the original has never been properly examined.

The document should be tested for aging around the edges and to  
determine whether or not it had been typed in 1954 or in the  
1980's.

The story of the chance discovery of the document and the  
subsequent analysis is told in Chapter 5 of Top Secret/MAJIC by  
Stan Friedman - Marlowe, 1966.

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From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 31 Mar 2009 12:36:47 -0400  
Archived: Wed, 01 Apr 2009 07:41:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Picture Shows 'Aliens' Flying Over London

>Source: Bild Magazine - Germany

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

>March 30 2009

>[image]

>Bizarre Picture Shows 'Aliens' Flying Over London!

>London's about to be invaded by aliens - at least that's what it  
>looks like in a bizarre picture taken from Google's Street View  
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>A British woman found the spooky image of a whole group of UFOs  
>in the sky after the new Google service was launched last week.

>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 and came across some  
>unidentified flying objects in the sky above Wolverley Street.

>She told 'The Sun': I 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: It 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."

This array of objects make me think of an array of lights on a ceiling. IF the picture were taken through a window one may think of a reflection of something inside the room being superimposed on the image of the sky. However, the objects are clearly darker than their immediate surrounding, i.e., darker than the sky. Hence they cannot be reflections of something bright (or something dark) inside the room from which the picture was taken.

It would appear that (assuming not a hoax) the picture shows real objects in the sky. Don't know what travels in an imperfect "waffle" or "gridiron" array like that.

Nope. Not pelicans!

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Date: Tue, 31 Mar 2009 17:47:27 +0100  
Archived: Wed, 01 Apr 2009 08:42:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Picture Shows 'Aliens' Flying Over London

>From: Steven Kaeser <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
>To: <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 31 Mar 2009 10:47:16 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Picture Shows 'Aliens' Flying Over London

>>From: Diana Cammack <[cammack.nul](mailto:cammack.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>>Date: Tue, 31 Mar 2009 15:45:45 +0200  
>>Subject: Re: Picture Shows 'Aliens' Flying Over London

>>My son, an IT guy, tells me that Google is doing this on  
>>purpose, as an advertising ploy, and that once noticed, these  
>>'additions' get removed from their 'maps'...

>Diana,

>I'm an IT guy and would love to know where you son got that  
>information. Somehow I suspect that Google doesn't need the  
>adverse publicity that would follow an admission of image  
>manipulation like that.

If you look at the image you will see that the UFO 'formation'  
appears in a patch of the image which seems rather more hazy  
than the surroundings. You can see this more obviously where the  
patch overlaps the lamp-post.

I wonder if this is some artifact of the imaging process? If it  
was you might expect to see more elsewhere.

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John Rimmer

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>year.

Greg,

How are forensic experts going to deal with the issue of  
provenance?

Some of the problem is that the documents are dropped from the  
sky, so to speak, and proving its validity goes beyond the  
content, stamps and signatures.

As Friedman has found, those factors that some would use to  
support or disprove a document's validity are often not  
consistent in real life.

Steve

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It's a pretty sloppy looking Diamond Nine formation. It is certainly not perfect. Suggest a formation of prop driven Warbirds practicing. Looks like airplanes to me even though what I get is blurry.

Don Ledger

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Date: Tue, 31 Mar 2009 15:15:25 -0700  
Archived: Wed, 01 Apr 2009 09:50:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Picture Shows 'Aliens' Flying Over London

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Date: Tue, 31 Mar 2009 23:33:29 EDT  
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Subject: Re: Forensic Analysis Note

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>To: [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 30 Mar 2009 04:36:45 EDT  
>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.

Well I'm bowled over.

After I posted this bit of info to the list I got several emails  
from researchers looking to get their documents analyzed.

My pal Bart Baggett it turns out is the man in this field of  
research. I didn't know he'd appeared on so many shows from  
Larry King Live to America's Most Wanted and even Howard Stern.  
You can see Bart's website at [www.bartbaggett.com](http://www.bartbaggett.com).

Bart explained to me the rigorous methods of doing forensics and  
it is brutally extensive and should be.

So as we get researchers and their projects going I'm sure  
there'll be some awesome surprises yet to come.

Best,

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

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From: Nick Pope <[nick.nul](mailto:nick.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 1 Apr 2009 15:09:29 +0200 (CEST)  
Archived: Wed, 01 Apr 2009 15:45:00 -0400  
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<snip>

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<snip>

Much could probably be done by organisations such as the UK's  
Forensic Science Service:

<http://www.forensic.gov.uk/html/>

<http://www.forensic.gov.uk/html/services/>

<http://tinyurl.com/c45not>

Best wishes,

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

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## Scientific Theory Explains All UFO Phenomena

From: Chris Rutkowski <[canadianuforeport.nul](mailto:canadianuforeport.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 1 Apr 2009 09:42:29 -0500  
Archived: Wed, 01 Apr 2009 15:50:00 -0400  
Subject: Scientific Theory Explains All UFO Phenomena

Fellow ufologists and UFO UpDaters

By popular request, here is the link to our scientific theory that explains all UFO phenomena, the Alien Incompetency Theory: <http://bit.ly/BD1kg>

And here's a link to a document which clears up many misunderstandings about UFOs and ufology: <http://bit.ly/aiRe>

Take that! Alfred Lehmberg!

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>The original carbon copy document has never been analyzed.

>Back in 1988 (?) the Fund For UFO Research arranged with a  
>document examiner of note in the DC area to analyze the C-T  
>memo. He wanted \$3K for the analysis and back when the Fund was  
>'rich' we decided we could afford it.

>Catch: the document had to be taken to his analysis facility  
>\_but\_ the Archives wouldn't let it out of the building!

>This, in spite of the admission by the Archives that they didn't  
>know where it came from and decided that it was probably a hoax.

>So the original has never been properly examined.

>The document should be tested for aging around the edges and to  
>determine whether or not it had been typed in 1954 or in the  
>1980's.

>The story of the chance discovery of the document and the  
>subsequent analysis is told in Chapter 5 of Top Secret/MAJIC by  
>Stan Friedman - Marlowe, 1966.

Doc, I was talking to Bart my classmate and he mentioned the  
detailed way they analyze the physical document itself much like  
one would do to bone or cloth etc..

For a situation like this carbon copy it would take special  
approaches and of course part of the document would have to be  
destroyed for the analysis. maybe just a scraping of the carbon  
itself would be sufficient but I don't know.



Lab analysis can be expensive but considering the importance of the documents in question perhaps some of the networks could sponsor the research in order to do an exclusive show about them.

If just one of the documents mentioned is authenticated that changes the entire sphere of research. If invalidated it just means moving on to the continued search.

Whatever, the documents must be professionally analyzed to put things to rest so we can move on to either more research and/or pushing for official disclosure.

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>As Friedman has found, those factors that some would use to  
>support or disprove a document's validity are often not  
>consistent in real life.

Steve, I'm sure establishing provenance is part of the process  
or they wouldn't even begin to examine them.

The process is so stringent it boggles the mind. I'm learning

more about it from my classmate Bart and I got worn out just listening to how he does it. There are multiple failsafes and cross examinations and he demands a very conservative approach. Considering he's been called to provide analysis for major court cases I'm sure all the t's and i's are crossed and dotted as the science and law requires.

Best,

Greg  
ufomafia.com/blog

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>Date: Tue, 31 Mar 2009 12:28:39 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Forensic Analysis Note

>>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>>To: [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
>>Date: Tue, 31 Mar 2009 10:44:58 EDT  
>>Subject: Re: Forensic Analysis Note

>>>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
>>>To: <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
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The first edition of TSM was in 1997. The second was in 2005  
with an added 5000 words.

My Flying Saucers And Science includes a copy of a check for  
\$1,000 to me from Phil Klass for providing more than 10  
documents meeting all his criteria from the NSC and using the  
same size and style Pica type as the CT memo. He had never been  
to the Eisenhower Library and thought his 9 samples of elite  
type were good enough to conclude that all 250,000 NSC documents

were done in elite type.

He told many people about challenging me, but almost none about paying me. There is much more about the CT memo including the quote from the GAO about their finding classified documents using the unconventional TOP SECRET RESTRICTED security marking

Stan Friedman

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>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
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>>>>Doc, I was talking to Bart my classmate and he mentioned the  
>>>>detailed way they analyze the physical document itself much like  
>>>>one would do to bone or cloth etc..

>>>>For a situation like this carbon copy it would take special

>approaches and of course part of the document would have to be  
>destroyed for the analysis. maybe just a scraping of the carbon  
>itself would be suffiencient but I don't know.

>Lab analysis can be expensive but considering the importance of  
>the documents in question perhaps some of the networks could  
>sponsor the research in order to do an exclusive show about  
>them.

>If just one of the documents mentioned is authenticated that  
>changes the entire sphere of research. If invalidated it just  
>means moving on to the continued search.

>Whatever, the documents must be professionally analyzed to put  
>things to rest so we can move on to either more research and/or  
>pushing for official disclosure.

>If one of these documents is authenticated that means the  
>government is going to have to fess up once and for all.

FYI:

I already analyzed this document and the watermark is not tagged  
to indicate the series. Typically a dash or dot is placed  
progressively under one of the letters from left to right -  
representing the series cycle: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.

Since no dash was placed under/around any of the letters in the  
water mark that I could detect and since the Dandy Roll  
manufacturer conducted historical research on my behalf to  
confirm that such a dating process was not instituted for this  
particular water mark, it was ultimately inconclusive in the  
end.

Additionally, since the Dandy Roll can survive upwards of 20  
years, even if we could identify the watermark as being pre-  
1954, the carbon paper could still have been manufactured 20  
years later.

In case anyone was wondering, Carbon 14 dating is not practical  
for such a recent document nor could it discriminate at the  
level required.

The first task is to locate other documents from the same office  
and typist from the same day or week in question and show that  
indeed "Fox River" water mark was used.

2nd, if the above shows promise, one would have to conduct  
analysis through physical destruction of the Document as Greg  
indicated. Getting permission may be granted since they seem to  
feel the document is a fake - but to my knowledge this would be  
a first if granted.

One suggestion I've made is chromatography of the chemical  
components of the ink as they bled into the surrounding regions  
- the farther that progression, the older the document. This  
would have been ideal in the 1980's when it was discovered. But,  
this may also prove inconclusive since the temperature and  
environmental factors of the storage between two comparative  
documents may not be established with certainty. Such factors  
could advance the ion migration in one document while retarding  
it in another.

In 1985 such a test may have yielded the required signature:  
Basically, not much of the chemicals would have had a chance to  
migrate into the surrounding paper if recently faked.

The other option is the carbon ink itself. If enough is known  
about certain carbon inks, then a GC/MS analysis of the inks  
themselves could be identifying enough. But, there are ways to  
fool that too . . .

If some one has the money I'd be happy to continue with my  
analysis. Contact me here if you wish to continue with this  
analysis effort.

But, please do not contact a forensic analyst because what I've  
already told you is above their normal mode of operation. I've  
talked with several of the best who approved of my proposal and  
what I'd already done but in all honesty would simply tell you

the cold hard facts and not accept the case because of all the required work and hurdles to overcome. Sure they'll take your 3,000 but what I've already done is at least worth \$10,000.

Other analysis options are available...

Golubik

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Monday, March 30, 2009

Depends On How You 'Say' It  
By Billy Cox

You can find some of the all-time great tombstones languishing in Key West Cemetery. They're noted not merely for the pompous spectacles the deceased have created of themselves, but also for what appear to be posthumous darts leveled by their survivors.

Interjected here and there beneath the names and dates of the decedents' lives are the selective and vaguely sardonic applications of quotation marks. There may be legitimate reasons for putting "Poet", "Father", and "Writer" in quotes to summarize a legacy, but to the cynical among us, those devices reek of insincerity.

That's why insights into at least one aspect of a UFO case that's been bugging North Carolina researcher Scott Ramsey for more than 20 years might come down to punctuation.

The issue is an Oct. 5, 1950, report generated by a district commander of the Air Force Office of Special Investigations to his boss in Washington. Declassified in 1975, this one details an attempt to bust a guy offering to sell state secrets - in this case, photos from an alleged UFO crash scene at Aztec, N.M., in 1948.

The censorship on this two-page report, slugged "Purchase Offer of Flying Saucer Photographs", is a joke from the get-go. Although the identities of the two principle characters are blacked out in the main body of the text, their names - L.D. McLaughlin and "an individual named Cline", according to the report - aren't redacted upon first reference.

Briefly, in September 1950, McLaughlin met Cline at a Denver hotel and offered to sell him UFO pix for \$1,500. Cline then alerted authorities, who pounced on McLaughlin.

Government agents noted that "in spite of his denials, his manner indicated that he had some knowledge of the incident or may have taken pictures of it." But the OSI evidently bought McLaughlin's defense that he was drunk when he spoke with Cline. It appears as if the USAF let the matter drop.

But Ramsey wanted to know more about Cline's role in this affair. After all, the document described him as from - and this part is in direct quotes, like "Poet" and "Father" in Key West - "The Baltimore Sun".

Ramsey spent hours on the horn with researchers at the paper, hoping to understand how the story turned out, and why a

reporter working on a project of this potential magnitude would blow his lead to federal agents first. Ramsey passed along different potential spellings of Cline's name. His liaison at The Sun "went through every archive they could locate", Ramsey reported in an e-mail. "Only Cline was Lawrence Cline, died 1929, and a Donald Klien that did not start until July 1957 and left in January 1969." And there was no story, to boot.

Given the multiple bureaucracies aroused by McLaughlin, Ramsey, who's completing a book on the Aztec mystery, is left with a legitimate question: "How did the FBI, Army CID, and the Air Force OSI get duped by one person?"

Well, just remember our large-scale intelligence failures in 1950. Even as Chinese artillery was pounding the hell out of U.S. positions across the Yalu River, the CIA was telling the White House that China had no plans to invade the Korean peninsula.

This "Cline" guy was probably just another 'patriot'.

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## Seven Wonders Of The Ufological World

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Nova Scotia, Canada

<http://tinyurl.com/czcxk3>

Tuesday, March 31, 2009

The Seven Wonders Of The Ufological World

One of the best things that happened to the UFO scene in 2008 was the arrival of Stuart Miller's magazine Alien Worlds. Alas, the magazine only lasted four issues, but in that time Stuart gave a number of writers the opportunity to talk about UFOs from some very interesting perspectives. I was one of those writers, and I'm proud to have been part of Stuart's adventure. Of the four columns I wrote, the following was my favourite. I've edited it slightly, only to take account of the passage of time.

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Above And Beyond  
By Paul Kimball

The Seven Wonders Of The Ufological World

To many people, the UFO subject is a super-secret, paradigm-altering, world-changing excuse to be Grade A sticks-in-the-mud. Who are they? Well, you'll know them when you see them, or more likely hear or read them, because they never get out and experience the real world. The rest of us, however, realize that you can study the UFO phenomenon seriously, and have some fun at the same time, and the world will not come to an end.

In my opinion, one of the best ways to enjoy oneself is travel. I figure that if the "real world" can have "Seven Wonders", the world of UFOs and ufology can have its own "Seven Wonders" - places that everyone interested in the subject of UFOs should visit before they shuffle off of this mortal coil. Some are related to actual UFO cases, some are related to the cultural phenomenon that is ufology, but all are worthwhile visits.

#7  
The Aetherius Society HQ - Los Angeles, California, USA

You may not have heard of the Aetherius Society, which is a shame, because they're an interesting bunch (featured prominently in the classic 1992 documentary Farewell Good Brothers). The organization was founded by the late George King in London in 1955 as the result of what King claimed were contacts with advanced extraterrestrial intelligences. The group's tax exempt status was recognized by the US in 1960, which was decades before the recognition of Scientology, and a decade before Rael hit the scene, which makes the Aetherians the first UFO- religion. Through what they call Operation Prayer Power, they claim to be able to store prayer energy in a

Spiritual Power Battery. This spiritual energy, invoked through prayer, can be directed under tremendous concentration and released at a later date to areas of the world in need=85 or so they claim. The great thing is that every Thursday night, whether you believe or not, you can pop by their headquarters and participate in Operation Prayer Power! Also, since 1955 the Aetherius Society has offered free "Spiritual Healing" treatments to all who request it. They claim that this is a natural healing method, based on ancient principles of metaphysical science, to bring relief to those who need it. Who knows? You may even be able to commune with one of the Space Brothers. If not, their Los Angeles HQ is only a few minutes from Hollywood Boulevard, where you can always find some strange creatures!

# 6  
International UFO Museum - Roswell, New Mexico, USA

Personally, I don't really like Roswell =96 the UFO case, or the city. I think the focus on the Roswell case by UFO researchers has been bad for the serious study of the phenomenon as a whole. As for the city, let's just say that if aliens did come down in that area, it must have been a crash, because I can't imagine that they would have picked Roswell =96 either then or now - as a tourist destination. It's harmless enough, mind you, in the "United States has a thousand other cities like this" kind of way, but there's nothing special about it, especially in a state where the much more interesting places to visit, such as Taos and Santa Fe, and even Albuquerque, are father north. Still, it's Roswell, which has become, much to my chagrin, the Holy Grail of ETH-centric ufology, so a trip there is probably going to satisfy that group, as well as conspiracy theorists. The best place to start is the International UFO Museum, which takes UFO kitsch and runs with it, but in a way that doesn't make you feel dirty when you leave. The good news is that the time to visit Roswell is in the traditional summer vacation month of July, when the UFO festival is in full swing =96 it still attracts a fairly large crowd, and is a fun event. The bad news is that the worst time to visit Roswell, unless you like extremely hot and uncomfortable weather, is also in July (and August), so if unremitting heat isn't your thing, you might want to skip the festivities and pop by in the fall.

# 5  
International UFO Congress Convention & Film Festival - Aquarius Casino & Resort, Laughlin, Nevada, USA

Next to the Colorado River on the Nevada / Arizona border, Laughlin, Nevada is a town that I like to call "mini-Vegas" =96 it has casinos and hotels and glitz, but not so much in the way of glamour=85. which is why I find it charming. That, and the fact that in late February and early March you can travel to Laughlin and hang out for a full week at the Aquarius Casino and Hotel with hundreds of other UFO-buffs, believers, aficionados, and the occasional skeptic, at the annual Convention & Film Festival of the International UFO Congress. At the 2007 conference, if you wandered down to the hotel bar late at night (or more likely early in the morning), you might have been able to have a few drinks with former MoD UFO guru Nick Pope, abduction kingpin Budd Hopkins, Rendlesham investigator and raconteur extraordinaire Peter Robbins, author Richard Dolan, or even yours truly. While the Convention features its fair share of speakers who are evidentially-challenged (including the obligatory bunch of Billy Meier hoax supporters), it's a week with good-natured people who share an interest in fantastic stories, and maybe even a bit of truth. The film festival features some pretty good stuff, as well as some laughably bad groaners, and the closing gala is always a good time. Also, if you have a car, pop across the state border and over the mountains to Kingman, Arizona, which is the starting point for a nice hour-long jaunt along legendary Route 66, and which is where a crashed UFO was supposedly recovered by the USAF in the 1953 (the locals love it when you ask about that). Best of all, a ten minute drive will take you up into the mountains, where you can pull off to the side of the road, park the car, sit on the hood, and stare into the clear-as-a-bell night sky looking for UFOs!

# 4

UFO Landing Pad - St. Paul, Alberta, Canada

In honour of Canada's 100th anniversary as an independent nation, the town of St. Paul, Alberta, decided to do something special in 1967 =96 indeed, it was something so special that it might even be said to be out of this world! The good citizens undertook, as a privately-funded centennial project, to build the world's first UFO landing pad! Dedicated at the time by the Deputy Prime Minister of Canada, and visited since by myriad dignitaries, including Queen Elizabeth II and Mother Theresa, the landing pad has endured for over forty years as a symbol of the hopes of St. Paul's residents for a better tomorrow=85 and as a pretty unique tourist attraction! In 1993 the town added a flying-saucer shaped building which serves as St. Paul's Chamber of Commerce, which should make it a first stop for any extraterrestrials stopping by Earth to check on trade opportunities. In 1996, an addition was built to the existing Tourist Information Center to house a UFO Interpretive Display, which shows photographs of UFOs, crop circles and cattle mutilations. Purchased from the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies, it even shows ingenious methods to hoax the public, and is one of the two such displays in North America. What makes all of this even weirder is that St. Paul is also the home of Fern Belzil, a retired cattle rancher who is Canada's leading cattle mutilation investigator. Pop by the Restaurant Chezlyne for lunch, and you may just catch Belzil there, always ready to chat about cattle mutes=85 although you might want to wait until after you have your hamburger!

# 3

Rendlesham Forest - Woodbridge, United Kingdom

Not only is Rendlesham Forest the site of one of the most famous UFO cases of the 20th century (it was voted #3 in my film Best Evidence: Top 10 UFO Sightings), but it's also a genuinely creepy place that has supposedly been home to all sorts of other weird incidents, from devil dogs to ghosts. Make your way to the charming town of Woodbridge, and then head out to the Forest, which is a few miles away. There you will find a UFO walking trail that takes you past the key places from the classic 1980 case, including the old Bentwaters airbase. As I said, the Forest is still very spooky, even if it isn't the same as it was at the time of the UFO incident due to damage wrought by a subsequent hurricane. The wind whistles through the trees, and it's no stretch to say that if you're there anytime near dusk you don't want to be alone! Even better, if you get lucky like I did when I was there in May, 2006, you'll get buzzed by a black helicopter, which will come in low and tight over the treetops - the sound echoes throughout the Forest as it approaches, which was actually pretty unnerving. There's a nice campground right next to the Forest that can serve as an overnight place to stay near all of the action for the really adventurous. Who knows - if you wander into the Forest at night, maybe you'll run into whatever Charles Halt and his men ran into almost three decades ago!

# 2

Area 51 - southern Nevada, USA

Area 51 is a remote tract of land in southern Nevada. Situated on the southern shore of a dry lakebed is a large military airfield, one of the most secretive places in the world. The base, which lies within the United States Air Force's vast Nevada Test and Training Range, has as its primary purpose the development and testing of experimental aircraft and weapons systems. Other names used for the facility include Dreamland and Groom Lake. The intense secrecy surrounding the base, the very existence of which the US Government barely acknowledges, has led it to become the frequent subject of conspiracy theories and UFO stories, thanks to the tall tales of people like Bob Lazar and Dan Burisch, many of which hold that the base contains crashed alien spacecraft, and even extraterrestrial beings, one of whom was supposedly named J-Rod. Of course, given the uber-secret nature of the base, you can't actually get on it to have a look (and if you try the use of deadly force is authorized), but you can drive around the outskirts on the Extraterrestrial Highway, where you can make a stop in Rachel, Nevada, to visit the Little A'Le'Inn, which contains a small motel, gift shop and

restaurant, where locals will regale visitors with stories of little green men=85 or grey men=85 or tall whites=85 or=85 well, you get the picture. Finally, if you really want a good bird's eye view of Area 51, take a trip to the top of the Stratosphere Tower on the Las Vegas Strip. At 350 metres, the Tower is the tallest free-standing structure in Nevada, and the second-tallest free-standing structure in the United States west of the Mississippi River, and is capped by the Top of the World restaurant, a rotating flying-saucer shaped section from where you can get a great view of the areas surrounding Sin City, including, on a clear night, Area 51. Who knows what you'll see flying around?

# 1  
The Integratron & Giant Rock - Landers, California, USA

For many in ufology, the Contactees were simply frauds and con artists. For some others, their stories were real, and they actually came in contact with aliens from other worlds. To me, they are best described as UFO performance artists =96 harmless, entertaining, and in a few cases true UFO bards, spinning fantastic tales that would have wowed the folks at King Arthur's court. I don't for a minute believe that they had actual contact with aliens, but I also don't discount the possibility that a few might have had some experience, maybe even with aliens, any more than I discount the possibility that someone who tells me they felt the Holy Spirit might have had a real experience. Who can say? As with all things essentially spiritual, I remain a hopeful agnostic. Regardless, there is little doubt that the Contactee Movement had a profound effect on the development of ufology, and how the general public came to view the UFO phenomenon. From a cultural and sociological standpoint, it is an important piece of American history, in that it tells us a great deal about the people and attitudes of the 1950s and early 1960s. One of the most important Contactees was George Van Tassel, who in 1954 commenced building - but never quite completed - the Integratron, in the desert town of Landers, California. It was supposedly a domed time/energy machine based partially upon the theories of Nikola Tesla that was created to recharge and rejuvenate people's cells, at the behest of an advanced entity with whom Van Tassel claimed to communicate telepathically. Not far away, Van Tassel lived at Giant Rock, which is exactly what the name indicates =96 a giant rock in the middle of the desert. Van Tassel hosted The Giant Rock Spacecraft Convention annually beside the Rock, from 1953 to 1978, a gathering that at its peak in 1959 attracted as many as 10,000 attendees. The history of Giant Rock and the Integratron is too rich to describe in detail here =96 the best way to discover it is to visit them yourself. Giant Rock is a bit worse for wear these days - a large chunk broke off a few years ago =96 but it's still standing, as is the Integratron, which you can visit, and where you can experience a "sound bath" in the upper chamber that is great if you're into meditation. You can even arrange to stay overnight, where you can sit in the courtyard and stare up at one of the clearest night skies you'll ever see, and ponder whether Ashtar is waiting.

[Video of Greg Bishop at The Integratron]

And there you have it =96 the seven wonders of the ufological world. There are other interesting places related to UFOs and ufology, of course (Shag Harbour, Nova Scotia pops to mind given its proximity to my home), but these seven are at the top of my list, and you won't go wrong if you put them on yours too. So, when you sit down to plan your next vacation, skip Cancun or the Riviera, and take a trip that is truly "above and beyond" the norm=85 and maybe even out of this world, depending on who, or what, you might meet!

Paul Kimball

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They cooked up a spaceship hoax "to show everyone how unreliable eyewitness accounts are, along with investigators of UFOs." They used 5 feet of fishing line to tie flares to each of five 3-foot helium balloons and launched them from a field on January 5, 2009. "Once all five balloons were ready for takeoff (with our fingers on the verge of frost bite)," they write, "we struck the 15-minute flares and released them into the sky in increments of fifteen seconds," filming the UFOs as they floated away.

Media coverage was extensive. A lot of it featured Paul Hurley, a pilot, and his family, who appeared of several news broadcasts describing the strange lights they saw in the sky. (For some reason, reporters find pilots' UFO sightings especially believable.) Rudy and Russo repeated the performance four more time, gaining media coverage for each. Conspiracy websites and radio shows covered the sightings, but "the icing on the cake came when the popular History Channel show UFO Hunters featured



the Morristown UFO as their main story one week," the duo recall. "Bill Birnes, the lead investigator of the show and the publisher of UFO Magazine, declared definitively that the Morristown UFO could not have been flares or Chinese lanterns."

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2009-04-01

'2012: Science or Superstition'  
Directed by Nimrod Erez (2008)

Timewave Zero is the theory postulated by author/philosopher Terence McKenna that calculates the rise and fall of novelty (dynamic change) in the universe. When McKenna graphed it over time, he found that it reached infinity on Dec., 21 2012, the end of the current Baktun cycle of the long-count calendar of the ancient Mayas. Since the concept was introduced in the 1970s by McKenna and Jose Arguellos, speculation has been rampant as to what the world might look like when it approaches its omega point, and there have been a plethora of books and films on the subject in recent years, the most anticipated being Roland Emmerich's film 2012 due in October. A recent direct to DVD documentary, 2012: Science Or Superstition, directed by Nimrod Erez, explores the meaning of the Mayan Calendar's end date and what it might mean for the world and does so with restraint and intelligence.

Talking heads discuss whether 2012 will bring a singular catastrophic event, a gradual transition to a higher level of consciousness, or nothing at all. The documentary features discussion by such unconventional thinkers as Graham Hancock, author of the major international bestsellers The Sign And The Seal, Fingerprints Of The Gods, Supernatural And Heaven's Mirror; John Major Jenkins, an independent researcher who has devoted himself to reconstructing ancient Mayan cosmology and philosophy; Daniel Pinchbeck, author and lecturer who in 1994 was chosen by The New York Times Magazine as one of Thirty Under Thirty destined to change our culture; Alberto Villoldo, PhD, a medical anthropologist; and Anthony F. Aveni is the Russell B. Colgate Professor of Astronomy and Anthropology and is considered one of the founders of Mesoamerican Archaeoastronomy.

Other speakers include: Robert Bauval, Jim Marrs, Walter Cruttenden, Lawrence E. Joseph, Douglas Rushkoff, John Anthony West and Benito Vegas Duran. Unlike some History Channel documentaries, the speakers are given ample opportunity to develop their points of view and narration is kept to a minimum. As evidence for sudden change, they point to the melting of the polar ice caps, the weakening of the magnetic field and shifting of the poles, the drastic increase of solar flares, the increase in natural disasters, and the rare alignment of the Earth, Sun, and the center of the Milky Way on the December 2012 solstice. According to this belief, the alignment is tied to the precession of the equinoxes (approximately every 2,160 years, the constellation visible on the early morning of the spring equinox changes) and signals a transition from one world age to another.

There are few voices of dissent, however, and no debate takes place about such questions as why the Mayans devised a calendar sometime around 500 BC, with a back-dated 'start date' in 3114 BC, or what the true significance of a recurring 1872000 day cycle (approximately equal to 5125.36 years) as a whole might be. There are also no interviews with scholars of Mayan civilization or people such as Sandra Noble, executive director of the Foundation for the Advancement of Mesoamerican Studies, Inc. who has said, "For the ancient Maya, it was a huge celebration to make it to the end of a whole cycle. To render Dec. 21, 2012, as a doomsday or moment of cosmic shifting is a complete fabrication and a chance for a lot of people to cash in." Also not discussed, is the fact that the galactic alignment in question takes place over a 36-year period, and the nucleus of the Milky Way could not have been identified without high-powered telescopes which the Mayans did not have.

2012: Science Or Superstition thankfully does not include professional debunkers, scientific or otherwise, and the word "nonsense" is not even heard once during the film, yet, while I am supportive of the ideas discussed, a bit more controversy would have livened up the proceedings including discussion of biblical prophecy, crop circles, UFOs, and the exponential growth in spirituality worldwide pointing to a paradigm shift. While thought provoking, "2012: Science or Superstition" is a pretty bloodless affair with dramatics mostly eliminated, yet it is a valuable source of information and adds to the growing interest in what many forecast will be the end of civilization and/or a new beginning. Those who want to be blown out of their seats, however, will have to wait for Roland Emmerich.

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Thursday April 02, 2009

[Links in article]

Case Closed: Those UFOs Over Morristown Were A Hoax  
by George!

The Setup:

[video]

No need to phone home. Those red lights dancing over Morristown in recent weeks were not E.T. and his friends paying a visit. They were salesman Chris Russo of Morris Plains and science teacher Joe Rudy of Chester having a little fun.

On the eSkeptic website, they reveal how they engineered the hoax with helium balloons, flares, a video camera and a call to a TV station. They write:

"...despite the fact that there is still no evidence of their existence, the UFO myth is as strong today as ever, fed by cable channel shows that prop up UFO "experts" who claim to be authorities on a subject that's on par with astrology and palm reading. These charlatans make a career by perpetuating the E.T. fairy tale and exploiting credulous people who want nothing more than a good conspiracy theory to believe in.

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Newsweek noted the April Fool's Day posting.

The question now: Will the Morris County Prosecutor's Office - which conferred with the federal North East Air Defense Sector, the federal Office of Homeland Security and the State Police Regional Operations Intelligence Center about potential aviation hazards - find this prank amusing?

The Launch:

[video]

The aftermath:

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I'm not remotely amused that cognitively impacted dim-bulbs can  
build and a fly a 'UFO', then be dismissive of innocent persons  
compelled to 'see' and report same. I'm betting if the  
aforementioned liars and scallywags were innocent 'dupees'  
instead of irresponsible "dupers" we'd see their prolapsed  
sphincters clench.

No, these gloating sociopaths provided no service, reader. Their  
work was not "nicely done". In fact, it is the antithesis that  
is true. These craven bastards need to be arrested and tried for  
reckless endangerment, disturbing the peace, and fraud! See,  
these guys rather run into a burning theater shouting "there is  
no fire", to a degree! That's not service.

Persons celebrating the aforementioned hooligans? They are  
idiots without imagination and fools of ill-consequence.

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<http://tinyurl.com/dd8kpz>

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No Trespassing: UFO CE-2Ks  
By Scott Corrales, Institute of Hispanic Ufology (IHU)

UFOs don't come as close to us as they used to.

Time was where a bright-eyed saucer buff could read stories of unidentified objects coming close enough to the surface to singe treetops, set off home alarms, cause car and truck engines to sputter and die, or else inflict strange physical symptoms on innocent bystanders. In the Aughts, they either fly high over our heads, teasing digital cameras and camcorders, or else go straight to business and engage in the sordid business of abductions. No candy and flowers first.

In fact, it's hard to sit down to write an article about what used to be one of the most exciting topics of the early years of UFO research: the moment when the objects that have so captivated our interest for fifty years ceased to be "lights in the sky" and became objects - solid, semisolid, transparent - that touched the surface of our world and left behind measurable effects.

Salvador Freixedo, the Spanish Jesuit priest whose interest in the paranormal led him to become one of the world's foremost thinkers in matters ufological, once subtitled a book "cuando aterrizan los OVNIS, los dogmas vuelan" - which translates as "when UFOs land, dogmas fly away". A strange light in the night sky can be dismissed as a rogue airplane, a balloon, a star, and lest we forget, the planet Venus; the same strange object, seen in daylight hours, can be conveniently dismissed, again, as some sort of manmade contraption or a misinterpretation of a natural occurrence by an inexperienced or untrained viewer. But once the object descends, dismissal becomes harder. It is impossible to tell Stephen Michalak of the legendary Falcon Lake UFO case of the mid-1960s that he misperceived the object that blasted him with an unknown quantity of radiation; it is equally unlikely that one can tell "Jeff Marx" of the Cranberry Township PA case of 1965 that the paint on his car was destroyed by a weather balloon or Venus.

Granted, CE-2s are not as impressive as CE-3s, or otherwise Spielberg's 1977 blockbuster would have probably not achieved the levels of success it did. In his study *The UFO Book* (Visible Ink, 1997) UFO historian Jerome Clark rightly suggests that "by their nature, CE-IIs ought to be the most important of all UFO cases," (p.83) given the fact that the physical traces left behind by putative alien craft may actually lead to a better understanding--if not prove--the phenomenon's existence and origin. Overshadowed by more compelling accounts of alien contact and abduction, CE-IIs have been relegated to "supporting

actor" status and have played a minor role through the 1990s and right into the 00s. But the very few cases that have come to our attention in these years of UFO fly-overs=97and outright abductions=97are nonetheless intriguing.

Mexico: CE-2K hotspot

In 1957, when most ufologists were still debating the wisdom of publishing reports indicating that UFOs could in fact land and leave ground traces, Mexican newspaper El Universal Gr=Elfico published a comprehensive account on the alleged landing of a discoid object in the community farms of San Juan de Arag=F3n, an event witnessed by farmer Gilberto Espinoza. Although the incident had taken place in November of the preceding year, the newspaper ran its story in January 1958.

A decade later, while on their way to visit a number of South American locations, Jim and Coral Lorenzen took advantage of a layover in Mexico City to meet with APRO correspondent Jes=FAs H. Garibay. APRO's "man in Mexico" proceeded to brief the organization's directors on the most significant cases at the time. One of them involved two witnesses (a father and daughter) to the landing and takeoff of a UFO, with the added benefit of the photographs taken of the event.

"The principal witness," wrote Coral Lorenzen, "is a mechanical engineer, and the other is his daughter. On May 6, 1967, the two were driving between Durango and Mazatl=Eln. At 11:00 a.m., they spotted a disc-shaped object on the ground off the highway. They stopped the car and took three photos as the object was taking off. The first shows the object at the level of the treetops, partially hidden by a tree. Two parts of its landing gear are clearly shown. The second shows the object apparently in flight against the clear sky: no landing gear is visible in this exposure. The third photo showed nothing. APRO is still on the track of this set of photos, and not knowing if the principals want publicity or not, we have decided not to release any names at this time." (UFOs Over the Americas, Signet, 1968 p.65)

A glance at Mexico's ufological history reveals a number of cases in which fly-overs by unexplained vehicles resulted in physical effects. A fair share of such cases occurred in the 1960's, when widespread electrical blackouts appear to have been UFO-induced. During the month of September 1965, the city of Cuernavaca, some fifty miles south of Mexico City, would suffer three separate power failures. The Ultima Hora newspaper indicated that the blackout had been caused by a large luminous flying saucer which crossed the heavens over the city--an inverted soup-bowl device which was seen not only by thousands of citizens but by city mayor Emilio Riva Palacios, who was attending the opening of a film festival with members of his cabinet. The lights went out during the showing, and upon going outside, the city fathers were treated to the sight of the massive object's glow, which reportedly filled all of Cuernavaca valley.

But the force behind all these aerial phenomena appeared to be enamored of la capital, Mexico City, with its juxtaposition of massive colonial structures, modern skyscrapers and ancient ruins: it chose September 16, 1965-- the one hundred fifty-fifth anniversary of Mexico's independence from Spain, to manifest half a dozen luminous objects over the city's skies, casting downtown Mexico City into unbreakable gridlock as drivers left their vehicles to take a better look at the phenomenon. Newspapers reported that aviation authorities had received in excess of five thousand telephone calls from people asking if they had also seen platillos voladores. On September 25th, a citizenry weary of craning their necks skyward endured another leisurely display of the unknown as a vast luminous body passed overhead, remaining motionless for a while before shooting out of sight at a terrific speed. Only days later, two smaller objects would buzz the gilded dome of Mexico's Palacio de Bellas Artes, a turn of the century structure that dominates La Alameda park. A few dozen people waiting at a bus stop witnessed the early evening sighting; they described the objects as "enormous luminous bodies with intermittent sparkling lights."

By this point in time, some of the world's major newspapers had picked up on Mexico's saucer situation. Paris's Le Figaro

reprinted an editorial from Italy's Corriere della Sera on the subject: "Mexico City International Airport has officially recorded, of late, some three thousand cases of mysterious apparitions described in detail. At nightfall, people gather on the terraces and balconies of their homes to search the skies...a clamor of voices can occasionally be heard, saying: "There goes one! Can you see it?" Invariably, what follows is this: traffic is paralyzed on neighboring streets, since drivers also want to partake of the spectacle. The roadways grind to a halt, leading to monstrous traffic jams. After a while, witnesses to the event are willing to swear that the presence of platillos voladores causes engines to stall and plunges homes into darkness. Throughout Mexico, the number of blackouts has been inexplicably high..."

#### Incident at Azcapotzalco

Thirty five years later, police officers Enrique Torres Sede=Flo and Israel Valdivia Guti=E9rrez found themselves on a routine patrol: the seemingly endless beat of the Gustavo A. Madero delegaci=F3n (precinct) driving through the darkened streets of the world's most congested city in squad car 16156. The city's police force had been on the receiving end of controversy in recent years, with allegations of kidnapping and murder being brought against its officials, and the less-than-glowing reputation that its supervisors and lieutenants had earned since the 1970s excesses of Superintendent Durazo's corrupt tenure. But like in any other city in the world, the patrolman's lot remained to serve and protect the community...even in situations that escaped any police academy training.

At around two o'clock a.m. on the morning of February 14, 2000, a bright light coming from a soccer field located within the Center of Technical Research and Investigation facing Vocational Scholl #8 in the Santo Tomas drew the patrolmen's attention. Suspecting a fire, the police cruiser headed straight for that direction. Now, months later, the officers wish it had indeed been a fire or something similar. At first, they could not believe what they were seeing: suspended in mid-air, some ten feet off the ground, was a strange artifact projecting an array of intense multicolored lights and two searchlight beams which changed hues from red to green and blue. In spite of their astonishment, the patrolmen managed to estimate the unknown object's diameter at some 10 meters. The powerful lights suddenly became intermittent, and a slight buzzing described as similar to the sound "produced by whirling a stick at the end of a piece of string" became apparent. This was too much already, even for seasoned veterans of the mean streets of Mexico City. One of the patrolmen grabbed the microphone from the dashboard and promptly radioed the dispatcher for assistance. The local time was 02:13 a.m.; the object remained visible for a little longer before staging a sudden disappearance at 02:20 a.m., leaving Guti=E9rrez and Due=Flas with the only tangible evidence of their close encounter with the unknown: both officers' analog wristwatches were frozen at 02:20 a.m., magnetized by whatever strange energy issued from the shining object. As in hundreds of UFO cases before this one, the timepieces would never work again.

Perhaps the most curious note the encounter is that when the patrolmen left their vehicle to enter the research center and get to the football field above which the vehicle hovered, they were prevented from doing so by members of the building's security force--evidence of a basic lack of trust in the city's watchmen and their motives.

Mexico's Secretariat of Public Safety's dispatchers did not tarry in alerting other units throughout the city about the bizarre events which had just taken place in Santo Tom=Els: the crews of police cruisers 16079 and 11616 of the Azcapotzalco Precinct, along with units 01127, 01899, 01875, 01127 y 13843 of the Gustavo A. Madero precinct, would eventually radio in to report contact with the multicolored intruder, which was seen again at 02:45 local time in another neighborhood of the same area. The crew of unit 01127 reported having seen the object flying over the Palmititla neighborhood, not far from Chiquihuite Hill in the Gustavo A. Madero precinct, where it would remain for 12 minutes.

At 03:10 local time, the purported UFO was already on the other

side of the city, this time over the rural area known as Desierto de los Leones, not far from a police station. Here, the object remained in view for only three minutes before vanishing suddenly, as it done earlier. By 03:13 a.m., the dispatcher for the Secretariat of Public Safety would advise its patrol cars that the unidentified flying object had disappeared in a southerly direction behind Tenayo Hill in the municipality of Tlanepantla, state of Mexico, and that its whereabouts were unknown.

As if the 16 pairs of eyes belonging to the "trained observers" prescribed by ufological dictum were not enough, there was independent corroboration for the case from a third trained observer, newspaper photographer Sa=FAl Navarro, who managed to take photographs of the object while covering a story involving protesters from Mexico's national university (UNAM) outside a detention center known as Reclusorio Norte.

While capturing the images of the protestors and their tent city erected outside the jail, Navarro became aware of a "bright light which remained perfectly still beside Chiquihuite Hill," as he would later testify.

His task in the area completed, was heading toward his car when he noticed that the lights on the strange object next to the hill were beginning to blink. "It was still, and couldn't have been an airplane, given an airplane's inability to remain suspended in mid-air. It suddenly resumed motion until it hovered above the rooftop of a nearby house for some 10 to 15 seconds. After that, the object lost itself behind the tree line." Navarro also confirmed the multicolored flashes of light seen by the patrolmen.

It could perhaps be argued that the Azcapotzalco event does not represent a "true CE-II" because the unidentified object in question never actually touched the ground. Still, the stopping of the patrolmen's wristwatches would meet the criterion of "exerting temporary or permanent effects on machinery" that the definition calls for.

Curiously enough, Officer Valdivia would later relate that he and his partner were equipped with photo cameras as part of their standard gear for photographing suspects at the time of arrest, but that none of the photos taken of the Azcapotzalco saucer came out. Another of the police cruisers--16105--was also unsuccessful in taking photos of the object. The effects on machinery also extended to a cellular phone aboard squad car 16074, whose battery was completely drained at the site. The phone itself is allegedly inoperable as well.

The Azcapotzalco events were submitted to the court of public opinion on July 11, 2000, when Mexico's Marta Susana talk show held an open forum on the event, featuring the tried-and-true "skeptics vs. believers" format which has come to characterize UFO debates in that country. The police officers were joined on the stage by two air traffic controllers--Enrique Kolbeck and Alfonso Salazar--who stressed the importance of the UFO phenomenon and the fact that it is a classified matter in most countries. The controllers mentioned the startling fact that some three hundred UFO incidents had occurred over Mexican air facilities in the past five years, most notable among them being an incident in which an airliner's landing gear was struck by an unknown object.

Much research has yet to be conducted in this case (as of this writing, no medical information been forthcoming about any effects on the patrolmen's health), but the fact that the event occurred over Mexico's Center of Technical Research and Investigation has created a compelling rumor: Dr. Rafael Lara Palmeros, research coordinator for the Center for the Study of Paranormal Phenomena (CEFP, in Spanish) has been advised that biological specimens in the institution's laboratories experienced "mutation and growth" as a result of the object's presence. But until confirmation for this can be obtained, it remains just another tantalizing rumor.

#### A Landing in Mezcala

A spectacular CE-2K occurred in late December 2007 - early January 2008 as a massive UFO landed at Cerro Pie de Minas at the town of Mezcala in the state of Guerrero. Tourists who take

the bus from Mexico City to Acapulco are probably aware of this town as one of the stops on the way to the silversmithing town of Taxco. La Cronica Vespertina, a daily from the state capital of Chilpancingo, reported that the object touched ground at this particular location and was visible for a mind-bending thirty hours, both in pitch-blackness and bright daylight. This was a truly democratic sighting, as it cut across all distinctions of age, gender and occupations: schoolchildren, housewives and engineers and laborers working the mines reported seeing the same thing: a saucer-shaped craft that flew silently over the Sierra Madre and came to rest on the hill, flashing its lights to the amazement of onlookers.

"Ground effects" became immediately apparent: even though the object was at a distance from the town, viewers complained of eye irritation from looking at the unknown object; power levels in the town fluctuated even though the meters at the local utility showed no apparent changes; people trying to take photos of the object, or record it with camcorders and cellphones, found their instruments affected by a supposedly electromagnetic source. There were reports that even cameras using standard photographic film yielded nothing but overexposed images.

According to journalist Francisco Rangel, who covered the story for La Cronica Vespertina: "The object was seen by most of the population, ranging from small children to the elderly and entire families, seen at considerable distances by the luminosity that affected the eyes of many residents and the fact that the electric levels of all the homes dropped whenever the light's intensity increased, ranging from a soft shade of light blue to a white and phosphorescent blue, acquiring yellow, orange and soft red tones..."

The bizarreness of the situation did not keep people from wanting to turn the CE-2 into a CE-3: locals streamed toward Cerro La Mina in a string of pickup trucks - 20 or 30, by some counts - as a makeshift welcoming committee. One can easily imagine a top-hatted municipal president getting ready to read out a hastily improvised proclamation declaring it "Alien Friendship Day", but the light turned off as they approached. In the cold, pitch dark of the Mexican sierra, some claimed that now blackened visitor was roughly saucer shaped with a surface reminiscent of sheet metal. The hardy souls who braved the road found that their photo equipment was useless and worse yet, their pickup trucks had had their power drained as well. According to Rangel's article, two youngsters displayed their teenage recklessness by coming as close as they dared to the saucer: they claimed hearing two "dry, metallic sounds emerging from within the alleged craft" and these sounds prompted them to turn tail and return to the imagined safety of their vehicles where - amid tears - they regretted their hasty decision, now afraid that unearthly beings would emerge from the featureless bulk to spirit them away to an unknown destiny. "This fear," writes Rangel, "prompted them to flee from the site as best they could, and they refuse to talk about it."

#### Power Interference in Argentina

This account takes us from Mexico to the Southern Hemisphere--namely Tandil, Argentina--where UFO activity restarted in earnest in early 2000, attracting national and international attention.

On Tuesday, May 9, 2000, Hugo MacEDas, 60, faced the task he had been performing--some might say heroically--for the past 37 years: delivering the city of Mar del Plata's La Capital newspaper to a number of locations along national highway 226. As he woke up in the pre-dawn hours to do his job, MacEDas began his paper route at the Gendarmier=EDa Nacional (national police force) building in Puerta del Abra on the road between Tandil and Mar del Plata. After dropping off copies of the paper, MacEDas drove on for a quarter of a mile when he felt a loud, unusual sound approaching him from behind. He stated that a cylinder of light "encircled" his vehicle, and placed the light's diameter at some 50 meters (160 feet). The unknown beam of energy "seemed to pierce the rooftop", according to the deliveryman.

At that point, explained MacEDas to an interviewer from the Diario de Tandil newspaper, his car radio inexplicably shut off,

with the vehicle's engine and headlights following suit. Despite the engine shutdown, the cone of light transported the car an estimated 600 meters (1700 ft.) before abruptly disappearing and leaving the automobile by the roadside. "Everything came back to life," stated Mac=EDas, referring to his vehicle's electrical system, "and I found myself staring into a dark but starry night. In the sky above, [at an altitude] of some two thousand meters (6000 ft.). I could see a cylinder-shaped light heading toward a nearby mountain range...the whole ordeal lasted a matter of seconds, but they seemed endless. There were no other vehicles on the road that night: I may have passed two cars during the remainder of the trip."

Mac=EDas retold his experience to a group of friends and an Army officer. The duty officer at the Gendarmerie building later advised him that similar phenomena had been seen "five or six times" and that a burned circular shape had been found in a nearby prairie.

But the deliveryman was also made privy to a highly intriguing piece of information that appears to be a constant factor in Latin American UFO cases. The Gendarmerie, he was told by a local sheriff, discourages talk of UFOs out of a fear that stories "will attract NASA's attention, a fact which creates disturbances [given the fact] that NASA has an airplane with six scientists and an all-terrain vehicle which can go anywhere in the world to inspect different sites...many locals are troubled by the presence of such strangers." Stories of official-looking foreigners flashing NASA credentials and in clearly marked vehicles constitute a common experience in UFO cases from Mexico to Puerto Rico to the Southern Cone. Does the great esteem in which the U.S. space program is held outside the country represent a perfect cover for military or governmental investigators?

Hugo Mac=EDas cherished his brush with the unknown, and was proud of "having the satisfaction of having been contacted by something which many researchers would like to see and yet never have." His only complaints in the wake of the CE-2 were of a physical nature: while he felt no bodily effects at the moment of the incident, he came down with a migraine, laryngitis and a number of other ailments two days later. Such side-effects have been reported in cases around the world: during a wave of "boomerang"-shaped saucers in Pennsylvania and western New York (1994), many eyewitnesses complained of similar physical maladies (cold or flu-like symptoms).

#### Another Police Sighting

No physical symptoms, however, were reported during the January 2006 incident involving seventeen officers of the San Salvador police department and their deputy chief. These law enforcement agents reportedly found themselves enveloped by "powerful silent radiation" for a brief span of time. As they returned from a police operation in a rural area, the trained observers saw a strange, powerful light in the sky that did not appear to be a floodlight from a helicopter, airplane or any other artifact. Amir Methy, the deputy chief, even added: "The powerful light wasn't a floodlight at all...nor was it any other device or aerial optics."

The light allegedly rose to a great height before vanishing, leaving behind an afterglow or white cloud that slowly dissipated. The engines of their vehicles were never affected and communications between units showed no interruption, either.

The officers from the San Salvador barracks would have been interested to learn that residents of their district had been reporting enigmatic lights in the sky to the media. The manifestations had occurred at Nandubaysal Beach in the town of Guleguayco (a source of UFO reports as of this writing, January 2009). Local resident Enrique Hurtado complained about being awakened by the sensation of something touching him on the face and arm in the middle of the night; the next day, he found that the grass outside his house bore two perfectly circular burn marks, measuring "15 paces in diameter" He later told media that the neighborhood dogs had not stopped barking all night, and that a flock of birds appeared to have been scared away from a nearby stand of trees.

The circular burn marks would also be a prominent feature of the

August 2006 case in Santa Rosa, the main city of the Argentinean department of La Pampa. Researcher Salvatore Carta reported to Inexplicata that a "Mrs.O" had witnessed a dark red object, having the aspect of a plow disk, and surrounded by lights. The object remained suspended in the night sky, but the woman entered her home due to the prevailing cold temperatures that evening. In the morning, she noticed that the soil was drier than normal and seemed more compacted. When Carta visited her property, he saw a "fairy ring" type burn.

Perhaps the UFO flap that has been affecting Argentina since 2008 will bring us more cases of this type to mystify witnesses and experts alike.

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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Archived: Thu, 02 Apr 2009 11:00:39 -0400  
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In no particular order: The arguments of Dolan, Friedman, Hastings, Feschino, Maccabee, Hynek, McDonald, Hall, and Haines [et sig all], as opposed to Shermer, Oberg, Nye, McGaha, Cottle, Plait, Dunning, Klass or CSI, et insig al...

To what abundantly clear conclusion can a reasonable, non-conflicted, and truly scientific person come? Not a question really. One conclusion seems patently obvious and the opposition to that conclusion seems unscientific, unbrave, unrealistic, unethical, unschooled, and unabashed to be so opposed.

History, even as that history may be rendered irrelevant to a degree as a result of its perennially convenient imprecision, won't be kind. Shame will be great.

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>From: Dick Hall <[dh12.nul](mailto:dh12.nul)>  
>To: <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 2 Apr 2009 07:52:16 -0400  
>Subject: Re: The Great UFO Hoax Of 2009

>>Source: Newsweek - New York, New York, USA

>><http://tinyurl.com/clff4u>

>>Wednesday, April 01, 2009

>>The Great UFO Hoax Of 2009  
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>>If you prefer to keep a little magic in your life-by which I  
>>mean believing in the possibility of UFOs-then read no further.  
>>For I am going to tell you about the latest UFO hoax.

>>You may remember the sightings of a UFO over Morristown, N.J.,  
>>in January, which was blogged about and even captured on video  
>>that has been posted to YouTube as clips from TV broadcasts

>>[video]

>>and an amateur astronomer

>>It was all a hoax, as the perpetrators reveal in this month's  
>>issue of eSkeptic.

>>[video]

>>Last November, write Joe Rudy, who describes himself as "an avid  
>>reader of Skeptic magazine" who teaches science and gives  
>>private music lessons, and Chris Russo, who works in sales and  
>>says he "intends to continue his quest to spread reason and  
>>truth, one pseudoscience at a time," the two 20-somethings were  
>>sitting around discussing pseudoscience and the many people who  
>>believe one or another form of it. "We had always had a strong  
>>interest in why people were so easily fooled by such irrational  
>>superstitions as psychic ability, spiritual mediums, alien  
>>abductions, and the like," they write. So they "set out on a  
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Hi Dick,

There was something more important and dangerous at work here.

I'm not sure I get the point of this type of behavior and why the magazine would think that those who reported the lights they saw in the sky in Morristown should have reason to be ashamed of what they did. After all people will report house fires to the police and fire department whether they knew it was an accident or deliberately set. Are they supposed to take the time to determine whether it was one or the other? No of course not. Are they at fault for reporting the fire if in the end it turned out to be arson? Of course not; the arsonist is at fault for the fire, not the reporter of same.

Who is at fault for the so-called The Great UFO Hoax Of 2009? The hoaxers who perpetrated the hoax and disrupted people's lives and endangered others for no good reason other than to satisfy some quirk in their psychological make-up; to be recognised while snickering like children behind their hands at the 'gullibility' of those who reported it or even investigated the incident.

No good purpose was served here other than to prove that people are concerned about what goes on in the skies over their neighborhoods. And they have every right to be concerned when one considers what happened in Buffalo, New York when a Dash 8 crashed onto a house.

But consider the most important consideration here which was given only a few words of consideration by the Newsweek piece by Sharon Begley; this hoaxed contraption was launched and sent over Morristown, NJ and up into the Terminal Control Area [TCA] for Newark airport, New Jersey which is embedded in the New York Terminal Radar Approach Control [TRACON] for New York-the busiest TRACON in the world.

And the world is now aware that a large airliner can be brought down by Canada Geese when they are injected into the engines. Does anyone think that some other device launched into the path of an airplane might be less deadly?

Is there a more detailed article about the hoaxers' potentially deadly exploits that could be forwarded to the FAA who could then possibly charge these two for reckless endangerment?

It is the hoaxers who should be ashamed at their dangerous actions. I wonder if Skeptical Magazine thinks this type of behavior was a 'worthy' experiment?

Don Ledger

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The conference itself (over May 29-31) will feature some of the biggest names in UFO studies, including Stanton T. Friedman, Richard Dolan, Kathleen Marden, Ted Phillips, Jesse Marcel, Jr., Don Schmitt, Kevin Randle, and Sam Maranto.

For more information, visit:

[illinoismufon.com/03comingevents.html](http://illinoismufon.com/03comingevents.html)

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I agree with you Dick and Don is correct as well.

As an attorney, I can say that there is a strong potential legal  
cause of action with this case. These admitted fakers have  
perpetrated a civil wrong against the innocent observers and  
that could be actionable as a tort lawsuit.

Hopefully, one of them will take action.

Regards,

Frank

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Date: Thu, 02 Apr 2009 19:21:10 +0100  
Archived: Thu, 02 Apr 2009 14:50:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Great UFO Hoax Of 200

For an example of a properly conducted, scientifically planned experimental hoax check these reports:

<http://magonia.haaan.com/1976/experimental-ufo-hoaxing/>

<http://magonia.haaan.com/2009/ufo-hoaxing/>

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British UFO Hacker's Supporters Rally At U.S Embassy In London

Gary McKinnon's mother, six others back his effort to avoid being extradited to the U.S.

(IDG News Service) As protesters again took to the streets of London today in connection with the G20 summit of world leaders, a much smaller rally in support of British hacker Gary McKinnon took place outside the U.S. embassy in the city.

McKinnon, a 43-year-old London resident, was indicted on hacking charges in November 2002 in a U.S. District Court in Virginia, after he admittedly broke into computers belonging to the U.S. military and NASA. He was arrested by London police four years ago and has lost numerous efforts to block his extradition since then. But he is drawing increasing support from politicians and celebrities who don't want him to be sent to the U.S. to face trial.

At today's rally, McKinnon's mother, Janis Sharp, and six other demonstrators performed a rewritten version of "Chicago", a protest song recorded nearly 40 years ago by Graham Nash of Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young fame. Nash granted Sharp permission to modify the song's lyrics to focus on her son's legal plight as well as his autism.

Nash is one of several high-profile musicians who have gotten involved in the effort to stop the extradition of McKinnon, who could face as many as 70 years in prison if convicted on the seven counts of computer-related fraud that he faces. Pink Floyd guitarist David Gilmour and Sting, lead singer and bassist for the Police, have also expressed their support for the McKinnon.

Although McKinnon has publicly admitted to hacking into government and military computers in the U.S. over a two-year period, he maintains that he was merely looking for evidence of UFOs and not trying to cause any damage to the systems.

However, the U.S. government alleges that while engaging in the hacking activities during 2001 and 2002, McKinnon did \$900,000 worth of damage to computers in 14 states and caused the shutdown of critical military networks shortly after the 9/11 terrorist attacks. According to federal prosecutors, McKinnon deleted critical files on the systems he hacked and copied usernames and passwords that he discovered.

British authorities are pouring ever more money and police efforts into fighting cybercrime. But McKinnon's hacking activities appear to be widely regarded as harmless within the U.K., and his supporters say the U.S. is pushing too hard to

punish him for what he did.

"It has been seven years now," said Johnnie Smith, a friend of McKinnon's who attended today's rally. "It's tormenting the family. It's time to move on."

McKinnon didn't attend the rally, which also fell on World Autism Awareness Day, an event designated by the United Nations. Sharp said her son, who now is fighting extradition on the basis that he has Asperger's Syndrome, has been deeply depressed. "When a knock comes on the door, he's afraid they're going to drag him off," she said.

After using a series of legal challenges to postpone his extradition, McKinnon is awaiting a judicial review of the extradition order by the U.K.'s High Court of Justice. The review is scheduled to take place on June 9 and 10 in London.

Asperger's is a neurological disorder related to autism that's characterized by obsessive behavior and deficiencies in social interaction. One of McKinnon's legal arguments is that due to his medical condition, he isn't fit to stand trial in the U.S.

He said previously that he would plead guilty to an offense under the U.K.'s Computer Misuse Act if he could remain in that country. But British authorities announced in February that they wouldn't prosecute McKinnon because of a 2002 agreement in which jurisdiction over the case was ceded to the U.S.

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The MJ-12 Saga Continues:

Operation Bird Droppings  
By Robert Hastings

Disinformation Specialists Richard "Falcon" Doty and Robert "Condor" Collins are still leaving little presents all over the place for the uninformed and unsuspecting. Watch where you step!

Jeez! It's not like I don't have other things to do. With the publication of my book UFOs and Nukes: Extraordinary Encounters at Nuclear Weapons Sites, and following my July 18, 2008 appearance on Larry King Live, I have received a number of intriguing and seemingly confirmatory leads from former or retired military personnel regarding the reality of UFO activity at nuclear weapons sites over the last six decades.

While I would much prefer following up on those apparently legitimate leads, I guess I am going to have to roll up my shirt sleeves and attempt to educate a few well-intentioned but way-too-gullible folks regarding the supposed validity of the MJ-12 "documents" and related disinformation which is still being spread around by Richard Doty and Robert Collins, sometimes in emails or online posts, but most egregiously in their co-authored book Exempt From Disclosure. The first version was published in 2005 and the second in 2008. The Introduction, in each edition, should have opened with these words: "First, before we begin, bend over!"

Ah well, I suppose it's time for me to counter-attack, before this crap-fest gains even more ground on the Internet and at UFO conventions. (Yes, I do understand that some folks in ufology and among the general public will not benefit from my informed input, preferring instead their own biases and strained theories about MJ-12. That's not my problem.)

An Early Expos=E9

Hmmm, where to begin? I guess I should mention that my ground-breaking 1989 paper "The MJ-12 Affair: Facts, Questions, Comments" first brought to light UFO researcher Bill Moore's now-notorious, voluntary involvement in the disinformation and spying operation being run out of Kirtland AFB's Office of Special Investigations (OSI) in the 1980s. It is now online at:

<http://www.book-of-thoth.com/archives-printpdf-5050.html>

The paper also revealed, for the first time, that Moore's allegedly high-level U.S. Air Force sources for UFO-related disinformation-whom he named "Falcon" and "Condor"-were in reality Sgt. Richard C. Doty and Capt. Robert M. Collins, respectively. While other diligent researchers, including Barry Greenwood and the late Bob Todd, had already developed circumstantial evidence that Doty was Falcon, I was able to divulge that Michael Seligman, the producer of the October 14, 1988 television program UFO Cover up? Live! (the ufological equivalent of Reefer Madness) had blurted out in a taped conversation with researcher Todd Zechel that the two leading UFO "experts" appearing in the program-back-lit and voice-

altered to hide their identities and using the pseudonyms Falcon and Condor-were in fact Doty and Collins.

To this day, a disgraced Bill Moore continues to claim that "Falcon" is actually someone else-supposedly an Air Force colonel for whom Doty acted as an intermediary. Moore further claims that Doty only stood in for the colonel during the ridiculously bogus TV show, taking on the Falcon persona only temporarily. Condor/Collins now tells the same convoluted tale to anyone who will listen. The fact remains, however, that none of the original MJ-12 promoters-Moore, Doty, or Collins-has ever produced a shred of evidence for the colonel's existence. After 25 years, he remains the "man behind the curtain." (Pay no attention to the man behind the curtain, Dorothy! He might be much, much less than he first appears to be.)

In any case, at one point during the televised farce, one of the birds told the American viewing audience that aliens-which had supposedly been captured after UFO crashes and were living at Los Alamos-loved ancient Tibetan music and Strawberry ice cream. (Presumably, the back-lit filming on the darkened set, designed to hide their identities, also prevented the audience from seeing Doty and Collins trying to keep a straight face during their interviews.) Condor/Collins now admits to his and Doty's participation in the easily-discredited program but, in doing so, distorts and justifies the affair with his trademark disinformational spin.

After I circulated my paper to several dozen ufologists in March 1989, Moore showed up unannounced at my front door in an obvious effort to intimidate me into publishing a retraction. I responded by personally sending him a letter in which I threatened to have a court-issued injunction brought against him, to prevent him from physically approaching me in the future. Shortly after receiving that letter, Moore lied about it in his own letter to Caveat Emptor magazine, saying that he had received a letter from my attorney, warning him to steer clear of me. I immediately challenged Moore to produce that non-existent letter.

(It's now been 20 years, Mr. Moore, but I'm still waiting for a copy of my attorney's letter to you. Maybe your dog ate it, eh? Or maybe the MJ-12 Retrieval Squad-on one of those slow days when UFOs weren't falling out of the sky all over the place-came and stole it from you. Was that it, Bill? You can come clean with us. We trust you.)

Anyway, in June 1989, The MUFON UFO Journal published my paper and, shortly thereafter, the bird poop really hit the fan. Several of the journal's readers came forward with accounts of various suspect tales being offered to them by Moore or Doty. Importantly, Barry Greenwood and Bob Todd produced even more convincing forensic evidence confirming the fraudulent nature of the MJ-12 "documents." Their findings, still stand as unimpeachable, no matter how many pro-MJ-12 wishful-thinkers tell you otherwise. A good introduction to the many problems found by Greenwood, Todd and other researchers may be found at:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Majestic\\_12#Arguments\\_against](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Majestic_12#Arguments_against)

By July, Moore, undoubtedly sensing the inevitable, finally relented and delivered what has naively come to be known as his "confession" speech to a stunned audience attending MUFON's International Symposium in Las Vegas. In keeping with the overall situation, Moore's mea culpa was a combination of fact, disinformation and outright lies.

True, Moore did spill the beans on the spying and disinfo op being run out of Kirtland AFB's OSI, and his willing participation in it, but he also threw in a bunch of bull-some of it relating to myself, given that my paper had effectively forced his revelations-and generally excused his own abhorrent behavior as justifiable, because it supposedly served a greater purpose.

In other words, while Moore did admit that he had agreed to act as a spy and disinformation agent, targeting other researchers on Doty's behalf, he left out a lot of relevant facts, and also twisted much of what he divulged to make him look as good as possible under such disgraceful circumstances-saying that he had merely been playing along with Doty so that he could get inside

the disinfo operation, as deeply as possible, and hopefully learn the real facts about UFOs from the low-level OSI agent and those to whom he reported.

If that was actually the case, Moore's fantasy was ridiculously naive, given the well-documented very high-level, need-to-know secrecy surrounding much of the U.S. government's handling of the UFO phenomenon. In my opinion, Moore's "explanation" for his actions was actually designed to portray his own disreputable behavior in the best possible light. (Bizarrely, on at least two occasions during Moore's speech, without even faintest hint of hypocritical self-consciousness, he urged other ufologists to be more ethical in their actions in the future.)

For those of you who haven't heard or read it, Moore's mea culpa, later published in two consecutive issues of the MUFON UFO Journal, may be found at:

[http://www.theblackvault.com/encyclo...ember\\_1989.pdf](http://www.theblackvault.com/encyclo...ember_1989.pdf)

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So, what did UFO researcher Moore specifically confess to that was so repellant to his audience? Well, for starters, he admitted to spying on fellow researchers Coral and Jim Lorenzen, the founders of the seminal Aerial Phenomenon Research Organization (APRO), and reporting on their activities to Doty back at Kirtland AFB. Further, Moore said he knew that Doty had sent a hoaxed letter to the pair, as "bait," but because he was playing along with OSI, did not tell them about it. At the time, Moore was serving as APRO's Director of Research. (All of this is of course reminiscent of the CIA's 1953 Robertson Panel recommendation that professional intelligence operatives infiltrate civilian UFO organizations for the purpose of monitoring UFO-proponents' activities. Civilian Moore did his dirty work for the government voluntarily and for no pay, or so he claims.)

Moore also admitted that he had performed the same shameful service by monitoring the late Paul Bennewitz, who had been provided with OSI-created lies about alleged UFO activity and alien schemes against humanity. According to Moore, Bennewitz had become a target for this disinformation and harassment after he informed OSI, in October 1980, that he had photographed UFOs over the Manzano [Nuclear] Weapons Storage Area, located just east of Kirtland AFB, on several occasions during the previous 15 months. Soon-to-be-released evidence, collected and analyzed by another researcher, will prove that this was indeed true.

Doty and Collins, in their thoroughly unsubstantiated book, Exempted From Disclosure, have come up with a questionable, or at least incomplete, story to explain why Bennewitz was originally targeted. They claim that Bennewitz had also stumbled upon a top secret counter-intelligence program based at a facility south of Kirtland, where the Air Force was attempting to disrupt Soviet satellites by beaming electronic signals at them. Perhaps this was the case, however, as far as I am aware, we have only Doty's and Collins' word for it. That, obviously, falls far short of verification.

(Based on my own research into nuclear weapons-related UFO activity, it seems as likely to me that Bennewitz was targeted simply because he began telling anyone who would listen that UFOs were repeatedly hovering over the Manzano WSA. As I mention in my book, UFOs and Nukes, I now know that similar events occurred at the Weapons Storage Areas at Malmstrom AFB in 1975; at F.E. Warren AFB in 1980-81; and at RAF Bentwaters in December 1980. Other researchers had already established that such incidents also occurred at the WSAs at Wurtsmith and Loring AFBs in 1975. Doty himself wrote an OSI report about the 1980 UFO sightings at the Manzano facility, however, certain elements in that document now appear to be suspect. Jeez, whatta shock!)

In his "confession" Moore denied any responsibility for the steep decline in Bennewitz' mental health, even though he was fully aware of the bogus nature of the OSI-generated stories being directed at Paul, about underground bases where the aliens supposedly known as the Grays were genetically-altering harvested organs from cattle and even humans they had mutilated. At some point during this long disinformational charade, a terrorized Bennewitz took to wearing a sidearm at home to

protect himself from the possibility of alien abduction. Mercifully, Paul Bennewitz is now on the other side, wherever that may be, and hopefully has more peace than Doty and the Kirtland AFB OSI ever granted him during his last years on Earth.

According to the current crop of Doty/Collins supporters, although Moore and his birds were lying to everyone in sight in the 1980s, now they're telling the truth! As I said earlier, if you're one of those inclined to believe that Falcon and Condor have actually belatedly revealed the facts in their book, you royally deserve the poop they dropped on you!

The Duping of Linda Moulton Howe

Anyway, if all of the were not enough, Moore, together with Doty and Collins, also performed the same kind of disinformation-based operation against the sincere but gullible Linda Moulton Howe, an Emmy-award filmmaker whom OSI had also targeted, apparently with the intention of derailing the HBO-funded documentary on a U.S. government UFO cover-up she had been contracted to produce.

In a series of letters between Howe and HBO, copies of which she later sent to me, Linda repeatedly pleaded for more time to do her work, saying that her Air Force contact (Doty) had promised her film footage of the Roswell UFO recovery and other spectacular documentation, as long as she would cooperate with the government's own time-table for the film's release. Of course, these promises were more of Doty's lies, delaying tactics designed to postpone as long as possible the production's completion. (Even Moore admitted as much, during his Las Vegas speech, in a frustratingly far-too-rare moment of candor.)

Eventually fed up by the delays, HBO lost interest and let the time-dependent contract with Howe lapse. So, what potentially may have been a worthwhile UFO documentary, had Howe not fallen into Moore's and Falcon's clutches, never materialized.

For his part, Condor/Collins now claims that he himself never misled Howe about the legitimacy of the MJ-12 documents and the other information provided to her by Doty. During a February 28, 2009 email exchange with me, which is now posted at:

<http://tinyurl.com/cokk6f>

Collins indignantly denied that he had ever shown Linda Moulton Howe MJ-12-related "documents" at his home in Albuquerque, in November 1987. "Linda has a hard time getting her facts right," he wrote, "And [I] never showed Linda anything related to Mj12 when she was at the house in '87."

However, following that heated exchange, I listened to an audiotape recording I had made of an October 22, 1988 telephone conversation with Howe. The UFO Cover-up? Live! TV show had been broadcast only a few days earlier, on October 14th, and I wanted to get her take on it. The following pertinent excerpts from that tape follow here:

RH: "Let's back up to what I was asking you [in an earlier telephone conversation]. You'd said that Bob Collins was 'frantically trying to reach' you, in your words, to try to get you and John Lear to come down to Albuquerque last November."

LMH: "Only me. [It had] nothing to do with John Lear."

RH: "So, John Lear wasn't associated with that at all then? I thought you'd said that he was trying to get you and John Lear together..."

LMH: "No, but John Lear went with me to see Collins in November, a year ago."

RH: "That's what I'm asking about. So, it was November of '87?"

LMH: "Yeah, we were at Collins' house because I invited John to go with me..."

RH: "Um, you said that Collins, at his home in Albuquerque,



showed you a number of documents."

LMH: "Yeah, he had a ring binder..."

RH: "Of uncensored documents?"

LMH: "Yeah, of uncensored documents."

RH: "Including the Eisenhower briefing paper?" (Perhaps the most important of the MJ-12 "documents")

LMH: "Yeah."

RH: "What else did he have?"

LMH: "He had some memos allegedly from MJ-5 and MJ-8, one of which I had seen before, in '83. So, I assume he got it from Moore."

RH: "Um, did he lead you to believe, uh, you said before that he made the statement that he was working with Moore. Did he imply that he was one of the sources that was supplying Moore with documents?"

LMH: "No, he never said it in that light. He said he was assisting Bill Moore with research, so I find it interesting that he ended up being "Condor", if that's the case, and I think it is."

RH: "Well, let's assume for the moment that Collins is "Condor." Um, the relationship would be, if you take at face value what he's saying [in UFO Cover-up? Live!], that he's supplying Moore with information, rather than Moore giving him documents and so on."

LMH: "Right, right."

RH: "More specifically, what were the documents, or what were some of the things Collins was saying to you, about the information [he had in his possession]? Does it tie into the alien supposedly at Area 51 and all of that?"

LMH: "Yeah. Oh yeah!"

RH: "How about the underground bases in New Mexico?"

LMH: "In terms of Area 51, I wouldn't say that Collins was far-ranging [in his comments to me]. Some of the other stuff [he told me] went into underground bases in New Mexico and all of that. But Area 51 is key [and] he knows about Archuleta [Mesa]. He has some questions about what Bennewitz has [claimed] but he's not denying everything [relating to a supposed underground alien base at the mountain site]. I think Bennewitz' work is of interest to them."

RH: "Have you heard references to live aliens living at Kirtland [AFB]?"

LMH: "Yeah, Los Alamos."

RH: "Los Alamos, but not Kirtland?"

LMH: "No. That Cell (?) electromagnetic chamber is supposed to be only at Los Alamos and at Edwards [AFB]. There's only supposed to be two of them. Whether we put the aliens in the electromagnetic enclosure to keep them in, or to keep our minds shielded from them, I don't know. It could be both."

RH: "Who gave you the information relating to these two locations, Los Alamos and Edwards?"

LMH: "I saw it in one of the memos in the ring binder that Bob Collins showed me."

RH: "But Doty never made reference to that?"

LMH: "No, nope."

So, in a taped conversation less than one year after-the-fact, Linda Moulton Howe unequivocally stated that Condor/Collins did

indeed meet with her, and John Lear, at his house in Albuquerque, in November 1987-at which time he showed the two of them a number of MJ-12-related documents and memos, and vouched for their legitimacy.

As noted earlier, Collins now denies that such a meeting with Howe ever took place. However, as I mentioned to him in our recent email exchange, it seems to me that a court of law, where everyone would be testifying under oath, may be the best venue to sort all of this out. Of course, in John Lear, we have someone who can presumably support Howe's version of events.

The bottom line: Robert Collins is now once again lying about his past. He was directly involved in disseminating disinformation related to MJ-12 as early as November 1987-an endeavor he was actively, publicly pursuing a year later, in the guise of Condor, on UFO Cover-up? Live! (And, I will argue, a function he continues to perform today, some 20 years later. He once used a ring binder; now he has email and the Internet.)

While none of us, save Linda Howe and John Lear, were at Collins' home to observe the little mind games to which she was unwittingly subjected, each of us can nevertheless evaluate the public statements made by Condor/Collins on the television show and judge for ourselves whether or not he was actively engaged in a disinformational game designed to confuse the issue relating to the U.S. government's involvement with UFOs. The televised disinfofest is now on DVD and available online.

Unfortunately, even after her futile, months-long wait for the "Roswell UFO" film, Linda still spoke glowingly of the supposedly legitimate UFO-related information she was getting from her inside sources at Kirtland, not realizing that she was playing into Doty's and Collins' hands by unwittingly assisting in the dissemination of their disinformation, first within ufological circles and eventually to a wider public audience. Indeed, in the late 1980s, newspaper and magazine stories about MJ-12 were rampant for a period of time.

In any case, during another moment of candor during in his Las Vegas speech, Bill Moore said, "Disinformation is a strange and bizarre game. Those who play it are completely aware that an operation's success is dependant upon dropping information upon a target, or 'mark,' in such a way that the person will accept it as truth and will repeat, and even defend it to others as if it were true. Once this has been accomplished, the work of the counterintelligence specialists is complete. They can simply withdraw in the confidence that the dirty work of spreading their poisonous seeds will be done by others. Those of you who want proof of how well the process works only need look at the Bennewitz case, or the Aztec [UFO crash] case. Every time one of you [ufologists] repeats an unverified or unsubstantiated bit of information, without qualifying it as such, you are contributing to that process; and every time you do it, somebody in a need-to-know position sits back and has a horse laugh at your expense."

What Moore didn't say, given his obvious intention to project himself as someone who was on top of the situation-someone who was secretly using the users-is that he was arguably as much a victim of OSI's schemes as were Howe and Bennewitz. His self-confessed willingness to get his "hands dirty" for Doty, as he so aptly put it, has cost him dearly, as well it should.

Anyway, just before I circulated my MJ-12 paper in March 1989, I called Linda Howe a final time and pleaded with her to disavow her endorsement of the claims that Doty, Collins and Moore had made to her. I then wrote her a letter, in which I sincerely praised her cattle mutilation investigations, but warned her of the damage she was creating, both to her own reputation, and to ufology in general, by supporting and spreading around the quite-obvious disinformation she had been given. Howe never responded.

In any case, after his pathetic performance in Las Vegas, Bill Moore was effectively drummed out of legitimate ufological circles and, thankfully, has more or less faded from public view. Alas, unlike Moore, other members of the Kirtland Cabal appear to have still more poop to share with all of us and continue to foul the ufological landscape with their, ahem, "inside" information and allegedly astute insights.



## Falcon's Follies

As bait, Linda Howe had initially been approached and presented with a now-discredited Air Force "report" on a supposed UFO/alien encounter at one of Ellsworth AFB's nuclear missile sites in 1977. It is now known that Richard "Falcon" Doty was involved in the forging of that "document"-a fact first revealed by UFO researcher Dr. Bruce Maccabee and later alluded to by Bill Moore himself, in his Las Vegas speech. Doty also forged many other UFO-related files, according to an informed source whom I interviewed in February 2004. I will gladly present that individual in a court of law, if circumstances permit.

More recently, Condor/Collins has posted at his website another alleged account of UFO activity at Ellsworth, supposedly occurring in 1970. The title of the posting is "Ellsworth Air Force Base SD UFO Incident 1977-or was it really 1970?" This blatant come-on ignores the fact that the 1977 incident was a hoax, something Collins knows full well, given that his own book's co-author, Richard Doty, forged the "report" on it. To insure that the new "document" would be noticed, Collins emailed a link to it to a very long list of individuals on March 10, 2007, but wisely covered himself by asking the recipients whether it was real or not.

On his website, Collins has a scan of the newly-discovered "report." Upon learning of it, I forwarded the alleged Air Force report to one of my retired Minuteman missile targeting team sources, USAF TSgt. John Mills, whose dramatic 1978 UFO encounter in Ellsworth AFB's missile field I mention in my book, UFOs and Nukes. He quickly found numerous factually-inaccurate statements and format errors in the "report" and calls it an obvious hoax.

For example, Mills writes, "The site [where the incident supposedly occurred] is listed as Delta 4, in the 68th Strategic Missile Squadron. Delta 4 was [actually] in the 66th Strategic Missile Squadron out near Philip. Opposite ends of the spectrum [geographically] and the wrong squadron to boot." Mills then devoted a full page to identifying the great many technical errors contained in the supposed "report" circulated by Collins. His unequivocal conclusion: "The document is totally bogus."

So here we have yet another example of Robert "Condor" Collins disseminating a hoaxed document about UFOs, more than two decades after his first disinformational endeavors, which were intended to mislead researcher Linda Moulton Howe and, eventually, the general public. I wonder if Collins' current publishing partner, Richard Doty, forged this "document" too? As mentioned earlier, I have been told by a highly reliable source that Doty belatedly admitted to forging a number of documents while with OSI. But, once again, it seems to me that this question is best answered in a court of law, where everyone is placed under oath, and where lies become perjury, punishable by fine and/or imprisonment.

In their book, Exempt from Disclosure, on the "About the Authors" page, Condor/Collins and Falcon/Doty summarize their military backgrounds. Mention is made of Doty's being recruited as an agent by the Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI or simply OSI) in 1978, his graduation from OSI Academy in Washington D.C., and his subsequent assignment with the OSI District Office 17 at Kirtland AFB, New Mexico, in May 1979, where he became involved in a program relating to the "collection of intelligence and counterintelligence [pertaining to] UFOs and other foreign intelligence."

This last reference is a polite way of saying, and excusing the fact, that Doty secretly spied on American citizens who had an interest in UFOs, recruited at least one civilian researcher (Moore) to assist him in those operations, and disseminated disinformation to those same unwitting persons with the intention of deflecting their interest in false directions, thereby disrupting their ability to decipher the governments' actual knowledge of, and activities relating to, UFOs.

Unfortunately, some of those OSI-targets themselves naively disseminated that disinformation to an international audience-and, in doing so, polluted the collective understanding of what really has gone on in secrecy-with a mixture of lies, half-

truths and paranoid fantasies. A variation of this dissemination process continues to this day, with the release of the latest MJ-12 "documents" and the disinformational rehash, sometimes with new twists, offered up by Doty and Collins, not only in their bogus book, but also in numerous emails and online postings.

Not surprisingly, the bio on Doty that appears in the jointly-authored book neglects to mention that, after being transferred from Kirtland to Wiesbaden AFB, Germany, he got into some kind of trouble allegedly involving the handling of money, according to then-Commander of the 1608th Security Police Squadron, Major Ernest Edwards, who knew Doty in New Mexico. While the available details remain sketchy, it has been confirmed that Doty was subsequently stripped of his agent status, booted from OSI and, upon returning to Kirtland AFB, ended up working in the base's East Dining Hall, until his retirement on November 1, 1988. I have a copy of Doty's DD-214—a summary of his military service—which confirms his unglamorous last assignment in the Air Force.

Upon retiring, Doty applied to be a New Mexico State Policeman and was hired. When I mentioned Doty's troubles in Germany to Gabe Valdez, also a state policeman—who is best known for his cattle mutilation investigations—he told me that his own brother, yet another state policeman, was the individual who had done the background check on Doty during the state police application process. Valdez then added, "I guess we didn't do a very good job." Frankly, I agree with that assessment.

Now, Doty will probably deny all of this, as he did to various journalists in 1989—I still have his letters to them—but the facts mentioned here would be verified in court, if it comes to that. When those journalists and others began asking questions about Doty's whereabouts after leaving the Air Force, in the wake of Bill Moore's admissions about the OSI disinformation operation at the MUFON convention, Doty tried to lay low by telling some of them that he was on a secret intelligence assignment that he could not discuss. I have those letters too, Rick. In reality, Doty was working at the time as a state policeman in Grants, New Mexico, a fact confirmed to me by Gabe Valdez.

Shortly after I circulated my MJ-12 paper, Doty wrote a nasty letter to me, denying all of my published paper's revelations about Moore, Collins and himself. Not knowing that I knew of his actual whereabouts, he also once again claimed that he was currently working on a secret intelligence assignment and could not be contacted directly. However, Doty wrote, he had a P.O. box in Grants where he received mail. I quickly responded by sending a certified letter to his attention at the Grants state police office. Realizing that I had caught him in yet another lie, he never responded. I still have both of those letters too, Mr. Doty.

