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<http://tinyurl.com/StephenvilleMUFONReportPDF>

For those who have not yet read the

MUFON
Special Research Report
Stephenville, Texas

Regarding the events of January 8, 2008

[Thanks to Daniel Wilson, via the Current Encounters List]

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Sunday, May 31, 2009

Film Takes Closer Look At African UFO 'Sighting'
By Benjamin Bell

This June, we are told, there will be space aliens in Cambridge.

The tale of these interplanetary travelers began in the fall of 1994, many time zones from the Charles River, when John E. Mack, the late Pulitzer Prize-winning Harvard psychiatrist famed for his controversial UFO writings, took a trip to southern Africa.

Mack was looking into a claim by 60 elementary school children in Harare, Zimbabwe, that an oval-shaped silver spacecraft had hovered above their playground one day.

What's more, the kids said, a strange being some 4 feet tall, dressed in a black uniform, with black eyes the size of rugby balls, approached them, while a similar being stood atop the alleged UFO.

There was talk of empathetic chit-chat, and Mack said 12 of the children gave consistent accounts of the event, leading him to believe it was not a case of mass hysteria.

"Something strange happened to the group of children that left them with the impression some form of sentient life cared about the Earth and cared about the environment and even cared about the children," said Will Buech, a board member of the John E. Mack Institute in Cambridge.

He said telepathic communication reportedly took place between the children and the being during the 5 to 10-minute encounter. Now, 15 years later, the episode is still being investigated.

On June 12, the Mack Institute will present an unfinished film called Encounter In Ruwa: The Ariel School Sighting, a compilation of interview footage shot by Mack and new footage by a New York-based filmmaker, Randall Nickerson, 42.

Mack was killed by a drunken driver in London in 2004.

"I have more research to do, but there is a lot of corroboration that tells me something did happen," Nickerson told the Herald by e-mail.

"It does make one think for sure and ask what we are, as a young species, possibly unaware of."

Naturally, there are plenty of people who doubt the incident occurred.

Among the doubters is Robert Sheaffer, 60, a 32-year veteran of the Committee for Skeptical Inquiry and author of the book UFO Sightings: The Evidence.

"The bottom line is that there is no evidence," he said of the case. "We don't know what... pressure may have been placed on the children to tell the stories the way they did."

Sheaffer said it's possible that the children, who had been left alone, decided to pull a prank. He conceived of a scenario in which the older kids in the group convinced the younger ones to go along with the 'sighting', which was taken to the next level when the authorities became involved.

Nickerson says the film, which he hopes to complete later this year, will feature interviews with some of the now-adult witnesses who are scattered around the globe.

It will be up to viewers to decide whether the truth is out there.

Encounter in Ruwa: The Ariel School Sighting will screen June 12 from 7 to 9 p.m. at 38 Cameron Ave., Cambridge. Information at johnemackinstitute.org

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http://www.popularmechanics.com/science/air_space/4319637.html

June 1, 2009

Footage In The Sky: The Truth Behind NASA's "UFO" Videos
By Erik Sofge

A batch of raw footage from decades-old NASA missions shows zipping lights and strange objects in the sky. This footage, recently posted on YouTube, is renewing UFO conspiracy theories that the government is hiding knowledge about its interactions with intelligent life. Here, two astronauts talk about NASA's supposed coverup and what these clips really show.

The scenario goes like this: Its 1996; you're an astronaut and you're looking at a UFO. This is quite possibly the biggest, most game-changing scientific discovery in the history of mankind. And here you are, gliding through space in low Earth orbit, watching this alien craft dance around your video camera's viewfinder. You are not alone—there are other astronauts onboard the space shuttle, and mission control is watching the live feed from Houston. Yet not a single raised voice or mention of ETs or UFOs can be heard on the audio of this recording. Apparently, it's just another routine brush with extraterrestrial life, and another day in the life of a massive, decades-long, multiagency coverup.

This is the claim behind the recent posting of a batch of NASA-related clips on YouTube, presented as evidence that extraterrestrials are among us. The footage covers a number of missions, and a range of mysterious objects—in a clip featured on the science fiction blog io9, a bizarre object rotates within the frame, seeming to morph from one shape to another as the cameraman casually tracks it. If that weren't mysterious enough, at one point, a light drifts by. The post's headline poses the question: "Will the US Government Finally Admit There Are Aliens?"

Whether or not the government has anything to fess up about aliens, the astronaut who shot that particular piece of footage has nothing to hide. Mario Runco was a mission specialist on board STS-77, a space shuttle mission that launched in May of 1996. One of the crew's objectives was to deploy an experimental satellite, the Passive Aerodynamically Stabilized Magnetically Damped Satellite Test Unit (PAM-STU). The PAM-STU was roughly the size of a trash can, and was designed to test a new approach to satellite maneuverability, using the planet's magnetic field to perform attitude adjustments (instead of firing thrusters). The crew filmed the spinning satellite for days, but in the clip posted on YouTube by Martyn Stubb, the PAM-STU appears in grainy, low-light-enhanced black and white. Its two Stimsonite reflectors—the same materials used on road and bicycle reflectors—catch the ambient light, and at one point appear to merge into a single bright spot as the satellite turns head-on.

"The lights moving by in the background are either isolated lights on the ground or stars, I think likely the latter," Runco says.

[Video] Astronauts test the PAM-STU.

In another of Stubb's posted clips, a view through the window of a space shuttle shows lights drifting along in space, then reversing direction and darting away with a flash. The title of that clip: "UFOs quickly take off on NASA video." Again, the reality is less dramatic. Thomas Jones, a former shuttle mission specialist and payload commander and co-author of Planetology: Unlocking the Secrets of the Solar System, was on that mission=97STS-80, which also took place in 1996=97and provided this description of the footage. "A few ice crystals or flakes of thruster residue in the near field are floating by, get hit by a thruster exhaust plume and zip out of the scene."

[Video] Ice crystals hit by the thruster exhaust plume.

UFO proponents tend to dismiss official responses from members of NASA, the Pentagon or any other government agency, but Runco says that even if there was an active coverup, no amount of coercion could prevent an astronaut=97himself included=97from laying claim to a confirmed sighting of an alien spaceship. "If I thought it was an intelligent craft, I'd be the first one to speak up," says Runco. "I'd want the credit: Mario Runco was the first person in history to conclusively document the existence of an extraterrestrial civilization. Why would I ever want to keep it secret?"

Neither Runco nor Jones have any illusions about the likelihood of dispelling NASA-related UFO myths, particularly when Stubb and others are able to collect and repurpose an ever-growing catalog of footage. "There's no way to keep people from using public domain footage for silly purposes," Jones says. "If a shuttle beams back 10 hours of Earth views each day, there are bound to be images and scenes that are misunderstood or taken out of context." If anything, it's the lack of context that many UFO theories and proponents rely on. The clips posted by Stubb and others, whether they originate with NASA or a less credible source, tend to be framed only by a short title, with little or no attempt at reporting (Runco notes that anyone could have simply e-mailed or called him, to ask for his side of the story, instead of simply posting a 13-year-old video and jumping to extraterrestrial conclusions).

Specificity might be the currency of the conspiracy theory set, with seemingly random images or snippets of data woven into a matrix of sinister intent, but even a casual investigation of each of those facts can punch holes in the larger plotline. Bloggers continue to reference an interview with Buzz Aldrin in 2005 about seeing a UFO while on Apollo 11, while brushing off his claims that television producers blatantly quoted him out of context. And although UFO proponents have welcomed recent public statements from former astronaut Edgar Mitchell about his belief in an extraterrestrial coverup dating back to Roswell, Mitchell has never said he witnessed anything alien with his own eyes.

Lacking quality in their evidence, UFO believers are left with quantity, a rambling collection of indistinct imagery and allegations that now includes a batch of space shuttle mission video clips that were never buried or classified in the first place. Runco points out that astronauts, in general, are excited by the notion of intelligent species on other worlds. "Many of them use SETI.nul [a distributed computing application that picks through radio telescope data for incoming messages] as their screensavers, because they think it's a possibility," he says. But it's one thing to believe that alien life is a statistical likelihood, and another to interpret lights in the sky as intergalactic contact. "People see unexplained things," Jones says. "I used to believe UFOs were spaceships=97when I was 14."

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Pilots Leaving Houston Spot Strange Object

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Subject: Pilots Leaving Houston Spot Strange Object

Source: KTRK-TV - Houston, Texas, USA

<http://abclocal.go.com/ktrk/story?section=news/local&id=6840229>

05/31/2009

Pilots Leaving Houston Spot Strange Object

A strange object was spotted Friday night by pilots of a plane that just had just taken off from Bush Intercontinental Airport. And now, federal investigators are trying to pinpoint what the flying object was.

Eyewitnesses say the object, possibly a rocket, came close to hitting the plane. The Continental Express plane, operated by Express Jet, was flying from Houston to South Carolina last night when it happened.

The plane had just left Bush Airport around 8:20pm Friday when the captain reported seeing the object about 150 feet away. According to the FAA, the incident occurred about 11,000 feet into the air above Liberty County.

Officers were also on the radio today asking for witnesses. If you have information about this, you're being asked to call the Liberty County Texas Sheriff's Office's at 936-336-4500.

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UFO Skeptic Sees... A UFO

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Source: Daily Grail.Com

<http://dailygrail.com/news/bad-astronomer-sees-a-ufo>

June 2nd, 2009

UFO Skeptic Sees... A UFO
By Greg

An amusing string of Twitter tweets from Phil 'Bad Astronomy'
Plait over the last few days...

9:56 PM May 30th: Tired. Star party. Saw 6 meteors, 10
satellites, and a VERY bright flash I cannot identify, and
wondering WTH it was. Others saw it too.

10:04 PM May 30th: Srsly, it was like a flash bulb. Draco,
~11p.m., <1sec long, -8 or so mag, no satellite I could see.
Wondering if Swift saw a GRB tonight...

10:27 PM May 30th: Too fast and bright to be meteor, I think.
Satellite glint seems likely, though no satellite could be seen.
Weird.

Don't fret though, Phil's been allowed back into the 'reality-
based community' fold today with his latest tweet:

"Also, that 'flashbulb' I saw in Draco was almost certainly an
'unscheduled' iridium flare, from either Iridium 22 or 3."

At least he gets to say he saw a UFO, even if it was just for a
couple of days... considering that sort of thing isn't meant to
happen.

For the record, my first guess when I saw the tweets was an
iridium flare, not extraterrestrial spaceship - though I don't
know whether that explanation is correct or not (worth checking
out though, if you haven't seen one). I just enjoyed seeing the
BA perplexed there for a while about something in the sky, given
his own regular criticism of UFO researchers. Shame some
'skeptics' didn't shout him down and call him an obsessed UFO
whacko for saying it was "weird", and then investigating further
to try and resolve the issue...

Kind regards,

Greg

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Did You Live In Norfolk In 1963?

From: Larry W Bryant <overtci.nul>
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Archived: Tue, 02 Jun 2009 07:23:33 -0400
Subject: Did You Live In Norfolk In 1963?

On 6/1/09, Rideout, Lucinda <lucinda.rideout.nul>wrote:

>RE: Larry W. Bryant

>I have come across letters from you written to the city manager of
>Norfolk, Virginia (May-June 1963) concerning the release of information
>on UFO's by the Norfolk police department. In particular you were
>researching the Bill Edwards (sighting ?) I just wondered if you are the
>writer of these letters. The answers to your letters seemed like the
>usual runaround. Was there a sighting in 1963 here in Norfolk? I'm
>interested since I am archiving the city manager's files and came across
>them. Was there any final outcome to your inquiry?

>Lucinda R Rideout

From: Larry W Bryant <overtci.nul>
To: Rideout, Lucinda <lucinda.rideout.nul>
Date: Mon, 1 Jun 2009 18:48:00 -0500
Subject: Re: Did You Live In Norfolk In 1963?

MS. RIDEOUT: when I wrote those letters, I was living in Newport News. They derived from a series of such letters of inquiry directed at local law-enforcement/civil defense officials. In general, the response was negative; and in one or two cases, the targeted sheriff chose to sic the FBI on me for having dared question authority in this manner; an FBI agent from the Norfolk Field Office came to my place of employment (Fort Eustis) to interview me about that letter-writing campaign.

I have lost all memory of the particular case you've cited here. Those copies in the city manager's file should be retained permanently, though - because they contribute materially to the history of what I now refer to as exosociology. Or, if you prefer, the Ohio State University library's large collection of UFO-ana might be a useful home for them.

N.B.: back in the mid-sixties, the FBI looked, superficially, into the possible abduction case of a Chesapeake TV repair shop owner - who'd contacted the FBI re his early-morning encounter with UFO-nauts, complete with a period of missing time.

I have a copy of the short FBI report in my stack of UFO-related FBI records released in the seventies via the FOIA. That stack includes a copy of the Norfolk agent's report of my being interviewed by him.

Anyway, thank you so much for helping me justify my existence to the 'authorities'. I suppose I'll wonder, for the rest of my life, how you were able to track me down.

Just to show you that I'm still plowing/cultivating the fields of Ufology, you might peruse my weblog at:

<http://ufoview.posterous.com>

Also: here's a petition that's being reenergized right now:

<http://www.petitiononline.com/etaffair/petition.html> . If you know

Did You Live In Norfolk In 1963?

someone in Denver, please pass the word that way. Keep yo' eyes to the skies, madam! -- O-ver and O-ut

<http://www.petitiononline.com/uf0hunt/petition.html>

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NASA's Shuttle Program Hands Over Launch Pad

From: **NASA News** <hqnews.nul>
Date: Mon 01 Jun 2009 17:40:00 EDT
Archived: Tue, 02 Jun 2009 08:25:00 -0400
Subject: NASA's Shuttle Program Hands Over Launch Pad

June 1, 2009

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RELEASE: 09-127

NASA's Shuttle Program Hands Over Launch Pad To Constellation

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. -- The May 31 transfer of Launch Pad 39B at NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida from the Space Shuttle Program to the Constellation Program is the next step in preparing the first flight test of the agency's next-generation spacecraft and launch system. The Constellation Program is developing new spacecraft - including the Ares I and Ares V launch vehicles, the Orion crew capsule, and the Altair lunar lander - to carry humans to the International Space Station, the moon and beyond.

Since the late 1960s, pad B has been instrumental in human spaceflight programs, such as Apollo, Skylab and the space shuttle. The pad originally was built for the Saturn V rockets to launch the Apollo capsules to the moon. In July 1975, the pad was modified to support space shuttle operations. The first space shuttle to lift off from pad B was Challenger in January 1986.

The handover took place Sunday after space shuttle Endeavour was moved to Launch Pad 39A. The ground operations team will finish modifying pad B for the Ares I-X rocket launch. Modifications will include removing the orbiter access arm and a section of the gaseous oxygen vent arm and installing access platforms and a vehicle stabilization system.

The Ares I-X flight test is targeted for no earlier than Aug. 30. For more information about Ares I-X, visit:

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

For more information about the Constellation Program, visit:

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

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Re: PRG Press Release - 6/2/09 - MFW Phase III

From: **Stephen Bassett** <PRG.nul>
Date: Tue, 02 Jun 2009 04:42:00 -0700
Archived: Tue, 02 Jun 2009 17:05:30 -0400
Subject: Re: PRG Press Release - 6/2/09 - MFW Phase III

PRG
Paradigm Research Group

June 2, 2009
Press Release

Million Fax on Washington -- Phase III

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

A Project of Paradigm Research Group

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

Washington, DC/Bethesda, MD -- PRG announced today a national petitioning process to bring about a political resolution to the UFO/extraterrestrial issue has entered a critical third phase. Between November 4, 2008 and May 31, 2009 thousands of American citizens sent letters, faxes and emails to the presidential transition headquarters and the White House calling for President Barack Obama to disclose to the American people what the government knows about an extraterrestrial explanation for the UFO phenomenon.

Now the focus of this initiative shifts to the White House Correspondents=92 Association which represents the White House press corps in its dealings with the administration on coverage-related issues. In the coming weeks copies of this earlier correspondence to the President, which the White House has yet to comment on, will be forwarded to the WHCA. Further, the WHCA will be receiving thousands of letters, faxes and emails calling upon the press corps to ask the administration a range of questions regarding the connection between the UFO/extraterrestrial issue and key members of the administration and the Democratic Party as well as other related matters.

For six decades American journalists - reporters, editors, publishers, producers, network and station owners - went along with the most extensive and complex government deception in history. This deception and disruption effort was born at the dawn of the Cold War, justified by the demands of national security, perpetuated by the deepening East-West division and supported by the very institutions that should have examined and resolved it - academia, the press and the United States Congress. However, over the past two years the media have started to come around and appropriately cover the "greatest news story of all time."

PRG executive director, Stephen Bassett, stated, "The American people should know about the Rockefeller Initiative (1993-1996) and hear from key members of the Clinton Administration who were fully aware of this effort by Laurance Rockefeller to persuade President Clinton to reveal the truth. They include Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, CIA Director Leon Panetta, Obama transition co-chair John Podesta, New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson, Vice President Al Gore, Dr. John Gibbons and President Clinton, himself. Further, the administration should respond to previous requests by

Astronauts Gordon Cooper and Dr. Edgar Mitchell to end the =93truth embargo=94 and acknowledge the extraterrestrial presence."

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Re: UFO Skeptic Sees... A UFO

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Tue, 2 Jun 2009 14:35:30 +0100
Archived: Tue, 02 Jun 2009 17:07:09 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Skeptic Sees... A UFO

>From: Greg Taylor <greg.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 02 Jun 2009 17:29:23 +1000
>Subject: UFO Skeptic Sees... A UFO

>Source: Daily Grail.Com

><http://dailygrail.com/news/bad-astronomer-sees-a-ufo>

>June 2nd, 2009

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Hi Greg

Thanks, nice one! Like you my first instinct was "Iridium". My second instinct was to reread what Plait wrote and say "Hmm, maybe, but not likely. Iridium flares can indeed be mag -8 but are typically in the order 10 sec - almost always >5 sec - with quite slow rise and decay times, not "like a flash bulb", "less than 1 sec", "too fast [brief] for a meteor". Sure enough we then read that Phil checked the flare predictions, and didn't find one, so I was sceptical about his conclusion that it must have been an "unscheduled" flare from Iridium 22 or 03, because prediction programmes are pretty reliable, very sensitive to exact observer location but presumably Phil Plait knew his location. Why would a flare be "unscheduled"?

So I looked at

<http://satobs.org/iridium.html>

where we find out that not all flares can be reliably forecast because some satellites are inoperable and tumbling, so the reflection angle is changing unpredictably. It seems to me that in such a case the reflection aspect is likely to be maintained much more briefly, too, so that sudden and isolated "flash bulb" effect might be explained by a tumbling satellite.

But neither Iridium 22 nor 03 is listed as inoperable or "tumbling" above, and the only one in Orbital Plane 2 (the plane occupied by 22 & 03) listed as tumbling is 71, which I suppose we we can infer doesn't fit the time of Phil's observation? That list could well be out of date, though. Do Iridiums start tumbling due to attitude control failure? Can this be checked anywhere?

Whilst checking this I found the following observation of Iridium 22 in 2001 mentioning flashes that are not related to tumbling

<http://www.satobs.org/seesat/Oct-2001/0066.html>

"6 October, Iridium 22 was right on time at 19:55. The Flare program predicting a -8.2 magnitude. I am not an expert at the magnitude approximations, but it was a "freight train in the sky"! It continued south and I followed it with binoculars off and on. At 20:03 a bright flare caught my eye almost on the same path as Iridium 22, flaring in about the same star group at what I would guess was at least a -6 magnitude. The flare was short however. I followed it south with binoculars also, and at 20:05 I noticed a second object slightly east of this one also going south but very slightly slower. The first one caught up with the second one when they were at about 45 degrees in elevation, and both were in the same field of view. I was wondering if anyone could ID these other two objects?"

The two objects are up for grabs, but the short -6 flare on the Iridium track was identified by other observers as having been a secondary flare from the Iridium 22's solar panels. Apparently these often occur close to the main comms panel flare, sometimes overlapping, and are characteristically more sudden but not so bright. This doesn't seem to explain Phil's sighting, though, as he says that it occurred in isolation and "no satellite could be seen".

Regards

Martin Shough

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Re: UFO Skeptic Sees... A UFO

From: Robert Powell <rpowell.nul>
Date: Tue, 02 Jun 2009 08:17:27 -0500
Archived: Tue, 02 Jun 2009 18:10:00 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Skeptic Sees... A UFO

>From: Greg Taylor <greg.nul>
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>At least he gets to say he saw a UFO, even if it was just for a
>couple of days... considering that sort of thing isn't meant to
>happen.

>For the record, my first guess when I saw the tweets was an
>iridium flare, not extraterrestrial spaceship - though I don't
>know whether that explanation is correct or not (worth checking
>out though, if you haven't seen one). I just enjoyed seeing the
>BA perplexed there for a while about something in the sky, given
>his own regular criticism of UFO researchers. Shame some
>'skeptics' didn't shout him down and call him an obsessed UFO
>whacko for saying it was "weird", and then investigating further
>to try and resolve the issue...

Well, that tells you just how sharp Phil really is. I think most
amateur astronomers would have suspected a one second -8
magnitude streak as an Iridium satellite flare almost instantly.
The average person probably would not know what they saw, but
Phil claims to be a writer of astronomy. That it took Phil until

the next day to figure it out, says a lot.

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UFOs? Bah Humbug! Probably

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Tue, 02 Jun 2009 18:12:00 -0400
Archived: Tue, 02 Jun 2009 18:12:00 -0400
Subject: UFOs? Bah Humbug! Probably

Source: The Shropshire Star - Ketley, Telford, England, UK

<http://www.shropshirestar.com/2009/06/02/ufos-bah-humbug/>

02 Jun 2009

UFOs? Bah Humbug! Probably
By Andrew Owen

Another day, another sighting of a UFO and, unless I'm very much mistaken, yet another set of "Why on earth does Shropshirestar.com publish this rubbish?" emails on the way.

See also: Sky Watcher - We are not alone

So, why on earth does Shropshirestar.com publish this rubbish?

In short, it's popular. That's why.

People are genuinely fascinated by the unexplained, by UFOs, by ghosts, by rumours of wild cats loose in the countryside - you know the sort of thing; it's probably of interest to you, too.

Have a look on YouTube and you will find hundreds - possibly thousands - of UFO videos. Some appear genuine; some appear genuinely rubbish, but most of them are fascinating to look at.

Of course there are those with minds more sealed than a spaceman's helmet. As far as they are concerned there is nothing out there and anyone who dares to dream is a fool and an idiot.

Fair enough, we're all entitled to our opinion

But Shropshire does seem to be particularly blessed with such strange phenomena. UFO sightings come in on an almost weekly basis.

But thanks to the magic of the internet there are readers around the world who log in to see what's going on in this small, green patch of England.

And possibly, there are beings somewhat further away logging in as well.

And slowly, but surely, they're drawing their plans against us=85

(Possibly.)

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What Pilot Saw Over Liberty

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
Date: Tue, 2 Jun 2009 22:26:04 -0700
Archived: Wed, 03 Jun 2009 05:01:29 -0400
Subject: What Pilot Saw Over Liberty

Source: The Houston Chronicle - Texas, USA

<http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/hotstories/6455016.html>

June 2, 2009, 8:45PM

FAA Looks Into What Pilot Saw Over Liberty
By Allen Reed
Houston Chronicle
allen.reed.nul

The FBI, the Federal Aviation Administration and the Liberty County Sheriff=92s Department met Tuesday to compare notes on an unidentified flying object reported late last week by an ExpressJet Airlines pilot.

The pilot reported a "missile or rocket" flying near his airplane Friday at 8:09 p.m., shortly after takeoff from Bush Intercontinental Airport, according to sheriff=92s officials.

"The FAA then contacted the Liberty County department dispatcher and reported their pilot reported an object flying straight at his aircraft and passed 100 feet under it," said Ken DeFoor, chief deputy for the Liberty County Sheriff=92s Department.

FBI spokeswoman Shauna Dunlap said the agency was aware of the sighting.

"While we have no information to indicate there was a criminal act we certainly do not rule anything out and certainly would not want to speculate on what it may or may not have been," she said.

The flight was over the southern edge of Liberty County flying at 13,000 feet when the incident occurred, officials said. ExpressJet flies regional routes for Continental Airlines as Continental Express.

"We haven=92t found anything yet =97 either something on the ground where it launched or on the ground where it came down," said Liberty County Sheriff=92s Cpl. Hugh Bishop.

DeFoor said the agencies consolidated their notes and information at the meeting.

"The FAA is in the process of debriefing the pilot today (Tuesday)," he said. "We are going to try and come up with a more definite track of this object and its path. We are trying to find out where it came from, where it went, and who may be responsible for it."

The Continental Express jet was on a commercial flight to Greenville, S.C.

"No people were injured and no evasive action on part of the airplane was taken," DeFoor said.

DeFoor said he was aware of local hobbyists who fire rockets but

did not know if any were in the area at the time.

"Were checking with club owners and presidents," he said. "If we can get a correct track of what this object was there is no need to check with hobby fields."

DeFoor said if the object was a rocket, it was fired illegally.

"They have to have permits to use the airspace," he said.

In May 2008, a Continental Airlines pilot reported a similar incident.

"It was the same situation, almost identical," DeFoor said. "The FBI are pulling their records on that one. It was roughly in the same area almost a year ago."

The Boeing 737, en route to Cleveland, Ohio, with 148 passengers, was not damaged.

"We looked into that, along with the FAA and some local law enforcement," Dunlap said. "To my knowledge, it was never determined what may of been observed during that incident."

The FAA referred all questions about Friday=92s incident to the Liberty County Sheriffs Department.

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Re: Harare Zimbabwe UFO Documentary

From: **Diana Cammack** <cammack.nul>
Date: Wed, 3 Jun 2009 11:53:04 +0200
Archived: Wed, 03 Jun 2009 15:51:52 -0400
Subject: Re: Harare Zimbabwe UFO Documentary

>Source: The Boston Herald - Massachusetts, USA

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

>Sunday, May 31, 2009

>Film Takes Closer Look At African UFO 'Sighting'
>By Benjamin Bell

>This June, we are told, there will be space aliens in Cambridge.

>The tale of these interplanetary travelers began in the fall of
>1994, many time zones from the Charles River, when John E. Mack,
>the late Pulitzer Prize-winning Harvard psychiatrist famed for
>his controversial UFO writings, took a trip to southern Africa.

<snip>

This case was well-researched by Cynthia Hind prior to Mack
becoming involved. See UFOs OVER AFRICA (Horus House, 1996).
Chap.15.

<http://tinyurl.com/ArielSchool>

No one has taken her place investigating African cases,
unfortunately, so the many that might have taken place since her
death go unreported.

Diana

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From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Wed, 03 Jun 2009 16:06:25 -0400
Archived: Wed, 03 Jun 2009 16:06:25 -0400
Subject: Six Top-Secret Aircraft Mistaken For UFOs

Source: Fox News - New York, New York, USA

<http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,524997,00.html>

Wednesday, June 03, 2009

Six Top-Secret Aircraft Mistaken For UFOs

Spy and stealth planes - some with bizarre, bat-shaped wings, others with triangular silhouettes that imply otherworldly designs - have long generated UFO sightings and lore. And official denials feed rumors that the government isn't telling us about alien ships.

The CIA estimates that over half of the UFOs reported from the 1950s through the 1960s were U-2 and SR-71 spy planes.

At the time, the Air Force misled the public and the media to protect these Cold War programs; it's possible the government's responses to current sightings of classified craft - whether manned or remotely operated - are equally evasive.

The result is an ongoing source of UFO reports and conspiracy theories.

Here are the Earth-built craft that likely have lit up 911 switchboards over the years.

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Re: What Pilot Saw Over Liberty

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac.nul>
Date: Wed, 03 Jun 2009 23:51:44 -0400
Archived: Thu, 04 Jun 2009 05:29:51 -0400
Subject: Re: What Pilot Saw Over Liberty

>From: Ed Gehrman <post.nul>
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Pilot reports of "rockets" go back to the 40's. One of the first is in a report made to the FBI by a pilot flying over West Virginia. Another in the 90's was by a pilot flying northward in Maryland not far from Camp David (north of Frederick). I have not tried to collect these reports but I know they are "out there."