#### The Serpo Hoax

In 2006, a group of British researchers, operating under the banner of Reality Uncovered (RU), initiated an online exposé relating to another of Richard Doty's attempts at disinformation. Titled "Project Serpo Uncovered," their now-reorganized findings open with:

On 2nd November 2005, Victor Martinez, the moderator of a UFOlogy-related electronic mailing list, posted an email from an anonymous source claiming to be a retired official of the U.S. government. The information referred to a top secret exchange program of twelve U.S. military personnel to planet 'Serpo,' a planet in the Zeta Reticuli star system, between the years 1965-78.

More messages soon followed and so did a website, all promoting the same general idea; that of ET contact and an extended stay on an alien planet.

The facts however paint a rather different picture to the fantastical 'Exchange Program' outlined above. The majority of the information regarding the Serpo Project has either passed through or is directly from Richard Doty, a person well-known in the field of UFOlogy. Furthermore, some of the names brought out to lend support to the story, in particular Paul McGovern, are in reality also none other than Richard Doty. Read on for the

real story behind Project Serpo...

All of this may be found at:

<http://www.realityuncovered.net/ufology/articles/serpo/>

which is an overview of the Serpo hoax investigation by RU.

A detailed discussion on the same website regarding Richard Doty pretending to be Paul McGovern may be found at:

<http://www.realityuncovered.com/expose8.shtml>

Bob Collins copied me on a supposed Doty/McGovern email exchange as recently as March 29, 2009. In view of RU's investigation, Collins' email should have been titled "Doty Talks to Himself." In any case, the Serpo hoax is alive and well, thanks to Falcon's and Condor's latest online droppings.

One of those posting on the RU forum, Shawna Connolly, eventually confronted Doty in an email, challenging the claim found in Exempt from Disclosure that Doty had attended law school and passed a New Mexico bar exam, thus sparking an exchange every bit as nasty as those from the late 1980s, when a newly-exposed Falcon/Doty sparred with journalists and researchers, including myself. A summary of the Doty/Connolly exchange currently posted at the RU website begins:

Rick Doty's Blackmail=85

This is a continuation of the release of information that has been gathered during the long investigation into the Project Serpo story by Reality Uncovered. This part includes a few examples of the many incidents of unethical behaviour by two of the individuals responsible for 'delivering' Serpo to the public domain. The following is updated information we are providing to help make everyone aware of what has really been going on 'behind the scenes' of Serpo...

Doty's Harassment of Shawna

Toward the end of the 'heated' argument between Collins & Doty and us regarding the Bar Exam and Law School issues, Richard Doty started privately emailing Shawna threatening emails. He claimed to have some information about trouble with the law in her past and threatened to make those [sic] public unless she stopped talking about him. He was threatening to use a fabricated criminal past about Shawna if she wouldn't remain silent about her findings. At one point in the evening, Mr. Doty sent Shawna 8 emails in the span of one hour.

June 15th, Rick sent Shawna the following email:

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From: "Rick Doty"  
Date: June 15, 2006 8:32:43 PM PDT  
To: "Shawna Connolly"  
Subject: Re: [Norton AntiSpam] Re: [Norton AntiSpam] Re: [Norton AntiSpam] Re: SERPO, SEINU and DISCLOSURE Open Mind -The Progressive Sceptics and Para-Politics Forum - Bob Collins resolves the 'Doty email' issue

Ms. Connolly:

You have falsified several things about me, my occupation and my past. You have hoaxed my email address and my name.

Now, if you wish to see how well I'm versed in law, I'll show you.

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Nine minutes later - he sends her the following threat:

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From: "Rick Doty"  
Date: June 15, 2006 8:41:37 PM PDT  
To: "Shawna Connolly"  
Subject: Re: Convicted Felon

I was just informed by two people on Victor Martinez's list that you are a convicted felon. You were convicted of forgery and embezzlement.

I will publish this on the forum.

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Shawwna - never one to be phased [sic] by threats, calls his bluff:

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From: Shawwna Connolly  
To: [Rxxxxxxxxxxxxx.nul](#)  
Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2006 21:53  
Subject: Your threat - "Convicted Felon"

[You] appear to be desperate, Mr. Doty.

I have NEVER done anything wrong in my entire life, much less been charged, or convicted of ANYTHING.

Go ahead and post this - it would be my pleasure to SUE a New Mexico state policeman presenting false information on the internet and fraudulently passing himself off as a lawyer (page 91, second edition of Exempt from Disclosure, and page 96 of the first edition of Exempt from Disclosure).

Always,  
Shawwna

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But Doty continues using his threatening tactics - I'm sure they've worked before. But apparently he's never met anyone like Shawwna before....

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From: "Rick Doty"  
To: "Shawwna Connolly"  
Subject: Re: Your threat - "Convicted Felon"  
Date: Fri, 16 Jun 2006 03:57:50 +0000

You'd have to sue the persons who spread the information, mainly Victor's list of people, who forwarded me the email.

Now, you see how things can be spread? Whether its truth or not, it was spread.

Oh, I'll spread it, just like you spread lies about me.

By the way, you can't sue unless you can prove venue, which can't be done on Internet traffic. You might want to check the laws!

Just keep you mouth shut about me and I'll do the same with you.

If not, then things will get very interesting with Internet Traffic.

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While the threats were disturbing, Shawwna would not allow Mr. Doty to intimidate her, and she contacted the NM State Police and forwarded this information & evidence of all of the threats to his immediate supervisor.

Shawwna heard back from his supervisor as a result of our report. Capt. Pete Kassetas of the New Mexico State Patrol [sic] assured Shawwna that Mr. Doty had been spoken to and would not be contacting her again. He also said that if for some reason she did hear from Mr. Doty again, she was to contact him right away. Shawwna asked Capt. Kassetas if the department was OK with Doty claiming to have passed the NM State Bar exam and presenting himself to be a lawyer-his response was that he couldn't talk to her about the details but that issue was also being investigated.

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Shawwna hasn't heard from Doty since...

This exchange is at:

<http://realityuncovered.com/expose6.shtml>

After reading it, I found the reference to which Ms. Connolly alluded in the 2005 edition of Exempt from Disclosure, regarding Doty's claims of having passed the New Mexico bar exam. It reads:

Since retiring from the Air Force in November 1988 I have managed to have a successful second career as a New Mexico State Trooper having received many commendations for my outstanding work in the field of law enforcement. During the last few years I have been able to finish my law degree and recently just passed the New Mexico state Bar examine [sic]...

This claim by Doty is absolutely false, as anyone who wishes to check into the matter will discover. In fact, a few members of RU did just that and got written confirmation from the University of New Mexico that Doty's and Collins' claims about Doty having graduated from the university's law school in 2003 were untrue. That discussion may be found at:

<http://www.realityuncovered.com/lawclaims.shtml>

(While the thought of Doty as an attorney is laughable on many levels, I note here his documented 25-year history of rampant misspelling-e.g. "examine" for "exam"-as well as his poor grammar, as evidenced in his many communications with others, not to mention the letters and documents he has forged over the years.)

So, Mr. Doty and Mr. Collins, what kind of excrement will you two birds drop to rebut this illuminating cache of information from the Reality Uncovered folks? Go for it! I have already pulled on my Hi-Top rubber boots.

Regardless, I think Shawwna Connolly-given her sincere quest for the facts and her obvious bravery in the face of intimidation-would make an excellent witness in a courtroom. So would Stephen Broadbent and the other researchers associated with the Reality Uncovered (realityuncovered.net) expos=E9 on Serpo, MJ-12, and related disinformation. A fuller discussion of these topics may be found at:

<http://www.realityuncovered.net/blog/>

Aaaargh! Speaking of MJ-12, I must now return to that sordid subject yet again.

MJ-Hell: It Still Lives!

For those of you unaware of this unfortunate development, we now have new-and-improved MJ-12 "documents" to further muddy the waters. Although no involvement with them on the part of Moore, Doty and/or Collins has been proved thus far, both Doty and Collins endorse their authenticity. These bogus papers came out of the woodwork, just as the first batch did 25 years ago, with no verifiable origin-that is, having no provenance, something essential to historical research, not to mention separating fact from fiction. Despite the sometimes obvious, sometimes subtle flaws and fabrications found in the latest batch of MJ-12 papers, a few well-intentioned researchers-who should have learned their lesson the first time around-have taken the new "documents" to heart and have, of their own volition, disseminated them far and wide while vouching for, or at least implicitly endorsing, their integrity. There are several websites devoted to the supposed validity of this MJ-Crap 2.0, but I certainly won't advertize those fetid flytraps here.

I recommend instead the Fund for UFO Research's online heads-up about one of the "documents," the so-called SOM 1-01 field manual, supposedly written for military personnel engaged in the recovery of crashed UFOs:

<http://www.cufos.org/ros5.html>

The bio for one of the authors of this specially-issued bulletin, veteran UFO researcher Jan L. Aldrich, summarizes his

expertise by saying that he "is familiar with protocols for establishing tactical bivouac areas with exclusion areas, operational security, and nuclear weapon accident/incident operations during field deployments. While at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, he was with the Directorate of Training Development, where he was tasked with analyzing and developing training manuals and materials."

In a recent email to me, Aldrich wrote:

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Robert,

[Regarding] Robert M. Collins, who had experience in military intelligence, I have difficulty believing anyone with much military experience would endorse SOM 1-01. I understand that the USAF is not generally thought of as a field-operating organization. However, that said, they do have to go out and do crash rescue and recovery, they do have to do technical intelligence on captured enemy equipment and, further, they have to engage in normal operational security and counter-intelligence. Also, the writing of operational and technical manuals has very simple standards for organization, content and maintenance. Even a short exposure to the military, as an officer, should have been enough [for Collins] to see the faults and failings in SOM 1-01...

[The] style of writing and the simple act of updating of the manual, which is not done properly, should give clues that this item was a fake...even a nodding acquaintance with the military should have raised all types of red flags when reading through SOM 1-01...

Jan

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In a follow-up email, in response to my request for some specifics relating to the flaws found in the supposedly-genuine 1954 field manual, Aldrich wrote:

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I [found] about 50 problems with SOM 1-01 when I quit looking at the manual. If you go into the UFO Update [website] archives, I went into great detail about them. The emails are contained in the first few months of the archive.

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Despite that exhaustive effort, Aldrich then generously devoted two full Word document pages to further critiquing the SOM 1-01 for me. For those of you interested in reading his comments, I have placed the full text at the end of this article. At the end of the critique, Aldrich wrote:

When I arrived in Europe [in 1984], I was not sufficiently trained in security and intelligence to do my job. I took every course that U.S. Army Europe had to offer, and dozens of correspondence courses, some of which amounted to over 120 sub-course booklets. One of the things I studied was the history of classified documents and directives from Truman on up to the [then] present day. As a subject-matter expert for Army meteorology, I had to analyze various training, operations, and maintenance manuals. Since the then-current system, at the time of my job, came into the Army inventory in 1947, I am very familiar with 1954 manuals, as the manual for hydrogen-generating equipment was originally written in 1954, and was still in use during my tenure.

[MJ-12 proponents such as] the Woods, Friedman, and Hamilton have an answer for my and others' objections. [However, while] they all know what they are talking about for manuals, security, and operations in the 1980s, it was different in 1954. They apparently have no idea what was going on then...

I was also in a critical nuclear weapons position for seven years, so I know about sensitive operations and security. Twice, I served as acting Intelligence Officer in a nuclear-capable artillery battalion. I also served for a time as an adjutant,

both unusual positions for an enlisted man. Finally, I served on the Special Staff of the Commanding General of the Southern European Taskforce. So I have significant experience in a number of areas related to manuals, operations, and security. I have, at one time or another, had the additional duties of Top Secret Control Officer, Classified Document Custodian, Communication Security (COMSEC) Custodian, Cosmic TS Control Officer, Security Manager, Interviewing Officer for Special Background Investigations, Nuclear Release Authentication Training Officer, etc.

Well, as noted earlier, the man knows his field manuals. Fortunately, the person(s) who forged the SOM-01-I "manual" did not, which makes exposing it easier, at least for knowledgeable and credible military document examiners such as Aldrich.

I will also mention this fact, excerpted from the wikipedia.org webpage on MJ-12, which is at:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Majestic\\_12#Arguments\\_against:](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Majestic_12#Arguments_against:)

A document entitled 'SOM1-01:Extraterrestrial Entities and Technology, Recovery and Disposal' and found on [www.majesticdocuments.com](http://www.majesticdocuments.com) contains paragraphs with subheads set in the sans serif 'Helvetica' typeface. The document purports to be from 1954 yet the typeface in question was first designed in 1957 by the Swiss graphic designer, Max Miedinger. The capitalized sans serif letter 'R' (and others) found on many pages confirms that this typeface is not the much earlier Akzidenz Grotesk sans serif typeface. This evidence seems to strongly suggest that this document is a fabrication.

The bottom line: As was the case with the earlier batch of MJ-12 "documents" that surfaced 25 years ago, the newly-disseminated MJ-12-related SOM-01-I "field manual" is undoubtedly a forgery.

However, frustratingly, the great majority of folks who so confidently hold-forth on the supposed authenticity of the alleged field manual, and other MJ-12 papers, are not qualified to address these arcane technical issues, which is why Moore, Doty and Collins and their ilk have gotten away with so much over the years, at least in some quarters, when they dress up their disinformation as legitimate history.

While no evidence currently exists to link the bogus "field manual" to Doty or Collins, the fact that both of them promote its legitimacy so vigorously is sufficient cause for concern. Whether this "document" is eventually proven to be one of the Doty-created forgeries, mentioned to me by my confidential source, remains to be seen.

Finally, in a long-overdue but welcomed follow-up to my 1989 article on MJ-12, researcher Brad Sparks' comprehensive, well-documented paper on the subject, which he delivered at MUFON's 2007 International Symposium, only serves to substantiate my initial findings regarding the disinformational underpinnings of the entire, apparently never-ending MJ-12 charade. Sparks' illuminating paper may be found at:

<http://tinyurl.com/2xdpak>

#### In Conclusion

Whether or not Falcon/Doty and Condor/Collins are actually officially-sanctioned disinformation agents these days, or merely habitual liars with an as-yet unknown agenda, if a large feathery creature approaches you with the offer of leaked UFO "documents" or "inside" information about the U.S. government cover-up of same, I would be very, very wary. Better yet-to quote Monty Python-Run away! Run away!

Alas, far too many individuals, confident in their own positions on MJ-12 and Serpo, will never take this advice. It takes two to tango, and Doty and Collins could not have succeeded in their schemes were it not for the seemingly endless supply of sincere-but-gullible ufologists, ufological-wannabes, and the occasional, usually self-appointed document expert. As noted earlier, Bill Moore once said in a moment of candor, "Every time one of you repeats an unverified or unsubstantiated bit of information, without qualifying it as such, you are contributing

to [the] process [of spreading the disinformants' poisonous seeds]; and every time you do it, somebody in a need-to-know position sits back and has a horse laugh at your expense."

But these unwitting dupes will get no pity from me. Their own lack of due-diligence, at least in most cases, has left them in the untenable position where they now find themselves. No, it's the millions of people in the general, uninformed, unsuspecting public who warrant my concern. Countless humans worldwide wonder about the merits of the UFO phenomenon and are genuinely seeking credible information upon which to form an opinion. Then come along "conmen" like Fal-con and Con-dor, together with their witting or unwitting civilian stooges, to make things much more difficult for the average person on-the-street, who is simply looking for the facts about UFOs, such as they are, at the present time.

So sue me for libel, Mr. Doty and/or Mr. Collins! I'm ready to take it to the next level. Let's see how your, and Mr. Moore's, myriad of lies hold-up in a legal venue. It's high time we put all of your shenanigans behind us, once and for all. You know where to reach me. The ball is in your court. Until then, I will continue to write articles and emails about your bogus "contributions" to ufology.

Admittedly and understandably, differences of opinion exist about what UFOs are, and what those who pilot them are up to. For example, despite my 35-year investigation of UFO activity at nuclear weapons sites-which, unlike the MJ-12 saga, relies on authentic declassified U.S. government documents, as well as the taped testimony of more than 100 USAF veterans who don't need to hide behind bird names and can be openly identified-a great many people nevertheless remain skeptical about the validity of my findings. That's entirely understandable and predictable. Paradigm shifts usually take time and the universal acceptance of the UFO reality will be no different.

However, when already-exposed tricksters such as Richard Doty and Robert Collins continue to intentionally confuse the issue, by disingenuously spreading around their poop as if it were real data, worthy of investigation and eventual acceptance-when it is actually worthless, not to mention misleading, as it is intended to be-then the rest of us, ufologists or otherwise, must stand firm and at every opportunity expose these incorrigible liars for what they are.

Those who are "disinforming" us about UFOs are effectively delaying our understanding of the facts by lying about the government's actual knowledge of the phenomenon. Moreover, these agents' input is all the more corrosive because it provides free ammunition to the UFO-debunking crowd, who only have to point to Doty's and Collins' many bogus utterances, about this or that, to justify to themselves that the whole UFO question is unworthy of their time and attention.

For example, it appears that the Reality Uncovered folks, despite their excellent investigations relating to the MJ-12 and Serpo hoaxes, have "thrown the baby out with the bathwater," by mistakenly assuming that the disinformants' nonsense is the only UFO data worth pursuing. While preparing this article, I contacted two of the website's moderators and another leading contributor. I first complimented their expos=E9 on Doty and Collins and then mentioned my own, well-grounded research on UFO activity at nuclear weapons sites, and provided them with information pertaining to the testimony from my ex-USAF sources about the UFO-reality. None of them ever responded.

Even prior to my contact with them, the RU moderators had contemptuously referred to persons such as myself as UFO "believers" on their website. I suspect, however, if I were to call them UFO "unbelievers" they would strongly reject the label. That serious people take UFOs seriously seems to have escaped them, to borrow a phrase from researcher Robert J. Durant. (In fact, they probably won't even get my point here, so I will spell it out for them: Drawing conclusions about something, after first rigorously investigating it, is fundamentally different from blindly "believing" in it.)

While it's true, alas, that most UFO debunkers are unreasonably biased against the subject at the outset, even before examining the evidence, the disinformation now being spread around by



Doty, Collins and their ilk-about pitched gun-battles at underground alien bases, and alien/U.S. military exchange programs between Earth and a distant planet, to mention two of the bogus stories currently in circulation-only further delays serious attention being paid to UFOs by any semi-open-minded scientist or journalist who, among other skeptics, will now have to be convinced even more of the validity of UFO research.

In short, disinformants are serving masters whose goals run counter to humankind's collective long-term interests and enlightenment. If you who are reading this are blindly repeating and/or actively promoting any one of the many lies that Richard Doty and Robert Collins have posted on the Internet, or have spread around in emails, then you are unwittingly serving those unseen masters too. I think I hear a horse laugh somewhere in the distance.

--Robert Hastings  
[www.ufohastings.com](http://www.ufohastings.com)

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Jan L. Aldrich's critique of the SOM 1-01 "Field Manual"

The following items are neither the most important nor vital objections to SOM 1-01, rather some of the problems with it which are easy to understand without a lot of background and extensive commentary. --JLH

#### 1. Posting Changes to Manuals:

In 1954, [one] received changes to a manual generally in the form of a document which had the changes-to-be-made written out, instructing the manual's owner to add, cross out, or change items in the manual. For example, such instructions might be:

Change 1, dated 5 November 1957, to SOM1-01, 1954:

Page 22, paragraph 2.c.2 change the words: 'send to the nearest ASF collections point.' To: 'send to the Centralized ASF collection point, Fort Monmouth, New Jersey.'

After the change had been made in the manual, the owner would write on the page 'Changed by Change 1 dated 5 Nov 57,' and indicate the date changed and his initials. Generally, the fact that the manual has been changed appears at the beginning of the paragraph changed. As some of these changes could change just about every page in the manual, the absolute minimum annotation would be 'C-1 12 Nov 57 JLA..' Most changes in the 1950s were made by hand written annotations, but even back then, there were tear-out pages which required the old page(s) be removed and new pages inserted. The new page would be have the change number indicated on the page.

[Despite these formal Army requirements,] SOM 1-01 indicates in the front cover that a number of changes were made, but nowhere in the manual are any of these changes indicated or annotated. Also, the requirement is that the outside cover of the manual be annotated with 'Change 1 dated 5 Nov 57 posted 12 Nov 57 JLA.' Such annotation on the cover indicates to the user who might be different than the manual's owner or custodian, that the manual was up to date with all relevant changes posted.

With a classified manual [like the allegedly genuine SOM 1-01], not posting or properly annotating the postings could be considered a security violation...

#### 2. Manual Style. Paragraphs, Sub-paragraphs:

If you have a sub-paragraph, e.g. 2.a.1 then it must have a paragraph 2.a.2 as a minimum. If you don't, then the subparagraph (or, in this example, the sub-subparagraph) is not required. That is a military style requirement. However, a change could supersede subparagraph 2.a.2, but again, that the change was made should be annotated on the page.

#### 3. Recovery Operations:

The manual instructs that operations be conducted so that the press and public cannot gain access or know what is going on.

[But] it does not instruct the recovery team to utilize camouflage nets or tentage to preclude viewing from higher ground or from aircraft such as the press might hire to have a look about what is going on.

#### 4. Recovery Operations and Technical Intelligence:

The manual does not tell recovery teams to set up a grid, photograph the scene and tag each item for future reference. (Identifying material and where it is found is, of course, basic to technical intelligence.)

#### 5. Organization and Equipment:

The manual does not explain what specialized gear, what protective gear, what type of personnel occupational specialties, and what specific training would be required for recovery teams.

#### 6. Logistics, Transportation, Communication, etc.:

There is no guidance about supply rates, consumables, etc.; material handling gear and transportation, and communications.

#### 7. Chain of command:

Who does the recovery team report to? [There is no mention of any kind.]

#### 8. Special conditions:

How are liquids, gasses, fires and hazardous material handled in the recovery operations. [There is no mention of any kind.]

#### 9. Standards:

The manual says that the site will be cleaned to the satisfaction of the commander in charge of the operation. This goes without saying and is not guidance at all. Military manuals of all epochs, since at least WWII, despite differences in wording and policy at the time, all contain elements of conducting military operations which are readily identifiable: That is 'Task' (what is to be done); 'Conditions' (under what kind of environment is the task to be performed); and 'Standards' (what are minimum acceptable outcomes of the task). Basically, all military manuals can be analyzed in this manner...

In addition, I offer an opinion that in such [UFO] recovery operations, there would probably be instruction about removing soil from the area of a crash site. Interestingly enough years later, I obtained some information about a case of an explosion over western Maryland in the 1970s. Lou Corbin looked into before he died. The farm in question was showered with metallic fragments after the explosion. The farmer and neighbors picked some up. Corbin found that the military arrived at the farm, scraped off all the soil with earthmoving equipment, carted it off and replaced the farmer's soil. Corbin had the fragments analyzed by a NASA scientist. They were of earthly origin. However, the point is that SOM 1-01 is lacking in details for operations that the military actually engages in.

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April 2, 2009

Prosecutor Plans Press Conference On UFO Hoax Claims  
Daily Record staff report

Morris County Prosecutor Robert A. Bianchi will conduct a press conference this evening to discuss the claims by a pair of Whippany Park HS alumni that they staged a UFO hoax involving road flares and balloons earlier this year.

Bianchi will meet with reporters at 7:30 p.m.

Earlier this week, the two men posted videos online that demonstrated how they used flares and balloons, launching them to create the illusion of red-lighted UFOs hovering over Morris County five times in January and February.

The mysterious lights made headlines across the U.S.

Authorities have said the flares and balloons could have interfered with air traffic in the region, including Newark Liberty International Airport flight patterns, and also posed a fire hazard as they floated over homes in the Morristown area.

Check back tonight for updates from the Morris County Prosecutor's press conference.

[Thanks to Eileen Nesbitt for the lead]

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April 2, 2009

Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Pranksters

The offense is non-dictable and punishable by fine.

Chris Russo, 29, of Morris Plains, and Joe Rudy, 28, of Chester Township, came forward on Thursday and admitted to the hoax. They also posted videos online demonstrating how they used flares and balloons, launching them to create the illusion of red-lighted UFOs hovering over Morris County five times in January and February.

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## Re: The Great UFO Hoax Of 2009

From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 2 Apr 2009 14:25:13 -0500  
Archived: Thu, 02 Apr 2009 21:25:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Great UFO Hoax Of 2009

>From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
>To: <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 02 Apr 2009 19:21:10 +0100  
>Subject: Re: The Great UFO Hoax Of 2009

>For an example of a properly conducted, scientifically planned  
>experimental hoax check these reports:

><http://magonia.haaan.com/1976/experimental-ufo-hoaxing/>

><http://magonia.haaan.com/2009/ufo-hoaxing/>

Steaming goober papple. There is no such thing.

Apart from any "sociological observations" gleaned [I'm betting  
invalid anyway for something related to the contrived affect of  
the observation] these only communicate the distortion that UFOs  
\_always\_ have a prosaic explanation. That's just specious on its  
face.

These activities remain as condescending as they contemptible...  
whoever is doing them.

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From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 02 Apr 2009 17:15:50 -0300  
Archived: Thu, 02 Apr 2009 22:30:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Great UFO Hoax Of 2009

>From: Frank Fields <[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
>To: [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 2 Apr 2009 14:01:16 -0400 (EDT)  
>Subject: Re: The Great UFO Hoax Of 2009

>>From: Dick Hall <[dh12.nul](mailto:dh12.nul)>  
>>To: <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 2 Apr 2009 07:52:16 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: The Great UFO Hoax Of 2009

<snip>

>>So now we have confessions from two self-styled skeptics that  
>>they are liars and fakers, and purveyors of fraudulent film.  
>>Does this behavior make them superior to we gullible, naive  
>>"believers." No, it tells us not to believe anything self-styled  
>>sketics say as they teach debunking and fakery instead of how to  
>>go about real scientific investigation.

>I agree with you Dick and Don is correct as well.

>As an attorney, I can say that there is a strong potential legal  
>cause of action with this case. These admitted fakers have  
>perpetrated a civil wrong against the innocent observers and  
>that could be actionable as a tort lawsuit.

>Hopefully, one of them will take action.

Anyone can take action against FAA infractions in the US, even me - a Canadian. When I get more details from the Skeptic Magazine article I'll forward it to the enforcement section of the FAA. The FAA might have seen the Newsweek article themselves. I neglected to mention that even Morrystown has its own tower and control zone which is about 10 Nautical miles in diameter.

Hoaxes perpetrated in the name of experimentation to debunk the UFO phenomenon do far more damage than any good they do. They discourage people from making reports or getting involved in scientific investigation. In the long run that is their purpose despite the supposed nobility of the childish pranks pulled off in the case John Rimmer posted today.

Perhaps these hoaxters should try pulling off something a little tougher than hanging a few lamps in the air. Try duplicatng the Channel Island case or the Japanese Airlines case of November 17, 1986. Any damn fool can hang out a few lights and flash some car lights. Let me know how you make out.

Don Ledger

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## Re: The Great UFO Hoax of 2009

From: Chris Rutkowski <[canadianuforeport.nul](mailto:canadianuforeport.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 2 Apr 2009 15:33:46 -0500  
Archived: Thu, 02 Apr 2009 22:35:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Great UFO Hoax of 2009

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## PRG/X-Conference Press Release - 4/3/0

From: **Paradigm Research Group** <[PRG.nul](mailto:PRG.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 02 Apr 2009 18:32:15 -0700  
Archived: Fri, 03 Apr 2009 10:02:58 -0400  
Subject: PRG/X-Conference Press Release - 4/3/0

PRG Press Release  
X-Conference 2009  
April 3, 2009

Washington, DC - Paradigm Research Group will hold its fifth X-Conference (Exopolitics Expo) April 17-19 at the Hilton Hotel in Gaithersburg, Maryland. This event is an integral part of the advocacy work of PRG aiming to change government policy toward extraterrestrial-related phenomena. Since the early 1950's the United States has imposed a "truth embargo" on any formal acknowledgement of an extraterrestrial presence engaging the human race. This engagement has been confirmed by a mountain of evidence compiled by hundreds of researchers over six decades.

Conference and registration information is found at:

[www.x-conference.com](http://www.x-conference.com).

It is open to the public and there is on-site registration. Press passes are available.

X-Conference 2009 will be hosted by former CNN news anchor, Cheryl Jones. Featured speakers this year include:

Dr. Edgar Mitchell - this author, explorer, founder of the Institute of Noetic Sciences, and one of only 12 humans to set foot off the planet Earth (Apollo 14) triggered an international media storm in July of 2008 when many in a UK radio audience heard for the first time his assertions about what he has learned about an extraterrestrial presence in our skies. See:

[www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/Mitchell Media Coverage.htm](http://www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/Mitchell_Media_Coverage.htm)

Dr. Mitchell will give his most comprehensive lecture on the intersection of his life with these issues, the response he has received and his thoughts on the disclosure process and the possible new paradigm in a post-disclosure world.

Nick Pope - media coverage in the United Kingdom of the extraterrestrial/UFO issue has exploded over the past twelve months due to the timed release of thousands of documents and sighting reports by the British government into the public domain. These releases have generated hundreds of articles both in the UK and the United Kingdom. Nick Pope has been at the center of this news cycle. He is a former Senior Executive Officer with the UK Ministry of Defence, who directly investigated the UFO issue while working for the MoD and is now a leading researcher and spokesperson. Nick will address the powerful events unfolding in his country.

Major Milton Torres: Nick Pope will be joined by USAF Major (ret.) Dr. Milton Torres who was featured in one of the MoD documents released last year. Major Torres was ordered to shoot down a UFO while on duty in the UK and is now publicly speaking to that extraordinary event.

Other speakers:

<http://tinyurl.com/cm6fgt>

All members of the U. S. Congress have received invitations to send representatives to X-Conference 2009.

A post-conference press event will be held at the National Press Club, 14th and F Streets, NW, Washington, DC on Monday, April 20, at 10 am. Dr. Edgar Mitchell, Nick Pope, Major Milton Torres and other speakers will have announcements and take questions on the most important issue of our time.

Contact: Stephen Bassett  
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From: Steve Sawyer <[stevesaw.nul](mailto:stevesaw.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 2 Apr 2009 18:32:40 -0700  
Archived: Fri, 03 Apr 2009 10:05:58 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Great UFO Hoax Of 2009

>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>To: [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 02 Apr 2009 14:23:21 -0300  
>Subject: Re: The Great UFO Hoax Of 2009

>>From: Dick Hall <[dh12.nul](mailto:dh12.nul)>  
>>To: <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 2 Apr 2009 07:52:16 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: The Great UFO Hoax Of 2009

>>>Source: Newsweek - New York, New York, USA

>>><http://tinyurl.com/clff4u>

>>>Wednesday, April 01, 2009

>>>The Great UFO Hoax Of 2009  
>>>Sharon Begley

<snip>

Hi, Don, Dick and List,

I agree that this stupid and potentially dangerous stunt was completely irresponsible, and that such pseudo-debunkery and hoaxing is possibly, or should be, criminally liable, due to the potential for fire hazard and interference, especially, with aircraft flight path and operating areas where such aerial devices could cause in-flight damage and loss of life.

In response to your question, Don, about "Is there a more detailed article about the hoaxers' potentially deadly exploits that could be forwarded to the FAA who could then possibly charge these two for reckless endangerment?" here is the story as told by the perps themselves, at this website address:

<http://www.skeptic.com/eskeptic/09-04-01.html#feature>

Somebody ought to not just report them; they should be prosecuted for creating both a flight and a fire hazard. And for being arrogant idiots, although that might be more of a civil matter [joke].

Steve

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## Re: The Great UFO Hoax Of 2009

From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 03 Apr 2009 09:55:41 +0100  
Archived: Fri, 03 Apr 2009 10:12:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Great UFO Hoax Of 2009

>From: Chris Rutkowski <[canadianuforeport.nul](mailto:canadianuforeport.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 2 Apr 2009 15:33:46 -0500  
>Subject: Re: The Great UFO Hoax Of 2009

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## Re: The Great UFO Hoax Of 2009

From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 3 Apr 2009 09:50:24 -0400  
Archived: Fri, 03 Apr 2009 11:08:20 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Great UFO Hoax Of 2009

>From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
>To: <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 03 Apr 2009 09:55:41 +0100  
>Subject: Re: The Great UFO Hoax Of 2009

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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
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John,

I consider myself a "critical ufologist" and I would characterize any colleague worthy of respect the same. It seems to me, however, that you and your Magonia associates are fairly militant (and free, I might add, with the standard UFOphobic weapon of ridicule) in your rejection of the position that UFO reports represent something significantly anomalous. Consequently, rhetorical emphases and nuances notwithstanding, most observers would think of you as debunkers. At the very least, your quarrel with them debunkery appears significantly less than your quarrel with ufology as ordinarily defined (the study of aerial phenomena judged to be extraordinary unknowns).

I don't raise this issue, I stress, in any confrontational sense. You are obviously entitled to your opinions, and I'm certainly not looking for yet another pointless debate. It's just that I am genuinely curious, even confused, about your meaning.

Perhaps, it is your conviction that "critical ufologists" such as Chris Rutkowski, Dick Hall, Don Ledger, Greg Sandow, me, and others on this List and elsewhere are closer to your position than than, say, Klass or the New Jersey knuckleheads who occasioned this thread. If that's the case, I admit I'd be surprised, but surprise, after all, is what makes life interesting.

Jerry Clark

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## Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 02 Apr 2009 23:17:00 -0300  
Archived: Fri, 03 Apr 2009 11:13:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

>Source: The Daily Record - Parsippany, New Jersey, USA

><http://tinyurl.com/c2hzvh>

>April 2, 2009

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>Authorities have said the flares and balloons could have  
>interfered with air traffic in the region, including Newark  
>Liberty International Airport flight patterns, and also posed a  
>fire hazard as they floated over homes in the Morristown area.

Guess I won't have to bother with the FAA, huh? Now how about  
the eSkeptic blog which apparently is not Michael Shermer's blog  
though he used to have one some years ago called E-Skeptic. Does  
anyone have access to the one Sharon Begley refers to in her  
Newsweek article.

Don Ledger

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Date: Thu, 2 Apr 2009 21:48:58 EDT  
Archived: Fri, 03 Apr 2009 11:14:00 -0400  
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I'm glad these two clowns got pinched.

That stunt could have gotten someone severely injured or worse  
killed.

Best,

Greg  
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## Skeptics Hoax Proves Point But Raises Questions

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 03 Apr 2009 12:16:00 -0400  
Archived: Fri, 03 Apr 2009 12:16:00 -0400  
Subject: Skeptics Hoax Proves Point But Raises Questions

Source: CFI - The Centre For Inquiry - Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/cg3t5w>

April 2, 2009

NJ UFO Hoax By Skeptics Proves Point But Raises Questions  
Ben Radford

Strange lights appeared over New Jersey's Morris County on the evening of Jan. 5, according to a local TV station's report. The bright red lights were first noticed in the night sky by an eleven-year-old girl, who pointed out three lights grouped together, and another pair some distance away. The lights moved silently and slowly, then disappeared one by one. The girl's mother, Cindy Hurley, said it was "unsettling=85something you've never seen before, and a very strange pattern." Paul Hurley, a pilot, said he was baffled: "I've been in aviation for 20 years and never seen anything like it." The local airport didn't report anything unusual on radar, and police fielded calls from alarmed residents. The TV show UFO Hunters even got into the act.

The case remained open (among many UFO groups anyway), until Wednesday, April Fool's day, when two twenty-something college kids, Chris Russo and Joe Rudy, admitted to the hoax: "We set out into the woods =85carrying one helium tank, five balloons, five flares, fishing line, duct tape, and a video camera. After filling up one 3-foot balloon with helium, we tied about five feet of fishing line to the balloon, secured the line with tape, then tied and taped the flare to the other end of the line. Once all five balloons were ready, we struck the 15-minute flares and released them into the sky." They carefully documented their prank in a series of videos. In a posting at [www.skeptic.com](http://www.skeptic.com), the pair said the hoax was a "social experiment on how to create your own media event surrounding UFO sightings=85to show everyone how unreliable eyewitness accounts are, along with investigators of UFOs." They wrote:

"Bill Birnes, the lead investigator of the show and the publisher of UFO Magazine, declared definitively that the Morristown UFO could not have been flares or Chinese lanterns. Surely Birnes, who has written and edited over 25 books and encyclopedias in the fields of human behavior, true crime, current affairs, history, psychology, business, computing, and the paranormal, and the co-author of The Day After Roswell (a New York Times bestseller in 1997 and subsequently a documentary on The History Channel), could not have let himself be fooled by a couple of twenty-somethings with no formal education in psychology. He could. If a respected UFO investigator can be easily manipulated and dead wrong on one UFO case, is it possible he's wrong on most (or all) of them? Do the networks buy into this nonsense, or are they in it for the ratings? How can a television network that has pretensions of providing honest and factual programming be taken seriously when the topic

of one of their top rated shows deals with chasing flares and fishing line?"

The hoaxers are quite correct, and their point is well taken. But it also raises the question: should skeptics pull pranks and hoaxes, even to prove a skeptical point? The issue can be debated, though I think the goal and purpose must be clear.

Fooling people is very easy; the people who could not recognize what they saw in the skies should not be made to seem like fools. It's not surprising that eyewitnesses, including a pilot, could not identify the objects, since most people have not seen road flares tied to balloons in the night sky. There's no reason a pilot, or anyone else, would recognize it: The lights literally were nothing they had ever seen before =97 but not necessarily anything extraterrestrial. The UFO "experts," on the other hand, are a different matter. Their highly-rated TV show UFO Hunters could stand a good cold dose of reality, and the hoax admission will likely leave them red-faced and sputtering futile defenses of their half-baked "investigation."

The larger issue is credibility: Most of the time skeptics are revealing hoaxes, not perpetrating them. To be sure, skeptics have at times pretended to have powers they didn't possess: Randi has pulled some classic hoaxes, including the Project Alpha ESP hoax and his =93Carlos=94 hoax on the Australian media. Ray Hyman used to read palms, even after he realized that his Barnum effect "insights=94 were bogus; and Michael Shermer at least once tried his hand at cold reading an audience under the guise of being a psychic medium connecting with the dead. In all these cases, the truth was revealed, but calling them hoaxes would seem a fair characterization. (Though to be fair, Russo and Rudy are skeptical college kids, not professional skeptics or investigators.) What do you think? Should skeptics hoax the public, or is that a breach of ethics that will ultimately harm the skeptical position?

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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## 'Bright Light' Not Man-Made Object - USAF

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 03 Apr 2009 12:20:00 -0400  
Archived: Fri, 03 Apr 2009 12:20:00 -0400  
Subject: 'Bright Light' Not Man-Made Object - USAF

Source: WTOP-FM - Washington, DC, USA

<http://www.wtopnews.com/?nid=25&sid=1636442>

March 31, 2009

USAF: 'Bright Light' Not Man-Made Object  
Kristi King WTOP.com

WASHINGTON - The flashing lights and booming sounds that were attributed to a piece of orbiting space junk were not the result of a man-made object, according to the United States Air Force.

In an e-mail sent to WTOP, Stefan Bocchino of the USAF Joint Space Operations Center says the "bright light" seen over parts of the East Coast Sunday night was not a result of a man-made space object.

The Joint Space Operations Center tracks more than 19,000 man-made objects in space, but no natural phenomena.

It was first believed that the lights and sounds were caused by space junk related to the Russian rocket Soyuz docking with the International Space Stations Saturday.

Geoff Chester, spokesman for the U.S. Naval Observatory, was nearly sure the object was the rocket's booster tanks for numbers of reasons. Whatever flashed through the sky followed the exact path the space junk was traveling over the eastern seaboard.

Witnesses describe the flashes in the sky as being colored with yellows and oranges. While fireballs usually throw sparks that appear green followed by trains of blue and red. The loud explosion accompanying the balls of fire in the sky also could be explained if the object was a rocket tank with residual amounts of booster fuel.

The flashes and booms that people heard prompted calls to 911 and the National Weather Service late Sunday night.

According to WVEC.com, the calls were numerous enough for the National Weather Service to release this statement late Sunday night:

"Numerous reports have been called in to this office and into local law enforcement concerning what appeared to be flashes of light in the sky over the Suffolk/Virginia Beach area. We are confident in saying that this was not lightning...and have been in contact with military and other government agencies to determine the cause. So far...we have not seen or heard of any damage from this and will continue to inquire as to the cause."

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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From: Vincent Boudreau <[vincentboudreau.nul](mailto:vincentboudreau.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 03 Apr 2009 13:15:50 -0400 (EDT)  
Archived: Fri, 03 Apr 2009 13:23:30 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Great UFO Hoax Of 2009

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
>To: <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 2 Apr 2009 09:51:09 -0500  
>Subject: Re: The Great UFO Hoax Of 2009

>In no particular order: The arguments of Dolan, Friedman,  
>Hastings, Feschino, Maccabee, Hynek, McDonald, Hall, and Haines  
>[et sig all], as opposed to Shermer, Oberg, Nye, McGaha, Cottle,  
>Plait, Dunning, Klass or CSI, et insig al...

>To what abundantly clear conclusion can a reasonable, non-  
>conflicted, and truly scientific person come? Not a question  
>really. One conclusion seems patently obvious and the opposition  
>to that conclusion seems unscientific, unbrave, unrealistic,  
>unethical, unschooled, and unabashed to be so opposed.

>History, even as that history may be rendered irrelevant to a  
>degree as a result of its perennially convenient imprecision,  
>won't be kind. Shame will be great.

Also: any time of the day, the Dolans through the Halls can have  
a heated argument and challenge one another.

This never happens to the choir boys, however the depth of the  
fallacies they each can come up with.

Don't expect the 'scientific' community to chime in on their  
idiocies either.

This is the giveaway of all religious belief.

Vincent Boudreau

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Hah! You're right! You won't see Mickey Shermer upbraid Phil Plait for the same reason you won't see Benny Hinn bad-mouth Robert Tilton. How hugely ironic, eh? It must be ... comforting... if you crave the taste of koolaid, to enjoy such consensus with your contemporaries...

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Date: Fri, 3 Apr 2009 11:06:19 -0700  
Archived: Fri, 03 Apr 2009 14:41:58 -0400  
Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

>From: Greg Boone <[evolbaby.nul](mailto:evolbaby.nul)>  
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Greg,

You raise a point I've been discussing ever since NUFORC began receiving reports of clusters of lights over communities. I provide a link below to the incident in Prescott Valley, AZ, that first caused me to awaken to this type of event:

<http://www.nuforc.org/webreports/011/S11910.html>

Shortly afterwards, similar events were reported from Rockford, IL; Milwaukee, WI; Carteret, NJ; Tinley Park, IL; and from many other locales. None of those incidents was ever ascribed to intentional hoaxes, and to the best of my knowledge, none of them has been adequately explained

I had one witness to the Morristown, NJ, sighting on the Jeff Rense radio program, and his description was rather convincing. Moreover, the lights, we concluded, probably were note drifting in the same direction as the reported "winds aloft."

Also, we asked him whether smoke was visible, or not, and it was not. Given that the guest was a commercial airline pilot, I suspect that he has acute vision, and he is accustomed to discriminating with regard to objects that catch his attention.

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Peter  
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## Slade's Noddy Saw UFO

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 03 Apr 2009 14:45:00 -0400  
Archived: Fri, 03 Apr 2009 14:45:00 -0400  
Subject: Slade's Noddy Saw UFO

Source: The Daily Echo - Bournemouth, England, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/cg9v9a>

Friday 3rd April 2009

I Saw A UFO Over Bournemouth And I'm Not Crazee...  
By Juliette Astrup

Don't accuse him of being all crazee now - but rocker Noddy Holder of Slade says he felt the noize when he had a close encounter with a UFO in Bournemouth.

The colourful star, most famous for the ubiquitous festive hit Merry Xmas Everybody, said he saw a circular flying saucer, emitting beams of light, flying over the sea while staying in the town.

Recounting the tale on Radio 2, he said his Bournemouth hotel room had suddenly filled with "white light" at midnight, which at first he thought was coming from a police helicopter.

"I puts my paper down, looks out and it was a flying saucer," he said. "I'm serious here - it was a flying saucer. It whizzed across the sea, just like you see in the movies. It was circular with all beams of light coming out of it."

He described how it raced over the surface of the water a such speed that "massive waves came up". But his wife wasn't so convinced.

"She would not believe I'd seen this flying saucer," he added. "She said 'Ah, you're drunk you fool' - it's one of them police helicopters'."

But the day after the sighting, which happened some five years ago, he said he turned on the BBC news to see reports of UFO sightings "in a straight line" from Gloucester to Bournemouth and along the south coast.

It is not the first time the area has experienced such a visitation - in fact it appears to be somewhat of a UFO hotspot.

Strange lights spotted in the sky over the festive period prompted a flurry of calls to the Daily Echo newsroom. They were described as "moving around like an insect. It was as bright as a car headlight".

And in February last year, there were a number of sightings of a cigar-shaped object in the sky over Poole Harbour and Swanage.

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Subject: Hudson Valley College UFO Course

Source: Hudson Valley Community College - Troy, New York, USA

<https://www.hvcc.edu/communityed/spring/special.html>

### UFO Studies

This course will cover the history of ufology. We will examine why we are being visited, what they are doing here, and what we can do about it. We will also examine what role our government has had during the last sixty years since the modern UFO era began. In addition, we will discuss a number of local UFO sightings as well as sightings around the country and the world.

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Jim Bouck Jr., Instructor

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Date: Fri, 3 Apr 2009 15:06:21 -0400 (EDT)  
Archived: Fri, 03 Apr 2009 15:50:00 -0400  
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From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 03 Apr 2009 16:52:49 -0300  
Archived: Sat, 04 Apr 2009 08:51:34 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Great UFO Hoax Of 2009

>From: Steve Sawyer <[stevesaw.nul](mailto:stevesaw.nul)>  
>To: <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 2 Apr 2009 18:32:40 -0700  
>Subject: Re: The Great UFO Hoax Of 2009

<snip>

>Hi, Don, Dick and List,

>I agree that this stupid and potentially dangerous stunt was  
>completely irresponsible, and that such pseudo-debunkery and  
>hoaxing is possibly, or should be, criminally liable, due to the  
>potential for fire hazard and interference, especially, with  
>aircraft flight path and operating areas where such aerial  
>devices could cause in-flight damage and loss of life.

>In response to your question, Don, about "Is there a more  
>detailed article about the hoaxsters' potentially deadly exploits  
>that could be forwarded to the FAA who could then possibly  
>charge these two for reckless endangerment?" here is the story  
>as told by the perps themselves, at this website address:

><http://www.skeptic.com/eskeptic/09-04-01.html#feature>

>Somebody ought to not just report them; they should be  
>prosecuted for creating both a flight and a fire hazard. And for  
>being arrogant idiots, although that might be more of a civil  
>matter [joke].

Hi Steve,

As you probably are aware now, they are being prosecuted by a  
Morristown prosecutor. They will get away with a fine. If the  
FAA gets in a huff about it they won't get away with a fine,  
however. Their prosecutorial arm begins with the FBI who will  
investigate, then if charges are warranted the Federal court  
will become involved.

Thanks for the link to the eSkeptical article. I knew it was out  
there but for some reason could not open it.

One point however. This hoax points out - shines a light on -  
the hazards of unknown objects in our skies. Whether by such as  
these two hoaxers or by some unknown phenomenon the results can  
be the same when they are present in the airspaces, or approach  
and take-off paths of airplanes. That's what NARCAP is all about  
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Don Ledger

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Yes, and maybe the whole thing was a media hoax to generate  
sales - after all, newspapers are in deep trouble - and there  
were no sightings at all. Right. I am reminded of the quote  
originally attributed to Jonathan Swift:

Great fleas have little fleas upon their backs to bite 'em, And  
little fleas have lesser fleas, and so ad infinitum.

Until some concrete evidence is presented to the contrary, I  
will assume that there were sightings and that the hoax  
confession was legitimate. Our imaginations can spin some  
fabulous webs.

Dick

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## Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

From: William Treurniet <[wtreurniet.nul](mailto:wtreurniet.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 3 Apr 2009 17:13:03 -0400  
Archived: Sat, 04 Apr 2009 09:55:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

>From: Frank Fields <[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
>To: [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 3 Apr 2009 15:06:21 -0400 (EDT)  
>Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

>>From: Peter Davenport <[director.nul](mailto:director.nul)>  
>>To: <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>>Date: Fri, 3 Apr 2009 11:06:19 -0700  
>>Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

<snip>

>>All of this leads me to wonder whether the "Newsweek" (sic)  
>>article, and subsequent news reports, about the alleged hoax are  
>>accurate. The perpetrators are rather brazen to come forward,  
>>risking indictment for reckless endangerment, etc..

>>Hence, I wonder if the alleged hoax is, itself, a hoax. It seems  
>>noteworthy that the two alleged perpetrators have waited so long  
>>to come forward. My experience with that type of dolt is that  
>>they seek immediate gratification. The fact that they have  
>>waited some ten weeks seems odd to me. That would have given the  
>>gentle folks at Skeptical Inquirer adequate opportunity to  
>>recruit some guys to masquerade as the cause of the sighting. It  
>>will be interesting to see what they say, if the Morris County,  
>>NJ, authorities press criminal charges.

>Very good point Peter. This "hoax" could be part of a deception  
>agenda.

This suggestion reminds me of Doug and Dave who claimed to have  
made all those crop formations in England by pressing down the  
crops using boards. Again, two people using low tech equipment.

William

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## Re: Picture Shows 'Aliens' Flying Over London

From: Kentaro Mori <[kentaro.mori.nul](mailto:kentaro.mori.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 3 Apr 2009 18:35:09 -0300  
Archived: Sat, 04 Apr 2009 09:57:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Picture Shows 'Aliens' Flying Over London

>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>To: [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 31 Mar 2009 14:14:35 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Picture Shows 'Aliens' Flying Over London

>>Source: Bild Magazine - Germany  
>><http://tinyurl.com/caxpuh>  
>>March 30 2009  
>>Bizarre Picture Shows 'Aliens' Flying Over London!  
>>London's about to be invaded by aliens - at least that's what it  
>>looks like in a bizarre picture taken from Google's Street View  
>>map service!

><snip>

>It's a pretty sloppy looking Diamond Nine formation. It is  
>certainly not perfect. Suggest a formation of prop driven  
>Warbirds practicing. Looks like airplanes to me even though what  
>I get is blurry.

It's probably a formation of Tornado bombers in the RAF Trooping  
of the Colour celebrated on June 14, 2008, as proposed by an  
user at the Snopes forum:

<http://message.snopes.com/showthread.php?p=919787>

Videos & reports at my site:

<http://tinyurl.com/co4fvr>

Mori

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## Re: Skeptics Hoax Proves Point But Raises Questions

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 3 Apr 2009 23:06:56 -0400  
Archived: Sat, 04 Apr 2009 11:00:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Skeptics Hoax Proves Point But Raises Questions

>Source: CFI - The Centre For Inquiry - Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA

><http://tinyurl.com/cg3t5w>

>April 2, 2009

>NJ UFO Hoax By Skeptics Proves Point But Raises Questions  
>Ben Radford

>Strange lights appeared over New Jersey's Morris County on the evening of Jan. 5, according to a local TV station's report. The bright red lights were first noticed in the night sky by an eleven-year-old girl, who pointed out three lights grouped together, and another pair some distance away. The lights moved silently and slowly, then disappeared one by one. The girl's mother, Cindy Hurley, said it was "unsettling=85something you've never seen before, and a very strange pattern." Paul Hurley, a pilot, said he was baffled: "I've been in aviation for 20 years and never seen anything like it." The local airport didn't report anything unusual on radar, and police fielded calls from alarmed residents. The TV show UFO Hunters even got into the act.

>The case remained open (among many UFO groups anyway), until Wednesday, April Fool's day, when two twenty-something college kids, Chris Russo and Joe Rudy, admitted to the hoax: "We set out into the woods =85carrying one helium tank, five balloons, five flares, fishing line, duct tape, and a video camera. After filling up one 3-foot balloon with helium, we tied about five feet of fishing line to the balloon, secured the line with tape, then tied and taped the flare to the other end of the line. Once all five balloons were ready, we struck the 15-minute flares and released them into the sky." They carefully documented their prank in a series of videos. In a posting at [www.skeptic.com](http://www.skeptic.com),

What no one has pointed out yet is that this case illustrates the difference between the accuracy of observation and the accuracy of interpretation.

The observations - details of the sightings such as what the object/s looked like, dynamics of motion, duration, speed, angular distance traveled, directions, etc. - can be quite accurate even though the interpretations are completely erroneous.

Unfortunately what is emphasized in the press are the interpretations, especially 'ET interpretations'.

However, clearly the UFO Hunters should have been more careful and not strongly implied that the lights were evidence of "flying saucers."

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## Re: 'Bright Light' Not Man-Made Object - USAF

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 3 Apr 2009 23:09:16 -0400  
Archived: Sat, 04 Apr 2009 11:02:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: 'Bright Light' Not Man-Made Object - USAF

>Source: WTOP-FM - Washington, DC, USA

><http://www.wtopnews.com/?nid=25&sid=1636442>

>March 31, 2009

>USAF: 'Bright Light' Not Man-Made Object  
>Kristi King WTOP.com

>WASHINGTON - The flashing lights and booming sounds that were  
>attributed to a piece of orbiting space junk were not the result  
>of a man-made object, according to the United States Air Force.

>In an e-mail sent to WTOP, Stefan Bocchino of the USAF Joint  
>Space Operations Center says the "bright light" seen over parts  
>of the East Coast Sunday night was not a result of a man-made  
>space object.

I was interviewed about this sighting by the Washington Post  
reporter and I told him it was probably a fireball meteor. Then  
he heard about the Russian missile possibility and wrote a story  
that indicated it was a missile re-entry, based on what AF  
sources said at the time.

Now it looks as if I was right after all...

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Date: Sat, 04 Apr 2009 15:35:21 +0100  
Archived: Sat, 04 Apr 2009 12:03:11 -0400  
Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

I agree with much of the views expressed regarding safety issues, but I also think that even if the hoax perpetrators had used a completely safe methodology, List members would still be complaining.

The suggestion that this event was some part of an organised campaign to undermine 'ufology' does nothing but add ammunition to the sceptical bunker. It was just two young and inexperienced men conducting an experiment (albeit using dangerous methods) in order to prove a point. No reason to invoke the New World Order, the Men in Black, The Rosicrucians, Zionists, or Al Queda.

What was done is done, the individuals look to be getting some form of just punishment - it's not as if they hacked defense computers or anything - and instead of moaning about what happened ufology should be looking at the lessons which can be learned from the experience.

How reliable were the witnesses? How did ufology react (I am particularly interested in UFO Magazine's and the 'UFO Hunters' reaction, but haven't seen very much about either of them). What about the video analysis - did it reveal anything? What do we stand to learn from this as ufologists?

Cheers,

Joe

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## Close Call At SAC Base - Cox

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Subject: Close Call At SAC Base - Cox

Source: Sarasota Herald Tribune - Florida, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/cnw4fr>

Thursday, April 2, 2009

Close Call At SAC Base  
By Billy Cox

Had the United States lost operational control of its nuclear missiles under another scenario - sabotage, computer failure, even bad weather or tectonic irritability - there would've been hearings, review boards, press, and maybe even the clatter of rolling heads.

But right - it's only UFOs. Which means author Robert Hastings doesn't have much competition in pursuit of this monster story.

This week, on the Internet radio operation Paracast, two more Air Force veterans once assigned to America's ICBM silos joined Hastings to discuss how UFOs probed and disabled our weapons of mass destruction during the Cold War.

Bruce Fenstermacher, former crew commander at F.E. Warren AFB, and Patrick McDonough, head of a field survey team with the 1381st Geodetic Survey Squadron at Malmstrom AFB in 1966, are just the latest eyewitnesses who've approached Hastings and established their bona fides with DD-214 military discharge papers.

Since conducting his first interviews with missile-base operatives in the 1970s, Hastings says 115 have gone on the record with what they saw. At the time he discussed the results in his 2006 book *UFOs And Nukes* during an appearance on Larry King Live last summer, Hastings says he had 90 witnesses in the database. Obviously that number has spiked. He says Fenstermacher and McDonough decided to speak up following the audacious UFO incident over Stephenville, Tex., in 2008.

"I think it's significant that not one person I've ever talked to has ever reported being leaned on to shut up - not one," Hastings says from his home in Albuquerque, N.M. "I suspect it's because the Pentagon knows if they try to muscle these guys, they'll go to the media."

But predicting how the MSM would respond in that event is a crap shoot. The latest witnesses merely reinforce a long established pattern of UFO surveillance - and, in some cases, the outright lockdown - of America's nuclear arsenal. FOIA-recovered documents detailing bold and persistent UFO incursions over Strategic Air Command bases along the northern U.S. frontier in 1975 have been in the public domain for decades. But press coverage has been restrained and spotty.

The most chilling incident in Hastings' files didn't surface until 2007. That's when David H. Schuur, formerly with the

455th/91st Strategic Missile Wing at Minot AFB, recounted what happened at the Minuteman bunkers during either the summer of 1966 or '67, back when he was a first lieutenant working alert duty at a silo named Echo Capsule. Each silo housed 10 nukes apiece.

Sometime after midnight, easternmost Alpha Capsule reported a brightly lit UFO hovering in the no-fly zone overhead, and the console board operators were receiving "spurious indicators" on each missile panel, as if each was being scanned individually. For the next hour or so, the object repeated the pattern in geographical sequence, concluding with Oscar Capsule before taking off.

When the UFO buzzed Echo Capsule, Schuur says seven or eight missiles began registering "spurious indicators." Then a "Launch in Progress" switch got tripped, forcing operators to manually override with an "Inhibit" command. When the UFO passed, all systems returned to normal.

"Upon returning to the base the next day," Schuur told Hastings, "my commander and I were met by the operations officer. He just said, 'Nothing happened, nothing to discuss, goodbye.' Our logs and tapes were turned in ... We never never debriefed by (the Office of Special Investigations) or anyone else."

So far, chasing those records has turned into a fool's errand. "You're just not going to get them," Hastings says. "They're never going to release records that say, UFOs hit our nuclear base at Malmstrom today.' That won't happen."

All he's got are 115 people who say it did.

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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## The Myth Of The ETH As ETFact

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Subject: The Myth Of The ETH As ETFact

Source: Paul Kimball's Redstar Films Blog - Halifax, Nova Scotia,  
Canada

<http://tinyurl.com/cldduo>

Wednesday, April 01, 2009

The Myth Of The ETH As ETFact

The last column I wrote for Alien Worlds before it folded.

Paul Kimball

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Above and Beyond  
The Myth Of The ETH As ETFact

Of all the non-terrestrial theories that have been offered to explain the UFO phenomenon, the extraterrestrial hypothesis (ETH) has always seemed the most plausible one to me. I don't think it's been proved, but I think it's a better bet than the others on offer when one looks at the evidence, and the science.

The evidence seems to indicate that at least some UFO cases represent a non-human intelligence at work. The science now tells us that there are almost certainly other intelligent beings in the galaxy, and if they are more advanced than us, there's a reasonably good chance that they could make their way here.

However, it's critical to remember that the key letter in ETH is the "H" - it's still just a hypothesis, and anyone who tells you that they can prove that aliens have visited Earth beyond a reasonable doubt, or even on the balance of probabilities, is putting the cart well before the horse.

Beyond that, however, I think the biggest problem with the ETH supporters within ufology is that they're so... "limited" in their outlook. They are convinced that aliens have visited Earth, and in many cases they are convinced that they are still visiting Earth, and interacting with humans in all sorts of ways, some good and some bad. They are of the "nuts and bolts" school of thought, i.e. Joe Alien made his way to Earth in a flying saucer, in much the same way that Captain Kirk and all of our other science fiction icons make their way about the galaxy.

This is what I call "Keyhoe-ian" ufology, because it is based directly on the way of thinking that Major Donald Keyhoe first put forward in the 1950s. It is out-of-date, and badly out-of-touch with modern science. It presumes that aliens are only a few decades, or maybe one or two hundred years or so more advanced than us, which is highly unlikely. It presumes that the aliens are preoccupied with us, and that we are somehow important to them, which is also highly unlikely. In short, it is a point of view that is based on what people who grew up in

the pioneering days of sci-fi and the space race expect of their aliens, and not the point-of-view that modern physicists and astrobiologists take.

The pro-ETH as ETFact stance of people like Keyhoe and his successors, the most prominent of which has been the flying saucer physicist, Stanton Friedman, is a relic of a different time and place, which is ironic when one considers that these people often criticize scientists for not being open-minded about the UFO phenomenon, and for being stuck in the past.

If aliens are here, it is probable that they are far more advanced than we are, by an order of thousands of years, not hundreds. We would be to them as ants are to us - beneath their notice. This might well explain the inherent weirdness of many UFO sightings - things that appear to us almost as magic, or something that in a different era would have been framed in religious terms. As physicist Michio Kaku has noted, there may well be a galactic conversation going on, but in a "language" that we are thousands of years from being able to truly comprehend.

Of course, ETFact ufologists would quickly point out that there are at least a few humans who do indeed study ants - entomologists, which is true enough. But for them I have the following question: How many entomologists spend 60 years - or longer, if you are a proponent of the notion that ET has been coming here for centuries - studying the exact same ant hill?

That idea strikes me as ridiculous. It's a desperate attempt to force fit our own way of thinking onto potential life forms that would be far more advanced than we are - and they would have to be much more advanced in order to get here from there (ignore someone like Friedman, who will try to tell you about how it's actually relatively easy to get to our local galactic neighbours, if only we would try harder, and spend more money).

Again, I'm not saying that the ETH isn't a good hypothesis... indeed, as I noted before, I think it's the most plausible one amongst the various paranormal hypotheses on offer. It's the claim by nuts-and-bolts ufologists like Friedman and Keyhoe - and hucksters like Billy Meier - that ET is making his way here aboard flying saucers and acting like we do that I take issue with, because that contention is far more science fiction than science fact.

ETFacters Friedman and Keyhoe who try to convince you that aliens are basically just like us are no different from religious fundamentalists who portray God as a kindly, white-haired anglo saxon. Such portrayals tell you a great deal about the people who put those images and beliefs forward, but absolutely nothing about the possible entity or entities under discussion. The ETFacters are flying saucer fundamentalists, and in their own way they have done as much damage to the serious scientific study of the UFO phenomenon as people like Dr. Edward Condon, Dr. Donald Menzel, or Philip J. Klass.

By focusing on the idea that little green/grey men have been coming here in nuts and bolts spaceships, ETFacters have done a grave disservice to the search for truth about the UFO phenomenon, and its possible alien origins, in the same way that thousands of years of religious leaders have undermined the search for the true nature of God by force-fitting it into a limited paradigm that simply served to reinforce their own worldview. They have not sought wisdom, nor understanding - they have simply proclaimed an "answer" which has been no answer at all.

The reductionist approach that has been adopted by the ETFacters, which seeks to make potential alien life over onto our own image, lacks vision. It is more concerned with what they see as the destination, and their need to get there now, when what we should really be focusing on is the journey, and the wonders we may discover along the way. That's the real signal in all of this. Everything else is just noise.

The worst thing about all of this, however, is the hypocrisy that you find with many of the supposedly more serious members of the "Etfact group". They are convinced that aliens are here, and interacting with humanity, but they are vocal critics of "exopolitics", which simply takes the Etfact position to its

logical conclusion.

Exopolitics, according to Dr. Michael Salla, one of its best known proponents, is:

"is the study of the key individuals, political institutions and processes associated with extraterrestrial life... exopolitics focus[es] on the political implications of an extraterrestrial presence known to clandestine quasi-governmental entities that keep knowledge of this presence secret from the general public, elected political officials & even senior military officials. The supporting evidence is overwhelming in scope and shows that decision making is restricted on a strict 'need to know' basis."

Take the word "exopolitics" out of the equation, and that sounds like something Friedman would say. Indeed, if you've heard Friedman speak as many times as I have, you'll note the similarity in the main themes - aliens are here, government is covering up the knowledge of that fact, and we the people have a right to know the truth. At Salla's website for his "exopols courses", he even uses the motto "preparing for our cosmic graduation", which directly echoes Friedman's decades-old mantra that perhaps someday we will be ready to qualify for the cosmic kindergarten.

Friedman's biggest issue with exopolitics, at least in public, seems to be the fact that they are not terribly fussy about vetting their so-called witnesses and whistleblowers. In that respect, he's quite right. However, as more than one exopol has pointed out to me, Friedman has a history of touting his own very flawed witnesses (Gerald Anderson pops to mind right off the bat, followed closely by Glenn Dennis), and cases (Aztec, Flatwoods, flying saucer air wars in the 1950s, perhaps even Roswell).

Frankly, while I disagree with the very premise that underlies the exopolitical belief system (that at least some UFOs have been proved to be alien spacecraft), the more I think about it, the more I find the exopols to be more intellectually honest than people like Friedman, who agree with them on the big picture, but have done little or nothing to try and effect actual political change. The exopols have it right - if you believe aliens are here, and the government is covering it up, then that is a political issue of the highest order, and no longer a scientific one.

Friedman is the de facto Godfathers of Exopolitics - in large part, he created the "family" that is modern ETFact, "Cosmic Watergate" ufology, but like Vito Corleone, he is incapable of taking what he has created and moving it into its next logical phase. Indeed, like the Don, it is a phase that he wants nothing to do with, even as others around him, whom he has inspired, recognize the logical and inevitable implications of what he has been saying all of these years, and are prepared to act on it, no matter how much he protests.

The real scandal, however, is that Friedman, like other serious ETFacters, employs a double standard with absolutely no sense of irony when they run into people who question their position. Anyone they favour who is subjected to critical examination is a victim of "character assassination", while people the ETFacters don't like, or whom they don't support, like Bob Lazar, or Philip Corso, or even Dr. J. Allen Hynek, are fair game (in Friedman's universe, Hynek is "an apologist ufologist"). When you mention Dr. Jacques Vallee to them, they become even more desperate in their attacks. Anything that threatens to undermine the belief system they have constructed results in the ufological equivalent of the Spanish Inquisition.

People looking for the real scientific approach to the UFO phenomenon, the kind that was championed over the years by Hynek, Vallee, and Dr. James McDonald, should look elsewhere. Why? Because Hynek, McDonald and Vallee left us with myriad case investigations, new theories and ways of looking at the UFO phenomenon, sighting classification systems, and other important legacies. Even people like Friedman's old classmate, Dr. Carl Sagan, left us with a sense of wonder about the prospect of ET life, even though he was no proponent of the ETH. On the other side, the ETFacters have left us with Roswell, MJ-12, Aztec, tales of massive flying saucer wars between the USAF and UFOs, and other stories that belong in a science fiction anthology,

not a serious discussion of what the UFO phenomenon might or might not represent.

The shame is that someone like Friedman could have done so much more - if only he, like his ETFact fellow travelers, had not let their will to believe overwhelm their critical faculties. Those people who want the old time flying saucer/conspiracy gospel will feel right at home with them, because what they offer is comfortable, and provides a sense of continuity and familiarity, and even fraternity. What it does not offer, however, is an honest search for the truth about the UFO phenomenon.

It never did.

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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## The Galileo Factor

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Source: Joseph Capp's UFO Media Matters Blog

<http://ufomedia.blogspot.com/2009/04/ufos-galileo-factor.html>

Wednesday, April 1, 2009

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UFOS: The Galileo Factor  
By Joseph Capp

"I've been doublcrossed now for the very lost time and now I am finally free!" Dylan

A significantly advanced ET technology would look like magic=85 but would they act like magic... intentionally?

You know what really p\*\*\*es me off?

When self-righteous scientists and debunkers claim that, if they had a chance to see some quote real, unquote, evidence on UFOs, they would be fighting each other in their race to get the first look.

But the truth is, they don't want to see.

The righteous debunkers and scientists are just like the Dark Ages clergy who were confronted by Galileo. All the outraged Church's agents of the Dark Ages had to do was look and they would see. But to those True Believers, no matter what the sky showed them, the universe must be literally what their one-track religion said it should be, and that was the end of it.

We still have an uneven playing field out there in Science Land. The Spirit of Scientific Inquiry is not really practiced today by many mainstream science practitioners and information distillers. What is widely practiced is bowing low to The Spirit of Government Grant Renewal, and the unfortunate, irrational worship of Establishment Science.

Scientists make the bald-faced claim aliens don't exist, even though there's a case to be made that scientists are aliens themselves, living on a planet full of aliens, exploring space beyond their host world.

We also can make an argument of "absolute nonsense" when this group worshippers of establishment scientist make public proclamation of how intelligent ETs should and would not behave. Dismissing the existence of ETs because they act like magic and don't live up to our standards of behavior is funny when you think of it. Yeah, we laugh at their irrational claims, but we keep letting scientists and debunkers get away with it.

It is a sad state of affairs when ridicule, fear and persecution are orchestrated not by religious fanatics and their dogma, but

by scientists.

DVD Phoenix Lights And Mainstreame Voodoo Science:

The only way a worldview outside the narrow one dictated by the Science establishment can be investigated in real time =96 with expensive instruments, in the presence of physical evidence - is through independent research funding, like that lately provided MUFON by insightful multimillionaire Robert Bigelow, or a commercial TV program like UFO Hunters who spend money for ratings.

Many of you know about Chuck Wade from Roswell and his attempts to have his material from The San Augusta UFO crash tested,=85if not read UFOMM posts:

<http://tinyurl.com/d2xnpz>

<http://tinyurl.com/cq7a3n>

Chuck was an engineer by profession, a good family man who worked hard and paid his dues. But Chuck was part of a town that was never given its due by the media, the debunkers, and even some UFO researchers: Roswell.

Chuck and others came forward to say what they found could be the real UFO beef everyone's been waiting for, but their pleas for proper inquiry were largely ignored.

And this highlights another major conflict in the UFO truth quest: a class of witnesses we should pay special attention to, the aptly yet sadly group known as Death Bed Witnesses. These Americans about to meet the God they believe in, feel it is essential to clear their hearts of a terrible burden and tell their families of a secret they were sworn by their government to not divulge.

Why don't we give the death bed testimonials of UFO witnesses the respect and evidentiary consideration they merit? These witnesses have nothing to gain on this earth by coming forward, no book tour, no TV interview, no time to build a McMansion or squander a giant media fee on the roulette wheels in Vegas=85yet we fail ourselves and humanity's future when we denigrate the death bed testimonials.

The special burden of the deathbed witnesses is a burden they swore to keep, and most witnesses took their official oaths of secrecy so seriously, they never shared their testimony or evidence with spouses, much less UFO researchers. Yet the death bed witnesses' burden was the most fantastic news ever shared with humankind: the news that we are not alone in the Universe.

Among these confessions was the first-hand truth about how a ship from space crashed in Corona with little creatures aboard.

Just as with all of the more startling UFO information cases, except for some initial sensationalism, the Roswell-Corona witnesses barely get a yawn from all but the pro-Roswell factions among UFO researchers.

DVD Clip Intelligen Flares All Over The World!

Of course we also get the slight-of-hand distraction from the debunkers, but they're singing to the nothings-true-till-we-say-so choir.

So again, let's remember with gratitude Chuck Wade and others, who took precious days out of their retired lives, days where most retirees are playing golf, traveling, or taking the grandkids to the big game, to seek an answer for the rest of us.

Chuck's predecessor Art Campbell after decades of trying to put the pieces together on a certain UFO crash site finally mapped out where witness testimony said the crash material would be. Campbell dug, and he found - in the middle of nowhere - an aluminum pieces and other material that should not be. His work in this debris field is known in UFO history as the San Augusta crash site. Chuck eventually joined him and now we have promising investigation with no ending.

The aluminum was a composite material they found was not made by



any commercial manufacturer. As an aluminum compositionally it didn't even make any sense. Throughout the structure of this particular aluminum sample were iron and silica. The sample's heavy metal - iron - should have sunk by its own weight to the bottom of the aluminum during manufacture, according to the laws of good old gravity. But no, there it was, latticed throughout the host metal.

Testing showed this material deserved further inquiry. But what the owner of the sample got was just a superficial analyses. Case Closed?

What you don't know is that when I was putting together the posts "Has Roswell Evidence Finally Emerged?" Parts 1 and 2, I'd hoped this case's material evidence was testing out Positive: Not Of Earth Manufacture.

My experience with this material came about at the International UFO Congress. I kept bugging a good friend to come with me to a UFO conference. He works for a top company in the nano-tech field. My friend had personal experience with UFOs - what he describes as his most astounding - after we met. He had called me from the car after the incident, where, along with his whole family, he had witnessed the "craft". So he came to the Congress with a new level of interest. At the Congress, witness Chuck Wade was being interviewed by overseas media shows, and also, Joshua Warren a skeptic but a strong advocate for further testing on Chuck's artifacts included in his Presentation on "Physically Faking UFOs", included the peculiar behavior in a electrostat of the material Chuck supplied him. Warren announced he be would testing the material on a deeper level because of this experience.

Chuck Wade was not hesitant in offering the samples to the researchers he knew could really help get the puzzle of the UFO crash field metal sample solved. Chuck won my respect right away with that attitude. My friend - with the nano-tech lab - also believed Chuck Wade was for real, whatever the outcome of the crash field metal. So with a little prodding on my part, my buddy had some pieces shipped to him. Because of the depressed economy, my friend's company wasn't overbooked; they had the time to run complete tests.

We all knew, that given this company's prestige, if they took the field metal analysis on, the answer would be definitive.

At first it looked very promising. My friend showed a sample to his peers and they seemed interested. Sample fragments in hand now, they wanted to look at past test results. After they review the earlier lab results, further tests seemed to be greenlighted. I was very pleased with the way it was turning out.

But someone at the company with the final authority shot it down. Maybe the decision not to test the material wasn't the latest scandal in a big conspiracy=85 maybe it's just the ongoing business as usual vis-a-vis anything connected with the UFO subject.

However, we still have the intrepid investigator, young Joshua P. Warren, continuing with his own effort to get this material analyzed by a recognized facility. We should all be grateful for Warren's foresight and integrity. I thank my friend from the nano-lab, too, for going the extra mile, while thousands stand by and do... nothing.

But this is not the end of the line for me on Chuck Wade and Art Campbell's samples. I intend to continue promoting this evidence and have it looked at by real scientists, not the talking heads of science. I refuse to just move on, as others in the community seem all too willing to do.

And there are real scientists out there; some of the people at my friend's company fit that bill, even encased as they are within the prison of the corporate and science establishment's stale mindset their curiosity was inticed.

Someday soon I hope to help write the final chapter on Campbell and Chuck Wade's testimony and material. But "Evidence" Part 3, will have to wait.

I believe right now the UFO question is about to be settled and we will be right... not because we are so insightfull, but because we have witnessed. And what many of us have witnessed including some men who have gone into space is like nothing we have on here earth.

Joseph Capp  
UFO Media Matters

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## Tunguska Blast Caused By Exploding Comet

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Archived: Sat, 04 Apr 2009 13:13:00 -0400  
Subject: Tunguska Blast Caused By Exploding Comet

Source: Space Daily.Com - Sydney South, New South Wales, Australia

<http://tinyurl.com/cu28gt>

Apr 03, 2009

Tunguska Blast Caused By Exploding Comet  
by Staff Writers  
Moscow, Russia (RIA Novosti)

The mysterious Tunguska blast in 1908 that flattened millions of trees in Siberia was due to the explosion of a hydrogen-saturated part of a comet in Earth's atmosphere, a Russian scientist said Monday.

Eduard Drobyshevsky, a doctor of physical and mathematical science and chief researcher at the Ioffe physics and technology institute of the Russian Academy of Science, said his new theory of a comet exploding after grazing Earth's atmosphere explained the Tunguska blast.

On June 30, 1908, an explosion equivalent to between 5 and 30 megatons of TNT occurred near the Podkamennaya Tunguska River in a remote region of Siberia. The blast, the cause of which has not been determined, flattened 80 million trees, destroying an area of around 2,150 sq km (830 sq miles).

It is thought that a huge meteorite hit the area, although scientific expeditions have failed to find an obvious crater. If the presumed impact had occurred some 4 hours and 47 minutes later, the Earth's rotation means it would have completely destroyed the then Russian imperial capital of St. Petersburg.

Drobyshevsky said that in 1908 an icy comet nucleus saturated with dissolved hydrogen and oxygen entered the Earth atmosphere tangentially. The body had a speed of about 20 km per second, its size was 200x500 meters, and it weighed 5-50 million tons.

Part of the nucleus, weighing about 1 million tons, detonated at a great altitude, and the explosion caused the fallen trees and other phenomena associated with the incident. The main part of the nucleus went through the Earth atmosphere and out into space again.

Source: RIA Novosti

<http://en.rian.ru/>

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## Re: Picture Shows 'Aliens' Flying Over London

From: Joe McGonagle <[joe.mcgonagle.nul](mailto:joe.mcgonagle.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 04 Apr 2009 15:22:33 +0100  
Archived: Sat, 04 Apr 2009 14:15:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Picture Shows 'Aliens' Flying Over London

I haven't seen the link published on-list yet, apologies if I missed it, but the Google street view image can be seen at:

<http://tinyurl.com/ckjk3k>

There is usually a delay while the page switches from map view to street view, but I did find that a friend's computer could not display the street view for some reason - I assume a required plug-in was missing.

Cheers,

Joe

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## Re: The Great UFO Hoax Of 2009

From: **Steven Kaeser** <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 4 Apr 2009 11:29:34 -0400  
Archived: Sat, 04 Apr 2009 14:18:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Great UFO Hoax Of 2009

>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>To: [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 03 Apr 2009 16:52:49 -0300  
>Subject: Re: The Great UFO Hoax Of 2009

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>One point however. This hoax points out - shines a light on -  
> the hazards of unknwn objects in our skies. Whether by such as  
>these two hoaxers or by some unknown phenomenon the results can  
>be the same when they are present in the airplanes, or approach  
>and take-off paths of airplanes. That's what NARCAP is all about  
>of course.

Hi Don L.,

I'm not sure I'd get a response from Dick Haines, but do you know if NARCAP has any statistics that show how many times this type of event (be it a hoax, or true unknown) has caused emergency situations for pilots.

We're not talking about objects that are following along with an aircraft, which is the type of report that I'm more familiar with (since they receive so much of the publicity). But if we're raising these concerns regarding air safety in relation to UFO hoaxing, then perhaps we should start collecting data.

Steve K.

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## Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 04 Apr 2009 14:31:11 -0300  
Archived: Sat, 04 Apr 2009 15:31:59 -0400  
Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

>From: Joe McGonagle <[joe.mcgonagle.nul](mailto:joe.mcgonagle.nul)>  
>To: [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
>Date: Sat, 04 Apr 2009 15:35:21 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

>I agree with much of the views expressed regarding safety  
>issues, but I also think that even if the hoax perpetrators had  
>used a completely safe methodology, List members would still be  
>complaining.

>The suggestion that this event was some part of an organised  
>campaign to undermine 'ufology' does nothing but add ammunition  
>to the sceptical bunker. It was just two young and inexperienced  
>men conducting an experiment (albeit using dangerous methods) in  
>order to prove a point. No reason to invoke the New World Order,  
>the Men in Black, The Rosicrucians, Zionists, or Al Queda.

>What was done is done, the individuals look to be getting some  
>form of just punishment - it's not as if they hacked defense  
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>happened ufology should be looking at the lessons which can be  
>learned from the experience.

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>reaction, but haven't seen very much about either of them). What  
>about the video analysis - did it reveal anything? What do we  
>stand to learn from this as ufologists?

Let's not lose sight of the fact that the real story here is the releasing of hazards into controlled airspace. And it is a big deal. No it wasn't as if they hacked into government computers, it was worse than that. Their stunt could have resulted in killing people. The CAA should take a more serious approach to this in the UK and complain about the oft reported or claimed Chinese lanterns. Look at the Cardiff case - which I doubt was a lantern - but if it was you can see the results of it. Simple, sudden avoidance maneuvers catching the passengers off guard can result in injuries or over-stressing of an airframe for example.

"No reason to invoke the New World Order, the Men in Black, The Rosicrucians, Zionists, or Al Queda."  
You didn't read any of that in my submissions. That's a blanket allegation.

As for this being some kind of lesson of any value; it wasn't, it was simply dangerous. Nothing was learned other than you can get your knuckles rapped for being where you aren't supposed to be. Hopefully this lesson will get out to the general public and the child-like individuals who want to play these games. Sadly however - now that they see it can be done - there will be those who risk it for whatever their reasons like those people who flash lasers at airplane cockpits while they are landing.

Attempting to make this out as an experiment rather than a couple of twits looking for their 15 minutes of fame - at the expense of others-is simply making excuses for those with some deep-rooted psychological problem of their own. Let's not make



this out to have any value to researching the phenomenon or a blanket excuse for others that do the same thing. In the Morrisburg example the thinking could be extrapolated to experimenting with yelling fire in crowded and dark theaters to see what the social ramifications of that would be.

My question is what the heck one would think was going to happen? If there is any failure in the investigation of these hoaxed events which appear to be anomalies by some unsuspecting investigator is that most people don't think that others are going to be so profoundly stupid that they-in this case-would risk the lives of other people just so they can have a good laugh at their expense.

Any propensity to to make these hoaxed events into noble experiments in the name of research is to deny some psychological need in a few to make themselves appear to be above others at their expense.

Don Ledger

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Archived: Sat, 04 Apr 2009 15:37:09 -0400  
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>From: Joe McGonagle <[joe.mcgonagle.nul](mailto:joe.mcgonagle.nul)>  
>To: [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
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Exactly! Can someone please illuminate by specific example and  
if possible by careful quantitative argument just what was  
observed/perceived/reported by the witnesses as compared with  
known features of the object(s) launched? This is the only thing  
of interest to be salvaged here. The hoaxers and their defenders  
talk about an "experiment", and there was one to be done; but  
they didn't do it. Let's do it ourselves then.

It isn't too often that we have cast-iron provenance of  
genuinely unconventional and unfamiliar causes of UFO reports  
available to make this kind of comparison. What angular sizes,  
angular rates (often calculable or inferrable even from quite  
vague qualitative descriptions), durations, colours, patterns  
and other behaviours were or were not reported? Our experience  
in similar situations in the past (such as many recent Thai  
lantern descriptions, or the cited 1979 experimental hoax, or  
various cases going back to e.g. Case #18 in the Condon Report  
and beyond) has often been that the latent information in  
witness testimony is accurate enough to surprise even tough  
sceptics, who perhaps have not always been as prompt to revise  
their extreme pessimism about eyewitness testimony as they might  
have been.

Of course, it is not enough to know that witnesses can be  
accurate. We know this by implication because so many reports  
can be convincingly explained. What we don't know for sure is  
which witnesses are accurate, and whether any of those that  
are accurate are reporting unknowns. But there can be  
quantitative grounds for arguing that certain things are  
probable or not probable. This is the sort of result that those  
dumb, stubborn scientists want to hear, and is the way they  
traditionally tackle analogous problems. It's the type of  
question that can in principle be explored by careful analysis  
of a sample of cases like this. Maybe every ufological cloud has  
a silver lining?

Martin Shough

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>experiments in the name of research is to deny some  
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>above others at their expense.

You're exactly right, Don. All this sophomoric "experiment"  
demonstrates is the narcissism and (paradoxically) insecurity  
embarrassingly evident in many self-described skeptics, who seem  
to have a never-ending need to prove how smart they are as  
opposed to the rest of us, to whom they can feel superior.

Why else would they have to form organizations whose principal  
purpose seems to be to provide them with forums in which they  
can congratulate themselves on how rational they are?

There is much I'm skeptical of, but stunts like this one make me  
glad once again that I'm not a "skeptic".

Jerry Clark

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## Nicely Done Newsweek - Cox

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Archived: Sat, 04 Apr 2009 16:50:00 -0400  
Subject: Nicely Done Newsweek - Cox

Source: The Sarasota Herald Tribune - Florida, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/d3lgo4>

Friday, April 3, 2009

Nicely Done, Newsweek  
By Billy Cox

Published: at 6:08 p.m.  
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It's easy to make people look idiotic; after all, 73 percent of Americans supported the invasion of Iraq in 2003. So the stunt pulled off by 20-something wags Joe Rudy and Chris Russo can't be called a public service. What it does do is illuminate (as if we actually needed more data) the weird schizoid nature of media bias in the UFO arena.

Over a five-day stretch in January and February, in a stated "mission to help people think rationally and question the credibility of so-called UFO professionals", the New Jersey residents dispatched trains of balloons and flares into the night sky near Morristown.

They shot their own footage, then sat back as local TV stations lapped it up like housecats. Local 911 dispatchers got a handful of calls and another family videotaped it, too. In an effort to keep the hoax going, Russo lied to a News 12 TV crew in rejecting police suspicions that it was flares: "From what we saw? No way - the way they were moving around. I mean, they zipped over our car."

TV anchors who've likely never filed a Freedom of Information Act against the feds for UFO data were absolutely charmed by these featureless nocturnal blobs of light. With an assist from Fox News, the story went national, and the biggest dupe - perhaps not surprisingly - was Bill Birnes.

Given the unfiltered credulous slop that too often permeates his UFO Magazine, Birnes was always something of a bird waiting for a windshield. Ironically, UFO Hunters, his springboard into The History Channel's prime-time rotation, appeared to have elevated its game this season following a desultory debut last year. But after analyzing the Morristown flap, UFO Hunters took the bait: "Police say the unidentified flying object was nothing more than flares - a theory that UFO Hunters has already tested and proven implausible."

On April Fool's Day, Rudy and Russo howled about their well-documented coup at:

<http://www.skeptic.com/eskeptic/09-04-01.html>

What's actually more revealing is how, within hours, Newsweek was the first to cheerlead the caper for its novel approach to

promoting critical thinking. "Nicely done, guys," wrote Sharon Begley for the magazine's Web page.

Never mind how, two days later, Morris County prosecutor Robert Bianchi considered the aviation-safety implications of what they'd done and pressed disorderly person charges against the champions of critical thinking. They could've gotten away with it if they'd just kept their pie holes shut. "If there is a single word to describe this," said Biachi, "it is in essence stupidity."

A better question might be: What's up at Newsweek?

On 1/18/08, soon after the Stephenville, Tex., UFO incident, editors allowed Charles Euchner, a "lecturer in English at Yale," to ascribe the sightings - which witnesses also said included pursuit by jet fighters - to delusions brought on by collective sleep deprivation.

A few days later, the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve base in Fort Worth reversed its earlier denial and admitted it had F-16s in the air over Stephenville that night. No mention of the UFO by the Air Force, of course.

On the other hand, we're still waiting for Newsweek to tell us how sleep-deprivation victims managed to see those F-16s.

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## Re: The Great UFO Hoax Of 2009

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 04 Apr 2009 16:49:14 -0300  
Archived: Sat, 04 Apr 2009 17:55:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Great UFO Hoax Of 2009

>From: Steven Kaeser <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
>To: <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 4 Apr 2009 11:29:34 -0400  
>Subject: Re: The Great UFO Hoax Of 2009

>>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>>To: [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
>>Date: Fri, 03 Apr 2009 16:52:49 -0300  
>>Subject: Re: The Great UFO Hoax Of 2009

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>>One point however. This hoax points out - shines a light on -  
>>the hazards of unknown objects in our skies. Whether by such as  
>>these two hoaxers or by some unknown phenomenon the results can  
>>be the same when they are present in the airplanes, or approach  
>>and take-off paths of airplanes. That's what NARCAP is all about  
>>of course.

>Hi Don L.,

>I'm not sure I'd get a response from Dick Haines, but do you  
>know if NARCAP has any statistics that show how many times this  
>type of event (be it a hoax, or true unknown) has caused  
>emergency situations for pilots.

>We're not talking about objects that are following along with an  
>aircraft, which is the type of report that I'm more familiar  
>with (since they receive so much of the publicity). But if  
>we're raising these concerns regarding air safety in relation to  
>UFO hoaxing, then perhaps we should start collecting data.

Hi Steve,

On his own I know Richard Haines has about 3,500 cases involving  
aircraft and UAP. I have a dozen or so. I also have anomalies  
with TCAS and Transponders that there seem to be no explanations  
for.

The problem is it doesn't matter whether the UAP is coming at  
the airplane, crossing in front or behind it or just pacing it,  
it's automatically an emergency situation-at least on the flight  
deck. Having an unknown in close proximity to an aircraft when  
you don't know the UAP's intentions is un-nerving. You now have  
pilots with their hands on the yolk ready to respond by banking  
away, diving or climbing. And it is more critical where  
airliners are involved with some UAP event because they are not  
highly maneuverable and there is concerns for passenger safety  
in case they have to maneuver.

Add the stress of not being able to report this as an emergency  
or even perhaps convey to the passengers "brace for possible  
collision" and you now have three stressors impinging on the  
flight deck. That's why you get these lame comms to ATC:

"Uh... Center, United 485 heavy... do you have another aircraft  
in our airspace?"



"Negative 485, there is nothing close to you. Do you have another aircraft close to you?"

"Don't know what type of aircraft it is Center. It's big and round like a balloon."

Silence..."Roger 485."

[In one case the pilot reported back-It's not an aircraft Center (Toronto) - which was met with the same dead air]

"Virgin 1010, Boston Center."

"Center, Virgin 1010."

"1010 be advised that United 485 is 125 nautical ahead of you at flight level 380. He reports a ballon, that vicinity."

"Virgin 1010, we'll keep an eye out."

Game over. No fuss no muss. Pilots still have jobs, Center can ignore it. I often see silly balloon reports on the Civil Aviation Daily Occurance Reporting System [CADORS]. The majority don't make sense but I'm of the opinion that Commercial pilots are using them to alert other aircraft in the vicinity that there's something around to keep an eye out for without mentioning the dreaded UFO thing.

Probably the worst scenario is the 3 or 4 second eyeball warning of something coming right at the nose of the aircraft. The acquiring of the UAP, the pilot's reaction to the 'threat' and the airplane's ability to respond to input isn't enough time really. They get scared afterwards.

Anyway Steve, NARCAP is collecting data as do I. But it is hard to get. In the case of the Toronto center incident I attempted, for months, to contact the pilot through the Chief Pilot at a commuter airline based in Calgary, Alberta, but I was stonewalled. The CP did say that the affected pilot didn't want to talk about it. Not much I could do.

Don Ledger

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## Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 04 Apr 2009 17:58:00 -0400  
Archived: Sat, 04 Apr 2009 17:58:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

>From: Martin Shough <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
>To: <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 4 Apr 2009 19:14:20 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

>>From: Joe McGonagle <[joe.mcgonagle.nul](mailto:joe.mcgonagle.nul)>  
>>To: [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
>>Date: Sat, 04 Apr 2009 15:35:21 +0100  
>>Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

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>>What was done is done, the individuals look to be getting some  
>>form of just punishment - it's not as if they hacked defense  
>>computers or anything - and instead of moaning about what  
>>happened ufology should be looking at the lessons which can be  
>>learned from the experience.

>>How reliable were the witnesses? How did ufology react (I am  
>>particularly interested in UFO Magazine's and the 'UFO Hunters'  
>>reaction, but haven't seen very much about either of them). What  
>>about the video analysis - did it reveal anything? What do we  
>>stand to learn from this as ufologists?

>Exactly! Can someone please illuminate by specific example and  
>if possible by careful quantitative argument just what was  
>observed/perceived/reported by the witnesses as compared with  
>known features of the object(s) launched? This is the only thing  
>of interest to be salvaged here. The hoaxers and their defenders  
>talk about an "experiment", and there was one to be done; but  
>they didn't do it. Let's do it ourselves then.

>It isn't too often that we have cast-iron provenance of  
>genuinely unconventional and unfamiliar causes of UFO reports  
>available to make this kind of comparison. What angular sizes,  
>angular rates (often calculable or inferrable even from quite  
>vague qualitative descriptions), durations, colours, patterns  
>and other behaviours were or were not reported? Our experience  
>in similar situations in the past (such as many recent Thai  
>lantern descriptions, or the cited 1979 experimental hoax, or  
>various cases going back to e.g. Case #18 in the Condon Report  
>and beyond) has often been that the latent information in  
>witness testimony is accurate enough to surprise even tough  
>sceptics, who perhaps have not always been as prompt to revise  
>their extreme pessimism about eyewitness testimony as they might  
>have been.

>Of course, it is not enough to know that witnesses can be  
>accurate. We know this by implication because so many reports  
>can be convincingly explained. What we don't know for sure is  
>which witnesses are accurate, and whether any of those that  
>are accurate are reporting unknowns. But there can be  
>quantitative grounds for arguing that certain things are  
>probable or not probable This is the sort of result that those  
>dumb, stubborn scientists want to hear, and is the way they  
>traditionally tackle analogous problems. It's the type of  
>question that can in principle be explored by careful analysis  
>of a sample of cases like this. Maybe every ufological cloud has  
>a silver lining?

Hi Martin,

I think your dumb, stubborn scientists are going to look at the broad brush stroke here and point, saying "See we told you. Most UFO reports are hoaxes." And that's as far as it will go.

Short of doing a Clockwork Orange on them with the eyeclamps, drops and a screen flashing RB-47 type cases and audio pumped into their ears I don't see how this will help.

Don Ledger  
Pessimist

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## Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

From: Carol Maltby <[carolmaltby.nul](mailto:carolmaltby.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 4 Apr 2009 16:01:20 -0500  
Archived: Sun, 05 Apr 2009 08:19:48 -0400  
Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>To: [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
>Date: Sat, 04 Apr 2009 14:31:11 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

>Let's not lose sight of the fact that the real story here is the  
>releasing of hazards into controlled airspace. And it is a big  
>deal. No it wasn't as if they hacked into government computers,  
>it was worse than that. Their stunt could have resulted in  
>killing people. The CAA should take a more serious approach to  
>this in the UK and complain about the oft reported or claimed  
>Chinese lanterns. Look at the Cardiff case - which I doubt was a  
>lantern - but if it was you can see the results of it. Simple,  
>sudden avoidance maneuvers catching the passengers off guard can  
>result in injuries or over-stressing of an airframe for example.

I grew up in the Morristown area. While I don't think I've seen  
any exact details about where the package was released, it's  
important to know that Morristown has a lot of wooded areas just  
outside the fairly compact town center.

I hope that the potential fire hazard will be factored into the  
deliberations in court.

Carol Maltby

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## Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 04 Apr 2009 22:24:56 +0100  
Archived: Sun, 05 Apr 2009 08:36:17 -0400  
Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>To: <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 4 Apr 2009 14:43:51 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

>You're exactly right, Don. All this sophomoric "experiment"  
>demonstrates is the narcissism and (paradoxically) insecurity  
>embarrassingly evident in many self-described skeptics, who seem  
>to have a never-ending need to prove how smart they are as  
>opposed to the rest of us, to whom they can feel superior.

>Why else would they have to form organizations whose principal  
>purpose seems to be to provide them with forums in which they  
>can congratulate themselves on how rational they are?

>There is much I'm skeptical of, but stunts like this one make me  
>glad once again that I'm not a "skeptic".

Jerry, do you not think there is any value at all in a  
controlled experiment - I am not holding this particular  
incident up as an example - to see how various visual stimuli  
are perceived and reported, and to use the data gained in  
gauging the accuracy of UFO reports and the quality of UFO  
investigation?

Again, I draw your attention to the Warminster experiment, which  
I think was a rather better conducted experimental hoax than the  
one being discussed in this thread:

<http://magonia.haaan.com/1976/experimental-ufo-hoaxing/>

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John Rimmer

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From: Greg Boone <[evolbaby.nul](mailto:evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 5 Apr 2009 01:00:00 EDT  
Archived: Sun, 05 Apr 2009 09:40:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

>From: Peter Davenport <[director.nul](mailto:director.nul)>  
>To: <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 3 Apr 2009 11:06:19 -0700  
>Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

>>From: Greg Boone <[evolbaby.nul](mailto:evolbaby.nul)>  
>>To: [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
>>Date: Thu, 2 Apr 2009 21:48:58 EDT  
>>Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

>>>Source: The Daily Record - Parsippany, New Jersey, USA

>>><http://tinyurl.com/c2hzvh>

>>>April 2, 2009

>>>Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Pranksters

>>>The offense is non-dictable and punishable by fine.

>>>Chris Russo, 29, of Morris Plains, and Joe Rudy, 28, of Chester  
>>>Township, came forward on Thursday and admitted to the hoax.  
>>>They also posted videos online demonstrating how they used  
>>>flares and balloons, launching them to create the illusion of  
>>>red-lighted UFOs hovering over Morris County five times in  
>>>January and February.

>>>The mysterious lights made headlines across the U.S.

>>>Authorities have said the flares and balloons could have  
>>>interfered with air traffic in the region, including Newark  
>>>Liberty International Airport flight patterns, and also posed a  
>>>fire hazard as they floated over homes in the Morristown area.

>>I'm glad these two clowns got pinched.

>>That stunt could have gotten someone severely injured or worse  
>>killed.

>Greg,

>You raise a point I've been discussing ever since NUFORC began  
>receiving reports of clusters of lights over communities. I  
>provide a link below to the incident in Prescott Valley, AZ,  
>that first caused me to awaken to this type of event:

><http://www.nuforc.org/webreports/011/S11910.html>

>Shortly afterwards, similar events were reported from Rockford,  
>IL; Milwaukee, WI; Carteret, NJ; Tinley Park, IL; and from many  
>other locales. None of those incidents was ever ascribed to  
>intentional hoaxes, and to the best of my knowledge, none of  
>them has been adequately explained

>I had one witness to the Morristown, NJ, sighting on the Jeff  
>Rense radio program, and his description was rather convincing.  
>Moreover, the lights, we concluded, probably were not drifting  
>in the same direction as the reported "winds aloft."

>Also, we asked him whether smoke was visible, or not, and it was  
>not. Given that the guest was a commercial airline pilot, I  
>suspect that he has acute vision, and he is accustomed to  
>discriminating with regard to objects that catch his attention.

>All of this leads me to wonder whether the "Newsweek" (sic)  
>article, and subsequent news reports, about the alleged hoax are  
>accurate. The perpetrators are rather brazen to come forward,  
>risking indictment for reckless endangerment, etc..

>Hence, I wonder if the alleged hoax is, itself, a hoax. It seems  
>noteworthy that the two alleged perpetrators have waited so long  
>to come forward. My experience with that type of dolt is that  
>they seek immediate gratification. The fact that they have  
>waited some ten weeks seems odd to me. That would have given the  
>gentle folks at Skeptical Inquirer adequate opportunity to  
>recruit some guys to masquerade as the cause of the sighting. It  
>will be interesting to see what they say, if the Morris County,  
>NJ, authorities press criminal charges.

Thanks Mr. Davenport.

It's good to see the law enforcement agencies of the area  
affected by these pranksters put their foot down and are fixin'  
to fine these clowns.

Last year or so it was Chinese Lanterns that were the given  
excuse for multiple UFO sightings here and abroad and I couldn't  
figure out then why folks were allowed to send flaming objects  
into the skies considering the various drought situations around  
the world.

Here in California we've had raging wild fires for several years  
now of immense devastating effect with people's lives ruined as  
fast fires pushed by high canyon winds destroyed entire  
communities. I've even had a raging wild fire stop just a half  
mile from my house near Griffith Park. Often these fires are  
attributed to accidents and arson. The bottom line is an  
uncontrolled fire can destroy and kill people and wildlife and  
property. These knuckleheads with the balloons and flares not  
only endangered the folks on the ground but aircraft as well.

A practical joke is one thing, but when you engage in activities  
that can lead to death and destruction that's where the law is  
supposed to drop the hammer and luckily this time they did and  
perhaps it will be a message to others to think before they  
prank.

As for UFOs, there've been hoaxes now goin' on for 60 years and  
it's not just UFOs but any subject that lends itself to a prank  
or two. Like those fellas who had that fake bigfoot carcass a  
while back. One look at it I could tell it was bogus but they  
obscended with tens of thousands of dollars. In the field of the  
paranormal you'll get scams and pranks so best we keep a weather  
eye out for them.

Best,

Greg  
ufomafia.com/blog

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Date: Sun, 5 Apr 2009 01:42:09 EDT  
Archived: Sun, 05 Apr 2009 09:42:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

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These guys should be aptly reprimanded, punished, and made an example of. Both sides will have learned from it.

I think a better experiment would have been to run a balloon up with battery powered lights at a safe distance/area and get permission beforehand - with many potentially different design/behavior options tested.

In one scenario, do it in front of a crowd at a football game.

In another scenario, do it over a more dispersed population so the witnesses can't contaminate one another in contrast with the first scenario.

Then compare and contrast witness descriptions, size estimates, colors, behavior, etc.

The point is - to demonstrate how good or bad witness testimony really is, what types of people make better witnesses, and how circumstances alter perception. I'm sure you'll find good witnesses from many walks of life.

I think another aspect to this would be a study on whether or not good questioning practices of witnesses can better elicit more precise and/or accurate responses from the observers.

Obviously, you'd have a video tape of the whole incident from various points of view for comparison purposes.

I'm not sure how much of this has already been attempted. But, certainly, large numbers of witnesses would be required to better curtail experimental noise and potential criticism.

I can actually foresee both sides of the aisle working on this project together. Perhaps, that's another silver lining worth contemplating.

golubik

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>To: [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
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>>To: <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
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>Hi Martin,

>I think your dumb, stubborn scientists are going to look at the  
>broad brush stroke here and point, saying "See we told you. Most  
>UFO reports are hoaxes." And that's as far as it will go.

Yes, Don, the message these clowns are putting out is the one  
that you fear, with reason, is all too likely to be heard by  
people who aren't paying attention.

The act was ill-considered and the conclusion they purport to  
draw is a non-sequitur. The students ought to be failed out of  
college for sheer silliness.

What they witlessly provided is an opportunity for wiser and  
more experienced heads to apply reasoning that might prove useful.

But as I just said, though, it depends on doing some work that  
these hoaxers did not do and turning their flippant stunt into  
the thing that they tried to pretend it was - an "experiment" -  
that might reveal quite different and proveable conclusions.

If ufologists can't be bothered to do anything about it, then  
yes, that's as far as it will ever go.

Martin Shough

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>>Date: Sat, 4 Apr 2009 14:43:51 -0400  
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>You're exactly right, Don. All this sophomoric "experiment"  
>demonstrates is the narcissism and (paradoxically) insecurity  
>embarrassingly evident in many self-described skeptics, who seem  
>to have a never-ending need to prove how smart they are as  
>opposed to the rest of us, to whom they can feel superior.

>Jerry, do you not think there is any value at all in a  
>controlled experiment - I am not holding this particular  
>incident up as an example - to see how various visual stimuli  
>are perceived and reported, and to use the data gained in  
>gauging the accuracy of UFO reports and the quality of UFO  
>investigation?

Oh, absolutely, of course I do. My argument is not with serious  
efforts to expand relevant knowledge and to secure useful  
information for future use, but with reckless idiots and their  
enablers in mass media (e.g., Newsweek).

In the latter case, the problem is a phobia about UFOs (or  
anomalies generally) that leads them to defy the most elemental  
good sense. If self-described skeptics expect critical  
ufologists to take them seriously, they're going to have to  
exhibit a better sense of proportion than they've shown here  
(or, for that matter, elsewhere).

>Again, I draw your attention to the Warminster experiment, which  
>I think was a rather better conducted experimental hoax than the  
>one being discussed in this thread:

><http://magonia.haaan.com/1976/experimental-ufo-hoaxing/>

Yes, I'm familiar with this. Remember, I've read Magonia for a long time.

The first "experiment" of this sort, by the way, was conducted  
by a Midwestern newspaper in April 1897. Its purpose was to make  
mystery-airship witnesses look stupid -- the newspaper in  
question was rabidly anti-airship -- and it was not done in what  
one might call the scientific spirit. At least it didn't  
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Book 'Hunt For The Skinwalker' Explores UFOs & The Unknown  
By Steve Hammons

The non-fiction book Hunt For The Skinwalker, published in 2005, is a fascinating account of a scientific research team's investigation into unusual phenomena at a remote Utah ranch.

Written by research scientist Colm A. Kelleher, Ph.D., and award-winning investigative journalist George Knapp, the book takes readers on an exciting, mysterious and somewhat frightening adventure into the unknown.

The full title is Hunt For The Skinwalker: Science Confronts The Unexplained At A Remote Utah Ranch.

The book begins as a cattle-ranching family is getting settled into their new 480-acre spread in northeastern Utah, where they had moved from New Mexico.

It's a lovely place, perfect for their high-quality registered cattle and a lifestyle living close to the land in a rural setting.

Before long, very unusual things begin to happen. Odd, oversized wolf-like creatures come around the ranch. Stranger still, the animals seem impervious to bullets.

Items from everyday utensils to work tools disappear, only to show up later in different locations.

Cattle are found mutilated consistent with other such cases in the West and Midwest.

Small glowing orbs and UFO-like craft hover and zip around the ranch.

And that was just the tip of the iceberg.

Research Team Arrives

Kelleher and a scientific investigative team from a group called the National Institute for Discovery Science (NIDS) arrived at the ranch to conduct extensive research on the strange goings-on. They reported to a NIDS scientific advisory board.

In fact, NIDS eventually buys the ranch from the family, who by that time has had more than enough of the many odd events. The family moves off the ranch and the investigative team moves in.

However, the family also wants to understand what was going on

and assists the researchers, giving detailed accounts of what they have observed and experienced.

It doesn't take long for the researchers to learn that odd things had been going on at the ranch for decades or maybe centuries.

The local Ute Indians believed that the ranch was "in the path of the skinwalker," an evil entity. The Utes stayed away from the area on which the ranch was located.

The Utes, as well as Navajo and other tribes use the term "skinwalker" to describe an Indian who has delved into evil witchery and dark magic. In Indian lore, a skinwalker can assume the form of other animals.

Hence, the Utes in the region near the ranch traditionally considered at least some of the bizarre things going on there as the work of a skinwalker.

Tales among the local Utes about strange happenings in the area of the ranch go back at least 15 generations, according to the investigators.

Kelleher and the researchers also noted that the region's Indian tribes have had conflicts and wars over the centuries, as well as with the Spanish and Americans. Black "Buffalo Soldiers" of the U.S. Cavalry were stationed in the area.

#### Investigating The Situation

Armed with a variety of high-tech instruments, the researchers set up observation stations, at times peering through night-vision equipment and taking scientific measurements on the environment at the ranch.

They, too, observed and experienced strange and sometimes frightening incidents that they could not explain.

A unique aspect of the odd activities on the ranch was that they did not neatly fit into single categories of unusual phenomena we read about or see on TV. There were multiple kinds of mysterious situations.

The ranch seemed to be some kind of intersection with other dimensions and a site of several different kinds of anomalous activity.

In addition to the lights and UFOs flying around the ranch (sometimes with apparent crew members onboard) there were unidentified creatures like the large wolf-like animal. There also seemed to be creatures present that could not be visually seen.

The many mischievous and trickster-like incidents were apparently harmless, but bizarre and sometimes quite amazing.

Though the ranch family was quite shook up and frightened out of their wits at times, the research team was more objective and actually sought out the unusual events so they could investigate them.

The anomalous activity decreased during the months and years the researchers monitored the ranch, yet there were still intermittent cases of very unusual events that were hard to fathom.

Did the odd phenomena 'lay low' somewhat while the researchers were investigating? It seemed so.

Still, there was enough reliable multiple witness testimony to convince the team that many people in the area of the ranch and in the region had experienced truly unusual situations.

Also explored in the book are other locations in the U.S. and around the world that seem to be centers for similar kinds of mysterious events and encounters. Some are in the American Southwest, in Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona. Others are overseas.

Mysteries Remain

After several years of gathering information in and about the region, interviewing witnesses and local people, staking out the ranch day and night, conducting police-like evidentiary investigations, applying a wide range of scientific measurement equipment and experiencing very strange incidents first hand, Kelleher and the research team seemed to come to some tentative general conclusions.

Among the apparent conclusions: Anomalous events were actually occurring in the ranch area. This situation had been reported for many generations by the Utes and others.

The events were varied and spanned a range of what we think of as ancient and modern mysteries of different kinds.

In addition, something about the physics of the ranch seemed to indicate a kind of traffic between unseen dimensions.

There seemed to be an intelligence or many different intelligences at work.

Indian tribes such as the Utes interpreted and explained the phenomena in their own cultural context. The research team tried to apply modern knowledge and perspectives from a variety of scientific disciplines, while accepting that the Indians' experiences and legends were quite valuable in the investigation.

Was the ranch a site of wormholes that connect different dimensions? Were extraterrestrials somehow able to fly their UFOs into and out of the ranch area more easily? Did wild creatures from other worlds also slip in and out through invisible portals? Did our normal laws of physics cease to completely apply at the ranch?

The researchers could not find enough hard scientific proof to completely answer these questions, though they tried their best to get hard data and evidence.

However, when taken together, the account by Kelleher and Knapp in Hunt For The Skinwalker presents an amazing experience into very strange mysteries.

For scientists, including social scientists, researchers and investigators of all kinds, the information in the book poses intriguing questions and suggests a few startling possible answers.

Readers of all kinds can thoroughly enjoy the fast-paced adventures and thoughtful information in Hunt For The Skinwalker.

Note to readers: For more information, visit the Joint Recon Study Group and Transcendent TV & Media sites and have a look around.

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the FAA decides to step in and asks the FBI to investigate. But  
I'm a bit surprised that you think that people should get killed  
or injured before stiff penalties-which these guys aren't  
getting-should be imposed.

If you look at this as being akin to some person waving a pistol  
around in a schoolyard you might be closer to the impact this  
event could have had.

The silly act pisses me off more than the hoax because of its  
lack of consideration. We see hoaxes all of the time. These two  
dolts could not reason this out on their own without knowing the  
Air Regulations; but they are supposed to be considered worthy  
of consideration for their social experiment? Their actions  
gives credence to the statement that today's 26 year old is the  
new 16 year old.

I'm privy to the sectional air charts [SACs-VNC in Canada] for  
New York which most are not. Jammed into a 55 mile diameter  
circle are some 15 airports 7 of which are international. Within  
a 17 mile circle is JFK, Newark, Laguardia and Teterboro. That  
is pretty much like having three Heathrows in the same airspace.  
Morristown is ten miles west north-west of Newark and the other  
three with the prevailing winds out of the west. Releasing  
flares and the balloons into that mess of traffic [the stack] is  
not just stupid it is negligent.

Add the fire hazard [phosphorous flares on a tar-based shingled  
roof] to the mix as Carol Maltby mentioned and you have another  
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Amen to that Carol Maltby! Thanks for putting this in the right  
perspective.

I guess Mr. Rimmer's not been in a fire or near one nor might  
not know any firefighters and emergency personnel or he'd  
realize just how important this dangerous prank is.

The past ten years have been devastating to us regarding the  
loss of fire and emergency folks as they're family and friends  
not just people in suits and those losses, most of them came  
from careless or deliberate actions of other irresponsible or  
psychotic people.

This 'experiment' by these clowns didn't harm anyone but the  
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## Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 05 Apr 2009 15:15:50 -0300  
Archived: Sun, 05 Apr 2009 16:05:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

>From: Carol Maltby <[carolmaltby.nul](mailto:carolmaltby.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 5 Apr 2009 12:09:48 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

>In rural areas we depend on extraordinarily dedicated  
>volunteer firefighters to take care of house fires, wild  
>fires, and traffic accidents. These days a lot of them have to  
>spend a fair amount of time travelling to jobs out of town,  
>and the times they are called out for fires in the middle of  
>the night affect them, their families, their employers, and a  
>host of others.

>You don't gratuitously send something up in the air randomly  
>that could cause a fire if it came down too soon or in the  
>wrong place. You just don't.

>"Nobody got hurt this time" is not a sufficient excuse for a  
>stupid, reckless act. And that goes for sending up burning  
>lanterns at celebrations too.

Hi Carol,

By about mid-April the fire index here in Nova Scotia begins to rise. NS is about one quarter the area of England, Wales and Scotland but with less than one million inhabitants. We rely on volunteer fire departments as well in the rural areas of which I am part.

Last year just outside the provincial capital city of Halifax, in Porters Lake - a bedroom community for the twin cities of Halifax & Dartmouth - a fire broke out in the forest due to careless campers and a campfire. It took firefighters and water bombers nearly a week to knock that fire out with the loss of a dozen homes and one firefighter. The smoke in the air screwed up flight paths near Halifax International to the west and a pall of smoke hung over the city for many days. It became a no-fly zone for over a week due to waterbombing and safety concerns.

Some 75% of Nova Scotia is forested. The forests get tinder dry by June and fires break out periodically. Adding to the problem with phosphorous flares hanging from balloons or Chinese lanterns would not be permitted.

As bad as it can get here during a forest fire - a huge forest fire in the early 1900s devastated most of southwestern Nova Scotia amounting to one fifth of the land mass - our forest fires are nothing like what they get in British Columbia, Ontario or Quebec or the brushfires in California.

Don Ledger

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## Re: The Myth Of The ETH As ETFact

From: Nick Balaskas <[nikolaos.nul](mailto:nikolaos.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 05 Apr 2009 14:29:54 -0400  
Archived: Sun, 05 Apr 2009 17:10:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Myth Of The ETH As ETFact

>Source: Paul Kimball's Redstar Films Blog - Halifax, Nova Scotia,  
> Canada

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

>Wednesday, April 01, 2009

>The Myth Of The ETH As ETFact

> The last column I wrote for Alien Worlds before it folded.

>Paul Kimball

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>Above and Beyond  
>The Myth Of The ETH As ETFact

>Of all the non-terrestrial theories that have been offered to  
>explain the UFO phenomenon, the extraterrestrial hypothesis  
>(ETH) has always seemed the most plausible one to me. I don't  
>think it's been proved, but I think it's a better bet than the  
>others on offer when one looks at the evidence, and the science.

Hi Paul, Everyone,

The opening paragraph of your article is puzzling and misleading  
- something that a less informed person about ufology and UFOs  
would have written.

If something is non-terrestrial, then by definition, it would be  
extraterrestrial. What other non-terrestrial theories are there?

If some UFOs, and the suspected intelligences that created or  
fly them, are from a higher dimension of space or time (from a  
parallel universe; time travellers or invisible beings that co-  
habituate the same planet we do), then their origin would be very  
much a terrestrial one - even if it's one that has yet to be  
discovered or understood by modern science.

Since there is no one explanation for all UFOs, why rule out  
other (and just as unlikely?) terrestrial explanations. When you  
qualify your opinion with the word "think" (twice in your last  
sentence) and do not give examples of just what "evidence" and  
"science" you are referring to, you do not make a strong case  
for your opinions.

>The evidence seems to indicate that at least some UFO cases  
>represent a non-human intelligence at work. The science now  
>tells us that there are almost certainly other intelligent  
>beings in the galaxy, and if they are more advanced than us,  
>there's a reasonably good chance that they could make their way  
>here.

Religion - past knowledge and human understanding - talks much  
about intelligent beings from space or the heavens but takes  
their reality very much for granted, at least in the texts which  
make references to these beings. Science - current knowledge and  
human understanding - also accepts that there is intelligent



life somewhere out there in the universe but if one reads books on astrobiology or attends conferences on extraterrestrial life, they quickly realise that this an academic subject matter with nothing to study since science has not yet found "them" (the word "yet" clearly identifies astrobiology as a religious belief rather than an area of scientific enquiry).

The humbling fact is that we, the people of this generation do not have proof (let me add, "at least in the public domain", for those that might be upset with what they interpret as an attack or challenge to their beliefs) that we are not alone in the universe. That said, Stanton Friedman is right to believe that life which originated on other worlds within our galaxy could make it to Earth. After all, Nature has already done it!

It has been shown that from the past meteoroid bombardment of the Earth - the only planet where we know that life does exist - that it would have taken only a few million years for rocks carrying living organisms blown off the surface of our planet at escape velocities in the order of a few miles per second to reach and contaminate all the planets in our Milky Way galaxy - now known to be in the order of many hundreds of millions by extrapolation of many exoplanets we have detected orbiting nearby stars. If Nature can do it, man will too.

Once the Kepler spaceprobe or some other astronomical facility discovers the first Earth-like planet orbiting a nearby star with the right conditions for life as we know it, it will be the motivation mankind will need to plan our first interstellar manned flight to this other habitable (and inhabited too?) world in space.

<snip>

>The shame is that someone like Friedman could have done so much >more - if only he, like his ETFact fellow travelers, had not let >their will to believe overwhelm their critical faculties. Those >people who want the old time flying saucer/conspiracy gospel >will feel right at home with them, because what they offer is >comfortable, and provides a sense of continuity and familiarity, >and even fraternity. What it does not offer, however, is an >honest search for the truth about the UFO phenomenon.

>It never did.

The same day Paul wrote the article for 'Alien Worlds', I gave a presentation to the Astronomy Journal Club at York University that was titled 'York Is Located At The Center Of The Universe - No Fooling!'. My talk was based on a review paper written by Russell Humphreys which showed from various independent studies from as early as the 1970s and supported by recent observations that the "red shifts" of galaxies (i.e. their distances) are quantized. When the positions and distances of the galaxies are plotted in 3-D space, they seem to lie of the surface of many concentric spheres with one special galaxy are the middle - our own Milky Way galaxy (where York University is located). If this proves to be a real structure to the universe which cannot be explained by the Big Bang, then we may have discovered the biggest proof of all that there's a highly advanced intelligence out there - possibly the Creator of the entire universe itself!

Of course, it is our prerogative to choose to ignore this or any other fact and continue our search elsewhere for evidence in support of our own personal beliefs and opinions. This is not how science is done but the "old time flying saucer/conspiracy gospel" makes us feel good with ETs which "provides a sense of continuity and familiarity, and even fraternity".

Anything wrong with that?

Nick Balaskas

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## Operation Bird Droppings - Update I

From: **Robert Hastings** <[hastings444.nul](mailto:hastings444.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 5 Apr 2009 14:32:19 -0600  
Archived: Sun, 05 Apr 2009 17:29:20 -0400  
Subject: Operation Bird Droppings - Update I

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The MJ-12 Saga Continues:

Operation Bird Droppings-Update 1

By Robert Hastings

One day after "Operation Bird Droppings", my latest article on the MJ-12 hoax was posted online, I received the following email from Timothy Cooper, a leading figure in the ongoing MJ-12 controversy. (One may google his name, combining it with MJ-12 and/or SOM 1-01 for some background information.)

In any case, much to my surprise, the once-pro MJ-12 Cooper has now disavowed all of the MJ-12 material, including the many "documents" anonymously sent to him.

Here is Cooper's email to me. I have highlighted the key sentences:

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From: [timstoryscribe.nul](mailto:timstoryscribe.nul)  
To: [hastings444.nul](mailto:hastings444.nul)  
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2009 10:24 PM  
Subject: Re: My new article on MJ-12 and Serpo

Read your posting and as one who was foolishly taken in by the MJ-12 fantasy (which is what it is) I heartedly agree with your assessment. My father was trained by the OSI in 1949 and held a UFO Program clearance at ADC headquarters from 1957 to 1963 that allowed him to read and duplicate the most sensitive [sic] UFO-related material and never once believed there was a secret cabal group operating by that name. Since ADC was the primary consumer of all military UFO sighting reports while LeMay was Chief of Staff it is unconceivable that government intelligence or the military for that matter as my dad would put it would deliberately hide or mislead senior ADC intelligence officers of an alien threat from the sky and, at the same time, send their intercept pilots into harms way without being briefed of the possible dangers. The MJ-12 documents, and I mean ALL of them (including SOM 1-01), are a hoax and those who promote them as reality know this[,] or should know this. I showed him a copy and he said it was disinformation for the Soviets as the CIA and AF routinely did these kind of things all the time to get the Russians to spend enormous sums of money to investigate this and other "paper" jobs. As regards Serpo... pure science fiction but good science fiction.

As a unwitting dupe in this charade (I must confess I was willing to be led into believing [sic] it by Friedman and the Woods), I have since distanced myself and have ceased association with Collins after the book EXEMPT FROM DISCLOSURE (which, I might add, was poorly edited and had my name as co-author air brushed out at my insistence) was released. My only inclusion in the book amounted to Collins taking a speculative piece I wrote for the internet back in 1999 about James Jesus Angleton which he unilaterally edited into the book and was not

a co-author in any real sense.

By the way[,] I have your book and found it precise and very informative. If my dad were still alive today he would have confirmed for you some of the incidents you cite but earlier incidents as early as 1963. He was always coy when the subject came up but his Special Citation upon his retirement reflected he knew what ADC was up against.

Thanks for the e-mail.

Tim Cooper

[timstoryscribe.nul](mailto:timstoryscribe.nul)

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After receiving this message, I responded to Cooper:

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From: Robert Hastings  
To: [timstoryscribe.nul](mailto:timstoryscribe.nul)  
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2009 11:03 PM  
Subject: Re: My new article on MJ-12 and Serpo

Tim,

Thanks for the very informative email. To my knowledge, you have not publicly broken with Doty and Collins and the idea of MJ-12 as something real, or did I miss something?

If you have posted online or emailed information such as you just did to me, please send it my way. I would like to read it.

May I forward your email to Collins and others? I am going to be on the radio next week, on two different shows, debunking MJ-12. Care to join me?

Robert

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Despite a follow-up email to Cooper, in which I asked him whether he had received this message, he never responded. I consider this to be an unfortunate response (or non-response) given that Cooper's highly-publicized involvement with, and advocacy for, the MJ-12 material over the years has further confused the issue relating to the supposed legitimacy of the group MJ-12, and has served to fuel the fires of controversy on this topic. If he has now repudiated his earlier position it is essential for him to publicize that fact far and wide. A single email to one researcher (me) is simply insufficient. I gave Cooper an opportunity to participate in a series of upcoming radio interviews, in which I will be discussing my new MJ-12 expos=E9, but he has apparently declined.

In any case, someone had to enter this important development in the public record, so I have. Further updates relating to my article will be issued as warranted.

Robert Hastings  
ufohastings.com

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## Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

From: Vincent Boudreau <[vincentboudreau.nul](mailto:vincentboudreau.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 05 Apr 2009 16:12:16 -0400 (EDT)  
Archived: Sun, 05 Apr 2009 18:30:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

An observation:

I am always amazed by the skeptical mind, not the true skeptical mind but by the alleged one.

How funny it is to see who chimes in on this subject of "Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters", and the general nature of the posts.

On one side you have the ones who find some value in the action of the skeptic pranksters and will cling to whatever to justify it.

On the other hand, you have the ones who find the whole episode irresponsible.

I can easily picture that if a Ledger, a Hall, a Clark, a Friedman or a Davenport had pulled off that kind of hoax, they would have been crucified by the rest of the fellowship of the alleged true-believers... and by the alleged skeptics also.

Choir boys do not condemn choir boys.

As I have said recently, skepticism in ufology has all the characteristics of a religion.

Vincent Boudreau

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### Morris County & Red Bubba [was: Disorderly Conduct]

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 5 Apr 2009 17:03:09 -0400  
Archived: Sun, 05 Apr 2009 18:42:20 -0400  
Subject: Morris County & Red Bubba [was: Disorderly Conduct]

There is a comparison with the "Red Bubba" sightings over Gulf Breeze Florida during the Dec., 1990 to July, 1992 time frame. The Gulf Breeze Research Team logged over 170 sightings during that time, ranging from single red lights that turned bright white and flashed rapidly before "turning off" (or "burning out") to circular arrays of light, one of which I saw. The GBRT people did see one hoax in the making (as the perps launched a flare on a balloon) but never found out who did it.

There were several cases of red lights that made a sine wave pattern (wavy opr oscillations) during some of the many time exposures taken by the GBRT. "Swinging" back and forth should be a very noticeable characteristic of a flare under a balloon. the surprising thing was that in most cases there was no oscillation as the light traveled along. Other flare-balloon characteristics would include dropping of burning material (slag) and copious smoke above the flare and perhaps illumination of the suspending balloon,

These sightings took place in a sky area that was about 5 miles south southeast of Pensacola Airport. Planes flying over Gulf Breeze were quite common. Hence there were the two hazards that characterized the presently discussed sightings: aircraft hazard and the hazard of starting a fire, by landing on a roof or in a area of scrub (bushes, trees, palmetto, etc.)

No one ever owned up to the Bubba sightings. Could they have been "simple" balloon-flare sightings? (This was the first suggestion loudly proclaimed by the skeptics. There was never a local law enforcement response to this claim, however.)

That might have been the case for some of these sightings. However, most of them would have required something more complicated than the simple balloon flare because (a) in some triangulated cases it was found that the "Bubba" was moving across the wind or against the wind; (b) in some triangulated cases the speed was found to be greater than the wind (e.g. 30-40 miles per hour when there was essentially no wind), (c) in most cases there was no detectable wobble or swinging; (d) they weren't just red, but instead usually commenced periodic flashing very bright white at a high rate (15 or more cycles per second) just before disappearing; (e) in many sightings during the fall of 1991 there were rings of lights (one of which I saw myself); and (f) despite attempts to see something above a red Bubba, e.g., see a balloon (not a kite since these things were observed to travel in straight lines for considerable distances), no binocular-aided visual observation or time exposure photograph ever revealed a support for a "Bubba"

The similarities between a balloon flare hoax were (a) the red color and (b) occasionally dropping of material that could be slag or something else. In one case videotaped by two professional cameras it was found that a glowing object was ejected downward from a "Bubba", that is, it didn't just fall (it had an initial speed), so whatever it was, it wasn't just a flare hanging from some invisible structure.

I often pondered a "scaled up" hoax scenario in which a motorized blimp type craft or model airplane might have been



used along with, not road flares, but some especially designed pyrotechnic display to create the Bubba sightings. However, no evidence of such was ever found (no debris, no one boasting about how he fooled the stupid ufologists, etc).

And the sightings were silent even when the Bubba was moving at a sizeable speed. (During the sighting of Sept 16, 1991, I was there with a "big ear" listening device specifically to detect the sound of an engine propelling the ring of lights. I heard nothing.)

As fate would have it, the UFO Hunters are presenting their recent research into the Gulf Breeze sightings, Wednesday night. I don't know if they have any of the Bubba footage, but if they do it may make for an interesting comparison with the New Jersey sightings.

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From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 05 Apr 2009 22:20:51 +0100  
Archived: Sun, 05 Apr 2009 19:45:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 5 Apr 2009 09:59:31 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

>>From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 05 Apr 2009 13:46:46 +0100  
>>To: <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>>Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

>>Going by the comments on this List, these guys look as though  
>>they're going down for quite a stretch. Remind me again how many  
>>people were killed or injured by this prank.

>So, John, is your point that it's no big deal because, after  
>all, the danger was only a potential one and nobody \_actually\_  
>got killed or injured? And - of course, the larger virtue -  
>those hated UFOs, witnesses, and proponents once again got  
>exactly what they deserved?

>Why, if I didn't know any better, I'd think you were advocating  
>the debunker's position.

If I didn't know any better I'd think that the self-righteous  
posturing on this List was simply a way of further demonising  
the evil debunkers.

I didn't notice such concern about the case of the UFO-hacker  
Gary McKinnon who seems to have become something of a folk-hero.

The argument, I suppose, would be that just because Al-Qaida  
didn't follow him into the Pentagon computer system, it doesn't  
mean that the couldn't have.

As you say, Jerry, the danger was only a potential one, and no  
US troops actually got killed or injured as a result of  
information getting into the wrong hands. But of course,  
McKinnon is 'one of us' rather than an evil skeptic, so a rather  
different kind of posturing is displayed.

John Rimmer

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From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 05 Apr 2009 22:32:53 +0100  
Archived: Sun, 05 Apr 2009 19:48:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>To: <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 5 Apr 2009 09:31:32 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

>>From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
>>To: <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>>Date: Sat, 04 Apr 2009 22:24:56 +0100  
>>Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

>>Jerry, do you not think there is any value at all in a  
>>controlled experiment - I am not holding this particular  
>>incident up as an example - to see how various visual stimuli  
>>are perceived and reported, and to use the data gained in  
>>gauging the accuracy of UFO reports and the quality of UFO  
>>investigation?

>Oh, absolutely, of course I do. My argument is not with serious  
>efforts to expand relevant knowledge and to secure useful  
>information for future use, but with reckless idiots and their  
>enablers in mass media (e.g., Newsweek).

>In the latter case, the problem is a phobia about UFOs (or  
>anomalies generally) that leads them to defy the most elemental  
>good sense. If self-described skeptics expect critical  
>ufologists to take them seriously, they're going to have to  
>exhibit a better sense of proportion than they've shown here  
>(or, for that matter, elsewhere).

>>Again, I draw your attention to the Warminster experiment, which  
>>I think was a rather better conducted experimental hoax than the  
>>one being discussed in this thread:

>><http://magonia.haaan.com/1976/experimental-ufo-hoaxing/>

>Yes, I'm familiar with this. Remember, I've read Magonia for a long time.

>The first "experiment" of this sort, by the way, was conducted  
>by a Midwestern newspaper in April 1897. Its purpose was to make  
>mystery-airship witnesses look stupid -- the newspaper in  
>question was rabidly anti-airship -- and it was not done in what  
>one might call the scientific spirit. At least it didn't  
>endanger anybody.

I'm well aware of the hoax stories which were published in Midwestern  
newspapers at the time of the Airship scares. In fact I've just added Nigel  
Watson's description of some of them onto the Magonia website:

<http://magonia.haaan.com/2009/down-to-earth/>

I was actually talking about the possibility of conducting  
experimental hoaxes done in a scientific spirit. I'm well aware  
that you are probably the longest surviving Magonia reader  
outside the magic circle of its ex-editors and simply posted the  
web address of the article in case you wanted to remind yourself  
of the details without having to hunt through your extensive  
archives to find the paper copy.

I was just interested to see whether you thought the Warminster

experiment had any scientific value. You have consistently argued that ufology has the potential to become a serious scientific discipline. If that is the case perhaps some consideration of experimental protocols might be worthwhile?

John Rimmer

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## Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 05 Apr 2009 15:15:50 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

>>From: Carol Maltby <[carolmaltby.nul](mailto:carolmaltby.nul)>  
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>>Date: Sun, 5 Apr 2009 12:09:48 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

>>In rural areas we depend on extraordinarily dedicated  
>>volunteer firefighters to take care of house fires, wild  
>>fires, and traffic accidents. These days a lot of them have to  
>>spend a fair amount of time travelling to jobs out of town,  
>>and the times they are called out for fires in the middle of  
>>the night affect them, their families, their employers, and a  
>>host of others.

>>You don't gratuitously send something up in the air randomly  
>>that could cause a fire if it came down too soon or in the  
>>wrong place. You just don't.

>>"Nobody got hurt this time" is not a sufficient excuse for a  
>>stupid, reckless act. And that goes for sending up burning  
>>lanterns at celebrations too.

>Hi Carol,

>By about mid-April the fire index here in Nova Scotia begins to  
>rise. NS is about one quarter the area of England, Wales and  
>Scotland but with less than one million inhabitants. We rely on  
>volunteer fire departments as well in the rural areas of which I  
>am part.

>Last year just outside the provincial capital city of Halifax,  
>in Porters Lake - a bedroom community for the twin cities of  
>Halifax & Dartmouth - a fire broke out in the forest due to  
>careless campers and a campfire. It took firefighters and water  
>bombers nearly a week to knock that fire out with the loss of a  
>dozen homes and one firefighter. The smoke in the air screwed up  
>flight paths near Halifax International to the west and a pall  
>of smoke hung over the city for many days. It became a no-fly  
>zone for over a week due to waterbombing and safety concerns.

>Some 75% of Nova Scotia is forested. The forests get tinder dry  
>by June and fires break out periodically. Adding to the problem  
>with phosphorous flares hanging from balloons or Chinese lanterns  
>would not be permitted.

>As bad as it can get here during a forest fire - a huge forest  
>fire in the early 1900s devastated most of southwestern Nova  
>Scotia amounting to one fifth of the land mass - our forest fires  
>are nothing like what they get in British Columbia, Ontario or  
>Quebec or the brushfires in California.

>Don Ledger

Don't even get me started on the hazards of fires. Up there in Nova Scotia where there's more trees than folks breathin' just one mishap could spell doom for sure.

I remember when I was six years old playing in my yard wearing my Batman t-shirt I spotted a fire breaking out at a Salvation Army warehouse a house away. I caught it just in time as my mom and the church ladies were at our house and the fire dept. rushed over just in time before the whole thing went up in flames. There were stored paints and chemicals and such and a school just a stone's throw away. I realized then how dangerous fires were and a year or so later I was pulled from a burning car by the same fire dept. manned by friends whom our families have been friends to this day over a 100 years now.

A few years back here in Hollywood I was lucky enough to be alert enough to see smoke coming from a high price hotel I was at a seminar attending. I caught that fire just as it broke out. LAFD showed up just in the nick of time.

Now the range fires we've had here have been so devastating year after year folks are on edge whenever the wind blows. I've even taken video of a couple of times and posted em' on YouTube.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1rBsyB2zBGE>

The fires over the past three years here were horrifying to say the least. Last year it was so bad folks who had lost their homes were lining up on N. Vermont avenue having to give their pets away cause they couldn't keep em' at the shelters. Folks were sleeping in the streets and on folks' lawns and such. When those fires move they can get ground speeds of up to 30 mph and the heat takes you out before the fire even reaches you by tens of yards. It was no joke and breathing that smoke for days on end ain't healthy neither.

Folks are still gathering themselves from last year's fires and the causes range from kids playing with lighters to arson to tossing lit cigarettes around.

Fire is no joke. These clowns in Jersey and their UFO experiment could have been something horrendous had something gone wrong.

Even in the short video I shot you can see how the pigeons and planes had to fly low with all the smoke and that was the smallest of the fires.

Best,

Greg  
ufomafia.com/blog

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Archived: Mon, 06 Apr 2009 06:35:50 -0400  
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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 05 Apr 2009 22:20:51 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 5 Apr 2009 09:59:31 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

>If I didn't know any better I'd think that the self-righteous  
>posturing on this List was simply a way of further demonising  
>the evil debunkers.

Oh, my. This is what I get for seeking straight answers to  
simple questions. Once more:

To whom do you feel intellectually and ideologically in greater  
sympathy: critical ufologists (such as those I mentioned in a  
posting you have so far ignored) or debunkers (such as Klass and  
Menzel)? Remember, Klass and Menzel were proud to be called  
debunkers. They sought no refuge in euphemism.

In boring fact, John, as a general principle most of us here  
regard debunkery - or, as some wag has dubbed it, pelicanism -  
to be simple intellectual error, admittedly conducive here and  
there to (sometimes amusing) behavioral excess. It is not a  
bad moral choice, aka "evil." (Sorry to disappoint you in that  
regard.) I don't even judge the New Jersey idiots to be evil,  
just reckless, arrogant, and narcissistic - admittedly, bad  
enough.

And if you're equating McKinnon (for whom I hold no brief;  
clearly no hero, he's a buffoon and a vandal who's surely by now  
suffered enough for his dim wits) to Al Qaeda, you've clearly  
missed your calling. There would have been a place for you in  
the recent unlamented administration, always eager to accuse -  
via one imaginative leap or another - anybody it didn't like  
(even if it clearly wasn't the individual's intention) with  
aiding and comforting international terrorists.

In the real world, McKinnon no more helped Al Qaeda than you or  
I have. If he discovered vulnerabilities in the U.S. Defense  
Department's computer system, it's because they were there;  
McKinnon didn't have to invent them. If they were there, Al  
Qaeda could have detected them on its own without any assistance  
from some drug-addled jerk in England. I guess, all things  
considered, that it's a relief he got there first.

The parallel you're trying to draw strains the imagination, but  
maybe one would work if, say, the New Jersey debunkers, rather  
than themselves sending up the balloons, merely pointed to  
secretly launched government balloons already afloat in a manner  
intended to expose their presence and foil their intended  
purpose.

As to who presented a clearer and more present danger to the  
lives and limbs of innocents, there can be - as ought to be  
obvious to any sensible observer - no comparison between

McKinnon and the New Jersey knuckleheads. However blunderingly, with however ill purpose, McKinnon highlighted a problem, while the debunkers created one, and an immediately threatening one at that.

I guess the moral of the story is that it's always harder to be a critical ufologist than an uncritical debunker.

Jerry Clark

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>>>Date: Sat, 04 Apr 2009 22:24:56 +0100  
>>>Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

John,

>I was just interested to see whether you thought the Warminster  
>experiment had any scientific value. You have consistently  
>argued that ufology has the potential to become a serious  
>scientific discipline. If that is the case perhaps some  
>consideration of experimental protocols might be worthwhile?

Without rereading the article (which I confess I haven't, but will attempt to do so in the near future), I will say only that it's my impression that such experiments ought to be conducted by dispassionate, scientifically trained individuals who haven't already decided what the experiment is going to prove before it's conducted.

A large body of empirical evidence has already shown that eyewitness testimony can be (a) startlingly accurate, (b) startlingly inaccurate, and (c) all points between, depending on a range of factors, many pretty obvious (e.g., Allan Hendry found that daylight discs were more likely to be unknowns than nebulous nocturnal lights). Further research will only provide further substantiation for what we already know, I suspect.

This doesn't strike me, in other words, as the most urgent of projects, but any open-minded researcher who wishes to pursue work in this area is free to do so, naturally. In the (probably unlikely) event that something new is learned, we can all be properly grateful.

Jerry Clark

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From: Nick Pope <[nick.nul](mailto:nick.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 6 Apr 2009 13:09:19 +0200 (CEST)  
Archived: Mon, 06 Apr 2009 07:40:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Skeptics Hoax Proves Point But Raises Questions

>Source: CFI - The Centre For Inquiry - Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA

><http://tinyurl.com/cg3t5w>

>April 2, 2009

>NJ UFO Hoax By Skeptics Proves Point But Raises Questions  
>Ben Radford

<snip>

>The hoaxers are quite correct, and their point is well taken.  
>But it also raises the question: should skeptics pull pranks and  
>hoaxes, even to prove a skeptical point? The issue can be  
>debated, though I think the goal and purpose must be clear.

<snip>

In my experience the motivations for hoaxing are varied and complex, but include attention-seeking, attempting to discredit a rival, commercial gain, showcasing CGI skills, testing the investigative skills of the UFO community, fulfilling some sort of psychological need and enjoying the sense of having pulled off a successful trick.

A few years ago I was involved with a documentary called A Very British UFO Hoax, in which a radio-controlled 'flying saucer' was constructed and flown. It generated sightings and media coverage, but the production company and broadcaster were careful to clear what they planned with the Civil Aviation Authority:

[http://www.eofftv.com/v/ver/very\\_british\\_ufo\\_hoax\\_main.htm](http://www.eofftv.com/v/ver/very_british_ufo_hoax_main.htm)

Best wishes,

Nick Pope  
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Date: Mon, 6 Apr 2009 12:20:40 +0100  
Archived: Mon, 06 Apr 2009 07:42:00 -0400  
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>To: [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 5 Apr 2009 01:42:09 EDT  
>Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

<snip>

>The point is - to demonstrate how good or bad witness testimony  
>really is, what types of people make better witnesses, and how  
>circumstances alter perception. I'm sure you'll find good  
>witnesses from many walks of life.

>I think another aspect to this would be a study on whether or  
>not good questioning practices of witnesses can better elicit  
>more precise and/or accurate responses from the observers.

>Obviously, you'd have a video tape of the whole incident from  
>various points of view for comparison purposes.

>I'm not sure how much of this has already been attempted. But,  
>certainly, large numbers of witnesses would be required to  
>better curtail experimental noise and potential criticism.

>I can actually foresee both sides of the aisle working on this  
>project together. Perhaps, that's another silver lining worth  
>contemplating.

Viktor's approach to this is the right one. Both the ufological sheep and the ufological goats can, in principle, learn from incidents like this. Unfortunately, because the "experimenters" were intending only to demonstrate a conclusion they already knew to be true (UFO witnesses are inaccurate and unreliable), so little thought was put into their "experiment" that we struggle to extract much useful information from it. They themselves didn't bother to go beyond the vague claim that it proved what they called (according to their YouTube video titling, just before the screen thanking the company Orion Flares) the "GULLIBLILITY" (sic) of witnesses and of society in general.

It's tempting to sneer that this says it all, and move on. But I sat through their video compilation of witness descriptions and media reaction to get a feel for the sort of thing that might have been learned from this had it been conscientiously done. What did people actually say they saw?

Witness 1 in the video describes "5 red lights" in a "strange pattern" (this sighting, by a couple with a video camera, was the main focus of most news stories, and we come back to this one later)

Witness 2 describes what he thought resembled "parachutes or balloons with red lights"

The early best guess of police and airport officials was that the lights were "a prank", "helium balloons with road flares attached"

Radar operators at the nearby airport were called whilst the

lights were visible and asked to look for radar echoes. They looked, and found no targets corroborating the UFO, even though they apparently knew that the lights were being simultaneously viewed from the Tower.

Witness 3 remarked that he saw several lights that "didn't seem to be moving at all"

Witness 4 thought it was "kind of strange - just that they looked in a formation, like they had a purpose", but added that it "could have been anything - a UFO? Why not?"

Witness 5 (a little girl sucking a lollipop), asked what she thought the lights were by an absurd TV interviewer, replied querulously and with evident embarrassment, "Aliens?" (It isn't clear if this child was even a witness or just rounded up for a voxpop)

Witness 6 said that one (or more) light seemed to "streak down" or "go straight down" (audio badly edited and unclear) towards New York, and that a final light "just sort of went blip and disappeared".

Witness 7 remarked that the lights "zipped over our car".

Witness 8 (in the same car) said "they seemed to ascend and descend almost in a sequence - they'd rise up and dip down".

'Witness 9' is a collection of police observer reports. These described suspended lights "swinging from side to side" which were "the same colour as railroad flares". The objects were described as "drifiting". And one officer with binoculars explicitly observed "signal flares hanging below helium balloons".

We then go back to Witness 1, an airport worker (private pilot) and his wife. They saw "5 red lights slowly drifting in the sky". They were "definitely not aircraft" and the "patterns were unusual". When shown a video of known flares over Phoenix they said these "looked just the same" except that they saw no smoke. Pressed for detail, Witness 1 said "they just kind of drifted out of sight." "A couple of them appeared to take off" or "one of them appeared to drop out of the sky". "From our perspective, at night, it's hard... it might have taken off. One of the two... seemed to take off to the South at a very fast pace."

Witness 10 was an agitated caller to the local police, demanding "What are these red dots in the sky?"

Witness 11 remarked "If it was a hoax then it was a real good one. It was almostr as if they [the lights] were communicating with each other."

'Witness 12' was several employees in the showroom of a car dealership who had promptly exploited the news and had filled the place with promotional blow-up aliens etc. They said they didn't believe the lights could have been flares because a) "the pattern was too firm", b) "Wouldn't they fall, in [someone's] back yard? Where the hell is it? That's the loophole.", c) they were moving "against the wind, definitely" "Absolutely!", and d) "There was no smoke" "Absolutely not". They were asked if the customers who were there at the time had seen them too. They had. "Did they have an opinion?" "No, they were all stumped. Everyone was stumped."

Witness 1 in further interviews described "five red lights drifting in the sky" in a pattern that was "unusual". They were "very bright red" and "just kind of floating along" until one or more lights [unclear, bad edit] vanished in a way that was "like it just took off. It was very strange.". The witness admitted to finding it "unsettling" and a bit "scary" because they "didn't know what they were".

That's about it. Clearly the picture we can assemble from these reports is not an absolutely perfect representation of five wind-borne helium balloons with red flares swaying below them, but overall it is a pretty good one and a number of observers volunteered the opinion that this was exactly what they'd seen.

Investigators should have though to track the courses and altitudes of the balloons against time and shown the wind plots



at various levels, then they should have taken care to establish angular elevations, bearings, angular sizes and angular rates from witnesses. Solid conclusions could then have been drawn. But qualitatively speaking the witnesses reported accurately the kinds of perceptual effects that are well understood and which we know how to correct for.

For example, the witness who said that the lights "zipped" overhead at speed was in a moving car at the time; witnesses who were static tended to describe slow drifting motion. Rapid vanishing - "blip, and it disappeared", or "seeming" to "take-off", in one case appearing to "drop out of the sky" - these are quite characteristic of flares going out and dropping burning material.

(One of many questions: Was the light that seemed to "take off at high speed to the South" seen in the South, so that the apparent motion was in the line of sight? If so this is a perfectly ordinary visual illusion and again one for which we can easily callibrate. Only if the lights were actually in the North, say, from the witness who described one as "taking off to the South" would we have an interesting problem that might lead us to consider the possibility of "radical misperception".)

Several witnesses commented on the "pattern" of the lights and discerned order therein, noting a "triangle" and a "pair", using words like "formation". I've often remarked before on the lazy thinking of some sceptical ufologists in such cases, who tend to see such remarks as indicating how unreliable witnesses are, deceiving themselves into seeing patterns that aren't there. Firstly it is unhelpful to characterise a reliably verified constant of the process of perception as a sign of "unreliability", and much more helpful to see this as a callibration tool. Secondly, whilst it is true that human perception seeks pattern (it is after all a "smart" process for just this reason) it is not necessarily the case that the pattern is not there. In the present case it is objectively true that there was a pattern. A group of three balloons was launched close together, then another group was launched separately - apparently one of them failed, or a flare failed, for reasons unclear. The result was a triad of lights causally related in space and time, and a distinct pair. Clearly any arrangement of three lights defines a triangle, and although witnesses did not expect balloons to be able to maintain similar relative positions for an extended period, they can do so, and this is what they (accurately) reported.

The claim by the car dealers that the lights moved against the wind might also be objectively true depending on the height of the balloons at that time, and if there had been the smallest attempt to study weather, sighting times, angles, altitudes etc one would be able to check it. The wind direction at a few hundred or a thousand feet might be very different from the surface wind which the witnesses would have used as their callibration, and the "canyon wind" effect of local buildings can further affect the apparent direction.

Nobody seems to have reported that the lights landed, or disgorged humanoids, or stalled their cars, or paralysed them, or indeed did anything much but drift overhead and disappear. One or two comments might be taken to indicate anomalous angular rates, but the detail is too scant to determine even this much with confidence. Generally speaking everybody - even those who admitted they were "scared", "unsettled" and ready to believe that there seeing aliens; even those being encouraged by inane and hysterical media commentators to think in terms of aliens; and even the witnesses with an explicit vested interest in promoting the lights as alien (the car dealers) - reported seeing a group of red lights moving in the sky.

Martin Shough

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Experiments generally start off with an hypothesis which the  
experiment is designed to either prove or disprove. There may  
well be an expected outcome, but the outcome isn't always the one  
which is expected. In the case of the SIUFOP, the people behind  
it were surprised by the success of the hoax, which demonstrated  
the fallibility of subject matter experts and UFO investigators.  
The hoax ran for about 2 years, having been accidentally  
revealed by one of the participants.

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If ufology already knows all there is to know about witness  
reliability, then one has to ask how it got caught out in the  
Morristown hoax - for instance, it is reported that certain  
investigators had considered the balloon/flare solution but  
rejected it - in spite of it emerging as a possible explanation  
at a very early stage following the reports. On what basis was  
it rejected? Because witnesses said it couldn't have been  
flares? Because details provided by the witnesses were  
inconsistent with the balloon/flare solution? Or was it just  
investigator bias?

If ufology doesn't examine what happened it is doomed to repeat  
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## Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

From: Joe McGonagle <[joe.mcgonagle.nul](mailto:joe.mcgonagle.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 06 Apr 2009 13:21:52 +0100  
Archived: Tue, 07 Apr 2009 06:50:37 -0400  
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>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 5 Apr 2009 20:27:49 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

<snip>

>As to who presented a clearer and more present danger to the  
>lives and limbs of innocents, there can be - as ought to be  
>obvious to any sensible observer - no comparison between  
>McKinnon and the New Jersey knuckleheads. However blunderingly,  
>with however ill purpose, McKinnon highlighted a problem, while  
>the debunkers created one, and an immediately threatening one at  
>that.

This is where I think people are ignorant of the possible  
consequences of McKinnon's hacking efforts. According to an  
article at Computer World (UK):

<http://tinyurl.com/cnchb6>

"That weeklong shutdown meant that for that period of time - in  
the aftermath of attacks on the US - the station couldn't do its  
job of replenishing munitions and supplies to the Atlantic  
fleet."

Bear in mind that:

a) McKinnon himself wasn't aware what the functions of the  
systems he was hacking into were, and;

b) This was in the midst of a mobilisation of units to  
Afghanistan.

His actions could well have resulted in unnecessary loss of  
servicemen's or civilian lives due to a lack of appropriate  
ammunition or other stores for certain missions.

I'm not suggesting that McKinnon should be sent to the USA for  
trial, in fact I believe that he should be tried in the UK. What  
I find slightly distasteful is the attitude taken by some  
sections of ufology that McKinnon should be applauded for his  
actions, but Russo and Rudy should be strung up because they  
\_could\_ have caused a fatal air accident. I don't remember  
anyone shouting from the rooftops the \_possible\_ consequences of  
McKinnon's actions.

I don't disagree that Russo and Rudy were reckless and that they  
should pay a penalty. I also agree that hazards like that used  
in their hoax and Chinese Lanterns should be either banned or  
subject to rigorous controls. In fact, several years ago I asked  
Trading Standards (responsible in the UK for the safety of goods  
for sale), Essex Fire Service (the local fire service in the  
area where a businessman was (and still is) selling Chinese  
Lanterns), and Ebay (where Chinese Lanterns are regularly on  
sale), but no action has been taken.

The situation is that Rudy and Russo are going to be punished  
for the risky hoax, and McKinnon will most likely be extradited

to the USA for trial. We can't undo what either of them did, but I think that the lesson from McKinnon's plight is that ufology should stay within the law and that there are further lessons to be learned from the Morristown hoax - lessons which may well have been learned in the past but which have since apparently been forgotten.

Regards,

Joe

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## Re: Skeptics Hoax Proves Point But Raises Questions

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Date: Mon, 06 Apr 2009 13:32:06 +0100  
Archived: Tue, 07 Apr 2009 06:52:25 -0400  
Subject: Re: Skeptics Hoax Proves Point But Raises Questions

>From: Nick Pope <[nick.nul](mailto:nick.nul)>  
>To: [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 6 Apr 2009 13:09:19 +0200 (CEST)  
>Subject: Re: Skeptics Hoax Proves Point But Raises Questions

>In my experience the motivations for hoaxing are varied and  
>complex, but include attention-seeking, attempting to discredit  
>a rival, commercial gain, showcasing CGI skills, testing the  
>investigative skills of the UFO community, fulfilling some sort  
>of psychological need and enjoying the sense of having pulled  
>off a successful trick.

For once I am in total agreement with Nick Pope. The motivations of hoaxers are very varied. Unfortunately many ufologists do not realise this and are prepared to dismiss hoax explanations on very flimsy grounds - "he made no money out of it"... "someone in his position would not risk it"... etc.

One must never underestimate the sheer joy that can be obtained by fooling the 'experts' in any walk of life!

John Rimmer

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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 05 Apr 2009 22:20:51 +0100  
>>Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

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>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
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>>If I didn't know any better I'd think that the self-righteous  
>>posturing on this List was simply a way of further demonising  
>>the evil debunkers.

>Oh, my. This is what I get for seeking straight answers to  
>simple questions. Once more:

>To whom do you feel intellectually and ideologically in greater  
>sympathy: critical ufologists (such as those I mentioned in a  
>posting you have so far ignored) or debunkers (such as Klass and  
>Menzel)? Remember, Klass and Menzel were proud to be called  
>debunkers. They sought no refuge in euphemism.

I don't particularly feel 'intellectual or ideological sympathy'  
for any of the people you've mentioned.

If you've actually been reading the Magonia I've sent you over  
the past few decades you'll have seen that we have had no  
problems with criticising Klass, Menzell and the Psicoper when  
they've been promoting fatuous arguments. Read some of Peter  
Rogerson's book reviews for a start

>In boring fact, John, as a general principle most of us here  
>regard debunkery - or, as some wag

I wonder who that waggish fellow was?

>has dubbed it, pelicanism -  
> to be simple intellectual error, admittedly conducive here and  
>there to (sometimes amusing) behavioral excess. It is not a  
>bad moral choice, aka "evil." (Sorry to disappoint you in that  
>regard.) I don't even judge the New Jersey idiots to be evil,  
>just reckless, arrogant, and narcissistic - admittedly, bad  
>enough.

>And if you're equating McKinnon (for whom I hold no brief;  
>clearly no hero, he's a buffoon and a vandal who's surely by now  
>suffered enough for his dim wits) to Al Qaeda, you've clearly  
>missed your calling. There would have been a place for you in  
>the recent unlamented administration, always eager to accuse -  
> via one imaginative leap or another - anybody it didn't like  
>(even if it clearly wasn't the individual's intention) with  
>aiding and comforting international terrorists.



Which obviously is not what I said. I was using the counter-argument of McKinnon to highlight the over-the-top nature of the scaremongering used by critics of the balloon hoaxers. With skills like yours, Jerry, I'm sure there would be a place for you as a spin-doctor in any administration.

John Rimmer

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## Escape To Witch Mountain

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Archived: Tue, 07 Apr 2009 07:30:22 -0400  
Subject: Escape To Witch Mountain

Source: Female First.co.uk - Ashton-in-Makerfield, England, UK

<http://www.femalefirst.co.uk/movies/Race+to+Witch+Mountain-7051.html>

April 7th, 2009

The Aliens Are Coming!

Ladies and Gentlemen; Boys and Girls! We would like to interrupt our usual schedule to report that on 10 April, Race to Witch Mountain will commence. Be prepared, because the world is in danger of an alien encounter bigger than anyone could have ever imagined.

But this will not be the first time that UFOs and extraterrestrials have visited our planet. There is a history of alien sightings that goes back to 19th century. Some of these incidents have become more popular than others, and are even supported by facts and commentaries from eye witnesses.

The conspiracy theories about governments keeping in touch with the out-of-this-world visitors have been circulating since 1930s. It all started when Orson Welles (a Hollywood actor and director) broadcast the adaptation of the famous play War of the Worlds on live radio, which made people panic and really think that Earth was being invaded by aliens.

We decided to take this opportunity to present you with some of the facts and leave it up to you to choose which side you are on.

The Battle of Los Angeles

Things got really heated in early 1943, when an enormous UFO was spotted over Los Angeles this was to be remembered in history as The Battle of Los Angeles. It is rumored that over 1400 rounds of AAA (Anti Aircraft Artillery) were used and at least three people died from heart attacks due to the excitement.

At the time of the event, the government blamed it on "wartime nerves" as a Japanese Sub was sighted off the coast days earlier. However, later on in the century some documents were found showing that the U.S. military was in fact very worried about the incident.

Roswell Incident

Perhaps one of the most famous and conspired events in the UFO timeline is the Roswell Incident. In 1947, the United States Air Force reported that a "flying disk" had been recovered near Roswell, in New Mexico, USA. However, the news was quickly withdrawn and it was said to have been a weather balloon.

The Roswell case was forgotten until the 1970s, when speculations arose that an alien spacecraft did indeed crash near Roswell despite the official denial. Some UFOlogists have

even found witnesses claiming that alien bodies were recovered and experiments were carried out. But without concrete proof of course, the mystery remains.

#### Holloman Air Force Base

In 1973, a group of UFOlogists was working on a documentary at one of the Air Fields in the USA. To their big surprise, officials at the Air Field offered them to include genuine footage of a 1971 UFO landing at Holloman Air Force Base in New Mexico.

Although the documentary was never shown on TV, rumours that the US government are communicating with aliens started to become more and more frequent.

#### Area 51

Have you noticed how many of the alien sightings have taken place in the south western states of America? Does it perhaps have something to do with Area 51? Area 51 is a nickname for a military base located in the southern portion of Nevada in the western United States (north-northwest of Las Vegas).

Its secretive nature, together with reports of unusual phenomena, has led Area 51 to become a focus of modern UFO and conspiracy theories. This time there is a witness though. In 1989, a physicist called Bob Lazar told a TV station that he worked at Area 51 and one of his tasks was to work on an alien space craft. Do we believe him?

#### Rendlesham Forest Incident (to be replaced by a local story)

But if you think that you are safe over here in the UK, here is something that will send a chill down your spine. Britain's most celebrated UFO incident, and one of the best-documented in the world, occurred outside the US Air Force base at Woodbridge in Suffolk, England, shortly after Christmas 1980.

Various lights were seen in neighbouring Rendlesham Forest by numerous servicemen, who investigated and found a UFO landing site. Although no tangible evidence was found apart from broken tree branches, the incident remains an intriguing one.. are they coming after you?

Throughout 20th and 21st centuries, many other alien sightings have been reported and UFOlogy became a prominent scientific field. Governments have tried to reduce public interest in UFOs and have ridiculed and discrediting those who claim UFO encounters.

However, despite everything, true believers in the paranormal do not give up they carry out studies, look for physical evidence and come up with new theories.

2009 will not be an exception to this, as once again will come face to face with paranormal activities near Area 51. Locked in Witch Mountain is a UFO, which crash landed in a desert outside Las Vegas. Two aliens, disguised as children will begin their mission to save not only their planet, but planet Earth too.

Race to Witch Mountain released 10th April

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## MUFON Identified Morris County Hoax

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Date: Mon, 06 Apr 2009 08:09:09 -0500  
Archived: Tue, 07 Apr 2009 08:00:00 -0400  
Subject: MUFON Identified Morris County Hoax

Source: The Examiner - Denver, Colorado, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/d9j561>

April 6 2009

MUFON Caught New Jersey UFO Hoaxers

A Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) report concerning the now-famous Morris County, NJ, UFO scam describes the sighting as something manmade.

Joe Rudy, 28, and Chris Russo, 29, have been charged with disorderly conduct, after prosecutors there learned of the hoax on YouTube, where they actually showed us how they did it - red flares, helium balloons and fishing line.

But MUFON called this one correctly.

Photo Analyst Marc D'Antonio, with FX Models, LLC, was brought in on the case in January 2009, by MUFON's Richard Lang, a STAR team coordinator. The STAR team is MUFON's recent push to get investigations rolling quickly, especially in cases where there may be ground evidence. Lang provided D'Antonio with a video tape of the event.

\*The following is D'Antonio's statement on the case.\*

"I noted that the lights seemed to operate independently, and were brightening and dimming independently, as in a flickering effect, indicative of a typical flame-based light source that I have seen countless times. By flame-based I mean a flying light created by a Chinese Lantern or a flare.

"A Chinese Lantern, as you already must know, is a paper balloon envelope with a heat source suspended underneath in the opening that heats the envelope making a crude hot air balloon until the flame goes out.

"Further, in the report, the indication was that the lights went out one by one.

"This is very telling. When lights go out one-by-one, that usually means that they were LIT one after another.

"A flare that lasts 20 minutes has burned for 4-5, say by the time the LAST one in the chain is lit, and they are all released if performed by a person or two. So this staggered fadeout pattern is expected in such situations and is what happened in this case.

"Whether this event was due to Chinese Lanterns, as I thought they could be, or flares, didn't matter actually.

"It was clear to me after viewing the video that this is not a UFO, but was a man-made hoax event.

"I informed the STAR team, that in my opinion, this was a man-made event, and not a true UFO of any kind. I suggested

obtaining prevailing wind data for that evening and guessing how long the lights were visible, figure out a probable drift pattern and search for debris.

"The MUFON STAR team, using good science, did a search, and in fact they found debris from the "apparatus" along the path that the object took. So this was a good team effort, with the expected result for a hoax event."

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 06 Apr 2009 12:35:13 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 5 Apr 2009 20:45:25 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

>If ufology already knows all there is to know about witness  
>reliability, then one has to ask how it got caught out in the  
>Morristown hoax - for instance, it is reported that certain  
>investigators had considered the balloon/flare solution but  
>rejected it - in spite of it emerging as a possible explanation  
>at a very early stage following the reports. On what basis was  
>it rejected? Because witnesses said it couldn't have been  
>flares? Because details provided by the witnesses were  
>inconsistent with the balloon/flare solution? Or was it just  
>investigator bias?

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>similar mistakes were made in the past. The result? a ufology  
>based on false evidence - which is where we are at now IMO, and  
>seemingly with no will to change that situation.

I guess ufologists are to be shocked - shocked - to learn that  
nebulous nocturnal light sources are sometimes poorly observed  
and mistaken for something else. Who would have guessed? Has  
anybody heard of such a thing before now? (Sorry, folks: the  
cheap sarcasm proves to be an irresistible temptation.)

Meantime, I defer to Martin Shough's sterling analysis recently  
posted. As usual, it appears, debunkers' claims about what New  
Jersey witnesses actually reported turn out to be exaggerated.  
Man, there's a shock. As for the inadequacy/incompetence of  
investigation, shock, shock, too. All that needs to be added is  
that, as considerable literature attests (e.g., the critical  
work on Klass alone), debunkers are at least as reliant on false  
evidence and poor research (e.g., the New Jersey hoaxers and  
their apologists with their comic-book notion of scientific  
analysis). Inasmuch as it's a problem for everybody who is  
trying to deal honestly with these difficult issues, ufologists  
can do without the stones hurled at them from debunkers' glass  
houses. I'm afraid, though, that debunkerdom is doomed to repeat  
the same mistakes in the future and to fail to recognize where  
similar mistakes were made in the past.

It seems to me that ufologists, with their extensive history of  
internal criticism with little parallel in debunking writing, do  
a better job of policing their ranks than their adversaries do.  
(Always room for improvement, of course.) As we're seeing -  
entirely predictably - in the current discussion, debunkers are  
downplaying or actively defending the reckless actions of their  
New Jersey heroes. To paraphrase an old Popular Front slogan: to  
debunkers, there are no enemies on the right.

Speaking of failure to learn from experience:

Debunkers continue to ignore David Hufford's *The Terror That Comes in the Night* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 1983), arguably as important an academic book as has ever been written on science and anomalous phenomena. (I might add that they also howl every time I remind them of its existence, too. Watch this space.) Hufford devastatingly exposes the ideological roots of the debunker belief that extraordinary experiences are routinely false, consistently explainable as error, misperception, or psychological disorder. I urge his book as a corrective to the sometimes hysterical hyperbole we're seeing from debunkers in the wake of the recent fiasco, from which they seem determined not to learn. The volume is still in print as far as I know, and I urge it on all those willing to heed the testimony of experience.

Jerry Clark

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>From: Kentaro Mori <[kentaro.mori.nul](mailto:kentaro.mori.nul)>  
>To: [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 3 Apr 2009 18:35:09 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Picture Shows 'Aliens' Flying Over London

>>>Source: Bild Magazine - Germany

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

>>>March 30 2009

>>>Bizarre Picture Shows 'Aliens' Flying Over London!

>>>London's about to be invaded by aliens - at least that's what it  
>>>looks like in a bizarre picture taken from Google's Street View  
>>>map service!

>It's probably a formation of Tornado bombers in the RAF Trooping  
>of the Colour celebrated on June 14, 2008, as proposed by an  
>user at the Snopes forum:

><http://message.snopes.com/showthread.php?p=919787>

>Videos & reports at my site:

><http://tinyurl.com/co4fvr>

A visitor to my site told me that he took a photo of the same  
"UFO fleet" formation of nine RAF Tornado bombers - the video  
shown in my post had them in a formation of 16:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/myurlisname/2579193374/>

"Here's a shot I took on the day in question, while ironically  
enough at the anti-CoS demonstration on Queen Victoria Street,  
London."

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>Date: Mon, 6 Apr 2009 12:20:40 +0100  
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>Nobody seems to have reported that the lights landed, or  
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>One or two comments might be taken to indicate anomalous angular  
>rates, but the detail is too scant to determine even this much  
>with confidence. Generally speaking everybody - even those who  
>admitted they were "scared", "unsettled" and ready to believe  
>that there seeing aliens; even those being encouraged by inane  
>and hysterical media commentators to think in terms of aliens;  
>and even the witnesses with an explicit vested interest in  
>promoting the lights as alien (the car dealers) - reported  
>seeing a group of red lights moving in the sky.

Martin,

Thanks for the witness testimony narrative and analysis. In my opinion it shows that the witnesses were generally accurate. If this is an example of witness testimony, it tends to give credence to other incidents with witness reports.

In other words, the outcome of this alleged skeptic experiment supports those of us that believe UFOs deserve serious investigation. The experiment failed to show what the skeptic perpetrators wanted.

However, because of the inaccurate media coverage and the subsequent hoax designation the incident now serves to assist the debunkers and skeptics.

The mass of ordinary media end users have now read or heard a story of a spectacular UFO event. Later they found out it was a hoax. This type of UFO hype followed by a hoax designation tends to desensitize the uniformed population and will link UFOs to hoaxes in many psyches.

Effectively, though most likely not intentional, this incident will function as disinformation or propaganda.

Yours,

Frank

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Archived: Tue, 07 Apr 2009 09:07:00 -0400  
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>From: Joe McGonagle <[joe.mcgonagle.nul](mailto:joe.mcgonagle.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 06 Apr 2009 12:35:13 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

>>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 5 Apr 2009 20:45:25 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

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>>Without rereading the article (which I confess I haven't, but  
>>will attempt to do so in the near future), I will say only that  
>>it's my impression that such experiments ought to be conducted  
>>by dispassionate, scientifically trained individuals who haven't  
>>already decided what the experiment is going to prove before  
>>it's conducted.

>Experiments generally start off with an hypothesis which the  
>experiment is designed to either prove or disprove. There may  
>well be an expected outcome, but the outcome isn't always the one  
>which is expected. In the case of the SIUFOP, the people behind  
>it were surprised by the success of the hoax, which demonstrated  
>the fallibility of subject matter experts and UFO investigators.  
>The hoax ran for about 2 years, having been accidentally  
>revealed by one of the participants.

>>A large body of empirical evidence has already shown that  
>>eyewitness testimony can be (a) startlingly accurate, (b)  
>>startlingly inaccurate, and (c) all points between, depending on  
>>a range of factors, many pretty obvious (e.g., Allan Hendry  
>>found that daylight discs were more likely to be unknowns than  
>>nebulous nocturnal lights). Further research will only provide  
>>further substantiation for what we already know, I suspect.

>If ufology already knows all there is to know about witness  
>reliability, then one has to ask how it got caught out in the  
>Morristown hoax - for instance, it is reported that certain  
>investigators had considered the balloon/flare solution but  
>rejected it - in spite of it emerging as a possible explanation  
>at a very early stage following the reports. On what basis was  
>it rejected? Because witnesses said it couldn't have been  
>flares? Because details provided by the witnesses were  
>inconsistent with the balloon/flare solution? Or was it just  
>investigator bias?

>If ufology doesn't examine what happened it is doomed to repeat  
>the same mistakes in the future and to fail to recognise where  
>similar mistakes were made in the past. The result? a ufology  
>based on false evidence - which is where we are at now IMO, and  
>seemingly with no will to change that situation.

Hi Joe,

Let's not forget that a hoax is designed to fool the witness,  
and if it was simple enough for a UFO researcher to see through  
in just a few minutes of examination, then it isn't much of a  
hoax.

As far as witness reliability is concerned, we've had numerous reports and articles written over the years, and it's all over the board (as noted). MUFON has a lot of "investigators", but few are really qualified, IMO. Any researcher that came up with a quick statement probably was speaking more from belief than from evidence.

Let me broaden the question a bit and suggest that ufology doesn't have a standard for evidence, making it difficult to establish accepted basic facts to build on. I'm not sure how you expect any investigation to really resemble any other, without some foundation to follow.

This goes far beyond this one incident, but the problems are broader in nature.