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'Caller Bob' Case Takes On Life Of Its Own?

From: **Larry W Bryant** <overtci.nul>
Date: Tue, 2 Jun 2009 19:48:03 -0500
Archived: Thu, 04 Jun 2009 05:38:02 -0400
Subject: 'Caller Bob' Case Takes On Life Of Its Own?

I've posted a follow-up comment to my post on the 'Caller Bob' topic on the Fayetteville Observer's forums section under the category of Military Discussion:

<http://tinyurl.com/om47pg>

as well as in the comments section of my blog's Item 2.33:

A Further Clue

Here's the link to the recorded audio of Caller Bob's call-in to C2C-AM's host, George Noory, on Feb. 3, 2009:

<http://tinyurl.com/ceeuww>

If you recognize Bob's voice, does this mean we're at least half-way toward locating him?

Meantime, maybe a Fayetteville radio station could launch a listeners contest by which to reward whoever locates Bob first in this quest. The prize could be, say, an all-expenses-paid round trip to Los Angeles to witness C2C's historic vetting of some of whistleblower Bob's film footage.

Could there possibly be such a local station with enough moxie and imagination to produce this paradigmatic shift in the public's right-to-know?

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<http://ufoview.posterous.com>

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Pilot's Sighting Upgraded To UFO Report

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Wed, 3 Jun 2009 17:09:17 EDT
Archived: Thu, 04 Jun 2009 06:40:00 -0400
Subject: Pilot's Sighting Upgraded To UFO Report

<http://tinyurl.com/ohjd3w>

See, this is why I sent this story link the other day after reading the initial story that didn't classify this encounter as an official UFO because the basic parameters do establish it as an UFO.

The original report stated the pilot felt it was a missile or rocket but that was his opinion.

I was right that this did get elevated to official UFO status and that's why even when a story doesn't say it, we need to look at that basic report info to see if it classifies as an UFO report.

Will be interesting to see where the authorities go with this story.

The story keeps changing and initially it appeared as though the pilot took evasive action but now the story says no. The recording devices on the plane might yield more data as well as ground info.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com/blog

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British Print Media Stupidity?

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Thu, 04 Jun 2009 06:42:00 -0400
Archived: Thu, 04 Jun 2009 06:42:00 -0400
Subject: British Print Media Stupidity?

Or 'Sell, sell, sell'?

This article:

<http://tinyurl.com/20UFOs>

At The Sun's website includes a photo of the 'UFOs'...

Probably the best image yet of Chinese Lanterns, yet the idiocy continues.

ebk

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Re: British Print Media Stupidity?

From: **Gerald O'Connell** <goc.nul>
Date: Thu, 4 Jun 2009 12:51:22 +0100
Archived: Thu, 04 Jun 2009 09:37:59 -0400
Subject: Re: British Print Media Stupidity?

UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul> writes:

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Two important points Errol:

1. The Sun is owned by Rupert Murdoch and he is (now) an American citizen. The Brits can't take all the blame for this.

2. Let's equalise before the opposition scores: are you sure that these Chinese lanterns are not being launched in order to lull us all into a false sense of security? Aliens planning an alien invasion might use fleets of craft that resemble Chinese lanterns, and would have carefully placed agents working behind the scenes to heap ridicule on any 'sighting' that resembled Chinese lanterns. It's way more sophisticated than 'shock and awe' - more like 'giggle and bore'. Come to think of it Errol, how do we know you are not a double-agent, subtly facilitating this New Galactic Order conspiracy?

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

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Re: British Print Media Stupidity?

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Fri, 05 Jun 2009 14:45:03 -0400
Archived: Fri, 05 Jun 2009 14:45:03 -0400
Subject: Re: British Print Media Stupidity?

>From: Gerald O'Connell <goc.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Thu, 4 Jun 2009 12:51:22 +0100
>Subject: Re: British Print Media Stupidity?

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>1. The Sun is owned by Rupert Murdoch and he is (now) an American
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Posting all the articles by the British print media on this
'sighting' would merely have added to the idiocy. The Sun is/are
not the only guilty parties.

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>that these Chinese lanterns are not being launched in order to
>lull us all into a false sense of security? Aliens planning an
>alien invasion might use fleets of craft that resemble Chinese
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>awe' - more like 'giggle and bore'. Come to think of it Errol,
>how do we know you are not a double-agent, subtly facilitating
>this New Galactic Order conspiracy?

'Is 'avin' a laff?

Mmm, love a good 'trick 'em' theory. And BTW, I deposit my
cheques with an off-shore bank... so there is no trail...

ebk

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NASA Evidence Mars Life Existed & Still Exists

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Thu, 4 Jun 2009 11:24:49 EDT
Archived: Fri, 05 Jun 2009 14:51:14 -0400
Subject: NASA Evidence Mars Life Existed & Still Exists

<http://www.spaceflightnow.com/news/n0905/31mromsl/>

With all the wild breaking news during the Obama Administration it wouldn't surprise me if he announces soon that there is the high probability based on NASA's latest findings that life exists on Mars in microbial form.

I doubt our government will disclose any UFO data no matter what but at least this will be a toe hold in the debate about life throughout the Universe.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com/blog

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Re: Pilot's Sighting Upgraded To UFO Report

From: **Eleanor White** <ewraven1.nul>
Date: Thu, 04 Jun 2009 16:49:53 -0400
Archived: Fri, 05 Jun 2009 15:32:23 -0400
Subject: Re: Pilot's Sighting Upgraded To UFO Report

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Wed, 3 Jun 2009 17:09:17 EDT
>Subject: Pilot's Sighting Upgraded To UFO Report

><http://tinyurl.com/ohjd3w>

>The story keeps changing and initially it appeared as though the
>pilot took evasive action but now the story says no. The
>recording devices on the plane might yield more data as well as
>ground info.

From descriptions I've heard, missiles tend to trail smoke, even
for some time after the solid fuel is exhausted. I would think
that this pilot would have noticed and reported smoke.

Eleanor White

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Re: What Pilot Saw Over Liberty

From: **Jim Deardorff** <deardorj.nul>
Date: Thu, 04 Jun 2009 09:06:38 -0700
Archived: Fri, 05 Jun 2009 15:53:00 -0400
Subject: Re: What Pilot Saw Over Liberty

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Wed, 03 Jun 2009 23:51:44 -0400
>Subject: Re: What Pilot Saw Over Liberty

>>From: Ed Gehrman <post.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 2 Jun 2009 22:26:04 -0700
>>Subject: What Pilot Saw Over Liberty

>>Source: The Houston Chronicle - Texas, USA

>><http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/hotstories/6455016.html>

>>June 2, 2009, 8:45PM

>>FAA Looks Into What Pilot Saw Over Liberty
>>By Allen Reed
>>Houston Chronicle
>>allen.reed.nul

>>The FBI, the Federal Aviation Administration and the Liberty
>>County Sheriff's Department met Tuesday to compare notes on
>>an unidentified flying object reported late last week by an
>>ExpressJet Airlines pilot.

>>The pilot reported a "missile or rocket" flying near his
>>airplane Friday at 8:09 p.m., shortly after takeoff from Bush
>>Intercontinental Airport, according to sheriff=E2=80=99s officials.

><snip>

>Pilot reports of "rockets" go back to the 40's. One of the first
>is in a report made to the FBI by a pilot flying over West
>Virginia. Another in the 90's was by a pilot flying northward in
>Maryland not far from Camp David (north of Frederick). I have
>not tried to collect these reports but I know they are "out
>there."

You'll find several more similar reports by going to Google with
the words: UFO "sees rocket", and a larger number using: UFO
"sees missile".

Jim

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Re: 'Caller Bob' Case Takes On Life Of Its Own?

From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
Date: Thu, 4 Jun 2009 21:35:59 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Fri, 05 Jun 2009 19:44:46 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Caller Bob' Case Takes On Life Of Its Own?

>From: Larry W Bryant <overtci.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 2 Jun 2009 19:48:03 -0500
>Subject: 'Caller Bob' Case Takes On Life Of Its Own?

>I've posted a follow-up comment to my post on the
>'Caller Bob' topic on the Fayetteville Observer's forums section
>under the category of Military Discussion:

><http://tinyurl.com/om47pg>

>as well as in the comments section of my blog's Item 2.33:

>A Further Clue

>Here's the link to the recorded audio of Caller Bob's call-in
>to C2C-AM's host, George Noory, on Feb. 3, 2009:

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

>If you recognize Bob's voice, does this mean we're at least
>half-way toward locating him?

<snip>

Thanks Larry! Using some of my work skills, I may be able to help identify Bob.

I have confidence in the following about "Bob":

He's white, due to nasal quality. He's older and probably overweight, due to the specific raspy quality of his voice. He was probably born and raised in Fayetteville NC, due to his pronunciation of short e's. His voice is trembling, probably due to his being afraid of being on the air with George Noory. His sticking on the name "Howard Hughes" indicates his being unrehearsed and nervous. Finally, I would judge him as being honest.

That brings me to the following questions:

How long does celluloid film last? Are these films "Bob" refers to original, or copies? Were they staged?

I hope this helps you in your search.

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Re: Six Top-Secret Aircraft Mistaken For UFOs

From: Diana Cammack <cammack.nul>
Date: Fri, 5 Jun 2009 09:13:47 +0200
Archived: Fri, 05 Jun 2009 19:46:42 -0400
Subject: Re: Six Top-Secret Aircraft Mistaken For UFOs

>Source: Fox News - New York, New York, USA

><http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,524997,00.html>

>Wednesday, June 03, 2009

>Six Top-Secret Aircraft Mistaken For UFOs

>Spy and stealth planes - some with bizarre, bat-shaped wings,
>others with triangular silhouettes that imply otherworldly
>designs - have long generated UFO sightings and lore. And
>official denials feed rumors that the government isn't telling
>us about alien ships.

>The CIA estimates that over half of the UFOs reported from the
>1950s through the 1960s were U-2 and SR-71 spy planes.

Fine, but do any of these have the ability to creep along at 5
mph, or hover silently over neighbourhoods?

Diana

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UFO Disclosure In Brazil Continues

From: **A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO** <aj.nul>
Date: Fri, 5 Jun 2009 08:41:07 -0300
Archived: Fri, 05 Jun 2009 20:45:00 -0400
Subject: UFO Disclosure In Brazil Continues

Dear friends,

As I informed previously, as of May 04th, the Brazilian Government has disclosed over 600 new pages of previously classified documents, covering UFO reports and military investigations from 1970 to 1979, including photos and films, for the first time.

The content of this material has now been examined and proved to be very interesting and revelatory of Brazilian official strategy to cover UFO cases, often openly regarded as "from external sources" in these new documents, meaning from outside Earth. The cases covered and the methods used to investigate them by the military are also very significant.

On my opinion, the most important material contained in this new declassification are 195 new pages of documents resulted from the Operation Saucer, conducted in the Amazon by the Brazilian Air Force from September to December 1977, that is certainly the biggest *known* official initiative to military investigate UFOs in the world.

As I also reported, so far, over 1,400 pages of Brazilian previously classified UFO documents have been released thanks to the efforts of the Brazilian UFO Researchers Committee (CBU), through the campaign UFOs: Freedom of Information Now, started in 2004 and articulated by the Brazilian UFO Magazine. This last one has been the biggest disclosure ever in Brazil.

The PDF files of 12 envelopes or folders now released can be can be downloaded from:

www.ufo.com.br/public/abertura_2.

Please read below a summary of the contents of each envelope or folder and pay special attention to this one: Folder 10 - 1978, downloadable at:

www.ufo.com.br/public/abertura_2/CENDOC_ENVELOPE_10_1978.pdf

with 195 pages of Operation Saucer material.

Brazilian UFO researchers are very excited about these new disclosures, that unquestionably prove that our efforts have been profitable for the entire Brazilian UFO Community.

Download more official disclosed documents at the Brazilian UFO Magazine FTP areas:

www.ufo.com.br/public/abertura_1

www.ufo.com.br/public/brasil

www.ufo.com.br/public/documents

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UFO DISCLOSURE IN BRAZIL CONTINUES

Contents of 12 folders disclosed by the Brazilian Ministry of Defense confirm activities of unidentified flying objects in Brazilian territory. Moreover, it shows that Brazilian military authorities have always monitored such activities of other species in the country's environment.

Folder 01 - 1970

http://www.ufo.com.br/public/abertura_2/CENDOC_ENVELOPE_01_1970.pdf

- 13 pages

This folder contains statements delivered at a police station in the city of Bauru (SP). The office was linked to the extinct DOPS, an acronym to name the feared Brazilian Department of Political and Social Order during military dictatorship. There are also reports of numerous UFO sightings occurred in many cities of the state of Sao Paulo. Such reports highlight the good reputation with which police officers regard the witnesses. There are also occurrences from the state of Rio Grande do Sul involving an unsuccessful attempt of an official car to chase a UFO - the object exploded in the air without leaving a trace.

Folder 02 - 1971

http://www.ufo.com.br/public/abertura_2/CENDOC_ENVELOPE_02_1971.pdf

- 22 pages

Military reports addressed to Brig. Gervasio Duncan and Gen. Moacyr Uchoa describing UFOs flight and landing in the states of Rio Grande do Sul and Rio de Janeiro, including a UFO chasing aircraft and sightings of 2-meter tall beings beside their spacecraft in the city of Belo Horizonte (MG). Report from the Division of Security Information of the 2nd Air Zone Command on the spotting of UFOs by radars in the region of Varginha (MG). It also contains an official report sent to the Air Force Command on the sighting of a large flying saucer with several windows over Presidente Dutra highway.

Folder 03 - 1972

http://www.ufo.com.br/public/abertura_2/CENDOC_ENVELOPE_03_1972.pdf

- 15 pages

Newspaper clippings reporting UFO sightings followed up by military and police forces at the time. One case describes how two UFOs chased a bus carrying 34 students onboard. Military telegrams including one from the Air Base in Rio de Janeiro informing a UFO sighting at Morro da Onsa - the landing site was spotted by a FAB aircraft. A document from the Division for Flight Protection on the 3rd Air Zone describing UFO sightings in June 1972 as a "swarm of fish". Letters and instructions.