Steve

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Date: Mon, 06 Apr 2009 17:06:46 -0300  
Archived: Tue, 07 Apr 2009 10:10:00 -0400  
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>general.

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Hi Martin,

The witnesses seemed to have been fairly accurate with their reporting of their observations. Regardless of what they saw, if they didn't have the expertise to evaluate what the lights were then they would be correct in calling them UFOs in the true sense of that set of initials.

As for investigators, New Jersey MUFON 's local investigator Marc D'Antonio apparently called it as flares or chinese type lanterns in January when the hoaxers launched the flares including residue left from the flare's burning-the latter being a feat in itself.

The hoaxers failed in three aspects. They didn't really fool the lay witnesses, they were found out by a competent investigator

and the hoaxers didn't come out unscathed.

You mentioned the wind problem as per one witnesses statement at one point and also noted that wind directions at the surface do not always match those aloft and that is bang on. I have often seen the windsock at my airfield hanging limp while noticing overflying aircraft crabbing to maintain direction in a 20-30 knot wind at only 500 feet AGL or noting three windsocks at the field indicating the winds coming from different directions and off by as much as 45 degrees. You can't trust winds-at least not in my area.

Don Ledger

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Hello Martin, List, All,

I'm sure Martin noticed, but he made no mention. In the interviews on that god-awful video posted by the two geniuses, Martin noted:

>Witness 7 remarked that the lights "zipped over our car".

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What he didn't put in was that these two witnesses were Chris Russo and Joe Rudy... yes, the same guys who launched the balloons. These were really the only two "witnesses" whose stories seemed to be at odds with what everyone else was saying.

KRandle

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Thanks for Martin for presenting this brief discussion of the  
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>It's tempting to sneer that this says it all, and move on. But I  
>sat through their video compilation of witness descriptions and  
>media reaction to get a feel for the sort of thing that might  
>have been learned from this had it been conscientiously done.  
>What did people actually say they saw?

>Witness 1 in the video describes "5 red lights" in a "strange  
>pattern" (this sighting, by a couple with a video camera, was  
>the main focus of most news stories, and we come back to this  
>one later)

>Witness 2 describes what he thought resembled "parachutes or  
>balloons with red lights"

>The early best guess of police and airport officials was that  
>the lights were "a prank", "helium balloons with road flares  
>attached"

>Radar operators at the nearby airport were called whilst the  
>lights were visible and asked to look for radar echoes. They  
>looked, and found no targets corroborating the UFO, even  
>though they apparently knew that the lights were being  
>simultaneously viewed from the Tower.

>Witness 3 remarked that he saw several lights that "didn't seem  
>to be moving at all"

>Witness 4 thought it was "kind of strange - just that they  
>looked in a formation, like they had a purpose", but added that  
>it "could have been anything - a UFO? Why not?"

>Witness 5 (a little girl sucking a lollipop), asked what she  
>thought the lights were by an absurd TV interviewer, replied  
>querulously and with evident embarrassment, "Aliens?" (It isn't  
>clear if this child was even a witness or just rounded up for a  
>voxpath)

>Witness 6 said that one (or more) light seemed to "streak down"  
>or "go straight down" (audio badly edited and unclear) towards  
>New York, and that a final light "just sort of went blip and  
>disappeared".

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>descend almost in a sequence - they'd rise up and dip down".

>'Witness 9' is a collection of police observer reports. These  
>described suspended lights "swinging from side to side" which  
>were "the same colour as railroad flares". The objects were  
>described as "drifiting". And one officer with binoculars  
>explicitly observed "signal flares hanging below helium  
>balloons".

><snip>

Thanks for making my comments and everyone else's more readily  
applicable to this particular case and for nicely illustrating  
it with details.

I think Ufology in general should be looked at more intently  
with a furthering emphasis on the data\_collection apparatus  
with the benefits and thoroughness of scientific inquiry to  
better drive, bolster, or undo both sides of the equation: pro  
or con, better or for worse, richer or for poorer.

I find it more and more that Ufologists remain somewhat muted  
when confronted with a situation when having to appear as  
residents to the enemies camp.

I believe our duty is simply to state the testimony, list the  
pluses and minuses, then draw some alternating conclusions that  
are reasonable given the tightness or deviations that persist in  
the various accounts - then offer or stipulate where more data  
would have been useful or better applied. All the time getting  
better at it as a group.

What is seldom dealt with openly and talked about with gusto is  
the persistent and inclement behind the scenes problems of  
having to deal with human data and the resulting imposition of  
calling into question one person's testimony while exalting  
another's. This leads to accusations and interpersonal conflicts  
that ultimately detract from the case at some point. And, more  
importantly but wrongly, a reasonably perceived need to filter  
that stuff out - a tendency we should strive to fight against.

With a more simple approach of letting it all hang out (or in),  
the deviations from the norm and the potentially unusual  
comments will stand apart and contrast sharply with the larger  
majority. So, I say let it all in - no undue filtering allowed -  
because it's a reality of the investigation process. So, let it  
show, keep it simple. Why cultivate post-process entanglements!  
Am I the only one who hates it when new testimony seems to  
emerge years later that was probably always there in the first  
place - leaving us fighting and nipping at the wrong past?

Most importantly, let others evaluate the same data and testimony because it should be a goal to contain and display it all (or a better degree of it) as Martin has demonstrated so aptly here.

There is always room for speculation and wild eyed theories. And, such elements of discourse will not be eliminated nor casually discarded either.

But, let's be cognisant of the fact where the field is currently situated. That, unfortunately, we don't have that much real evidence to tout. And, if we want to gain respect, we merely need to point this out ourselves without relying on debunkers to do it for us: having to include their unbalanced set of eyeballs is more often needless, erroneous, and tiresome.

Am I being too unreasonable here? Do I have it all wrong? I believe this approach includes everyone, contains everything essential, and allows the real data to emerge - hopefully with broader consensus and appeal.

I really see no other way to progress unless some remarkable events unfold. So, do we wait for such a rare occurrence, insist that proof already exists in our archives, and hold on - knowing in the end we'll be vindicated by future history. Or, do we act every increasingly to create a more favorable or tempered view of that evolving history - never to miss out on the opportunity to display our good judgement at every step?

And, just in case anyone was wondering, I really do have an imagination and love to speculate and taste all those mysterious UFO flavors. But, I also feel an obligation to do an honest days work at a normal days pay.

I think it worth pondering what we would all have thought of the testimony if no video was available.

Now hold that thought just a little longer... and now let go.

golubik

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## Re: Escape To Witch Mountain

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Date: Tue, 7 Apr 2009 13:14:04 +0100  
Archived: Tue, 07 Apr 2009 12:46:44 -0400  
Subject: Re: Escape To Witch Mountain

>Source: Female First.co.uk - Ashton-in-Makerfield, England, UK

><http://www.femalefirst.co.uk/movies/Race+to+Witch+Mountain-7051.html>

<snip>

>The Aliens Are Coming!  
>However, despite everything, true believers in the paranormal do  
>not give up they carry out studies, look for physical evidence  
>and come up with new theories.

Folks,

Does anyone know the name of the person who wrote this piece?

Roy

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><http://tinyurl.com/d9j56l>

>April 6 2009

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>flares, helium balloons and fishing line.

>But MUFON called this one correctly.

<snip>

So, where was the report on this prior to the announcement by  
two nefarious hoaxers (who face misdemeanor charges as a  
result)? I see no dates in this statement.

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## Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

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Archived: Wed, 08 Apr 2009 06:51:42 -0400  
Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

>From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 06 Apr 2009 13:44:08 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

>>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 5 Apr 2009 20:27:49 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

>>>From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>>>Date: Sun, 05 Apr 2009 22:20:51 +0100  
>>>Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

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>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
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>>>If I didn't know any better I'd think that the self-righteous  
>>>posturing on this List was simply a way of further demonising  
>>>the evil debunkers.

>>To whom do you feel intellectually and ideologically in greater  
>>sympathy: critical ufologists (such as those I mentioned in a  
>>posting you have so far ignored) or debunkers (such as Klass and  
>>Menzel)? Remember, Klass and Menzel were proud to be called  
>>debunkers. They sought no refuge in euphemism.

>I don't particularly feel 'intellectual or ideological sympathy'  
>for any of the people you've mentioned.

>If you've actually been reading the Magonia I've sent you over  
>the past few decades you'll have seen that we have had no  
>problems with criticising Klass, Menzell and the Psicoper when  
>they've been promoting fatuous arguments. Read some of Peter  
>Rogerson's book reviews for a start

It is true, John, that Magonia has from time to time criticized professional debunkers, which is more than can be said for most "skeptics," but in fact the criticism always turns out to be a complaint about nuance or tone, not substance. (I am perfectly prepared to acknowledge that Magonians are seldom as crude as Klass was, routinely.) Magonia and Klass (who's also been praised in Magonia) always end up on the same side, even if details differ once in a while. In practical effect, over the years Magonia and Skeptical Inquirer became indistinguishable, though Magonia has always had more literate book reviews.

<snip>

>>And if you're equating McKinnon (for whom I hold no brief;  
>>clearly no hero, he's a buffoon and a vandal who's surely by now  
>>suffered enough for his dim wits) to Al Qaeda, you've clearly  
>>missed your calling. There would have been a place for you in  
>>the recent unlamented administration, always eager to accuse -  
>> via one imaginative leap or another - anybody it didn't like  
>>(even if it clearly wasn't the individual's intention) with

>>aiding and comforting international terrorists.

>Which obviously is not what I said. I was using the counter-  
>argument of McKinnon to highlight the over-the-top nature of the  
>scaremongering used by critics of the balloon hoaxers. With  
>skills like yours, Jerry, I'm sure there would be a place for  
>you as a spin-doctor in any administration.

The words above will assure all Listfolk that your debunking credentials are perfectly in order. Only a debunker would dismiss the very clear and present dangers posed by the balloon hoaxers, cited chapter and verse by List critics, not to mention legal cuthorities who charged these knuckleheads, as "over-the-top... scaremongering."

Only a debunker would strain to bring McKinnon and Al-Qaeda into the same sentence, in the fashion of a Klass equating ufologists' accusations against U.S. government prevarication with the late Soviet Union's.

As for your last sentence: nice try, John, but I'm afraid it's just another stone hurled from a glass house.

Jerry Clark

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Date: Tue, 7 Apr 2009 08:22:28 -0400  
Archived: Wed, 08 Apr 2009 06:58:38 -0400  
Subject: More Mckinnon [was: Disorderly Conduct Charges For

>From: Joe McGonagle <[joe.mcgonagle.nul](mailto:joe.mcgonagle.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 06 Apr 2009 13:21:52 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

>>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 5 Apr 2009 20:27:49 -0400  
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<snip>

>As to who presented a clearer and more present danger to the  
>lives and limbs of innocents, there can be - as ought to be  
>obvious to any sensible observer - no comparison between  
>McKinnon and the New Jersey knuckleheads. However blunderingly,  
>with however ill purpose, McKinnon highlighted a problem, while  
>the debunkers created one, and an immediately threatening one at  
>that.

>This is where I think people are ignorant of the possible  
>consequences of McKinnon's hacking efforts. According to an  
>article at Computer World (UK):

><http://tinyurl.com/cnchb6>

>"That weeklong shutdown meant that for that period of time - in  
>the aftermath of attacks on the US - the station couldn't do its  
>job of replenishing munitions and supplies to the Atlantic  
>fleet."

Joe,

You must keep in mind that in the course of the past eight  
years, we Americans grew deeply skeptical about allegations made  
by an administration for which exaggeration and outright  
falsification in national-security matters were integral to its  
normal discourse. Lying about and railroading some drug-addled  
mope is as nothing compared to what the administration did to  
scare up a war with Iraq.

If the serious charges against McKinnon depend on the word of  
Bush-Cheney people (there's a small library of books on the  
sorts of strange persons who populated the Defense Department in  
those years; according to Seymour Hersh, some are still there  
acting as "moles" [Hersh's word] for Cheney), deep skepticism is  
in order. I wouldn't place too much credence in any specific  
charges until they've been proved in an independent trial.

McKinnon's actions, whatever their real (as opposed to alleged)  
effect, were clearly illegal, but the past administration was  
always big on turning somebody an example in order to scare  
perceived enemies. It wouldn't surprise me if, deep within its  
bowels, fantasies weren't being entertained of relegating  
McKinnon to Gitmo and its tender mercies. (And so what if our  
British "allies" protested?) To those of us who followed the  
late administration, he looked like just another scapegoat.

I suspect that soon the new administration will find a face-

saving way of turning the matter over to the British justice system, where it belongs. I consider McKinnon to be no more than a vandal (you're right: it is foolish to elevate him to undeserved hero status), and I characterized him as such in what I wrote.

Jerry Clark

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Date: Tue, 7 Apr 2009 08:44:47 -0400  
Archived: Wed, 08 Apr 2009 07:01:34 -0400  
Subject: Re: MUFON Identified Morris County Hoax

>From: Robert Powell <[rpowell.nul](mailto:rpowell.nul)>  
>To: [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 06 Apr 2009 08:09:09 -0500  
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<snip>

How embarrassing. This turns out to be the biggest debunking  
fiasco in years.

What's been demonstrated, once again, is the poverty of  
ideologically based discourse on UFOs and other anomalies. In  
this instance debunkers made all sorts of exaggerated,  
unjustified, self-serving claims, exactly the sort of thing  
they're always accusing ufologists of doing. Notice is taken,  
and let us hope not forgotten.

Congratulations, MUFON. You did it right.

Jerry Clark

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Date: Tue, 7 Apr 2009 08:15:03 -0500  
Archived: Wed, 08 Apr 2009 08:09:03 -0400  
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>From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 05 Apr 2009 22:20:51 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 5 Apr 2009 09:59:31 -0400  
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>the evil debunkers.

>I didn't notice such concern about the case of the UFO-hacker  
>Gary McKinnon who seems to have become something of a folk-hero.

>The argument, I suppose, would be that just because Al-Qaida  
>didn't follow him into the Pentagon computer system, it doesn't  
>mean that the couldn't have.

>As you say, Jerry, the danger was only a potential one, and no  
>US troops actually got killed or injured as a result of  
>information getting into the wrong hands. But of course,  
>McKinnon is 'one of us' rather than an evil skeptic, so a rather  
>different kind of posturing is displayed.

Great suffering and most barragrugous ZOT! Never have I seen  
apples and oranges so gleefully proffered as the same thing!  
What stunning torpidity!

Apples: Two smack-sloped dim-bulbs, consciously or unconsciously  
trying to communicate a fraud, and, according to Billy Cox,  
lying to the police in the commission of same, risk innocent  
lives and massive property damage to execute said fraud! They  
will get a reasonable fine and maybe some community service at  
the outside.

Oranges: One pot-addled genetic disease sufferer, looking for  
UFOs, unknowingly exposes a massive (I suspect criminal!)  
governmental incompetence detailed by a legion of hack system  
operators and network security chiefs who leave key computer  
systems so open to attack and intrusion that freaking children  
can get in! He, in turn, is confronted by a life sentence  
essentially as an enemy of an embarrassed United States and  
perhaps even life long torture attendant to same! This is not  
remotely oversold!

More "facial speciousness" from the "klasskurtxian krowd" (tm)  
Feh!

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From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 07 Apr 2009 15:07:04 -0300  
Archived: Wed, 08 Apr 2009 08:08:45 -0400  
Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

>From: Joe McGonagle <[joe.mcgonagle.nul](mailto:joe.mcgonagle.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 06 Apr 2009 12:35:13 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

>>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 5 Apr 2009 20:45:25 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

><snip>

>>Without rereading the article (which I confess I haven't, but  
>>will attempt to do so in the near future), I will say only that  
>>it's my impression that such experiments ought to be conducted  
>>by dispassionate, scientifically trained individuals who haven't  
>>already decided what the experiment is going to prove before  
>>it's conducted.

>Experiments generally start off with an hypothesis which the  
>experiment is designed to either prove or disprove. There may  
>well be an expected outcome, but the outcome isn't always the one  
>which is expected. In the case of the SIUFOP, the people behind  
>it were surprised by the success of the hoax, which demonstrated  
>the fallibility of subject matter experts and UFO investigators.  
>The hoax ran for about 2 years, having been accidentally  
>revealed by one of the participants.

>>A large body of empirical evidence has already shown that  
>>eyewitness testimony can be (a) startlingly accurate, (b)  
>>startlingly inaccurate, and (c) all points between, depending on  
>>a range of factors, many pretty obvious (e.g., Allan Hendry  
>>found that daylight discs were more likely to be unknowns than  
>>nebulous nocturnal lights). Further research will only provide  
>>further substantiation for what we already know, I suspect.

>If ufology already knows all there is to know about witness  
>reliability, then one has to ask how it got caught out in the  
>Morristown hoax - for instance, it is reported that certain  
>investigators had considered the balloon/flare solution but  
>rejected it - in spite of it emerging as a possible explanation  
>at a very early stage following the reports. On what basis was  
>it rejected? Because witnesses said it couldn't have been  
>flares? Because details provided by the witnesses were  
>inconsistent with the balloon/flare solution? Or was it just  
>investigator bias?

>If ufology doesn't examine what happened it is doomed to repeat  
>the same mistakes in the future and to fail to recognise where  
>similar mistakes were made in the past. The result? a ufology  
>based on false evidence - which is where we are at now IMO, and  
>seemingly with no will to change that situation.

I don't know what you are referring to when it comes to  
ufologists, Joe. Which ufologists are you referring to? MUFON  
busted the hoax early [Jan.7] - even found traces of flares on  
the ground. The witnesses got the details right, the hoaxers  
lied to the authorities to get the ball rolling with false

details.

Who are these ufologists you refer to? And if you don't mind me saying so, that term is too broad a brush stroke. These days anyone who reads about a case and comments on it gets termed a ufologist, a term I've never liked in the first place. Most people who comment on or blog about or create websites about this phenomenon are no more investigators, or credible researchers, than most football fans are professional athletes.

Don Ledger

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## Pulling The Bull Over Ufology's Eyes

From: **Greg Boone** <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 7 Apr 2009 09:58:19 EDT  
Archived: Wed, 08 Apr 2009 08:09:00 -0400  
Subject: Pulling The Bull Over Ufology's Eyes

The recent debates over the hoaxers in New Jersey gave me cause to think about the long history of cons and scams that have plagued ufology over the decades.

A couple of clowns decided to attach road flares to helium balloons and cause quite a stir as well as some criminal fines and we in ufology are riled up a might in regard to it.

Are we ufologists too gullible or are we at the same percentage as the rest of the population in respect to those who would pull the bull over our eyes.

I know, the phrase usually contains the word wool but in this case I prefer bull.

I've got one rule regarding any ufo incident and that is never ever get excited about any ufo report. Why? Because it can cloud one's judgment leading to disappointment and feeding the disinformation machine which is what the enemy wants.

We've been lied to and bullsnotted by pranksters, hoaxers, our governments and ourselves and that diverts important resources away from basic investigation.

I don't even entertain many photos anymore because of the latest in digital wizardry can waste time and the constant flow of blurry lights is equally diverting.

Only sound physical evidence is what I focus on now as well as sound witness testimony. We've got a plethora of witnesses both civilian and expert going back more than 60 years now and a mountain of documents. We wait with bated breath for some form of government disclosure and I for one know we ain't gonna get it no time soon so that brings us back full swing to we the ufologists doing the due diligence.

Spectacular public events such as the O'Hare incident will come and go and hopefully next time folks with the latest cell phone video cameras won't be standing around mouths agape and snap some photos of a clearly defined object from multiple points.

Even with the photochoppers out there, multiple angles of a solid, clear object from unassociated witnesses would be a big boost to the field of research.

The ETH isn't the only game in town and perhaps one day we'll not be so knee jerk in referring to ufo incidents as part of the ETH and keep a cool head and just crunch the numbers.

So a few knuckleheads got busted in Jersey and may have to pay a few grand for their shenanigans but at least that's a warning to would be wisecracks that not all is fits and giggles in the field of ufology.

Best,

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

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From: **Martin Shough** <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 7 Apr 2009 15:26:18 +0100  
Archived: Wed, 08 Apr 2009 09:10:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

>From: Kevin Randle [KRandle993.nul](mailto:KRandle993.nul)  
>To: [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 6 Apr 2009 18:57:32 EDT  
>Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

>>From: Martin Shough <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 6 Apr 2009 12:20:40 +0100  
>>Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

>>>From: Viktor Golubik <[Diverge247.nul](mailto:Diverge247.nul)>  
>>>To: [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
>>>Date: Sun, 5 Apr 2009 01:42:09 EDT  
>>>Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

><snip>

>Hello Martin, List, All,

>I'm sure Martin noticed, but he made no mention. In the  
>interviews on that god-awful video posted by the two geniuses,  
>Martin noted:

>>Witness 7 remarked that the lights "zipped over our car".

>>Witness 8 (in the same car) said "they seemed to ascend and  
>>descend almost in a sequence - they'd rise up and dip down".

>What he didn't put in was that these two witnesses were Chris  
>Russo and Joe Rudy... yes, the same guys who launched the  
>balloons. These were really the only two "witnesses" whose  
>stories seemed to be at odds with what everyone else was  
>saying.

Hi Kevin,

Wow, is that right? I'm not sure I can bring myself to watch it  
all again to confirm that so I'm happy to take your word.

Well, that's one point scored against observer accuracy, then -  
because I swear I didn't notice that at all! - and a whole  
bucket load of points scored against the "sceptical  
experimenters" for being complete a-holes!

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Date: Tue, 07 Apr 2009 14:01:09 -0300  
Archived: Wed, 08 Apr 2009 09:14:00 -0400  
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>From: Kevin Randle [KRandle993.nul](mailto:KRandle993.nul)  
>To: [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 6 Apr 2009 18:57:32 EDT  
>Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

>>From: Martin Shough <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 6 Apr 2009 12:20:40 +0100  
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>>>From: Viktor Golubik <[Diverge247.nul](mailto:Diverge247.nul)>  
>>>To: [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
>>>Date: Sun, 5 Apr 2009 01:42:09 EDT  
>>>Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

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>Hello Martin, List, All,

>I'm sure Martin noticed, but he made no mention. In the  
>interviews on that god-awful video posted by the two geniuses,  
>Martin noted:

>>Witness 7 remarked that the lights "zipped over our car".

>>Witness 8 (in the same car) said "they seemed to ascend and  
>>descend almost in a sequence - they'd rise up and dip down".

>What he didn't put in was that these two witnesses were Chris  
>Russo and Joe Rudy... yes, the same guys who launched the  
>balloons. These were really the only two "witnesses" whose  
>stories seemed to be at odds with what everyone else was saying.

It appears then that the hoax backfired on Russo and Rudy. The  
witnesses got the details right, MUFON nailed it as a hoax early  
on while the hoaxers themselves lied to embellish on the event.

In any multiple witness cases I've handled I've found that the  
witnesses usually got the description right but were terrible  
about dates, times and the objects's direction of movement.  
Direction of flight details was more dependent on whether the  
witnesses were city dwellers or rural people. The latter-on  
average-were/are usually cognizent of the direction of north.

But in the long term the story will endure that the witnesses  
were duped by two dedicated amateur scientists out to prove a  
point. They will have Birnes's gaff to fall back on as proof and  
the viewing public won't know any better because they get a lot  
of their knowledge of the phenomenon from reality TV shows.

The testimony of a dozen witnesses is easily trumped by one liar  
whose story jibes with what science believes - or wants to  
believe - or one scientist who doesn't have any background in  
the study of the phenomenon.

Don Ledger



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Archived: Wed, 08 Apr 2009 10:15:00 -0400  
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>From: Steven Kaeser <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 6 Apr 2009 10:14:36 -0400  
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>>similar mistakes were made in the past. The result? a ufology  
>>based on false evidence - which is where we are at now IMO, and  
>>seemingly with no will to change that situation.

Hi Steve, Jerry, Robert, and List,

>Let's not forget that a hoax is designed to fool the witness,  
>and if it was simple enough for a UFO researcher to see through  
>in just a few minutes of examination, then it isn't much of a  
>hoax.

One of the difficulties which I have trying to assess the witness reports and investigator performance is that like Martin, I am limited to what has been published on the Internet. This is why I think it requires active participation by people on your side of the pond to review what took place.

I am delighted to see that MUFON concluded that this was a hoax before the revelation, but have to ask why they didn't make any statement to that effect (before the revelation), especially as it seems they recovered an example of the props used. Had they done so, it would have taken the wind out of the hoaxers sails somewhat and possibly prevented other ufologists from making fools of themselves.

My understanding so far based on what is available on the internet is that the Police and one witness correctly identified that the objects were suspended flares, right at the outset of the events.

Martin has shown that in general, witnesses did describe accurately what they saw, but I have come across one or possibly two examples where the witnesses, when asked if it was possible that the objects were suspended flares they were adamant that they were not. I tried to find the relevant 'UFO Hunters' programme, but all I found was a trailer. Because my ageing PC struggles with video, it took me a while to find a version which I could actually play at break.com:

<http://tinyurl.com/cw25k2>

There are two pretty damning statements in this short segment:

Narrator: "Police say that the unidentified flying object was nothing more than flares - a theory UFO Hunters has already

tested and proven implausible"

Birnes: "These two lights are moving without any independent movement, they look rigid - look at this, you can almost make out a frame"

There is also clear evidence of Birnes leading the witness.

Reference was made to a video analysis to be conducted by programme experts, but there were no details on the clip. I'd be interested to find out who the experts were, and what their findings were.

Now, is this 'investigation', or just 'entertainment'?

>As far as witness reliability is concerned, we've had numerous  
>reports and articles written over the years, and it's all over  
>the board (as noted). MUFON has a lot of "investigators", but  
>few are really qualified, IMO. Any researcher that came up with  
>a quick statement probably was speaking more from belief than  
>from evidence.

Looking at some of the witnesses, I am guessing that some of the people involved were overly impressed by the perceived 'expertise' of at least some of the witnesses, for example an doctor (field unspecified) and a pilot with 500 hours experience. Perhaps it was felt that these 'experts' would be expected to recognise flares when they saw them.

>Let me broaden the question a bit and suggest that ufology  
>doesn't have a standard for evidence, making it difficult to  
>establish accepted basic facts to build on. I'm not sure how you  
>expect any investigation to really resemble any other, without  
>some foundation to follow.

I have consistently argued in favour of standards within ufology. In that respect, I appreciate that MUFON do require their investigators to complete some training, which is very much to their credit.

There are some aspects of investigation which can be regarded as 'standard', such as interview technique, validation of witness statements - e.g. if a witness says 'it came from the East', get them to point to where they saw it from their observation location and check that it was from the East - I had a witness who called me on Monday to report something they saw over the sea 'initially to the East before moving North-easterly'. When I checked the map, the sea was to the West and I (gently) challenged the witness who then told me they were mistaken initially and it was in fact in the West, later moving in a NW direction.

There are also standard checks to make including weather, wind direction, and depending on description, astro charts and satellite activity. Although there is no 'one size fits all', there are probably 4 or 5 basic scenarios which can be allotted standard protocols (which would be minimum standards - not the sum total of investigative effort).

Cheers,

Joe

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Date: Tue, 07 Apr 2009 12:25:45 -0500  
Archived: Wed, 08 Apr 2009 10:17:00 -0400  
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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 7 Apr 2009 08:32:41 -0400  
>Subject: Re: MUFON Identified Morris County Hoax

>>From: Robert Powell <[rpowell.nul](mailto:rpowell.nul)>  
>>To: [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
>>Date: Mon, 06 Apr 2009 08:09:09 -0500  
>>Subject: MUFON Identified Morris County Hoax

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

>><http://tinyurl.com/d9j561>

>>April 6 2009

>>MUFON Caught New Jersey UFO Hoaxers

>>A Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) report concerning the now-famous  
>>Morris County, NJ, UFO scam describes the sighting as something  
>>manmade.

>>Joe Rudy, 28, and Chris Russo, 29, have been charged with  
>>disorderly conduct, after prosecutors there learned of the hoax  
>>on YouTube, where they actually showed us how they did it - red  
>>flares, helium balloons and fishing line.

>>But MUFON called this one correctly.

><snip>

>So, where was the report on this prior to the announcement by  
>two nefarious hoaxers (who face misdemeanor charges as a  
>result)? I see no dates in this statement.

Steven,

There should have been dates in the article. The report was  
completed in January. The identity of the unknown was listed as  
either a Chinese Lantern or flare attached to a balloon.

Robert

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>From: Frank Fields <[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 6 Apr 2009 09:31:40 -0400 (EDT)  
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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 6 Apr 2009 12:20:40 +0100  
>>Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

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>Martin,

>Thanks for the witness testimony narrative and analysis. In my  
>opinion it shows that the witnesses were generally accurate. If  
>this is an example of witness testimony, it tends to give  
>credence to other incidents with witness reports.

>In other words, the outcome of this alleged skeptic experiment  
>supports those of us that believe UFOs deserve serious  
>investigation. The experiment failed to show what the skeptic  
>perpetrators wanted.

>However, because of the inaccurate media coverage and the  
>subsequent hoax designation the incident now serves to assist  
>the debunkers and skeptics.

>The mass of ordinary media end users have now read or heard a  
>story of a spectacular UFO event. Later they found out it was a  
>hoax. This type of UFO hype followed by a hoax designation tends  
>to desensitize the uniformed population and will link UFOs to  
>hoaxes in many psyches.

>Effectively, though most likely not intentional, this incident  
>will function as disinformation or propaganda.

Hi Frank,

I read this post after I replied to Kevin Randles'. There I said much the same thing, that regardless of it's being a vetted hoax at the outset by MUFON, with the witnesses describing accurately what was seen and the hoaxers lying to the authorities, this will come up smelling like roses on the skeptical side. McGaha will use this ad nauseum as he does re the 10 o'clock red-herring flares in Phoenix while ignoring the rest of the evening.

Once again the witnesses will be touted as fools - with much shaking of heads - for accurately describing what they saw but derided for not knowing that two persons with some personality flaws were perpetrating a hoax.

Don Ledger

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Archived: Wed, 08 Apr 2009 11:25:00 -0400  
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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 6 Apr 2009 08:27:42 -0400  
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>not to learn. The volume is still in print as far as I know, and  
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>experience.

A book which was, as far as I know, first reviewed in Britain,  
very favourably, by MUF0B/Magonia magazine. It makes the point  
that anomalous phenomena are actually really experienced by  
individuals, and cannot be reduced to a form of literary  
criticism.

Thank you Jerry, for bringing this important title to our  
attention again.

John Rimmer

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>>Date: Sun, 5 Apr 2009 20:45:25 -0400  
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>>Without rereading the article (which I confess I haven't, but  
>>will attempt to do so in the near future), I will say only that  
>>it's my impression that such experiments ought to be conducted  
>>by dispassionate, scientifically trained individuals who haven't  
>>already decided what the experiment is going to prove before  
>>it's conducted.

>Experiments generally start off with an hypothesis which the  
>experiment is designed to either prove or disprove. There may  
>well be an expected outcome, but the outcome isn't always the one  
>which is expected. In the case of the SIUFOP, the people behind  
>it were surprised by the success of the hoax, which demonstrated  
>the fallibility of subject matter experts and UFO investigators.  
>The hoax ran for about 2 years, having been accidentally  
>revealed by one of the participants.

>>A large body of empirical evidence has already shown that  
>>eyewitness testimony can be (a) startlingly accurate, (b)  
>>startlingly inaccurate, and (c) all points between, depending on  
>>a range of factors, many pretty obvious (e.g., Allan Hendry  
>>found that daylight discs were more likely to be unknowns than  
>>nebulous nocturnal lights). Further research will only provide  
>>further substantiation for what we already know, I suspect.

>If ufology already knows all there is to know about witness  
>reliability, then one has to ask how it got caught out in the  
>Morristown hoax - for instance, it is reported that certain  
>investigators had considered the balloon/flare solution but  
>rejected it - in spite of it emerging as a possible explanation  
>at a very early stage following the reports. On what basis was  
>it rejected? Because witnesses said it couldn't have been  
>flares? Because details provided by the witnesses were  
>inconsistent with the balloon/flare solution? Or was it just  
>investigator bias?

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I don't know what you are referring to when it comes to  
ufologists, Joe. Which ufologists are you referring to? MUFON  
busted the hoax early [Jan.7] - even found traces of flares on  
the ground. The witnesses got the details right, the hoaxers  
lied to the authorities to get the ball rolling with false

details.

Who are these ufologists you refer to? And if you don't mind me saying so, that term is too broad a brush stroke. These days anyone who reads about a case and comments on it gets termed a ufologist, a term I've never liked in the first place. Most people who comment on or blog about or create websites about this phenomenon are no more investigators, or credible researchers, than most football fans are professional athletes.

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Jerry, I'd heard of David Hufford's The Terror That in the  
Night. The mentions I'd seen generally gave the impression that  
is left by the 5 reviews currently on Amazon - that it is an in-  
depth analysis of the Old Hag phenomenon.

If it has useful analysis of anomalous phenomena that is  
valuable in other contexts, it is not readily evident from the  
site where people might be likely to purchase the book.

If you were to do a review of it for Amazon that brought out the  
aspects which were valuable for those studying other anomalous  
phenomena, it might make the Hufford book one that would be more  
likely to be read by those who don't have as much specific  
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Jerry, I'd heard of David Hufford's The Terror That in the  
Night. The mentions I'd seen generally gave the impression that  
is left by the 5 reviews currently on Amazon - that it is an in-  
depth analysis of the Old Hag phenomenon.

If it has useful analysis of anomalous phenomena that is  
valuable in other contexts, it is not readily evident from the  
site where people might be likely to purchase the book.

If you were to do a review of it for Amazon that brought out the  
aspects which were valuable for those studying other anomalous  
phenomena, it might make the Hufford book one that would be more  
likely to be read by those who don't have as much specific  
interest in the Old Hag and sleep paralysis.

Carol Maltby

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## Re: Escape To Witch Mountain

From: **Steven Kaeser** <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 7 Apr 2009 17:17:44 -0400  
Archived: Wed, 08 Apr 2009 13:38:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Escape To Witch Mountain

I just wanted to add that the name of the new movie is "Race to Witch Mountain" and not "Escape to Witch Mountain". You can search for either on Wikipedia and you can get a full rundown of them. The original Disney film came out many years ago, and those that have followed have been based on the same concept.

Steve

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## If Underground Bases Exist...

From: Carol Rainey <[csrainey2.nul](mailto:csrainey2.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 08 Apr 2009 11:16:36 -0400  
Archived: Wed, 08 Apr 2009 14:47:57 -0400  
Subject: If Underground Bases Exist...

Listers,

People with an interest in underground bases related to 'beings from elsewhere' may want to follow a recent announcement.

According to NewScientist, the US government has just "...begun the most ambitious seismological project ever conducted. Its name is USArray and its aim is to run what amounts to an ultrasound scan over the 48 contiguous states of the US. Through the seismic shudders and murmurs that rack Earth's innards, it will build up an unprecedented 3D picture of what lies beneath North America."

<http://tinyurl.com/c438mo>

Cheers,

Carol Rainey

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From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 8 Apr 2009 10:49:34 -0400  
Archived: Wed, 08 Apr 2009 14:49:28 -0400  
Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

>From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 07 Apr 2009 18:59:11 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

>>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 6 Apr 2009 08:27:42 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

>>Debunkers continue to ignore David Hufford's The Terror That  
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>>I urge it on all those willing to heed the testimony of  
>>experience.

>A book which was, as far as I know, first reviewed in Britain,  
>very favourably, by MUF0B/Magonia magazine. It makes the point  
>that anomalous phenomena are actually really experienced by  
>individuals, and cannot be reduced to a form of literary  
>criticism.

>Thank you Jerry, for bringing this important title to our  
>attention again.

Of course John is going to say this - I made it impossible for  
him not to - but in fact Hufford's book is an extended  
dissection of the Magonia argument: that all anomalous  
experiences arise from error, misperception, mental disorder, or  
(all else having failed) deception. (Or "nearly all"; as a  
rhetorical out, self-described skeptics will allow for  
relatively trivial, nonthreatening anomalies.) In fact, as  
Hufford demonstrates, witnesses are more likely to be right than  
to be wrong in describing what happened to them and what they  
observed.

Thus, Hufford would never have jumped on the New Jersey-balloon  
bandwagon and plummeted to earth with it, as John has done.  
Hufford further demonstrated that debunkers' efforts to reinvent  
witness testimony to reinforce their own unexamined adherence to  
orthodox doctrine have undermined understanding of a wide range  
of extraordinary human experiences.

Magonia editor/writer/reviewer Peter Rogerson once swore that I  
had "misread" what Hufford was saying, that Hufford is actually  
\_supporting\_ skeptical views. As it happens, Hufford wrote me  
(after I'd published an extended review of his book shortly  
after its publication) to state that I was one of the few who  
actually got his point. He chortled that many reviewers thought

he was \_endorsing\_ (rather than taking apart) "skeptical" views, thus proving his point about the ideological blinders ("disbelief traditions," in his witty phrase) that hinder progress in anomalies research and theory. Later, Hufford wrote a warm endorsement of my UFO Encyclopedia (see back cover of the second edition).

For those who don't get the allusion, John's mention of "literary criticism" refers - however clumsily in the context he's using it - to an observation I've made about Magonia, whose editors and writers are not scientists but, like me, liberal-arts (aka humanities) majors: that the magazine has reduced ufology and anomalistics to an exercise in literary criticism. But of course the temptation to make the UFO phenomenon as small as ourselves and our own limited backgrounds is an entirely predictable psychosocial consequence of taking on too big a problem with too small an understanding, education, or imagination.

Jerry Clark

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## Alien Jigsaw Update: April 2009

From: Katharina Wilson <[K.Wilson.nul](mailto:K.Wilson.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 08 Apr 2009 12:00:47 -0500  
Archived: Wed, 08 Apr 2009 15:50:00 -0400  
Subject: Alien Jigsaw Update: April 2009

The Hybrids: Can We Know Their Purpose?  
By Katharina Wilson

[http://www.alienjigsaw.com/Whats\\_New/Whats\\_new.html](http://www.alienjigsaw.com/Whats_New/Whats_new.html)

This is part one of a three-part article about alien-human hybrids. The information covered in this article includes addressing questions such as: 'Why are the aliens doing this?' and 'What is being done with our hybrid offspring?'

Subheadings Include: Where Are They?, Points of Interest, Underground Living Facilities, The Purpose of Alien-Human Hybrids, The New Space Race, The Future, The Hybrids' Destination, The Deception, Becoming More Human, and Christian Beliefs. Also includes two of my encounter experiences not previously published as well as two illustrations.

Part Two and Part Three will be published in the near future.

Thank you,

Katharina Wilson  
<http://www.alienjigsaw.com>

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## UFO Pranksters Sentenced

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 08 Apr 2009 15:57:00 -0400  
Archived: Wed, 08 Apr 2009 15:57:00 -0400  
Subject: UFO Pranksters Sentenced

Source: The Daily Record - Parsippany, New Jersey, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/cplb5v>

April 7, 2009

UFO Pranksters Sentenced

MORRIS PLAINS -- Two tricksters who created a UFO hoax in the skies over the Morristown area were sentenced by a municipal judge to pay \$250 in fines each and work off 50 hours of community service for their antics.

Municipal Court Judge Michael Carlucci told Chris Russo, 29, of Morris Plains, and Joe Rudy, 28, of Chester Township the hoax could have had tragic consequences. The pair's "UFOs" were made with road flares tied to helium balloons.

Their hijinks on four foggy nights in January and February triggered 911 calls to police. So proud of their work, the two men posted a star log of their activities on April Fool's Day on a Web site called eSkeptic.com.

Morris County Prosecutor Robert A. Bianchi said, "Throughout we were concerned that what was now a joke could turn into a tragic situation. It was a tremendous waste of police resources and posed a serious fire threat to homes, wooded areas, posed a significant danger to air traffic and tied up valuable 911 resources.

"In mitigation, however, since these defendants stopped their actions once authorities asked them to, have led otherwise law abiding lives, did not contemplate that their actions would cause harm, and since they were cooperative with investigators, I believe that the plea to a municipal ordinance violation with a fine and community service and no criminal record, serves the deterrent effect in this matter to punish this conduct in a measured way. I also take into consideration that these young men should not have to suffer a criminal conviction in their young lives for what can otherwise be deemed a youthful indiscretion."

Bianchi added, "A municipal ordinance is not a criminal conviction, and does not appear on their record."

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## Re: More McKinnon

From: Michael Tarbell <[mtarbell.nul](mailto:mtarbell.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 08 Apr 2009 11:11:14 -0600  
Archived: Wed, 08 Apr 2009 16:00:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: More McKinnon

>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 7 Apr 2009 08:22:28 -0400  
>Subject: More Mckinnon [was: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters]

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>McKinnon's actions, whatever their real (as opposed to alleged)  
>effect, were clearly illegal, but the past administration was  
>always big on turning somebody an example in order to scare  
>perceived enemies. It wouldn't surprise me if, deep within its  
>bowels, fantasies weren't being entertained of relegating  
>McKinnon to Gitmo and its tender mercies. (And so what if our  
>British "allies" protested?) To those of us who followed the  
>late administration, he looked like just another scapegoat.

To which I might add: it's not difficult to find motivation for  
some otherwise reasonable British folk to exaggerate and  
demonize McKinnon's exploits. Consider that their government  
negotiated a lopsided extradition agreement with a hegemonic  
empire, one with little or no compunction about the use of  
torture, to which they are now, on bended knee, preparing to  
deliver one of their own... a semi-autistic kid, no less.

I can see how one might mitigate this nauseating spectacle by  
ascribing all sorts of criminal underpinnings and apocalyptic  
consequences, whether actual or potential, to McKinnon's  
mischief. I suppose that might take the edge off seeing him in  
shackles en route to Gitmo. Didn't get that alien spacecraft  
image, but he'll sure get the anal probes, Ha! The scrawny  
prick!

Some kid with a laptop, smoking dope in his pajamas, hacks with  
ease into 'secure' US government networks and stumbles around,  
causing some mayhem, but of most consequence, exposes NASA and  
DoD computer system administrators to be comically incompetent  
twits. Hang him.

I conclude this little foray into political/social commentary  
with condolences to Beavis & Buttthead in Morris County NJ, whose  
little stunt came up short. Don't quit your day jobs.

Mike

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## Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

From: **Jerome Clark** <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 8 Apr 2009 13:35:07 -0400  
Archived: Thu, 09 Apr 2009 07:38:16 -0400  
Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

>From: Carol Maltby <[carolmaltby.nul](mailto:carolmaltby.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 7 Apr 2009 14:07:31 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

>>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
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Hufford's book is not by any stretch solely about the Old Hag experience. He uses that phenomenon as a case study to exemplify the problems scientists, debunkers, skeptics, and other disbelief traditionalists have in confronting a range of anomalous observations. He mentions UFOs, ghosts, poltergeists, cryptozoological animals, and more as instances where comparable biases have crippled or short-circuited serious research and analysis.

Hufford argues that witnesses' descriptions of the Old Hag experience are accurate (even if their interpretations ["witch attack"] can be misguided). He contends that if psychologists studying the phenomenon had paid attention to what experimenters were saying (rather than dismissing or reinventing their testimony so that it conformed to their sense of the possible), they would have understood it much sooner. Developments in sleep research in the 1960s and '70s documented the physiology of how such things can occur - though, as Hufford also notes, significant anomalies "beyond current knowledge" (not scare quotes; his phrase) continue.

Incidentally, I had my own Old Hag experience a year or two ago. In a half-sleep state (technically, hypnopompic) I lay paralyzed on my bed as a hideous decayed form, akin to the traditional (as opposed to the Hollywood) vampire, sat on my chest glaring at me menacingly. For a few moments I was - needless to say - terrified. Then suddenly it hit me: "This is the Old Hag experience!" That sudden realization snapped the spell.

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>likely to be read by those who don't have as much specific  
>interest in the Old Hag and sleep paralysis.

I posted my review/essay, originally published in Fate in 1984, on this List sometime ago. It ought to be findable in the

archives. I also discuss Hufford's work and its implications in the introductory essay to my book Unexplained!

Jerry Clark

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## Justice Needs To Punt - Cox

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 09 Apr 2009 07:38:31 -0400  
Archived: Thu, 09 Apr 2009 07:38:31 -0400  
Subject: Justice Needs To Punt - Cox

Source: The Sarasota Herald-Tribune - Florida, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/cplb5v>

Tuesday, April 7, 2009

Justice Needs To Punt  
By Billy Cox

In dropping all charges last week against former U.S. senator Ted Stevens, Attorney General Eric Holder obviously knows a turkey when he sees one. Rather than endure an expensive appeal the Justice Department was sure to lose after it admitted prosecutors withheld key evidence from Stevens' attorneys before last year's corruption convictions, Holder cut his losses and took a walk.

The new AG should employ that sort of pragmatism when another turkey tumbles onto the lawn, probably this summer. At first blush, one could argue they're not in the same ballpark. But not so fast.

This one involves the protracted saga of Gary McKinnon, the 43-year-old Brit that Bush's prosecutors hyperbolically described as the biggest military hack of all time.

In 2001-2002, the London resident went trolling for UFO data he thought might be stashed in U.S. military, NASA and other government files. What McKinnon broke into was skimpy and unclassified. But U.S. authorities are charging him with doing \$900K in damages to computers in 14 states, including the shutdown of a defense network shortly after 9/11. And he's been fighting extradition ever since.

McKinnon said he'd plead guilty to violations of British law if he could serve his time in the UK. He appeared to have exhausted his last legal gasp when British courts said they would honor an agreement ceding authority of this case to the U.S.

But McKinnon's narrative arc took an odd jag last year when he was diagnosed with an autistic spectrum disorder called Asperger's syndrome, which may or may not account for at least part of his obsessive-compulsive behaviors. None too enamored of a perceived one-sided Anglo-American extradition treaty anyway, some Brits began hitting the streets to protest the thought of sending one of their mentally ill lads into a Gitmo clanger for half a century.

And it wasn't just rock stars like David Gilmour, Graham Nash and Sting rallying around the troubled UFO hacker (who, according to the former Police frontman, is "contemplating suicide because of his fear of incarceration as a terrorist in a U.S. jail"). From London mayor Boris Johnson to Lord Alex Carlisle, an independent hard-line reviewer of the UK's anti-terrorist laws, those advocating stay-at-home penalties appear to be multiplying by the week.

Suddenly the cause celebre of England's National Autistic Society, McKinnon now has a date in June before a Judicial Review panel, which will assess his mental capacities before approving extradition.

Understandably, the McKinnon affair has engendered withering skepticism, which may be justified. But with this sort of wind at his back, McKinnon's arrival in the U.S. could produce some unintended consequences, e.g., media curiosity about what - exactly - the guy was looking for in his UFO expeditions.

Take Fox News.

Of all the MSM outlets, Fox has been the least reluctant to air UFO stories, cynical and superficial though they tend to be (see an equally biased roundup of outtakes at:

<http://tinyurl.com/djtkk4>

Fox takes UFOs no more seriously than its other network counterparts. But those boys at Fox can turn on a dime if they smell the blood of politics in the water - never mind the legitimate scientific conundrum UFOs have presented for decades. Imagine opening up a UFO front on an administration already dogpaddling against the rip currents of the economy, unemployment, war, energy, etc.

Eleven presidential administrations have come and gone since the Army confiscated the debris of a weird flying machine scattered across a New Mexico desert in 1947. At some point, inevitably, the music will stop and somebody's presidency - present or future - won't have a chair to sit in.

McKinnon isn't worth it. Holder needs to punt.

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## Re: Escape To Witch Mountain

From: **Steven Kaeser** <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 7 Apr 2009 15:19:16 -0400  
Archived: Thu, 09 Apr 2009 08:44:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Escape To Witch Mountain

>From: Roy Hale <[roy.nul](mailto:roy.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 7 Apr 2009 13:14:04 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Escape To Witch Mountain

>>Source: Female First.co.uk - Ashton-in-Makerfield, England, UK

>><http://www.femalefirst.co.uk/movies/Race+to+Witch+Mountain-7051.html>

><snip>

>>The Aliens Are Coming!  
>>However, despite everything, true believers in the paranormal do  
>>not give up they carry out studies, look for physical evidence  
>>and come up with new theories.

>Folks,

>Does anyone know the name of the person who wrote this piece?

From Wikipedia:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Race\\_to\\_Witch\\_Mountain](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Race_to_Witch_Mountain)

Race to Witch Mountain is a re-imagining of the 1975 film Escape to Witch Mountain. Both versions of the film are based on the 1968 novel Escape to Witch Mountain by author Alexander Key. The film is directed by Andy Fickman and stars Dwayne Johnson, AnnaSophia Robb, Alexander Ludwig, and Carla Gugino.

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## Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

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>>>Debunkers continue to ignore David Hufford's The Terror That Comes in the Night (University of Pennsylvania Press, 1983), arguably as important an academic book as has ever been written on science and anomalous phenomena. (I might add that they also howl every time I remind them of its existence, too. Watch this space.) Hufford devastatingly exposes the ideological roots of the debunker belief that extraordinary experiences are routinely false, consistently explainable as error, misperception, or psychological disorder. I urge his book as a corrective to the sometimes hysterical hyperbole we're seeing from debunkers in the wake of the recent fiasco, from which they seem determined not to learn. The volume is still in print as far as I know, and I urge it on all those willing to heed the testimony of experience.

>>A book which was, as far as I know, first reviewed in Britain, very favourably, by MUF0B/Magonia magazine. It makes the point that anomalous phenomena are actually really experienced by individuals, and cannot be reduced to a form of literary criticism.

>>Thank you Jerry, for bringing this important title to our attention again.

>Of course John is going to say this - I made it impossible for him not to - but in fact Hufford's book is an extended dissection of the Magonia argument: that all anomalous experiences arise from error, misperception, mental disorder, or (all else having failed) deception. (Or "nearly all"; as a rhetorical out, self-described skeptics will allow for relatively trivial, nonthreatening anomalies.) In fact, as Hufford demonstrates, witnesses are more likely to be right than to be wrong in describing what happened to them and what they observed.

Hufford neither endorses nor refutes sceptical views on anomalous experiences. His main point (as I read it, it sometimes seems that Jerry and I are reading two different books which share the same title) is that these anomalies are actual experiences which the people who have them are describing pretty accurately. As Jerry says, he also demonstrates quite clearly that these experiences are not the result of error, misperception, mental disorder or deception. What he does not do, and I would not expect him to do, is say what they are.



I also believe that they are not the result of error, misperception, mental disorder or deception. I do not know what they are, but I do think that they are part of the natural experience of being human.

>Thus, Hufford would never have jumped on the New Jersey-balloon  
>bandwagon and plummeted to earth with it, as John has done.

Exactly how Jerry? By being a little dismissive of some of the hissy-fit over-reaction on this List?

>Hufford further demonstrated that debunkers' efforts to reinvent  
>witness testimony to reinforce their own unexamined adherence to  
>orthodox doctrine have undermined understanding of a wide range  
>of extraordinary human experiences.

I think I probably agree with Hufford on this. I do however draw a distinction between debunkers and sceptical critics like Magonia.

>Magonia editor/writer/reviewer Peter Rogerson once swore that I  
>had "misread" what Hufford was saying, that Hufford is actually  
>\_supporting\_ skeptical views. As it happens, Hufford wrote me  
>(after I'd published an extended review of his book shortly  
>after its publication) to state that I was one of the few who  
>actually got his point. He chortled that many reviewers thought  
>he was \_endorsing\_ (rather than taking apart) "skeptical" views,  
>thus proving his point about the ideological blinders  
>("disbelief traditions," in his witty phrase) that hinder  
>progress in anomalies research and theory. Later, Hufford wrote  
>a warm endorsement of my UFO Encyclopedia (see back cover of the  
>second edition).

Everybody out of step except Mr Clark, eh?

>For those who don't get the allusion, John's mention of  
>"literary criticism" refers - however clumsily in the context  
>he's using it - to an observation I've made about Magonia, whose  
>editors and writers are not scientists

(Incidentally, even here Jerry gets it wrong: John Harney, the founder of MUF0B/Magonia, its first editor and my colleague on the magazine ever since, was a scientific officer working for the United Kingdom Meteorological Office)

>but, like me, liberal-arts (aka humanities) majors: that the magazine  
>has reduced ufology and anomalistics to an exercise in literary  
>criticism.

I've never been quite clear what Jerry means by this, but it makes a useful little phrase to throw around, and, like 'pelicanist' we are happy to play with it as well. When I use the phrase in relation to Hufford's book, I am talking about an approach to anomalistics which does not consider the anomalous event as an actual individual experience, but sees it as part of a literary tradition including folklore, fiction, rumour, etc.

Now this is a perfectly valid approach and, as Jerry will rush to tell you, one that Magonia has promoted. But with one important addition. When we have compared, say, modern abduction accounts with folk stories of being 'taken' by the fairies, it is not in order to say that the abduction is 'just' a fairy tale and has no experiential validity, but rather to say that the traditional account may be a description of a real experience. Tidied up, bowdlerised and brought into a narrative tradition, true; but no more so than contemporary accounts of abductions and other anomalous events are processed through time.

>But of course the temptation to make the UFO phenomenon as small  
>as ourselves and our own limited backgrounds is an entirely  
>predictable psychosocial consequence of taking on too big a  
>problem with too small an understanding, education, or  
>imagination.

This may be so in some respects, but it is not a failing only on the sceptical side of the argument. Many of the 'pro-UFO' contributors here and elsewhere display similar limitations of understanding, education and imagination.

John Rimmer

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## Filmmaker Explores Life Of Gray Barker

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Filmmaker Explores The Life Of UFO Writer Gray Barker

Filmmaker Bob Wilkinson isn't out to convince anyone there are such things as UFOs. The arguments for and against are well worn. Rather, Wilkinson is interested in one of the early voices of the UFO community: Gray Barker.

By Bill Lynch  
Staff writer

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CHARLESTON, W.Va. -- Filmmaker Bob Wilkinson isn't out to convince anyone there are such things as UFOs. The arguments for and against are well worn. Rather, Wilkinson is interested in one of the early voices of the UFO community: Gray Barker.

Braxton County native and later Clarksburg resident Barker, who died in 1984, wrote extensively about alien encounters during the height of the UFO paranoia in the 1950s and '60s. Among other highlights of his life as a UFO writer, Barker introduced the idea of the "Men in Black," those reportedly government agents sent to harass or threaten UFO witnesses into silence.

Wilkinson will premiere his new documentary, "Shades Of Gray," at 7 p.m. Saturday at the South Charleston Museum.

Wilkinson doesn't say for sure whether he believes in UFOs. The 34-year-old shrugs when asked. Over the past three years, Wilkinson has heard lots of stories about flying saucers and men from outer space. He collected about 50 hours of video footage, and many of the people were fervent believers.

"It got pretty tough keeping them on task," he acknowledged, "but I wanted to keep this about Gray."

Wilkinson came upon the idea to look into Gray's life while reading Jeanne Mozier's book "Way Out in West Virginia." The

book has a short write-up about Barker and mentions that his papers are kept at the Waldomere in Clarksburg, a historic house that's been converted into a culture and history repository.

"I drove up and spent a couple of days reading what he was all about," he said.

Wilkinson found him fascinating and a far more complex a character than he expected. There was a good story there and they weren't all about little green men.

For three years, Wilkinson juggled the documentary with his day job as a videographer and editor at West Virginia Public Television. Some of the people he talked to were skittish. Occasionally, interviews arranged in advance folded when Wilkinson showed up.

"What sort of surprised me is how very intelligent some of these people really are," he said. "I spoke with a guy who was just another kind of smart. He quoted Yeats and Voltaire."

For parts of his project, Wilkinson got off-the-clock help from friends and production associates at WVPBS. Jim Lange of West Virginia Public Radio's "Music In The Afternoon" contributed voice work. Michael Lipton of "Mountain Stage" created the music.

However, in the field, the crew was largely just Wilkinson. It helped him keep his production costs low. In the beginning, it was less than a shoestring budget. He took inspiration from filmmaker Robert Rodriguez's book, "Rebel Without A Crew" and B-movie institution Roger Corman's "How I Made A Hundred Movies In Hollywood And Never Lost A Dime."

"Not having a crew would never stop me," he said.

For several out-of-state interviews, though, Wilkinson needed an extra set of hands to carry gear. He enlisted the help of Brandon Mauser, a man his sister had just started dating.

"I told him I couldn't pay him, but I could cover his room and things," Wilkinson said.

Mauser went along with it. The two traveled to Key West, toughed out a blizzard on a trip back from Minnesota and eventually became brothers-in-law.

Wilkinson also found support for his film through Robert and Jeffrey Tinnell's Allegheny Image Factory. They have credits as producers and are helping find distribution. He says he's been signed to a three-film deal with them, and "Shades Of Gray" has been submitted to several film festivals. Wilkinson doesn't even want to guess where any of this could lead.

"That's the thing about documentaries," he said. "Nobody has to buy it."

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## The Truth Is Out Here

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The Truth Is Out Here  
by Will Storr

There are many rational people - pilots, astronauts, physicists - who believe in aliens. Will Storr's always been a sceptic, but will a 'nightwatch' with Queensland's UFO spotters change his mind? There are three words that make Rita Haden's story believable. Three magic and yet perfectly ordinary words I won't hear again until the very end of my journey into the darkly troubling parallel world of Queensland Unidentified Flying Object spotters.

At 1.50am on October 16, 1992, Rita was driving home. She's only ever had two jobs at the RACQ in Brisbane and at the RAAF base at Amberley, outside of Ipswich, where she said she did shift work. In all she'd spent 32 uneventful years driving to and from the Ipswich house where I've come to hear her story. But that night, driving home from Amberley, something extraordinary took place.

"I heard a terrific bump and swoosh across the car", the 70-year-old says. "I saw this shadow coming down and I thought, 'Good Lord, what's that? I thought it was a plane having difficulty. But when it came near, it had no wings, no tail and there was no noise whatsoever. It had this one humungous orange light on the front. I spent some years in the air force. I know my planes. It was definitely not one of ours."

Rita watched the craft fly off, only to return on the Old Toowoomba Road east of the Amberley airbase. Panicked, she floored her car. But it followed her home. "I drove up the driveway and there it was, over the neighbours' garage. I made one flying drive from my back door. I was tempted to ring Channel Seven but I thought, 'If they come up and it's gone I'll feel an absolute fool.' By this stage, the neighbours' dog had started to wail. I popped my head out the door and said, 'Are you frightened too, little Jodie?'"

Three weeks later, Jodie's hair fell out in clumps. She went blind and was put down nine months later. The mango tree near which the UFO was hovering also died. "All I had left was a black stump," says Rita.

What do you think it was? I asked. "Well," she replies "if there are UFOs out there, I think it was one." Why do you think they're here? And this is when Rita delivers the wonderful triumvirate of words that, I'm about to find, is so rare among UFO spotters. "I don't know."

EVEN THOUGHT I DON'T KNOW WHAT A WEATHER balloon is, I've always dismissed UFO sightings as balloons, or meteorites, or falling

stars or planes. Anything, in fact, but touristic space aliens. Without taking a moment to examine the evidence, I'd decided UFOs were stupid. But then I examine the evidence, and what I found made me uneasy.

(Image of) camp table .. "caption" "Come in =85.UFO spotting equipment" 3 ringing bowls, 3 hand held bells all placed on a red checkered tea towel, 8 crystals of various lengths on blue mat, clapping sticks and some incense. ( plus Image of Rita Haden, who had a nocturnal alien encounter, standing by her door looking up.)

The first thing was the sheer number of apparently un-mad people who've had experiences like Rita's. There are thousands of accounts of UFO sightings by pilots, military personnel and police officers: people who can tell a spaceship from a meteorite and who have no apparent motive to tell stories that make them sound mentally ill.

America's ABC News reported one such incident near St Louis in 2000, in which a truck driver saw "huge triangle object moving low to the ground". He called the police; officer Ed Barton's response was a weary, "This is a joke, right?" A few minutes later, Barton radioed to Base: "Be advised there's a very bright light east of town and its keeps changing colours. As a matter of fact, if the [nearby town of] Shiloh officer looks up, he can probably see it." "I see something," that officers responded, "but I don't know what the heck it is." That night, five police officers were to see a "massive triangular object flying in total silence".

In another case on October 24, 1968 16 US airmen guarding a nuclear missile silo in North Dakota watched something "hundreds of feet long" hover silently of the ground and follow a car before darting away. A B52 bomber was scrambled to chase it. The entire crew saw the craft. The radar picked it up. It followed the b52 before suddenly disappearing.

The event was investigated by the US government's official "Blue Book" project, which had a barely disguised remit to discredit UFO sightings. It declared that all the highly trained air force personnel had seen were "stars". In 1970, after 18 years and 12,618 reports, Blue Book concluded there was nothing extraordinary about any of the phenomena. The only civilian scientist involved in the small team - and the only individual working on the project for its duration - was Ohio State Astronomer J. Allen Hynek. He began as a determined sceptic, angrily recommending that UFOs need "debunking". However, by the end he'd changed his mind and launched several attacks on his Blue Book superiors, saying their "method was simple: disregard any evidence counter to the hypothesis".

In July last year, Apollo 14 astronaut Dr Edgar Mitchell told a radio interviewer: "I've been in military and intelligence circles who know that beneath the surface of what has been public knowledge - yes, we have been visited."

And it's not just the Americans seeing UFOs. Britain, for example, has its own J.Allen Hynek in the Ministry of Defence official Nick Pope, who ran a similar project to Blue Book in the 1990s and concluded UFOs were real, noting in particular the 1993 "Cosfords incident" in which triangle 4 craft were seen by more than 100 people, including police and military personnel, over south-west England. Similar Low-flying triangle craft were tracked over Belgium by multiple NATO radar in 1989 and 1990, and jets were scrambled to intercept them.

Jean-Jacques Velasco, the head of an official French investigation that concluded UFOs were nothing to be concerned about, announced in 2005 that 14 percent of the 5800 cases investigated were, in his opinion, extraterrestrial in origin.

Here in Australia, 2008 saw a "flap" (the correct collective noun) of sightings. In June, several residents in the small Northern town of Marlinja, 730km south of Darwin, saw several objects hovering above their homes. In September, six Territorians witnessed similar events in a remote Muckaty Station, 100km north of Tennant Creek.

The existence of aliens - for me, the first and most difficult claim to digest - turns out to be widely accepted by scientists.

In describing the quantity of non-human life thought to be extant in the universe, the word generally used by scientists is "teeming". British scientist estimate there are 100,000 trillion Earth-like planets in the great beyond, and solar systems in our galaxy a billion years older than ours.

Physicists such as world-renowned Dr Michio Kaku, who holds the Henry Semat Chair and professorship in theoretical physics at the City College of New York, say it's theoretically possible to travel the distance required of UFOs using shortcuts known as wormholes. Who's to say alien scientists a billion years more sophisticated than ours couldn't create wormholes- capable craft? "You simply cannot dismiss the possibility that some of these sightings are some object created by an advanced civilisation," Kaku insists. But many still do. There exists in many of us, a simple inability to accept as feasible things we've seen only in bad American films. And so the "weather balloons" hypothesis is still a popular one, as are "astronomical causes", "Venus" and mass Hallucinations", none of which adequately explains the sightings picked up on radar and observed close up by grizzled professionals.

"THERE ARE CERTAIN TYPICAL AMBIGUITIES AND anomalies that all UFOs display," says Dr Martin Gottshall, a consultant mechanical engineer who has been studying the subject for 30 year. "They move at supersonic speed or stop in an instant. They can enter straight into the ground without making a crash."

Hang on I say. They can travel through things? I've joined martin, 71 and his wife Sheryl, 50, for "nightwatch" at a campsite in Goomburra near Warwick, two hours' drive south-west of Brisbane. They're senior members of a group known as UFOFORQ (UFO Research Queensland), founded in 1956 with a brief to "receive, record and research UFO sightings". Members meet every month at the Australian College of Natural Medicine in inner-Brisbane Spring Hill to exchange ideas and listen to speakers. They also produce a bimonthly journal called UFO Encounters and arrange biannual special excursions like this one. Tonight, with 20 UFOFORQers who've pitched tents in a reserved plot away from families, we're going to sit in a circle in picnic chairs, eat potato chips and attempt to lure alien spacecraft out of the crystal country sky.

Martin's interest stems from a sighting by his first wife, who saw a oblong craft in Adelaide; Sheryl, UFOFORQ's chairman, had her principle encounter in the early 1990s in Upper Mount Gravatt on Brisbane's south side. It was altogether more bizarre. "It was the early hours of the morning," she recalls, "and I woke up and saw these three small beings standing beside the bed. They had the typical inverted, pear-shaped heads with big black eyes. I was terror-struck. Absolutely."

This, in UFO-speak, is a "close encounter of the third kind" with classic "greys". Many dismiss such experiences as sleep paralysis, whereby a person partially wakes to find himself unable to move and still in a hallucinatory, semi-dreaming state.

Harvard University Professor John E. Mack, a much-lauded Pulitzer Prize-winning psychiatrist, approached this subject back in the early 1990s with scepticism. Then he met the abductees. Working closely with 60 individuals, Mack ( who died in a car incident in 2004) concluded: "These people, as far as I could tell, were of sound mind had not communicated with each other, where not getting details from the media - this is long before the great media rash of information on this subject.

They were reluctant to come forth; they described similar stories in great detail and were shocked when they were to hear someone had had a similar experience. The only thing as a psychiatrist that I knew that behaved like that was real experience. "I would never say, =91Yes, aliens are taking people'," he said, " I would say there's a compelling phenomenon here that can't account for in any other way, that's mysterious." Which is another way of saying, "I don't know."

Rita Haden's acceptance of this principle means she has a single experience that she cannot explain. She feels neither qualified to offer answers nor the need to provide them. And there's something else: before I left her house, I asked what she thought of her fellow UFOFORQ members. There was a flash of



nervousness across her face. "They're a mixture, " she said cautiously, before quickly adding, "They're very nice people." Do they sometimes say things that trouble you? Silence. Then: "This abduction sometimes makes me wonder." Why? She shrugged. "It just seems a bit sus." I know how she feels. Rationally, I have to accept the possibility of UFOs. The mass sightings by people who'd know: the government officials who've had their scepticism reversed; the consistency of the reports; the general acceptance that the cosmos is teeming with alien life. And yet there's something beneath the level of my rational brain that's unyielding in its resistance to all this. It's not even a thought, it's a feeling: a great, dark curmudgeonly lump of "no".

So what John Mack and the fantastical abduction accounts? If I can accept the possibility of visitation, then why not some sort of interaction with the visitors? Here, for me, the lump swells and bursts and covers me with the unholy pus of prejudicial disdain. The subject Mack studied were reluctant to speak about their experiences. They were devastated and, like Haden, frightened and confused. But other members of UFORQ I've met are none of these things.

Glennys Mackay is 68 and lives in Mt Gravatt in a large home cluttered with mystical ephemera: wall-mounted native American knick-knacks, a crystal ball in the ashtray, a framed diploma in "urine therapy". As she speaks, I frequently feel as if I'm being chastened for my naivety: as if my ignorance of the minutiae of alien lore is giving her a migraine.

Mackay tells me she saw her first UFO in 1948 on her parent's New Zealand farm. "It wasn't until April 1964 that one followed me home, though," she says. "I was in a car and these hands, these faces, came to the window. They smelled like rotten eggs."

What did you do? =91I said, =91Oh my God, don't you smell!' I remember going onto the ship. They said they didn't mean us any harm. They look like us, but their skin's more translucent. They wear wigs. These "greys" that everyone talks about they're really robots." She pauses and adds wearily, "I don't know why people carry on about greys. " How do you know they're robots? I asked. =91I just know it" But how? "It's just something I've been shown," she insists.

Mackay believes aliens are mingling with humans on Earth. "I was at a conference in the US and two females turned up. It was quite obvious. You could tell they were wearing wigs. What did they do, they dress up and go to Las Vegas and wander around." If you were in a Las Vegas casino and there were two aliens in wigs playing roulette, would you be able to tell? I ask. She nods proudly. "The average person wouldn't."

MacKay goes on to tell me the aliens, abduction program involves "taking cells and seeds and eggs from us and trying to produce a better race".

That's a frightening thought, I say. A bit like Hitler. Dangerous.

She is affronted. "But look at what the scientist are doing now! They're pretty dangerous, too. Look at GM food producers." Come on Glennys, I say. Creating frost-proof wheat is one thing; creating an alien master race to takeover the world is another. We'll be the ones that get wiped out. Don't you think it's a bit of worry? "Its is a bit of a concern. But then, you've got to look at the people who are in power now. Are they aliens?" I leave shortly afterwards.

BACK AT THE GOOMBURRA CAMPSITE, MARTIN Gottschall is expanding on how UFOs can travel through earth. "UFOs have been observed coming towards the hills, not slowing down, and going straight into it. They can do a dimensional shift so they no longer interact with the matter of our dimension." He says this with deadpan assurance; as if he were telling me how the carburettor in a bus works. He believes the aliens are here to deliver us a vital message. "Typically, they tell people: look after the planet, don't pollute it with all the chemicals, don't go into nuclear energy because there are better ways of making energy." I wonder if these aliens, having apparently harnessed the power of "free energy", ever actually tell us how it works. "No," says martin. It's weird that they've come all this way to preach to

us, yet they refuse to give us the answers, I say. "They're more interested in our spiritual development," says wife Sheryl.

Still, it's a little irritating, I say, bristling. They're quite smug, those aliens. Martin leans forward. "What you have to realise is these extraterrestrials have been living on this planet forever. Most of our spiritual teachings have come from ETs. They couldn't tell us anything that hasn't been told before because we haven't yet got to the point of complying [with what they've already told us]."

I asked him if Jesus was an alien. "I think that's a fair comment," he says. He and Sheryl go on to tell me that another reason the aliens come is to harvest our genetic material. "They've come to interbreed," Sheryl says. "Just like Australia is now multicultural, its multicultural in space".

"I think," adds Martin, "there's a very brisk trade in genetic material on a cosmic scale. All the categories of cattle mutilation indicate this to me." He's referring to cows found in the US, apparently killed by alien laser beams. "They take blood from animals and that's food for them," he says. "They jump in vats of it and take it in through the skin."

It takes me a moment to gather my thoughts. Then I asked the Gottschalls if they ever-ever-have flash of doubt. Martin motions to his wife: "she does." Sheryl looks scandalised. "Not about ETs!" she cries. "About the abductions," he says. Sheryl looks wounded. "I believe there's something going on," she declares. "Absolutely."

Four hours later we're sitting in the dark attempting to induce a close encounter of the third kind. The nightwatch organiser Kay McCulloch, has run us through the health and safety procedures in the event of alien contact. If a UFO lands next to us, we're to wait until it's stopped completely before approaching. We're to only invite the ETs to come closer if it's safe to do so. If anyone gets "zapped", the first aid kit is in the back of Kay's tent.

Right now she's walking in circles, half-heartedly ringing a gong. After a couple of minutes, she raises the question of an appropriate alien-friendly mantra with the 12 gathered UFORQ members who are still awake. And then the bickering begins.

UFO spotters, I've learned, are extremely adept at bickering. Over the next hour there'll be low-level grumbling about the purpose of the mantra; about whether it's racist to call Plutonians "nasty"; about the risk of "projecting a blasphemous thought-form"; about the pronunciation of "Gaia". As I'm sitting here under the magnificent stars, listening to these adults arguing, I suddenly realise I am in the midst of the answer to the question of how sane people come to believe insane things. It all begins with a genuine mystery. The event's reported by people like Rita Haden are genuinely baffling. The problem, though, comes with our innate discomfort with the conclusion, "I don't know". Ignorance is a kind of death to humans. It's a capitulating to avoid; the antidote to progress.

But how do we come across the answer? By careful investigation and weighing of the evidence?. Not according to psychologists. A series of complex but remarkable US studies recently undertaken on "split brain" patients - epileptics who've undergone an operation to separate their brain hemispheres - has exposed out belief-making process for the mess of hunches and lies it really is.

The disturbing truth is that our unconscious mind decides everything for us. And once it has, all, our conscious mind has left to do is invent the reasons why we've taken one position over another. In essence, we're tricked by our own brains into thinking we make reasoned decisions. Of course, this is standard behaviour for modern people. Many of us steadfastly believe in endlessly complex ideas while knowing only a handful of simplistic things about them, and yet the theory is so complex even people who've been studying it for years don't fully grasp it. We could say the same about immigration policy, economics or global warming.

But how does someone with a PhD, like Martin Gottschall, end up believing in aliens feed in vats of cow blood? I suspect the

answer lies in the bickering. We consider a mystery and are presented, by our brains, with an instant belief that somebody decided to challenge. Humans don't take kindly to this. When disagreed with, a tiny radicalisation takes place. A "possibly" becomes a "definitely" and that definitely becomes a position. And once that very positions is hardened - once we've accepted aliens, say - we're presented with another set of questions that turn into positions. Without realising it, we climb a ladder of our own folly which, if we're not careful, can lead us to gods and demons and intergalactic gene bazaars.

But there must be something else behind this; some other reason why UFORQ members work so hard, devote so many hours to hurling themselves with such force off the cliffs of sober reason. I find my answer at the end of the evening when, while chatting with Kay McCulloch's husband Evan, I unexpectedly hear those simple yet scarce words again.

You and Kay don't have any children, I say. So what do you think you'd do with your lives if you didn't have UFOs? For the first time in 40 minutes, Evan is silent. "That's a good question," he says, eventually. "I don't know."

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## Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

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Date: Thu, 9 Apr 2009 09:41:35 -0400  
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>From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 08 Apr 2009 21:51:25 +0100  
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>>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>>Date: Wed, 8 Apr 2009 10:49:34 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters>

>>>From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>>>Date: Tue, 07 Apr 2009 18:59:11 +0100  
>>>Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

>>>>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>>>>Date: Mon, 6 Apr 2009 08:27:42 -0400  
>>>>Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

>>>Thank you Jerry, for bringing this important title to our  
>>>attention again.

>>Of course John is going to say this - I made it impossible for  
>>him not to - but in fact Hufford's book is an extended  
>>dissection of the Magonia argument: that all anomalous  
>experiences arise from error, misperception, mental disorder, or  
>>(all else having failed) deception. (Or "nearly all"; as a  
>>rhetorical out, self-described skeptics will allow for  
>>relatively trivial, nonthreatening anomalies.) In fact, as  
>>Hufford demonstrates, witnesses are more likely to be right than  
>>to be wrong in describing what happened to them and what they  
>>observed.

>Hufford neither endorses nor refutes sceptical views on  
>anomalous experiences.

First of all, you keep forgetting that no less than Hufford  
informs me that I read his book with excellent understanding.  
Not only did he tell me that privately, he publicly endorsed my  
own anomalies writing, something he surely would not have done  
if he thought I was misrepresenting his.

Second, to your last assertion: false. The book, which you  
clearly have not read closely or whose contents you have  
forgotten, is deeply critical of "traditions of disbelief," aka  
ideological skepticism. The book makes that clear, so do  
Hufford's various essays in folklore and medical journals, as do  
the conversations and correspondence I had with him. Hufford's  
consistent argument is that there are anomalies with  
extraordinary characteristics which are, to all appearances,  
accurately described and which resist our efforts to cram them  
into existing, accepted knowledge. As to their ultimate nature,  
he doesn't know the answer to that question any more than I do,  
but he makes the further point that even things we think we  
"know" (such, as now, the once-rejected Old Hag experience) yet  
retain significant mysteries for which no easy solution seems  
imminent.

>I also believe that they are not the result of error,  
>misperception, mental disorder or deception. I do not know what  
>they are, but I do think that they are part of the natural  
>experience of being human.

Uh, yeah, so do I. So, I'm sure, does everybody on this List.  
"The natural experience of being human" is such a vacuous,  
meaningless phrase that it covers just about anything. Since  
anomalous and paranormal experiences occur in all times and all  
places, they are by definition "part of the natural experience  
of being human." I guess we can all agree on that. So is walking  
on the ground, playing with one's dog, or looking up at the  
stars. Or rejecting any idea that violates our narrow sense of  
the possible.

>>Thus, Hufford would never have jumped on the New Jersey-balloon  
>>bandwagon and plummeted to earth with it, as John has done.

>Exactly how Jerry? By being a little dismissive of some of the  
>hissy-fit over-reaction on this List?

Why would I expect you to say anything else, John? I mean, it's  
not as if debunkers are able to learn from experience, or to  
suffer shame or to feel embarrassment when things don't go as  
the debunking ideologue expects and demands. Thus, those who  
point that out can only be exercising a "hissy-fit over-  
reaction," in common the local authorities who, acting on  
precisely the same concerns that hissy-fit over-reactors on the  
List expressed, took legal action against your would-be heroes.  
Are you planning to write the police to protest their own hissy-  
fit over-reaction? I didn't think so.

>>Hufford further demonstrated that debunkers' efforts to reinvent  
>>witness testimony to reinforce their own unexamined adherence to  
>>orthodox doctrine have undermined understanding of a wide range  
>>of extraordinary human experiences.

>I think I probably agree with Hufford on this. I do however draw  
>a distinction between debunkers and sceptical critics like  
>Magonia.

I really doubt this, John. The dividing line between "debunkers  
and skeptical critics like Magonia" is invisible to this  
skeptical critic of debunkers and skeptics. (Beyond that, I've  
never heard any other reader, sympathetic or unsympathetic, tell  
me he or she judged Magonia to be anything but a skeptical  
journal in the ordinarily understood sense. It may have been  
once, when its editors were more open-minded about, for example,  
parapsychology, but that's now in the distant past.) The only  
difference I have ever noticed is an occasional gripe about  
fellow debunkers' tone and nuance, or a quibble about the  
precise applicable conventional explanation; beyond that, there  
is no discernible philosophical or practical difference, at  
least that can be shown to exist outside your head.

>>Magonia editor/writer/reviewer Peter Rogerson once swore that I  
>>had "misread" what Hufford was saying, that Hufford is actually  
>>\_supporting\_ skeptical views. As it happens, Hufford wrote me  
>>(after I'd published an extended review of his book shortly  
>>after its publication) to state that I was one of the few who  
>>actually got his point. He chortled that many reviewers thought  
>>he was endorsing (rather than taking apart) "skeptical" views,  
>>thus proving his point about the ideological blinders  
>>("disbelief traditions," in his witty phrase) that hinder  
>>progress in anomalies research and theory. Later, Hufford wrote  
>>a warm endorsement of my UFO Encyclopedia (see back cover of the  
>>second edition).

>Everybody out of step except Mr Clark, eh?

If that's the best you can do, John, I rest my case.

>>For those who don't get the allusion, John's mention of  
>>"literary criticism" refers - however clumsily in the context  
>>he's using it - to an observation I've made about Magonia, whose  
>>editors and writers are not scientists

>(Incidentally, even here Jerry gets it wrong: John Harney, the  
>founder of MUF0B/Magonia, its first editor and my colleague on  
>the magazine ever since, was a scientific officer working for  
>the United Kingdom Meteorological Office)

Sigh. I am well aware that John Harney was/is a scientist. My point remains: Magonia is not a scientifically oriented publication. That ought to be apparent to anybody who reads it. (One of its major contributors is Martin Kottmeyer, chicken farmer by profession, amateur sociologist by avocation. Rimmer and Peter Rogerson were/are librarians. Peter Brookesmith is a freelance writer specializing [like me] in anomalies and music and [unlike me, a proudly unarmed citizen] guns. And so on.)

That doesn't make it, of course, a bad publication (Magonia is genuinely interesting, often in the good sense of the adjective), just one that mirrors the non-scientific concerns of its editors and contributors, with the occasional exception of Harney, not exactly (whatever his other undoubted virtues) a leading figure in the scientific end of the UFO controversy.

>>but, like me, liberal-arts (aka humanities) majors: that the magazine >>has reduced ufology and anomalistics to an exercise in literary >>criticism.

>I've never been quite clear what Jerry means by this,

Oh, I suspect you've been perfectly clear what I mean by this.

>but it makes a useful little phrase to throw around, and, like >'pelicanist' we are happy to play with it as well.

That is, when you're not unhappily wailing about the use of "pelicanist," for whose banishment into the outer rhetorical darkness you advocate out of the other side of your mouth.

>When I use the phrase in relation to Hufford's book, I am >talking about an approach to anomalistics which does not >consider the anomalous event as an actual individual >experience, but sees it as part of a literary tradition >including folklore, fiction, rumour, etc.

Proving exactly my point above: you understand perfectly well what my argument about "literary criticism" has always been. The problem, as I have indicated, is exactly that you do "not consider the anomalous event as an actual individual experience" but as "part of a literary tradition." From there you go on to think you have actually explained something. As witness:

>Now this is a perfectly valid approach and, as Jerry will rush >to tell you, one that Magonia has promoted. But with one >important addition. When we have compared, say, modern abduction >accounts with folk stories of being 'taken' by the fairies, it >is not in order to say that the abduction is 'just' a fairy tale >and has no experiential validity, but rather to say that the >traditional account may be a description of a real experience. >Tidied up, bowdlerised and brought into a narrative tradition, >>true; but no more so than contemporary accounts of abductions >and other anomalous events are processed through time.

This bears enough of a resemblance to my own view that I know - as a longtime observer of the pelicanist tradition - that you are being disingenuous. To every available appearance, abductions and abductionlike phenomena - if one pays any attention at all to what experients undergo and describe and to its many puzzling elements- are extraordinary and well outside currently accepted knowledge, as witness the numerous failed, contradictory attempts (in Magonia and elsewhere) to account for them via conventional psychological processes.

Instead, Magonia warmly reviewed no less than Phil Klass's book on the subject, and it has endorsed the view that abduction experiences are reducible to dreams, hallucinations, altered states of consciousness, and personal quirks, all aided and abetted by ufologists depicted as credulous, cynical, dim-witted, and - worst of all - "American." (The magazine once even paid serious heed to the wild-eyed, faux-conventional theory of "birth trauma" as the source of abduction fantasies.) The magazine has consistently sought to reduce the abduction phenomenon to social and psychological causes of widely varying plausibility and relevance. It treats abduction phenomena much as psychologist critics once treated the Old Hag, in other words.

>>But of course the temptation to make the UFO phenomenon as

small >>as ourselves and our own limited backgrounds is an entirely >>predictable psychosocial consequence of taking on too big a >>problem with too small an understanding, education, or >>imagination.

>This may be so in some respects, but it is not a failing only on >the sceptical side of the argument. Many of the 'pro-UFO' >contributors here and elsewhere display similar limitations of >understanding, education and imagination.

That's why I have been so vocally critical of fellow ufologists who fall into those sorts of errors. On the other hand, you defend, if now (understandably) only implicitly, the New Jersey hoaxers and furiously dismiss all who object to their reckless actions and That's why, in other words, I'm a critical ufologist and you're a debunking ideologue.

Jerry Clark

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## Re: Filmmaker Explores Life Of Gray Barker

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Subject: Re: Filmmaker Explores Life Of Gray Barker

>Source: The Charleston Gazette - West Virginia, USA

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>April 8, 2009

>Filmmaker Explores The Life Of UFO Writer Gray Barker

>Filmmaker Bob Wilkinson isn't out to convince anyone there are  
>such things as UFOs. The arguments for and against are well  
>worn. Rather, Wilkinson is interested in one of the early voices  
>of the UFO community: Gray Barker.

>By Bill Lynch  
>Staff writer

>Want to go?

>'Shades Of Gray'

>Documentary by Bob Wilkinson

>When: 7 p.m. Saturday

>Where: South Charleston Museum, 311 D St.

>Tickets: \$4

>Info: 304-744-9711

>CHARLESTON, W.Va. -- Filmmaker Bob Wilkinson isn't out to  
>convince anyone there are such things as UFOs. The arguments for  
>and against are well worn. Rather, Wilkinson is interested in  
>one of the early voices of the UFO community: Gray Barker.

A review of this would be interesting, but if the production value isn't up to a certain level this is going to be difficult to get aired on a cable/network channel. Gray Baker is a very interesting character in the genre and certainly his role should be better understood by those in the field. For those who are not aware, Gray Barker's archives were donated to the Harrison County Public Library in Clarksburg, WV (where he lived much of his life), and they have established a "Gray Barker Room" that can be visited by appointment.

Information on Gray Barker is available at:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gray\\_Barker](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gray_Barker)

and he is probably best known for introducing the Men in Black to the genre in his 1956 book; and also his ongoing research into the Flatwoods Monster in West Virginia.

Steve

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## MJ-12 Operation Bird Droppings Update II

From: Robert Hastings <[hastings444.nul](mailto:hastings444.nul)>  
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Subject: MJ-12 Operation Bird Droppings Update II

The MJ-12 Saga Continues:

Operation Bird Droppings-Update 2  
By Robert Hastings

In Update 1, I posted an email exchange between Timothy S. Cooper and myself, regarding the cache of MJ-12 "documents" that were allegedly mailed to Cooper between 1992 and 1999. Following the circulation of those supposedly genuine government files within the ufological community, charges arose that Cooper forged the documents, or had otherwise been involved in perpetrating a hoax relating to them. In response to those allegations, Cooper swore out affidavits in which he denied any involvement in a hoax. He also took a lie detector test, which he failed.

In an email to Cooper, dated April 6, 2009, I wrote:

Tim,

First, let me say that one leading researcher who has written to me thinks that you forged the documents you gave to the Woods. Whether that is true or not I do not know, however, I note that you've already failed one polygraph test regarding the "documents" you allegedly received...

Robert

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In Cooper's emailed response, dated April 7, 2009, which he asked me not to distribute or post, he said that the first test was "invalid" and that he had only failed it because he had not slept for 24-hours prior to taking it. However, he declined to submit to a second polygraph test.

In my latest email to Cooper, dated April 8, 2009, I wrote:

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Tim,

"Who said it was invalid? The examiner? If so, can you send me his written statement to that effect? It seems to me that you would want to clear your name, once and for all. Why not arrange for a second test, after a good night's sleep. We can discuss the cost; I may be able to pay for it, or most of it, and find others who will pay the balance. Will you agree to this?"

Robert

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During the course of these exchanges, I emailed respected UFO researcher Barry Greenwood and informed him of Cooper's recent statement to me, indicating that he now thought the supposedly-genuine documents he received in the 1990s were actually fraudulent. (That startling acknowledgement, which Cooper has

never uttered publicly, is reprinted in Update 1.) I also told Greenwood that, despite Cooper's important admission, he continued to assert that he had no part in the bogus documents' creation.

In addition to Greenwood's ground-breaking work on the UFO-Nukes Connection, as published in his co-authored book with Larry Fawcett titled, Clear Intent, later re-titled The UFO Cover-Up, Greenwood also conducted an extensive forensic analysis of the first batch of MJ-12 "documents" released in the 1980s-which he concluded were fraudulent-as well as a more recent analysis of the alleged documents that Cooper claims he received. Those, Greenwood asserts, are fraudulent as well.

In his emailed response to me, Greenwood wrote:

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Hi Robert,

Cooper is being disingenuous. He said his documents came in his PO box without evidence of having been mailed and this happened repeatedly. He said they came from a Thomas Cantwheel.

Cooper's [March 1999] affidavit says this:

'6. That he and others have performed and are now performing due diligence to locate, identify, and bring forward the person AKA THOMAS CANTWHEEL or establish his true identity and credentials.'

So Cooper was receiving what [were] ostensibly classified government documents in his personal PO box, illegally. He was also receiving improperly prepared materials in his mailbox, subverting post office fees without postage due. If Cooper was walking out of the post office with the documents in hand, and saying nothing, he was breaking the law (that is of course if they were genuine).

Did Cooper report the illegal 'mailing' to the postmaster or box line clerk at the post office, exercising "due diligence" to locate the perpetrator, Mr. Cantwheel? After all, Cooper could have gone to federal prison for Mr. Cantwheel's alleged actions. How did Cooper know he wasn't being set up for a sting by accepting the papers without question? None of this seemed to have been a concern to him.

Cooper had a PO box. It was a locked box. Only he could get into it, unless he handed out his key to others, inviting abuse. One can't hand a stack of papers to a clerk to put into a PO box for free. They must be in a mailing container with postage. If the clerk didn't do this they would be fired. What mail clerk would repeatedly put classified government documents into a customer's mailbox from a stranger for free, knowing full well that the postal inspection service is always trying to catch illegal acts like this?

Cantwheel was said to approach 90-years-old. Did he break into the post office repeatedly and plant the documents, raising the question again: Did Cooper report the illegal activity to the post office? If not, why not? Only someone who knew they weren't going to get into trouble would approve of this going on, and that would be because this story-line never happened.

So where is the documentation of Cooper's reporting a "crime" to the post office? By Cooper's own words promoting MJ-12, he was outwardly committing a crime if he believed the documents were genuine. If he didn't believe they were genuine, he was committing fraud.

Barry

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I should note here that Barry Greenwood worked for the U.S. Postal Service for 38 years, 19 years in computer mail sorting and 19 years in postal finance, overseeing many station operations including postal insurance and post office boxes. He retired in 2008. In a follow-up email he added:

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Robert,

You said:

'I wrote to Cooper again yesterday and asked him to take another polygraph test, and to file an affidavit explicitly stating that he had not forged the documents himself. He declined, saying that he has been 'out of touch with what's [been] going on for some time.'

You should remind Cooper of his statement in his affidavit:

'12. That he is willing to submit to vetting and polygraph examination to establish his character and truthfulness in matters pertaining to allegations that he is a hoaxer, forger and fabricator of documents and signatures.'

Or is this just more deception?

If Cooper is tired of this, also remind him that he started 'New MJ-12!' Some people are still fraudulently deriving income from this so there is no reason to let him off the mat until he does way better than what he is doing now.

Barry

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I agree entirely. In my opinion, Mr. Greenwood raises some very valid points which Tim Cooper has yet to adequately address. This is an unfolding situation and I will provide further updates as warranted.

--Robert Hastings  
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Thursday, April 09, 2009, 10:20 am

How 'Bout Them Defenseless Nukes?  
by Billy Cox

When he tested the limits of his security oath in 1995 and went public with how a UFO crippled a nest of nuclear missiles in Montana during the Cold War, former Air Force captain Robert Salas was on his own. No one else who worked inside or around those subterranean silos dared talk about how the world's top superpower was unable to defend its own nuclear arsenal.

Today, UFOs And Nukes author Robert Hastings has 115 ex-USAF eyewitnesses on record, due in no small measure to Salas' willingness to gamble that the feds wouldn't go after him because prosecution would put them in a credibility jam. "If they did," Salas says from his home in Ojai, Calif., "we could have a righteous trial."

In 2005, the erstwhile deputy missile combat crew commander waved the red cape with even more vigor at the government bull by co-authoring "Faded Giant: The 1967 UFO/Missile Incidents." Salas' story was augmented by other witnesses and FOIA-acquired USAF documents acknowledging the Minuteman shutdown - but without mentioning the U-word.

Salas and co-author Jim Klotz demonstrated how the hovering phenomenon that disabled fully armed nukes on the early morning of March 24, 1967, acted with impunity and deliberate intent, and that its actions weren't confined to Salas' post. On March 16, UFOs also visited an ICBM site some 60 miles away, and shut down all 10 of its missiles in similar fashion.

Having apparently dodged legal repercussions, the 68-year-old former FAA aircraft certification engineer remains puzzled over the lack of MSM interest in the vulnerabilities of our deadliest weapons systems. Aside from appearances on Larry King and niche shows like Art Bell and The History Channel, Salas' story - and those of a growing number of colleagues - has been pretty much ignored by American media.

"I had high hopes for the Peter Jennings special," says Salas in reference to the ultimately feckless ABC prime-time "investigation" in 2005. "They seemed really interested. They flew me out to Dallas and got two, three hours on videotape. But a week before the show, they called and said, 'Sorry, we've got to cut you out.' I don't know if somebody got to them or what."

Forty-two years later, Salas remains in awe of what happened at Oscar Flight, the code-named Minuteman silo belonging to the 341st Strategic Missile Wing. Shortly after jittery topside guards reported bright aerial objects pulsing silently above the

security gate, klaxons started shrieking and the missiles began losing power in rapid succession, one by one, until six to eight amid the 10-shot cluster were reduced to no-alert status. Security upstairs reported the objects flew off immediately afterwards.

"Somehow," recalls Salas, who monitored the control panels alongside bunker colleague Lt. Fred Mywald, "these objects were able to penetrate 65 feet of earth and a completely shielded cabling system with an electromagnetic pulse that sent signals to upset the most sophisticated weapons in the world."

Those signals were strong enough to foil the missiles' guidance and control mechanisms, Salas says. An account of the March '67 incidents is available at <http://www.cufon.org/cufon/malmstrom/malml.htm>, but by no means are they the only ones involving UFO security breaches with nukes. Salas is in contact with plenty of other witnesses who've yet to come forward.

But even if they did, would the media bother to shrug?

"To me, it was a benevolent message," says Salas, whose world view was forever altered by the event. "My own speculation is that these objects were saying we shouldn't be messing with nuclear weapons because we might destroy ourselves."

But maybe that's not news.

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>First of all, you keep forgetting that no less than Hufford  
>informs me that I read his book with excellent understanding.  
>Not only did he tell me that privately, he publicly endorsed my  
>own anomalies writing, something he surely would not have done  
>if he thought I was misrepresenting his.

>Second, to your last assertion: false. The book, which you  
>clearly have not read closely or whose contents you have  
>forgotten, is deeply critical of "traditions of disbelief," aka  
>ideological skepticism. The book makes that clear, so do  
>Hufford's various essays in folklore and medical journals, as do  
>the conversations and correspondence I had with him. Hufford's  
>consistent argument is that there are anomalies with  
>extraordinary characteristics which are, to all appearances,  
>accurately described and which resist our efforts to cram them  
>into existing, accepted knowledge. As to their ultimate nature,  
>he doesn't know the answer to that question any more than I do,  
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>"know" (such, as now, the once-rejected Old Hag experience) yet  
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## The Road To Area 51

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The Road To Area 51

After decades of denying the facility's existence, five former insiders speak out  
by Annie Jacobsen

Area 51. It's the most famous military institution in the world that doesn't officially exist. If it did, it would be found about 100 miles outside Las Vegas in Nevada's high desert, tucked between an Air Force base and an abandoned nuclear testing ground. Then again, maybe not=97 the U.S. government refuses to say. You can't drive anywhere close to it, and until recently, the airspace overhead was restricted=97all the way to outer space. Any mention of Area 51 gets redacted from official documents, even those that have been declassified for decades.

It has become the holy grail for conspiracy theorists, with ufologists positing that the Pentagon reverse engineers flying saucers and keeps extraterrestrial beings stored in freezers. Urban legend has it that Area 51 is connected by underground tunnels and trains to other secret facilities around the country. In 2001, Katie Couric told Today Show audiences that 7 percent of Americans doubt the moon landing happened=97that it was staged in the Nevada desert. Millions of X-Files fans believe the truth may be "out there," but more likely it's concealed inside Area 51's Strangelove-esque hangars=97buildings that, though confirmed by Google Earth, the government refuses to acknowledge.

The problem is the myths of Area 51 are hard to dispute if no one can speak on the record about what actually happened there. Well, now, for the first time, someone is ready to talk=97in fact, five men are, and their stories rival the most outrageous of rumors. Colonel Hugh "Slip" Slater, 87, was commander of the Area 51 base in the 1960s. Edward Lovick, 90, featured in "What Plane?" in LA's March issue, spent three decades radar testing some of the world's most famous aircraft (including the U-2, the A-12 OXCART and the F-117). Kenneth Collins, 80, a CIA experimental test pilot, was given the silver star. Thornton "T.D." Barnes, 72, was an Area 51 special-projects engineer. And Harry Martin, 77, was one of the men in charge of the base's half-million-gallon monthly supply of spy-plane fuels. Here are a few of their best stories=97for the record:

On May 24, 1963, Collins flew out of Area 51's restricted airspace in a top-secret spy plane code-named OXCART, built by Lockheed Aircraft Corporation. He was flying over Utah when the aircraft pitched, flipped and headed toward a crash. He ejected into a field of weeds.

Almost 46 years later, in late fall of 2008, sitting in a coffee shop in the San Fernando Valley, Collins remembers that day with the kind of clarity the threat of a national security breach evokes: "Three guys came driving toward me in a pickup. I saw they had the aircraft canopy in the back. They offered to take me to my plane." Until that moment, no civilian without a top-secret security clearance had ever laid eyes on the airplane Collins was flying. "I told them not to go near the aircraft. I said it had a nuclear weapon on-board." The story fit right into the Cold War backdrop of the day, as many atomic tests took place in Nevada. Spooked, the men drove Collins to the local highway patrol. The CIA disguised the accident as involving a generic Air Force plane, the F-105, which is how the event is still listed in official records.

As for the guys who picked him up, they were tracked down and told to sign national security nondisclosures. As part of Collins' own debriefing, the CIA asked the decorated pilot to take truth serum. "They wanted to see if there was anything I'd forgotten about the events leading up to the crash." The Sodium Pento-thal experience went without a hitch=97except for the reaction of his wife, Jane.

"Late Sunday, three CIA agents brought me home. One drove my car; the other two carried me inside and laid me down on the couch. I was loopy from the drugs. They handed Jane the car keys and left without saying a word." The only conclusion she could draw was that her husband had gone out and gotten drunk. "Boy, was she mad," says Collins with a chuckle.

At the time of Collins' accident, CIA pilots had been flying spy planes in and out of Area 51 for eight years, with the express mission of providing the intelligence to prevent nuclear war. Aerial reconnaissance was a major part of the CIA's preemptive efforts, while the rest of America built bomb shelters and hoped for the best.

"It wasn't always called Area 51," says Lovick, the physicist who developed stealth technology. His boss, legendary aircraft designer Clarence L. "Kelly" Johnson, called the place Paradise Ranch to entice men to leave their families and "rough it" out in the Nevada desert in the name of science and the fight against the evil empire. "Test pilot Tony LeVier found the place by flying over it," says Lovick. "It was a lake bed called Groom Lake, selected for testing because it was flat and far from anything. It was kept secret because the CIA tested U-2s there."

When Frances Gary Powers was shot down over Sverdlovsk, Russia, in 1960, the U-2 program lost its cover. But the CIA already had Lovick and some 200 scientists, engineers and pilots working at Area 51 on the A-12 OXCART, which would outfox Soviet radar using height, stealth and speed.

Col. Slater was in the outfit of six pilots who flew OXCART missions during the Vietnam War. Over a Cuban meat and cheese sandwich at the Bahama Breeze restaurant off the Las Vegas Strip, he says, "I was recruited for the Area after working with the CIA's classified Black Cat Squadron, which flew U-2 missions over denied territory in Mainland China. After that, I was told, 'You should come out to Nevada and work on something interesting we're doing out there.' "

Even though Slater considers himself a fighter pilot at heart=97he flew 84 missions in World War II=97the opportunity to work at Area 51 was impossible to pass up. "When I learned about this Mach-3 aircraft called OXCART, it was completely intriguing to me=97this idea of flying three times the speed of sound! No one knew a thing about the program. I asked my wife, Barbara, if she wanted to move to Las Vegas, and she said yes. And I said, 'You won't see me but on the weekends,' and she said, 'That's fine!' " At this recollection, Slater laughs heartily. Barbara, dining with us, laughs as well. The two, married for 63 years, are rarely apart today.

"We couldn't have told you any of this a year ago," Slater says. "Now we can't tell it to you fast enough." That is because in 2007, the CIA began declassifying the 50-year-old OXCART program. Today, there's a scramble for eyewitnesses to fill in the information gaps. Only a few of the original players are left. Two more of them join me and the Slaters for lunch: Barnes, formerly an Area 51 special-projects engineer, with his

wife, Doris; and Martin, one of those overseeing the OXCART's specially mixed jet fuel (regular fuel explodes at extreme height, temperature and speed), with his wife, Mary. Because the men were sworn to secrecy for so many decades, their wives still get a kick out of hearing the secret tales.

Barnes was married at 17 (Doris was 16). To support his wife, he became an electronics wizard, buying broken television sets, fixing them up and reselling them for five times the original price. He went from living in bitter poverty on a Texas Panhandle ranch with no electricity to buying his new bride a dream home before he was old enough to vote. As a soldier in the Korean War, Barnes demonstrated an uncanny aptitude for radar and Nike missile systems, which made him a prime target for recruitment by the CIA=97which indeed happened when he was 22. By 30, he was handling nuclear secrets.

"The agency located each guy at the top of a certain field and put us together for the programs at Area 51," says Barnes. As a security precaution, he couldn't reveal his birth name=97he went by the moniker Thunder. Coworkers traveled in separate cars, helicopters and airplanes. Barnes and his group kept to themselves, even in the mess hall. "Our special-projects group was the most classified team since the Manhattan Project," he says.

Harry Martin's specialty was fuel. Handpicked by the CIA from the Air Force, he underwent rigorous psychological and physical tests to see if he was up for the job. When he passed, the CIA moved his family to Nevada. Because OXCART had to refuel frequently, the CIA kept supplies at secret facilities around the globe. Martin often traveled to these bases for quality-control checks. He tells of preparing for a top-secret mission from Area 51 to Thule, Greenland. "My wife took one look at me in these arctic boots and this big hooded coat, and she knew not to ask where I was going."

So, what of those urban legends=97the UFOs studied in secret, the underground tunnels connecting clandestine facilities? For decades, the men at Area 51 thought they'd take their secrets to the grave. At the height of the Cold War, they cultivated anonymity while pursuing some of the country's most covert projects. Conspiracy theories were left to popular imagination. But in talking with Collins, Lovick, Slater, Barnes and Martin, it is clear that much of the folklore was spun from threads of fact.

As for the myths of reverse engineering of flying saucers, Barnes offers some insight: "We did reverse engineer a lot of foreign technology, including the Soviet MiG fighter jet out at the Area"=97even though the MiG wasn't shaped like a flying saucer. As for the underground-tunnel talk, that, too, was born of truth. Barnes worked on a nuclear-rocket program called Project NERVA, inside underground chambers at Jackass Flats, in Area 51's backyard. "Three test-cell facilities were connected by railroad, but everything else was underground," he says.

And the quintessential Area 51 conspiracy=97that the Pentagon keeps captured alien spacecraft there, which they fly around in restricted airspace? Turns out that one's pretty easy to debunk. The shape of OXCART was unprece-dented, with its wide, disk-like fuselage designed to carry vast quantities of fuel. Commercial pilots cruising over Nevada at dusk would look up and see the bottom of OXCART whiz by at 2,000-plus mph. The aircraft's titanium body, moving as fast as a bullet, would reflect the sun's rays in a way that could make anyone think, UFO.

In all, 2,850 OXCART test flights were flown out of Area 51 while Slater was in charge. "That's a lot of UFO sightings!" Slater adds. Commercial pilots would report them to the FAA, and "when they'd land in California, they'd be met by FBI agents who'd make them sign nondisclosure forms." But not everyone kept quiet, hence the birth of Area 51's UFO lore. The sightings incited uproar in Nevada and the surrounding areas and forced the Air Force to open Project BLUE BOOK to log each claim.

Since only a few Air Force officials were cleared for OXCART (even though it was a joint CIA/USAF project), many UFO sightings raised internal military alarms. Some generals believed the Russians might be sending stealth craft over American skies to incite paranoia and create widespread panic of

alien invasion. Today, BLUE BOOK findings are housed in 37 cubic feet of case files at the National Archives=9774,000 pages of reports. A keyword search brings up no mention of the top-secret OXCART or Area 51.

Project BLUE BOOK was shut down in 1969=97more than a year after OXCART was retired. But what continues at America's most clandestine military facility could take another 40 years to disclose.

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[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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Don't fret. You're not the only one on either side of the aisle.

Fastwalker!

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If John needs to believe his own self-serving, simplistic  
summary of Hufford's argument, about which we learn - no  
surprise - he knows nothing and cares less, we need only count,  
once again, the wages of ideological debunking, measured in  
willful, blissful ignorance.

Those of you who actually do care to consider Hufford's unique  
insights and distinctive analysis will want to go to his book  
(The Terror That Comes in the Night) and actually read it. For  
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After offering some important (and, in my judgment, warranted) criticisms of abduction research and theory, he concludes the lecture by warning:

"For abduction research as for any investigation of anomalous experience we need a broad and inclusive approach, coupled with rigorous methodology. If we are as narrow and dogmatic as the debunkers, our conclusions will be just as mistaken as theirs."

Amen to that.

Jerry Clark

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>Thursday, April 09, 2009, 10:20 am

>How 'Bout Them Defenseless Nukes?  
>by Billy Cox

>When he tested the limits of his security oath in 1995 and went  
>public with how a UFO crippled a nest of nuclear missiles in  
>Montana during the Cold War, former Air Force captain Robert  
>Salas was on his own. No one else who worked inside or around  
>those subterranean silos dared talk about how the world's top  
>superpower was unable to defend its own nuclear arsenal.

>Today, UFOs And Nukes author Robert Hastings has 115 ex-USAF  
>eyewitnesses on record, due in no small measure to Salas'  
>willingness to gamble that the feds wouldn't go after him  
>because prosecution would put them in a credibility jam. "If  
>they did," Salas says from his home in Ojai, Calif., "we could  
>have a righteous trial."

<snip>

Bob Salas and I were Disclosure Project witnesses for Dr Greer  
back in 2001 in Washington D C where we testified concerning  
the missile shutdowns in Montana. In fact I was the one that  
convinced Bob to come forward as a witness.

I would like to provide a brief background to explain where I  
come from. I spent 26 years in the US Air Force. Held various  
assignments all over the world including Viet Nam. Commanded  
three different organizations. Held a Top Secret/Crypto/SCI/TK  
clearance. All this can be verified by my DD Form 214. Retired  
as a colonel back in 1986 and went to work for Boeing. Spent 20+  
years with Boeing and retired from Boeing last year.

Now for the 'rest of the story'. One of my first supervisors at  
Boeing was Bob Kaminski, now passed away. He was the engineer  
sent by Boeing to investigate why all the missiles went down. He  
lived close by me in Auburn, WA and we got together frequently  
to discuss this and other UFO matters. He told me frequently  
that the investigation revealed that the missiles were perfectly  
clean and that they did not go down by themselves. He also said  
that about half way through the investigation, Boeing received a  
message from the US Air Force to stop the investigation and  
\_do\_not\_, repeat \_do\_not\_ send a report. He was very clear and  
empathic about this. Thought you might find this of interest.

D C Arneson  
Auburn, WA

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So after studying this phenomenon for twenty years he considers  
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reacting to this unspecified threat.

As the Jewish mother said in the joke, "And this is how he makes  
a living?"

>After offering some important (and, in my judgment, warranted)  
>criticisms of abduction research and theory, he concludes the  
>lecture by warning:

>"For abduction research as for any investigation of anomalous  
>experience we need a broad and inclusive approach, coupled with  
>rigorous methodology. If we are as narrow and dogmatic as the  
>debunkers, our conclusions will be just as mistaken as theirs."

And those conclusions, after more than twenty years, might  
be...?

I don't think this is getting anywhere, is it?

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John Rimmer

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## Why What Frightens 'Skeptics' Frightened Einstein

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 11 Apr 2009 07:50:38 -0400  
Archived: Sat, 11 Apr 2009 07:50:38 -0400  
Subject: Why What Frightens 'Skeptics' Frightened Einstein

Source: The Huffington Post - Chicago, Illinois, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/crng7k>

April 8, 2009

Why What Frightens 'Skeptics' Frightened Einstein  
by Philip Slater

I'm fascinated by the fanatical zeal with which self-styled skeptics pounce on non-ordinary events and try to discount them - largely by the liberal use of words like 'preposterous'. Posing as 'scientific', these ideologues are clinging to a materialism long since discredited by quantum physics.

The fear that motivates the armchair skeptics is exemplified by their frequent use of the word 'just', as in: "what these people thought they experienced was just . . ." (imagination, hysteria, group psychosis, etc.). But why the 'just'? 'Just' is what we say when soothing fears - 'it's just thunder, dear,' 'it's just a shadow', 'it's just the nice doctor'.

Similarly, newspaper reports of experiments in telepathy and other non-ordinary phenomena always refer to them as 'eerie'. But what makes it 'eerie'? Is it because these phenomena are not accessible to our five senses? Yet we cannot hear sounds above or below certain registers, or see colors of certain wavelengths, yet they exist, and we don't call them 'eerie'. And there is great variation among humans in their sensory ranges. Some are colorblind. Some have no sense of smell. Others have hyper-acuity in one sense or another. Dogs can experience olfactory and auditory frequencies we cannot - does that make them 'eerie'? Frogs see a tiny portion of what we do - only what they need to survive. Humans, also, have evolved with a limited perceptual range: only what we need. It would be both arrogant and stupid to assume there isn't a great deal going on around us of which we are mostly unaware.

Einstein was scared, too. He was deeply antipathetic to quantum theory, and refused for years to accept what he called "spooky actions at a distance". Since he was a genuine scientist he was eventually forced to - no prediction based on quantum theory has ever failed. Yet the words "eerie", "weird", "strange", and "spooky" are still used a great deal in relation to quantum physics. Even the technical term used to account for non-locality - 'entangled' - has a negative, uncomfortable connotation.

Telepathy and other 'Psi' phenomena have been demonstrated conclusively so many times that if they were a dieting pill it would have been on the market fifty years ago. But young scientists are still discouraged from exploring it, or for exploring any of the broader implications of quantum theory - "if you want to get tenure".

So what is it that so many scientists and professional skeptics

are so freaked by?

Scientist Dean Radin says it very succinctly: "The fact that quantum objects can become entangled means that the common sense assumption that ordinary objects are entirely and absolutely separate is incorrect."

Quantum theory implies that the universe is a single integrated system containing innumerable subsystems. Everything in it is 'entangled' with everything else. But what's so 'spooky' about that? It is, after all, what the word 'universe' means. It's only 'spooky' if the idea of being a part of a larger entity is disturbing to you.

We are trained from birth to see things as disconnected. Our language does it. Learning is as much learning NOT to see as it is learning to see. What a child sees initially is an undifferentiated whole. By careful training it learns to carve pieces out of that reality and look at them as separate material objects. But why should that be considered more 'real'? It's just one way of seeing. People with greater ability to communicate telepathically aren't 'gifted' - they simply haven't been as thoroughly indoctrinated. Instead of asking why some people (perhaps everyone at birth) can communicate telepathically, we should be studying the mechanism that enables us to shut out that information most of the time.

We're attached to the idea that everything is separate because it gives us a sense of control. It would feel too chaotic to see the world as it really is, so we learn to screen more and more of it out to make it feel manageable. Language is a big help in this: we don't experience what we don't have words for.

This is particularly important for men. Men are trained to separate themselves from their feelings and to view the world in terms of mastery and conquest. Women are less prone to this, because their bodies constantly remind them of their intimate relation to the rest of life. Which is perhaps why women tend to display more 'psychic ability' than men. It's easier for men to deny their connectedness to the rest of life - pompous clerics and academics have been insisting on this separation for centuries.

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In his inauguration speech, President Obama talked of a new way of doing things. To understand the cultural paradigm shift that engendered this change - the change that both the neo-cons and the Taliban have resisted so fiercely, see my latest book, *The Chrysalis Effect: The Metamorphosis Of Global Culture*.

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## Re: The Road To Area 51

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Date: Fri, 10 Apr 2009 19:26:30 -0400  
Archived: Sat, 11 Apr 2009 08:55:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Road To Area 51

>Source: The Los Angles Times Magazine - California, USA

>[http://www.latimes.com/la-mag-april052009-backstory](http://www.latimes.com/la-mag-april052009-backstory,0,786384.story),0,786384.story

>April 2009

>The Road To Area 51

>After decades of denying the facility's existence, five former  
>insiders speak out  
>by Annie Jacobsen

>Area 51. It's the most famous military institution in the world  
>that doesn't officially exist. If it did, it would be found  
>about 100 miles outside Las Vegas in Nevada's high desert,  
>tucked between an Air Force base and an abandoned nuclear  
>esting ground. Then again, maybe not the U.S. government  
>refuses to say. You can't drive anywhere close to it, and until  
>recently, the airspace overhead was restricted all the way to  
>outer space. Any mention of Area 51 gets redacted from official  
>documents, even those that have been declassified for decades.  
>It has become the holy grail for conspiracy theorists, with

>Ufologists positing that the Pentagon reverse engineers flying  
>saucers and keeps extraterrestrial beings stored in freezers.  
>Urban legend has it that Area 51 is connected by underground  
>tunnels and trains to other secret facilities around the  
>country. In 2001, Katie Couric told Today Show audiences that 7  
>percent of Americans doubt the moon landing happened that it was  
>staged in the Nevada desert. Millions of X-Files fans believe  
>the truth may be "out there," but more likely it's concealed  
>inside Area 51's Strangelove-esque hangars buildings that,  
>though confirmed by Google Earth, the government refuses to  
>acknowledge.

<snip>

>And the quintessential Area 51 conspiracy that the Pentagon  
>keeps captured alien spacecraft there, which they fly around in  
>restricted airspace? Turns out that one's pretty easy to debunk.  
>The shape of OXCART was unprecedented, with its wide, disk-like  
>fuselage designed to carry vast quantities of fuel. Commercial  
>pilots cruising over Nevada at dusk would look up and see the  
>bottom of OXCART whiz by at 2,000-plus mph. The aircraft's tita-  
>nium body, moving as fast as a bullet, would reflect the sun's  
>rays in a way that could make anyone think, UFO.

>In all, 2,850 OXCART test flights were flown out of Area 51  
>while Slater was in charge. "That's a lot of UFO sightings!"  
>Slater adds. Commercial pilots would report them to the FAA, and  
>"when they'd land in California, they'd be met by FBI agents  
>who'd make them sign nondisclosure forms." But not everyone kept  
>quiet, hence the birth of Area 51's UFO lore.

To make this explanation of UFO reports stick they would have to  
compare the flight dates and times with UFO report dates and  
times. When, 10 years ago, the CIA claimed that U-2 flights  
accounted for "50%" of UFO sightings, I was able to show by

comparing sighting statistics that it was not true. The CIA claim was "preposterous." (See CIA's Explanation is Preposterous" at [www.brumac.8k.com](http://www.brumac.8k.com))

>The sightings  
>incited uproar in Nevada and the surrounding areas and forced  
>the Air Force to open Project BLUE BOOK to log each claim.

What? Obviously the writer did not study UFO history. Project Blue Book proper began in 1952, before the U-2 and before OXCART

>Since only a few Air Force officials were cleared for OXCART  
>(even though it was a joint CIA/USAF project), many UFO  
>sightings raised internal military alarms. Some generals  
>believed the Russians might be sending stealth craft over  
>American skies to incite paranoia and create widespread panic of  
>alien invasion. Today, BLUE BOOK findings are housed in 37 cubic  
f>feet of case files at the National Archives74,000 pages of  
>reports. A keyword search brings up no mention of the top-secret  
>OXCART or Area 51.

Not surprising.

>Project BLUE BOOK was shut down in 1969more than a year after  
>OXCART was retired. But what continues at America's most  
>clandestine military facility could take another 40 years to  
>disclose.

'Spect I won't be around for that disclosure!

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## Re: The Truth Is Out Here

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Date: Sat, 11 Apr 2009 02:22:43 +0100  
Archived: Sat, 11 Apr 2009 08:57:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Truth Is Out Here

>From: Diane Frola <[auforn06.nul](mailto:auforn06.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 8 Apr 2009 19:42:10 +1000  
>Subject: The Truth Is Out Here

>Source: The Courier Mail - Brisbane, Queensland, Australia  
><http://www.news.com.au/couriermail/index/0,20794,5003425,00.html>

<snip>

>Jean-Jacques Velasco, the head of an official French  
>investigation that concluded UFOs were nothing to be concerned  
>about, announced in 2005 that 14 percent of the 5800 cases  
>investigated were, in his opinion, extraterrestrial in origin.

Hi List,

That is interesting from a logical viewpoint. Once you've accepted that even one case was extraterrestrial, then automatically you have to accept that a large or small proportion of previously excluded "insufficient data" or "lights in the sky" cases must also have been extraterrestrials - merely applying statistical rules to the data.

Cheers

Ray D

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## Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 11 Apr 2009 11:08:12 -0400  
Archived: Sat, 11 Apr 2009 11:28:38 -0400  
Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

>From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 10 Apr 2009 18:05:06 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>>Date: Fri, 10 Apr 2009 11:26:53 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

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In the real world, that work is complex, nuanced, original, challenging, subversive, among other adjectives that come to mind, all discomfoting to those who can't abide the thought that so far impenetrable mysteries are implied, and daily demonstrated, in humankind's experience of the deeply anomalous.

Much more easy to treat the heretic scientist as if a nit-wit and to reduce his ideas (via the drearily familiar disbelief-traditionalist rhetorical strategy) to ridicule and caricature, and to imply that the mope in question - notwithstanding his academic achievement, his publication record, and his elevated professional position - is a nobody to whom any sophisticate need pay heed.

Specifically, he's a nobody whom no self-respecting Magonian would ever invite along for a few pints at the Pelican Pub, where the boys can enjoy their usual round of hoots and cackles at the expense of anomalists. What's wrong with them, anyway? Haven't they read Rimmer, Rogerson, and Harney? Are they actually unfamiliar with Magonia's enthusiastic review of Klass's book on the abduction phenomenon? Don't they understand that North American ufologists and anomalists, who resist fashionable European-style skepticism concerning such matters, are mere provincials - which is to say simple rude colonials - who don't know their place?

As drinks flow, the volume of jeering laughter rises. Anomalous experiences continue.

Jerry Clark

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## TV Series Cause Of Increased UFO Reports

From: Joe McGonagle <[joe.mcgonagle.nul](mailto:joe.mcgonagle.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 11 Apr 2009 16:44:04 +0100  
Archived: Sun, 12 Apr 2009 08:32:51 -0400  
Subject: TV Series Cause Of Increased UFO Reports

Source: The Daily Star - London, England, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/c8o2te>

10th April 2009

Guess Who's Causing Most UFO Sightings  
By Gemma Wheatley  
The Daily Star

Doctor Who is being blamed for a big increase in sightings of UFOs.

The total across the UK has doubled in a year, according to the Ministry of Defence.

And the rise has been particularly noticeable in Wales, where Doctor Who and its spin-off Torchwood are both filmed.

In 2006, 97 UFOs were reported across the UK, rising to 135 in 2007 and 285 in 2008, with 18 sightings in Wales.

In the last three years there have been 28 reported sightings in Wales, none of which can be explained by the MoD.

And there have been nine already in the first few months of this year alone.

Reports detail bright white objects over Anglesey, black disc-shaped objects in the skies over Neath Port Talbot and objects like footballs moving over Pontypridd.

And a UFO reported in Old Colwyn, Conwy, was described as "bigger than a helicopter=94.

The MoD's former UFO expert Nick Pope said: "Doctor Who and Torchwood are filmed in Cardiff, so everyone in the area has aliens on their mind.

"Doctor Who captures people's imaginations and makes them wonder about alien life and look to the skies.

"Any strange light in the sky becomes a spaceship.

"There have been quite a few sightings in Cardiff, Barry, Swansea and other built-up areas in the south of the country.

"People think of UFO sightings as taking place in a deserted and dark part of the countryside, but many of the Wales sightings are from cities and towns.=94

He also claimed it is not the first time events on the screen have affected the number of UFO reports lodged with the MoD.

He said: "The MoD received more UFO reports in 1978 than any other year -- and it was when Close Encounters Of The Third Kind was released here."

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Sigh, Jerry. I think you rather miss the point that I was  
responding to your characterisation of Hufford's book (which,  
incidentally I have re-read quite recently). However, again it  
appears that we are discussing two quite different books, both  
with the same title and written by people with the same name. I  
will try and dig out the MUF0B/Magonia review of the book which  
I read and post it on the Magonia website, then people will be  
able to contrast and compare.

For the moment I can't see any point in continuing this  
discussion (My, how far we've come from the title of this  
thread!)

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John Rimmer

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## A UFO Reported Near Lafayette In 1897

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 12 Apr 2009 09:40:00 -0400  
Archived: Sun, 12 Apr 2009 09:40:00 -0400  
Subject: A UFO Reported Near Lafayette In 1897

Source: The Journal and Courier - Lafayette, Indiana, USA

<http://www.jconline.com/article/20090412/COLUMNISTS08/904120309>

April 12, 2009

A UFO Reported Near Lafayette In 1897

You want a famous date in Lafayette history? How about today, April 12, and the year 1897?

That's when our newspaper ancestor, the Lafayette Evening Courier, told its first UFO story.

It went like this:

"Nearly every town in this part of the United States claims to have seen the phantom airship, the 'Flying Dutchman' of the midnight air... Some strange object is being seen in the air (with) funny little lights, red, white and green, (that) flit about..."

This led the Courier's rival, the Morning Journal, to report in early May 1897 that "a well-known young man told of seeing a cigar-shaped flying ship with lights and two men aboard. It landed in a meadow on a dark road between Stockwell and Crane Station while the man was bicycling about 9 p.m."

This eyewitness said he had been "wheeling" (bicycling), presumably on country roads now numbered 560 South, 900 South, 500 East, 525 East, 700 South and Stockwell Road, near today's Woodland Elementary School.

The "well-known young man" (call him WKYM) continued:

"It was dark, I was alone and moving... All at once there was a loud, hissing noise similar to the escape of steam from a locomotive... My hat was almost lifted from my head by the wind of an object passing over my head. I threw my hands up to catch my hat. My wheel struck a rock or something and I fell on my back on the road.

"Only a few yards away in a small meadow I saw the strangest object that any mortal has ever seen.

"It looked like a perfecto-shaped cigar about 20 feet long and perhaps 8 feet in diameter at the biggest point. A box or car was suspended from the cigar-shaped arrangement by a network of tubular wires. The cigar-shaped affair was pointed toward me. From the end there flashed a large light. It was a scintillating blaze and different colors came and went with startling rapidity.

"Two men were standing on the ground by the side of the strange object and seemed to be busy with several of the wires. I heard one say, 'I wonder where we are?' He spoke with a foreign accent

and I thought at the time he was some French scientist. His companion replied in excellent English, and I supposed he was an American."

When WKYM decided to overcome his fright and make friends with the strangers, he told the Journal: "The men saw me. Lights flashed from both ends of the cigar-shaped arrangement. In another instant it rose like a thing of life and was many hundred feet high in the time it takes to tell it."

But the Courier created its own credibility gap when it quoted WKYM as having said: "I picked up my wheel, took a small pull at an amber-colored fluid I had purchased at Lebanon, and pedaled for home as fast as I could."

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## New Evidence That Jesus Was Born In A UFO

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Date: Sun, 12 Apr 2009 09:42:00 -0400  
Archived: Sun, 12 Apr 2009 09:42:00 -0400  
Subject: New Evidence That Jesus Was Born In A UFO

Source: Now Public.Com - Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

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April 11, 2009

New Scientific Evidence That Jesus Christ Was Born In A UFO  
by Ace Preston

This article is not intended to make fun of religion nor be disrespectful to others beliefs but to give a possible scientific explanation to the non-scientific answers we interpret from the New Testament.

Though not partially understood till recently although the use of astronomy happens to be one of the oldest sciences, anthropologists and astronomers alike have concluded that it could be possible that the Star of Bethlehem which the Three Wise Men also known as the Magi had followed from the east could be interpreted as a UFO (Unidentified Flying Object).

The often misunderstood term 'UFO' doesn't imply to an alien spaceship like most misinformed people have been led to believe but the term was first coined by the United States Air Force in 1952 simply referring to any aerial phenomenon which cannot be immediately identified.

In the case of the 'Star' that the Magi followed, scientists now believe that the star was not only an unidentified flying object but also an alien spaceship which explains how it was able to hover over the birthplace of the Christ making it possible for the Three Kings to locate Baby Jesus.

Actual stars are massive luminous balls of plasma held together by gravity. Stars shine due to thermonuclear fusion at it's core which radiates into outer space. In order for a star, even a minimal sized star such as our sun to pinpoint an exact location on earth it would fry our entire planet as well as throw the cycle and balance of our solar system into oblivion.

During the era of Christ humans during this period were one of several types of pre-Homo Sapiens known to exist which included Cro-Magnon. This belief comes regardless of what opinions other anthropologists have on the development of human intelligence among the various races spread throughout multiple environments at different intervals within the last 30,000 years.

Yes the belief that Jesus Christ was born in a UFO conceived from a superior alien race as man had been created earlier stemming from a theory that humans evolved from the mixture of Alien and Ape within the last 100,000. For those of you who do not know of the possibilities and are so inclined to lean more towards William Jennings Bryan during the Scopes Trail, man is a Primate like no other, like it or not in more ways than one, directly related to the Gorilla, Bonobo, Orangutan, and the Chimpanzee. The Man-Ape Connection shares about 97.5-99% of the

same Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA). DNA is the nucleic acid that contains the genetic instructions for the developing and functioning of living organisms as well as the blueprint or code for the instructions to construct other cells and carries the genetic information called genes. In the end you can say we are all a bunch of monkeys. One way or another.

The idea and beliefs about spaceships or aliens were considered too ridiculous and insulting to the Church which places man as a god-like creature described on the Sixth Day in The Creation "And God said, 'Let us make man in our image, in our likeness...' And God created man in His image, in the image of God He created him..." (Genesis 1:26-28)

Created that such an explanation was unheard of. 30,000 to 100,000 years beforehand our ancestor's primitive brain did not begin to develop effectively till he remained safely within his cave as opposed to spending most of his time being chased by lions and bears from the frozen tundra to the Serengeti. This cave like atmosphere gave man the time necessary to build upon intelligence, getting him to think, to sway away from instinct, in further developing the mind which eventually led him to create weapons compatible or even better to that of the natural weapons of claws or teeth and the speed, strength, swimming, flying abilities of the beasts surrounding him. It just goes to show the mind is a terrible thing.

Yes the belief that Jesus Christ was born in a UFO from an advanced race which is why some believe he was so smart and the mystery of how mother Mary became impregnated by the holy spirit can now be scientifically proven by today's methods of artificial insemination. This further explains why Mary the mother of Jesus was said in the bible to have not had relations with Joseph the Carpenter when he was called upon to become the surrogate father of Baby Jesus.

MATT. 1:18-2:12

When Mary was engaged to marry Joseph and before they lived together, she was impregnated with a child from the Holy Spirit. Joseph, being a righteous man, planned to dismiss her quietly, but an angel came to Joseph and told him not to be afraid because the child was conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Yes Jesus Christ could have been born in a UFO during the era known as the Axis Age which describes the period from 800 B.C. to 200 B.C. when the foundation of individual thinkers within a framework of changing social environments came into existence. During this magnificent era the birth of many paradigmatic personalities came to be such as Siddhartha Gautama (Buddha), Homer, Socrates, Confucius, Zoroaster etc.. A Second Axis Age would not occur for another two thousand years later during the Age of Enlightenment with such thinkers as Renee Descartes, Baruch Spinoza, Nicolaus Copernicus, Isaac Newton, Galileo Galilei, etc.. and that religion today needs to return to the transformative Axial insights, in contrast, to this modern era which has been suggested as the new axial age, whereas it is actually retrograding as traditional relationships between religion, secularity, and traditional thought are changing for the worst. Man in time advances because of a few special individuals in the sciences but then peaks afterwards becoming a victim to his own vanity and greed, lusting for power in a field he did not earn but inherit.

In Christian Doctrine when one read Romans c. 56-57 in the New Testament it tells of Christ dying and rising on the third day. Then in the Ascension it holds that Jesus' body ascended to heaven in the presence of his apostles. Could it be possible that Jesus was taken away by a UFO such as an Alien spacecraft. I don't know. I wasn't around. All I can do is listen to what the priests tell me and interpret the bible which I hardly read. The use of applying science to religion sounds too far fetch to me. I just can't find a way for religion or science to coexist.

Tomorrow April 12, 2009 is Easter Sunday. As a Roman Catholic I do not celebrate Easter. I am a Catholic not a Christian. I celebrate the Holy Wars, The Spanish Inquisition, The Edict of Expulsion. I honor the Knights Templar, Knights Hospitaller, Teutonic Knights. Again I don't celebrate Easter Sunday. The UFO is about as close an explanation I can ever interpret as

one of the many mysteries of Christianity unless you willing to believe that the bible was written by William Shakespeare. At least the King James version of it. Regardless Happy Easter.

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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Archived: Sun, 12 Apr 2009 12:01:44 -0400  
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Though, regrettably, it may be too late.

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 11 Apr 2009 16:44:04 +0100  
>Subject: TV Series Cause Of Increased UFO Reports

>Source: The Daily Star - London, England, UK

><http://tinyurl.com/c8o2te>

>10th April 2009

>Guess Who's Causing Most UFO Sightings  
>By Gemma Wheatley  
>The Daily Star

>Doctor Who is being blamed for a big increase in sightings of  
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>"bigger than a helicopter".

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>Torchwood are filmed in Cardiff, so everyone in the area has  
>aliens on their mind.

>"Doctor Who captures people's imaginations and makes them wonder  
>about alien life and look to the skies.

>"Any strange light in the sky becomes a spaceship.

>"There have been quite a few sightings in Cardiff, Barry,  
>Swansea and other built-up areas in the south of the country.

>"People think of UFO sightings as taking place in a deserted and  
>dark part of the countryside, but many of the Wales sightings  
>are from cities and towns.=E2=80=9D

>He also claimed it is not the first time events on the screen  
>have affected the number of UFO reports lodged with the MoD.

>He said: "The MoD received more UFO reports in 1978 than any  
>other year -- and it was when Close Encounters Of The Third Kind  
>was released here."

I would have to agree when mass media has the public's attention  
on a subject more people will be wary of anything in their  
environment that can be associated with that subject matter,  
however it's too broad an evaluation to stand on it alone.

In the old days before tv and staying indoors reading, people  
found entertainment in watching the skies. They couldn't miss it  
because it's everywhere. They pondered the heavens and found  
imagery regarding the phenomena therein so when they encounter  
subject matter that focuses on the skies they look up again.

So it has some merit and not.

It's all about attention and where it's directed and we drag our  
imaginations along. I recall the old timers telling me as a kid  
about how when airplanes were invented and how people would flee  
when they saw one thinking they were from the netherworld.

So if indeed such programs do become the catalyst for people to  
either perceive more, then it's good. If the catalyst to let  
imaginations run wild, then it's benchmark for caution.

Best,

Greg  
ufomafia.com/blog

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<snip>

After reading this article I now see the need for treatment.

The author should be arrested for absurdity in the first degree  
with intent to do mental harm.

Best,

Greg  
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I have known John for a long time, and my quarrel with him is not a personal one. I've met him face to face (in London in 1995) and found him, no surprise to me, perfectly entertaining and interesting company. Except in rare instances (the rude and boorish Philip J. Klass most prominently), I find that I can disagree with somebody's ideas on one issue without automatically judging the person disagreeable in the larger human context.

Because I respect his intelligence, though, I keep expecting better of John. At one time many years ago, it looked as if Magonia were seeking to carve out a kind of third kingdom, neither quite conventionally pro-UFOs/anomalies nor quite conventionally skeptical. In my judgment such a position is defensible, and over the years I sometimes see that I have one foot there (see my recent "Experience Anomalies" essay in Fortean Times for specifics). But long ago, to my disappointment, John and his Magonia associates became quite ordinary debunking ideologues, with familiar rhetorical strategies to match.

Reflecting on all this lately, I have surmised that John believes in his mind that he and Magonia do indeed represent

something (e.g., an independent spirit) other than the written evidence documents they do. Unfortunately, the distinctions he appears to maintain in his head are not apparent to the rest of us, and that's the source of the conflict. Well, that and what Michael Swords once brilliantly diagnosed as "conflicting views of the possible."

But John is right on one thing, in any event: no point is served in continuing this discussion.

Jerry Clark

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Date: Sun, 12 Apr 2009 17:00:27 -0500  
Archived: Mon, 13 Apr 2009 07:29:20 -0400  
Subject: Astronomer Search And Request

Dear Friends:

I am searching for an astronomer, or someone who is well-studied in the subject, and is also 'open' to the subject of UFOs, to review a thesis for a friend of mine.

One name that came up during a conversation was Gavin McLeod. If someone can give me his contact information, I would very much appreciate it.

If anyone has any suggestions or expertise in this field of study and has the time and the expertise to help, please contact me off-List through my email address.

Thank you,

Katharina Wilson  
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After the movie had been out for a few days Allan Hendry, who was the contact man and investigator at the Center for UFO Studies, said that he was contacted by at least one reporter that didn't want any particular information about specific UFO sightings, but only wanted to know how many more sightings there were.

Hendry had to tell her that the rate of new sightings that could have been a 'result' of CEIII was about the same as before CEIII.

I recall Hynek saying that there was an increase in the number of old sightings that had never been reported, weeks to years before Close Encounters Of The Third Kind.

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[For some reason, Stan neglected to send this to UFO UpDates --ebk]

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I must say that I am quite disappointed in Robert Hastings recent bird dropping and MJ-12 articles. Robert has done some fine work on the connection between nuclear installations and UFOs. But his recent opus seems to me to be painted with much too broad a brush with too many nasty personal attacks on people (Doty, Collins, Moore, Tim Cooper) and far too little investigation and discussion about the Majestic 12 documents themselves. I saw no mention at all of TOP SECRET/MAJIC my 1997 book updated with a 5000 word afterword in 2005. The entire focus is on MJ-12 documents, the reasons some must be labeled as phony and others as genuine. I see no mention of my several detailed MUFON Symposium Papers about MJ-12 or such items as my detailed review of Kevin Randle's "Case MJ-12" on my website [www.stantonfriedman.com](http://www.stantonfriedman.com) .

He says little about archive research. He touts Brad Sparks' MUFON paper attacking the documents, but not my detailed rebuttal. As anybody who reads my publications would know, I long ago noted that I couldn't accept any of the Tim Cooper documents. I carefully showed that at least 7 were emulations i.e. retyped slightly changed real documents that had been in print. I had found the originals. I noted flat out wrong statements in others. I have touted the Eisenhower Briefing Document, The Truman Forestell Memo and the Cutler Twining memo as genuine I believe I have successfully rebutted all the arguments against these in my publications. Jan Aldrich is certainly knowledgeable about army procedures and documents, but made the false claim (as did others) that the documents had to have had TOP SECRET CONTROL numbers. Not so... I quoted archivists from the Eisenhower and Marshall libraries saying they have many TS documents without Control Numbers. Phil Klass noisily challenged me about the PICA type used in the CT memo... and wound up quietly paying me \$1000. for providing 14 documents using the same size and style PICA type.(payment limit was unfortunately 10). A copy of his check is in the MJ-12 Update Chapter in Flying Saucers And Science, 2008. Joe Nickell of CSI attacked the documents wrongly in the Skeptical Inquirer (Jan/Feb.2009). I will let Bob Wood deal with SOM 1.01

MJ-12 deniers claimed that the typeface for the 1947 TF memo wasn't used until much later. Mr. Black a professional Forensic Documents examiner, hired by Robert and Ryan Wood, showed that it predated the TF memo by several years.. MJ-12 debunkers claimed the EBD was a hoax because it referred to Rear Admiral Hillenkoetter as Admiral. I showed that the use of generic ranks was very common in White House documents in the 1950s.

Joe Nickell claimed the EBD was a hoax because the data format (18 November, 1952; note the comma after November) violated the government style manual. In my visits to 20 archives I have seen many different date formats. People claimed that UFO debunker Donald Menzel couldn't have been a member of MJ-12. I discovered at the Harvard Archives, much to my surprise, that Menzel had,

unbeknownst to the UFO and Astronomy communities, done a great deal of very highly classified work for the CIA, NSA, and many companies.

I learned a lot not only from discussions with archivists, but also with people like noted historian Forrest Pogue, and George Elsey who worked at the White House all the time Truman was there.

I compiled and published lists of many details that were in the EBD, CT and TF memos that were not known to be true prior to receipt of the documents, but that later investigation proved to be true. How did a hoaxer know? I located Flight logs for General Twining and his pilot substantiating his flight to New Mexico on July 7, 1947, as noted in the EBD, and other relevant flights. Twining's log had been in a classified box at the Library of Congress Manuscript Division for decades.

None of this is to say that Robert is not justified in some of his attacks on the activities and claims of Doty, Collins, Moore and Cooper. There were games played and I agree with some of his critiques. However, they are really separate from the documents themselves. A major area of difficulty involves claims that this or that date format was never used or was always used or that a certain kind of onionskin paper was always used for Robert Cutler carbons. I found exceptions.. One white crow proves not all crows are black. Guilt by association is not a scientific approach to document evaluation.

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## Re: Bird Droppings & MJ-12 Friedman Responds

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Date: Sun, 12 Apr 2009 17:31:58 -0600  
Archived: Mon, 13 Apr 2009 08:37:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Bird Droppings & MJ-12 Friedman Responds

An excerpt from Friedman's recent rebuttal:

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From: Mc  
To: Stan Friedman  
Cc: [hastings444.nul](mailto:hastings444.nul)  
Sent: Sunday, April 12, 2009 4:48 PM

Hello... All and Stan

Excellent article. As Hastings has said more than once paraphrasing, "If you think what I say is libel then file a libel suit against me." In other words, he knows what he is saying is libel, but I'm baiting both Rick Doty and you to show up in court.

His methods are very unbecoming to say the least for someone as you mentioned has done good work in the area of UFOs and Nukes.

As for the emulations you mentioned, you might have a good point there, but I also know with years in Intelligence secretaries will "white out" the original type and then type the new message right over any signature.

I also know that sources will put "red herrings" in the information they send, those emulations could be the "red herrings."

Before Hastings drags anyone to court he should try getting his own sources into court... then watch it go no where.

The FBI went to see Kit Green, Kit was suppose to spy, but said no.

Regards

Robert Collins

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Below is what Gene Lakes just said about MJ12:

4/11/2009 11:14 AM: Gene Loscowski wrote:

The stuff is real. Although McGovern and I haven't see eye to eye, he is correct, as is my old enemy Doty.

On Sun, Mar 29, 2009 at 10:11 AM, Mc <[Mc.nul](mailto:Mc.nul)> wrote:

Hello All:

FYI, from Oct 25th, 2005.

Sources are/were compartmentalized as Paul McGovern admitted, see below. Just because one might have TS/SCI/SAR access to UFO information it doesn't follow that one has/had access to all UFO information including MJ-12.

Sources are also very human, not some Gods or even Aliens being Gods for that matter. They get angry, jealous, complimentary, and annoyed just like anybody else, but they also have lots of experience and training.

McGovern can have quite a foul mouth as the readers will note. Those at Area 51 can be worse than stupid (Juvenile) like lots of lay people some of which are on this list.

Regards

Robert Collins

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1) 10/25/2005 4:46 PM: Paul McGovern wrote:

Rick:

Not Irish are you? Just didn't want to upset someone Irish!

Points well taken. I never was cleared for OSI information, you are right. So, I guess, I didn't know it all if OSI did generate information pertaining to the subject. I'm sure there were thousands of documents relating to the subject that I was not privy to. But, when I say I knew the truth, I meant the historical truth. I certainly didn't know every bit of information about the subject. Collins spoke about historical matters and I knew the truth about that. I never saw any mention of MJ12 documents in the Digest or any other historical document. Now maybe MJ12 had something to do with OSI. I thought the MJ12 documents was the disinformation or CPO information created by OSI in 1982. Maybe I'm wrong, but that is what I thought.

Don't get upset with me, I was just stating my side to the story. You stated your side, quite well, in the attached email. I agree, not all of the information was contained in the Digest. you brought up some good points.

I'm still on your side. I'm just not on Collin's side, nor will I ever be.

Paul

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2) 10/25/2005: RICK DOTY <[rickdoty166.nul](mailto:rickdoty166.nul)> wrote:

Bob:

Paul has his own side of the story to tell. I had mine. If Paul's recollection of events differ from mine, then maybe we just saw it differently. Paul did not see everything I saw in OSI. Paul was not on a distribution list for OSI information. Paul only saw information regarding NTS or the complex. Any other information was compartmented within OSI. I resent some of Paul's statements about what I did or did not know. Paul knew I was involved in counterintelligence operations to protect classified programs. He sanctioned it and was involved in it. Lay people call it disinformation. People in the know calls it, "Counterintelligence-Protection-Operation (CPO).

Paul might know most of the story but he does not know it all, at least from my stand point. I read the same historical data that he read in the Digest. I don't remember it the same way he does, although it is pretty close. I agree, no MJ12 documents are listed in the annex to the Digest. But not all information regarding the program or our historical views are contained in the Digest.

I can think of numerous things. None of Blue Book Files are contained in the Digest! Project Blue Book is mentioned but none of the files, especially file 13, are not enclosed. How can Paul explain that? What about the exchange program. None of that is mentioned in the Digest. Paul mentioned some emails ago that

Yellow Book contained the visitors story. Well, Paul, as you must know, the Yellow Book only went up to just before Roswell. Ebe 2, provided us with additional information from that point on. JROD was a codename for an Entity, I agree, not Ebe 2 but another one. I read the information and I know Paul isn't correct in his statement about JROD.

As for abductions, I agree with Paul 100%. I did the investigations, about two years worth. I studied the phenomena. I did not find one single piece of evidence to support abductions. The FBI did an extensive investigation, as did NSA and DIA and nothing of facts were found.

The Gate 3 incident occurred in the early 80s, not 2002, you got that wrong.

As for Paul's statements about you, they are his statements. Just because your information don't always agree with his, probably most of the time, doesn't make everything you say false.

I don't agree with his evaluation of the book. I think about 65% of the book is accurate (2005). The remaining 35% is either distorted or wrong. You can correct that information in an updated version (2008 edition).

Paul knew a lot and I respect him for making the statements that he did, but I also knew a lot and he has no idea what I knew and didn't know because OSI information was compartmented and Paul did not have access to it.

Rick

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<http://tinyurl.com/c77wet>

Sunday, 12 April 2009

Author Of MoD UFO Study To Remain In The Shadows  
by David Clarke

The identity of an MoD intelligence expert who wrote a controversial report on UFOs must remain a secret, the Information Commissioner has decided.

Three years ago the Ministry released - under the Freedom of Information Act - a copy of a four volume report, code-named 'Project Condign', that was completed in 2000 and classified Secret - UK Eyes Only.

Condign was the brainchild of a mysterious intelligence officer, working as a contractor for the MoD, who was given access to secret documents covering DI55's investigations of UFO incidents over three decades.

He was asked to produce the report because of his long experience as an advisor to the Defence Intelligence Staff on the subject of UFOs.

His study concluded that UFOs - or UAPs (Unidentified Aerial Phenomena) - did exist but were mostly likely to be natural, but poorly understood, atmospheric phenomena such as ball lightning and dusty plasmas.

The report said there was no evidence that UAPs posed a threat to the UK and there was no information of intelligence value within the reports MoD had received.

As a direct result the Defence Intelligence Staff (DIS) decided to have no further involvement in the subject after 50 years of collecting sighting reports.

The existence of the Condign report was revealed as a result of 18 months of sleuthing by myself and my colleague Gary Anthony, which culminated in the FOI request and subsequent release of the papers to the international media.

A full discussion of the background can be found on my webpages - along with a detailed paper we prepared for the International UFO Reporter, published in 2007.

Since that time we have been pressing the MoD to release not only the name of the report's author, but also the names of the intelligence officers who briefed MoD on the need for the study, and of the person who ultimately commissioned it.

During 2007 Liberal Democrat MP Norman Baker piled pressure on Defence Minister Adam Ingram on our behalf. He tabled a series



of Parliamentary written questions on the Condign report and its author.

One of the questions asked "who the author was, what the author's qualifications in this subject were; to whom the report was circulated [and] what actions were taken on the recommendations of the report."

In response Baker was told the report cost the public around =A350,000 but they would not name the author or say anything more about his background. "The author of the report was a contractor and was employed by the Defence Intelligence Staff (DIS) on a long-term contract," Ingram responded in Hansard, 19 March 2007.

"Further details of the author, including the name, are being with-held under the Data Protection Act 1998 [Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act]."

Not satisfied with this answer, Gary and I requested an internal review of the decision to with-hold the names. We waited 11 months for a response from the MoD - a total of 190 working days, when the maximum recommended by the Commissioner is just 40 working days!

The response when it came refused to back down, citing section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act (personal information).

Then we decided to complain to the Information Commissioner under section 50 of the Act. In our appeal we cited the Commissioner's own guidance on "personal information" (FOIA Awareness Guidance No 1), which says: "It is often believed that the Data Protection Act prevents the disclosure of any personal data without the consent of the person concerned. This is not true. The purpose of the Data Protection Act is to protect the private lives of individuals. Where an information request is about people acting in a work or official capacity then it will normally be right to disclose."

In our appeal we argued that in the context of the Condign author "there can be no question that a) the contractor paid to produce the UAP report and b) the various Defence Intelligence officers who briefed [MoD] on the need to commit public funds for a UFO study...were acting in a work or official capacity."

We added that "the authors and background context of public reports, released into the public domain, should be open and accountable to scrutiny. Without disclosure how can members of the public, or indeed the scientific community, draw any valid conclusions as to the reliability of the conclusions reached, or to judge if public funds have been wisely spent?"

After two years we finally received our answer in an Information Commissioner Decision Notice dated 30 March 2009.

This says the Commissioner, Richard Thomas, investigated our complaint but ultimately decided to uphold the MoD's decision to with-hold the names under Section 40 of the FOIA. The Commissioner looked at the work and positions of all four individuals cited in our request. With respect to the report's author, he was clearly persuaded by the MoD's carefully argued arguments against the release of his name.

The notice reads: "...the Commissioner understands that the report was commissioned and produced by the author with strict security guidelines; at the time the report was drafted it was a classified project with those involved being subject to the Official Secrets Act. Secondly, the MoD has explained that civil servants and contractors are given clear instruction that 'any association with intelligence, security or counter-terrorism work must not be disclosed.' Therefore, in the Commissioner's opinion given that the author, acting on instructions from the MoD would not have discussed his work on the draft report with those outside the DIS, it is reasonable to suppose that the author would not have expected his name, and moreover his authorship of the report, to be placed in the public domain."

Another significant paragraph reads:

"...the Commissioner must take into account the impact disclosure could have on the personal life of the individuals concerned. The Commissioner recognises that this area of work [UFOs] attracts a significant level of media interest and

accepts the suggestion by the MoD that disclosure of these names is likely to lead to attempts to contact them and question them about their work for the DIS. In addition, the Commissioner has also given consideration to the fact that at least two of these individuals have retired. The Commissioner is mindful that retirement cannot be used to circumvent disclosure where necessary but when the individual has retired, possibly many years before the request was made it must be considered whether disclosure would have a detrimental impact on the private life of the individual concerned. The Commissioner considers that given the passage of time and the retired status of the individuals any attempt to contact and interview [them] could be deemed as having a detrimental effect on their private life. In other words, retired civil servants and a contractor could be subject to questioning, and potential criticism of decisions they took when employed by the MoD a number of years ago."

It adds: "the Commissioner believes that the likely intrusion is not justified by any pressing public interest in identifying the individuals concerned given their seniority, status and extent of involvement in the subject."

So there you have it folks.

We're only likely to discover the true identity of these spooky officials in another 50 or more years, long after they are dead and buried.

No doubt this will ensure that pesky journalists can't ask them any awkward questions that might embarrass them, and their employers.

The full text of the Information Commissioner's Decision Notice will be available on the IC website shortly.

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Hi Steve,

I was looking at it from a more direct interpretation. Close  
Encounters of the Third kind creates UFOs in the sky which are  
reported; doctor TV shows create doctors and hospitals.

There was no internet during that time so people gleaned  
information from books and infrequent TV shows and if they  
wanted to report something they used the groups available then  
or reported to the police or military. When CE3K came out people  
whose curiosity had been piqued would then likely take more of  
an interest in the sky-usually at night because the movie UFOs  
were all LITS. Increased vigilance would likely translate into  
increased reports, which it seems did not happen. But as Bruce  
mentioned a percentage of people who had had sightings days,  
months or years before seeing the movie were likely inclined to  
find ways to report the event after seeing the movie resulting  
in any increase in reports.

I'm sure I'm not the only one but in the case of both books I've  
written on UFOs, reports to me of past experiences of UFO  
sightings were plentiful. My first book, Maritime UFO Files  
resulted in enough reports just during book signings that I  
could have tripled the 135-40 odd cases I have in the book:

<http://www.donledger.com>

And at least 20% of these had the potential of being very

interesting reports. Four engineers traveling to the Point Lepreau Nuclear power plant in New Brunswick seeing an object - 4am - hovering over a field with 4 brilliant searchlight type beams shining down on the ground from a dark, ellipsoidal shaped object would have had me chasing the engineer down the mall if I hadn't been so tied up. The problem with getting them during book signings is there is no time to dwell on the reports or even get details for future contact without pissing off others standing in line who want you to sign a book or share their experience. I signed over 200 books that day, getting sketches of interesting reports I could not dwell on. I passed out cards but few bothered to call me.

So with this in mind then, UFO related book launchings cause increased UFO reports.

A movie book or a TV documentary on UFOs then becomes a reminder and focus point for past UFO sightings not necessarily current cases-at least not back in the mid 1970s. It would be interesting to know just how many UFOs were reported as being seen during the run of the movie CE3K. Because it would appear that the movie served as more of a reminder of past experiences than a generator of current reports.

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## The Black Vault Re-Emerges

From: John Greenewald, Jr. <[john.nul](mailto:john.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 13 Apr 2009 14:39:15 -0500  
Archived: Tue, 14 Apr 2009 08:45:00 -0400  
Subject: The Black Vault Re-Emerges

It is with great excitement that I announce the re-emergence of The Black Vault as the premier online networking site, which combines powerful functionality, and a global group of dedicated investigators, researchers and curious minds alike.

Although the accounts, forums, etc., were reset on this new design, I believe you will see the extreme power of this new system, and recognize the incredible opportunity that it provides.

Users from across the world can join, market themselves, create a profile, offer their case research, upload videos, photographs, enter a chat room with video/web camera capabilities, create their own private chat rooms, create user groups for others to join (like a radio show fan club, a research organization group, etc.) create their own blog, and so much more.

You need to simply register for free, and experience the awesome potential behind the NEW Black Vault. Please, help me pass the word, and forward this message to everyone you feel will be interested. You, and they, will NOT be disappointed!

Please visit

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and register for free... today!

Sincerely,

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From: Roy Hale <[roy.nul](mailto:roy.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 13 Apr 2009 23:30:58 +0100  
Archived: Tue, 14 Apr 2009 08:48:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Author Of MoD UFO Study To Remain In The

>Source: David Clarke's Blog

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From: **Steven Kaeser** <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 14 Apr 2009 08:58:13 -0400  
Archived: Tue, 14 Apr 2009 09:50:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: TV Series Cause Of Increased UFO Reports

>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 13 Apr 2009 14:38:18 -0300  
>Subject: Re: TV Series Cause Of Increased UFO Reports

>Hi Steve,

>I was looking at it from a more direct interpretation. Close  
>Encounters of the Third kind creates UFOs in the sky which are  
>reported; doctor TV shows create doctors and hospitals.

>So with this in mind then, UFO related book launchings cause  
>increased UFO reports.

>A movie book or a TV documentary on UFOs then becomes a reminder  
>and focus point for past UFO sightings not necessarily current  
>cases-at least not back in the mid 1970s. It would be  
>interesting to know just how many UFOs were reported as being  
>seen during the run of the movie CE3K. Because it would appear  
>that the movie served as more of a reminder of past experiences  
>than a generator of current reports.

Since Hynek was a technical advisor on CE3K, it should come as no surprise that many of the scenarios portrayed resemble stories straight out of UFO history. But, I've not seen any write up or research into UFO sightings during that particular time period as the movie was promoted, released and shown for more than a year. One might later track UFO sightings when the first VHS copy was released for sale (or rent) and find another slight bump in sightings, but I would agree that people become more attuned to look for something after they learn more about it. The increase may be because of increased vigilance, rather than a stimulated imagination.

On the other hand, we live in a day when there is a lot in the sky overhead, and most people pay little attention to objects in the sky unless there's a need. I am far less aware of the planes in the sky overhead today than I was as a child in the 50's, when seeing a jet in the sky was a big deal. Young people today only know a busy sky with many objects flying around, so I believe that most distant daylight objects are probably ignored from the ground unless they bring attention to themselves. This was not the case several decades ago, but times change with each generation.

For some reason I think it's also important to remember that the US Air Force believed that encountering an alien craft in our air space was not out of the question, and included a section on that possibility in a Physics class at the Air Force Academy. That chapter was removed from the text the year after Project Blue Book was shut down, but even the Air Force was looking out for something in the sky and they probably had the best information on what had been seen in the past. One can imagine that these Cadets came out of that class with a different view of the sky around them.

Steve

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## Re: Filmmaker Explores Life Of Gray Barker

From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 14 Apr 2009 09:28:18 -0400  
Archived: Tue, 14 Apr 2009 10:39:01 -0400  
Subject: Re: Filmmaker Explores Life Of Gray Barker

>From: Steven Kaeser <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>,  
>Date: Thu, 9 Apr 2009 13:07:19 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Filmmaker Explores Life Of Gray Barker

>>Source: The Charleston Gazette - West Virginia, USA

>>April 8, 2009

>>Filmmaker Explores The Life Of UFO Writer Gray Barker

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>A review of this would be interesting, but if the production  
>value isn't up to a certain level this is going to be difficult  
>to get aired on a cable/network channel. Gray Baker is a very  
>interesting character in the genre and certainly his role should  
>be better understood by those in the field.

As a participant in Bob Wilkinson's film - though I hasten to  
add I have no financial interest in it - I can attest to its  
excellence. Wilkinson brought together a number of informed  
commentators, from locals to ufologists (besides me, they  
include Jim Moseley and Stan Friedman) to scholars (including a  
charming, sympathetic folklorist), and interviewed members of  
Barker's extended family. The result is a revealing picture of  
his youth, personality, and influences.

Wilkinson contends - with commendable restraint and compassion -  
that Barker's flying-saucer interests (it's hard to argue that  
Barker's focus was on "UFOs") amounted to a cover for his  
effort, not entirely successful, to conceal his homosexuality in  
a conservative-to-backward West Virginia town. One emerges from  
the film, which is well produced and intelligently conceived,  
with a keen sense of Barker's complex, secretive life.

The film will interest ufologists, of course, but non-UFO  
persons to whom I have shown it in DVD tell me that they found  
it fascinating for its portrayal of an unusual man in an unusual  
subculture.

Jerry Clark

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Date: Tue, 14 Apr 2009 14:02:27 -0300  
Archived: Tue, 14 Apr 2009 16:45:12 -0400  
Subject: Re: TV Series Cause Of Increased UFO Reports

>From: Eleanor White <[ewraven1.nul](mailto:ewraven1.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 13 Apr 2009 15:27:43 -0400  
>Subject: Re: TV Series Cause Of Increased UFO Reports

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And elusive. At least the good ones.

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From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 14 Apr 2009 22:52:34 -0300  
Archived: Wed, 15 Apr 2009 06:47:35 -0400  
Subject: Re: Author Of MoD UFO Study To Remain In The

>From: Roy Hale <[roy.nul](mailto:roy.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 13 Apr 2009 23:30:58 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Author Of MoD UFO Study To Remain In The Shadows

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Yeah that was kind of out there. But the anonymous, single-man  
study was hamstrung from the beginning apparently because the  
researcher was not allowed to do interviews or follow-ups to  
document discovery with the writers of same.

The whole affair smacks of a ploy to get the MoD off the hook in  
the same manner as the USAF with their more expensive Condom  
study; right down to the name rhyme.

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## Meet The New Boss... - Cox

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 15 Apr 2009 07:06:21 -0400  
Archived: Wed, 15 Apr 2009 07:06:21 -0400  
Subject: Meet The New Boss... - Cox

Source: Sarasota Herald-Tribune - Florida, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/d7hkgc>

Tuesday, April 14, 2009

Meet The New Boss...  
By Billy Cox

It's been nearly three months since Barack Obama settled into the White House, long enough for the transition team to have completed its duties. It's been even longer since the last of De Void's now-comically futile attempts to get transition team coordinator John Podesta to elaborate on the UFO 'open books' advocacy he espoused in 2002:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bYvtgEkqG1M>

Still, somebody's gotta do it, so De Void directed the Spring 09 query via e-mail to President Clinton's former chief of staff at the Center for American Progress, the liberal think tank Podesta founded in 2003.

CAP deputy press secretary John Neurohr drew the short straw on Monday. The verbatim response: "Mr. Podesta is actually traveling out of the country so won't be able to do this time. Please keep us in mind in the future, though!"

Roger that.

OK. De Void gets it. The economy has disintegrated like cheap toilet paper, rats and snakes are the proud new residents of countless repo houses, tent cities are the latest growth industry, and our appetite for dope is destabilizing our neighbors to the south. All policy wonks wasting so much as a gasp of the national dialogue on UFOs in these wretched times will be cuffed, tagged and sentenced to ratings-month cameos on the Sci-Fi Channel.

So at the very least, the CAP should brush the sugar sprinkles off its Web page mission statement, which reads like this: "We combine bold policy ideas with a modern communications platform to help shape the national debate, expose the hollowness of conservative governing philosophy, and challenge the media to cover the issues that truly matter."

When it comes to UFOs, the silence on the right is as loud as the silence on the left.

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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Date: Tue, 14 Apr 2009 07:58:20 -0700  
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Cheers,

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The "initial article" was also posted to UFO UpDates on the same  
date - see:

<http://www.ufoupdateslist.com/2009/apr/m02-016.shtml>

It would have been simple to add a Cc: to this List in Stan's  
"rejoinder" to you...

ebk

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## April 2009 FOTOCAT Blog Update

From: **Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos** <[ballesterolmos.nul](mailto:ballesterolmos.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 15 Apr 2009 17:04:10 +0000 (GMT)  
Archived: Wed, 15 Apr 2009 17:05:19 -0400  
Subject: April 2009 FOTOCAT Blog Update

Dear UFO colleagues:

A new edition of the FOTOCAT Project blog is available at:  
<http://fotocat.blogspot.com/>

FOTOCAT comprises both a physical archive and a computer databank for 9,500+ UFO reports worldwide.

The present update contains the following highlights:

- \* Battelle Memorial Institute Secret Report #T67 94769 (June 1967)
- \* Luminous Display over Canary Islands on Nov 21, 1997
- \* Stat Review of the 1980 Decade
- \* 1979 UFO Landing Revisited

I hope you find it interesting.

Cordially,

Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos

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Archived: Wed, 15 Apr 2009 17:08:50 -0400  
Subject: Re: Meet The New Boss... - Cox

>From: [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
>To: [ufo-updates-list.nul](mailto:ufo-updates-list.nul)  
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>founded in 2003.

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Will you all beg my pardon but I have yet to figure out why it  
is so important that - if true - my government disclose what it  
knows about possible flights in the sky of craft from else where  
in the Universe.

Will doing so end the economic crisis by creating jobs and a  
stable housing market?

The expectations of what benefits there would be are never  
articulated.

To me, the call for disclosure is the same as the  
revolutionaries who call for an over throw of a government but  
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## Re: Bird Droppings & MJ-12 Friedman Responds

From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren.nul](mailto:frank-warren.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 15 Apr 2009 06:37:04 -0700  
Archived: Wed, 15 Apr 2009 18:10:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Bird Droppings & MJ-12 Friedman Responds

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <[ufo-updates-list.nul](mailto:ufo-updates-list.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 15 Apr 2009 08:25:00 -0400  
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Bird Droppings & MJ-12 Friedman Responds

>>From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren.nul](mailto:frank-warren.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>>Date: Tue, 14 Apr 2009 07:58:20 -0700  
>>Subject: Re: Bird Droppings & MJ-12 Friedman Responds

>>>From: Robert Hastings <[hastings444.nul](mailto:hastings444.nul)>  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>>>Date: Sun, 12 Apr 2009 17:24:27 -0600  
>>>Subject: Bird Droppings & MJ-12 Friedman Responds

>>>[For some reason, Stan neglected to send this to UFO UpDates --ebk]

>><snip>

>>Good Day Errol, Robert, et al,

>>That reason is because Robert's initial article, and the updates  
>>were originally published at the UFO Chronicles; accordingly, I  
>>asked Stan to "pen a rejoinder" for the obvious reasons; he had  
>>just come in off the road from speaking engagements, he hastily  
>>complied and is on the road again.

>The "initial article" was also posted to UFO UpDates on the same  
>date - see:

><http://www.ufoupdateslist.com/2009/apr/m02-016.shtml>

>It would have been simple to add a Cc: to this List in Stan's  
>"rejoinder" to you...

>ebk

Errol,

Of course, I don't pretend to speak for Stan, and it certainly  
would have been easy to Cc: anyone else; however, I was  
merely offering my thoughts as to why he didn't, i.e., his  
hectic schedule, and the fact he was complying to a personal  
request (mine). He may have not even been aware that Robert's  
initial article was posted here, as I believe he was on the road  
during that time.

Cheers,

Frank

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## Re: Meet The New Boss... - Cox

From: Kelly Freeman <[khfsufo.nul](mailto:khfsufo.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 15 Apr 2009 20:05:08 -0400  
Archived: Thu, 16 Apr 2009 09:16:20 -0400  
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>From: Kathy Kasten <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
>To: post to ufoupdates <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 15 Apr 2009 20:57:58 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Meet The New Boss... - Cox

>>From: [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
>>To: [ufo-updates-list.nul](mailto:ufo-updates-list.nul)  
>>Date: Wed, 15 Apr 2009 07:06:21 -0400  
>>Subject: UFO Update: Meet The New Boss... - Cox

>>Source: Sarasota Herald-Tribune - Florida, USA

>><http://tinyurl.com/d7hkgc>

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>Will you all beg my pardon but I have yet to figure out why it  
>is so important that - if true - my government disclose what it  
>knows about possible flights in the sky of craft from else where  
>in the Universe.

Well, Kathy, by now you should know that for those of us who  
have had extraordinary experiences and UFO sightings, the more  
we can learn about those experiences and whatever truth lies  
behind such encounters, the better. Perhaps you don't understand  
the nagging feeling of wanting to know just what the hell  
happened, and perhaps, the why of it all.

If, in fact, the government has UFO information that has not yet  
been disclosed then, IMO, we have a right to know that  
information.

More importantly, rather than guessing where UFOs come from and  
rather than guessing what intentions they have for being here,  
wouldn't you\_rather\_know?

The pilot who almost collided with a UFO. The rancher that found  
his cow(s) mutilated the next day. The abductee trying to cope  
with life. The person disfigured, or even killed, by the violent  
actions of a UFO. The ridicule of those who say they have seen a

UFO. How many lives are affected by this UFO phenomenon?

And you can't figure it out? Come on.

>Will doing so end the economic crisis by creating jobs and a  
>stable housing market?

No, but it might make it worse.

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> articulated.

Do some more research, Kathy.

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>revolutionaries who call for an over throw of a government but  
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More than likely, disclosure will only happen when the "powers  
that be" have no other choice but to reveal the truth about  
what's happening in our skies, under our oceans and in our  
bedrooms.

What forces the "powers that be" to know they have no other  
choice but to reveal the truth is still open for debate, IMO.

Kelly

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Source: The Mohave Daily News - Bigfork, Montana, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/crk6kx>

Wednesday, April 15, 2009 1:14 AM CDT

Reporter Seeks Information On Recent UFO Sightings  
Daily News Staff

NEEDLES - The History Channel's UFO Hunters are returning to the Tri-state to investigate a UFO allegedly spotted in the Lake Havasu City area March 17, according to Frank Costigan, KTOX radio investigative reporter.

Costigan and KTOX talk host Dave Hayes were featured in "Alien Crashes," a special recently broadcast on the History Channel, regarding a UFO siting allegedly made near Needles last May 19.

After the Needles and Lake Havasu sightings, military aircraft were seen in the area, Costigan said.

He said anyone who has seen "UFOs followed by military aircraft" or "unusual military activity in the area", is urged to call KTOX at 760-326-4500 or e-mail them at [ktox1340.nul](mailto:ktox1340.nul) The information will be passed on to the UFO Hunters, Costigan said.

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KK,

You sound brainwashed.

"A democracy requires accountability, and accountability requires transparency... At the heart of that commitment is the idea that accountability is in the interest of the Government and the citizenry alike."

--President Barack Obama

"A popular Government without popular information or the means of acquiring it, is but a prologue to a farce or a tragedy or perhaps both. Knowledge will forever govern ignorance, and a people who mean to be their own Governors, must arm themselves with the power knowledge gives."

-- Former U.S. President James Madison

"Power always has to be kept in check; power exercised in secret, especially under the cloak of national security, is doubly dangerous."

-- Former U.S. Senator William Proxmire

The democratic form of government, which is of the people, means citizens must have information in order to be part of the process.

It is not massaging ego it is our right to know the truth. Bureaucrats and elect officials work for us. They do not have the right to keep us in the dark.

Regards,

Frank

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## Constraining The Orbits Of Planet X And Nemesis

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Archived: Thu, 16 Apr 2009 10:58:53 -0400  
Subject: Constraining The Orbits Of Planet X And Nemesis

Source: Universe Today - Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

<http://tinyurl.com/d35vp8>

April 15th, 2009

[Links in article]

Constraining The Orbits Of Planet X And Nemesis  
Written by Ian O'Neill

If Planet X was out there, where would it be? This question posed by an Italian researcher turns out to be a lot more involved than you=92d think. As opposed to all the 2012 idiocy hype flying around on the internet, this research is actually based on a little thing called science. By analysing the orbital precession of all the inner-Solar System planets, the researcher has been able to constrain the minimum distance a hypothetical object, from the mass of Mars to the mass of the Sun, could be located in the Solar System. As most of the astronomical community already knows, the two purveyors of doom (Planet X and the Sun=92s evil twin, Nemesis) exist only in the over-active imaginations of a few misinformed individuals, not in reality=85

Planet X and Nemesis are hypothetical objects with more grounding in ancient prophecy and doomsday theories based on pseudo-science. This might be the case, but Planet X came from far more rational beginnings.

The name =93Planet X=94 was actually coined by Percival Lowell at the start of the 20th century when he predicted there might be a massive planet beyond the orbit of Neptune. Then, in 1930, Clyde Tombaugh appeared to confirm Lowell=92s theory; a planet had been discovered and it was promptly named Pluto. However, as time went on, it slowly became apparent that Pluto wasn=92t massive enough to explain the original observations of the perturbations of Uranus=91 orbit (the reason for Lowell=92s Planet X prediction in the first place). By the 1970=92s and 80=92s modern observation techniques proved that the original perturbations in Uranus=92 orbit were measurement error and not being caused by a massive planetary body. The hunt for Planet X pretty much ended with the discovery of Pluto in 1930, but it never lived up to its promise as a massive planetary body (despite what the woefully erroneous doomsday theories say otherwise).

Now an Italian researcher has published results from a study that examines the orbital dynamics of the inner-Solar System planets, and relates them to the gravitational influence of a massive planetary body orbiting the Sun from afar.

To cut a long story short, if a massive planetary body or a small binary sibling of the Sun were close to us, we would notice their gravitational influence in the orbital dynamics of the planets. There may be some indirect indications that a small planetary body might be shaping the Kuiper Cliff, and that a binary partner of the Sun might be disturbing the Oort Cloud

every 25 million years or so (relating to the cyclical mass extinctions in Earth's history, possibly caused by comet impacts), but hard astronomical proof has yet to be found.