Folder 04 - 1973

http://www.ufo.com.br/public/abertura_2/CENDOC_ENVELOPE_04_1973.pdf

- 26 pages

DOPS report containing statements delivered by Sao Paulo city teachers on UFO sightings occurred between municipalities of Ubirajara and Galia in August-October 1972. UFOs there seen had the ability to split and rejoin their pieces which illustrates their intelligent behavior towards the witnesses. Bulletins from the Sociedade Pelotense de Investiga=E7=E3o e= Pesquisa de Discos Voadores, from April to October 1973 containing articles on the Brazilian cases emphasizing several occurrences registered in the state of= Rio Grande do Sul. The fact suggests that Brazilian researchers had been

monitored by the Air Force.

Folder 05 - 1974

http://www.ufo.com.br/public/abertura_2/CENDOC_ENVELOPE_05_1974.pdf

- 19 pages

This folder contains memos from the Office of Public Security of the State of Sao Paulo addressed to the commander of the 4th Air Zone - investigations carried out by Sorocaba and Votorantin police stations on UFO sightings in those municipalities were altogether forwarded. There are also materials from civil ufologists. Letter from the Canadian UFO Research to the 4th Air Zone requesting information on the ufological occurrence in the city of Arasariguama (SP) which resulted in a certified death of witness. Copies of the report from Centro de Investiga=E7=E3o Civil de Objetos A=E9reos N=E3o Identificados on the UFO spotted and registered in Belo Horizonte plus details of the case.

Folder 06 - 1975

http://www.ufo.com.br/public/abertura_2/CENDOC_ENVELOPE_05_1975.pdf

- 68 pages

This one contains documents generated by several civil associations throughout the country which clearly indicates the government surveillance on researchers' activities. Among those pages are bulletins from Sociedade Pelotense containing researches on animal mutilations, correspondence exchanged by the Air Force and Gen. Moacyr Uchoa, and also a summary of David Jacobs' book, The UFO Controversy in America. Strangely enough, it also contains an Italian citizen's statement reporting a UFO occurrence caught by movie camera in 1975 - the movie would have been sent to the USA.

Folder 07 - 1976

http://www.ufo.com.br/public/abertura_2/CENDOC_ENVELOPE_07_1976.pdf

- 30 pages

Memo from the minister of aeronautics' chief of staff to the head of the Air Force regarding the release of reports on Caso Ilha da Trindade, occurred in 1958. Both response and letter from requestor are attached including a brief on the Center For UFO Studies which was directed by ufologist J. Allen Hynek. There are also correspondence exchanged among Brazilian ufologists and the military concerning a cooperation for sharing of materials such as UFO case studies and bulletins. Also a letter dated 25 May 1976 from Brazilian Air Force representative in Washington requesting the Air Force Command for information to the US researcher.

Folder 08 - 1977

http://www.ufo.com.br/public/abertura_2/CENDOC_ENVELOPE_08_1977.pdf

- 24 pages

Includes a protocol by Salvador Air Base undersigned by several brigadiers reporting occurrences in which military reported sightings of large UFOs followed by smaller ones. Air traffic controller and other seven witnesses claim to have seen a large UFO that would be the "mother ship". Also letters exchanged by Brazilian and foreign civil ufologists with Air Force military. Among these, there is one request from researcher Bob Pratt concerning UFO incidents in USA territory. There are also reports on sightings that triggered Operacao Prato.

Folder 09 - 1978

http://www.ufo.com.br/public/abertura_2/CENDOC_ENVELOPE_09_1978.pdf

- 85 pages

Assorted materials including issues of research bulletins and

the case of abduction of Australian pilot Frederich Valentich. This folder contains a protocol by the Ministry of Aeronautics describing UFO sightings at the country's capital including reports of witnesses being chased by flying saucers. Also a letter from the 5th Regional Air Command, in Canoas (RS), containing illegible registers on a UFO case, and the investigation of the 4th Regional Air Command on the UFO that hovered over a plot of land at low altitude beside a family's residence in Sao Paulo.

Folder 10 - 1978

http://www.ufo.com.br/public/abertura_2/CENDOC_ENVELOPE_10_1978.pdf

- 195 pages

This is the folder which contains more information including reports on several sightings all over the country. Reports from Operacao Prato account for most of the material in the folder amounting to 170 report pages and 126 mission pictures. The most important cases are there and include maps, diagrams and other sketches of varied UFOs and mother ships. Materials describe UFO trajectories, geographical coordinates, view angles, time, and physical effects caused by UFOs on soil and people when there were direct contacts.

Folder 11 - 1978

http://www.ufo.com.br/public/abertura_2/CENDOC_ENVELOPE_11_1978.pdf

- 66 pages

Reports from a serious occurrence registered by the I Integrate Center for Air Defense and Air Traffic Control (Cindacta) on the night of June 20th, 1978. A multicolored UFO performed maneuvers at high speed causing panic. The object showed intelligent behavior and ability to vanish from one spot to reappear in another. The chief of police and 20 of his men were witnesses to that. There is also a transcription of talks between radar operators and three civilian aircraft over a UFO sighting among Campinas, Marilia, Pirasununga and Brasilia cities.

Folder 12 - 1979

http://www.ufo.com.br/public/abertura_2/CENDOC_ENVELOPE_12_1979.pdf

- 68 pages

This folder contains interesting material on civil UFO investigation both in Brazil and abroad. The 2nd Regional Air Command (COMAR) forwards tens of articles published by US magazine International UFO Reporter and also newspapers. There is also a letter from an attorney of Banco do Brazil on his experience with a UFO on 26 February 1979 and an enquiry from Comit=EA Nacional de Investigacao de Fen=F4menos A=E9reos to the governments of Brazil and US. These contains parameters for the scientific research of UFOs and other enquiries.

Report by A. J. Gevaerd, editor, Brazilian UFO Magazine
Translated by Eduardo Rado, volunteer, Brazilian UFO Magazine
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Richard Hall - The Artist

From: Katharina Wilson <K.Wilson.nul>
Date: Fri, 05 Jun 2009 14:45:15 -0500
Archived: Fri, 05 Jun 2009 21:55:29 -0400
Subject: Richard Hall - The Artist

Richard and List:

Am I the only one who didn't know Richard Hall is an accomplished artist? I love your artwork - your paintings are beautiful. (And your cats are beautiful too!)

<http://www.hallrichard.com/artgallery.htm>

I've enjoyed your Web site.

Katharina (Cat Lover and Wanna-be Artist)

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From: **Gerald O'Connell** <goc.nul>
Date: Sat, 6 Jun 2009 01:31:39 +0100
Archived: Fri, 05 Jun 2009 21:55:29 -0400
Subject: Re: Six Top-Secret Aircraft Mistaken For UFOs

>From: Diana Cammack <cammack.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Fri, 5 Jun 2009 09:13:47 +0200
>Subject: Re: Six Top-Secret Aircraft Mistaken For UFOs
>>Source: Fox News - New York, New York, USA

>><http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,524997,00.html>

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>mph, or hover silently over neighbourhoods?

A good point, Diana, but there are some much deeper ones to be
raised here.

There is an air of desperation about this story, and one might
justifiably ask how it arose. I think it is connected to the
recent change in administration. Fox's ultimate parent has led a
charmed life with respect to FCC and general anti-trust
investigation of its cross-media ownership, and it has returned
the compliment with a sustained, global propaganda assault in
favour of the Bush regime's Iraq (and related) policies.

The Bush regime's successor doesn't look nearly so needy (for
the time being, at least) in this sort of regard, and my hunch
is that this will be causing considerable nervousness in the
News Corporation boardroom. It feels as though they have turned
their attention to helping their friends in the intelligence
community (friends who can be very influential when the visible
government becomes less friendly) in any way they can. This
story looks to be part of just such an effort. Old news
repackaged to achieve an effect.

Scraping the barrel? Yes, of course they are, but that's exactly
what they have to do in the absence of richer pickings.

These things are never accidental, and never unco-ordinated.

Read this
story in parallel with that mentioned on-list at:
<http://tinyurl.com/20UFOS>

Different stories, same effect; different news sources in
different territories, same ultimate parent. A public agenda is
being reinforced, but a different, private agenda is being
served.

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

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From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Fri, 05 Jun 2009 22:41:30 -0300
Archived: Fri, 05 Jun 2009 22:57:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Six Top-Secret Aircraft Mistaken For UFOs

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was horse manure anyway. No one gives it any credence.

Don Ledger

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From: Larry W Bryant <overtci.nul>
Date: Sat, 6 Jun 2009 00:56:07 -0500
Archived: Sat, 06 Jun 2009 06:55:44 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Caller Bob' Case Takes On Life Of Its Own?

>From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Thu, 4 Jun 2009 21:35:59 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: 'Caller Bob' Case Takes On Life Of Its Own?

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Every time I listen to that audio clip, I arrive at the same
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he should get the Academy award for acting.

Alas, as a southern soul, he was too naive in the way he handled his revelation; he never should have aired his discovery on radio - instead he should've confided in producer Tommy off-air only, so as to protect himself from retaliation.

Once the pertinent portion of the film had been transferred to c2c custody, it would have been analyzed by experts to determine answers to the very questions you've raised here. Alas, I fear that we'll never hear again from "Bob," or receive even a single frame of that alleged film footage. A loss to history, for sure - but an even more severe loss to our chance to expand our cosmic awareness.

Keep askin' questions, kind Sir. - O-ver and O-ut

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Re: NASA Evidence Mars Life Existed & Still Exists

From: Paul Scott Anderson <paulscottanderson.nul>
Date: Fri, 5 Jun 2009 23:38:56 -0700
Archived: Sat, 06 Jun 2009 06:57:36 -0400
Subject: Re: NASA Evidence Mars Life Existed & Still Exists

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Thu, 4 Jun 2009 11:24:49 EDT
>Subject: NASA Evidence Mars Life Existed & Still Exists

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From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Sat, 6 Jun 2009 07:37:42 EDT
Archived: Sat, 06 Jun 2009 08:42:24 -0400
Subject: Re: NASA Evidence Mars Life Existed & Still Exists

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>Paul

It stands to reason we screwed up some sort of biology test and
ended up killing on our first contact mission.

A smarter thing might have been to just add water and stir.

We could then have packaged the growing Martian critters like we
do brine shrimp as some sort of Space Sea Monkeys.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com/blog

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NASA Launches Human Space Flight Review Site

From: **NASA News** <hgnews.nul>
Date: Fri 05 Jun 2009 15:10:00 EDT
Archived: Sat, 06 Jun 2009 08:47:06 -0400
Subject: NASA Launches Human Space Flight Review Site

June 5, 2009

Doc Mirelson
Headquarters, Washington
202-358-4495
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Media Advisory: M09-126

NASA Launches Human Space Flight Review Web Site For Public Use

WASHINGTON -- NASA is inviting the public to make its voice heard as a panel of experts undertakes an independent review of planned U.S. human space flight activities.

NASA has created a Web site for the Review of U.S. Human Space Flight Plans Committee to facilitate a two-way conversation with the public about the future direction of the agency's space flight programs. In addition to providing documents and information, the site will allow the public to track committee activities, receive regular updates and provide input through Web 2.0 tools such as Twitter, Flickr, user-submitted questions, polls and RSS feeds. Additional features and content may be added as the committee's activities continue.

"The human space flight program belongs to everyone.", committee chairman Norman Augustine said. "Our committee would hope to benefit from the views of all who would care to contact us."

Anyone may use the Web site to submit questions, upload documents or comment about topics relevant to the committee's operations. The committee will conduct public meetings during the course of the review. The first will be held June 17 in Washington, D.C. An agenda for this meeting will be announced soon. Time will be set aside for public questions and comments to the committee members. No registration is required to attend.

To learn more, visit the committee's Web site at:

<http://hsf.nasa.gov>

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Alien Jigsaw Updates

From: Katharina Wilson <K.Wilson.nul>
Date: Sat, 06 Jun 2009 10:58:43 -0500
Archived: Sat, 06 Jun 2009 13:03:12 -0400
Subject: Alien Jigsaw Updates

What's New At The Alien Jigsaw

The Hybrids: Summary and Discussion
By Katharina Wilson

This is Part Four, the final portion of my article titled 'The Hybrids'.

After a brief Summary, this article answers pertinent questions and addresses specific comments from other researchers and readers. I also revisit the following subjects: The Alien Shoe, The Hybrid Field Guide, The 'Deployment' of certain Beings, Beings with Clawed Feet, and Triangular Shaped Craft.

Additional subheadings include: Hybrids With Intelligence Directives, Extremes, Wake-Up Call, and Afterword.

Katharina Wilson
<http://www.alienjigsaw.com>

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From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
Date: Sat, 6 Jun 2009 09:11:57 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Sat, 06 Jun 2009 13:04:32 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Caller Bob' Case Takes On Life Of Its Own?

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Thanks Larry! Glad to help!

Maybe our descriptions of "Bob" will prompt the recall of
someone on this List.

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Re: 'Caller Bob' Case Takes On Life Of Its Own?

From: **Giuliano Marinkovic** <giuliano.marinkovic.nul>
Date: Sun, 7 Jun 2009 00:19:50 +0200
Archived: Sun, 07 Jun 2009 06:57:15 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Caller Bob' Case Takes On Life Of Its Own?

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Thanks Rich for the analysis.

For all the readers who are interested in Caller Bob chronology,
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set of audios and retrospective of discussions from internal
mailing lists that were active at the time. We were able to
collect 9 referenced C2C audios so far.

The report is updated from time to time and current version is
available as a .pdf here:

<http://tinyurl.com/q24geu>

Best Wishes

Giuliano

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Drake On Chilbolton 'Arecibo Reply'

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Sun, 07 Jun 2009 07:27:19 -0400
Archived: Sun, 07 Jun 2009 07:27:19 -0400
Subject: Drake On Chilbolton 'Arecibo Reply'

Source: Colin Andrews' Site

<http://tinyurl.com/FrankDrake>

06-06-09

Drake On Chilbolton 'Arecibo Reply'

[Video: Interview of Frank Drake]

From Paola Harris.

Colin,

"Do you care to comment on this interview?"

In Robert Fleicher's interview of Frank Drake for Exopolitics Germany, Robert asked Frank Drake the director of SETI about the Chilbolton "Arecibo Reply" Crop Circle...

"How do you know how Aliens think?"

And he answered...

"What I do know is that they are intelligent because somehow they got to EARTH... and they would not communicate in this ridiculous way.!"

To me, this is a self condemning statement that he knows!

And if Colin Andrews at the X conference told us that the Intelligence community was very interested in Crop Circles..And it was classified, Then why would an alien reply at a Chilbolton Crop Circle be considered " Ridiculous"!

Then the Intelligence community is interested in" stupid things" according to Drake!

This does not make sense.

[More...]

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Re: What Pilot Saw Over Liberty

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Sun, 07 Jun 2009 02:43:41 -0300
Archived: Sun, 07 Jun 2009 08:07:20 -0400
Subject: Re: What Pilot Saw Over Liberty

>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Thu, 04 Jun 2009 09:06:38 -0700
>Subject: Re: What Pilot Saw Over Liberty

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Wed, 03 Jun 2009 23:51:44 -0400
>>Subject: Re: What Pilot Saw Over Liberty

>>>From: Ed Gehrman <post.nul>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>>>Date: Tue, 2 Jun 2009 22:26:04 -0700
>>>Subject: What Pilot Saw Over Liberty

>>>Source: The Houston Chronicle - Texas, USA

>>><http://www.chron.com/dispatch/story.mpl/hotstories/6455016.html>

>>>June 2, 2009, 8:45PM

>>>FAA Looks Into What Pilot Saw Over Liberty
>>>By Allen Reed
>>>Houston Chronicle
>>>allen.reed.nul

>>>The FBI, the Federal Aviation Administration and the Liberty
>>>County Sheriff's Department met Tuesday to compare notes on
>>>an unidentified flying object reported late last week by an
>>>ExpressJet Airlines pilot.

>>>The pilot reported a "missile or rocket" flying near his
>>>airplane Friday at 8:09 p.m., shortly after takeoff from Bush
>>>Intercontinental Airport, according to sheriff=E2=80=99s officials.

>><snip>

>>Pilot reports of "rockets" go back to the 40's. One of the first
>>is in a report made to the FBI by a pilot flying over West
>>Virginia. Another in the 90's was by a pilot flying northward in
>>Maryland not far from Camp David (north of Frederick). I have
>>not tried to collect these reports but I know they are "out
>>there."

>You'll find several more similar reports by going to Google with
>the words: UFO "sees rocket", and a larger number using: UFO
>"sees missile".

I am a little late involving myself in this thread because I've been waiting for more from the authorities [FAA/NTSB] about this 'rocket' event. Two points I would like to make are as follows:
1) Anyone capable of launching a hobby rocket up to 11,000 feet - the altitude of the jet while climbing - is going to well known to hobby rocket groups. Local hobby groups have their rocket stars like any other organization. I'd be more concerned with this 'rocket' as being more sinister in nature [a SAM?] since a similar event happened last year in Texas.

2) Judging by the attention given this event perhaps pilots encountering a UFO might be better off reporting the event as a possible rocket. I've a suspicion that here in Canada that airline pilots are reporting some UFOs as balloons. It gets them around the peer ridicule and company concerns while getting the message out that that something is in the way.

On another note:

The Arizona Republic

<http://tinyurl.com/oarszh>

May. 30, 2009 12:00 AM

Gateway Officials File Complaint Over Parachute Landing
by Art Thomason

Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport officials filed a complaint with the Federal Aviation Administration on Friday charging that a data-research parachute that descended on airport property Thursday posed a potential danger to aircraft.

While humor punctuated much of the public reaction to media accounts of the incident, airport officials are taking it seriously and want their concerns heard by federal authorities, airport spokesman Brian Sexton said.

"It's a safety concern when something enters our airspace unannounced, in this case a 6-pound box suspended from a parachute," he said. "We want to share with the FAA for their consideration our concerns about how this is being managed.

[More...]

Note that the very public that flies in airliners found this event humorous apparently unaware that a 6 pound package has the potential to take the largest of airliners out of the sky.

The FAA, obviously, should be concerned as they should also be concerned about other unidentified objects in the sky; it amazes me that they are not.

Don Ledger

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Re: 'Caller Bob' Case Takes On Life Of Its Own?

From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
Date: Sun, 7 Jun 2009 07:54:30 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Sun, 07 Jun 2009 12:16:34 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Caller Bob' Case Takes On Life Of Its Own?

>From: Giuliano Marinkovic <giuliano.marinkovic.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Sun, 7 Jun 2009 00:19:50 +0200
>Subject: Re: 'Caller Bob' Case Takes On Life Of Its Own?

>>From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 4 Jun 2009 21:35:59 -0700 (PDT)
>>Subject: Re: 'Caller Bob' Case Takes On Life Of Its Own?

>>>From: Larry W Bryant <overtci.nul>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>>>Date: Tue, 2 Jun 2009 19:48:03 -0500
>>>Subject: 'Caller Bob' Case Takes On Life Of Its Own?

>>>I've posted a follow-up comment to my post on the
>>>'Caller Bob' topic on the Fayetteville Observer's forums section
>>>under the category of Military Discussion:

><http://tinyurl.com/om47pg>

>>>as well as in the comments section of my blog's Item 2.33:

>>>A Further Clue

>>>Here's the link to the recorded audio of Caller Bob's call-in
>>>to C2C-AM's host, George Noory, on Feb. 3, 2009:

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

<snip>

>>Thanks Larry! Using some of my work skills, I may be able to help
>>identify Bob.

>>I have confidence in the following about "Bob":

<snip>

>Thanks Rich for the analysis.

>For all the readers who are interested in Caller Bob chronology,
>I have created back in March a briefing report with the complete
>set of audios and retrospective of discussions from internal
>mailing lists that were active at the time. We were able to
>collect 9 referenced C2C audios so far.

>The report is updated from time to time and current version is
>available as a .pdf here:

><http://tinyurl.com/q24geu>

Thanks for the kind words Giuliano! How is Croatia?

You and Larry have done a lot of work on this.

I reviewed your listed mp3 files. But there was no new recording

of "Bob" to review in that group.

I'm sorry, but I'm unable to give any more insights into "Bob" without more data. In my work, audio is good, video is better, face to face is best.

Keep up the good work!

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UFO Sightings Raise Familiar Question

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Sun, 07 Jun 2009 12:22:23 -0400
Archived: Sun, 07 Jun 2009 12:22:23 -0400
Subject: UFO Sightings Raise Familiar Question

Source: The Victoria Advocate - Texas, USA

<http://www.victoriaadvocate.com/contact/>

June 6, 2009

UFO Sightings Raise Familiar Question: Are We Alone?
By Jim Bishop

"If, in fact, we are able to find life or to answer the question 'Are we alone?' then that certainly is grand enough and noble enough to be the enduring legacy of our civilization."
--NASA statement October 1999

The skies over Texas have been busy with spottings of unidentified flying objects in recent times, and I can't help but wonder if some of them might actually be visitors from a galaxy far, far away.

I'm sure that thought has crossed your mind, too, whether you want to admit it out loud or not. Just the chance that we are not alone is enough to pique anyone's interest.

Just days ago, a Continental Express pilot took off from Houston en route to South Carolina and had a weird experience not long after lifting off.

Reaching an altitude of 11,000 feet, still over Texas, the pilot suddenly radioed that a large object was flying 150 feet or so beneath him. The report I read on the Web site of MUFON (Mutual UFO Network) didn't say what shape this thing was, but the pilot was shocked to see that it didn't show up on radar.

MUFON records indicate that another Continental Airlines pilot spotted a UFO in May of last year, very near the same area.

You don't need a map to discern that this puts these objects pretty close to our area.

On the same night that the Continental pilot was gazing wide-eyed at whatever it was, another man spotted a UFO in the skies over East Texas, MUFON says. This, according to the spotter, was a triangular-shaped craft.

And, yet another spotter saw three star-like objects over East Texas, traveling fast, then slow, then fast, on that same night.

In view of the spate of UFOs seen flying over the Stephenville, Texas, area last year, and other, less noted sightings since then, maybe we should be spending more time looking up.

MUFON's records show that the U.S. is by far the leader in sightings of UFOs, and Texas is always first or second among the states in the number of these.

Remember that guy in the old 1950s version of "The Thing?" At the end of the movie, he tells the whole world on the radio, "Watch the skies! Keep watching the skies"!

That could turn out to be sound advice.

Jim Bishop is a senior editor for the Advocate. Leave him a message at 361-574-1210 or jbishop.nul or comment on this column at www.victoriaadvocate.com

[Thanks to Greg Boone for the lead]

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Bobbi Rowley - 1954 - 2009

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Sun, 07 Jun 2009 15:11:22 -0400
Archived: Sun, 07 Jun 2009 15:11:22 -0400
Subject: Bobbi Rowley - 1954 - 2009

Some of you will recognise the name... from the broadcast version of Strange Days... Indeed - Bobbi was my partner. She was teacher and a wonderfully funny, clever woman - loved by her students, her family and friends.

There are many, many who were touched by her and who will miss her dearly.

Bobbi slipped away at our home today at 12:45 pm with family around her. She'd been diagnosed with cancer of unknown origin in May of last year and typically, faced the treatments with much grace and humour.

For those in the Toronto area who would like to attend I'll post the gathering details as they are finalised.

Taking a break for a few days,

ebk

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Bobbi Rowley - March 17 1954 - June 7 2009

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Wed, 10 Jun 2009 06:57:17 -0400
Archived: Wed, 10 Jun 2009 06:57:17 -0400
Subject: Bobbi Rowley - March 17 1954 - June 7 2009

Here are the details for those of you in the Toronto area who'd like to say goodbye to Bobbi.

She was born on Saint Patrick's day and her favourite colour was green. Its suggested that attendees at the Funeral Service wear something of that colour.

Visitation for Barbara 'Bobbi' McCleery [nee Rowley]

Thursday June 11, 2009 - 3:00 - 9:00 p.m.

McDougall & Brown Funeral Home
2900 Kingston Road - East of St Clair Avenue
Scarborough,
Ontario, M1M 1N5

416-267-4656
GPS Coordinates: 43.7233228, -79.2346675

The Mass

11:30 a.m. Friday June 12th, 2009

St Joseph's Church [next to the school at which Bobbi taught]

162 Leslie Street - North of Queen Street East
Toronto,
Ontario

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New Bentwaters Documentary

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Sun, 7 Jun 2009 21:31:37 +0200 (CEST)
Archived: Wed, 10 Jun 2009 07:12:34 -0400
Subject: New Bentwaters Documentary

The new Galileo Mystery program on Bentwaters is now available online (it's in German).

Type "Galileo Mystery" into YouTube and sort by date, with the newest first.

Here's a link to the first part:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vb2kP-o_rxM

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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UFO Reported By Mexican Airliner Crew

From: **Scott Corrales** <lornis1.nul>
Date: Mon, 8 Jun 2009 07:18:50 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
Archived: Wed, 10 Jun 2009 08:15:00 -0400
Subject: UFO Reported By Mexican Airliner Crew

Source: www.analuisacid.com
Date: June 07, 2009

Mexico: UFO Reported by Airliner Crew

Aviation technician Alfonso Salazar reports that on Saturday, June 2009 at 16:10 hours, the crew of a Fokker 110 (Click de Mexicana) reported "spherical traffic" which, according to eyewitnesses was a shining sphere resembling burnished platinum and reflecting the sun's rays."

The Fokker 100 was flying at an approximate altitude of 10,000 meters on the Juliet 21 air corridor. The unknown object, measuring some 10 meters in diameter), crossed the airliner's path and was seen at it's 8 o'clock position (lower left).

This sighting was recorded over the southern area of Cerro de la Estrella (to the east of Mexico City). Weather conditions were clear, sunny and cloudless. The crew calculated that the UFO was at an altitude of 8000 meters.

For some time now, encounters between these flying objects and airliners have increased, as they arrive or take off from the Mexican capital's airport.

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Re: What Pilot Saw Over Liberty

From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
Date: Mon, 08 Jun 2009 15:10:33 -0400
Archived: Wed, 10 Jun 2009 08:17:00 -0400
Subject: Re: What Pilot Saw Over Liberty

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 2 Jun 2009 22:26:04 -0700
>Subject: What Pilot Saw Over Liberty

>Source: The Houston Chronicle - Texas, USA

><http://www.chron.com disp/story.mpl/hotstories/6455016.html>

>June 2, 2009, 8:45PM

>FAA Looks Into What Pilot Saw Over Liberty

>"We looked into that, along with the FAA and some local law
>enforcement," Dunlap said. "To my knowledge, it was never
>determined what may of been observed during that incident."

Hey, guys, (FAA guys,) did the object trail any _smoke_?

Eleanor White

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Collection Of UFO Magazines For Sale

From: Philip Mantle <philip.nul>
Date: Tue, 9 Jun 2009 15:51:39 +0100
Archived: Wed, 10 Jun 2009 09:20:00 -0400
Subject: Collection Of UFO Magazines For Sale

I've been involved with UFO research for over 30 years and during that time I have accumulated a lot of material.

I find that I no longer have use nor space for a lot of this material. I have therefore decided to put my magazine collection up for sale.

Below is a list of the publications that I have available and was put together by a friend of mine.

Most of these publications are in English but there are also some in foreign languages.

I would prefer to sell the collection complete, however I will consider offers for individual items or batches of items. Only serious offers will be considered and if these are not forthcoming the collection will simply go back into storage.