Lorenzo Iorio from the National Institute of Nuclear Physics in Pisa (Italy) has taken orbital data from many years of precise observations and used his computations to predict the closest possible distance at which a massive planet could orbit if it was out there.

It turns out that all the planets the mass of Mars and above have been discovered within the Solar System. Iorio computes that the minimum possible distances at which a Mars-mass, Earth-mass, Jupiter-mass and Sun-mass object can orbit around the Sun are 62 AU, 430 AU, 886 AU and 8995 AU respectively. To put this into perspective, Pluto orbits the Sun at an average distance of 39 AU.

So if we used our imaginations a bit, we could say that a sufficiently sized Planet X could be patrolling a snail-paced orbit somewhere beyond Pluto. But there's an additional problem for Planet X conspiracy theorists. If there was any object of sufficient size (and by sufficient I mean Pluto-mass, I mean being generous), according to a 2004 publication by David Jewitt, from the Institute for Astronomy, University of Hawaii, we would have observed such an object by now if it orbited within 320 AU from the Sun.

Suddenly, the suggestion that Planet X will be making an appearance in 2012 and the crazy idea that anything larger than a Pluto-sized object is currently 75 AU away seems silly. Sorry, between here and a few hundred AU away, it's just us, the known planets and a load of asteroids (and perhaps the odd plutino) for company.

Source: arXiv.org, Astroengine.com

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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## For Giggles

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Date: Fri, 17 Apr 2009 02:30:15 EDT  
Archived: Fri, 17 Apr 2009 07:15:23 -0400  
Subject: For Giggles

I always get a kick out of movie trivia especially when it crosses paths with ufology.

For us fans of the great sci-fi flicks, you'll recall the late great actor Robert Cornwaithe. His memorable role of a lengthy career was that of Dr. Carrington in the classic The Thing from 1951. I didn't know that Mr. Cornwaithe was also an intelligence officer for the Army Air Forces during WWII.

I might make a list of actors and famous folks who were active during those years and may have had a brush with the UFO phenom. I've so far run across a handful.

Best,

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

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## Academia Examines An Alien Encounter

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Source: The Union Leader - Manchester, New Hampshire, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/co9fkt>

Friday April 17 2009

[Images at site]

Academia Examines An Alien Encounter

By Clynton Namuo  
New Hampshire Union Leader Correspondent

A disc-like craft, unearthly creatures with almond-shaped eyes and, some time later, dormant memories of abduction coaxed forth via hypnosis.

This is not the synopsis of an X-Files episode, though it very well could be. It is the story of Betty and Barney Hill, two of the most celebrated, and some say credible, supposed alien abductees in history.

Staunch civil rights activists who campaigned for Lyndon B. Johnson and sat at his inauguration as invited guests, the Hills' lives changed on Sept. 19, 1961, when they were allegedly abducted and taken aboard an alien craft while driving home to Portsmouth from Montreal.

The alleged encounter eventually turned the Hills into international celebrities as it hit the press. Although Barney died in 1969, Betty spent the next few decades immersed in UFO culture until her death in 2004.

"It was amazing they had no interest in UFOs prior to this event," Betty's niece, Kathleen Marden, said.

Now much of the Hills' belongings are on display, warts and all, at the University of New Hampshire's Diamond Library in Durham. The school plans to host a forum on the couple's lives today at the Memorial Union Building.

Artifacts available at the library include volume after volume of diaries Betty Hill kept of her supposed UFO sightings throughout the years, a letter naming Barney to New Hampshire's civil rights committee as well as the dress Betty wore the night of the alleged encounter.

That dress is considered a holy grail of sorts because it is stained with an unknown substance that Betty believed to be alien material. To this day, scientists have not been able to identify the substance.

"She really maintained confidence that if the dress was preserved, one day science would catch up," said David Watters, director of UNH's Center for New England Culture.

One of the few stipulations Marden included when she donated the collection to UNH was that the dress be made available for scientific testing. It is written into the gift agreement.

The exhibition is simple, basic really, and includes a single wall in the library's special collections section, but the real treasure trove is Betty's collected works.

There are diaries, star charts, transcripts, photos and more, all related to UFOs.

Betty recorded every sighting in her diaries, from blinking lights in the sky to unknown sounds. She seemed to see and hear UFOs everywhere.

This is the Betty Hill many people knew later in her life: a woman consumed by UFOs.

"Over time, I think she started to associate with some credulous individuals and they convinced her that UFOs disguised themselves as conventional aircraft," Marden said of her aunt.

Marden said she once went with her aunt and some friends to spot UFOs and they saw many in the night sky, all of which Marden believed to be planes.

"To me they were identified flying objects," she said.

Marden said she became so concerned after Betty Hill began speaking out about her new experiences that she finally took her aunt aside and told her it threatened to undermine her credibility. After that, Betty quieted down, Marden said.

It is that initial encounter that has launched countless science fiction stories, movies and TV shows, including a TV movie in which James Earl Jones played Barney and Estelle Parsons played Betty.

Those who knew the Hills seem to fall into two camps: those who believe their story and those who believe the couple believed the story.

"I do believe that Betty and Barney did have a close encounter with an unidentified flying object," said Marden, who authored the book "Captured! The Betty and Barney Hill UFO Experience: The True Story of the World's First Documented Alien Abduction."

Watters falls into the other camp.

"I don't believe in UFOs, but Betty Hill, I had no reason to believe she's lying," he said, adding, "She seemed salt of the earth to me."

No matter what happened that night, the Hills' legacy endures to this day.

Barney was a co-founder and the first executive director of Rockingham Community Action, a leading nonprofit, and both were members of the NAACP. Barney even marched on Washington with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

One thing few know of is the couples' sense of humor, said Dudley Dudley, an old friend of the Hills who learned of their encounter before it became public in 1965.

"Among the things they said, Barney said, was that he pictured in some galaxy far away some guy doing his PhD work who was relying on the information from their encounter," She said. "He's sitting there and thinking, 'Now the male of this species is black, the female of the species is white, their offspring was brown and has four legs.'"

The Hills never had children together. The "child" in question? Their dachshund.

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16 April 2009

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Have A Wacky Theory? Write It Up

By Seth Shostak  
Senior Astronomer  
SETI Institute

I get a lot of communication from people who trip across insights that have somehow eluded the tweedy practitioners of mainstream science. Let me serve up some examples for your edification and delight:

"I am a native of another star system, sent to Earth. You can tell this is true because my eyes are a strange color."

"Relativity is wrong, and I can prove it using seventh grade math."

"Aliens came to Earth a long time ago to engineer a new species, and Homo sapiens is the product."

"SETI should stop looking for radio signals, and tune in hyperdimensional waves."

Some of these folks think that validation of such novel hypotheses is merely a matter of explaining their idea to the right person. So they send me an e-mail or ring me up at the office. I'm not always impressed.

Now let's be clear: just about every new theory appears wacko at birth. If not, it's unlikely to be either novel or important. In addition, experts can be so thoroughly marinated in the "conventional wisdom" that they'll rail at any theory that isn't already in the textbooks.

The inability of some scientists to consider ideas that aren't already afloat in the mainstream is a cudgel that UFO believers often wield to beat up skeptics. And indeed, sometimes knowing too much really can be a bad thing. In commenting on Einstein, the German mathematician David Hilbert famously wrote "Do you know why Einstein said the most original and profound things about space and time that have been said in our generation? Because he had learned nothing about all the mathematics and philosophy of space and time."

On the other hand, and to paraphrase Groucho Marx, sometimes a cigar really is a cigar. Just because an idea is radical, or just because the author is unsullied by specialist knowledge,

there's no guarantee that a new theory is true. In fact, most of the time it isn't. Gratuitous example: Aliens didn't engineer our species. The evolution of DNA did.

So how should you demonstrate that your idea is wheat rather than chaff? It's simple: publish. Write it up, don't just talk it up. If you publish, the world at large will do one of the following: (1) confirm your idea with new data, (2) send your theory to the rubbish tip with contradictory data, or (3) just ignore you. (This last option is reserved for those ideas that are adjudged not worth the bother.)

If possible, it's best to publish in a refereed journal, of course. That will give your revelation the sheen of peer review. Sure, this is daunting to non-established researchers who figure that these journals are the exclusive domain of the tried and tenured. But they are the conduit of serious science. Consider the caveat that physicist and author Paul Davies has put on his web site, namely that he is "not able to provide evaluations of manuscripts or papers unless submitted through a professional journal." He's a busy guy.

But even an unrefereed publication =96 indeed even that icon of immodesty, a self-published book =96 will buff your idea to a better gloss. Consider: When Galileo made his telescopic discoveries of the moons of Jupiter and a few other important things, he felt the need to get them typeset and bound ASAP (he was worried about being scooped by competitors). Rather than wait around 285 years for the Astrophysical Journal, Galileo rushed into print with his own, small book. Smooth move.

Frankly, it's simply not enough to merely concoct a cunning concept. Sure, that will provide you an interesting narrative, but that by itself won't be compelling. You need to substantiate your story. Charles Darwin not only had an idea; he had a book full of data =96 examples from finches to whales =96 that supported his idea. Galileo had night-by-night drawings of Jupiter's moons, as seen through his telescope.

Data are valuable. Ideas, on the other hand =96 like phone calls and e-mail =96 are cheap. Your creative genius may have hatched a truly revolutionary idea. Indeed, you probably think so. But no matter what your opinion of your hypothesis might be, if you hope for someone to fly you to Stockholm and hand you a check, don't just call me up and lay out your case. Do something better: write it up and tell the world.

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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## UFO Videoed From Chicago Train

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Source: The Examiner -Denver, Colorado, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/c74ege>

April 17, 2009

UFO Videoed From Chicago Train

A witness reported video taping a UFO from his seat during the early morning along Chicago's Midway Orange Line on March 16, 2009, according to a report filed with the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) database.

The man was on the train at 5:34 a.m. when he saw what appeared to be an anomalous object moving through the sky.

His complete, unedited statement follows: "This morning I was on my way to work while riding on the Midway Orange Line train, I happen to be looking out the window over at the 35th and Archer stop, I saw this glowing disk shape object when looking towards the south east. It just stood there for about 35 sec. And then it flew away.

"I really don't know that this is, but perhaps maybe you all can figure this out and tell me what this is."

MUFON's Illinois Director, Sam Maranto, watched the video tape this afternoon and said he believes "the witness may have been observing the fuselage of an airplane that was reflecting the morning sun."

"There was no unusual motion," Maranto said, "and it's most likely an airplane."

Take a look for yourself. Here is the video that was submitted with the report by the witness:

<http://tinyurl.com/dgr6rk>

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## First Crop Formation Of 2009 Season

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Subject: First Crop Formation Of 2009 Season

Source: The Crop Circle Connector - Clifton, Bristol, England, UK

<http://www.cropcircleconnector.com/2009/ridgeway/ridgeway2009.html>

17th April, 2009

[Photo]

First Crop Formation Of 2009 Season

14th April, 2009

The first formation of 2009 has occurred once again in Wiltshire, not far from the Ancient Standing Stones of Avebury. It is situated on the high downs outside the complex above the Avenue, not far from the Ridgeway track. Its appearance has a certain resonance to it, as if it is vibrating within the Oil Seed Rape! This is certainly a very early example of a formation in this colourful crop, however, because of the immaturity of the crop, its outline will slowly disappear within the growing plants. Located next to an ancient burial mound, once again we see the continued connection to important ancient sites. A befitting start to what I'm sure is going to be a fascinating season.

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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## UFO Seen by RCMP Over Canadian PM's Home

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Subject: UFO Seen by RCMP Over Canadian PM's Home

Source: Dundurn Press' Blog - Toronto, Ontario, Canada

<http://dundurn.com/ufos/>

April 13, 2009

UFO Seen by RCMP Over Canadian Prime Minister's Home, 1969  
by Chris Rutkowski

I'm currently working on my paper for presentation at the 2008 MUFON UFO Conference in Denver, in August. The thing about the MUFON conference is that invited papers must be pre-submitted by the end of April, four months ahead of the conference so that the Proceedings can be printed and available there. Hence, I'm spending a lot of nights typing and editing.

The topic of my talk is the 20-year longitudinal study of UFOs in Canada, based on our annual Canadian UFO Survey. As I was editing a section in which I describe parenthetically that many of the reports obtained in the survey come from government sources, I read through a blurb about the so-called "recent release" of UFO reports by the Canadian government. I've blogged about this several times before, so I won't go into why it's not accurate.

But in doing so, I came across a comment by David Haisell about a letter received by Canadian ufologist Arthur Bray from the Department of External Affairs, in which they state:

"The Canadian Government does not underestimate the seriousness of the question of UFOs, and this matter is being kept under consideration and study in a number of departments and agencies." (Letter to Arthur Bray from the Dept. Of External Affairs, dated April 13, 1971)

So the Canadian government stated in 1971 that "a number" of official departments were studying UFOs. However, what's most interesting to me is that the Prime Minister at the time was Pierre Elliot Trudeau, and that made me recall a UFO sighting that occurred over Ottawa in 1969, while he was in office.

Since the National Archives has scanned in many early UFO-related documents, I went looking for the case. Sure enough, I found it without too much trouble.

The case is interesting for several reasons. First, the witnesses were highly reliable. Specifically, they were RCMP officers! Second, they filed their reports on the UFOs through official channels. Third, we have their reports on file and for public examination. And fourth, the sightings took place while the RCMP officer was stationed at the Prime Minister's residence! In total, at least seven RCMP officers saw the UFO.

[scan of RCMP report]

Now, it's quite possible (and likely) that Trudeau was told about the incident. He had been asked about UFOs on several

occasions, and he apparently had at least a passing interest in the subject. In fact, the subject of UFOs was brought up in the Canadian Parliament in November 1968, during Trudeau's term as well.

This, of course, is not the first time that Canadian Prime Ministers and UFOs have intertwined. In 2004, as I have noted elsewhere, a UFO was seen by the pilot of the Canadian equivalent of "Air Force One" while the Prime Minister was on board. And Prime Minister Brian Mulroney was said to have been present in a limousine near the United Nations in New York as a witness when the infamous Manhattan "abductions" were taking place.

Maybe Canadian Prime Ministers are briefing American Presidents about UFOs, and not the other way around, as some conspiracy theorists claim.

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Chris Rutkowski is the official receiver of UFO reports submitted to Canadian Government Agencies...

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## Remembering A Great UFO Believer

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Subject: Remembering A Great UFO Believer

Source: CanWest.Com - Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

<http://tinyurl.com/cdjhfy>

April 17, 2009

Remembering A Great UFO Believer  
By T.W. Paterson  
Special to The Citizen

I'm forever amazed at what one can find by surfing the Internet. It can cut both ways, however. I'm often amazed (not to mention frustrated) when subjects that strike me as being obvious haven't caught the attention of those invisible, robotic search engines.

When a recent overhaul of my ever-growing library/archives turned up a copy of Canadian UFO Report, Volume 1, Number 1, it put me in mind of the late John Magor. Out of curiosity, I ran his name by Google (which wondered if I really didn't mean the British PM, John Magor?) and found several listings for his books.

The onetime publisher of the Cowichan Leader chose early retirement to take up the full-time journalistic investigation of UFOs in the late 1960s. (That's Unidentified Flying Objects - Flying Saucers -- to the uninitiated.) John wrote three books: Aliens Above, Always; Our UFO Visitors and Pagans In My Blood, as well as publishing the short-lived magazine, UFO Report.

I didn't really know John although I spoke with him on the phone from time to time, and often saw him in the vicinity of the post office as both of us went about our business. By the mid-80s, I could see, even at a distance, that he was having health problems. This became even more apparent to me when he showed up in my print shop one morning and asked to speak with my assistant of the day.

I called her to the front and returned to my work. But when quite some time passed and she didn't return to her paste-up table, I went in search. It turned out that John was there to interview her about a UFO sighting she and her boyfriend had experienced some years before that had been so vivid and so memory-etching, she had described it to me and to friends.

Somehow, word of her experience had reached John Magor and he, avid researcher to the end, was there, in my shop, in mid-morning and, dare I say it, in mid-production schedule, to interview Linda. And she had been too polite to suggest that he consider another time and venue.

Well, I've taken an interest in UFOs myself over the years. I'd subscribed to John's UFO magazine.

But for him to appear unannounced in my workplace, years later, armed with a tape recorder, on UFO business, did not work for me

and I suggested, politely, that he make some other arrangement with Linda.

I don't write of this now to make light of John Magor, but to illustrate how, even in his final years of failing health, when he found it more and more difficult even to get about, he doggedly followed his pursuit of information on anything related to the unexplained phenomena of aerial sightings, not just in the Cowichan Valley, but around the world. I always found him to be pleasant, intelligent and dedicated, qualities that I respect in anyone. But not necessarily in my print shop in the midst of production!

But to get back to my mint copy of the first issue of Canadian UFO Report. I know I have succeeding copies, too, but they have yet to turn up in my ongoing library overhaul, a project that just seems to keep on going.

John Magor introduced his new publication in January 1969 thus: "A list compiled by Brian Cannon, of Winnipeg, director of the Canadian Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, shows that in Europe and the Americas, without counting Asian countries, there are more than 100 organizations and periodicals devoted to the serious and single purpose of studying unidentified flying objects. If we add to these the countless individuals who are scientifically interested and the countless words given to the subject in public media, we begin to have some small idea of the impact of the UFO mystery..."

It was his belief, one for which he said he would offer scientific evidence in succeeding issues, that Canada's geological and/or geographical conditions made it "specially favorable to UFO operations. Is it because of our proximity to the North Pole where there is minimum interference from the Van Allen radiation belt? Is it because of the country's enormous mineral content or is it because the Canadian terrain has some feature that invites UFO inspection?

"Of course we do not know. But we do suggest that our polar relationship is of definite significance... We feel that in Canada we are in a unique position to explore those who are exploring us."

Obviously, John believed UFOs to be of intelligent origin; in fact, he admitted "only one bias, namely that we are believers. There is so much evidence pointing to the existence of UFOs that the hardest task must lie to those who would discredit them."

He exhorted readers to join his efforts and those of his associates to "bring official recognition" to UFOs.

Forty years have passed since publication of that first issue of his magazine. You rarely read or hear of UFOs in the mainstream media these days. It's as if they have fallen off the radar, so to speak. Are "they" still out there? Around the world, there are tens of thousands or more who share the late John Magor's belief that we are not alone in the universe. As for me, well, I like to keep an open mind.

But not on company time, if you don't mind.

For more T.W. Paterson: [www.cowichanchronicles.com](http://www.cowichanchronicles.com)

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## Re: Meet The New Boss... - Cox

From: Eleanor White <[ewraven1.nul](mailto:ewraven1.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 17 Apr 2009 10:09:05 -0400  
Archived: Fri, 17 Apr 2009 10:47:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Meet The New Boss... - Cox

>From: Kathy Kasten <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
>To: post to ufoupdates <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 15 Apr 2009 20:57:58 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Meet The New Boss... - Cox

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>is so important that - if true - my government disclose what it  
>knows about possible flights in the sky of craft from else where  
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The possibility of ET craft is important to everyone, and the  
information about such craft is owned by those who paid to  
obtain it, not the officials who have accumulated it.

Eleanor White

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## Re: UFO Seen by RCMP Over Canadian PM's Home

From: Carol Maltby <[carolmaltby.nul](mailto:carolmaltby.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 17 Apr 2009 11:07:53 -0400  
Archived: Sat, 18 Apr 2009 08:13:19 -0400  
Subject: Re: UFO Seen by RCMP Over Canadian PM's Home

>Source: Dundurn Press' Blog - Toronto, Ontario, Canada

><http://dundurn.com/ufos/>

>April 13, 2009

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>present in a limousine near the United Nations in New York as a  
>witness when the infamous Manhattan "abductions" were taking  
>place.

There's this Trudeau UFO, the UFO near the UN, there's the  
Stephenville UFO coming quite close to George W. Bush's Texas  
home.

Has there been any effort to correlate UFO sightings that are in  
the neighborhood of official residences or personal homes of  
major world leaders over the past few decades?

The standard scoffer's line is to say they'll believe it when a  
UFO lands on the White House lawn. Is within 5 miles of a  
present or former world leader's base "close enough for  
government work" in this context?

Carol Maltby

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Archived: Sat, 18 Apr 2009 08:16:46 -0400  
Subject: Re: Meet The New Boss... - Cox

>From: Frank Fields <[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 15 Apr 2009 22:52:30 -0400 (EDT)  
>Subject: Re: Meet The New Boss... - Cox

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>>Date: Wed, 15 Apr 2009 20:57:58 +0000  
>>Subject: Re: Meet The New Boss... - Cox

>>>From: [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
>>>To: [ufo-updates-list.nul](mailto:ufo-updates-list.nul)  
>>>Date: Wed, 15 Apr 2009 07:06:21 -0400  
>>>Subject: UFO UpDate: Meet The New Boss... - Cox

>>>Source: Sarasota Herald-Tribune - Florida, USA

>>><http://tinyurl.com/d7hkqc>

>>>Tuesday, April 14, 2009

>>>Meet The New Boss...

>>>It's been nearly three months since Barack Obama settled into  
>>>the White House, long enough for the transition team to have  
>>>completed its duties. It's been even longer since the last of De  
>>>Void's now-comically futile attempts to get transition team  
>>>coordinator John Podesta to elaborate on the UFO 'open books'  
>>>advocacy he espoused in 2002:

>>><http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bYvtgEkqG1M>

>>>Still, somebody's gotta do it, so De Void directed the Spring 09  
>>>query via e-mail to President Clinton's former chief of staff at  
>>>the Center for American Progress, the liberal think tank Podesta  
>>>founded in 2003.

>><snip>

>>Will you all beg my pardon but I have yet to figure out why it  
>>is so important that - if true - my government disclose what it  
>>knows about possible flights in the sky of craft from else where  
>>in the Universe.

>>Will doing so end the economic crisis by creating jobs and a  
>>stable housing market?

>>The expectations of what benefits there would be are never  
>>articulated.

>>To me, the call for disclosure is the same as the  
>>revolutionaries who call for an over throw of a government but  
>>have no idea what to do when they win.

>>Frankly, I have to wonder if the entire outcry for disclosure is  
>>to satisfy a group's egos - they get to shout "we told you so".

>>Help me out here. What is the outcome from disclosure besides  
>>massaging a few egos?

>You sound brainwashed.

<snip>

>It is not massaging ego it is our right to know the truth.  
>Bureaucrats and elect officials work for us. They do not have  
>the right to keep us in the dark.

It looks like nobody has any idea what comes after the government discloses what they know. Zero. Zilch. Nil. This is an example of being brain-washed.

Me, I hope the disclosure comes with immunity after the permission to 'shoot to kill'; for the military and the average citizen.

After hearing the stories of how humans are treated by 'aliens'?

I consider whoever is invading Earth to be hostile and they need to die. You think this is an unenlightened view? What is unenlightened is that all of you have no idea how to react to any information that might be revealed. At least I have a response. For the rest of you? The silence is truly deafening.

KK

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## Farewell Magonia

From: Terry Colvin <[fortean1.nul](mailto:fortean1.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 18 Apr 2009 05:40:52 -0400 (EDT)  
Archived: Sat, 18 Apr 2009 09:20:00 -0400  
Subject: Farewell Magonia

Excerpt from editorial in Fortean Times, #245, March 2009:

"Although ufology has always been central to it, Magonia's fertile brief embraced many fields which overlapped with our own interests - particularly the psychology of perception, anomalous behavior and contemporary 'systems' of belief (including conspiracy theories, mass panics and odd cults), spiritualism and 'psychic' photography, and the mysteries of hypnotism and shamanism, to name a few."

Terry

Terry W. Colvin  
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## Re: Constraining The Orbits Of Planet X And Nemesis

From: Eleanor White <[ewraven1.nul](mailto:ewraven1.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 18 Apr 2009 06:37:35 -0400  
Archived: Sat, 18 Apr 2009 09:22:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Constraining The Orbits Of Planet X And Nemesis

>Source: Universe Today - Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

><http://tinyurl.com/d35vp8>

>April 15th, 2009

<snip>

>The name "Planet X" was actually coined by Percival Lowell at  
>the start of the 20th century when he predicted there might be a  
>massive planet beyond the orbit of Neptune. Then, in 1930, Clyde  
>Tombaugh appeared to confirm Lowell's theory; a planet had been  
>discovered and it was promptly named Pluto. However, as time  
>went on, it slowly became apparent that Pluto wasn't massive  
>enough to explain the original observations of the perturbations  
>of Uranus' orbit (the reason for Lowell's Planet X prediction in  
>the first place). By the 1970s and 80s modern observation  
>techniques proved that the original perturbations in Uranus's  
>orbit were measurement error and not being caused by a massive  
>planetary body. The hunt for Planet X pretty much ended with the  
>discovery of Pluto in 1930, but it never lived up to its promise  
>as a massive planetary body (despite what the woefully erroneous  
>doomsday theories say otherwise).

The article seems to be commenting on a possible tenth planet  
outside the known Solar System in a more or less circular orbit,  
more or less in the plane of the orbits of the known planets.

The Planet X being popularly discussed at the moment allegedly  
is not in anything like a circular, co-planar orbit, but  
instead, is in an extremely elongated orbit, not co-planar with  
the rest of the planets' orbits. This elongated orbit, says  
popular chatter, causes Planet X to pass through the space  
occupied by the known planets only once every 3,600 years.

It doesn't sound to me as if the above article's writer ever  
considered such a possibility.

Eleanor White

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## Reporting UFO Sightings In Washington State

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 18 Apr 2009 10:25:00 -0400  
Archived: Sat, 18 Apr 2009 10:25:00 -0400  
Subject: Reporting UFO Sightings In Washington State

Source: KNDO/KNDU-TV - Yakima, Washington, USA

[http://www.kndo.com/Global/story.asp?S=10205530&nav=menu484\\_2](http://www.kndo.com/Global/story.asp?S=10205530&nav=menu484_2)

April 18, 2009

[video]

Reporting UFO Sightings In Washington State

Yakima, Wash-- A new study finds Yakima has one of the highest UFO reporting rates per capita. Popular Mechanics released the study, it shows by county the number of UFO sightings reported from 1947 to 2005.

Yakima County ranked fourth among small cities with 227 sightings and King County was second with 621 reported sightings among major metro counties.

One center for UFO sightings found there was an increase in areas near military training zones. There is a training reservation in Yakima, which could be one of the reasons.

KNDU talked to the Director of the National UFO Reporting Center, which has been in Seattle since 1974 and recently moved to Lincoln County. He says it's more important to report when you saw a UFO rather than where because according to him UFO's can travel very fast.

"We have a reason to believe that a UFO could have the breadth of the U.S. in a matter of minutes. It's much more interesting to look at all the sightings for a given time period than for a given geographical location," said Peter Davenport, National UFO Reporting Center.

The director asks if you see a UFO write down what time it was and maybe a paragraph about it on the centers website at [www.nuforc.org](http://www.nuforc.org).

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## MUFON's Cattle Mute Investigation Continues

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 18 Apr 2009 10:27:00 -0400  
Archived: Sat, 18 Apr 2009 10:27:00 -0400  
Subject: MUFON's Cattle Mute Investigation Continues

Source: The Examiner - Denver, Colorado, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/cpdb6a>

April 16, 2009

[photo]

Cattle Mutilation Investigation Continued, More Animals Found,  
More Authorities/Ranchers Baffled  
by Alejandro Rojas

AKA... the continued adventures of MUFON investigator Chuck  
Zukowski.

We pick up our story soon after our investigation on Saturday,  
March 14th. The following Tuesday, March 17th, Chuck received a  
call about another strange animal death, this time in  
Walsenburg. This rancher also welcomed our investigators to  
take a look and help explain what may have happened. Chuck set a  
time for the next day and headed out.

Majority of calf's body missing

The new victim was a one-week-old calf. Rancher, Tom Miller, had  
last seen his herd intact during their normal afternoon feeding  
time on Monday. The next morning the mutilated calf was found  
near the feeding tub, completely destroyed. The torso with the  
ribs and organs were completely gone, and the ears were cut out  
in circular patches. The only thing left was the head, the legs,  
and the spinal cord. Everything else was gone, without a trace.  
There was no blood in the area of the animal, and what was left  
looked crushed.

There were no signs of struggle. The crushing of the animal  
looked almost like it had been done by the animal being hit by a  
vehicle, but it was in a fenced area and there were no tire  
tracks. The location was also in view of the ranch house.

Miller and other local ranchers that he had asked to come take a  
look were baffled. The only explanation for the crushed  
condition of the remains they could come up with was that it was  
dropped from a very great height.

Chuck arrives to take samples

Chuck was able to get there Wednesday, the 18th. The day after  
the calf was found. The remains of the animal were now on the  
flatbed of a truck, ready to be hauled off. Chuck and I had  
discussed the importance of getting the animal to a veterinarian  
to have a necropsy done, but time and resources didn't allow for  
it. So Chuck was going to take samples and pictures and then  
work on finding a lab that could look at the samples.

Upon Chuck's arrival, one of the people at the ranch checking on  
the animal was a Colorado Brand Inspector. According to the

Division of Brand Inspection's website, their primary responsibility is to protect the livestock industry from loss by theft, illegal butchering, or straying of livestock. Brand Inspector, Dennis Williams, agreed with the ranchers that this death was unusual. They all told Chuck they had never seen predator damage like this. In fact, they felt that the incision around the ear appeared to be made by a laser. Once again there were wounds that looked to be cauterized.

And then a third mutilation

[photo]

The fun didn't stop there. Already overworked and stressed out from two animal investigations, and hard at work trying to find someone to look at the samples, Chuck received another call on Saturday March 21st. Brand Inspector, Dennis Williams, had received a call from ranch manager, Tim Meyers. Meyers had a strange cattle death that he asked Williams to come take a look at. Williams called Chuck, and they agree that Williams would take a look at the animal, and Chuck would come out if Williams found the death strange. Seasoned Brand Inspector, Williams, called Chuck that evening, and let him know he had another weird one. Chuck jumped in his UFO Nut (that's the name of Chuck's website, which he has on a sticker on his SUV) mobile, and headed out yet again.

This animal also had its udders removed. Meyers said it looked as though it were surgically removed. He had noticed the animal missing during feeding time Saturday March 21st, in the afternoon. He had last seen her the previous afternoon. He went to look for her, and found her body. He also found that she had given birth sometime on Friday, and the newborn calf was not far away. This was the cow's first time giving birth. She was about two and a half years old. Meyers was able to rescue the calf.

Besides the udders which appeared to have been surgically removed, the only other damage to the animal was in the vaginal area, where predators seemed to have gotten at it. Again, there didn't look to be any blood from the udder removal. In stark contrast to the predator damage which did produce blood.

Colorado State University able to look at samples

Trying to manage his life as a family man, a microchip engineer, and a reserve police officer, Chuck told me he didn't know what he was going to do if there was another. He was trying to get preliminary reports out to our colleagues and to Linda Moulton-Howe, a long time cattle mutilation investigator, who wanted to report the findings.

On top of that, we found that we truly were not prepared to handle these sorts of cases. We needed to find a lab that would be able to look at the animals and preferably be able to perform a necropsy within a couple days of the animal's death.

Colorado State University is one of the top veterinary schools in the country. Although they are in northern Colorado and these mutilations, and Chuck are in Southern Colorado, his first choice was to give them a call. He was able to get in touch with Colleen Duncan, Professor of Anatomic Pathology at CSU. It was a blessing when she told Chuck she was willing to take a look at his samples. Truly the break he had been looking for. He arranged to drive out there and get them the samples, so they could try to determine how the lacerations were made, and if indeed they found cauterization.

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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## Re: Meet The New Boss... - Cox

From: William Treurniet <[wtreurniet.nul](mailto:wtreurniet.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 18 Apr 2009 09:41:47 -0400  
Archived: Sat, 18 Apr 2009 13:32:47 -0400  
Subject: Re: Meet The New Boss... - Cox

>From: Kathy Kasten <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
>To: post to ufoupdates <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 17 Apr 2009 18:45:47 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Meet The New Boss... - Cox

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>It looks like nobody has any idea what comes after the  
>government discloses what they know. Zero. Zilch. Nil. This is  
>an example of being brain-washed.

>Me, I hope the disclosure comes with immunity after the  
>permission to 'shoot to kill'; for the military and the average  
>citizen.

>After hearing the stories of how humans are treated by 'aliens'?

>I consider whoever is invading Earth to be hostile and they need  
>to die. You think this is an unenlightened view? What is  
>unenlightened is that all of you have no idea how to react to  
>any information that might be revealed. At least I have a  
>response. For the rest of you? The silence is truly deafening.

You have got to be yanking our chain. In case you aren't, I'll  
jump in here. Hopefully, most of us will wait until after we get  
the information before we choose how to react. In fact, that's  
probably a pretty good reason right there for having disclosure.

William

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From: Joe Faccenda <[uforth.nul](mailto:uforth.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 18 Apr 2009 10:29:25 EDT  
Archived: Sat, 18 Apr 2009 13:36:01 -0400  
Subject: Re: Meet The New Boss... - Cox

>From: Kathy Kasten <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
>To: post to ufoupdates <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
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>>From: Frank Fields <[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>>Date: Wed, 15 Apr 2009 22:52:30 -0400 (EDT)  
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Kind regards,

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## Re: Meet The New Boss... - Cox

From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 18 Apr 2009 13:49:12 EDT  
Archived: Sun, 19 Apr 2009 07:41:40 -0400  
Subject: Re: Meet The New Boss... - Cox

>From: Joe Faccenda <[uforth.nul](mailto:uforth.nul)>  
>Message-ID: <[d55.4bf895a2.371b3dc5.nul](mailto:d55.4bf895a2.371b3dc5.nul)>  
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>totally different.

I've said this before and I'll keep on saying it: There is no  
way in hell the U.S. Government is going to entertain the notion  
of any form of disclosure regarding this matter.

The best any of us will ever see is another lame research  
project regarding the issue which will end up like the previous  
projects that are full of so many omitted facts, contradictions,  
out and out absurd fabrications and stonewalling tactics.

The only way you'll get any disclosure whatsoever will be from a  
foreign government like Great Britain or France or Australia. If  
disclosing just the research done into UFOs by our government  
would make money and political gain, we'd be up to our ears in  
it worse than the global warming or other issues.

So don't anyone hold their breath for any form of disclosure in  
any way form or fashion from official government sources.

Our best bet is to get folks to pitch enough of a fit to scare  
the politicians into addressing the issue without the fear of  
ridicule. If the Dems bring up the subject, the Republicans will  
attack and vice versa. Only the major religious groups can rally  
support but they won't unless there's some money in it and  
influence.

I've always said I don't care what the government discloses or not. We don't live on government alone. I don't need the government to validate a reality for me. It's either real or not. Why would I have to wait for some stuffed shirts to tell me the score? When I woke up this morning I didn't ask the government if the Sun was shining nor if the grits and jowls were ready to eat. I could see that on my own.

Maybe if we told the government\_not\_to have disclosure they'd get suspicious and come running to the press rooms to tell all they know.

Best,

Greg  
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## Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 18 Apr 2009 13:04:18 -0500  
Archived: Sun, 19 Apr 2009 07:43:46 -0400  
Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 12 Apr 2009 12:40:25 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 12 Apr 2009 08:06:55 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

>>>From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>>>Date: Sat, 11 Apr 2009 20:32:03 +0100  
>>>Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

<snip>

>>>For the moment I can't see any point in continuing this  
>>>discussion (My, how far we've come from the title of this  
>>>thread!)

>>Not at all, Sir! Your conduct continues to be disorderly, to a  
>>degree, when it is not so overburdened with bias and cant that  
>>it risks intellectual constipation and ironic implosion. 'Eat'  
>>some leeks.

>I have known John for a long time, and my quarrel with him is  
>not a personal one. I've met him face to face (in London in  
>1995) and found him, no surprise to me, perfectly entertaining  
>and interesting company. Except in rare instances (the rude and  
>boorish Philip J. Klass most prominently), I find that I can  
>disagree with somebody's ideas on one issue without  
>automatically judging the person disagreeable in the larger  
>human context.

>Because I respect his intelligence, though, I keep expecting  
>better of John.

<snip>

It's his facile, biased, and presupposing ability to smirk and  
sneer, Jerry. It's his condescension to address your obviously  
more selfless clarity as, at best, childish suppositions of the  
errant and credulous.

This is a default activity practiced while evading points he  
won't concede when concession is indicated, appropriate, and  
expected. He pretends he doesn't have a clue that for all his  
pompous posturing it seems to be you more in tune with the  
gravid proclivities of the exestentionial; you to have gone  
further to the bone on the issue. The longtimer will know I'm  
not fawning, eh?

See, whatever he has cobbled together from the psychological  
mall to allay his ironically juvenile sub-surface fear, it  
remains that he holds, as do we all, an indeterminable position  
on a planet entirely out of control in a sea of misunderstood  
time as unknowable as it is vast. Not "if, then," but "If, if,  
if, if, if, then."

If he's scared he ought to grow up. "We're all in the same boat" is abundantly reassuring and from that precipice one would think we'd be looking together for ways to move passed some pretty vile human behaviors, human behaviors precipitating out of a cowardly desire to maintain a 'convenient' status quo as irrelevant as it is intellectually demeaning.

Our Mr. Rimmer is a homocentric ideologue, in my estimation, and extends himself as a willing target for the criticism of those things he purports to be as factual as they are reasonable where they are not remotely factual or reasonable. It's his, only characteristic for the "breed," lack of vision, imagination, and humility ever spinning my turbines, actually, apart from me not knowing him from bunny-pants. Though, to some degree a person becomes their words. I'll live and die with mine.

I am more than willing to concede he may be a great guy and a boon dinner companion. It remains I want to whack him with a sturdy board for his sullen intransigence, drown him in broccoli water for his pompous arrogance, and fry him in ghee for his gleeful smirking. I want to take his conjectured brain down to the river and beat it on a rock. He's not alone.

How must I apologize for even impassioned metaphor?

It's not personal, mind. I apologize if you and Mr. Rimmer thought I was trying to take it there. Though, for my money, Mr. Rimmer must earn the opprobrium proposed for his ready arrogance and stand tall for same. I do. You do. Around the corner and behind a psychological burning-bush, Mr Rimmer might seem to, too.

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## Mind-Scan Micro-Expressions & Hypnosis Compared

From: Rick Nielsen <[nilthchi.nul](mailto:nilthchi.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 18 Apr 2009 11:46:26 -0700 (PDT)  
Archived: Sun, 19 Apr 2009 08:45:00 -0400  
Subject: Mind-Scan Micro-Expressions & Hypnosis Compared

According to David Jacobs, and others, mind-scan is a process by which grey aliens read alien abductee's thoughts and implant false visions, false motivations, and false memories. During mind-scan the grey aliens stare into a human abductee's eyes with their own big, wrap-around-the-skull eyes. Possibly telepathically, these grey aliens make an abductee's will their own. This process seems to work like both a very effective body language reading process, and an equally effective hypnosis.

According to Paul Ekman, and others, true, yet hidden emotions can be "read" in quick facial expressions, which last less than a fifth of a second. These quick facial expressions are what Ekman and others call micro-expressions. Although 'natural' micro-expression readers exist, most professionals concerned with lie/truth detection are as ineffective as the general population, usually no better than a coin-toss, or about 50%. However, this skill of detecting true, yet hidden emotions by reading micro-expressions can be learned in usually less than one hour, by using a proprietary training tool offered for sale by Paul Ekman's company.

Are mind-scan and Ekman's deception techniques the same? No. Mind-scan seems to employ something like Ekman's truth detection techniques, as the grey aliens detect the abductee's 'thoughts', or true feelings. But mind-scan also includes something like a most effective hypnotic suggestion.

While mind-scan and Ekman's technique are not the same, we can see that all of the features of the mind-scan technique are within the abilities of humans to perform. Since Ekman's techniques have been available for review in the research databases of academia since the 1960's, it is entirely possible that his techniques, and an effective hypnosis technique, could have been used by military abductions since that era.

What do you think?

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## Re: Farewell Magonia

From: **John Rimmer** <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 18 Apr 2009 19:51:27 +0100  
Archived: Sun, 19 Apr 2009 08:47:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Farewell Magonia

>From: Terry Colvin <[fortean1.nul](mailto:fortean1.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>,  
>Date: Sat, 18 Apr 2009 05:40:52 -0400 (EDT)  
>Subject: Farewell Magonia

>Excerpt from editorial in Fortean Times, #245, March 2009:

>"Although ufology has always been central to it, Magonia's  
>fertile brief embraced many fields which overlapped with our  
>own interests - particularly the psychology of perception,  
>anomalous behavior and contemporary 'systems' of belief  
>(including conspiracy theories, mass panics and odd cults),  
>spiritualism and 'psychic' photography, and the mysteries  
>of hypnotism and shamanism, to name a few."

Terry, we were very pleased to receive such a glowing 'obituary'  
from Fortean Times, especially when they referred to us as their  
"philosophical elder brother"

We're maintaining a spectral existence with our archive and  
blogs, so pop in from time to time to see what's happening.

<http://magonia.haaan.com/>

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

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

With all our best wishes to the gallant readers who've kept us  
going for forty years!

John Rimmer

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## UFO WORLD Interactive Magazine

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Subject: UFO WORLD Interactive Magazine

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From: Craig <[craig.nul](mailto:craig.nul)>  
Sent: 19 April 2009 12:03 AM  
To: "Undisclosed-Recipient:;".nul  
Subject: UFO WORLD Interactive Magazine

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Here are a few notes from the site

Welcome to UFO WORLD Interactive Magazine, the worlds first and only fully interactive magazine specializing in the subject of Ufology.

Started in January 2009 as a project by the Birmingham UFO Group, UFO WORLD's magazine was released internationally from it's very first edition. The magazines growth accelerated overnight to readers from as far as Japan to Australia and Iceland to Brazil.

The United kingdom has been setting the standards for magazine publication since the birth of literature. Previous UK magazines "UFO MAGAZINE" and "UFODATA MAGAZINE" were the worlds favourite published magazines attracting 10's of thousands of readers every month.

Due to the death of UFO MAGAZINE's Graham Birdshall, and this years devastating news of the closure of UFODATA MAGAZINE The UK

and the UFO community have received a severe blow, leaving the worlds most productive country in magazine publication and leading UFO research closed to the outside world.

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## Truth Of Madison's Big UFO Event

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Source: The Huntsville Times - Alabama, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/cggcz9>

Sunday, April 19, 2009

Dec. 11, 2007: The Truth Of Madison's Big UFO Event  
By Don Palmer

The National UFO Reporting Center has on record a total of 448 sightings of unidentified flying objects over Alabama since recording of such celestial phenomena began in July 1949.

The most recent sighting occurred in late February in Tuscaloosa, described by a person as a "bright blue sphere hovering for over 20 seconds before bolting."

Normally, I would think such a report came from a space cadet, those wide-eyed earthlings who fall in the 36th percentile who believe in flying saucers, according to recent surveys. Upon closer inspection of the Alabama record, I am drawn to the similarities among the mysterious object over Tuscaloosa and two sightings observed above Madison at 9 p.m. on Dec. 11, 2007.

According to NUFORC, witnesses in Madison reported seeing "a disc with four blue lights" and "small, violet-blue, quiet UFO moves and hovers around grocery parking lot." Closer investigation of the incident reveals that the grocer on Hughes Road is Kroger.

In Tuscaloosa, the hovering sphere was spotted over Kangaroo Express on University Boulevard. It may just as well have been Kmart with its blue-light specials, but this store has long been beamed out of existence from UA land.

As is the fashion to compare President Obama with President Kennedy, I am inspired by the words of our 35th president who, incidentally, put men on the moon: "The problems of the world cannot possibly be solved by skeptics or cynics whose horizons are limited by the obvious realities. We need men who can dream of things that never were."

I like that. Why be a skeptic when you can dream of things that weren't despite the obvious realities?

In a burst of executive energy, I embarked on research to uncover the truth behind the blue flitting objects, or BFOs.

Kaboom! A brilliant flash of cosmic kinesis keenly came to bear: Kroger, Kangaroo, Kennedy - the solution to alien discovery, like a cryptic Da Vinci code, appeared to lie within the 11th letter of the alphabet.

It occurred to me that stuff from space is somehow connected to the letter K. Keanu Reeves played Klaatu, an alien in the film "The Day the Earth Stood Still." In the TV series "Star Trek,"

Capt. Kirk is the protagonist; K'mpec was chancellor and Koord a general in the Klingon Kingdom - also known as Kronos or Klinzhai - including the betrayed planet Khitomer.

To test my theory, I visited the Kroger store and spoke with the manager. I inquired about that azurite December night in a city then governed by take-me-to-your-leader Kirkendall.

Did anyone witness the BFOs? I asked. Negative. I had a suspicion that Agent K of "Men In Black" discharged his neuralyzer, wiping out the memories of staff and shoppers alike.

That was the day Madison stood still. The only trace remaining of a possible extraterrestrial visit was the curious absence of kale, Kool-Aid and Krispy Kremes from Kroger's shelves. A race of intergalactic kleptomaniacs, I figured.

Or maybe they're kidnappers. Believe it!

That is the battle cry of AT&T's kitschy Internet ad promoting its bundled wireless subscription service. A film clip captures a flying saucer zooming down into a neighborhood in the middle of the night, hovering outside an open bedroom window, beaming up a dozing fellow, trailed by his phone, computer and TV.

After some suspicious shipboard processing of this KO'd human, he is beamed back to his bedroom minus the appliances. Invasion of the klepto body snatchers!

Every earthling knows that the mission of illegal aliens - the extraterrestrial kind - is to invade. And Huntsville is developing the weapon to fight back! Following this month's launch of the Kwangmyongsong-2 by kooky North Korean Kim Jong-il the world got a kernel glimpse of Redstone's ambitious interceptor missile project, the Kinetic Energy Interceptor.

That would be NUFORC sighting No. 449.

Like a Mars attack, however, Washington is cutting money to missile defense programs out the kazoo. This may well be a job for the man of steel from Krypton! If all else fails, we can always blast the invaders out of the sky with karaoke.

Don Palmer of Madison is one of The Times' community columnists for 2009.

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## More 'Case Hosed' Skank - Cox

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Subject: More 'Case Hosed' Skank - Cox

Source: Sarasota Herald-Tribune - Florida, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/cjcyhx>

April 17, 2009

More 'Case Hosed' Skank  
By Billy Cox

In this 40th year since the USAF abandoned its public UFO studies and went underground, maybe it's time to trot out some sort of commemorative Greatest Hits in Lame-o Denials anthology.

The 2008 Stephenville fiasco leaps immediately to mind, and Gerald Haines' "CIA's Role in the Study of UFOs 1947-90" was an instant classic in its attempts to blame it all on the mistaken identities of SR-71 and U-2s.

But for epic status in the Theatre of the Insipid, the USAF's Roswell Report: Case Closed is like Sinatra, Elvis, James Brown, Don Ho and Maria Callas all rolled into one.

Like Nightmare On Elm Street or Friday the 13th, the Case Closed report is the third sequel in the Roswell franchise that began in 1947 with a press release stating that a crashed disc had been recovered in the desert. Hours later, Roswell Army Air Field put the kibosh on the initial euphoria over its technology coup with a weather balloon cover story.

In 1994, under pressure from a New Mexico congressman, the USAF ejaculated a new riff, that what field investigators discovered was actually Project Mogul, a secret balloon train with monitors designed to record any evidence of Soviet nuclear activity. It was informally known as the Final Word report.

Three years later, with the 50th anniversary of its initial press release bearing down, the Case Closed rendering amended the Project Mogul story with its most regrettable contortion yet: Witnesses who reported seeing alien bodies were confused by anthropomorphic balloon-drop dummies, an experimental program that began in 1954, seven years after the Roswell event.

Even the MSM, which relegates UFOs to a couple of rungs lower than celebrity skank, howled when author Capt. James McAndrew released that stink bomb in 1997.

McAndrew's punch-bowl floater resurfaced last week when researcher Tony Braglia posted his interview with one of the fall guys at:

<http://www.ufocon.blogspot.com>

Turns out that retired USAF Lt. Col. Raymond Madson is still steamed about how McAndrew used him a dozen years ago.

"I hadn't read the report in years," says Braglia from his home

in Florida. "I knew when it initially came out that was totally absurd, but when I picked it up and re-read Madson's statement, I thought, this is a reasonably intelligent man, and he's linked to a story that even a 5-year-old would laugh at.

"So I gave him a call, and he went on and on. He just had to vent."

Madson, 79, was directing the USAF's crash-test dummy program in the 1950s, called Project High Dive. His Case Closed affidavit provided a routine recounting of his role in the air drops over New Mexico's outback. When he read how McAndrew was suggesting that 6-foot tall dummies could be mistaken for significantly smaller alien cadavers reported from a decade earlier, Madson hit the roof. He told Bragalia he repeatedly tried calling McAndrew, to no avail.

"I didn't trust McAndrew. In fact, I don't even like him," said Madson, who suspects the military was telling the truth in the first press release that ignited the enduring controversy. "I don't like the way that he operates." He accused McAndrew of being "sent on a mission" to "produce a specific directive." Read: debunking.

This is all old news, and amid the larger patterns of official obfuscation, a mere morsel. What it suggests is that there are more gems to be mined in the fine print, and that the Greatest Hits will keep getting better and better.

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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## UFO Videod In Bendigo Australia

From: **Sheryl Gottschall** <[gottscha.nul](mailto:gottscha.nul)>  
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Archived: Mon, 20 Apr 2009 07:57:14 -0400  
Subject: UFO Videod In Bendigo Australia

Source: All News Web - Sydney, Australia

<http://www.allnewsweb.com/page6726728.php>

19 April 2009

[Video at site]

Australia: UFO filmed in Bendigo, Victoria  
Michael Cohen  
[m.cohen.nul](mailto:m.cohen.nul)

A sharp-eyed resident of the town of Bendigo in Victoria, Australia noticed a strange object moving in the sky on Tuesday evening earlier this week. The unnamed witness noted that:

"( I ) Just stepped outside this evening, enjoying a cuppa and this unidentifiable flying thing appears in the sky travelling steadily, I instantly ran inside and grabbed the HD video cam and captured what I could. As I was in a hurry, I didn't switch the cam to night vision mode, it was set to sunny, though it was dusk, as for the shakiness, well I couldn't believe my eyes!

This object tracked across the sky with a relative velocity moving in an arch from north to south I've included a few short shots at the end of the video to demonstrate how a star (B) looks through my cam and how an aero plane (A) looks through my cam, I took those shots five minutes after filming the object...

I really don't know what this is."

Rural Victoria is generally one of Australia's UFO hotspots. Generally most UFO sightings occur out of big cities. This is either because the skies are so much clearer than in the cities or as one rural Australian UFO enthusiast puts it, "There ain't much to do around these parts other than look up into the gool old sky."

Thanks to reader, Darren Carpenter, for sending us this video.

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## Australian TV UFO Feature

From: Nick Pope <[nick.nul](mailto:nick.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 19 Apr 2009 22:17:10 +0200 (CEST)  
Archived: Mon, 20 Apr 2009 08:00:41 -0400  
Subject: Australian TV UFO Feature

The Channel 7 show Sunday Night just aired a major UFO feature, looking at the release of the MoD's UFO files, Bentwaters, the Cosford incident, Wing Comander Alan Turner's radar case, etc. The feature can be viewed on the website:

<http://au.tv.yahoo.com/sunday-night/>

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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## Re: UFO WORLD Interactive Magazine

From: Joe McGonagle <[joe.mcgonagle.nul](mailto:joe.mcgonagle.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 19 Apr 2009 22:14:02 +0100  
Archived: Mon, 20 Apr 2009 09:05:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: UFO WORLD Interactive Magazine

Just in case anyone wants to download the free issue #1 but doesn't want to download and install the peer-to-peer client software ('Pando'), I have uploaded the magazine to:

<http://www.sendspace.com/file/mej78o>

Note that it is a 250 Mb .pdf file which includes multimedia content.

Regards,

Joe

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## Re: Meet The New Boss... - Cox

From: Eleanor White <[ewraven1.nul](mailto:ewraven1.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 19 Apr 2009 18:17:52 -0400  
Archived: Mon, 20 Apr 2009 09:07:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Meet The New Boss... - Cox

>From: Kathy Kasten <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
>To: post to ufoupdates <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 17 Apr 2009 18:45:47 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Meet The New Boss... - Cox

<snip>

>I consider whoever is invading Earth to be hostile and they need  
>to die. You think this is an unenlightened view? What is  
>unenlightened is that all of you have no idea how to react to  
>any information that might be revealed. At least I have a  
>response. For the rest of you? The silence is truly deafening.

For information that's new, I tend to read, hear or see it, then  
formulate what to do about it.

If gov has been contacted by ET, I'll wait until I hear more to  
decide how to react.

I don't see gov 'flipping out', so I guess it's something human  
beings can handle. Regardless of how terrible the info may be, I  
want to know it anyway. I resent important information being  
kept from the people who own it.

Eleanor White

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## Colin Andrews At X-Conference

From: Joe McGonagle <[joe.mcgonagle.nul](mailto:joe.mcgonagle.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 20 Apr 2009 00:50:47 +0100  
Archived: Mon, 20 Apr 2009 10:10:00 -0400  
Subject: Colin Andrews At X-Conference

In an article by Michael Salla at:

<http://tinyurl.com/com3fy> (Examiner.com)

Salla describes a claim by Colin Andrews thus:

"Andrews most startling claim was that a British Harrier jet that passed over a crop circle on October 22, 1987, left the scene without its pilot and later crashed 300 miles into the Atlantic ocean. The plane, according to Andrews, had passed over the crop circle's energy field and this was the primary factor in triggering the ejection mechanism of the plane. Essentially, the pilot ejected through the canopy which caused his death and his body was found near crop circles."

I had thought that this story had been written-up and debunked, but I was unable to find it on the internet, so I have tried to pull together a few items.

Firstly, from Flight Magazine archive at:

<http://www.flightglobal.com/pdfarchive/view/1987/1987%20-%202205.html>

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FLIGHT INTERNATIONAL, 31 October 1987

BAe pilot killed  
DUNSFOLD

A British Aerospace test pilot, Taylor Scott, was killed in what appears to be a freak accident while test flying a Harrier GR.5 on October 22.

The aircraft departed BAe's Dunsfold airfield at 1700hr on its final pre-delivery test flight before handover to the Royal Air Force which was scheduled for the next day. The aircraft climbed out to the west passing through Boscombe Down's area where the zone controller made the last radio contact at 1710hr when everything appeared normal. The Harrier then operated at high level in its pre-briefed test area until, at 1740, London Military Radar noticed that the Harrier was straying outside its planned area.

When London Military failed to make radio contact, the Distress and Diversion cell (D&D) was informed at 1750hr. D&D asked a United States Air Force C-5 Galaxy en-route from RAF Mildenhall to Dover AFB, Maine, to intercept the Harrier which was heading west at 30,000ft. The USAF crew located the Harrier at about 1800hr and reported that the cockpit was unoccupied, and the canopy was missing. The Galaxy crew took a video recording of the Harrier, and this is now being examined. The Galaxy shadowed the Harrier until the latter ran out of fuel, and crashed into the Atlantic at 1903hr, some 250 n.m. southwest of Ireland.

A search-and-rescue operation was launched when the Galaxy crew reported the Harrier's cockpit empty. Flight understands that no distress call, ejection autotone, or pilot's personal locator beacon was heard. A large air, ground, and sea search was made

covering a swathe 10 n.m. either side of the Harrier's track from the point of last radio contact at 1710hr, to the point where the Harrier was intercepted offshore.

At 1800hr the next day a gamekeeper found Taylor Scott's body in a field on Salisbury Plain near Winterbourne Stoke, about 5 n.m west of Boscombe Down airfield. The parachute, dinghy pack, and cockpit canopy frame were also found, some distance from the pilot. The Martin-Baker Mk.12 ejection seat had not been found as we go to press. British Aerospace could not confirm or deny reports that the seat remained in the aircraft.

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Taylor Scott

Aged 40, Taylor Scott was married with two children. Taylor Scott joined the Royal Navy in 1964. After training he flew Sea Vixens before a tour with the US Navy, including the Fighter Weapons School (Top Gun) at NAS Miramar. From 1974 to 1977 Taylor was an Air Weapons Instructor flying F-4 Phantoms from Ark Royal before being appointed the Royal Navy's Sea Harrier Project Liaison officer at Dunsfold. In 1979 he left the Royal Navy to join British Aerospace as a Sea Harrier test pilot. In 1982 Taylor Scott was instrumental in clearing the AIM-9L Sidewinder for use in the Falklands War and volunteered for active service. On temporary recall he helped form and train 809Sqn before returning to BAe. In 1983 he was appointed Sea Harrier Project Test Pilot and earlier this month was appointed Deputy Chief Test Pilot at Dunsfold.

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Bear in mind that we are discussing the death of a human being, who had a family - I'm sure these fantastic stories about crop circle energies are no comfort to his bereaved relatives.

The following extracts are from an interesting thread on the Professional Pilot's Rumour Network at:

<http://tinyurl.com/ccval7>

There are other related threads linked from there as well.

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20th July 2005, 09:19  
mrwickets

Think you're referring to a pre-production Harrier GR5, which was being flown by a BAe Test Pilot. Something to do with selecting manual separation instead of emergency oxygen or motoring the seat up / down and dislodging a seat as I recall. Don't know if cause was ever positively determined, but there have been many takes on what actually happened. Whatever, they reckon the seat drogue fired, the result being that the poor bloke was dragged out of the jet through his straps and canopy. Jet crashed into the Irish Sea I think.

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20th July 2005, 10:21  
Oggin Aviator

Concur with mrwickets above. Friend of mine was the god daughter of the tp involved and that is how she described the accident.

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20th July 2005, 17:55  
Rhys S. Negative

Dunsfold Harrier  
The subject of the original query was Harrier GR.Mk.5 ZD325, the 6th production aircraft. The accident happened on 22-Oct-87. I was a junior FTE at Dunsfold at the time.

I'm interested that mrwickets refers to

Quote:

selecting manual separation instead of emergency oxygen

and John Farley to

Quote:

two main scenarios as it is generally the wander-lamp theory that is remembered, as in RJM's post.

I think it is noteworthy that the man sep and emer oxy handles on the Mk.12 seat are of similar shape, on opposite sides of the seat, whereas on earlier seats emergency oxygen was selected by pulling a knob or a ring-shaped handle; further, that the emergency oxygen gauge is on the opposite side of the seat to the operating handle, i.e. in close proximity to the man sep handle.

As I recall, a test of the emergency oxygen system was briefed for the fatal flight. Of course, there should be an interlock which would have prevented the manual separation handle from being pulled up by mistake while the seat was still in the aircraft, so this would need to have failed, but in my view this was as plausible as the wander-lamp explanation, and I believe contains lessons on ergonomics and man-machine interface design.

Agree with the sentiments expressed about Taylor - a top bloke.

Rhys.

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20th July 2005, 18:27  
LuckyBreak

Not wanting to sound like an Air Accident Report spotter, but I seem to recall that the cause was a loose item in the cockpit, and when the pilot motored his seat down it bent the rod connecting the MOR handle to the whatsit which activated gas in the other whatsit, which punted his drogue out of the canopy and pulled him out of the jet. Since then, all MB seats have had a cover over the connecting rod. Check out the gashly welded on cover next time you see a Tucano/Canberra/Jag etc seat out.

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21st July 2005, 08:06  
bosskite

There were two theories after Dunsfold. The one already discussed was motoring the seat down onto a rogue wander lamp. The other was that the seat could have been mis-rigged in the bay prior to installation resulting in the man sep interlock being ineffective. Post accident, there was another less publicised mod in the front of the seat that removed the possibility of mis-rigging.

Significantly for a Harrier pilot, the relative (L&R) positions of the EO & mansep handles are transposed between the Type 9 seat in Harrier GR3 and the Type 12 in the then GR5. Thus the other theory was did Mr Taylor - with all due respect to a wonderful TP - who was programmed to pull the EO, and who also flew Harrier 1s, had a cognitive failure and operated the incorrect handle - with the interlock that should have saved him not working.

As the seat remains unrecoverable in the aircraft at the bottom of the Atlantic, the official report came down on the side of the wander lamp theory rather than mis-rigging plus cognitive failure (balance of probability stuff). However, there has always been much debate.

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So I think Colin Andrews is fantasising about the accident having been caused by mysterious energy fields emanating from crop circles (which were probably man-made to start with) - unless of course he knows better than the experienced pilots on the PPRUNE forum and has some evidence to back up his wild claims?

If he is fantasising about this incident, what else is he



fantasising about one has to ask?

Cheers,

Joe

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## Skeptics And Their Skepticky Ways

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Friday, April 17, 2009

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Skeptify Me: Skeptics And Their Skepticky Ways

Recently I pointed you toward an interesting article at the HuffingtonPost which spoke of finding textual indicators of fear in the writing of many skeptics. Now, as many of you know, this is right down my alley. I was "trained" as a literary critic in grad school, where I focused on psychological theories of literature. Using those techniques, as the author at HuffPo did, one can often discover the author's motive and intent (or at least make a coherent argument that this is what you have done).

That got me started thinking about skeptics and skepticism again. The HuffPo piece spoke of motive: skeptics are motivated by their deep-seated fear of what they cannot control. And that is interesting and something worth thinking about. But today I mainly want to talk about technique, because skeptics have a definite toolset that they use in their debunking. By recognizing these tools, you can also learn to recognize when you are being skeptified. Here's a short list that occurs to me at this moment:

1. Skeptics will use terms to name and devalue the position of their adversaries, to marginalize and ridicule them. I think of this as "naming and shaming", because once the position is named, you find yourself ashamed to be in that number. In skeptical critiques of bigfoot researchers, the most obvious example is the way they like to call us "believers", implying that our acceptance of the fact that people see and experience bigfoot is an expression of faith, like religious faith. We believe in things unseen. The problem with that, of course, is that many believers have seen. It's what made them believers in the first place. Now, while it's true researchers are engaging in the same rhetoric by labeling people as skeptics when they criticize our side of the argument, there is that one difference - we've got experiences that lead us to think a certain way. Skeptics do not.

2. Skeptics assume as a matter of uncontested fact that their view of the way the world works is unquestionable, although the last 100 years of modern science shows quite clearly that the view we get of reality in our every day lives is hopelessly naive. If you have been paying attention to the material I write with the label "your weird world", then you know about some of the things that imply quite strongly that our perceptions of the world are at odds with the deepest levels of reality as they are revealed to scientists. This has been true for many years, but the conventional wisdom about the world has been slow to catch up. Which prompts this question, taking us back to #1 - isn't

it a matter of faith now to insist that the world is the way we naively think it is based on our senses? When faced with the knowledge that it probably isn't, wouldn't that be the time to start speculating and looking at anomalies, knowing from past experience that this is what will cause science to progress?

3. Skeptics find the weakest point of an argument and use that to declare the whole thing null and void. Did someone ever hoax a bigfoot sighting? Then it's all hogwash, end of discussion.

4. Skeptics make a blanket denial that there is "not one shred of evidence" to support the existence of bigfoot, ignoring the evidence that there is. It may not be good evidence, or persuasive evidence, but it is evidence. It seems silly to lie about that. Why not make a statement like, "the evidence they have doesn't amount to a hill of beans." You'd still be dismissive, but you wouldn't be lying. I wonder if they think they aren't lying? I don't know what else you'd call it when you make a judgment (ie, footprints and witness stories are all bunk) and then speak as if your judgment is a fact. So I have to go with lie.

Now as it happens, I had gotten to right about here in writing this post, thinking I'd have to go find a skeptical take on bigfoot to gather examples of my non-scientific, but legitimate literary criticism of skeptical thought and writing. Coincidentally, however, a piece just came out on the OregonLive.com blog, bookmarks, which will suit us very well. The blog post introduces us to Michael McLeod and his new book *Bigfoot Believers: Faith and Fakery*, which is presented by the writer as a clear-headed examination of the bigfoot phenomenon.

I had previously noted that in these skeptical polemics one can often find the skeptic railing about something that he or she will be guilty of elsewhere in the body of the piece. There's a fine example of this in the article in question. This would have been the next number in our list, so let me put it out here:

5. The skeptic will often expose their own hypocrisy in the body of their skeptical writing, actually doing something themselves that they claim believers do.

Now in this case, here's the naughty thing that bigfoot believers do: they fail to realize the problem with Patterson finding what he set out to find. The author writes, "Skeptics point out that Patterson set out to find and film Bigfoot and did, in broad daylight." In science this is a no-no because if you set out with an end point in mind, you may, indeed almost certainly will, color your evaluation of the evidence. But this isn't what the skeptic means in this case. I am sure he only means to say that seeking and then finding would indicate fraud on Patterson's part. As you can see, the rule (which is a reasonable one in science, though it's a problem that doesn't have an easy solution, since human beings like to follow their passions), has been appropriated and generalized. In fact, there is no logical reason that one cannot achieve what one sets out to do. But let's put that aside for a moment and focus on the original scientific truism which has been generalized to a sciency-sounding canard.

Would you be surprised at this point if our skeptic had broken this very rule? Certainly not, because I wouldn't have any reason to ask if he hadn't. So let's bring it out and look at it, shall we? (The bolding is mine):

McLeod said "'UFology' is nutzoid, but I'm not entirely dismissive of the possibility of aliens out there somewhere. It's a big universe. But the idea of an 8-foot-tall, 700-pound beast walking through the forests of the Pacific Northwest is ludicrous."

Well then! Let's just start "investigating" and we'll prove what we already believe! And I think that must be what he did, because he says:

"there's never been any evidence, physical or any other kind" to prove its existence, McLeod said. "It's folk art. A lot of people have been mistaken in what they've seen, and others have been faked out."

You may remember that in #4 I mentioned he would do that, say

"no shred of evidence." In fact, there is evidence. He could be thought to imply that this evidence is all hoaxed by his next sentence, but don't lose sight of the fact that he has once again substituted his judgment for the facts here. The evidence exists. We may decided it isn't good enough and reject it, but we cannot thereby make it cease to exist.

This unintentional hypocrisy is called irony, and, as I say, I have always found it in the writing of skeptics. Perhaps it is simply a feature of just about anyone's writing when they are working in a polemical vein, but I think it is interesting in any case. So I'll give you another example of irony from the piece. "People want to believe in something..." the author of the post writes, but presumably following Mr. McLeod, "...and selectively use evidence to support their belief while ignoring anything that contradicts it."

Oh they do, do they? Like when Skeptics want to believe bigfoot doesn't exist and selectively use evidence to support their belief while ignoring anything that contradicts it, even?

Irony was big in the literary circuits back in the mid 20th century, and was still a staple in university English classes when I attended, so I'm well rehearsed at finding it. When you find it in an accomplished author's writing, it's often used as a marker of a problem or obsession for the character. When you find it in the work of a lesser writer, the problems and obsessions usually redound to the author himself (which is really true even with the most skilled writers). I'm not trying to denigrate either the writer of the article or Mr. McLeod by saying this - surely neither of them thinks they are James Joyce. Great authors have a meta-awareness of their texts and so they can arrange the ironies to serve their artistic interests, but we lesser powers rarely have such insight, so when ironies are exposed, they are by and large unintentional, and quite often revealing. I believe it was Freud who said something along the lines of, "that which we hate most in others is what we despise in ourselves." He called it Projection. (Jung liked this idea so much he took it and made The Shadow out of it.) In other words, we like to beat up others for doing what we ourselves do without consciously realizing it.

Returning to the matter at hand, I'm struck by Mr. McLeod's obvious disdain for bigfoot believers. You've already seen some examples of it in what I've quoted above, but here's a striking quote:

"You're not going to shake these people", Michael McLeod said.  
"They don't want to admit anything."

"Believers" are referred to as "these people", which singles them out in a way we often hear in everyday speech. There, "these people", "you people", or "those people" is used to denigrate, devalue, and separate. To McLeod, "these people" are "ludicrous" folk (even beneath the "nutzoid" who believe in UFOs), who will conceal truths for motives left unstated by McLeod (and, check, truth concealing - that's another irony). Now I don't know Micheal McLeod personally, but from what he's written here I can see that he's not a kind fellow, at least in his approach toward people who believe in bigfoot. What causes him to take such an attitude?

What a person believes should normally not impinge upon our natural respect for that person, unless those beliefs cause harm to others. As an example, one of my favorite bands, Yes, is fronted by Jon Anderson, who believes in fairies. I know this about him, but I also know that he is a lovely person who has made some great music. I don't hold it against him that he believes in fairies. For all I know, fairies exist somehow, someway. I think I would respect Mr. Anderson even if he never sang a note in his life. He's got beliefs, and reasons for those beliefs. (And my lack of interest in fairies pretty well assures I won't learn enough to debate the topic with him.) So I just respect his right to believe that and go my way. It's not really a big deal.

That's the way it should be, especially now that we know the world is weird. But that's not the attitude of the skeptic. This sort of thing makes me think again of Philip Slater's argument at HuffingtonPost, that the skeptic's motivation is to control his or her own fear. It's my feeling that we don't normally

abuse people who haven't harmed us in some way (real or imagined). I don't think that's part of human nature. But if the person in question has beliefs which frighten us, and evidence to back that up, we certainly might think of that as a harm. One can see an equation here, which gives the skeptic a motive to abuse the believer. What the believer believes threatens the skeptic. It's a theory and I think it bears looking into.

Now we've covered most of the items I enumerated above. I think #2 can only be inferred from the article in question. I may revisit that later when I sweep through here to revise and tidy things (and I'll let you know if I do) but we can illustrate #3 fairly well, with two examples from the post.

First comes this, from the introductory paragraphs of the essay:

After Ray Wallace died in 2002, his children revealed that he had a pair of carved wooden feet he used to stomp around the woods in Northern California, leaving tracks that he claimed belonged to Bigfoot.

The disclosure should have been a blow to Bigfoot hunters everywhere, because Wallace's stories about a huge, hairy humanoid are credited with starting the Bigfoot movement. If Wallace was a practical joker, shouldn't that make those who believe in Bigfoot think twice?

Yeah, because Wallace must've faked all those bigfoot encounters across the USA and also in Australia, Asia, and Europe! And the yeti! Wallace had to be in on that. I don't like to ridicule too often, but really, this is a ridiculous point. Even if "Wallace's stories... are credited with starting the Bigfoot movement", that does not mean that in fact Wallace's stories created bigfoot. Bigfoot stories have been around for centuries. I suppose it's possible that neither the writer of the article, nor the author of the book, is aware of this fact, but it is bad scholarship on their part if they are not, and dishonest scholarship if they are. But the point for the skeptic is simply to prop up a straw man to beat. Put up Wallace and wail on him for awhile. For good measure, the writer also picks on Patterson and his cronies in Yakima:

McLeod did enough digging to confirm, to his satisfaction, that Patterson's friends in Yakima knew all about his Bigfoot schemes and more than likely one of them wore an ape suit for the movie.

Yeah, we've heard that. And if it turns out the Patterson/Gimlin film is a hoax, then that's it, it's all over. Because every bigfoot account relies upon that film being as pure as the driven snow! Even the accounts that occurred before the filming! Ahem. Where was I? These are examples of that #3 category I proposed above: take a weak spot in the case and make that stand for the whole case. Make a straw man and beat the stuffings out of him.

The kinds of rhetorical tactics I am discussing here are not what we would use if what we wanted to do was engage in a healthy and honest debate. These tactics are designed to make the opponent appear ridiculous, strange, and beneath our notice. And these tactics work. I don't go a week without hearing how bigfoot doesn't exist, because, "Didn't that guy admit he faked it?" It would be a great thing if skeptics would simply approach the topic with an intellectually honest attitude, but for some reason they don't seem to be able to do that. Maybe Phillip Slater is on the right track.

UPDATE: Over on Snarly Skepticism, Regan Lee picks up on this post and adds her perspective. Have a look.

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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Above Bluebook: UFO Government Conspiracy  
By Joseph Capp

Updates: Chucks Artifacts, Night Vision Scope Test

"It was in another lifetime... full of toil and blood... where  
darkness was a virtue... and the road was full of mud"  
--Dylan

There was a clandestine government body unknown to Project  
Bluebook that investigated UFOs.

Notice, no question marks here.

I believe this is fact. The proof is below:

Mike Nelson: Protage Ohio UFO Venus Case:(for info)

<http://tinyurl.com/yuwaso>

Dedicated To Deputies Dale Spaur, William Neff and Mike Nelson

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Many of you may not know Arthur Godfrey: he was a TV host in the fifties similar to Letterman and the rest. He was also a pilot who had witnessed a UFO. He mentioned it a few times over the years. On one of his shows, he interviewed Dorothy Kilgallen, a syndicated columnist. A private 'source' and rather important person, as I remember, had reported to her a UFO experience. The male witness was on a dark deserted road near his car and noticed this bright disk coming toward him above the treetops. The disk made a turn and followed along a cut off dirt road. He was totally in shock but... what happened next shocked him even more. He watched as a dark "official looking" car with what looked like a radar dish, slowly pulled up. The car's dish rotated toward the direction the UFO had taken, pointed right where the UFO had just traveled, then slowly took turned off down the same road.

Many debunkers and UFO skeptics claim the government wanted to be as far away from the nonsense of UFOs investigations as possible. Project Bluebook was a compromise to get people off the government's back and the UFO subject out of their hair for good. John Alexander reinforces this idea more than anyone I know. John Alexander at the SSE conference spoke forcefully about his inside military contacts and how they would have told him about anything such as the aforementioned secret agency.

John, take a back seat... Project Bluebook didn't even know.

Mike Nelson reinforces what we have been hearing about all along. A powerful ultra-secret government authorized agency not only investigated UFOs, they also monitored them. They kept this secret from people with very high clearances.

Sometimes a Conspiracy is really a Conspiracy and you don't need a theorist to figure it out.

Update Chuck's Artifacts: A scientist will look at the material. He actually jumped at the chance. He agreed to do it freely but anonymously. We will have the test results and when we do we will post them.

Update On UFO (Night Vision Scope) : A couple friends and I purchased a level 3 night vision scope. My friend had been out with the scope for two weeks and he saw nothing. My thinking was maybe ETs were not visiting his state anymore. We had ordered a 3X zoom lens for it and it arrived two night ago. He took it out one night and called me up reporting what a difference it was using the zoom lens:

"Joe you can see tons of stars now".

So he took it out last night for a real run and here is his email to me.

"I was out with my son \*\*\*\* and his friend tonight. We saw no less than 6 moving objects in about 30 minutes. One raced across the sky and then stopped for about 5-10 seconds. I never took my eyes off of it. It then reversed direction and then went back the way it came"

For two weeks all he was seeing was satellites... but now he sees the visitors. Welcome to the new world Of UFO spotting.

Joseph Capp  
UFO Media Matters  
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## Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 18 Apr 2009 13:04:18 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

>It's not personal, mind. I apologize if you and Mr. Rimmer  
>thought I was trying to take it there. Though, for my money, Mr.  
>Rimmer must earn the opprobrium proposed for his ready arrogance  
>and stand tall for same.

At six foot eight inches, Mr Rimmer has no trouble in standing  
tall. As for the rest of Mr Lehmborg's lucubrations, perhaps  
another kind list-person could send me a translation.

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John Rimmer

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Monday, 20 April 2009

Scientist Hawking Ill In Hospital

Leading scientist Stephen Hawking's condition has "improved" after being admitted to hospital with chest problems, Cambridge University says.

His employers said Professor Hawking was undergoing tests on Monday at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge.

A university spokesman said the 67-year-old, who has motor neurone disease, was now "comfortable".

Prof Hawking, author of *A Brief History of Time*, has worked at Cambridge University for more than 30 years.

The world-famous physicist, who uses a wheelchair and speaks with the aid of a voice synthesiser, had flown to the US at the end of February to the California Institute of Technology where he is a visiting scholar.

But he had not been well for some weeks and called off an appearance at Arizona State University on 6 April because of his illness.

He was flown back to the UK on Saturday and was admitted to Addenbrooke's on Monday after being seen by a doctor.

Disease conditions

Prof Peter Haynes, head of the University's Department of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics, where Prof Hawking works, said: "Professor Hawking is a remarkable colleague.

"We all hope he will be amongst us again soon."

Prof Hawking developed symptoms of motor neurone disease while studying in the 1960s and is one of the world's longest-surviving sufferers.

The scientist has three children and one grandchild. He became a CBE in 1982 and a Companion of Honour in 1989.

Last year, it was announced he would be stepping down as the university's Lucasian Professor of Mathematics at the end of this academic year.

It is policy for holders of the title to retire at 67.

However, Prof Hawking said he intended to continue working as Emeritus Lucasian Professor of Mathematics.

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## Enigmas Of Ancient Egypt Documentary

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Subject: Enigmas Of Ancient Egypt Documentary

Hello,

I have contact with independent producer from Russia, who are looking for possibilities to present their work for English speaking countries.

Maybe you know somebody who can be interested in this documentary? Here is description and links to Promo and first part of documentary:

Promo (07:34 min) - <http://rutube.ru/tracks/188635.html>

Part 1 (25:42 min) - <http://rutube.ru/tracks/187894.html>

The summary to film "Enigmas of Ancient Egypt"

Film "Enigmas of Ancient Egypt" is created on the basis of the unique material which has been received during several expeditions. The film base on facts and hypotheses which are deliberately ignored by the academic science because they threaten to bring down a habitual picture of far last mankind. A lot of objects is closed for wide access, and shooting of them is forbidden. Therefore spectators will see much for the first time.

Authors have decided to rely not on this or that theory, but only on the real facts, the logic and a common sense. Such point of view inevitably results in a conclusion, that in Egypt for thousand years up to the first pharaohs there was very highly advanced civilization which surpassed in the knowledge and technologies not only a primitive society of ancient Egyptians, but also modern mankind. Ancient Egyptians named representatives of this civilization as "gods".

"Enigmas of Ancient Egypt" opens a bigger project "Taboo subjects of history" which realization was started by Foundation of development of science "3-rd Millenium". Many research expeditions to different countries are planned within the framework of this project, which will be accompanied by creation new films about interest facts and mysteries of the past of mankind.

Part 1. "Secrets of seven pyramids".

In Egypt there are more than hundred pyramids, seven of which cardinally differ from all others on methods and technology of construction. They so drop out of the general picture of a primitive society of Ancient Egypt that allow to put forward the version of their creation long before the first pharaohs by the civilization which has reached very much a high level of development. Egyptians named representatives of this civilization as "gods".

Part 2. "Eternal repair".

The numerous facts specify that Egyptians frequently did not build anew pyramids and temples, but only used for this purpose

the rests of much more ancient constructions. Pharaohs only did their reconstruction and repair which traces can be found practically over all Egypt. And building technologies of times of pharaohs and could not rise up to a level of their great predecessors.

Part 3. "Technology of gods".

In Egypt there are many artefacts which specify a reality of existence of unique civilization here for thousand years up to the first pharaohs. On these artefacts there are traces of such tools and methods of processing which in many respects surpassed opportunities not only a primitive society of times of pharaohs, but also a modern civilization. Even most advanced technologies are not enough to produce similar traces.

Part 4. "Search of gods knowledge".

Pharaohs knew about existence long before them very highly advanced civilization of gods and aimed to become proficient in gods knowledge. They carried out archeological works, created collections and even the whole museums. The part of such assemblies has reached and up to now. From these collections we can not repeat many subjects even with the help of the advanced technologies. However both during pharaohs time and nowadays they carefully conceal the knowledge of gods from the people.

Part 5. "Logic on the contrary".

The analysis of the real facts allows to restore some receptions and methods which were used by the ancient civilization of the Egyptian gods. As it is found out, this methods rather strongly differ in the most logic from ones which are habitual to us. But even it does not give the unequivocal answer to a question on an origin of this civilization. Enigma continues to exist: "gods" were aliens or inhabitants of legendary Atlantic.

Part 6. "The Great Transformer".

When we try to understand the purpose of construction of the Great pyramid, we appear in a role of the Neanderthal man before buzzing transformer. The newest researches show that the pyramid had technical purpose and used energy of our planet. A lot of strange properties of pyramids and details of their internal design appear not casual and have connection with unknown technology of function of these huge "plants".

Thank you,

Sergey  
Toronto

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## Former Astronaut: Man Not Alone In Universe

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<http://www.cnn.com/2009/TECH/04/20/ufo.conference/index.html>

Mon April 20, 2009

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Mitchell, who was part of the 1971 Apollo 14 moon mission, asserted Monday that extraterrestrial life exists, and that the truth is being concealed by the U.S. and other governments.

He delivered his remarks during an appearance at the National Press Club following the conclusion of the fifth annual X-Conference, a meeting of UFO activists and researchers studying the possibility of alien life forms.

Mankind has long wondered if we're "alone in the universe. [But] only in our period do we really have evidence. No, we're not alone," Mitchell said.

"Our destiny, in my opinion, and we might as well get started with it, is [to] become a part of the planetary community. ... We should be ready to reach out beyond our planet and beyond our solar system to find out what is really going on out there."

Mitchell grew up in Roswell, New Mexico, which some UFO believers maintain was the site of a UFO crash in 1947. He said residents of his hometown "had been hushed and told not to talk about their experience by military authorities." They had been warned of "dire consequences" if they did so.

But, he claimed, they "didn't want to go to the grave with their story. They wanted to tell somebody reliable. And being a local boy and having been to the moon, they considered me reliable enough to whisper in my ear their particular story."

Roughly 10 years ago, Mitchell claimed, he was finally given an appointment at Pentagon to discuss what he had been told.

An unnamed admiral working for the Joint Chiefs of Staff promised to uncover the truth behind the Roswell story, Mitchell said. The stories of a UFO crash "were confirmed," but the admiral was then denied access when he "tried to get into the inner workings of that process."

The same admiral, Mitchell claimed, now denies the story.

"I urge those who are doubtful: Read the books, read the lore, start to understand what has really been going on. Because there really is no doubt we are being visited," he said.

"The universe that we live in is much more wondrous, exciting, complex and far-reaching than we were ever able to know up to this point in time."

A NASA spokesman denied any cover-up.

"NASA does not track UFOs. NASA is not involved in any sort of cover-up about alien life on this planet or anywhere else -- period," Michael Cabbage said Monday.

Debates have continued about what happened at Roswell. The U.S. Air Force said in 1994 that wreckage recovered there in 1947 was most likely from a balloon-launched classified government project.

Stephen Bassett, head of the Paradigm Research Group (PRG), which hosted the X-Conference, said that the truth about extraterrestrial life is being suppressed because it is politically explosive.

"There is a third rail [in American politics], and that is the UFO question. It is many magnitudes more radioactive than Social Security ever dreamed to be," Bassett said.

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## Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

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Archived: Tue, 21 Apr 2009 12:09:40 -0400  
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>From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 20 Apr 2009 17:39:18 +0100  
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>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>>Date: Sat, 18 Apr 2009 13:04:18 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Disorderly Conduct Charges For UFO Hoaxsters

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>>thought I was trying to take it there. Though, for my money, Mr.  
>>Rimmer must earn the opprobrium proposed for his ready arrogance  
>>and stand tall for same.

>At six foot eight inches, Mr Rimmer has no trouble in standing  
>tall.

I'm always amazed at anything stacked that high, but then I  
remember the buttresses required, the bumpers, supports, and  
stays needed; the scaffolding, ramparts, and barricades  
necessary for such ambitious construction. Kick away any one  
of these load bearers though and the whole clap-trap if hopeful  
erection collapses like the medieval church it ironically  
resembles, built too high. Too, there may be oxygen debit at  
that altitude.

>As for the rest of Mr Lehmborg's lucubrations, perhaps  
>another kind list-person could send me a translation.

My experience, with all respect to those reading, is that it is  
more often than not the intellectually "uptight" and otherwise  
cognitively "constipated" so ready to profess this regrettable  
lack of understanding. Others seem to follow along, and when  
they don't? They ask specific questions regarding what I might  
have meant by "such and so." Apart from not wanting an answer in  
the first place it remains an option. It's a courage thing.