If anyone is interested in buying this collection they will have to collect them from my home in Pontefract, West Yorkshire - overseas buyers would have to arrange shipping.

please email me direct at:

philip.nul

Inventory Of Philip Mantle's Personal Collection Of UFO Magazines - unless otherwise stated, 1 copy of each:

ALIEN ENCOUNTERS - UK-based publication: Cond: Fine

Issue 14, July 1997

ALIEN WORLDS - UK-based publication: Very good

Issue 2

ANOMALY (Journal of research into the paranormal UK) Condition: Very Good

Vol. 15

Vol. 16

Vol. 17

Vol. 18

ARCTURUS BOOKS INC. (US - based) Catalogues: Condition: Very Fine

Cat 1998-4, April

Cat 1998-6, June

Cat 1998-9, September

Cat 1998-7, July + July - Dec '98 backlist

Cat 1998-10, October

Cat 1998-12, December

Cat 1999-1, January + backlist

Cat 1999-2, February

Cat 1999-3, March

Cat 1999-6, June

Cat 1999-7, July

AREA 51 - Italian-based publication: Condition: Near mint

Numero 8 (Alien autopsy)
Numero 12 (Alien autopsy)

AWARENESS (Journal of Contact Int UK) Condition: Near Mint

Vol. 13, No. 4
Vol. 19, No. 3
Vol. 19, No. 4
Vol. 20, No. 1
Vol. 20, No. 2
Vol. 20, No. 3
Vol. 20, No. 4 (Alien Autopsy issue)
Vol. 21, No. 1
Vol. 21, No. 2
Vol. 21, No. 3

BEYOND Magazine - UK-based publication: Condition: Near mint

Issue 2
Issue 5
Issue 6
Issue 8
Issue 9
Issue 10
Issue 11
Issue 13

BEYOND: Fantasy & Science Fiction - UK - based publication: Near
mint

No. 2 June/July 1995

BILL KNELL'S UFO NEWSLETTER - NY - based publication: Cond: Very Good

No. 19 1992
No. 20 1992
No. 21 1992
UFO Slide Lectures by Bill Knell (one-off)

BUFORA BULLETIN (British research Association UK) Cond: Fine

No. 2
No. 3
No. 4
No. 5
No. 6
No. 7
No. 8
No. 9
No. 10
No. 11
No. 12
No. 13
No. 14
No. 15
No. 23
June 2001
Oct 2001
Aug 2001
No. 28, Dec 2001

CADUCEUS - UK-based publication: Condition: Very Fine

Issue 49

COSMIC LINK - US-based publication: Condition: Very Fine

Nov/Dec 2002 to January 2003

CULT TIMES - UK-based publication: Condition: Very Good

Issue 69, June 2001

DATA-NET (The Amateur Radio Network) US - based publication:
Condition: Very Fine

July 1972
October 1972
December 1972

ENIGMAS (journal of the strange phenomena investigations UK)
Cond: Very Good

Issue 36
Issue 37
Issue 38
Issue 39
Issue 40
Issue 41 (Alien Autopsy)
Issue 42
Issue 43

EYE MAGAZINE - UK - based publication: Condition: Near Mint

Vol. 1, No. 1
Vol. 1, No. 2
Vol. 1, No. 4

FAROUT Magazine - US - based publication: Condition: poor

Vol. 1, No.1

FLYING SAUCER REVIEW - UK-based publication:

Special Issue No. 3 Sept 1969 (Near Mint) (UFO Percipients)

Vol. 16, No. 1 Jan/Feb 1970 (Very Good)
Vol. 16, No. 2 Mar/Apr 1970 (Very Good)
Vol. 16, No. 3 May/June 1970 (Very Good)
Vol. 16, No. 4 July/Aug 1970 (Very Good)
Vol. 16, No. 5 Sept/Oct 1970 (Very Good)
Vol. 16, No. 6 Nov/Dec 1970 (Very Good)

Vol. 17, No. 1 Jan/Feb 1971 (Near Mint)
Vol. 17, No. 2 Mar/Apr 1971 (Near Mint)
Vol. 17, No. 3 May/June 1971 (Near Mint)
Vol. 17, No. 4 July/Aug 1971 (Near Mint)
Vol. 17, No. 5 Sept/Oct 1971 (Near Mint)
Vol. 17, No. 6 Nov/Dec 1971 (Near Mint)

Vol. 18, No. 1 Jan/Feb 1972 (Near Mint)
Vol. 18, No. 2 Mar/Apr 1972 (Near Mint)
Vol. 18, No. 3 May/June 1972 (Near Mint)
Vol. 18, No. 4 July/Aug 1972 (Near Mint)
Vol. 18, No. 5 Sept/Oct 1972 (Near Mint)
Vol. 18, No. 6 Nov/Dec 1972 (Near Mint)

Vol. 23, No. 1 1977 (Near Mint) (Broad Haven School Report)

FOCUS - UK - based publication: Condition: Fair

Feb 1996
Feb 1999

FORTEANTIMES - UK-based publication: Condition: Near mint

Dec 2000
Nov 2001
April 2006
April 2007
August 2007
February 2008

HERD - Italian - based publication: Condition: Fair

No. 23, 2001
No. 37, 2003

INCIDENT - US-based publication: Condition: Mint

Vol.1, No. 1
Vol.1, No. 2
Vol.1, No. 3
Vol.1, No.4

INFINITY MAGAZINE - UK-based publication: Condition: Fair

Issue 1 - DUMMY ISSUE
No. 1, August 1996
Issue 3, October 1996 (2 copies)

IUR - US - based publication: Condition: Near mint

Vol. 25, No. 3 (slight damage to cover)
Vol. 26, No. 1 (Slight staining to cover)
Vol. 26, No. 2
Vol. 26, No. 3 (Staining on cover, front & back)
Vol. 26, No. 4
Vol. 27, No. 3
Vol. 27, No. 4 (Taken featured)
Vol. 28, No. 1
Vol. 28, No. 2
Vol. 28, No. 3
Vol. 28, No. 4 (staining to cover)
Vol. 29, No. 1
Vol. 29, No. 2
Vol. 29, No. 4
Vol. 30, No. 1
Vol. 30, No. 4
Vol. 31, No. 1
Vol. 31, No. 2
Vol. 32, No. 32

Journal of Transient Aerial Phenomena - BUFORA publication:
Condition: Very Good

Vol. 1, No. 2 March 1980
Vol. 3, No. 3 Oct 1984
Vol. 4, No. 4 March 1987
Vol. 5, No. 2 March 1988
Vol. 5, No. 3 Sept 1988 (2 copies)
Vol. 5, No. 4 March 1989 (2 copies)

KARMA7 - Spanish-based publication: Condition: Very Fine

No. 140
No. 291
No. 293-294 (2 copies)
No. 296 (2 copies)

MAGAZIN 2000 - German - based publication: Condition: Mint

Issue 10, 2007
Issue 12, 2007
Issue 108, 1996 (slight damage inside)
Issue 128/129, 1998
Issue 134, 1998
Issue 135, 1999
Issue 136, 1999
Issue 137/138, 1999
Issue 139, 1999
Issue 142, 1999 (2 copies, slight water damage)

MAGONIA - UK - based publication: Very Fine

No. 26, June 1987
No. 27, Sept 1987
No. 28, Jan 1988
No. 29, April 1988
No. 30, Aug 1988
No. 32, March 1988
No. 34, Oct 1989
No. 35, Jan 1989
No. 36, May 1990
No. 37, Oct 1990
No. 38, Jan 1990
No. 40, Aug 1991
No. 41, Nov 1991
No. 42, March 1992
No. 51, February 1995
No. 52, May 1995
No. 53, August 1995
No. 56, June 1996

MUFON UFO JOURNAL - US - based publication: Condition: Near mint

June, 1976 - No.103
July, 1976 - No. 104
August, 1976 - No. 105
September, 1976 - No. 106
October, 1976 - No. 107
November, 1976 - No. 108
December, 1976 - No. 109
January, 1977 - No. 110
February, 1977 - No. 111
March, 1977 - No.112
April, 1977 - No. 113
May, 1977 - No. 114
June, 1977 - No. 115
July, 1977 - No. 116
October, 1982 - No. 176
November, 1982 - No.177
December, 1982 - No. 178
January, 1983 - No. 179
February, 1983 - No. 180
March, 1983 - No. 181
April, 1983 - No. 182
May, 1983 - No. 183
June, 1983 - No. 184
July, 1983 - No. 185
August, 1983 - No. 186
September, 1983 - No. 187
October, 1983 - No. 188
November, 1983 - No.189
December, 1983 - No. 190
January, 1984 - No.191
February, 1984 - No. 192
March, 1984 - No. 193
August, 2001 - No. 400
September, 2001 - No. 401
October, 2001 - No. 402
November, 2001 - No. 403
December, 2001 - No. 404
January, 2002 - No. 405
February, 2002 - No. 406
March, 2002 - No. 407
April, 2002 - No. 408 (slight water mark on cover)
May, 2002 - No. 409
July, 2002 - No. 411
January, 2003 - No. 417

MYSTERIES Magazine - US-based magazine: Condition: Very Good

Volume 1 # 3, Issue #3
Volume 2 #1, Issue # 4
Volume 5 #2, Issue #17
Volume 5 #4, Issue #19

NEW BUFORA JOURNAL - UK - based publication: Condition: Near Mint

No.1
No. 4
No. 5
No. 7
No. 8
No. 9
No.10
No.12
No.13 (some damage)
No.15

NORTHERN UFO NEWS - UK - based publication: Condition: Very Good - Near Mint

Issue 165
Issue 166
Issue 167
Issue 168
Issue 169
Issue 170

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Issue 171 (dog-eared corner)
Issue 172 Christmas 1995
Issue 173
Issue 174
Issue 175
Issue 176
Issue 177
Issue 178
Issue 179
Issue 180
Issue 181
Issue 182
Issue 183
Issue 184
Issue 185
Issue 186

ODYSSEY - the strange truth about UFO's - L.C.F.U.F.O'S.
Condition: Very Good

Volume 1, No. 1, 1985
Volume 1, No. 5, 1985
Volume 7, 1985
No. 8 (Vol and year?)
Volume 10, No. 1, 1986
Volume 10, No. 2, 1986
No. 40 (Vol and year?)
No. 78 (Vol and year?)

OUTTA HEAR PRODUCTIONS - US-based publication: Cond: Very Fine

Issue 3, Winter 1996 (Alien Autopsy issue, lots of good pix!)

NEW DAWN - Australian-based magazine: Condition: Mint

No. 104, Sept/Oct 2007

NEW FRONTIER - Netherlands-based publication: Condition: Fine

Winter/Spring 2002

NEXUS: Condition: Near mint

Vol. 6, No. 6
Vol. 7, No. 1
Vol. 7, No. 2
Vol. 7, No. 3
Vol. 8, No. 2
Vol. 10, No. 3
Vol. 10, No. 4

PARANORMAL Magazine - UK-base publication: Condition: Near mint

Issue 7
Issue 19
Issue 30
Issue 35
Issue 36

PARANOIA Magazine - US-base publication: Condition: Mint

Issue 36/Fall 2004
Issue 39/Fall 2005
Issue 40/Winter 2006
Issue 41/Spring 2006
Issue 42/Fall 2006
Issue 43/Winter 2007
Issue 44/Spring 2007
Issue 45/Fall 2007 (6 copies)
Issue 46/Winter 2008
Issue 47/Spring 2008
Issue 48/Fall 2008
Issue 50/Spring 2009

P.E.E.R PERSPECTIVES - John E. Mack's publication: Condition:
Near Mint

Vol.1, No. 1 92 copies)
No. 2

PEGASUS - UK - based publication: Condition: Fine

Spring 1995
Issue 2, 1995
Vol. 3, No. 3
Vol. 5, No. 5

PENDRAGON - UK - based newsletter: Condition: Excellent

Issue No. 1
Issue No. 2
Issue No. 3
Issue No. 4

PENOMENA - French - based publication: Condition: Near Mint

No. 26, Mar/April 1995
No. 27, May/June 1995
No. 28, July/August 1995
No. 29, Sept/Oct 1995
No. 30, Nov/Dec 1995
No. 31, Jan/Feb 1996
No. 33, March/April 1996
No. 34, June/July 1996

PHENOMENA - US - based publication: Condition: Very good

Issue 3 - May/June 2004

PREDICTION - UK-based publication on self-discovery: Cond: Very Good

April 2002 (2 copies)

POSITIVE HEALTH - UK-based publication: Condition: Fair

Issue 55

SAUCER SCOOP - US - based publication: Condition: Excellent

Vol. 3, No. 7, October 1968
Vol. 3, No. 6, September 1968
Vol. 3, No. 9, December 1968
Vol. 3, No. 12, March 1969
Vol. 4, No. 1, April issue

SAUCERS, SPACE & SCIENCE - Canadian-based publication:
Condition: Fine

No. 52, 1968
No. 55, 1969
No. 56, 1969
No. 57, 1969
No. 58, 1970
No. 59, 1970 (slight damage to back cover)
No. 60, 1971
No. 61, 1971

SD (strange daze) - UK - based publication: Condition: Very good

Issue 21 - Autumn

SKYLINK London UFO Studies - UK - based publication: Condition:
Fine

No. 2
No. 5
No. 6&7
No. 8
No. 9

SKYLOOK: The UFO Monthly/ MUFON - US - based publication:
Condition: Near mint

March, 1975 - No. 88
April, 1975 - No. 89
May, 1975 - No. 90
June, 1975 - No. 91
July, 1975 - No. 92
August, 1975 - No. 93

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September, 1975 - No. 94
October, 1975 - No. 95
November, 1975 - No. 96 Special UFO calendar issue!
December, 1975 - No. 97
January, 1976 - No. 98
February, 1976 - No. 99
March, 1976 - No. 100
April, 1976 - No. 101
May, 1976 - No. 102

SKYSEARCH Magazine - UK - based publication: Condition: Okay

No. 1 (slight damaged to cover)
No. 2 (slight damage to cover)
No. 3
No. 4 (slight damage to cover)

STARGATE Magazine - Italian publication: Condition: Very Good

Vol. 1, No.1 (some dog-eared corners, otherwise Fine)
Vol. 1, No.2
Vol. 2, No.6
Vol. 2, No.7
Vol. 2, No.8

STRANGE DAYS (A journal of UFOlogy UK) Condition: Fine

No. 2, Mar/April 1994
No. 3, Sept/Oct 1994
No. 4, Jan 1995
No. 5, April 1995
No. 6, July 1995
No. 7, 1995
No. 8, 1996

STRANGE TIMES - UK-based publication: Condition: Very Fine

No. 1
No. 2
No. 3
No. 4

SPI NEWSLETTER - UK - based publication: Condition: Very Fine

Aug/Sept 1989
Feb/March 1990
May/June 1991
May/June 1992
Nov/Dec 1992
Feb/March 1993