See, written respectfully in a manner that is to be understood,  
my explicated belief is meant to be perceived apart from what  
cannot be known, anyway... so "known" by design. It's there...  
here... after all. We can go word for word if you want to.

It remains, there a felt presence of the moment reached for even  
as that "reach exceeds its grasp," eh? You still "feel," and  
that is pursuant to grasp, so, reach I will... and apologize  
in advance if my thumb goes in your eye, but it's not my  
problem. The eye saw the blind hand reaching and could have  
blinked.

Perhaps that "kind List-person" mournfully implored can  
translate this, too.

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>tall. As for the rest of Mr Lehmborg's lucubrations, perhaps  
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Would be glad to oblige John.

Overnight I assembled a team of Psycholinguistics who split  
into groups covering various segments such as Semantics,  
Pragmatics, and Phonetics. Syntax was of course scrutinized, and  
we had a brain storming session in Morphology.

Exhausted after working through the night all the various  
strands were compiled, and I was handed the results.

It would appear Alfred disagrees with you...

Kind regards,

Joe Faccenda

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Archived: Tue, 21 Apr 2009 14:00:00 -0400  
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List,

On Tue, Apr 21, 2009 at 10:17 AM, UFO UpDates - Toronto  
<[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>wrote:

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Is a transcript of this National Press Club press conference  
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## Peru & Spain

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Archived: Tue, 21 Apr 2009 14:03:00 -0400  
Subject: Peru & Spain

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology  
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This Week:

Simulacra: Peru's Hombre de Quives

and

Spain: Remembering The Palomares Incident

both at:

[www.inexplicata.blogspot.com](http://www.inexplicata.blogspot.com)

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>Mitchell, who was part of the 1971 Apollo 14 moon mission,  
>asserted Monday that extraterrestrial life exists, and that the  
>truth is being concealed by the U.S. and other governments.

In short, how many times does Dr. Mitchell have to come forward  
with his research and experience? I've said this over and over  
again that we could march a real live alien in front of the  
White House cameras during the annual July 4th celebration and  
no one would care nor take notice.

This declaration by Dr. Mitchell should be on the evening news  
with flags waving. Red flags at that. Why? Because he's got to  
produce a witness or two but that still doesn't hold back on his  
declaration. I won't accept anything less than a full look into  
his claims by 60 Minutes, Dateline NBC, Oprah and whomever else  
they can dig up.

We'll see how it goes from here on out.

Best,

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

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## Cold Fusion Hot Again Like UFOs Still Descradited

From: Dave Haith <[visionsl.nul](mailto:visionsl.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 20 Apr 2009 23:25:29 +0100  
Archived: Wed, 22 Apr 2009 02:31:06 -0400  
Subject: Cold Fusion Hot Again Like UFOs Still Descradited

Cold Fusion Hot Again But Like UFOs Still Descradited

Slightly off topic perhaps but with great relevance to the UFO debate, is what's happening with cold fusion research right now.

Even with US Government research confirmation that it's real there are still 90 per cent of scientists who discredit the whole subject - in fact consider research into it, taboo.

Ring any bells?

You can watch a video of the 13 minute broadcast of the 60 Minutes TV program at this website where there is also a transcript

<http://tiny.cc/GIWFu>

Be sure to watch the two extra tiny interview segments with electro-chemist Michael McKubre entitled The Stubbornist Man on Earth and A New Edison? which particularly remind one of the struggle UFO researchers have against the status quo.

McKubre suggests that cocky science thinks it knows it all but probably knows very little.

For those interested in the science of cold fusion, here are a couple of reports of research presented at the national meeting of the American Chemical Society last month.

Neutron tracks revive hopes for cold fusion

<http://tiny.cc/GgjJO>

New Cold Fusion Evidence Reignites Hot Debate

<http://www.spectrum.ieee.org/mar09/8407>

A large number of technical papers and additional information on the subject are available on the Low Energy Nuclear Reactions website:

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## Mum Spots Latest UFO In Top End

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 22 Apr 2009 02:35:54 -0400  
Archived: Wed, 22 Apr 2009 02:35:54 -0400  
Subject: Mum Spots Latest UFO In Top End

Source: Northern Territory News - Darwin, Australia

[http://www.ntnews.com.au/article/2009/04/21/46371\\_ntnews.html](http://www.ntnews.com.au/article/2009/04/21/46371_ntnews.html)

April 21st, 2009

Mum Spots Latest UFO In Top End  
by Rebekah Cavanagh

[Photo]

A Territory mother has backed up claims unidentified flying objects have returned to the Top End after she photographed two "discs of light" in the sky.

The mother-of-three, who wished only to be known by her first name Kym, took the photo as she watched the dark rain clouds roll towards her Palmerston home last month.

Kym said the image was taken on her mobile phone and that she didn't notice the strange lights in the clouds until she downloaded her pictures on to her computer.

She took many photos and even some video footage on her phone but said the UFOs only appeared in the one shot.

"It's hard to tell what it is - it's very strange," she said.

"There was some lightning at the time but the shape of these lights is different."

"If it was streaks you'd think it was lightning but these are circles.

"I thought it could be a street light reflection in the screen of the mobile I took the photo with but the street lights aren't on."

Her story follows that of Territorian Alan Ferguson, who told in the Northern Territory News this month how unidentified flying objects had returned to the skies above his Acacia Hill home.

More Territory UFO pictures

Mr Ferguson put the rural suburb, 50km south of Darwin, on the international map last year when he first photographed UFOs flying around his home.

He said he quickly grabbed his camera on seeing a bright silver flickering object in front of a cloud last month.

The skywatcher said the UFOs seemed to appear when it was hot.

"Those aliens - they must have some pretty good airconditioning in those things, hey," he said.

Kym said she had never had any previous encounters with UFOs.

"I've never really thought about them or had a view on them," she said.

"But my motto is never say never - anything's possible."

HAVE you seen or photographed a UFO in Territory skies. Send in your pics via our News Tip form or email [newsbreakers.nul](mailto:newsbreakers.nul) or phone 8944 9724 to tell your story.

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Subject: UFO Conference Is 'Out Of This World'

Source: The Examiner - Denver, Colorado, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/dg6dor>

April 20, 2009

UFO Conference Is 'Out Of This World'

Want to meet some of the most influential people studying ufology today? Get out to Galena, IL, May 28-31, for the Illinois Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) sponsored conference.

And if you like serious talk about UFOs and you play golf - you're in for a treat.

MUFON's Illinois Director, Sam Maranto, set the conference at the famous Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa - and wrapped a golf tournament around the affair.

The Out of This World UFO Conference and Golf Tournament includes some very well known speakers.

Beyond golf and the speaker sessions, the four-day event includes dinner in historical Galena, Mystery and History Ghost Tours, and a Night Watch and Star Gazing event.

Speaker Line-up: Who's Who?

If you happen to be a beginner ufologist and are not familiar with the names - check out this impressive list of speakers.

Image: Roswell Daily Record from July 8, 1947.

Stanton Friedman - An advanced nuclear and space systems physicist, Mr. Friedman has spoken at more than 600 colleges and over 100 professional groups in all 50 states and 16 other countries, and has appeared on hundreds of TV and radio programs. He is a world-renown UFO researcher and author of numerous books on ufology - most recently - of Flying Saucers and Science.

Richard Dolan - A gifted historian, Richard is considered a foremost UFO researcher and is the author of UFOs and the National Security State. He studied at Oxford University before receiving his graduate's degree in history and lectures around the country and in the media on the general topic of UFOs. Author of UFOs and the National Security State.

Kathleen Marden - Kathleen, a certified hypnotherapist and educator, was a close relative of Betty and Barney Hill and authored Captured! The Betty and Barney Hill UFO Experience: The True Story of the World's First Documented Alien Abduction, co-authored with nuclear physicist/scientific ufologist Stanton Friedman. She lectures and is frequently seen on TV as an expert on UFO abductions.

Jesse Marcel, Jr. - Jesse retired as a Colonel from the USAF after serving for 38 years as a flight surgeon. He is one of the few witnesses to the wreckage of the Roswell Incident and is often a guest on TV and radio programs on the subjects of UFOs and his father, Captain Jesse Marcel, stationed at Roswell AFB at the time of the UFO crash.

Kevin Randle - Kevin was a former Army pilot and USAF intelligence officer. He has a PhD in psychology and is an author of over 100 books including many books on the UFO phenomenon (Roswell Revisited). He appears as a guest on TV programs and documentaries and hosts his own UFO program on the radio.

Donald Schmidt - Author of the best-seller, UFO Crash at Roswell, Don has continued his investigations into the incident, uncovering new evidence and coverups. He is also a frequent speaker in documentaries and TV programs and on the radio. He is a regular lecturer at Illinois MUFON conferences.

Ted Phillips - A co-worker and close friend of Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Ted is a physical evidence researcher who investigated over 600 suspected UFO landings. He has met with representatives at the UN and appeared on numerous TV and radio programs and documentaries. Ted is the director of the Center for Physical Trace Research.

Sam Maranto - Sam is the State Director of Illinois MUFON and the leading researcher into the Tinley Park Lights in Illinois.

He has appeared numerous times on UFO Hunters and other TV documentaries and is heard discussing the subject of UFOs on many radio stations both statewide and nationally.

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## UFO Files: David Clarke's Inside Story

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 22 Apr 2009 03:43:00 -0400  
Archived: Wed, 22 Apr 2009 03:43:00 -0400  
Subject: UFO Files: David Clarke's Inside Story

Source: John Rimmer's Magonia Blog

<http://tinyurl.com/c9kr2f>

Wednesday, 15 April 2009

UFO Files: David Clarke's Inside Story

David Clarke has supplied this information on his forthcoming book:

The UFO Files: The Inside Story Of Real-Life Sightings will be published in paperback during July 2009 by The National Archives. The recommended cover price is =A312.99 but those who order early can obtain a discount." [You may like to use the Amazon link at the end of this post]

"The book has been specially produced to accompany the ongoing releases of MOD files via the TNA website UFO page. The UFO Files showcases accounts of UFO experiences extracted from the entire TNA collection from the 19th century to the present day.

"The first two chapters include official accounts of sightings and investigations of phantom airships, foo-fighters and flying saucers from the first half of the 20th century.

"Later chapters cover classic UFO incidents featured in the Air Ministry and Ministry of Defence files, ending with the most recent material released under the Freedom of Information Act. The book concentrates upon primary documents and interviews conducted with key witnesses, much of which will be new even to seasoned UFOlogists.

"Working with The National Archives has meant that some key historical documents have been made available for publication for the first time. The book will include over 70 original images from the files, including accounts collected by an Air Ministry investigation of strange phenomena sighted over London in 1921!

"Original records reveal how British Intelligence and the CIA investigated many Cold War sightings, from the Roswell incident of 1947 to ghost aircraft, Radar Angels to the RAF's confidential files. The book sheds new light on many famous cases, such as RAF Topcliffe, 1952; the Flying Cross in Devon, 1967; RAF West Freugh, Scotland, 1957; the Berwyn Mountains UFO crash and the Phantom Helicopter Mystery, as well as the notorious 'Welsh Triangle' and the Rendlesham Forest incident.

"Dramatic witness statements and personal interviews - many undertaken by the author himself - combine with rarely seen photographs, drawings and newly available documents to bring these extraordinary experiences vividly to life. From aerial phenonema of the First World War to crop circles and a secret UFO study of more recent times, The UFO Files offers a unique guide to our most intriguing mysteries."

This is going to be essential reading.

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## Clips Of UFO-Related Media Reports

From: **Giuliano Marinkovic** <[giuliano.marinkovic.nul](mailto:giuliano.marinkovic.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 21 Apr 2009 18:27:45 +0000 (GMT)  
Archived: Wed, 22 Apr 2009 04:45:00 -0400  
Subject: Clips Of UFO-Related Media Reports

Dear Colleagues,

A compilation of recent UFO related media reports:

New Jersey UFO Hoax - Fox TV

April 3, 2009

<http://tinyurl.com/NJHoax>

Former Area 51 Employees Break Silence - Fox TV

April 13, 2009

<http://tinyurl.com/Area51Whistlers>

CNN Coverage of X Conference and Edgar Mitchell

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i98LBIS-ugE>

X Conference 2009 - CNN Streaming

Part 1

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0yKhKgVpgBY&feature=channel\\_page](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0yKhKgVpgBY&feature=channel_page)

Part 2

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GGgG3p1W2iM&feature=channel\\_page](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GGgG3p1W2iM&feature=channel_page)

Part 3

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0OWFyazxzD0&feature=channel\\_page](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0OWFyazxzD0&feature=channel_page)

Part 4

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jtHP0ECNlco&feature=channel\\_page](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jtHP0ECNlco&feature=channel_page)

Part 5

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-fBpA38sgwc&feature=channel\\_page](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-fBpA38sgwc&feature=channel_page)

Part 6

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yTr6PDTgytw&feature=channel\\_page](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yTr6PDTgytw&feature=channel_page)

Best Wishes,

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## UFO Reports By Mainstream Media & Official

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 22 Apr 2009 04:47:00 -0400  
Archived: Wed, 22 Apr 2009 04:47:00 -0400  
Subject: UFO Reports By Mainstream Media & Official

Source: Institute for the Study of Globalization and Covert  
Politics - Netherlands

[http://www.isgp.eu/UFOs/UFO\\_reports\\_index.htm](http://www.isgp.eu/UFOs/UFO_reports_index.htm)

July 18, 2008

The UFO Issue

UFO Reports By Mainstream Media And Official Investigators

[February 25, 1942 to July 13, 2007]

Following is a list of many dozens of chronologically organized news reports (157 at the moment) covering a period from 1942 until today. Over 97 percent of these articles can be considered mainstream. Official documents and well-respected individuals are cited in most of them. More articles will be added in the future.

[All reports in text format --ebk]

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## Re: Former Astronaut: Man Not Alone In Universe

From: Katharina Wilson <[K.Wilson.nul](mailto:K.Wilson.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 21 Apr 2009 15:09:01 -0500  
Archived: Wed, 22 Apr 2009 05:50:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Former Astronaut: Man Not Alone In Universe

>From: Greg Boone [Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)  
>To: [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 21 Apr 2009 11:18:49 EDT  
>Subject: Re: Former Astronaut: Man Not Alone In Universe

>>Source: CNN - Atlanta, Georgia, USA

>><http://www.cnn.com/2009/TECH/04/20/ufo.conference/index.html>

>>Mon April 20, 2009

>>Former Astronaut: Man Not Alone In Universe

>>(CNN) -- Earth Day may fall later this week, but as far as  
>>former NASA astronaut Edgar Mitchell and other UFO enthusiasts  
>>are concerned, the real story is happening elsewhere.

>>Mitchell, who was part of the 1971 Apollo 14 moon mission,  
>>asserted Monday that extraterrestrial life exists, and that the  
>>truth is being concealed by the U.S. and other governments.

<snip>

>This declaration by Dr. Mitchell should be on the evening news  
>with flags waving. Red flags at that. Why? Because he's got to  
>produce a witness or two but that still doesn't hold back on his  
>declaration. I won't accept anything less than a full look into  
>his claims by 60 Minutes, Dateline NBC, Oprah and whomever else  
>they can dig up.

What, exactly, are you trying to say here?

Katharina

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## Re: Above Bluebook: UFO Government Conspiracy

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 21 Apr 2009 20:33:36 -0400  
Archived: Wed, 22 Apr 2009 05:55:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Above Bluebook: UFO Government Conspiracy

>Source: Joseph Capp's UFO Media Matters Blog

><http://tinyurl.com/cml4p9>

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## Hawking Expected To Recover

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 22 Apr 2009 07:49:38 -0400  
Archived: Wed, 22 Apr 2009 07:49:38 -0400  
Subject: Hawking Expected To Recover

Source: PhysOrg.Com - Douglas, Isle Of Man

<http://www.physorg.com/news159520429.html>

April 21st, 2009

Stephen Hawking Expected To Recover From Infection

(AP) -- The family of physicist Stephen Hawking expects him to recover fully from a chest infection that has left him hospitalized, Cambridge University said Tuesday.

Hawking "was being kept in observation" at Addenbrooke's hospital after being admitted Monday.

"He is comfortable and his family is looking forward to him making a full recovery," Cambridge said in a statement.

Hawking, 67, gained renown for his work on black holes and has remained active despite being diagnosed at age 21 with ALS, (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis), an incurable degenerative disorder also known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

Hawking has been almost entirely paralyzed for years and communicates through an electronic voice synthesizer activated by his fingers.

Hawking was involved in the search for the great goal of physics - a "unified theory" - which would resolve contradictions between Albert Einstein's General Theory of Relativity, which describes the laws of gravity that govern the motion of large objects like planets, and the Theory of Quantum Mechanics, which deals with the world of subatomic particles.

"A complete, consistent unified theory is only the first step: our goal is a complete understanding of the events around us, and of our own existence," he wrote in his best-selling book, "A Brief History of Time," published in 1988.

In the sequel "The Universe in a Nutshell," published in 2001, Hawking ventured into concepts like supergravity, naked singularities and the possibility of a universe with 11 dimensions.

He announced last year that he would step down from his post as Lucasian Professor of Mathematics, a title once held by the great 18th-century physicist Isaac Newton. However, the university said Monday Hawking intended to continue working as Emeritus Lucasian Professor of Mathematics.

The illness, which Hawking has been fighting for several weeks, had caused him to cancel an appearance at Arizona State University on April 6.

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On the Net: <http://www.hawking.org.uk>

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## Gorbachev Again On Reagan & Alien Invasion

From: David Rudiak <[drudiak.nul](mailto:drudiak.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 22 Apr 2009 14:15:43 -0700  
Archived: Thu, 23 Apr 2009 08:05:23 -0400  
Subject: Gorbachev Again On Reagan & Alien Invasion

For those of you who may have taken in the Charlie Rose PBS TV interview yesterday, April 21, 2009, of George Schultz, former Secretary of State under Reagan [1982-1989], and former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev [1985-1991], Gorbachev went out of his way [interrupting Schultz in mid-sentence] to bring up an "interesting" comment Reagan made concerning alien invasion during their first summit conference in Geneva in 1985.

You can watch the interview here:

<http://www.charlierose.com/view/interview/10246>

"An hour with Mikhail Gorbachev and George Shultz"

Tuesday April 21, 2009

Go to 15:15 into interview...

Transcript:

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George Schultz: In the afternoon, during a break, all of a sudden, Present Reagan and President Gorbachev took a walk. They went down to some cabin on Lake Geneva where there was a fire in a fireplace. And you sat down there. I wasn't there, but I know when you came back, there were two friends almost talking about what was going to happen. Then we went to the next day...

Gorbachev [interrupting Schultz]: That fireside house, President Reagan suddenly said to me, "What would you do if the United States were attacked by someone from outer space? [Camera shows Henry Kissinger and Nancy Reagan in audience] Would you help us?" I said, "No doubt about it." He said, "We too." [[Laughing, Charlie Rose laughs, audience laughs] So that's interesting.

Charlie Rose [still laughing, appearing to be flustered] What, what, what, what were you... [probably trying to get Schultz to continue with his interrupted account]

Gorbachev [to Schultz]: I'm sorry for having interrupted you, but it was an interesting comment.

Charlie Rose [still laughing]: I'm so happy you did. So, yes... [pointing to Schultz to continue]

George Schultz: So the next morning, first day went well, then we, you [motioning to Gorbachev] gave a dinner for..."

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According to Grant Cameron's PresidentialUFO.com:

[http://www.presidentialufo.com/reagan\\_ufo\\_story.htm](http://www.presidentialufo.com/reagan_ufo_story.htm)

Gorbachev first mentioned Reagan's fireside alien invasion comment Feb. 17, 1987, during a speech on Survival Of Humanity at the Grand Kremlin Palace in Moscow:

"At our meeting in Geneva, the U.S. President said that if the earth faced an invasion by extraterrestrials, the United States and the Soviet Union would join forces to repel such an invasion. I shall not dispute the hypothesis, although I think it's early yet to worry about such an intrusion. It is much more important to think about the problems that have entered in our common home."

Reagan made similar alien invasion comments, such as during a speech at the U.N. on Sept. 21, 1987. [Go to PresidentialUFO link above for details.]

So what have we here? Were Reagan and Gorbachev hinting of bigger things going on, or was this all just metaphor for what unites us as human beings, that our common interests are more important than our differences?

I do find it interesting that Gorbachev went out of his way to bring up the subject again.

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From: Stanton T Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 22 Apr 2009 15:26:05 -0300  
Archived: Thu, 23 Apr 2009 08:10:48 -0400  
Subject: Re: Above Bluebook: UFO Government Conspiracy

>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
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To expand just a bit, the October 20,1969, memo, written by USAF  
Brigadier General Carroll H. Bolander, was obtained by the late  
Robert Todd in response to one of his many FOIA requests.

Here are two of the most relevant paragraphs:

"There is still no evidence that Project Blue Book reports have  
served any intelligence function. Moreover, reports of  
unidentified flying objects which could affect national security  
are made in accordance with JANAP 146 or Air Force Manual 55-11,  
and are not part of the Blue Book System...

Termination of Project Blue Book would leave no official Federal

office to receive reports of UFOs. However, as already stated, reports which could affect national security would continue to be handled through the standard Air Force Procedures designed for this purpose".

I was able to locate and speak with General Bolender who confirmed that there was indeed a separate channel, aside from Blue Book, which handled the national Security cases.

I know of no major media group Which has seriously discussed the implications of Bolender's comments. He is now deceased.

I would certainly expect that foreign governments have also separated the national security cases.

Stan Friedman

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## John Greenewald Lecture Live On-Line - 05/02/09

From: John Greenewald <[john.nul](mailto:john.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 22 Apr 2009 17:58:32 -0500  
Archived: Thu, 23 Apr 2009 09:15:00 -0400  
Subject: John Greenewald Lecture Live On-Line - 05/02/09

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No matter where you live in the world, attend the San Diego UFO Conference live via Webcast!

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### Lecture Schedule:

09:00AM - 10:00AM - John Greenewald Jr.  
10:15AM - 11:15AM - Erik Poltorak  
11:30AM - 12:30PM - Giorgio A. Tsoukalos  
12:30PM - 01:30PM - Lunch Break  
01:30PM - 02:30PM - Jose Escamilla  
02:45PM - 03:45PM - Dr. Roger Leir  
04:00PM - 05:00PM - Jason Martell  
05:15PM - 06:45PM - Meet & Greet with George Noory, Host of Coast to Coast AM

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>You can watch the interview here:

><http://www.charlierose.com/view/interview/10246>

<snip>

>So what have we here? Were Reagan and Gorbachev hinting of  
>bigger things going on, or was this all just metaphor for what  
>unites us as human beings, that our common interests are more  
>important than our differences?

>I do find it interesting that Gorbachev went out of his way to  
>bring up the subject again.

Probably nothing more than with the economic crisis the U.S.  
ain't payin' out the UFO hush money they used to so ol' Gorby is  
lightin' a fire under the still so's we'll fork over more loot.

I reckon now that the still has gotten low the price of moonshine  
has gone up.

Best,

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

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<http://preview.tinyurl.com/noglasnost>

Tuesday, April 21, 2009

But No 'X-Files' Glasnost  
By Billy Cox

Just once, just for the sake of equal opportunity skepticism, it'd be refreshing to hear a network reporter open a segment this way: "Not that I subscribe to the cult of the talking snake, you understand. But here at the Vatican this morning, the Pope announced - "

But just ask the MSM to play it straight with this UFO stuff - sheesh. On CNN's American Morning today, in introducing his piece on The Great Taboo, correspondent Jim Acosta couldn't resist the yuksmanship impulse in his response to an anchor's question: "The implant in my head is interfering with my response."

Dude! Sweet!

Acosta focused on how Apollo 14 moonwalker Edgar Mitchell called for President Obama to declassify federal records on UFOs at the National Press Club in Washington on Monday. Nothing new there, unfortunately. The retired astronaut has been advocating UFO glasnost for at least 13 years.

What really ripped the treads off De Void's tires was a throwaway line in the exit chatter, in which Acosta said John Podesta issued a statement to CNN reaffirming his public call to "open the books" on UFOs. De Void has been trying to interview Podesta for two years. Now De Void feels like a red-headed stepchild.

In a related disappointment, Canadian researcher Grant Cameron's FOIA request for pix of Podesta's 50th birthday party at the White House went down in flames last week. Podesta, Bill Clinton's chief of staff and manager of Obama's transition team, was a big X-Files fan in the Nineties. Bill and Hillary reportedly dressed up like FBI agents Mulder and Scully during the birthday bash.

The Clinton Presidential Library in Little Rock, Ark., confirmed it had 84 photos and one video (supposedly of an X-Files skit) related to Cameron's FOIA. But after making him wait three years, the Library ruled the material was exempt from disclosure due to privacy stipulations.

Which sucks, but in a way, you can understand it. Picture this: Hillary's making her first historic visit to Pyongyang as Secretary of State. She's being diplomatic and watching the orderly North Korean military hordes goose-stepping with pride to prove they're not starving. Suddenly, weird little Kim Jong-



Il flips a switch and the big screen above Kim Il Sung Square lights up, and there's Bill and Hillary performing an "X-Files" skit for Podesta.

Bill/Mulder: You're saying that this guy was selling his body parts for money?

Hillary/Scully: A kidney, a portion of the liver, a cornea, bone marrow... A person can lose these things and live to cash his social security checks.

Bill/Mulder: He won't be cashing any social security checks any time soon.

Hillary/Scully: No, but if I'm right, this is one man who left his heart in San Francisco.

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I'm of the opinion that the world governments - including the US  
- simply don't know what they're facing with this phenomena.  
That such objects have been observed by reliable witnesses,  
recorded on film, painted simultaneously by multiple radar  
streams - by multiple governments, and have even left in a few  
cases some physical traces... indicates that the government  
knows something is real. However, I'm not convinced by the grand  
conspiracy theories. I don't think governments have aliens  
stored in liquid nitrogen tanks, pieces of crashed UFOs to  
reverse engineer, or any of the folklore that is popular  
speculation.

From this perspective, a government that both knew something  
serious was happening - but did not know what that something was  
- would react in just this way: avoid discussion, pretend it  
doesn't exist, deny deny deny, and then secretly investigate as  
much as possible. The real reason for secrecy would thus be not  
to hide from the population some terrible (or wonderful) secret  
about aliens and their technology, but to hide from citizens the  
fact that humanity has no effective military control over our  
skies and land, and worse, we have no idea who or what it is  
that does. Combine with that the many examples of UFO's  
predilection for nuclear weapons sites, and you have an  
explosive combination of ignorance and fear.

I think the confusion and exasperation of Belgian military  
officials as they were interviewed about the recorded radar  
paints and pilot testimony during the Belgian UFO wave of '89-90  
tells it all: they looked at the data in disbelief and had  
nothing with which to offer as an answer beyond, "that's  
impossible!" I think they honestly didn't know. And still  
don't. Which suggests US officials may not know either.

If there really aren't alien bodies stored on ice somewhere, and  
no UFO technology stored in Area 51 for reverse engineering, and  
instead are simply tens of thousands of civilian witness  
events, and perhaps thousands of official government witnesses,  
and perhaps only tens of events with real data recorded by  
government officials... then humanity knows just as little  
today as it did seventy years ago.

We may not be dealing with intelligent aliens at all. I think  
the UFO community ought to consider the possibility that what we  
call UFOs may be space faring organisms living within a

habitable zone around our star. Perhaps they are drawn to radioactivity like a moth is drawn to a porch lamp. They may be unthinking and yet alive - like bacteria.

I don't think those who seriously research this phenomena should discount such ideas simply because they're not "mainstream" among UFO enthusiasts. To hitch upon one idea, and one idea only - that UFOs are alien spacecraft - is to make the same mistake as those skeptics who argue that what processes we don't understand must surely not exist.

No, what data is recorded shows what does and does not exist. But the how and why is still very much a matter of confusion.

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Yes, it could all easily be interpreted that way, but why did  
Gorbachev deliberately interrupt Schultz to again cite Reagan's  
alien invasion theme? That would have been a bit rude just for  
an amusing anecdote. Unlike Reagan, Gorbachev is a very worldly  
and intelligent man. It seemed like Gorbachev didn't want the  
moment to slip by and wanted to make a point. Notice that  
Gorbachev doesn't mention anything else said by the two men in  
the hours they spent talking alone in the cabin by Lake Geneva.  
Was Gorbachev saying this was the defining moment of their  
summit talk?

My experience is that political types rarely come out and say  
something straight. They leave ambiguity in their remarks to

give themselves plenty of future wiggle room. Thus asked if he would drop the A-bomb on the North Korean forces, Truman would respond he would consider all his options. So he might, or he might not. The other side still gets the message that he might.

So it is quite possible that this was an actual dead serious remark by Reagan and Gorbachev took it as such (knowing a bit himself about UFOs), and perhaps this was the turning point of the summit, when the two men reached a meeting of the minds. As Schultz remarked, they came back from their cabin chat as if they were almost friends instead of leaders of antagonistic nations.

Of course the remarks about Reagan's personality by Jerry Clark and Robert Powell are also correct. Part of the mystery of Reagan is one never knew when he said such things whether he was serious or just being an aging, simple-minded dolt (another example was Reagan talking about Lincoln's ghost in the White House). That is part of what made him the "Teflon President."

I am also reminded of what California legislative Senator Ken Maddy said about Reagan. "You can walk through his deepest thought and never get your feet wet."

David Rudiak

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To Listers who are interested in the alien abduction phenomenon:

Here's What's New on The Alien Jigsaw Web site:

The Hybrids: How To Live Among Humans  
By Katharina Wilson

This is Part Two of a three-part article about the hybrids. It involves a guidebook I was allowed to read, which covers almost every aspect of the aliens and hybrids anyone would want to know. The guide is apparently also a manual that instructs the hybrids how to blend in with humans while in the proximity of humans. Subheadings include: The Hybrid Field Guide, The Alien Shoe, A Prearranged Meeting, The Military Man, Juvenile Behavior, and "Eye Candy." This article also includes two of my encounters not previously published and three illustrations:

<http://www.alienjigsaw.com/Articles/TheHybridsPartTwoOfThree.htm>

If you haven't read Part One, it can be read here:

The Hybrids: Can We Know Their Purpose?  
By Katharina Wilson

This is Part One of a three-part article about the hybrids. The information covered in this article addresses questions such as, "Why are the aliens doing this?" and "What is being done with our hybrid offspring?" Subheadings include: Where Are They?, Points of Interest, Underground Living Facilities, The Purpose of Alien-Human Hybrids, The New Space Race, The Future, The Hybrids' Destination, The Deception, Becoming More Human, and Christian Beliefs. This article includes two of my encounter experiences not previously published as well as two illustrations:

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From: Viktor Golubk <[Diverge247.nul](mailto:Diverge247.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Apr 2009 13:29:43 EDT  
Archived: Fri, 24 Apr 2009 09:09:00 -0400  
Subject: Above Bluebook: UFO Government Conspiracy

>From: Stanton T Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
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>>Date: Tue, 21 Apr 2009 20:33:36 -0400  
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>>>Source: Joseph Capp's UFO Media Matters Blog

>>><http://tinyurl.com/cml4p9>

>>>Friday, April 17, 2009

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>>>By Joseph Capp

>>>Updates: Chucks Artifacts, Night Vision Scope Test

>>>"It was in another lifetime... full of toil and blood... where  
>>>darkness was a virtue... and the road was full of mud"  
>>>--Dylan

>>>There was a clandestine government body unknown to Project  
>>>Bluebook that investigated UFOs.

>>>Notice, no question marks here.

>>>I believe this is fact. The proof is below:

>>>Mike Nelson: Protage Ohio UFO Venus Case:(for info)

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

>>>Dedicated To Deputies Dale Spaur, William Neff and Mike Nelson

>><snip>

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The Communication Center at the Pentagon delivered UFO reports  
generated/received on their channels to a specific room in the  
Pentagon. Which room and who staffed that department is still  
unclear.

By far this is a much better discussion point for Edgar Mitchell  
to be engaged with rather than the over inflated and dubious  
case known as "Roswell".

Stay focused on the right materials, admit to the problem areas,  
and move on.

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Stan,

I have good reasons to believe that it is also the case for  
France, but on a much smaller scale.

BTW, I mentioned the Bolender memo when I was on a popular  
TV show two years ago, called "C dans l'air", directed by Yves

Calvi, on the national channel France 5.

The subject was, precisely, The UFO Secret Files!

Calvi asked me "what does that mean?", and I replied "it means that there are secret files".

Other guests were engineer Jacques Patenet, of CNES-GEIPAN, sociologist Pierre Lagrange and Alain Cirou, editor of the magazine "Ciel et Espace", also quite popular in France. They made no comment on that delicate matter.

Gildas Bourdais

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From: **Diana Cammack** <[cammack.nul](mailto:cammack.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 24 Apr 2009 14:42:57 +0200  
Archived: Fri, 24 Apr 2009 11:15:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Gorbachev Again On Reagan & Alien Invasion

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 23 Apr 2009 10:26:34 -0700  
>Subject: Re: Gorbachev Again On Reagan & Alien Invasion

<snip>

>So it is quite possible that this was an actual dead serious  
>remark by Reagan and Gorbachev took it as such (knowing a bit  
>himself about UFOs), and perhaps this was the turning point of  
>the summit...

What do we know about what Gorbachev knows 'himself about UFOs'?

Diana

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## Bordentown New Jersey UFO Conference

From: **Stanton T Friedman** <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 24 Apr 2009 09:51:19 -0300  
Archived: Fri, 24 Apr 2009 11:17:00 -0400  
Subject: Bordentown New Jersey UFO Conference

Listers on the US East Coast may be interested in attending Pat Marcattilio's Great UFO/ET Congress Fri 1 - Sun 3 May at the Ramada Inn, Route 206 and the New Jersey Turnpike, Exit #7 North in Bordentown, just outside Trenton.

Speakers include John Ventre about the Bucks County PA 2008 sightings, Dr. David Jacobs about the Hybrid Presence; Turkish Researcher Farah Yurdozu; Kathleen Marden about Captured! The Betty And Barney Hill UFO Experience; John Ventre on Prophecy; myself on Flying Saucers and Science and more...

More information can be obtained from:

<http://www.drufo.org> or by calling Pat at 609-631-8955

Stan Friedman

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## Re: New Peer Review & Educational Magazine

From: Joe McGonagle <[joe.mcgonagle.nul](mailto:joe.mcgonagle.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 24 Apr 2009 14:45:54 +0100  
Archived: Fri, 24 Apr 2009 12:20:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Peer Review & Educational Magazine

>From: Steve Bass <[publisher.nul](mailto:publisher.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul), [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 23 Apr 2009 11:55:25 -0400  
>Subject: New Peer Review & Educational Magazine

>Errol and all List Members:

>It is with great pride that I announce the development of a new  
>online magazine devoted to the case study/peer review,  
>educational and historical needs of the UFO investigator and  
>researcher.

>Entitled Journal of Frontier Science, [www.FrontierScience.us](http://www.FrontierScience.us),  
>its key objective is to promote the scientific study of  
>Unidentified Flying Objects for the benefit of Mankind.

<snip>

I dispute the sentence above. It appears to me that the key  
objective of [www.FrontierScience.us](http://www.FrontierScience.us) is to perpetuate the past  
failings of attempts by ufology to gain scientific recognition.

Steve Bass writes at:

<http://www.frontierscience.us/article110.html>

"I have become notorious in my journalism for demanding the  
truth be told to the American public by the government and  
military concerning the existence of extraterrestrials and their  
potentially dark motivations for visiting our planet.

It is partly common sense, but there are those who refuse to  
believe in "little green men", despite the volumes of eyewitness  
reports, trace evidence, and historical accounts."

It is clear to me that Steve is already convinced that:

- a) Extraterrestrials are visiting our planet.
- b) The authorities have positive knowledge of 'fact' a) and are  
withholding positive knowledge of the 'fact' from the public.
- c) There is convincing evidence of a) and b) already in the  
public domain.

The onus is on Steve and others who claim a) and b) above to be  
facts to produce the convincing evidence referred to in c). This  
is something which I regard as not currently possible, and I  
challenge Steve Bass to do so, since it is he who is claiming  
that the evidence exists.

Until his stated position alters or else he produces this  
convincing evidence I will not recognise the publication as a  
science-based, peer-reviewed journal representing ufology, and  
regard it more like a religious, faith-based journal. You could  
rewrite the the paragraphs written by him and reproduced above,  
replacing 'extraterrestrials' and 'little green men' with  
'fairies', 'vampires', 'demons' or 'angels', and the statements

would be just as invalid.

Cheers,

Joe

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From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 24 Apr 2009 14:40:45 -0300  
Archived: Fri, 24 Apr 2009 18:06:30 -0400  
Subject: Re: Demystifying The Myth Called Roswell

>From: Kathy Kasten <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
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Quite often I find myself defending the Roswell Incident, not because I adhere to the recovery of alien bodies scenario or that as a result of this incident an alien space craft was recovered and back engineered. I don't support either of these theories. More on the second below.

I defend only the known facts of this incident, principally the fact that RAAF issued a statement saying that they recovered a crashed "disk" and that the Air Force's Mogul balloon cover story is hogwash. Basically I just want to know what happened there that was so important that it required such an elaborate USAF report that attempts to hammer a non-existent square Mogul peg into the round hole of Roswell.

Nick Redfern's theory that these 'aliens' were in fact captured, sickly - and burned - Japanese piloting or crewing in some Fugo balloon contraption doesn't wash with me at all. Kathy Kasten's attempts at climbing on the bandwagon with her expertise-gleaned from the Internet - and titling the incident as a myth is a bit ludicrous considering something did happen - we just don't really know what; conventional or alien.

If there is a myth it is that which skeptics and debunkers alike fall back upon when no other explanation can support their theory; and that is that secret experimental aircraft are a cause for just about everything from vacuum cleaners to alien spacecraft. This waterlogged turd has been resurfacing - usually at the hands of those who know nothing about such research or grasp at straws - like NASA's X-35 blended body model airplane [Kasten]- as a possible explanation for the phenomenon seen in our skies. Kasten blathered on and on [on this list] about this

'experimental' craft already flying in our skies when in fact it was a radio controlled model with a wingspan of about 20 feet. The X-35 was a blended body model being explored for next generation airliners - which of course have to remain top secret because you wouldn't want revenue paying customers on board.

So we now look to the latest - actually a reincarnation - of one of those back engineered craft so popular with debunkers. This one has been in the works for about three years and now has a budget of \$149 million. This craft is back engineered to the 'top secret' Goodyear blimp but is an attempt to make it twice as large. The Top Secret Goodyear blimp was back engineered to the rigid Top Secret Hindenburg type craft of the 10s, 20s and 30s.

At any rate, the newest Top Secret \$149 million [budgeted in 2005 by Congress] wonder is called the High Altitude Long Endurance Demonstrator (HALE-D) designed and (almost) built by Lockheed Martin - it will probably float this summer. It is one of five concept vehicles originally funded by the U.S. Army's Space and Missile Defense Command (SMDC). These will be unmanned high-altitude untethered airships [airships...really?] floating platforms at about 60,000 feet that will be used for 'persistent communications, surveillance and reconnaissance' near enemy territory.

HALE-D will have it's original payload of 500 pounds knocked down to 50 pounds so that this 270 foot long by 70 feet in diameter, 500,000 cu.ft. gas bag can stay up for a month rather than just two weeks. Kick loose the dead payload and add one alien sized five year old kid less food and toiletries for a month and there you have it, back engineered technology at its best.

Did I mention that this High Altitude Airship (HAA) will blaze along with electric motors at 20 knots [23 mph]. That's okay at 60 grand but at the surface it will have to be launched in early morning because the late morning and afternoon winds could result in the HALE-D getting away.

To be fair the HALE-D is the front runner for the next incarnation which SMDC hopes to get aloft to 65,000 feet for 30 days but with a 2,000 pound payload, but obviously that will still be unmanned. The U.S Army, Navy and Air Forces foresee an expenditure of billions to get this program on line in the next ten years. The eventual high altitude target is 100,000 feet [30,500 meters].

I mean... isn't this wasteful - especially given the economy of the day? If you go by Kasten's and her unread buddy's ruminations about top secret craft already flying our skies so they can generate UFO reports then the USAF - to pick on someone - already has the technology to float these mile long phenomenon that can outrun their own best fuel gulping interceptors. Can the US Government justify another study and concept design just to hide their already top secret technology? If they already have it what the heck do they need with the HALE-D?

But in Paranoia magazine this old unsupportable saw will fly - albeit like a forklift - because no one did the research, and would not do so anyway because it would make them uncomfortable.

Top Secret conventional aircraft as an explanation for the UFO Phenomenon?

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Date: Fri, 24 Apr 2009 13:23:56 -0500  
Archived: Fri, 24 Apr 2009 19:13:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Gorbachev Again On Reagan & Alien Invasion

>From: J. Maynard Gelinas <[j.maynard.gelinas.nul](mailto:j.maynard.gelinas.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 23 Apr 2009 13:14:23 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Gorbachev Again On Reagan & Alien Invasion

>>From: Robert Powell <[rpowell.nul](mailto:rpowell.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 23 Apr 2009 10:42:43 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Gorbachev Again On Reagan & Alien Invasion

>>I would agree with Jerry. Having read Dutch by Edmund Morris as  
>>well as the recently released Reagan diaries, Reagan was most  
>>likely trying to find common ground with Gorbachev. That was  
>>the same line of reasoning that he used in his U.N. speech when  
>>he argued that war was a threat to humanity. This was also a  
>>common theme in many of the movies from the 50s and 60s.

>>Nations comes together and stop their internal warring when an  
>>alien menace arrives.

>I'm of the opinion that the world governments - including the US  
>- simply don't know what they're facing with this phenomena.  
>That such objects have been observed by reliable witnesses,  
>recorded on film, painted simultaneously by multiple radar  
>streams - by multiple governments, and have even left in a few  
>cases some physical traces... indicates that the government  
>knows something is real. However, I'm not convinced by the grand  
>conspiracy theories. I don't think governments have aliens  
>stored in liquid nitrogen tanks, pieces of crashed UFOs to  
>reverse engineer, or any of the folklore that is popular  
>speculation.

I would agree. The most likely scenario is that governments know  
there is a physical existence tied to UFOs, but they have no  
idea what they are or from whence they come. In that scenario,  
should the U.S. government admit the existence of UFOs; they  
would be pressured by the media and the public to find out more,  
and they may realize that there is very little more that they  
can determine. So there is no motivation for them to take on  
that headache.

>From this perspective, a government that both knew something  
>serious was happening - but did not know what that something was  
>- would react in just this way: avoid discussion, pretend it  
>doesn't exist, deny deny deny, and then secretly investigate as  
>much as possible. The real reason for secrecy would thus be not  
>to hide from the population some terrible (or wonderful) secret  
>about aliens and their technology, but to hide from citizens the  
>fact that humanity has no effective military control over our  
>skies and land, and worse, we have no idea who or what it is  
>that does. Combine with that the many examples of UFO's  
>predilection for nuclear weapons sites, and you have an  
>explosive combination of ignorance and fear.

>I think the confusion and exasperation of Belgian military  
>officials as they were interviewed about the recorded radar  
>paints and pilot testimony during the Belgian UFO wave of '89-90  
>tells it all: they looked at the data in disbelief and had  
>nothing with which to offer as an answer beyond, "that's

>impossible!" I think they honestly didn't know. And still  
>don't. Which suggests US officials may not know either.

>If there really aren't alien bodies stored on ice somewhere, and  
>no UFO technology stored in Area 51 for reverse engineering, and  
>instead are simply tens of thousands of civilian witness  
>events, and perhaps thousands of official government witnesses,  
>and perhaps only tens of events with real data recorded by  
>government officials... then humanity knows just as little  
>today as it did seventy years ago.

>We may not be dealing with intelligent aliens at all. I think  
>the UFO community ought to consider the possibility that what we  
>call UFOs may be space faring organisms living within a  
>habitable zone around our star. Perhaps they are drawn to  
>radioactivity like a moth is drawn to a porch lamp. They may be  
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Date: Fri, 24 Apr 2009 15:47:07 -0400  
Archived: Fri, 24 Apr 2009 20:15:00 -0400  
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Ufology has needed exactly this type of Journal, and it now has  
it. Ufology has needed a one-stop shop for vetting research -  
it now has it. Ufology has needed a publication that gears the  
serious but novice Ufologist toward producing quality work - it  
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My beliefs do not stand as a barrier to good research. If any  
researcher puts forth their research, regardless of their  
conclusions, and provides supportive evidence, I will publish  
it. It is then upon the community as a whole to vet the  
research.

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or a vehicle to propel someone to fame. If that is what you  
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And if you have any research that you believe needs publishing  
that substantiates your point of view, send it to me and it will  
be published. To ensure that my word is gold, you have only to  
cc Errol (if he agrees) your research as well.

Only those who are insecure in their position and their research  
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Steve Bass  
[www.FrontierScience.us](http://www.FrontierScience.us)

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## Dark Object Back In Print

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 24 Apr 2009 19:32:22 -0300  
Archived: Sat, 25 Apr 2009 08:14:54 -0400  
Subject: Dark Object Back In Print

Hi List,

As is usually the way things go I found out from Cindy Nickerson the Chairperson for the Shag Harbour UFO Incident Society that Dark Object was back in print. She has ordered 50 copies of same.

It went out of print in December or 2007; Dell's way of wishing one a Merry Christmas I guess.

This is the second time this has happened to me [once for Maritime UFO Files] and now once for Chris Styles. You would think the publisher would let us know.

I checked Amazon but they are still in New and Used - mostly used - mode.

Don Ledger

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From: Vincent Boudreau <[vincentboudreau.nul](mailto:vincentboudreau.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 24 Apr 2009 22:19:27 -0400 (EDT)  
Archived: Sat, 25 Apr 2009 08:19:10 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Peer Review & Educational Magazine

>From: Joe McGonagle <[joe.mcgonagle.nul](mailto:joe.mcgonagle.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 24 Apr 2009 14:45:54 +0100  
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<snip>

It is clear that Joe is convinced that:

a) Extraterrestrials are NOT visiting our planet.

b) The authorities HAVE positive knowledge of 'fact' a) and ARE  
withholding positive knowledge of the 'fact' from the public.

They are hiding such proof of non-existence of aliens visiting Earth in secret organization such as the Above-Blue- Book, no?

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And what are you claiming exactly and what responsibility does your position put on your shoulders?

Are you saying that you are off the hook?

>Until his stated position alters or else he produces this >convincing evidence I will not recognise the publication as a >science-based, peer-reviewed journal representing ufology, and >regard it more like a religious, faith-based journal.

I was tempted by the pot and kettle thingy, but I'll opt for the mirror effect.

BTW, Joe, is this your new job? Giving blessings and approvals and a crack of the whip from time to time?

Will I be struck by lightning while writing this post?

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Have you tried replacing "little green men" with Joe McGonagle?

Does Joe McGonagle exist?

Can he prove that, as he reads these lines, he is not caught in the Matrix and imagining everything, including himself?

Dzitt!

Missed me, Joe.

Shame on you for taking the BLUE pill.

Vincent Boudreau

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## Re: Gorbachev Again On Reagan & Alien Invasion

From: Viktor Golubik <[Diverge247.nul](mailto:Diverge247.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 25 Apr 2009 00:46:35 EDT  
Archived: Sat, 25 Apr 2009 09:20:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Gorbachev Again On Reagan & Alien Invasion

From: Robert Powell <[rpowell.nul](mailto:rpowell.nul)>  
To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 24 Apr 2009 13:23:56 -0500  
Subject: Re: Gorbachev Again On Reagan & Alien Invasion

>From: J. Maynard Gelinas <[j.maynard.gelinas.nul](mailto:j.maynard.gelinas.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 23 Apr 2009 13:14:23 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Gorbachev Again On Reagan & Alien Invasion

>>From: Robert Powell <[rpowell.nul](mailto:rpowell.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 23 Apr 2009 10:42:43 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Gorbachev Again On Reagan & Alien Invasion

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I agree with you... but let's try to better define the skeptical disposition. True scientific knowledge is often rated at the level of a debunking tactic when it comes to UFOs rather than as a normal course of action: A misidentification of a closely related attitude or "wall of reasoning". While one tries to get you over the fence explaining the range of difficulties the other is happy to explain why you can't - leaving out key information to make a single point appear more valid: static thinking in favor of the most probable rather than dynamic thinking in an unfavorable "appearing" position of uncertainty.

Skepticism is the cornerstone of applied science. It is the hallmark of the current building blocks of knowledge born from trial and error over centuries of work - aimed towards the elimination of possibilities and truth.

Where science fails is in the false presumption of complete understanding - making it devoid of insight, flexibility, and thus incapable of asking the next question: The appearance of weakness in the face of scrutiny should beg the next level of open ended discussion. But, instead, today's science has all the appearance of salesmanship and an overconfident marketing campaign... marching to a bottom line instead as Powell points

out.

What some people fail to understand is that science does not prove this or that - it merely reduces the possibilities, leaving a residual realm in which to further pluck and dig for answers.

Therefore, ipso facto, a skeptic is not a scientist if he/she dismisses a phenomena brought about through the keen observation of so many. Observable's are at heart of the scientific method and the hope of new theories - explaining a broader range of behaviors with better scope and fewer assumptions.

I think what routinely happens is that the population can recognize the behavior of a bad scientific attitude but is helpless to identify what in detail is the problem with their methods - thus failing to press the right issues, at the right time, and in the right direction.

A perfect illustration of this occurred this past week within the "Cold Fusion" (LENR) debate. A skeptic was brought into a situation on 60 Minutes but, instead of outright dismissal, asked all the right questions and then was brave enough to call it like it was - thus reversing his opinion in the process - favorable to the phenomena.

I believe the inherent problem with teaching science is that educators only have time to teach what we know which leaves the larger unknown in comparative isolation and disconnected from reality. I think courses in what we don't know are as equally valid as any... perhaps even more so.

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My position is I think well known - I have no doubt that  
Unidentified Flying Objects exist, but they are Unidentified -  
not extraterrestrial spaceships. The objective of a scientific  
journal should not be to prove that they are extraterrestrial  
spaceships, but to identify what generates reports of UFOs. That  
may turn out to be extraterrestrial spaceships, but I regard  
that as very low down the probability scale. I hope that you are  
not suggesting that that is an unscientific approach?

<snip>

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Then why bother with a scientific journal? Why not simply  
produce the evidence which you already know exists, with no need  
for debate, discussion, or peer review?

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No, you clearly do not understand how science works. The onus is on the individual putting forward a hypothesis to demonstrate that the hypothesis they have put forward holds true and the results can be replicated by their peers. That is how science works.

There is ample anecdotal and historical evidence that angels, demons, fairies, goblins and God exist or at least existed - does that make them scientifically accepted? Is it up to me or you to disprove their existence?

<snip>

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>your approval. If you need to be a skeptic, no one will hold  
you >back.

I doubt that any scientist would take such a journal seriously when it is founded on the premise that the case is already proven that some UFOs are ET craft, and quite rightly so - it is like trying to convince the Pope that God doesn't exist - he has his faith and that is all he needs and he will never be convinced otherwise.

>You mistake this publication for either another fantastical,  
>money oriented publication with little standards to publishing,  
>or a vehicle to propel someone to fame. If that is what you  
>thought you saw, look again.

I don't mistake it for anything, but don't see how it could be science based given the faith already held by it's proprietor, and their apparent lack of understanding as to how science works.

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>that substantiates your point of view, send it to me and it  
will >be published. To ensure that my word is gold, you have only to >cc Errol (if he agrees) your research as well.

As I said, I won't support any journal with false pretensions to science. If it were simply billed as a UFO magazine, then I would not object.

Regards,

Joe

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## More UFO Items On eBay

From: Philip Mantle <[philip.nul](mailto:philip.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 25 Apr 2009 12:19:47 +0100  
Archived: Sat, 25 Apr 2009 10:25:00 -0400  
Subject: More UFO Items On eBay

Hi there,

I have added another batch or rare and collectable UFO/Flying Saucer/Alien items for sale on eBay. These include Roswell figures, grey alien figures, novelty UFO and alien ornaments and even a UFO memo holder.

Already on sale I have a whole host of items including an alien watch, fantastic UFO belt buckle, alien figures, a clock and a host of other items. ALL of these items can be located at:

<http://shop.ebay.co.uk/merchant/mantle1958>

All the best,

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## Re: New Peer Review & Educational Magazine

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Joe

I hate repetition, so I'll do this one more time. Everyone has a belief, whether it be that some UFO's are ET, and by default some aren't. But the professional does not allow such feelings or beliefs (even though everyone has them) to color their thinking. Neither do they go to the other extreme just to prove themselves a quality researcher to another individual.

The fact that they are Unidentified does not exclude them from being ET, as well. The scientific method, as you are so quick to point to, is to keep all options open and go where the evidence leads.

And Joe, no hypothesis has been put forth by me. The onus is on the individual making the accusation, as in your case. For an individual to automatically shun a publication before they even understand the content, direction, and value of the publication is problematic, to say the least.

Joe, if you just like putting posts up for the world to see, reconsider the content of such posts. Make them worth the time in reading them.

BTW - it is because of my understanding of the scientific method that brought this project into existence. Ufology needs it.

SB

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>>>>Subject: New Peer Review & Educational Magazine

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>>>I dispute the sentence above. It appears to me that the key  
>>>objective of [www.FrontierScience.us](http://www.FrontierScience.us) is to perpetuate the past  
>>>failings of attempts by ufology to gain scientific recognition.

><snip>

>My position is I think well known - I have no doubt that  
>Unidentified Flying Objects exist, but they are Unidentified -  
> not extraterrestrial spaceships. The objective of a scientific  
>journal should not be to prove that they are extraterrestrial  
>spaceships, but to identify what generates reports of UFOs. That  
>may turn out to be extraterrestrial spaceships, but I regard  
>that as very low down the probability scale. I hope that you are  
>not suggesting that that is an unscientific approach?

><snip>

>>>It is clear to me that Steve is already convinced that:  
>>>a) Extraterrestrials are visiting our planet.  
>>True...

>>>b) The authorities have positive knowledge of 'fact' a) and are  
>>>withholding positive knowledge of the 'fact' from the public.

>>True again.

>>>c) There is convincing evidence of a) and b) already in the  
>>>public domain.

>>...and true yet again.

><snip>

>No, you clearly do not understand how science works. The onus is  
>on the individual putting forward a hypothesis to demonstrate  
>that the hypothesis they have put forward holds true and the  
>results can be replicated by their peers. That is how science

>works.

>I doubt that any scientist would take such a journal seriously  
>when it is founded on the premise that the case is already  
>proven that some UFOs are ET craft, and quite rightly so - it is  
>like trying to convince the Pope that God doesn't exist - he has  
>his faith and that is all he needs and he will never be  
>convinced otherwise.

><snip>

>>And if you have any research that you believe needs publishing  
>>that substantiates your point of view, send it to me and it  
>will >be published. To ensure that my word is gold, you have  
>only to cc Errol (if he agrees) your research as well.

I think that there should be a journal where data and theory  
about UFOs can be published after a formal and open review  
process. I accept the ideal that Joe McGonagle implies, that the  
journal should not filter out manuscripts that come to a "wrong"  
conclusion.

However there are lots of examples in mainstream science where  
this does happen. Take the cold fusion situation, for example,  
or the excessive support for string theory as described by  
Smolin in 'The Trouble with Physics'. Other examples of bias may  
concern the existence of dark matter/energy, the meaning of the  
red shift, and the existence of the aether. Science is rife with  
politics and competition for funding and prestige. So it is not  
unheard of for journal editors to take a position about what  
they will or will not publish based on the questions addressed  
and the conclusions reached.

In the present case, Steve Bass has biases just like most of the  
rest of us. However, he promises to not let them interfere with  
publication decisions, which should be our main concern here. At  
the very least, these decisions should also be heavily weighted  
by reviewer recommendations.

If I were editor, I would even go so far as to publish anything  
pertaining to UFOs that was readable and submitted in the proper  
format. The reviewers' job would then be to attach comments and  
a quality rating to each submission. Readers should be able to  
sort submissions on-line in order of mean quality ratings. They  
would still be able to view submissions given a lower quality  
rating possibly because of reviewer bias.

Regards,

William

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>>>The onus is on Steve and others who claim a) and b) above to be  
>>>facts to produce the convincing evidence referred to in c). This  
>>>is something which I regard as not currently possible, and I  
>>>challenge Steve Bass to do so, since it is he who is claiming  
>>>that the evidence exists.

>>I'm sorry, Joe. The onus is on you to prove that anything I or  
>>any researcher says is NOT true. There is plenty of research  
>>available in print to substantiate any of my feelings. Try  
>>cracking a book occasionally. It helps.

I take it from the context (including your - as it turned out,  
your, er, premature - remarks not long ago about ufologists'  
supposed refusal to learn alleged lessons from goofball New  
Jersey hoaxers) that by "what generates reports of UFOs" you  
mean conventional phenomena. I believe that particular approach  
is already well covered, not to mention equally worn.

>>No, you clearly do not understand how science works. The onus is  
>>on the individual putting forward a hypothesis to demonstrate  
>>that the hypothesis they have put forward holds true and the  
>>results can be replicated by their peers. That is how science  
>>works.

This is a clear misunderstanding of how science works,  
reflecting a popular misconception. As the late sociologist of  
science Marcello Truzzi wrote:

"In science, the burden of proof falls upon the claimant.... The  
true skeptic takes an agnostic position, one that says the claim  
is not proved rather than disproved. He asserts that the  
claimant has not borne the burden of proof and that science must  
continue to build its cognitive map of reality without  
incorporating the extraordinary claim as a new 'fact.' Since the  
true skeptic does not assert a claim, he has no burden to prove  
anything. He just goes on using the established theories of  
'conventional science' as usual. But if a critic asserts that  
there is evidence for disproof [e.g., McConagle's paragraph  
below, an exercise in breathtaking rhetorical overreach], that  
he has a negative hypothesis (e.g., the conjecture that a  
seeming psi result was actually due to an artifact), he is  
making a claim and therefore also has to bear a burden of proof.

Sometimes, such negative claims by critics are quite extraordinary (e.g., that a UFO was actually a giant plasma or that someone in a psi experiment was cued by an abnormal ability to hear a high pitch others with normal ears would fail to notice), in which case the negative claimant also may have to bear a heavier burden of proof than might normally be expected...

Evidence in science is always a matter of degree and is seldom if ever absolutely conclusive.... Both critics and proponents need to learn to think of adjudication in science as more like that found in law courts, imperfect and with varying degrees of proof and evidence."

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>when it is founded on the premise that the case is already  
>proven that some UFOs are ET craft, and quite rightly so - it is  
>like trying to convince the Pope that God doesn't exist - he has  
>his faith and that is all he needs and he will never be  
>convinced otherwise.

Here McConagle asserts the extraordinary claim that empirical evidence in ufology is as lacking as in religion. This is not only staggeringly unoriginal, but stunningly stupid. A more reasoned objection would be: Yes, evidence has been advanced for the proposition that UFOs are the product of a nonhuman intelligence, but the evidence so far is insufficient to prove this extraordinary assertion. But then, I guess it's more fun to treat ufologists not as misguided but as moronic.

>I think that there should be a journal where data and theory  
>about UFOs can be published after a formal and open review  
>process.

I can't tell you how depressed that statement makes me. In fact, it makes me just about abandon all hope for ufology.

Here's the reality, folks: CUFOS has published such a journal for decades. It is currently under the editorship of psychologist Stuart Appelle. It is called the Journal of UFO Studies.

Jerry Clark

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## 'Google's Similar Images'

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<http://tinyurl.com/clvmdg>

April 24, 2009

Google's Similar Images: Teaching Computers To See  
By David Sarno

This week, Google unveiled an odd but interesting new feature of its image search capabilities. Similar Images lets the user look for images that are visually close to a target image without being exactly the same. Playing around with the tool lets you see just how far the science of "computer vision" has come. Fundamentally, digital images are nothing more than patterns of lines and colors -- but Google has somehow taught its search engine to look at those patterns and decide which images a human would consider similar.

Try typing in "ferrari". The engine will return a page of listings, many of which have a "similar images" link below them. If you find one you like, you can click it, and be returned a page of images that are startlingly similar without being identical:

[Ferrari images]

This is neat for Ferrari 360 fans who like to surf through pages and pages of car photos. But, in general, there aren't many reasons why you'd want to have a few hundred pictures of the same thing.

That's why it's better to think of the similar image search as a way to find similar things, rather than similar pictures of the same thing. If you're shopping for diamond rings, for example

[Diamond-ring images]

... you wouldn't want a list of photos of the exact same ring.

Diamond-rings

The search would seem to come in handy for shopping, especially if you don't mind ordering from online jewelry retailers you've probably never heard of.

Update: Apparently there are already ventures out there that elegantly employ computer vision to help buyers find what they're looking for. Modista.com helps you do it with shoes.

You can also use Similar Images for tracking memes, like all the variants on the Shepard Fairey image of Barack Obama, or keeping tabs on all the UFO images popping up online:

<http://tinyurl.com/ufoimages>

Similar Images itself may not be the most obviously useful tool around, but as Google developer Radhika Malpani points out, it's just one piece of a larger puzzle of image search.

"In general, search is such a hard problem," she said. "We've been working for a while to move beyond just textual signals."

Since the beginning of Google's image search, the search engine classified images according to the words associated with them on a Web page. But that's not enough, Malpani, said. Instead of looking at the context, "we've been focusing on analyzing the content of an image, and saying, let's try and understand what's in an image and see how we can use this to help our users find what they're looking for."

In order to do that, Google's software has to be able to process hundreds of millions of images, and in each case, try to decide what it's looking at. Which might not sound all that amazing until you remember that computers don't have eyes.

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## UFONEWS UK Magazine

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Archived: Sun, 26 Apr 2009 15:40:00 -0400  
Subject: UFONEWS UK Magazine

=46rom Steve Gerrard

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Hi

Just to let you know that UFONEWS UK Magazine is about to publish its 4th issue and has managed to keep its head above water for the past 12 months during these difficult financial times. The magazine has seen subscriptions take a fall, but regular subscribers have stuck with it and are supporting this independent venture.

How Can You Help?

1. Please if you have any articles that you would consider for publication in the magazine, please email them to the following : [southampton.nul](mailto:southampton.nul) as this can take articles with photographs and drawings. Any article would be appreciated due to the Internet, UFO Magazines are dying and there are but a handful that are still being published and posted out to subscribers. The internet has killed the UFO magazines but I still get people wanting a paper copy as they can put it down and pick it up when they want to. But an internet only based UFO magazine is a different story.

2. Advertising... If you could advertise the magazine on your web sites that would be very much appreciated, and although I haven't got a web site for the magazine, I would be happy to carry a free advert in the magazine for your web site.

3. Advertising rates within the magazine... I have seen some ridiculous advertising rates - anything up to =A31,000 for a full colour page - and to be honest we should be helping each other out and trying to keep the subject alive. Since I started the magazine, I decided that advertising rates would be low. So, where else can you get for a full page colour advert for 4 issues for only =A340.00!

Quarter page =A310.00 for 4 issues  
Half Page =A320.00 for 4 issues  
Three quarter page =A330.00 4 issues

So if you are planning an event, wanting to advertise your own publications or just want to advertise anything then why not consider UFONEWS UK Magazine...

Hope I haven't boared you too much and I hope that the magazine is something that you would want to support in some way as British UFOlogy is almost dead in the water with magazines dropping like flies - along with UFO researchers - and is a subject that is not covered that well by the British Media and especially by the Television program makers. Unlike those programs currently being aired in the United States. I hope to keep the magazine going as long as I can and with your help, I hope I can.

Steve Gerrard

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## Colin Andrews At X-Conference

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The following is a dialogue between Colin Andrews and myself following on from my post at:

<http://www.ufoupdateslist.com/2009/apr/m20-005.shtml>

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Subject: Harrier Incident - Colin Andrews At X-Conference

Dear Joe,

I have been forwarded this email anonymously and I am pleased because it gives me an opportunity to correct you and also Michael Salla, who wrote a reasonably balanced article about my presentation at the X-Conference last weekend, that is apart from the Harrier reference which is completely untrue. I think he must not have heard correctly.

I strongly suggest you purchase the DVD of my presentation from the organizers so that you can actually hear what I said. I made no such claim that the pilot was ejected by mysterious forces of the crop circles, nor would I. I did speak to the leyline (so called) on which his aircraft aligned and the placement of crop circles there.

I was interviewed by two of the investigation team into that incident at the time. In Washington I was setting out my case that the official British Government involvement in the crop circle research, as written by Nick Pope, was inaccurate. Nick said in his official report that he had to deny that a harrier jump jet had crashed due to the crop circles it flew over. My only point regarding that incident... that he can not possibly know the cause of the accident - if the court hearing was left as an open verdict - simply because the MOD and accident investigation people could not find the reason themselves.

There was speculation about the light on the control panel falling and wedging in a position that may have fired the seat - but the answer is in the Atlantic. I showed a drawing of the route taken by the jet and showed how it passed directly over two sets of circles - yes they might indeed have been man made. I made no judgement at all, how could I? This was a very short segment of my presentation. The entire one and a half hours was based upon facts, all supported by documentation - take a look at the DVD.

Its sad one, must say, that you have gone off at a tangent placing judgement on me without checking the presentation for yourself. Nick himself congratulated me on the presentation and his girlfriend is inviting me back to the UK to take part in a TV show to talk further about my involvement with the MOD, the Margaret Thatcher government and the Queen.

There was much more there of importance than this rather minor point of detail. The accident was terrible for the pilot's family and so making such a loud noise about this is not nice, that is why I moved quickly over the point I wanted to make. I am sorry it showed up inaccurately in Michael's article.

Best wishes

Colin Andrews

PS: I will make a statement correcting this on my website shortly.

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

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Hello Colin,

Thanks for taking the time to write to me.

I would firstly like to say that I regard the 'exopolitics' industry as a detriment to ufology, and that for that reason, would not want to support it by purchasing any items from them or indeed by contributing articles, etc.

I think that your ire is misplaced - Salla was involved with the organisation of the event and presumably was present at your lecture (or else how did he write it up?). Any inaccuracies originated with him.

I would also question your decision to include the event in your presentation at all - the insinuation is that the incident was somehow related to crop circles or ley lines, when in all probability there was a much more mundane cause of the accident.

Of course the cause can not be certainly attributed to accidental triggering of the drogue, but there are precedents where similar accidents have occurred. There are few certainties in life, most of it is made up of probabilities and in this case, the probabilities come down in favour of a tragic accident, as the air accident investigation concluded.

If you like, I can forward your message to the UFO UpDates List?

Regards,

Joe

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Hi Joe,

Thanks for getting back to me.

I hear what you say that the X-Conference is not your kind of venue and I must respect that. Had Salla felt the same way and myself also, then presumably my presentation, even this inaccuracy would not be out there for you to consider and debate. It was my pleasure and honor to present with such high calibre scientists as Edgar Mitchell and others and so on this we must just agree to disagree. Different perspectives is not all bad.

I would appreciate the opportunity you offer to post my last and this email to the UFO UpDates List.

I am still of the impression that if you were able to see where this short piece fitted into my presentation - hence placing it into context (always important) you would come to a different conclusion.

I do agree with you that its highly likely a quite rational explanation exists for the Harrier incident, my only point was that it was unresolved and so Nick Pope was in no position to conclude it was definitely nothing to do with the placement of crop circles, which the investigating team nor the inquest could determine. - thats all.

Many statements that Nick wrote in what he calls 'The Official Government Position On Crop Circles' was proved to be inaccurate in my presentation, with documentation etc... The whole intention was to introduce some caution about just how honest the new air of openness in UK actually is. Nick and I are OK with each other, now that the two positions are now out in the public record - people can now make up their own minds.

I appreciate being able to have my say here before this



discussion grows out of all proportion, which as we all know happens sometimes. I wish I had been able to do so in similar circumstances about 10 years ago, when an alleged interview with me took place in which, according to Jeff Rense website, I somehow proved to some that I was paid off by Laurence Rockefeller, as an undercover CIA agent to announce the circles were all man-made - that myth exists even today. And on and on... All for another day.

Best wishes Joe,

Colin Andrews

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Thanks,

William

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The important difference is that the Journal of Frontier Science is available free of charge. Why is this important? Few of us have money to throw around. But there is unlimited talent and intellect out there. The goal is not to make money, but to give the community what it needs in the best possible way, bring the talent to bear on the subjects at hand, and progress Ufology further into the mainstream, and finally to solve some of these mysteries.

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To quote Don Ecker from:

<http://www.ufoupdateslist.com/2007/apr/m19-009.shtml>

"One thing that I've discovered being in this field for 20 years is a very simple truth, but a truth that is most profound. Most 'researchers' are ignorant of what has happened previously in the field of UFO research. They are ignorant of the claims made in the past, ignorant of past hoaxes perpetrated by 'players' in the field...

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...So, we see that nothing in Ufology changes. We see that old cases are repeated as if newly discovered and that solid explanations are ignored because the mystery is more important than the truth. As some in the news media say, "Why ruin a good story with the facts?"

Which was quite prophetic given the reference to 'hoaxes' in the context of Birne and UFO Magazine.

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I disagree with this part - much of science is absolutely conclusive, for instance, water will always boil at 100 degrees centigrade at standard air pressure, and freeze at zero degrees.

Where there is variance, there is usually a pattern discernible, even if the pattern is not identical in every case.

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I was unaware that the journal was still being published - I have a couple of old copies from the 1990's which I picked up on Ebay, but I couldn't find a subscription link at:

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

Regards,

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I am at a loss to understand what you mean by an "in-house  
publication". JUFOS' contributors include a wide range of  
educated writers, including scientists, psychologists,  
folklorists, and critically minded ufologists. It has published  
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It's available from CUFOS at its Chicago address, listed on the  
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<http://www.cufos.org/pubs3.html>

it appears that the most recent volume available is from 2006,  
and indeed the most recent contents summary is from 2003. The  
publication frequency seems to become sporadic in the early-  
90's, and increasingly sparse thereafter.

Do you still consider this journal an ongoing enterprise? The  
summaries/abstracts of its previously published material seem  
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Uh, since when does Bill Birnes speak for all of ufology? Or  
what about those MUFON investigators who speedily solved this  
ridiculous hoax? What about those witnesses who refused to  
behave as debunking doctrine called for them to do? I wouldn't  
use their testimony to advance the claim that witnesses'  
observations are seriously at variance with the stimulus they  
are trying to describe - a fundamental debunking doctrine.

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I guess a ufologist becomes worth quoting and attains sudden  
credibility when he erupts into a bleating jeremiad about all  
ufology and all ufologists all of the time. Pardon me if I fail  
to be impressed. There is, no denying, much to criticize in  
ufology, as there is much to criticize in debunking's equally  
embarrassing excesses. Over the years I have written many, many  
words on both subjects. I have been involved in ufology for most  
of my life; I know its weaknesses and I know its strengths as  
well as anybody. Don Ecker is engaged in purple polemic and wild  
hyperbole.

Ufologists come in all shapes and sizes. One size does not fit  
all. Some are serious-minded and credible. Others are silly and  
gullible. Many are not quite either, just intellectually na=EFve.  
Just like debunkers. The fact that your charge rests on the  
judgment of Bill Birnes (associate of and promoter for the

notorious Col. Corso) does not exactly give one confidence in the astuteness of your analysis. Birnes doesn't speak for me, he obviously doesn't speak for MUFON, and he speaks for no colleague that I respect. Birnes also hosts an uncritical cable-TV show on UFOs. It doesn't speak for ufology, either. It speaks for Birnes.

Does Philip J. Klass - who equated some ufologists' suspicion that the U.S. government has lied about UFOs with Soviet efforts to discredit Washington to the world - speak for you? I've got a whole list of comparably daft statements in that vein that I can hold you accountable for if you want to go that route.

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Unless I misunderstood you (in which case consider yourself apologized to), you were dredging up the debunking canard that one can say anything one wishes about an extraordinary claim, so long as it's dismissive, without being held to account for it. Only those who say nothing, and who go about their business, have nothing to prove or defend.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scientific\\_method](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scientific_method)

What chemist/science-studies scholar Henry Bauer and others in that discipline call "textbook science," practiced in textbooks, versus "real science," which is what real scientists do.

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It's also true that if you step in front of a speeding train, you're going to be killed or seriously injured. Beyond those obvious facts, the meaning of experience gets pretty iffy, subject to all kinds of variables. Certain knowledge about most things is as elusive as certain knowledge about anomalies and the paranormal.

Truzzi's essay was about what he called "pseudoskepticism" in controversies about anomalies and the paranormal. I didn't want to quote the entire essay, obviously. The tentativeness of scientific knowledge, the subject of a vast literature in the philosophy and sociology of science, is manifested in the demonstrable, even banal reality that books on scientific subjects become obsolete after a few years. Science, in other words, is not dogma frozen in stone but an ongoing project. I should think that's a good thing. One day, as part of that ongoing project, scientists as a group may well do better by UFOs than they did in the first six decades of the controversy. Science and the UFO phenomenon are not done, I suspect, with each other yet.

We know how outmoded a science book from a century ago is to us now. Imagine what our own science books will look like a century from now. Evidence in science - most of all in highly

contentious areas such as those in which anomalies and the paranormal occupy one corner - is indeed a matter of degree. ("Always" does overstate the case, I agree; but to be fair to Truzzi, you need to consider the context.) I always (ah, that adverb) laugh out loud when I see ball-lightning proponents employing arguments that would get (and have gotten) a ufologist thrown out onto the street.

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Yes, strange experiences happen, sometimes though not ordinarily in a religious context. (On three occasions, in our front lawn, I - the last time with my wife - observed an apparitional quadruped which then vanished in front of my/our eyes.) Anomalous experiences are indeed worthy of open-minded study. I have written about them myself. (My essay "Experience Anomalies," published in Fortean Times a few issues ago, offers an approach which seeks to pull us out of the usual stale, stalemated, and simplistic debate.) These encounters are experientially real to those who have them, and they remain unexplained.

Knowing of the many problems of interpretation, however, most formal advocates for religion reject such claims as evidence for theological truths. The fundamental argument for God's existence - certainly the one I heard when I was a church-goer - is faith, pure and not so simple. I was raised a Protestant, and in my adult life I became a Roman Catholic for a few years. Not once did I hear a sermon or homily which argued for God's existence on the basis of miracles. I also know several members of the clergy with whom I've had private conversations from time to time on religious matters. They've not once brought up miracles, even knowing of my interest in weird shit. Even at the highest level, the Catholic Church has an uneasy relationship with claims for miracles, only a relative handful of which it has endorsed after much, generally skeptical scrutiny.

Except to polemical overreachers, faith is not part of the case for the UFO phenomenon. That evidence is based on a large body of evidence, including instrumented and other physical evidence, some of which is arguably compatible with a hypothesis of extraterrestrial visitation, which ought not to be all that surprising if the galaxy is densely inhabited, as many exobiologists believe. (If that's true, ET visitors are to be expected; if they're not here, that may be a good sign that intelligence is rare or nonexistent outside the earth.) That evidence - for technological vehicles in our atmosphere and sometimes closer - is detailed in the sober UFO literature.

In other words, some UFOs may or may not turn out to be from other solar systems. Right or wrong, however, the notion is not absurd on its face. It's a perfectly respectable tentative hypothesis, awaiting further investigation, documentation, and developments. It's too early either to embrace it or to dismiss it out of hand, though the temptation is understandable. After all, we all want certainty, even if none is to be had.

But if you can find the (for example) RB47-case equivalent for the existence of God's presence in the world, I'll have to reconsider my deep-seated religious skepticism. Meantime, you

might turn your argument about unfounded faith in ETs on those astronomers who reject UFOs but nonetheless embrace intelligent life in the universe on the basis of no evidence whatever - a subject no less than astronomical historian Michael Crowe has discussed with barely concealed glee in his well-regarded book on the ET-life debate over the centuries.

Cordially,  
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[Non-Subscriber Post]

I am writing to submit a post from my blog for possible mention on the UFO Updates list.

I know some of your List's members have an interest in aviation (Mr. Ledger and Mr. Lehmberg), so I thought it might be useful to them.

The post is the introduction to a project I've been working on that provides those interested with a fairly convenient way to consistently record and archive broadcasts received by aviation-band scanners. Such a record could be useful when investigating sighting reports, at least that is the idea.

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Source: NYC Jeff's Yet Another UFO Blog

<http://yaufob.wordpress.com/>

April 9, 2009

Fly On The Wall At Air Traffic Control

I'm taking a post here to describe a project that I've been working on that I hope contributes to ufology in a small way, and attempts to do some pushing of X. In this case, I'm trying to improve the quality of data, Q in my X function:

<http://yaufob.wordpress.com/2008/04/13/jeffs-roadmap/>

[Image: "Desktop for ATCMP featuring alien tux"]

I often hear about UFO sightings that are in some way related to aviation. Perhaps a commercial pilot saw something and asked air traffic control to verify it on their radar (Japan Airlines). Maybe something was floating near an airport (O'hare and Phoenix Lights). Or maybe military jets were scrambled to an area where a sighting had been made (Stephenville). In any case, it would be nice to have a convenient record of what was being said by air traffic control around that time. The ATCMP is an attempt at developing that sort of record.

The ATCMP uses off the shelf aviation-band radio scanners (provided by end user), combined with older-generation computers and open-source software to create a personal air traffic audio archive station. The project is designed to take the audio from the scanner and save it to the computer's hard drive. At the end of the week, it burns all the saved sessions to a blank DVD, and starts over again. The benefit is that you have an ongoing record of conversations in a convenient audio form that can later be referenced in the event of potential sightings, all with minimal effort needed from the operator.

Although anyone can download and implement the software, I envision it as being most useful to groups like MUFON and NARCAP. MUFON has a network of field investigators spread across the country, and could potentially have a station set up near every significant airport in the United States. NARCAP is geared more towards people with aviation experience and who would likely be familiar with aviation communications.

[Image: "My recording setup"]

I attempt to orient my projects in a way that is consistent with my outline of progress in ufology. I give an outline here. I believe this project increases X, by improving the Q factor, or quality of data available to investigators. I include control of data in my broad definition of data quality.

Anyone who has followed the UFO phenomenon knows there is a cyclical pattern to significant sightings. It usually starts out with a sighting made by a number of people, with at least some of them making reports. This is followed by a flurry of semi-serious media coverage, which is inevitably followed by less than serious media coverage. This is normally enough to get it off the front pages, and out of the public's mind. Perhaps its media manipulation by the dark forces of the world, or maybe that's just how the modern news cycle goes, but either way, it is often difficult to complete an investigation by the time James McGaha or Seth Shostack gets on Larry King's show. In the event that there was some interaction with the commercial aviation, having access to the tower conversations could make it easier to verify facts provided by other witnesses, quickly, and without having to file a FOIA request.

I also think I am able to increase the D factor a bit with this project. D is for Dispersion of experience. ATCMP uses the Puppy Linux operating system as a base. I'm becoming a bigger fan of Linux in general, but really couldn't have done this without Linux, and in this case Puppy. Using Linux should really lower the cost for someone to implement a recording station, allowing more people to participate.

If you are curious to try the project, click on "ATCMP" at the upper right corner of this page. You will find a link where you can download the .iso file, as well as the instruction sets for the overall project and the installation. Since this is very new, I am especially interested in getting feedback from people who have attempted it regarding its ease of use and the clarity of the instructions.

More on Linux if you're interested

There are several factors that really made Puppy Linux a natural choice for this project.

First and foremost, the whole thing needed to be inexpensive, so that it could be implemented on a wide scale. If we're going cheap, that will impose some other obstacles. One of the easiest ways to get a cheap computer, is to get an older computer. I've picked up several junked machines off the sidewalk for free, but have also paid for some from craigslist and ebay.

Second is software size. If we're going cheap and old, the machines we are working with may not have the most robust specs. Keeping the software small helps ensure that the machine will be able to keep up with the demands. This adapted version of Puppy is only 130 Mb, so it should run fairly easily on most machines (your results may vary).

Finally, we need reproducibility. Old machines are going to be plagued with old machine problems. The last machine you threw out probably couldn't open its browser because it was clogged full of bloatware, spyware, and viruses, so its going to be difficult to ensure that the ATCMP would function smoothly on it. Using puppy helps get around that by providing a fresh operating system (Linux ala Puppy), as well as the scripts, programs, and files needed to do the recording. Puppy also allowed me to roll up the operating system as well as the scripts into an easy package by remastering the original Puppy 4.12 distribution.

Trying to do this with Microsoft products would have been very

difficult. Widnows XP might work for this, but it would significantly up the price and probably strain the machine. I could have gone with an older OS, but where am I going to get licenses for versions of Windows 2000 to work on the old hardware.

In the end, Puppy fit the bill for all my needs. But there is also a lot of other things on that disk. Its got some office suite programs, a chat client, a wiki, a torrent client. Really you should check out puppylinux.com and puppylinux.org to get the scoop.

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>Examining the CUFOS web site page for this journal,

It's known by its acronym JUFOS.

><http://www.cufos.org/pubs3.html>

>it appears that the most recent volume available is from 2006,  
>and indeed the most recent contents summary is from 2003. The  
>publication frequency seems to become sporadic in the early-  
>90's, and increasingly sparse thereafter.

>Do you still consider this journal an ongoing enterprise? The  
>summaries/abstracts of its previously published material seem  
>sober and credible. It does not bode well for a new venture such  
>as Steve Bass describes if this CUFOS journal is withering on  
>the vine.

JUFOS is published as CUFOS' finances, always tight and worse so  
under the current world economic downturn, permit. Back issues,  
carrying vital scholarly papers and reviews on a range of UFO-  
related issues, are available from CUFOS.

If the ufology community had supported the journal - it's  
discouraging to learn over the past days how few apparently even  
know of its existence - JUFOS would be able to on a more  
frequent publication schedule. Nonetheless, the existing issues  
are already an invaluable resource which I encourage readers to  
put into their libraries.

Another refereed journal, Journal of Scientific Exploration,  
regularly publishes UFO papers, along with material on other  
anomalies. It publishes at least two issues a year.

Contents of the most recent JUFOS issue (n.s., 2006):

A Report on the Demographics and Beliefs of Alien Abduction  
Experiencers (Stephanie Kelly-Romano); The Effect of the Label  
"UFO" on Memory for Ambiguous Pictorial Stimuli (J. Steiner and  
Anthony L. Jinks); An Analysis of Multiple UAP Photo Images  
(Richard F. Haines); Examination of the Trajectories of  
Anomalous Objects Imaged During the STS-48 Space Shuttle Mission  
(Lan D. Fleming); Angel Hair Physical Analyses: A Review (Brian  
Boldman); Analysis of Angel Hair Samples (Phyllis A. Budinger).  
Book Review: Life's Solution by Simon Conway Morris (Michael D.  
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>>Let's deal with the 'premature' remarks first - try telling Bill  
>>Birnes (editor of UFO Magazine) about that. He stated that he had  
>>examined the possibility that the reports might be caused by  
>>flares and had positively ruled them out following analysis.

>Uh, since when does Bill Birnes speak for all of ufology? Or  
>what about those MUFON investigators who speedily solved this  
>ridiculous hoax? What about those witnesses who refused to  
>behave as debunking doctrine called for them to do? I wouldn't  
>use their testimony to advance the claim that witnesses'  
>observations are seriously at variance with the stimulus they  
>are trying to describe - a fundamental debunking doctrine.

We are getting into a whole new thread here, which I don't have  
the time to address right now. Taking your point about who  
speaks for all of ufology, who does? Do you? Does MUFON? Steve  
Bass? CUFOs? The Disclosure Project? How does one decide who is  
representative of ufology or not?