SUFOI NEWS - Danish - based publication: Condition: Very Good -
Near Mint

No. 13
No. 14
No.15
No.16

S.U.F.O.R.I.N NEWS LETTER - UK - based publication: Condition:
Very Good

Vol. 1.1
Vol. 1.2
Vol. 1.3
Vol. 1.4
Vol. 1.5
Vol. 2.1
Vol. 2.2

THE CANADIAN COMMUNICATOR (Paranormal Magazine) Condition: Mint

Winter 2002/Vol.1
Winter 2002/Vol.2

THE CROP WATCHER - UK - based publication: Condition: Excellent

Issue 1, Sept/Oct 1990
Issue 2, Nov/Dec 1990
Issue 3, Jan/Feb 1991
Issue 5, May/June 1991
Issue 6, July/ Aug 1991

THE HALT TAPE FILES - clippings and notes containing 43 pages:
Cond: Very Good

THE LEY HUNTER - UK - based publication: Condition: Fair

123, Summer 1995

THE PSI REPORT (Scottish society for psychical research UK)
Cond: Fair - Very Good

Issue 45, May 1992 (2 copies)
Issue 46, June/July 1992
Issue 47, Aug/Sept 1992
Issue 48, Oct 1992
Issue 49, Nov 1992
Issue 50, Dec 1992
Issue 51, Jan/Feb 1993
Issue 52, March 1993
Issue 53, April 1993
Issue 54, May 1993
Issue 55, June/July 1993
January issue, 1995

THE UFO DEBATE - UFO Brigantia publication: Near Mint

No. 2
No. 3
No. 4

TWENTY TWENTY VISION - YUFOS publication - UK - based: Cond:
Fine

1 copy only

UFO - Polish publication: Condition: Very Good

No: 25 1998

UFO AFRINEWS - Cynthia Hind's publication: Condition: Near Mint

No. 9, Feb 1994
No. 10, Aug 1994
No. 11, Feb 1995
No. 12, July 1995
No. 13, Feb 1996
No. 15, Jan 1997
No. 16, July 1997

UFO aktuell - Danish publication: Condition: Mint

No. 3, 2008

UFO BRIGANTIA - UK - based publication: Condition: Excellent

No. 8, June 1985
No. 28, Nov/Dec 1987
No. 29, Jan/Feb 1988
No. 30, Mar/Apr 1988
No. 32, May/June 1988
No. 33, Jul/Aug 1988
No. 34, Sept/Oct 1988
No. 35, Nov/Dec 1988
No. 36, Jan 1989
No. 37, March 1989
No. 38, May 1989
No. 40, Nov 1989
No. 41, Jan 1990
No. 42, March 1990
No. 43, May 1990

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Nos. 44 & 45, July 1990
No. 46, 1990
No. 46, Jan 1991
No. 48, May 1991
No. 49, Aug 1991
No. 50, Nov 1991
No. 51, Spring 1992
No. 52, 1992

UFODATA - UK - based publication: Cond: Mint

Jan/Feb 2007
March/April 2007
May/June 2007
July/Aug 2007
Sept/Oct 2007
Nov/Dec 2007
March/April 2008
May/June 2008
July/Aug 2008 (2 copies)

UFO DOSSIER - Italian- based publication: Condition: Fair

No.3

UFO ENCOUNTER - Australian-based publication: Condition: Mint

Issue 205 (Alien autopsy issue)
Issue 234
Issue 235
Issue 236
Issue 237
Issue 238
Issue 239
Issue 240

UFO ESPECIAL (UFO Brazil) South American-based publication: Cond: Mint

No. 05
No. 06
No. 07
No. 10
No. 11
No. 15
No. 16
No. 18
No. 19
No. 35
No.36
No. 39
No. 45
No. 46
No. 47
No. 48
No. 49
No. 50
No. 51
No. 53
No. 54

UFO's Hit the Press: Clippings issue, year unknown?

UFO Hotiziario - Italian - based publication: Condition: Fair

No. 4, Jan/Feb 1996 (some damage to back cover)

UFO LIBRARY - US-based publication: Condition: Fine

Vol. 3, No. 2 1994 (2 copies)
April/May 1994

UFOLOG INFORMATION SHEET - UK - publication: Condition: Fine

Setting-up correspondence, May 1st, 1964
Issue No. 2, 31st Aug 1964
Issue No. 4, 16th Sept 1964
Issue No. 6, 13th Oct 1964

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Issue No. 7, 21st Oct 1964
Issue No. 8, 30th Oct 1964
Issue No. 9, 5th Nov 1964
Issue No.10, 30th Nov 1964
Issue No.11, 15th Jan 1965
Issue No.12, 2nd March 1965
Issue No.13, 15th March 1965
Issue No.14, 12th April 1965
Issue No.15, 10th May 1965
Issue No.16, 26th June 1965
Issue No.17, 26th July 1965
Issue No.18, 27th Aug 1965
Issue No.19, 24th Sept 1965
Issue No.20, 29th Oct 1965
Issue No.21, 26th Nov 1965
Issue No.22, 31st Dec 1965
Issue No.23, 28th Jan 1966
Issue No.25, 25th March 1966
Issue No.26, 29th April 1966
Issue No.27, 30th June 1966
Issue No.28, 29th July 1966
Issue No.29, Oct 1966
Issue No.30, Dec 1966
Issue No.31, Jan 1967
Issue No.32, Feb 1967
Issue No.33, March 1967
Issue No.35, May 1967
Issue No.36, June 1967
Issue No.37, July 1967
Issue No.38, Aug 1967
Issue No.39, Sept/Oct 1967
Issue No.40, Nov 1967
Issue No.41, Dec 1967
Issue No.42, Jan 1968
Issue No.43, Feb 1968
Issue No.44, March 1968
Issue No.45, April 1968
Issue No.46, May 1968
Issue No.47, June 1968
Issue No.48, July 1968
Issue No.49, Aug 1968
Issue No.50, Sept 1968
Issue No.51, Oct 1968
Issue No.52, Nov 1968
Issue No.53, Dec 1968
Issue No.54, Jan 1969
Issue No.55, Feb 1969
Issue No.56, March 1969
Issue No.57, April 1969
Issue No.58, May 1969
Issue No.59, June 1969
Issue No.61, Aug 1969
Issue No.62, Sept 1969
Issue No.63, Oct 1969
Issue No.64, Nov 1969
Issue No.65, Dec 1969
Issue No.66, Jan 1970
Issue No.67, Feb 1970
Issue No.68, March 1970
Issue No.69, April 1970
Issue No.70, May 1970
Issue No.73, Aug 1970
Issue No.74, Sept 1970
Issue No.75, Oct 1970
Issue No.76, Nov 1970
Issue No.77, Dec 1970
Issue No.78, Jan 1971
Issue No.79, Feb 1971
Issue No.80, March 1971
Issue No.81, April 1971
Issue No.82, May 1971
Issue No.83, June 1971
Issue No.84, July 1971

UFOLGY JOURNAL - Chinese-based publication: Condition:
Excellent

No. 1
No. 2
No. 3

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No. 4
No. 5 (2 copies)
No. 6 (2 copies)
No. 7
No. 8
No. 9
No. 10
No. 11
No. 12 (damage to back cover)

Ufomagazin - Hungarian-based publication: Condition: Very Good
to Near Mint

No. 2, 1994
No. 50, 1995. November
No. 51, 1995. December (3 copies)
No. 52, 1996. January (3 copies)
No. 53, 1996. February
No. 54, 1996. March
No. 55, 1996. April
No. 56, 1996. May
No. 57, 1996. June (2 copies)
No. 58, 1996. July
No. 59, 1996. August
No. 60, 1996. September
No. 61, 1996. October
No. 62, 1996. November
No. 63, 1996. December
No. 64, 1997. January
No. 65, 1997. February
No. 66, 1997. March
No. 67, 1997. April
No. 68, 1997. May (2 copies)
No. 69, 1997. June
No. 70, 1997. July (2 copies)
No. 71, 1997. August (2 copies)
No. 72, 1997. September
No. 73, 1997. October
No. 74, 1997. November
No. 76, 1998. January
No. 77, 1998. February
No. 78, 1998. March
No. 79, 1998. April
No. 80, 1998. March
No. 81, 1998. June
No. 82, 1998. July
No. 83, 1998. August (2 copies)
No. 84, 1998. September
No. 85, 1998. October
No. 86, 1998. November
No. 87, 1998. December
No. 88, 1999. January
No. 89, 1999. February
No. 90, 1999. March
No. 91, 1999. April
No. 92, 1999. March
No. 93, 1999. June
No. 94, 1999. July
No. 95, 1999. August
No. 96, 1999. September
No. 97, 1999. October
No. 98, 1999. November
No. 99, 1999. December
No. 100, 2000. January (slight damage to cover)
No. 101, 2000. February
No. 102, 2000. March
No. 104, 2000. May

UFOmania - French-based publication: Condition: Mint

No. 47
No. 48
No. 51
No. 52

No. 53
No. 54
No. 58

UFO Magazine - US-based publication: Condition: Near mint

Vol. 4, No. 1
Vol. 4, No. 2
Vol. 4, No. 3
Vol. 4, No. 4
Vol. 5, No. 1
Vol. 5, No. 2
Vol. 5, No. 3
Vol. 5, No. 4
Vol. 5, No. 5
Vol. 6, No. 1 (2 copies)
Vol. 6, No. 2 (2 copies)
Vol. 6, No. 3
Vol. 6, No. 4 (2 copies)
Vol. 6, No. 5
Vol. 7, No. 2 (2 copies)
Vol. 7, No. 5
Vol. 7, No. 6
Vol. 8, No. 1
Vol. 8, No. 2 (2 copies)
Vol. 8, No. 3
Vol. 8, No. 4
Vol. 8, No. 5
Vol. 8, No. 6 (2 copies)
Vol. 9, No. 1 (2 copies)
Vol. 9, No. 2
Vol. 9, No. 3 (2 copies)
Vol. 9, No. 4
Vol. 9, No. 5 (2 copies)
Vol. 9, No. 6
Vol. 10, No. 1
Vol. 10, No. 2 (3 copies)
Vol. 10, No. 3
Vol. 10, No. 4
Vol. 10, No. 5
Vol. 10, No. 6
Vol. 11, No. 1
Vol. 11, No. 2 (2 copies)
Vol. 11, No. 3 (2 copies)
Vol. 11, No. 4 (4 copies though with water damage to covers)
Vol. 11, No. 5 (water damage to cover)
Vol. 11, No. 6 (slight damage to cover)
Vol. 12, No. 1
Vol. 12, No. 2
Vol. 12, No. 4
Vol. 12, No. 5
Vol. 13, No. 1
Vol. 13, No. 3
Vol. 13, No. 4
Vol. 13, No. 5
Vol. 13, No. 6
Vol. 13, No. 7
Vol. 13, No. 8
Vol. 14, No. 1
Vol. 14, No. 2
Vol. 14, No. 3
Vol. 14, No. 4
Vol. 14, No. 7
Vol. 14, No. 8
Vol. 14, No. 9
Vol. 14, No. 11
Vol. 14, No. 12
Vol. 15, No. 1
Vol. 15, No. 2
Vol. 15, No. 3
Vol. 15, No. 4
Vol. 15, No. 5
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Vol. 15, No. 9
Vol. 15, No. 10
Vol. 16, No. 1
Vol. 16, No. 2
Vol. 16, No. 3

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Vol. 16, No. 5
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Vol. 17, No. 1
Vol. 17, No. 2
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Vol. 17, No. 5
Vol. 18, No. 1
Vol. 18, No. 2
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Vol. 21, No. 6
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Vol. 21, No. 9
Vol. 21, No.10

Vol. 22, No. 1
Vol. 22, No. 2
Vol. 22, No. 3
Vol. 22, No. 4
Vol. 22, No. 5
Vol. 22, No. 7
Vol. 22, No. 8
Vol. 22, No. 9
Vol. 22, No. 10
Vol. 22, No. 12

Vol. 23, No. 2
Vol. 23, No. 3
Vol. 23, No. 7

UFO MAGAZINE - UK - based publication: Condition: Near mint

June 2003
July 2003
August 2003
Nov/Dec 2003
Jan 2004
Feb 2004
March 2004

UFO MYSTERIES - UK - based publication: Condition: Very Good

UFO NORGES - Norwegian - based publication: Condition: Near mint

No. 1, 1995 (2 copies)
No. 2, 1995 (3 copies)
No. 1, 1996 (still sealed in bag)
No. 2, 1996
No. 3, 1996
No. 4, 1996 (3 copies, one slight damaged)
No. 1, 1997 (2 copies one still sealed)
No. 2, 1997
No. 3-4, 1997
No. 1-2, 1998 (2 copies)
No. 3-4, 1998
No. 1-2, 1999
No. 1, 2000
No. 2, 2000
No. 3, 2003
No. 22, 2003
No. 2, 2006
No. 1, 2007

Collection Of UFO Magazines For Sale

No. 27, 2008 (2 copies)

UFO - Italian-based publication: Condition: Very Good

No. 38, November 2002

UFO - Brazilian-based publication: Condition: Near mint

No. 116

No. 117

No.118

UFO REPORT JAPAN: Condition: Mint

2002 summer issue/Vol.10 May

2002 winter issue/ Vol. 11 December

UFO REPORTER - UK - based newsletter: Condition Near Mint

Issue No. 1

Issue No. 2

UNKNOWN - US-based publication: Condition: Near mint

No. 2

No. 4 (2 copies)

WHAT NEXT? UK-based publication of self-discovery & prediction:
Very Good

January 2000

YUFOS JOURNAL - UK - based publication: Condition: Very Good to
Excellent

Vol. 1, No. 1 (2 copies)

Vol. 1, No. 2 (2 copies)

Vol. 1, No. 3 (1 copy)

Vol. 1, No. 4 (6 copies)

Vol. 1, No. 5 (2 copies)

Vol. 1, No. 6 (6 copies)

Vol. 2, No. 1 (3 copies)

Vol. 2, No. 2 (1 copy)

Vol. 2, No. 4 (2 copies)

Vol. 3, No. 3 (1 copy)

Vol. 3, No. 6 (1 copy)

Vol. 4, No. 2 (1 copy)

Vol. 4, No. 4 (1 copy)

Vol. 4, No. 5 (1 copy)

Vol. 5, No. 1 (1 copy)

Vol. 6, No. 4 (1 copy)

Vol. 6, No. 5 (1 copy)

Vol. 6, No. 6 (1 copy)

Vol. 7, No. 1 (1 copy)

Vol. 7, No. 2 (1 copy)

Vol. 7, No. 3 (2 copies)

Vol. 7, No. 4 (1 copy)

Vol. 7, No. 5 (1 copy)

Vol. 7, No. 6 (1 copy)

Vol. 8, No. 1 (1 copy)

Vol. 8, No. 2 (2 copies)

Vol. 8, No. 3 (1 copy)

Vol. 11, Issue 1 (1 copy) now called: UFO Magazine. Cond: Very

Good

Ghost Rockets/Foo Fighters

ONE-OFF UFO-GROUP NEWSLETTERS: (not in order)

HURG (The Hereford UFO Research Group) Issue No. 1 1993 (Very Good)

THETA

Space Drive International, No. 8 (Now in full colour!)