I doubt that you would deny that Birnes, UFO Magazine, and 'The  
UFO Hunters' exert a significant influence on ufology? Is that  
not the criteria?

I applaud MUFON for for their work on the case, but why was  
there such a delay before they released their conclusion?

Were there no other groups or individuals involved in  
investigation of the case, and what were their conclusions?

<snip>

>I guess a ufologist becomes worth quoting and attains sudden  
>credibility when he erupts into a bleating jeremiad about all  
>ufology and all ufologists all of the time. Pardon me if I fail  
>to be impressed. There is, no denying, much to criticize in  
>ufology, as there is much to criticize in debunking's equally  
>embarrassing excesses. Over the years I have written many, many

>words on both subjects. I have been involved in ufology for most  
>of my life; I know its weaknesses and I know its strengths as  
>well as anybody. Don Ecker is engaged in purple polemic and wild  
>hyperbole.

I happen to agree with much of what Ecker said. I also agree  
that some ultra-sceptics display similar traits to ultra-  
believers. I don't see the relevance to the topic in hand  
though?

>Ufologists come in all shapes and sizes. One size does not fit  
>all. Some are serious-minded and credible. Others are silly and  
>gullible. Many are not quite either, just intellectually na=EFve.  
>Just like debunkers. The fact that your charge rests on the  
>judgment of Bill Birnes (associate of and promoter for the  
>notorious Col. Corso) does not exactly give one confidence in  
>the astuteness of your analysis. Birnes doesn't speak for me, he  
>obviously doesn't speak for MUFON, and he speaks for no  
>colleague that I respect. Birnes also hosts an uncritical cable-  
>TV show on UFOs. It doesn't speak for ufology, either. It speaks  
>for Birnes.

My only 'charge' is that we can learn from the incident - that  
learning encompasses questions about the accuracy or otherwise  
of witness descriptions, the effectiveness of investigatory  
methods, the role played by the media, etc. I see nothing wrong  
in that, but you seem to think that all of ufology already know  
all about these things - clearly not all of ufology does.

>Does Philip J. Klass - who equated some ufologists' suspicion  
>that the U.S. government has lied about UFOs with Soviet efforts  
>to discredit Washington to the world - speak for you? I've got a  
>whole list of comparably daft statements in that vein that I can  
>hold you accountable for if you want to go that route.

Of course not - it goes back to my point above about how does  
one decide who represents ufology? You deny that Birnes is  
representative, I am asking who is and how does one decide that?

<snip>

>>I don't think anything he said contradicts what I said, but in  
>>any case, what I wrote is a very abbreviated version of the  
>>description of the scientific method at:

>Unless I misunderstood you (in which case consider yourself  
>apologized to), you were dredging up the debunking canard that  
>one can say anything one wishes about an extraordinary claim, so  
>long as it's dismissive, without being held to account for it.  
>Only those who say nothing, and who go about their business,  
>have nothing to prove or defend.

No - if someone makes a claim (including me) I expect to see  
some evidence to back up that claim. For example, I claim that  
the majority of reports relating to the so-called 'Cosford  
Incident' were generated by a satellite re-entry, and I have  
provided evidence of that, yet the case is still touted in some  
circles as 'one of the best ever UK UFO cases'. Attempts by me  
to question the basis of that claim are stonewalled by the main  
propounder, which leads straight back to Ecker's comments.

>[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scientific\\_method](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scientific_method)

>What chemist/science-studies scholar Henry Bauer and others in  
>that discipline call "textbook science," practiced in textbooks,  
>versus "real science," which is what real scientists do.

Perhaps you can elaborate on what scientific method 'real'  
scientists use, highlighting the differences between those and  
the traditional scientific method?

>>>Evidence in science is always a matter of degree and is seldom  
>>>if ever absolutely conclusive.... Both critics and proponents  
>>>need to learn to think of adjudication in science as more like  
>>>that found in law courts, imperfect and with varying degrees of  
>>>proof and evidence."

>>I disagree with this part - much of science is absolutely  
>>conclusive, for instance, water will always boil at 100 degrees  
>>centigrade at standard air pressure, and freeze at zero degrees.

>It's also true that if you step in front of a speeding train,  
>you're going to be killed or seriously injured. Beyond those  
>obvious facts, the meaning of experience gets pretty iffy,  
>subject to all kinds of variables. Certain knowledge about most  
>things is as elusive as certain knowledge about anomalies and  
>the paranormal.

I think you are drifting off-topic here. There are a great number of certainties within science. Of course hypotheses are developed and altered in the light of new knowledge as it becomes available, but if a hypothesis can be shown to work consistently, it becomes accepted until exceptions are identified. A classic example is conventional flow of electricity against electron flow - in the pioneering days of electricity it was assumed that electricity flowed from the positive pole of a battery to the negative pole. Most electrical theory is still taught on that basis until the topic of semiconductor theory is reached, when students are told that everything they learned earlier was built on a false premise and that in fact electrical current flows from the negative pole to the positive. Most of the formulae developed on the basis of conventional flow are however unchanged as a result of the error and remain 'certainties' at least until further discoveries are made.

Life is different from science in that almost all of life is based on probabilities rather than accepted 'certainties', but that is unrelated to what we were discussing (the scientific method).

<snip>

>We know how outmoded a science book from a century ago is to us  
>now. Imagine what our own science books will look like a century  
>from now. Evidence in science - most of all in highly  
>contentious areas such as those in which anomalies and the  
>paranormal occupy one corner - is indeed a matter of degree.

No real dispute there from me other than the points made above.

<snip>

>Knowing of the many problems of interpretation, however, most  
>formal advocates for religion reject such claims as evidence for  
>theological truths. The fundamental argument for God's existence  
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The Christian religions are founded mainly on a single miracle, the resurrection of Jesus Christ. That is the cornerstone of the faith. Other significant miracles on which the faith depends include the virgin birth and Moses' receipt of the 10 commandments - remove those, and what remains in Christianity?

>Except to polemical overreachers, faith is not part of the case  
>for the UFO phenomenon. That evidence is based on a large body  
>of evidence, including instrumented and other physical evidence,  
>some of which is arguably compatible with a hypothesis of  
>extraterrestrial visitation, which ought not to be all that  
>surprising if the galaxy is densely inhabited, as many  
>exobiologists believe. (If that's true, ET visitors are to be  
>expected; if they're not here, that may be a good sign that  
>intelligence is rare or nonexistent outside the earth.) That  
>evidence - for technological vehicles in our atmosphere and  
>sometimes closer - is detailed in the sober UFO literature.

The faith element comes into it when people express their view 'based on the evidence' that some UFOs represent ET craft. There is no substantial evidence to support such a belief.

That UFOs exist, and appear not to comply with known phenomena is not what I am questioning.



>In other words, some UFOs may or may not turn out to be from  
>other solar systems. Right or wrong, however, the notion is not  
>absurd on its face. It's a perfectly respectable tentative  
>hypothesis, awaiting further investigation, documentation, and  
>developments. It's too early either to embrace it or to dismiss  
>it out of hand, though the temptation is understandable. After  
>all, we all want certainty, even if none is to be had.

Yes, I agree, but in my opinion, the probability of ET visitation is low - I would go so far as to place the probability of some UFOs being extra temporal or extra dimensional as being higher, though still very low on the scale. What I dispute is that the case for ET visitation is proven, which is the view held by Steve Bass.

>But if you can find the (for example) RB47-case equivalent for  
>the existence of God's presence in the world, I'll have to  
>reconsider my deep-seated religious skepticism. Meantime, you  
>might turn your argument about unfounded faith in ETs on those  
>astronomers who reject UFOs but nonetheless embrace intelligent  
>life in the universe on the basis of no evidence whatever - a  
>subject no less than astronomical historian Michael Crowe has  
>discussed with barely concealed glee in his well-regarded book  
>on the ET-life debate over the centuries.

I had a quick search on the internet, and the best I could find after a short search was from:

<http://olrl.org/stories/lourdes.shtml>

These cases have metrical data (medical examinations before and after) and multiple witnesses. I haven't dug any deeper but on the face of it, the evidence appears to match the quality of the RB47 case.

Cheers, and God be with you,

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>UFO Hunters' exert a significant influence on ufology? Is that  
>not the criteria?

Yes, I will deny that. I'll go so far as to add that the  
assertion is ignorant balderdash. I have the distinct impression  
that you don't know much about American ufology.

>I applaud MUFON for their work on the case, but why was  
>there such a delay before they released their conclusion?

I don't know. Ask MUFON. Are you implying something sinister, or  
even meaningful? Maybe MUFON is more measured and considered in  
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The only lesson I can see is that debunkers will jump at anything, however half-assed, if they think it will advance the faith. The blinding speed with which anti-ufologists leaped on this embarrassing episode, as if it proved something about the foolishness of witnesses and persons sympathetic to UFOs, tells us something, though nothing any informed observer didn't already know. This sort of episode helps explain, again, why serious ufologists have such a hard time taking self-professed skeptics seriously.

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Overwhelmingly, it is the contention of mainstream Christianity that miracles occurred two thousand years ago; furthermore, because it is impossible to prove them historically, scientifically, or empirically, they are to be accepted on faith. Faith is the cornerstone of the Christian religion. That faith applies in good part to ancient and unverifiable miracle claims.

One qualification to the above: The Catholic Church makes exceptions for a handful of BVM visions and related healings. These, however, are far from central to Catholic teachings. During my tenure in the Church, I heard not a single reference to them. I know of them only because they figure in the anomalies literature.

Possibly, if you're going to argue about what and why Christians believe, it might help you to darken a church door once in a while. Because I went to the trouble, at least I have a much clearer understanding of what I don't believe.

>>Except to polemical overreachers, faith is not part of the case  
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>>of evidence, including instrumented and other physical evidence,  
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>>extraterrestrial visitation, which ought not to be all that  
>>surprising if the galaxy is densely inhabited, as many  
>>exobiologists believe. (If that's true, ET visitors are to be

>>expected; if they're not here, that may be a good sign that  
>>intelligence is rare or nonexistent outside the earth.) That  
>>evidence - for technological vehicles in our atmosphere and  
>>sometimes closer - is detailed in the sober UFO literature.

>The faith element comes into it when people express their view  
>'based on the evidence' that some UFOs represent ET craft. There  
>is no substantial evidence to support such a belief.

It will be up to future science to define what "substantial evidence" is. It is entirely possible that those future scientists will scratch their heads in wonderment at how long it took their backward, clueless grandparents to figure out that something truly remarkable was occurring under their noses. Good empirical evidence, consistent with the hypothesis of ET visitation (though not yet, so far as we know, proving it), exists in abundance.

One doesn't have to resort to "faith" to get there. That's why there's a UFO controversy and why self-described skeptics have had such a difficult time, even after more than six decades, constructing a case which persuades anybody but each other. What nearly every scientist who has bothered to engage the data and who has published on the subject has agreed is that the hypothesis of otherworldly visitation, whether ultimately right or ultimately wrong, is hardly unreasonable.

>>In other words, some UFOs may or may not turn out to be from  
>>other solar systems. Right or wrong, however, the notion is not  
>>absurd on its face. It's a perfectly respectable tentative  
>>hypothesis, awaiting further investigation, documentation, and  
>>developments. It's too early either to embrace it or to dismiss  
>>it out of hand, though the temptation is understandable. After  
>>all, we all want certainty, even if none is to be had.

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If we're lucky, we'll see who's right - the ETH ufologists and the exobiologists on one side or you and the exo-deniers on the other - presuming we're still alive when the answers on which everybody can agree come through.

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>assertion is ignorant balderdash. I have the distinct impression  
>that you don't know much about American ufology.

>>I applaud MUFON for for their work on the case, but why was  
>>there such a delay before they released their conclusion?

>I don't know. Ask MUFON. Are you implying something sinister, or  
>even meaningful? Maybe MUFON is more measured and considered in  
>pronouncing its conclusions than debunkers are.

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Even in the terms you frame the question - that because Birnes is visible with a magazine and a cable-TV show he must be influential and representative - you're way off base. Birnes is not a leader in the field, or anybody with a history in ufology; he is instead a UFO entrepreneur. You've confused a businessman, in other words, with a ufologist. You would not have been confused on this score if you knew something about American ufology and the personalities who have helped shape it over the decades. For information on that subject, I refer you to my UFO Encyclopedia.

Your ignorance in this area - which does not, of course, make you a bad person - is what triggers my sometimes edgy responses to your various allegations. I lack the patience to sit at the receiving end of hectoring commentary from somebody who, frankly, doesn't seem to know what he's talking about.

Nobody "speaks" for ufology. One could as well demand to know, I suppose, who "speaks" for history or science or the arts or business or labor or religion or any other complicated human activity. Maybe the last ufologist who arguably had anything at all like that job description was Allen Hynek (d. 1986), whose background and history are unrivaled. But somebody who has no real history in the field and who has used ufology solely for money-making ventures (e.g., Birnes) wouldn't begin to qualify anyway. Even in Hynek's case, some intellectually disciplined ufologists took issue with various of his positions (especially



in his later years), so I guess he wasn't speaking for them, either.

In any debate on contentious issues, it is the strongest and most serious evidence, outlined by the most able (and financially disinterested) advocates, that is at issue, not its opposite. If to make your case you have to elevate Birnes to a towering and influential role he neither occupies nor deserves (nor, I suspect, cares about), you do not have an argument.

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No doubt explaining both your hostility to religion and your conjuring up the equation that since religion is bad and ufology is like a religion, ufology is bad. As I have explained here, that argument against ufology is a nonstarter. Whatever failings for which it may legitimately be held to account, ufology does not much resemble a faith-based enterprise.

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In other words, not just a faith statement but an incoherent one.

I append some words of wisdom on the subject from an outside authority. Keep in mind that these words were written years before hundreds of extrasolar planets were detected (with more being catalogued all the time), fulfilling a prediction central to the hypotheses of ET-oriented ufologists and exobiologists: that planets exist in abundance and that consequently life - including intelligent life - is probably ubiquitous in the universe.

Cordially,

Jerry Clark

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From Henry H. Bauer, *Scientific Literacy And The Myth Of The Scientific Method* (University of Illinois Press, 1992), pp. 6-7:

If one does believe that life like our own is common in the universe - in other words, that extraterrestrial intelligence (ETI) exists - then it is natural to speculate about the possibility of making contact with it. The Earth is between four and five billion years old, but the universe is three or four times as old as that. Therefore Sun-like stars existed billions of years earlier than did our own Sun, and so Earth-like planets will have too. If the origin of life and its subsequent evolution are taken to be entirely natural (which is to say probable) events, at least on Earth-like planets, some extraterrestrial civilizations will have existed for much longer

than our own and will have had time to evolve for much longer than our own and will have had time to evolve far beyond our present state.

Even at our present stage, we see space travel and colonization to be feasible, and we know that communication far into the universe by radio or light signals or robot probes is unquestionably possible. Thus there should have existed for billions of years extraterrestrial civilizations with the technical means to make contact with us. \_A scientific belief in ETI entails the likelihood that Earth has already been in contact with it\_ [Bauer's emphasis], albeit perhaps unwittingly. And yet, to be scientifically literate [a concept Bauer criticizes in his book as in significant aspects a meaningless ideological construct] ... one must \_disagree\_ with the statement "It is likely that some of the unidentified flying objects that have been reported are really space vehicles from other civilizations."

Now the \_logical\_ link is tight between a high probability of ETI and a high probability of having been in contact with it. So strong are the links in this chain of reasoning, in fact, that it is also used as an argument in the reverse direction. Since we have not been contacted, the argument goes, ETI does not exist...

No matter which of these answers one prefers, the inescapable point is that the conventional scientific wisdom does rate as so probable the existence of ETI that the dilemma is how to explain an apparent lack of contact. Under these circumstances, should it be regarded as unscientific, or scientifically illiterate, to believe that in point of fact there have been some contacts, and specifically that some of the \_admittedly unidentified\_ objects that have been reported might be signs of such contact?...

To understand how the current scientific consensus can harbor mutually inconsistent views about ETI and UFOs, one must understand how science is both a social activity and an intellectual one. The prevailing scientific worldview is not a single, logically coherent entity so much as a mosaic of the beliefs of many specialized little scientific groups, and a belief gets incorporated in the mosaic if there is a scientific group espousing that belief. ETI, but not UFOs, is part of the contemporary scientific worldview because there exists an accredited tribe of scientists concerned with attempts to contact ETI (by means of radio signals or space probes), while there does not exist an accredited scientific tribe attempting to unravel the provenance of reports of UFOs.

[Bauer goes on to discuss why scientists concerned about their careers have chosen SETI and related enterprises as opposed to UFO study. The reasons are unrelated to the quality of the UFO evidence, and have everything to do with the latter's inherent difficulty because "UFOs are capricious phenomena, encountered only unexpectedly," and therefore exceedingly difficult to document and unlikely to provide pay-off in any reasonable career time-frame.]

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Jerry and Joe,

A few missed points if I may...

Peer reviewed in the case of Steve Bass's magazine would mean by the so-called ufologist not by a large science community. To peer review something you actually have to know something about it which to a large degree the so-called scientific community does not.

The question obviously is who would be the peers. Those I would choose would not be those Mike Salla would choose, and of course I would not choose Mike Salla-or Bill Birnes for example.

But it is curious how often those scientists and engineers who are involved in the study of this phenomenon and its facets get over-looked during the debate of ufology verses science.

To name a few; Dr. Richard Haines, Dr. Bruce Maccabee, Richard Hall, Stan Friedman, Robert Powell, Dr. Bernard Haisch, Dr. David Jacobs and giving 'ufology' a nod lately, Michio Kaku. I apologise if some of the above have a doctorate and I did not mention it.

I suspect that Martin Shough is in the sciences or an engineer perhaps, though he has not conveyed this to me; but certainly his method is beyond reproach.

There are others whom I suspect as well but have no credentials to prove my suspicions. And still others have not made their interest in this field public but certainly are well qualified in the 'scientific' method.

Most us are aware of - or should be - of the scentists, engineers and theorists who have proceeded us in the study of this phenomenon including Dr. Hynek who came over from the skeptical side after years of research for the USAF. Dr. James

MacDonald is another, Lincoln LaPaz, Paul R. Hill, even 'Skunk Works' chief aeronautical engineer Kelly Johnson made a UFO report. The names above are off the top of my head - shortly after waking up - so please forgive me for not getting them all in.

Joe asked why MUFON waited so long to do their study on the flare hoax. My understanding is that they were on the hoaxed case in a matter of days and had resolved it as a hoax - even discovered flare residue and material - within ten days of the event. I'm not sure where it is determined that they took so long to report it. To MUFON it was likely that this was just another hoax by those seeking attention and did not ascribe any importance to it. It was solved and probably worthy of only a month end's report along with other cases.

I won't get into religion. My views are well known.

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Birnes obviously does not speak for me (or any of my scientifically oriented colleagues). He may be somehow 'representative' of the dregs of unscientific ufology, but not of our position in the slightest.

Who speaks for us? See the works of Dick Hall, Jerry Clark, Mike Swords, Mark Rodeghier, Rob Swiatek, Don Berliner... for example, and you will see legitimate 'representatives' of our position.

That doesn't mean we won't disagree on some particulars. But then, there is hardly unanimous agreement among orthodox scientists on many of the most profound questions under investigation.

What we share in common is the scientific attitude toward evidence, investigation, hypothesis testing, and theory construction. You will find us to be highly critical of the people like Birnes whom you try to elevate to undeserved representative status in a manner that smacks of skeptibunkery.

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Tuesday, April 28, 2009

UFOs... What Are They Seeing!

"There are more things in heaven and earth" Shakespeare

"I believe in UFOs but it doesn't mean they are ETs"

What are we seeing? I hear all this nonsense about lights or anomalous phenomenon or mistaken black projects.

I still ask what are we seeing?

What was the police officer Lenny Zamora seeing when he witnessed little people around an egg-like craft before they noticed him and darted behind the craft which quickly flew away? Why are these same small type creatures being seen all over the world even now? What are they seeing?

<http://www.alien-ufos.com/Zamora-UFO-incident-1964-t23792.html>

What are they seeing when the Military Police spot a classic UFO and then the missile silos shut down? What's a natural phenomenon?

Is it our own Black Projects shutting down our own warheads?

<http://www.cufon.org/cufon/malmstrom/malml.htm>

What are people experiencing in their bedrooms when they wake up with marks and bruises and remember being visited by small beings who do experiments on them in UFOs? Are we talking ghosts or nightmares or even sleep paralysis? Why are they so similar if not directed by some force and what is that force, if not ETs?

What flies over Washington DC and when fighters are scrambled, take off quickly and when the jets land, they fly back into the protected airspace several times playing cat and mouse games? Are we talking temperature inversion, atmospheric anomaly or what?

<http://www.ufologie.net/htm/usa1952.htm>

What was filmed shooting down a launched missile the very first time a long range camera was used? Would you bet the future of our species on chaff or collective consciousness? If someone shot at your car would you think intelligence or anomaly?

What is witnessed landing and then taking off, yet is so polluting to our soil that after thirty years of testing that soil still can't hold water? Are we talking the trickster here



or a fairy ring?

<http://tinyurl.com/dupedbydebunkers>

We have got to start to put this together in our minds. We continue to write as if there were no detailed history of UFO cases from all over the world. We act as if within those reports don't include a large body evidence by credible witnesses describing little creatures that don't look human .

If this is not technology then what is it? For decades we have been recording a presence all over the world with our modern instruments and while we debate what that presence could be, IT has behaved awfully like a strategic intelligence conveying powerful, yet non-verbal, messages. I think many in the military have understood completely what those messages are: they are from a technological intelligence.

What are children seeing? What did that whole class of children in South Africa see? These children had a no nonsense Principal, who, by all descriptions of his personality would have thoroughly punished the children if there was even a hint of a hoax. What was the landed craft and the small creatures, if not ETs? Why did those entities react as if they knew they were being watched? Why are those same young children, now grown up, still sticking to what they reported as real? Could it have been mass illusion or imaginations?

<http://www.ufoevidence.org/Cases/case127.htm>

[video]

I hear all this nonsense thrown out by respectable skeptics and UFO researchers: "Little known rare natural phenomenon"

What rare phenomenon evades jets? Why is it that in 99% percent of the accounts these flying UFOs evade our best fighter jets and when they can't, there is hell to pay?

This smacks of intelligence and secrecy. What does that imply but an intelligent technology?

Jeff Willes UFO Over Phoenix:

[Video]

It is true some questions are hard to answer but that doesn't negate what is being experienced. Many of those same questions could be answered if we understood the motives of these "ETs".

Over and over again, we hear intelligent people say these experiences are not ET related. Are they saying that we have a clandestine, well-trained military squad of very small people piloting these black projects? Does that make sense?

Vertically challenged people riding and piloting these above top secret objects even to this day? It is funny we never had one of these small people come forward none of them have integrity?

This is, to me, a filtering of the reported cases to fit an agenda. I know that there are questions which are hard to answer. I spent some time at John Jay college, which specializes in criminal investigation. I met many a police officer there. I remember talking to some of them about different cases. What I remember is sometimes you could not make heads or tails out of a case until you learned the motive. Once the motive was found the loose ends of the case, which seem unexplainable at first, finally made sense. Most of us have read good murder mysteries when an almost insurmountable confusing case is neatly tied up in the end when the motive is revealed.

We do not know the motives of these ETs are and of course it doesn't fall into place. It may be many motives or different motives for different races. We can surmise they don't want to be a public certainty but they do not want to be unknown. Are we saying as humans we can't write any explainable intelligent motive behind that behavior? We know sometimes they appear in strange and confusing ways, seemingly not making sense. Just because something may appear not to make sense, doesn't mean it can't make sense.

To say it is a "far cry" or a "real stretch" for any informed person to conclude that the predominant model to explain UFOs and their occupants is indeed Extra-Terrestrial is the real nonsense.

Joseph Capp  
UFO Media Matters  
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[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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>>I don't know where you get that from - I have consistently  
>>stated that I think - based on probability - intelligent life  
>>exists elsewhere in the universe and that I'm not convinced that  
>>it has ever visited Earth.

<snip>

>I append some words of wisdom on the subject from an outside  
>authority. Keep in mind that these words were written years  
>before hundreds of extrasolar planets were detected (with more  
>being catalogued all the time), fulfilling a prediction central  
>to the hypotheses of ET-oriented ufologists and exobiologists:  
>that planets exist in abundance and that consequently life -  
>including intelligent life - is probably ubiquitous in the  
>universe.

This is changing the topic, but it wasn't that long ago back on my days on Usenet about a dozen years ago that some of the resident debunkers were arguing against the ETH based on the fact that no extrasolar planets had been unambiguously found. Of course, our instrumentation wasn't capable yet of detecting them, but the next few years took care of that. I argued that there was no good reason for them not existing, our solar system existed, there were many stars like our sun, computer models predicted creation of solar systems as a matter of course during stellar formation, etc., etc.

Then when the extrasolar planets started popping up all over the place (now over 300 and growing weekly), the debunking argument changed to they weren't like Earth, again ignoring the fact that the methods weren't yet capable of detecting small Earth-like planets. I remember Dennis Stacy here even trying a semantic argument, saying they were so unlike our own solar system planets, we shouldn't even call them planets. Call them tribbles or something else and now there were again no extrasolar "planets".

Pretty soon these arguments will probably fall by the wayside with the launch of the new Kepler probe and successors, designed to detect Earthlike planets in our immediate neighborhood, including signs of water vapor, oxygen, and carbon dioxide in their atmosphere, indications of life like our own being present. (I remember the Usenet debunkers also argued that this was impossible, totally unaware that NASA was already in the early design stage of these infrared interferometer telescopes. Yes, in DebunkerLand, ignorance is truly bliss.)

My guess is that at least a few of these Earthlike planets will be found in the next decade. Then the argument will change to this being no evidence for intelligent alien beings. Well yes and no. If Earth-like planets turn out to be relatively plentiful, then this would greatly increase the odds of them being out there.

There are lots of other really dumb debunking arguments against the ETH, including Sagan's "They could never find us because the Universe is a really, really big place." Well, if a probe like Kepler can find them, then an alien remote-sensing equivalent can find us. Q.E.D. Sorry Carl. Your argument was truly unscientific. And dumb.

David Rudiak

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PRG  
Paradigm Research Group

April 29, 2009  
Press Release  
European Exopolitics Summit 2009

Washington, DC / Bethesda, MD - PRG executive director Stephen Bassett will speak at a very important conference scheduled for July 25-26 in Barcelona, Spain.

For full information  
see: <<http://www.exopoliticseurope.com>>[www.exopoliticseurope.com](http://www.exopoliticseurope.com).

The European Exopolitics Summit 2009 will be a milestone in a growing international movement to command formal Disclosure by world governments of an extraterrestrial presence engaging the human race. On this occasion the Disclosure movement's top leaders in Europe and North America will present at the four star Hotel Fira Palace Barcelona.

Simultaneous translations by top professional translators will be provided via wireless headsets - a first for events in this genre.

The conference is being produced by Pepon Jover, host of the Exopolitics Spain website within the Exopolitics World Network.

See: [www.exopoliticsspain.es](http://www.exopoliticsspain.es) and [www.exopoliticsworld.net](http://www.exopoliticsworld.net)

"Right now we're in a moment of deep transformation in planetary awareness in which big changes are taken place, and many more are yet to come. Any transformation that's important entails (hard to avoid) a profound crisis; and this crisis is, without a doubt, undermining the foundations of our civilization. Nevertheless, we are faced with an opportunity without precedent to approach a new developmental paradigm. We, an only we, the citizens of this planet, have the responsibility and the opportunity to change the course of history." Pepon Jover

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## Influences On Ufology [was: Bill Birnes]

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Hello Dick, List,

I have altered the subject line again for two reasons - Somehow Birne's name has transmogrified from Birne in my first reference to him to Birnes, and I think it is unfair to single him out as the questions are much broader than just him.

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No-one has come out and said it yet, but the message from Jerry and Dick is that there are at least two 'ufologies' - the one which they endorse, and what is probably fairly described as 'popular ufology'.

I don't disagree with that in principle, but in practice, it is popular ufology which is generally recognised by the public, and which has the greater social influence (including scientists). It is popular ufology on which the masses base their opinions of ufology as a whole, and which therefore has the greater influence.

This is in part due to the publicity-seeking nature and media skill of proponents of popular ufology such as the Exopolitics movement, Disclosure Project, the entertainment industry (including UFO documentaries), and the paper media including journals such as UFO magazine. This was highlighted throughout much of last year here in the UK through the pages of 'The Sun', which persisted in publishing images of birds, stories of Chinese Lanterns, photographs of planets, damaged wind turbines, etc all presented as evidence of UFOs. The Internet is now probably the most-accessed source for UFO information, and all of those mentioned make full use of it.

To deny that the work of people like Corso, Cooper, Greer, Salla, Birne, Pope, Good, Lear, etc have any influence in society on the topic of UFOs is burying our collective heads in the sand. I would suggest that all of those named have had more public exposure than those names offered by Dick, at least in the short term.

I have raised the question on-list in the past, but how do we publicly differentiate ourselves from popular ufology? Some on this List, and I imagine, a large proportion of the membership base of groups like MUFON (and a few of their officials) are adherents of popular ufology. It is so intertwined with the

idealised version of ufology preferred by Dick, Jerry, and others, it is no wonder that the public at large are generally unaware of the serious work carried out in the background.

This is of course nothing new - Adamski, Lesley, Le Poer Trench, Berlitz, Meier, and Von D=E4niken are historical examples of past influences on ufology and some of their output still holds sway in popular ufology.

Regards,

Joe

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>Dick

\_Indubitably\_!

You guys are the shoulders on which a lay humanity stands with regard to underpinnings of a certain discipline. You are what passes for the default head of our aggregate ufological sensibility, true. It remains, Sir, that that 'head' requires hand, heart, and foot to give it facility in the world - move it around. You must still make yourselves available to a lay humanity, Sir, assess-able, approachable, understandable - relevant. You boys in the, albeit too well respected, ivory tower don't do that very well, do you? Or, what are we talking about 60 years after you laid the first stones for that tower?

Enter Bill Birnes... who I have come to appreciate and respect

over the years replete with his enthusiasm and so-called hyperbole - apart from any tank I might be in for him - as one of the more honorable persons engaged in communicating the best of what you have to offer back to that same lay humanity alluded to earlier.

See, the wrongly disrespected left-half of the bell curve has to feel the same kind of ufological imperative as the imperious right half and Birnes, able to successfully speak the languages of both, communicates your information leftwards in a manner which makes the transfer you, et sig al, don't seem to be able to make happen. I submit you'd do well to listen a little more to what is communicated back towards the right in the same manner.

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So, thank you Bill, for doing your part to keep the important work of Dick Hall alive.

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Dick and Jerry,

I entirely agree with you, like many others, I am sure. Along  
that line of pseudo-fame and bad jokes, why not give that status  
to Rael and the Raelians, who were granted a thirteen page  
eulogy, not so long ago, in UFO Magazine, under the direction of  
Bill Birnes?

Gildas Bourdais

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Alfred, I really don't think the purpose of ufology is to  
practice missionary work with "the common man and woman" (in  
whose ranks, by the way, I proudly rank myself). Popular UFO  
enthusiasms of the sort Bill Birnes exploits have always  
existed, and they've gotten us nowhere except maybe farther and  
farther out onto the fringes.

As I remarked to Joe McConagle, what matters in contentious  
debates are the best data and the most capable advocates, and  
ultimately the engagement of science, government agencies, and  
relevant elites. These can actually do something - for example,  
provide the experts and the funding for full-bore investigation  
and analysis - to enable the kind of UFO research without which  
issues will remain unresolved.

>So, thank you Bill, for doing your part to keep the  
>important work of Dick Hall alive.

Nah, I don't think so. Anybody who desires s a short-order  
course in what Birnes - not "Birne," by the way, Joe - is about  
is encouraged to watch the Maury Island episode of UFO Hunters.  
Even I was shocked, and I thought I'd seen everything. I should  
have expected no less, though, from somebody to whom ufology is  
just business. And I haven't even mentioned Col. Corso - and  
won't.

Jerry Clark

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David,

I would probably give Sagan more of a pass than you, but your point is well taken. His comments are now over two decades old and should be taken in context, but perhaps there's also a little distrust for an astronomer who clearly touted the party line regarding UFOs.

The exopolitics group was mentioned earlier in this thread. Are you supportive of their contention that we need to prepare for immediate contact?

Steve

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## Re: Influences On Ufology

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>>Subject: Bill Birnes [was: New Peer Review & Educational Magazine]

>Hello Dick, List,

>I have altered the subject line again for two reasons - Somehow  
>Birne's name has transmogrified from Birne in my first reference  
>to him to Birnes, and I think it is unfair to single him out as  
>the questions are much broader than just him.

>>Birnes obviously does not speak for me (or any of my  
>>scientifically oriented colleagues). He may be somehow  
>>'representative' of the dregs of unscientific ufology, but not  
>>of our position in the slightest.

>>Who speaks for us? See the works of Dick Hall, Jerry Clark, Mike  
>>Swords, Mark Rodeghier, Rob Swiatek, Don Berliner... for  
>>example, and you will see legitimate 'representatives' of our  
>>position.

>No-one has come out and said it yet, but the message from Jerry  
>and Dick is that there are at least two 'ufologies' - the one  
>which they endorse, and what is probably fairly described as  
>'popular ufology'.

Joe,

Thanks for this message. It allows me to fill in the longish  
prelude to my comments that you quote here; it vanished into the  
ether when I apparently hit the wrong key. More below.

What Jerry and I and many others endorse is pretty much the  
opposite of 'popular ufology'. But as to there being two  
ufologies, I disagree. That is only a semantical confusion.

>I don't disagree with that in principle, but in practice, it is  
>popular ufology which is generally recognised by the public, and  
>which has the greater social influence (including scientists).  
>It is popular ufology on which the masses base their opinions of  
>ufology as a whole, and which therefore has the greater  
>influence.

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>This is in part due to the publicity-seeking nature and media  
>skill of proponents of popular ufology such as the Exopolitics  
>movement, Disclosure Project, the entertainment industry  
>(including UFO documentaries), and the paper media including  
>journals such as UFO magazine. This was highlighted throughout  
>much of last year here in the UK through the pages of 'The Sun',  
>which persisted in publishing images of birds, stories of  
>Chinese Lanterns, photographs of planets, damaged wind turbines,  
>etc all presented as evidence of UFOs. The Internet is now  
>probably the most-accessed source for UFO information, and all  
>of those mentioned make full use of it.

Yes, these are representative of popular ufology, which I (and I'm sure all of my colleagues) consider an abomination, and I frankly resent being lumped in with them in your definitions as if the word applies equally well to them and us.

>To deny that the work of people like Corso, Cooper, Greer,  
>Salla, Birne, Pope, Good, Lear, etc have any influence in  
>society on the topic of UFOs is burying our collective heads in  
>the sand. I would suggest that all of those named have had more  
>public exposure than those names offered by Dick, at least in  
>the short term.

And if notoriety and influence on society are the measure of what constitutes ufology, then all of the conclusions you make follow logically from your word games (false premise).

>I have raised the question on-list in the past, but how do we  
>publicly differentiate ourselves from popular ufology? Some on  
>this List, and I imagine, a large proportion of the membership  
>base of groups like MUFON (and a few of their officials) are  
>adherents of popular ufology. It is so intertwined with the  
>idealised version of ufology preferred by Dick, Jerry, and  
>others, it is no wonder that the public at large are generally  
>unaware of the serious work carried out in the background.

We differentiate ourselves by acting scientifically, exposing hoaxes, vetting witnesses, carefully verifying data, engaging in peer review, and most especially by being openly critical of popular ufology and trying to counter its excesses... I have a long track record on that score.

>This is of course nothing new - Adamski, Lesley, Le Poer Trench,  
>Berlitz, Meier, and Von D=E4niken are historical examples of past  
>influences on ufology and some of their output still holds sway  
>in popular ufology.

Yes, and I have fought tooth and nail against their influences for something like 50 years. Therefore, I tend to resent efforts to define 'ufology' in the way that you choose to do.

Dick

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hypocrite and totally unscientific on the subject, for reasons  
still unknown to us, even Stan Friedman, his old college  
roommate.

As a young astronomer, Sagan coauthored "Intelligent Life in the  
Universe" (1966) with Russian astronomer I. S. Shklovskii. Was  
Sagan arguing then that the universe was too big and they would  
never find us? No, Sagan was arguing that by his best estimation  
the galaxy was teeming with intelligent life and we had probably  
been visited many times in the past, roughly every 100,000 years  
on average.

But here now? No way. Why? Because he says so. His chapter 2,  
"Extraterrestrial Life as a Psychological Projective Test" is  
pure UFO debunkery, using the usual simpleminded, incorrect,  
insulting and one-sided debunking arguments we've all heard a  
million times before. He implies anyone claiming to see the  
beings is a contactee and a fraud or religious fanatic, and all  
other UFO sightings are hoaxes or mistaken identity by  
"enthusiasts", gullibles, unsophisticated, or just plain  
mistaken people, citing all the usual Menzelian debunking  
arguments. He also claimed astronomers never see or photograph  
UFOs--false.

It may be relevant that Sagan, even before this, held a top-  
secret clearance and was involved in an idiotic U.S. military  
project to nuke the moon as a propaganda ploy (to counter  
Russian dominance at the start of the space race). Sagan's job  
was to detect the nuclear blast on the moon and demonstrate that  
it had really taken place.

So I don't consider it out of the question that Sagan worked  
secretly with the government, on the one hand getting the public

used to the idea of intelligent alien beings, while on the other hand scoffing at the idea that they were here now. Maybe that explains his schizophrenic arguments on the subject.

Menzel, Condon, and Sagan were the three most visible and influential UFO debunkers and pushed study of UFOs to the fringe, making it professionally dangerous for interested scientists and encouraging the mainstream media to mock it. So again I don't give Sagan a pass. Whatever his reasons for debunking the topic, he was intellectually dishonest and did great damage to public study and discussion of the subject.

>The exopolitics group was mentioned earlier in this thread. Are >you supportive of their contention that we need to prepare for >immediate contact?

How did the exopolitics crowd get dragged into this? Why would the contact be "immediate" and how exactly are we supposed to prepare when we don't even know exactly what the various military and intelligence agencies of the world have learned in the past 60 years? I suspect they've learned a great deal and maybe some contact has already taken place to a very limited extent.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur warned, on at least three public occasions, that the Earth might have to unite to fight off an alien menace (what Reagan repeated about 3 decades later starting with his talks with Gorachev), and then added that the politics of the future would be interplanetary. I certainly don't idolize either MacArthur or Reagan, far from it, but I do think they were dropping hints as to what was going on, or they thought was going on.

If the aliens are strictly hostile, then contact and diplomatic relations are probably nonstarters. Or they could be largely indifferent or view us as primitives and savages and not care to have relations with us. Or it could be a very complicated mixed bag involving multiple civilizations with different motives and agendas, much like the multitude of nations on earth: some are malevolent, some are friendly, some neutral, etc.

Thus "exopolitics" could be very messy and complex. Maybe the "government" or whatever entities are analyzing the information have some answers. But the rest of us are left looking through a keyhole trying to figure out what is in the big room on the other side.

David Rudiak

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Firstly thanks to Jerry for pointing out my error in the naming of Birnes.

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>themselves as an expert or spokesperson and then proceed to  
>behave totally unscientifically.

I had exactly the same discussion a few years ago, which provoked this amusing and strangely disturbing rant:

<http://jasonleigh.org/ufologist1.htm>

Unfortunately, it is the reality that anyone can describe their self as a 'ufologist' without having to demonstrate any substantial knowledge of the subject and without any form of redress.

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>or experience who says he is a ufologist is a ufologist.

I'm sorry, but the reality is that people can and do call themselves ufologists without any scientific foundation to their activities. As it stands, there is nothing anyone can do to prevent them from doing so. The same can be said of 'UFO experts', a term I dislike but has been used to describe me in a newspaper, without any encouragement from me.

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>I'm sure all of my colleagues) consider an abomination, and I  
>frankly resent being lumped in with them in your definitions as  
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Unfortunately again, the public at large are unable to discern between 'serious' and 'popular' ufology. In spite of all your

efforts to counter it, the reality is that we are all lumped together in the eyes of the public, whether we like it or not. That is not my choice, but just the way things are.

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>And if notoriety and influence on society are the measure of  
>what constitutes ufology, then all of the conclusions you make  
>follow logically from your word games (false premise).

What then is purpose of 'serious' ufology, if not to persuade the masses that there is something underlying it which merits attention? It is all very well conducting the research and publishing it in low-circulation journals or books, but it simply can't compete with 'popular' ufology in terms of audience numbers. Even scientists are persuaded that ufology is nonsense because of the predominance of 'popular' ufology.

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>hoaxes, vetting witnesses, carefully verifying data, engaging in  
>peer review, and most especially by being openly critical of  
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And at the same time perpetuate popular ufology by participating in popular UFO conferences, publishing in popular UFO journals, appearing on popular documentaries, allowing populist groups and individuals to participate on this List, reinforcing the impression that there is no difference between 'serious' and 'popular' ufology. (Not all of those apply to you personally, but to 'serious ufology' generally).

Any worthwhile output is hijacked by the populists and frequently misrepresented or diluted with worthless twaddle.

I don't see any quick fix to the situation, but a good start would be to refuse to participate on the terms of the populists. That however creates several problems - without co-operation with 'popular' ufology, how is quality research widely circulated? without recruiting from popular ufology, how can organisations like MUFON raise money? How can dry, informative research be presented in an entertaining way which will grip public imagination? How would it affect the moderation of this List? This has always been the dichotomy in which ufology has (not) developed.

Regards,

Joe

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I've been watching some of this dialogue with interest:

Science is reduced to practice when it is understood sufficiently to predict and control an outcome. The test of science is to bring about such understanding. It does not equate to having a single theory to explain the same set or series of outcomes. Rather, many may contend for the position, including religious ones.

However, the more unifying a single theory is, especially when it comes to some of the more disparate or complex aspects (observations), the more likely it is to weather the road of acceptance to a "non-culturally-based" majority viewpoint.

Both engineers and theorists practice the scientific method. However, when venturing outside their normal areas of expertise, they are more inclined to take a skeptical stance - retreating to a more graded or stepwise approach since experience has taught them caution within their own fields. This is why you'll seldom see scientists venturing publicly into the UFO arena.

And, if you do, they're invariably critical given the amount of "Bread and Circus" acts that pervade the field - improperly policed or entrenched by media bias (co-opted by government involvement).

I do find that the more eclectic a scientist's background the more likely will be their acceptance or voice to an alternate viewpoint, including that of the UFO. But, in like manner, the more eclectic a background the more likely they are to solve cases which result in their unacceptable inclusion: making it a double-difficult barrier to cross.

Also, true skeptics are true scientists. And, despite what you may think, they entertain every possibility within their experience or face eventual ridicule! The goal is to introduce or produce new/alternate solutions to a given problem when confronted with new evidence. However, what they may be willing to commit to in witting is another matter altogether.

Therefore, the degree to which you may wish to see their minds ticking is more apt to be elaborated upon in books or in private conversations rather than limited scientific papers.

The true challenge of a scientist is to remain unbiased despite repeated exposure to the same situation, experimental arrangement, or criticism - to become aware of his own biases and be willing to follow the evidence or see old things in new ways. Kepler, I believe, is a perfect example - having bridged

the gap to modern science further than anyone in a single life span.

Ufology is currently at an observational reporting stage despite attempts to define the phenomena sufficiently to invite outside involvement. The field has definitely met benchmarks but without developing an acceptable threshold-based classification system, as defined by the outside scientist, it will never venture there.

The UFO/ET Hypothesis would probably be the most acceptable to mainstream science since it fits the motif of the data collected from some witness accounts or projects nicely with the fact we can see ourselves in a similar/counter role as we venture forth in the universe - and as defined in intricate and mindful modern science fiction accounts.

Also, the idea that science is the downfall of religion is also a ludicrous notion. It, in fact heightens the belief in magnificent creation... as one seemed to erode the other, it merely transported and built up evidence elsewhere... the dross and soil of one becoming the jewel of the other.

Often in science you can't form satisfactory boundary conditions sufficient to constrain an equation - as evidence of a missing variable or an instance or an infinite term. Likewise, without being able to see the Universe from outside our own we'll always have a disadvantaged viewpoint (a missing piece of geometry) with an insufficient understanding to explain everything with in it.

Plenty of room for a creator as part of the matrix of life.

golubik

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I agree, David, that Carl Sagan (about whom I once wrote a scathing essay) deserves no pass, but I see no reason to conclude that his rejection of the UFO phenomenon was "for reasons still unknown to us," a phrase that has an unwelcome (I hope unintentional) conspiratorial ring. I don't think the reasons for his hostility to the UFO phenomenon are really all that complicated.

As a young astronomer Sagan jumped on the ETI bandwagon just before it was quite respectable. It hurt him, threatening to render him a fringe figure. UFOs, a toxic concept, would have been a heresy too far, and Sagan simply couldn't afford to embrace them at the same time he espoused (safely distant) ETs. Every day, people adjust their convictions to suit their convenience, often without doing so with deliberate, conscious awareness.

Sagan was just another normal mope who chose to prove his respectability by beating on something unrespectable. (William Corliss once called it "anomaly snobbism.") It worked for him; if nothing else, Sagan always had a keen political sense. Yes, he was a pompous jerk (though he deserves praise for urging preservation of the Blue Book files), but hardly an enigmatically motivated one.

Jerry Clark

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Mr. Rudiak,

What about smart skepticism on the ETH? For example, Jacques  
Vallee's argument against the ETH as being the only counter to a  
debunker's argument, as if a continuum between the two does not  
exist and thus the only possible outcomes are one of those two.  
He makes just such a point in a paper available from JSE here:

Five Arguments Against the Extraterrestrial Origin of  
Unidentified Flying Objects:

[http://www.scientificexploration.org/journal/jse\\_04\\_1\\_vallee\\_2.pdf](http://www.scientificexploration.org/journal/jse_04_1_vallee_2.pdf)

To summarize:

1) There have been far too many close encounter reports that fit  
a stable time variation pattern. The distribution of reports is  
then presented in a nice chart, leading the author to assert  
that if all of these reports are correct then there have been  
literally millions of close encounters and landings over the  
last several decades. Vallee thinks that unlikely.

2) Reports of various alien physiologies are too  
anthropocentric.

3) Large scale abduction reports do not bolster the ETH, in fact  
they argue against alien visitation because the rationale  
presented for abduction phenomena do not represent even the  
state of the art in human bioengineering - never mind a  
technology far advanced from humans.

(IMO this is a weak argument, since it presumes to speculate  
about the very unknown).

4) If the history of UFO phenomena extends past the 1940s, into  
our far past, then the so-called analysis-hypothesis (that  
aliens are conducting a large scale survey of earth) does not  
pan out. IOW: if they've been here for thousands of years, their  
project should have ended much sooner.

(Another speculative argument)

5) Anomalies in UFO reports that appear to go far beyond what a  
physical object (flying saucer) could do.

(For example - though he does not specify this example in the paper - the Rendlesham Forest incident whereby a landed object was witnessed by several people simultaneously to burst into points of light and then disappear).

Vallee then offers his own New Hypothesis:

"One such line of speculation has been advanced by Devereux (1982) who has spoken of UFOs as "Earth Lights," an unrecognized physical, terrestrial phenomenon which impresses the consciousness of the witnesses to take the form of a mental image, possibly a mythological figure. Derr and Persinger have extended Devereux' proposals.

In the mid-70's I proposed to approach the UFO phenomenon as a control system, reserving judgment as to whether the control would turn out to be human, alien or simply natural. Such control systems, governing physical or social events, are all around us. They can be found in the terrestrial, ecological and economic balancing mechanisms that rule nature, some of which are well understood by science. This theory admits two interesting variants: (1) An Alien intelligence, possibly earth-based, could be training us towards a new type of behavior. It could represent the "Visitor Phenomenon" of Strieber (1987) or some form of "super-nature," possibly along the lines of a "Gaia" hypothesis. (2) Alternately, in a Jungian interpretation of the same theme, the human collective unconscious could be projecting ahead of itself the imagery which is necessary for our own long-term survival beyond the unprecedented crises of the 20th century."

And concluded that his arguments and hypothesis are not intended to categorically refute the ETH (or the Natural Phenomena Hypothesis that is more widely accepted among scientists), but to augment them.

"Until the nature and origin of UFO phenomena can be firmly established it will naturally be possible to hypothesize that extraterrestrial factors, including undiscovered forms of consciousness, are playing a role in its manifestations."

Best,

-M

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<snip>

>Unfortunately, it is the reality that anyone can describe their  
>self as a 'ufologist' without having to demonstrate any  
>substantial knowledge of the subject and without any form of  
>redress.

<snip>

>>If you insist on abusing the English language to include  
>>mystics, crackpots, opportunists, airheads, and con-men in the  
>>definition, then you have ipso facto assumed your own  
>>conclusion. Anyone regardless of education, training, knowledge,  
>>or experience who says he is a ufologist is a ufologist.

>I'm sorry, but the reality is that people can and do call  
>themselves ufologists without any scientific foundation to their  
>activities. As it stands, there is nothing anyone can do to  
>prevent them from doing so. The same can be said of 'UFO  
>experts', a term I dislike but has been used to describe me in a  
>newspaper, without any encouragement from me.

>>Yes, these are representative of popular ufology, which I (and  
>>I'm sure all of my colleagues) consider an abomination, and I  
>>frankly resent being lumped in with them in your definitions as  
>>if the word applies equally well to them and us.

>Unfortunately again, the public at large are unable to discern  
>between 'serious' and 'popular' ufology. In spite of all your  
>efforts to counter it, the reality is that we are all lumped  
>together in the eyes of the public, whether we like it or not.  
>That is not my choice, but just the way things are.  
>>We differentiate ourselves by acting scientifically, exposing  
>>hoaxes, vetting witnesses, carefully verifying data, engaging in  
>>peer review, and most especially by being openly critical of  
>>popular ufology and trying to counter its excesses... I have a  
>>long track record on that score.

<snip>

>And at the same time perpetuate popular ufology by participating  
>in popular UFO conferences, publishing in popular UFO journals,  
>appearing on popular documentaries, allowing populist groups and  
>individuals to participate on this List, reinforcing the

>impression that there is no difference between 'serious' and  
>'popular' ufology. (Not all of those apply to you personally,  
>but to 'serious ufology' generally).

>Any worthwhile output is hijacked by the populists and  
>frequently misrepresented or diluted with worthless twaddle.

>I don't see any quick fix to the situation, but a good start  
>would be to refuse to participate on the terms of the populists.  
>That however creates several problems - without co-operation  
>with 'popular' ufology, how is quality research widely  
>circulated? without recruiting from popular ufology, how can  
>organisations like MUFON raise money? How can dry, informative  
>research be presented in an entertaining way which will grip  
>public imagination? How would it affect the moderation of this  
>List? This has always been the dichotomy in which ufology has  
>(not) developed.

Joe,

I can't disagree with much of anything you say here. I have  
refused to participate on the terms of the "populists" and it is  
one of my pet peeves that I have been very outspoken about that  
some scientifically oriented ufologists (notably Friedman and  
Maccabee) do participate regularly on the pop level. They don't  
seem to 'get' that they by their very participation are in some  
sense endorsing and giving support to the... we need a term for  
the unscientific 'ufologists'.

My argument (which they don't accept) is that there will be no  
real scientific ufology unless and until they firmly  
disassociate themselves from the Birnes and contactee and etc.  
types of noise generators that do, indeed, confuse the public  
and undermine efforts to bring sanity to UFO research.

My answer is to stop allowing the weirdos to define "ufology",  
what it is and how it operates. Obviously much easier said than  
done, but a start would be to firmly disown the pseudo-  
ufologists at every turn, and make it clear that the spirit of  
our work does not tolerate careless investigation and reporting,  
and the constant wild surmise of people like the exopoliticals  
(whom I call the exocranials).

Dick

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>>What Jerry and I and the others I named share in common is the  
>>effort to apply scientific methods, principles, and attitudes to  
>>analysis of UFO reports. That makes us ufologists in the  
>>scientific sense and the meaning of 'ology'.

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>prevent them from doing so. The same can be said of 'UFO  
>experts', a term I dislike but has been used to describe me in a  
>newspaper, without any encouragement from me.

My experience with scientists - and I've had a fair amount of it  
over the years - is that if they are in any way open-minded and  
curious they are perfectly capable of separating the nonsense  
claims from the core issues. These are, after all, intelligent,  
learned people trained to make such distinctions. They  
understand the obvious reality that a subject pushed to the  
fringes, if with dubious justification, will attract fringe  
personalities. They also appreciate that it is the  
best-documented evidence, not the craziest unfounded belief,  
that matters in science.

If particular scientists are genuinely hostile to the very  
concept, on the other hand, they simply use the loons to provide  
an excuse to ignore the subject. Condon, for example, sought out  
the company of contactees and regaled his fellow scientists with  
hilarious yarns about their wacky ways. He didn't participate in  
field investigations of puzzling cases, and he pretended that  
the evidence that emerged from those investigations didn't  
exist.

As one who has attained a modest degree of respectability  
outside ufology - my books have been reviewed favorably in  
academic journals and won literary awards (including two for  
excellence in popular-science writing) - I hear from time to  
time from scientists and other academics who are reading my work  
sympathetically. These are not among the scientists who are  
visibly active in ufology but professionals who quietly monitor  
developments.

My impression - of course, by the very nature of the situation, there's no way to know for certain - is that there are more of them out there than ufologists realize. They're careful, however, about whom they reveal themselves to, namely persons who speak their language, who understood science and the rules of evidence, and whom they judge to be intellectually serious. These closet scientist-ufologists may be laying the groundwork for a future discipline which will tackle the UFO phenomenon using scientific methodology, as opposed to the previous weapon of choice: dismissive polemic. I think of them when some debunker brays that "scientists" reject UFOs and the ETH.

That's the good news. The bad news is that a new, formally recognized science of ufology is unlikely to happen soon enough for us to be around to bask in the glow of validation.

Jerry Clark

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Hello all:

The Peer Review section of the JFS site now has a blog...

Each article published in Peer Review will have its own blog section for you to comment on the article and assist in vetting the research within each article.

The blog is set so you have to register to post, which is very easy.

Thanks for your time and the efforts each of you are putting into making this a successful project:

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Steve Bass  
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## Governments Should Declare UFOs Exist

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Apr 29, 2009

Governments Should Declare UFOs Exist Says Researcher  
By Jasper Seren and Joan Delaney

For years, governments around the world have been very careful to keep information gathered about Unidentified Flying Objects out of the public eye.

But finally this February, the Canadian government opened thousands of federal records covering UFO sightings between 1947 and the early 1980s. France, Britain, Chile, Russia and Denmark have also opened their files to some degree to the public.

Britain, which released its first batch of 'X files' the day after the Vatican astronomer declared in May 2008 that extraterrestrial life is "part of creation", will release more records over the next four years.

With this momentum, Alberta UFO researcher and author Jim Moroney says the time has come for governments to go one step further and make a pronouncement that UFOs do indeed exist.

"To reduce rumours and misinformation and to frame single or multiple UFO events, it would be advisable to announce that UFO's exist as early as possible", says Moroney, an instructor at the University of Calgary and author of *The New Bridge - Planning for the Extraterrestrial Presence*.

"I am convinced that it is time for us to make a considerable effort to lift the veil of fear and uncertainty about this subject and develop an appropriate response", he says.

While the release of the files is "a good start", Moroney says governments now need to "develop a more concrete strategic plan to effectively deal with the increasing UFO activity and the public's corresponding increase in demands for accurate, reliable, and truthful information."

While it is widely surmised that the reason governments keep UFO records secret is to avoid widespread panic, Moroney, who has a background in science and is executive director for the Alberta Municipal Health and Safety Association, says that's not likely to happen. In fact, withholding information could even be counter - productive.

"From our work with disaster planning, the evidence shows that public panic is rare and most rare when people have been candidly informed", he says.

"There is no sound scientific basis for withholding information about the UFO phenomenon from the public. In fact the evidence shows that the longer officials withhold any worrisome

information, the more frightening the information will seem when it is revealed, especially when it is revealed by an outside source."

The 9,000 - plus Canadian files are different from those of other countries in that they don't only list UFO sightings but also include analyses and inter - departmental meetings of Canadian officials on the issue.

While Washington is still keeping its UFO records tight to its chest, ufologists are hopeful that President Barack Obama's "change agenda" will soon result in the country's huge UFO archives being released to the world.

In an interview on Larry King Live, American UFO expert Peter Davenport called it "encouraging" that some countries are opening up their UFO files, and said he hopes the U.S. government will allow those in senior positions who have been sworn to secrecy to speak publicly about what they know.

"I would look to the United States now to do the same - as other countries - and what I would like to see is somebody senior in the U.S. government, in the military and intelligence communities, say to its people, 'If you know anything about the UFO phenomenon you are free to talk to the press and to the American public.' That would solve the problem in a hurry."

Moroney, who has been researching UFOs for over 20 years, says keeping the public out of the loop is "appallingly short - sighted."

"UFO communication messages must include information about what the public can do. The public is entitled to information that affects their lives and their families. Explaining what individuals can do will empower them to participate in activities that may be beneficial to improving our understanding of the phenomenon."

A memo in the Canadian files details a UFO sighting at Shag Harbour, Newfoundland, witnessed by an RCMP officer and six civilians on the night of October 4, 1967.

The memo describes how the witnesses reported seeing an object "60 feet in length, moving in an easterly direction before it descended rapidly into the water, making a bright splash on impact... A single white light appeared on the surface of the water for a short period of time."

In the U.S., one of the most remarkable sightings was the so - called "Phoenix lights wave" of 1997, in which a craft estimated to be a mile in length, along with some smaller UFOs, moved over the state of Nevada and was witnessed by thousands.

Apollo 14 veteran Dr. Edgar Mitchell, who in 1971 became the sixth man to walk on the moon, told a British radio station in July 2008 that Earth is being visited by alien beings and "the UFO phenomenon is real, though it has been covered up by our governments for a very long time."

Mitchell referred to the famous Roswell incident of 1947 in which it is believed that the U.S. Government covered up the crash and subsequent salvage of an alien craft and the beings it carried.

However, Mitchell said that with public awareness of UFOs increasing, there are fewer efforts by governments to engage in cover ups and misinformation. He added that he thinks "we are heading towards a major disclosure" on UFOs.

"It is no longer a question of when will humanity interact with extraterrestrials, but rather the much more difficult question of how they have decided to interact with us", Moroney says.

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UFO Event Touches Down At Skokie Theatre

Almost everyone has seen something in the sky that looked strange: an aircraft that didn't move like a jet or airplane, or suddenly disappeared from view, or maybe a weird flash or orb. Most chalk it up to an optical illusion, the result of an overactive imagination, or perhaps accept that they might have seen an experimental craft that the government wants to keep under wraps. But others are adamant that they have seen something from outer space, and in some cases even describe alien craft, creatures or experiences.

UFOs, or unidentified flying objects, continue to fascinate people, and to generate impassioned discussion and argument.

"UFO accounts go back thousands of years," said Sam Maranto, president of Illinois Mutual UFO Network. He is recognized internationally for his knowledge and expertise in the field of UFO investigation.

"It's a crock to relate UFOs just to the recent sci-fi era. This goes back to ancient times - flaming chariots, Ezekial's wheel in the Bible, and not just western cultures, but all over the world. The so-called 'modern era' of UFOs started in the 1940s, with the Kenneth Arnold sighting, that's where the term 'flying saucer' comes from."

Maranto will host UFOs Over Illinois May 1-3 at the Skokie Theatre. He will present multi-media programs, History of Illinois Sightings and Modern Illinois Sightings, and lead discussions with the audience. The programs will highlight Illinois UFO history dating from the 1800s to sightings in Tinley Park, Rockford, and most recently the mass sighting over O'Hare Airport in 2006. Maranto will present the results of his own personal investigations, including specific details and video, recorded interviews and eyewitness testimony.

"We have proof, we have a mountain of proof, that UFOs exist," said Maranto. "But the evidence is intentionally ignored by academia and segments of government. There is no doubt about the genuine phenomenon. With UFOs Over Illinois, this is a chance for people to engage their intellect. I'm not asking for anyone to believe - I want them to know. We are not alone."

Asked about the most recent O'Hare sighting, Maranto noted:

"It was an actual physical object, rotating counter-clockwise. It took on the color of the sky, as though it were trying to cloak. It was seen hovering at Concourse C, Gate 17, at O'Hare, at about 4:20 in the afternoon, and was seen by quite a few

people - the ground crew, pilots, people on the ramp. I talked to witnesses who saw the UFO from LaGrange Road."

Maranto thinks central Illinois is the hottest area for UFO sightings right now.

"In and about the area of Route 39 and close to El Paso there are a lot of sightings, and for some reason, out here in Chicagoland, in the Tinley Park and Orland Park area. And there is a higher incidence in Freeport, Illinois, too. Get night vision, infrared binoculars, and go look."

Al Curtis, Associate Director at Skokie Theatre, noted that the UFO event is family-friendly.

"This is for anyone. There is a public out there for this event, and we believe Illinois MUFON has the right to tell their story. We are building our audience, offering a (variety) of events."

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## Lazar As A Fictional Character

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and referred to on the UFO UpDates BBS Digest on April 23rd 1995  
by James Easton:

<http://www.ufoupdateslist.com/digest/DIGEST16.TXT>

Lazar As A Fictional Character  
By Glenn Campbell

Published in MUFON UFO Journal, February 1994

I have been living for over a year now in the tiny settlement of Rachel, Nevada, in the shadow of the unacknowledged Air Force base at "Area 51" and twenty miles down the pike from the mysterious Black Mailbox. This area is supposed to be the hottest UFO hot spot this side of Gulf Breeze, but I confess that I ain't seen nothin'.

That's not to say there's nothing alien out there along Highway 375. You may have read in the August 1993 MUFON UFO Journal of an alien abduction reported in this vicinity - at Milepost 26 to be precise. I have also spoken to countless visitors just back from the desert who report nighttime lights in the sky they feel certain are alien craft. I do not dismiss all of these sightings; I just haven't seen or experienced any of these things myself. When I go out into the desert at night, I see a lot of spectacular aerial displays, but nothing yet I haven't eventually explained. I see meteors, flares, aircraft lights and many manifestations of the bombing runs and war games that take place almost nightly in the surrounding Nellis Air Force Range.

Part of the problem may be that I have a "bad attitude" - wanting data not just anecdotes. Perhaps the aliens can sense my skeptical nature, equate me with Phil Klass and refuse to put on any kind of show for someone who isn't prepared to trust them totally. Many people who come here expecting to see UFOs do seem to see them, while those who don't expect them, like aviation enthusiasts looking for human-built Stealth and hypersonic aircraft, seem to miss the UFOs altogether - even when they are only one hill away from the saucer seekers.

I do not expect to see alien craft here myself because whatever UFOs are, they are certainly a subtle phenomenon. I would not expect to see them on a "timetable basis," as some talk-show ufologists have loudly claimed, or to see them much at all near such a widely publicized location as the Black Mailbox. If the government or aliens weren't smart enough to take the obvious precaution of not performing as published, then I would not

expect UFOs to have remained so elusive for all these years.

## The Stories

Most of the current interest in Area 51 by UFO watchers stems from Bob Lazar's tale about working with alien craft at nearby Papoose Dry Lake in 1988 and 1989. There were nine flying saucers, he says, housed in camouflaged hangers built into a hillside near the lake bed. Lazar says he saw no aliens, only what appeared to be alien craft that the government had somehow "obtained." He won't speculate about the aliens and their motives, but he can describe the propulsion system of their craft in detail based on what he claims was hands-on experience.

His is the sort of story I could believe because it is subtle, detailed and restrained, involves only a very limited government conspiracy and does not digress into any kind of speculation. It's the sort of story that appeals to engineers, computer programmers and other techie types: heavy on plausible technical details and free of the emotional overtones that complicate many other UFO tales. Aliens don't visit Lazar at his bedside; they enter the story only by implication and through briefing documents Lazar says he read. The beings described are the kind of extraterrestrials I can get along with: low-key and reclusive, having physical, dissectable bodies and pursuing their own private agenda with little more than clinical interest in individual humans.

Lazar has never recommended the Black Mailbox - a rancher's mailbox along State Route 375 - as a place to look for alien craft, but he and his companions do claim to have seen them nearby in 1989. Whether this is still the best place to set up watch is a matter of debate even among believers, but since this valley is the closest a civilian can get to Papoose Lake, this is where the pilgrims come. While the Lazar story is subtle enough to torture the brain, I am less comfortable with the countless stories of sightings, abductions and psychic experiences reported here by visiting "ufo-tourists" after Lazar went public. Some of these stories could indeed be true, but in my view most of the publicized UFO claims for this area have a cartoon silliness to them. They assume either a vast, all-inclusive alien-government conspiracy or that the aliens and bureaucrats lack any brains at all.

People come here expecting the flying saucers to conform to their own schedule and expectations. According to conventional wisdom, Wednesday nights are the time to see alien craft and at 4:50 am Thursday morning you are sure to see the oft-photographed "Old Faithful." I see only the landing lights of a Boeing 737 then - a scheduled crew flight to Groom Lake - but, again, maybe that's because my bad attitude is influencing events. Some watchers report a flying saucer which turns into a 737 just before landing, which I guess is a reasonable compromise.

I see the desert skies here as a kind of Rorschach ink blot test, presenting a nightly sequence of ambiguous events that each visitor impresses his own feelings upon. Bright white orbs that I interpret as aircraft landing lights or distant car high beams others may see as pulsing, jumping disks that couldn't possibly be earthly craft. To see the orbs come closer and eventually pass - as a car - just a few feet away does not diminish the alien aura for some people. Did you see it turn into a Chevy? One talk-show ufologist, in all seriousness, has taken film footage that I interpret as landing lights and blown up the blinding orb to enormous proportions so it occupies the whole screen. He displays for audiences the changing images frame by frame with a running dialog about what each form means. In one, we see a face, in the next, a continent, and in the third - my God, it's Mickey Mouse!

Visitors coming here in search of flying saucers have a tendency to "personalize" whatever they experience here. Many flatter themselves by thinking that invisible aliens and government spies are monitoring their every move and that any unusual event in the sky or on the ground is a show put on especially for that viewer's benefit. If you thought you saw something out of the corner of your eye but when you turned to look it was gone, then the saucer pilots must have sensed your glance and shot away in the nick of time. The area is especially fertile ground for conspiracy buffs, who see a pattern of sinister, high level

intent in even the most innocuous happening. Every flat tire, passing security patrol or shooting star "could not possibly be coincidence" and is lovingly knitted into the Great Conspiracy.

Some people come here believing they are in direct psychic or spiritual contact with the aliens - or indeed are aliens themselves. The extraterrestrials are either hailed as ambassadors of love or cursed as instruments of the Devil. Many people expect the aliens to solve their personal problems for them - to carry them away from their earthly mess, perhaps, or to finally reveal to them the meaning of life. Some come in search of religious inspiration: The sight of "Old Faithful" fills them with hope and reassurance, and I see nothing wrong with that. I cannot disprove these claims, but they do not appear to have any basis in Lazar's story. Personally, I find it more plausible that the aliens and government are pursuing their own narrow agenda on their own schedule and don't really give a damn about the people below.

The trouble with this flying saucer hot spot, and probably every other claimed UFO venue, is that the original story is soon overwhelmed with noise. Once the frenzy of fantastic claims starts, then it feeds on itself, and the original spark that set it off is almost forgotten.

### The Big Question

What everyone wants to know is, Is Lazar telling the truth? Did he work on alien craft at Papoose Lake, or is his story a well-crafted hoax? Whichever side you choose to defend, there is plenty of circumstantial evidence to support your case.

On one side is the impressive coherence and integrity of the story itself. Anyone can lie or fantasize about working at a secret UFO facility, but to tell the story repeatedly with so much internally consistent detail is no easy feat. Telling the truth is easy - you just recall what happened - while maintaining a lie of such complexity would seem to require infinite gigabytes and megahertz of internal processing capacity to avoid tripping yourself up. Lazar is alive and well and clearly uninterested in cooperating with UFO researchers, but on the rare occasions when he takes questions, he always seems to come up with the right answers. Whether you ask him about gravity propulsion systems or the environment in which he worked at "Area S-4," the answer he gives now is consistent with everything else he ever said in the past and seems to make perfect, down-to-earth sense to anyone who thinks it over. His story is restrained, logically consistent and full of the rich and unexpected nuances that normally only reality can provide.

On the other side, Lazar's background and credentials, or pointed lack thereof, provide fertile ground for doubt. His claims of having earned degrees at MIT and Cal-Tech are dubious to say the least. Sure, a sinister government agency could pull a former student's records from the Registrar's Office, but could they remove every record from every on- and off-campus agency, knock off every professor the student took classes with or intimidate into silence every classmate he once knew? Get real. At a conference in May, Lazar willingly provided the names of two of his professors - one at MIT and one at Cal-Tech - with the same apparent sincerity as his description of anti-matter reactors. Didn't check out. Prof. Hohnsfield or his ghost never haunted MIT, while Prof. Duxler was never at Cal-Tech, only at the junior college where Lazar did once take classes.

Lazar's bankruptcy proceedings prior to his alleged employment and later criminal charges against him relating to an illegal brothel do not lend him instant credibility, but to a disciplined observer they do not necessarily disprove his claims either. Lazar is, by all accounts, an eccentric and creative guy, and people like this who do not fit any social mold do tend to get themselves in embarrassing messes. Questions about "character" do not change the facts of what did or did not happen at Area S-4 and do not provide a "smoking gun" to prove or disprove the saucer claims. No human witness is morally perfect or immune to scandal, and an argument could be made the most idiosyncratic people - and thus the most scandal-prone - are just the sort who would have the courage to challenge a threatening authority and make a story like this public.

Also creating doubt is Lazar's long association with ufologist

John Lear, who was telling colorful UFOs-at-the-Test-Site stories long before meeting Lazar. By the most accounts, the two met each other by coincidence a few months before Lazar's alleged S-4 employment. Lazar reportedly thought Lear was Loony Tunes back then but changed his mind about a least some of Lear's claims when he encountered the craft himself. The prior meeting raises the suggestion that Lazar's own UFOs-at-the-Test-Site story was a hoax generated initially for Lear's benefit that evolved from there into a media event.

On the other hand, life is full of "unbelievable" coincidences that turn out to be more plausible on closer inspection. A disciplined observer cannot discount the possibility that their meeting was indeed by chance and that Lear played a role not in molding Lazar's story but in bringing him into the public eye. Of the many workers living in Las Vegas who would have known about alien craft at the Test Site, only Lazar had a friend who would believe him, want to know more and press him to go public with his story. According to Lazar, it was his "field trips" with Lear and companions to the Black Mailbox area that got him in trouble with his employers and eventually forced him, by a complex but understandable sequence of events, to make his public disclosures.

The speculation can go on and on. Theories about Lazar seem as numerous as the theorists and seem to reveal more about the person doing the talking than about Lazar himself. Some say his story is half true and half false, while others contend that Lazar has been brainwashed by the evil world government into THINKING he worked on alien craft. There is a theory for every UFO subculture; each seems as good as any another, and all seem to tire with time.

Does It Matter?

In my view, the Lazar question is like the riddle that Captain Kirk would pose to the evil robot to make the robot overload its memory banks and self-destruct. You can debate this one for hours and not get anywhere. I say, give it a rest. Most people seem obsessed with absolutes: They want to know right away whether a story is true or false. If they think it's true, they are willing to listen. If they think it's a lie, they'll dump it fast no matter what other insights it may offer. Most people want to see things as black or white; they can't tolerate gray. Like the robot, they'd rather burn out their circuits and blow smoke.

I say, just relax and enjoy the story. Maybe Lazar is a fraud, and maybe his tale is no more real than Alice in Wonderland, but that doesn't mean we can't learn something from him. Some of history's greatest role models never existed. Sherlock Holmes didn't live at 221B Baker Street; Steed and Peel never solved a real Avengers case, and Mssrs. Spock and Data did not and will not ever roam the galaxy, but these and other fictional characters can sometimes teach us lessons we can apply to our own real lives.

Like Holmes, Spock, Data, Steed and Peel, the Bob Lazar that is conveyed in interviews is a character of great intellectual discipline. He'll tell you the facts of what he directly observed but will not speculate about what they mean. He always draws a clear distinction about what he has personally experienced or deduced by his own logical processes and what he knows only from secondhand sources and cannot confirm. He seems comfortable with the "gray" of not knowing and readily admits the limits of his knowledge. Even with his own direct evidence, he continues to express skepticism about most UFO reports.

"It seems as if even knowing that we possess alien technology hasn't made you a believer." said one questioner at a UFO conference.

"That's probably true," Lazar replied.

If Lazar's story is fiction, it's great fiction, filled with a richness of plausible details and complex philosophical dilemmas that you can't find in most popular novels these days. The briefing papers Lazar says he read indicate that the aliens have interacted with the human race for millennia, intervening in our genetic development and nudging us into a form of their choosing. It could be fiction, but it is a lot more tangible

fiction about our origins than most religions seem to offer.

Humans are referred to as "containers" in those briefing papers. Containers of what? The soul? Consciousness? Dwelling on these concepts a while reminds us how little we really know about ourselves. Sure, our bodies could have evolved from the primordial muck by wholly natural processes, but where did our consciousness come from? What are we made of, really, and if those aliens poured some special liquid into our otherwise empty containers, where did THAT substance come from? These are overload-the-memory-banks questions that we will probably never satisfactorily answer even if the aliens reveal themselves, but they are still interesting to mull.

#### Government Secrets

The Lazar story is far superior to most science fiction in creating a world that could be true. There is probably no better place on earth to put a secret saucer base, but it real or fictional, than at Papoose Dry Lake in Nevada's vast military restricted area. There is already at least one unacknowledged secret base next door, at Groom Dry Lake, and all the mechanisms of secrecy have long been in place here to keep virtually anything under wraps. The Cold War, and especially the arms buildup of the Reagan Administration, have left behind an imposing internal security apparatus reminiscent of the KGB and fully capable of keeping workers muzzled. Employment within the Restricted Zone is so compartmentalized and the funding pathways so convoluted that even our most privileged government leaders may not know everything that is going on here.

Even if no "secret saucer base" ever existed in the Restricted Zone, just the fact that something this important COULD be effectively hidden here is disturbing in itself. This country is supposed to be a democracy with strict controls on the power of government; yet here in Nevada we still have our own Berlin Wall with a mysterious totalitarian regime hidden inside. Some level of secrecy will always be important to national security, but limitations on power are also a keystone of our freedom, and with the fall of the Soviets, the balance needs to change. When any government agency has reached a level of isolation where it can do what it wants without any accountability to its constituents, there is grave danger for democracy. History has shown that such power is inevitably abused, supporting more the jobs, egos and self-destructive crusades of the people who wield it than the needs of the nation.

For decades, the military could hide virtually anything behind the Soviet threat. In the shadow of billion-dollar Star Wars projects, a small unauthorized research program like what Lazar describes could easily find funding and a secure niche in which to operate. Since the end of the Cold War, the justification for much of our military secrecy has become increasingly flimsy. Apart from the Saddams and disintegrating republics that cannot possibly match our technology, who does the military expect to fight - France?

For all the absurdity of the status quo, it is unrealistic to expect the government to change on its own. While the existence of a base at Papoose Lake remains unproven, the big Groom Lake facility has been widely reported in the popular press. The latest reports call this the home of a new high-speed spy plane dubbed Aurora. As of this writing, you can even view the base yourself from public land near Rachel. (The Air Force has applied to seize this land so the opportunity may not last for long.)

Soviet satellite photos of the Groom facility are freely available on the open market, and 1994 is expected to mark the implementation of the Open Skies Treaty in which many of our former Communist will be permitted to overfly Groom and Papoose Lakes with sophisticated reconnaissance aircraft. As America's most popular and best publicized secret base, Groom Lake's continued official nonexistence seems a classic exercise in the use of secrecy to suppress not foreign spies but domestic political opponents. The military loves secrecy, even over its most mundane tasks, because it helps to neutralize critical oversight and disable Congressional opposition.

If the Lazar story, be it fact or fiction, attracts attention to this place, then it is doing a service for our country.

Increased public attention and anti-secrecy activism may also be the only way we will ever find the truth of that story. If you shake the secrecy tree, then whatever is up there - flying saucers, Auroras or simply Cold War waste and mismanagement - will eventually fall out. You may or may not believe that the U.S. Government is keeping secrets about UFOs, but the fact that they could keep such secrets should be disturbing to everyone.

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Note: Above is the submitted version of the article. The version actually published was edited slightly for space.

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## Re: Debunkers & ETH

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>>Magazine]

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>>There are lots of other really dumb debunking arguments against  
>>the ETH, including Sagan's "They could never find us because the  
>>Universe is a really, really big place." Well, if a probe like  
>>Kepler can find them, then an alien remote-sensing equivalent  
>>can find us. Q.E.D. Sorry Carl. Your argument was truly  
>>unscientific. And dumb.

>Mr. Rudiak,

>What about smart skepticism on the ETH? For example, Jacques  
>Vallee's argument against the ETH as being the only counter to a  
>debunker's argument, as if a continuum between the two does not  
>exist and thus the only possible outcomes are one of those two.  
>He makes just such a point in a paper available from JSE here:

>Five Arguments Against the Extraterrestrial Origin of  
>Unidentified Flying Objects:

>[http://www.scientificexploration.org/journal/jse\\_04\\_1\\_vallee\\_2.pdf](http://www.scientificexploration.org/journal/jse_04_1_vallee_2.pdf)

To the List,

We are well aware that there is a variety of hypotheses on UFOs,  
other than 'simple' ETH, notably of the 'paranormal' kind.

Jacques Vallee is one of the main promoters of alternative  
theories, and I think he developed his famous five arguments as  
soon as 1988 in his book Dimensions. A lot of counter  
arguments have been proposed since that time, and so it's  
already an old debate. For my part, I criticized them in my  
first book in French, published in 1994. As time passes, they  
seem to me weaker and weaker, considering advances made in  
sciences, in UFO case studies, and gradual revelations on  
secrecy.

Incidentally, ideas such as those of Vallee have been recalled  
more recently in the book of Colm Kelleher and George Knapp  
"Hunt for the Skinwalker", about which I have written an  
article, published in IUR - Vol. 31, Number 1, January 2007.  
Here is a part of my article, discussing these paranormal  
theories (please excuse the imperfect English as it is my  
writing before editing by IUR):

"The idea that the strange phenomena at the Utah ranch are of a  
"paranormal" nature runs continuously through the whole book.

The authors refer to many aspects, beginning with old indian legends such as the mysterious "skinwalker", as we have seen already. For the Ute Indians, the ranch is clearly a haunted place, filled with dark, evil energies. For them, it is "in the path of the Skinwalker", a malevolent force, to be avoided. These are quasi-religious, "supernatural" beliefs, and similar interpretations are found among religious, fundamentalist believers, for whom such manifestations have to be the work of demons.

But the authors don't stop here, and they turn to some more sophisticated, "paranormal" theories. In their chapter 28, called "Other Dimensions", they discuss the ideas of several authors, the main ones being:

- Jacques Vallee and his hypothesis of a mysterious "control system" pulling the strings for a long time, with an obscure agenda;
- John Keel and his no less mysterious theory of "ultraterrestrials", whatever that means;
- Patrick Harpur and his intriguing concept of "Daimonic reality", which is derived from the belief in "Daimons" of the ancient Greeks;
- and also Michael Grosso and his concept of "imaginal realm".

All these ideas present variations around the concept of "interdimensional beings", of creatures who are not necessarily physical, and who have inscrutable agendas (p. 238). Let's remark here that there is a long history of thinking along such lines, in esoterical traditions. And they were present since the very beginning of ufology, after World War II, with authors such as Meade Layne, of San Francisco, who believed in "etheric realms" and saw UFOs as "ether ships".

In addition to that, in their chapter 30, called "Inner Worlds", the authors explore possible connections of these phenomena with human consciousness, citing again Harpur, Grosso, Kenneth Ring and his study of near death experiments, and they also turn toward meditation and shamanism. They mention an advice of the NIDS science Advisory Board about the possible existence of a "sentient, precognitive, non-human intelligence". They also introduce here the ideas of Dr John Mack about "other realms or dimensions", "alternate realities", "doorways to spiritual evolution", and the "innerworld nature of the experiencers".

"Toward the end of the book, they refer again to Jacques Vallee and his hypothesis of a technologically advanced "control system" which may reside on this planet, be responsible for the display of UFOs, and which seems to operate for reasons that are opaque, and mysterious. It may have "an agenda to educate human societies over an extended period of time" (p. 255). The appearances of the Virgin Mary at Fatima and Lourdes might be examples of this control system's productions. Kelleher and Knapp raise this question: "Were the events at the Utah ranch another one of its productions"? And they admit at the end their confusion: "It's as if some cosmic puppet master had written a laundry list of every spooky phenomenon of modern times and then unleashed them all in a single location, resulting in a supernatural smogasborg that no one could possibly believe, even less understand." (p 270).

"These are interesting pages of the book, which remind us of the writings of Jacques Vallee, who has obviously influenced them. However, even though I would subscribe to some of these ideas, I remain perplexed by this general line of thinking which seems bent on the rejection of the ETH. My basic question remains: Why not aliens, extraterrestrial beings? If such beings can master other dimensions and travel through them, does that mean that they are no longer physical beings, of extraterrestrial origin? And, why could not there be a coexistence of both kinds of entities and phenomena, real and physical, or "supernatural"? Jerome Clark suggests that, more or less, in an article of the International UFO Reporter, called "The core phenomenon and the secondary phenomenon" (IUR, Vol 30, Number 4). In his view, we should probably avoid mixing these two kinds of "anomalies". On the other hand, I would add that many UFO events comprise aspects of "high strangeness", of which the case of the Utah ranch gives us a good example. So, the distinction between real-



physical and supernatural phenomena is not an easy one. My personal feeling is that they all pertain to one and same world.

After reading my text again, I would like to make one more remark which may be relevant to the debate. The Italian biologist Giorgio Pattera, whom I met again, last week-end at a conference of CUSI at Lugano, pointed out to me that someone who could master electrical impulses in our brain, especially in the cerebellum, could probably provoke any kind of vision. That's an idea which gives food for thought, especially in the study of abductions, it seems to me.

Gildas Bourdais

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## Re: Governments Should Declare UFOs Exist

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>Apr 29, 2009

>Governments Should Declare UFOs Exist Says Researcher  
>By Jasper Seren and Joan Delaney

>For years, governments around the world have been very careful  
>to keep information gathered about Unidentified Flying Objects  
>out of the public eye.

>But finally this February, the Canadian government opened  
>thousands of federal records covering UFO sightings between 1947  
>and the early 1980s. France, Britain, Chile, Russia and Denmark  
>have also opened their files to some degree to the public.

>Britain, which released its first batch of 'X files' the day  
>after the Vatican astronomer declared in May 2008 that  
>extraterrestrial life is "part of creation", will release more  
>records over the next four years.

>With this momentum, Alberta UFO researcher and author Jim  
>Moroney says the time has come for governments to go one step  
>further and make a pronouncement that UFOs do indeed exist.

<snip>

>"From our work with disaster planning, the evidence shows that  
>public panic is rare and most rare when people have been  
>candidly informed", he says.

>"There is no sound scientific basis for withholding information  
>about the UFO phenomenon from the public. In fact the evidence  
>shows that the longer officials withhold any worrisome  
>information, the more frightening the information will seem when  
>it is revealed, especially when it is revealed by an outside  
>source." ....

This is very relevant information in our field of endeavors. It  
will be good to be able to quote Moroney on the last two  
sentences above, along with his background as executive director  
for the Alberta Municipal Health and Safety Association.

Thanks for posting it, ebk.

Jim

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