The UFO Register:

Vol. 15

Vol. 16

Italian UFO Research In Fact & Fiction

Cheshire UFO Studies Centre Magazine, Sept 1987

Synchronicity

No. 6

The Brazilian UFO Report
The Australian UFO Bulletin
The X Files magazine - FIRST ISSUE! Condition: good
Visitors!
Visitors! Issue 6, July 1997
Boletim Numero Dos-Mayo-98
Promises 7 Disappointments. Issue 3/4
The UFO Concern - October 1997
Fanthorpe's:
Vol. 2, No. 2

UFO Metodologia
1994 NEWSCUTTINGS
UFO REPORTER:
Issue No. 3
Issue No. 4

Focus - Fair witness project Inc. Issue 10, 1994
The Zeta Reticuli Incident.
BUFORA Summer Newsletter, August 1998
BUFORA Annual Report & Statement of Accounts 1989 - 1990
Study Center of Cosmic Fraternity, 1973, No. 1
UFO CALENDAR 1997 (MINT!)
Official UFO magazine, December, 1976
The Paranormal, Beyond, Above & Beyond (assorted comics by
Timothy Budd)
TRUTH SEEKERS, Vol. 1, Issue 2
Unknown Magazine (date not known?)
News of the World, THE UNEXPLAINED, Feb 15, 1998
The Paranormal Times, Issue one
The Unopened Files, No. 2, 1997 (water damage).
UFO REALITY, Issue 3, 1996 (damage to front cover).
UFO REALITY, Issue 7, 1997 (slight water damage).
N.I.C.A.P. REPORTER, Vol. 2, No. 8, May 1964
OUTERMOST,

BUFORA Congress '79
BUFORA Newscuttings Index, Issue one
BUFORA Information Officer's Quarterly Report - 1st Aug - 1st
Nov 1987
BUFORA (Ireland) Branch Journal, Issue 1, Vol. 1 1993
BUFORA (Ireland) Branch Journal, Issue 2, Vol. 1 1993
3rd Stone, Magazine of the new Antiquarian, No. 19
INUFOR Digest, Vol. 1, No. 1, June 1995
OPUS Newsletter, Vol. 2, No. 2, Summer 1996
British UFO Studies Centre, Issue No.2, March 1995
UFO NEWS, April 1995
UFOS: examining the evidence (Proceedings 8th BUFORA Int UFO
Congress 1995)
50 YEARS OF UFOS: Proceedings of 9th BUFORA Int UFO Congress,
1997
UFOS over Russia, Quest Publication
Humans Reactions to UFOs Worldwide (1940-1983) 4-year study
project
THE UFO REGISTER, December 1978 (62 pages)
JAPAN UFO SCIENCE SOCIETY (JUFOSS) No. 1 - 95
Plymouth UFO Research Group (no date listed?)
WORLD UFO JOURNAL:
Issue No. 1
Issue No. 2
Issue No. 3

BILL KNELL'S UFO NEWSLETTER:
No. 19, 1992
No. 20, 1992
No. 21, 1992

SPI 1987 YEAR REPORT
SPI, No. 12
SPI, No. 13
SPI, No. 14

SPI U.F.O. MONTHLY, Issue 12, Vol. 1
W.Y.U.F.O.R.G. Newsletter, No. 5, March 1985
W.Y.U.F.O.R.G. Newsletter, No. 6, April 1985
Cosmology Newslink:
No. 43
No. 45
No.47

UFO Research Review:
Vol. 5, No. 2, Winter 1980
Vol. 6, No. 2, 1981

THE UFO WITNESS:
Sample issue, September 1992
No. 2

NUFOSIS NEWS:
No. 6
No. 10-11
No. 2, February 1988
No. 3, May 1988

The Paranomal World of Paul McKenna
E.L.F. Ifested Spaces, Issue 1, Summer 1994
AFU Newsletter, No. 37, January 1992-December 1993
The Probe Report, Vol. 2, No.3, Dec. 1981
Cheshire UFO Studies Centre Magazine, Vol. 2, No. 1
Cheshire UFO Studies Centre Magazine, 1987
UFO 2001 DIRECTORY
UFO 2003 DIRECTORY
Visions of Angels
UFOs on the Mexican Eclipse in 1991?
British Astrological & Psychic Society information booklet - May
1998
Mysteries of the Scottish Landscape - Ron Halliday
The Goblin Universe: Issue 6
Pegasus (Surrey Investigations Group on Aerial Phenomena),
Spring 1993 (2 copies)
The Hereford UFO Research Group Journal, Issue No. 1
SPACELINK, Vol. 6, No. 3 June 1970
JUFOSS (Japan UFO Science Society) No. 1, 1995
Skeptics UFO Newsletter by Philip Klass: Issue 36 - issue 45
WORLD UFO JOURNAL, Issue No. 8, 1995
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France Set To Disclose Presence Of ETs On Earth?

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Date: Wed, 10 Jun 2009 11:18:55 -0400
Archived: Wed, 10 Jun 2009 12:17:04 -0400
Subject: France Set To Disclose Presence Of ETs On Earth?

This is a small blog post stating that the French government is about to disclose. I have no idea about the validity of this claim. Can anyone on the List offer a better source to confirm or deny?

<http://macedoniaonline.eu/content/view/7034/56/>

[Begin Quote]

France Poised To Disclose Presence Of Extra Terrestrials On Earth
Sunday, 07 June 2009

The words 'Nous ne sommes pas seuls' or 'We are not alone' will be somberly pronounced this week by a senior Government official of the nation that brought the world 'Libert=E9, =E9galit=E9, fraternit=E9'. France is set to concede that it is aware of an alien presence on earth by no later than Friday.

Paris has chosen follow the lead of maverick UFO nation Brazil and resist US pressure to continue delaying disclosure until America feels it is ready for the event.

It is believed that a telephone hot-line has been set up in Paris to deal with queries from panicky citizens. A special division of France's police department is also to be established: to handle UFO reports.

The French have gone to so much effort to protect their culture from encroaching 'Anglo-Saxon' influences and now they are preparing to protect their culture from what might be even more powerful extraterrestrial forces.

It is believed Holland and Germany are set to soon follow France's lead. //M. Cohen

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Re: The Passing Of Bobbi Rowley

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Date: Sat, 13 Jun 2009 07:19:21 -0400
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Subject: Re: The Passing Of Bobbi Rowley

The thanks of the Rowley/McCleery families and myself for the many heartfelt and touching messages of condolence on the passing of my partner Bobbi [Barbara] Rowley-McCleery.

Both the visitation and funeral mass were attended by many dozens of family-members, friends, colleagues, former-students, current students and those from the UFO, Radio & TV fields here in Toronto. Included were Bobbi's aging Grade 8 teacher and a former pupil of hers now teaching at her school, St. Joseph's.

Bobbi was first diagnosed early in 2008 and the prognosis was not optimistic. We, along with members of her family made many trips to various specialists for consultations and treatment. She was always upbeat, her humour and razor-sharp wit kept us all going. The last weeks of her life were spent at home, surrounded, literally, by friends and family. She slipped away peacefully and met, I was told, by her father, mine and others who knew and loved her here...

ebk

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US Military Classifies Bolides & Fireballs 'Secret'

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Excerpted From Mitch Battros' Article at Earth Changes Media

<http://earthchangesmedia.com/secure/3247.326/article-9162525336.php>

A recent U.S. military policy decision now explicitly states that observations by top secret government spacecraft of incoming bolides and fireballs are classified secret and are not to be released. For over a decade scientists have benefited from data received by U.S. classified satellites of natural fireball events in Earth's atmosphere - but no longer.

US Military satellites' main objectives include detecting nuclear bomb tests, and their characterizations of asteroids and lesser meteoroids as they crash through the atmosphere. Now that has changed - asteroids, bolides, meteors are now deemed 'classified.'

David Morrison, a Near Earth Object (NEO) scientist at NASA's Ames Research Center has taken a bold step and is speaking out: 'The fireball data from military or surveillance assets have been of critical importance for assessing the impact hazard.' Morrison went onto state - 'my views are my own, not as a NASA spokesperson.'

I have said for years 'there is no way to keep the amateur astronomy community quiet.' But as you can see, they are making an effort to do just that. Let us not forget - 90% of asteroids and comets are found by 'amateur astronomers'. Sure, this new policy is a great loss to the scientific community, but I maintain my assertion that it will be impossible to silence the amateur community.

They are every bit a non-conformists as you or I.

Mitch Battros

Doesn't this sound a bit extreme, or at least highly questionable? It makes me wonder if military scientists are expecting something to be seen and are taking these steps to keep it secret and cover it up before the event even occurs.

Could this have something to do with upcoming solar storms? Apophis or another known asteroid? Or perhaps, our 'friends' piloting the 'UFOs'?

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10 June 2009

Military Hush-Up: Incoming Space Rocks Now Classified
By Leonard David
SPACE.com's Space Insider Columnist

For 15 years, scientists have benefited from data gleaned by U.S. classified satellites of natural fireball events in Earth's atmosphere =96 but no longer.

A recent U.S. military policy decision now explicitly states that observations by hush-hush government spacecraft of incoming bolides and fireballs are classified secret and are not to be released, SPACE.com has learned.

The satellites' main objectives include detecting nuclear bomb tests, and their characterizations of asteroids and lesser meteoroids as they crash through the atmosphere has been a byproduct data bonanza for scientists.

The upshot: Space rocks that explode in the atmosphere are now classified.

"It's baffling to us why this would suddenly change," said one scientist familiar with the work. "It's unfortunate because there was this great synergy... a very good cooperative arrangement. Systems were put into dual-use mode where a lot of science was getting done that couldn't be done any other way. It's a regrettable change in policy."

Scientists say not only will research into the threat from space be hampered, but public understanding of sometimes dramatic sky explosions will be diminished, perhaps leading to hype and fear of the unknown.

Incoming!

Most 'shooting stars' are caused by natural space debris no larger than peas. But routinely, rocks as big as basketballs and even small cars crash into the atmosphere. Most vaporize or explode on the way in, but some reach the surface or explode above the surface. Understandably, scientists want to know about these events so they can better predict the risk here on Earth.

Yet because the world is two-thirds ocean, most incoming objects aren't visible to observers on the ground. Many other incoming space rocks go unnoticed because daylight drowns them out.

Over the last decade or so, hundreds of these events have been spotted by the classified satellites. Priceless observational information derived from the spacecraft were made quickly available, giving researchers such insights as time, a location,

height above the surface, as well as light-curves to help pin down the amount of energy churned out from the fireballs.

And in the shaky world we now live, it's nice to know that a sky-high detonation is natural versus a nuclear weapon blast.

Where the space-based surveillance truly shines is over remote stretches of ocean =96 far away from the prospect of ground-based data collection.

But all that ended within the last few months, leaving scientists blind-sided and miffed by the shift in policy. The hope is that the policy decision will be revisited and overturned.

Critical importance

"The fireball data from military or surveillance assets have been of critical importance for assessing the impact hazard," said David Morrison, a Near Earth Object (NEO) scientist at NASA's Ames Research Center. He noted that his views are his own, not as a NASA spokesperson.

The size of the average largest atmospheric impact from small asteroids is a key piece of experimental data to anchor the low-energy end of the power-law distribution of impactors, from asteroids greater than 6 miles (10 kilometers) in diameter down to the meter scale, Morrison told SPACE.com.

"These fireball data together with astronomical observations of larger near-Earth asteroids define the nature of the impact hazard and allow rational planning to deal with this issue," Morrison said.

Morrison said that fireball data are today playing additional important roles.

As example, the fireball data together with infrasound allowed scientists to verify the approximate size and energy of the unique Carancas impact in the Altiplano -- on the Peru-Bolivia border -- on Sept. 15, 2007.

Fireball information also played an important part in the story of the small asteroid 2008 TC3, Morrison said. That was the first-ever case of the astronomical detection of a small asteroid before it hit last year. The fireball data were key for locating the impact point and the subsequent recovery of fragments from this impact.

Link in public understanding

Astronomers are closing in on a years-long effort to find most of the potentially devastating large asteroids in our neck of the cosmic woods, those that could cause widespread regional or global devastation. Now they plan to look for the smaller stuff.

So it is ironic that the availability of these fireball data should be curtailed just at the time the NEO program is moving toward surveying the small impactors that are most likely to be picked up in the fireball monitoring program, Morrison said.

"These data have been available to the scientific community for the past decade," he said. "It is unfortunate this information is shut off just when it is becoming more valuable to the community interested in characterizing near Earth asteroids and protecting our planet from asteroid impacts."

The newly issued policy edict by the U.S. military of reporting fireball observations from satellites also caught the attention of Clark Chapman, a planetary scientist and asteroid impact expert at Southwest Research Institute in Boulder, Colorado.

"I think that this information is very important to make public," Chapman told SPACE.com.

"More important than the scientific value, I think, is that these rare, bright fireballs provide a link in public understanding to the asteroid impact hazard posed by still larger and less frequent asteroids," Chapman explained.

Those objects are witnessed by unsuspecting people in far-flung

places, Chapman said, often generating incorrect and exaggerated reports.

"The grounding achieved by associating these reports by untrained observers with the satellite measurements is very useful for calibrating the observer reports and closing the loop with folks who think they have seen something mysterious and extraordinary," Chapman said.

Leonard David has been reporting on the space industry for more than four decades. He is past editor-in-chief of the National Space Society's Ad Astra and Space World magazines and has written for SPACE.com since 1999.

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Uruguayan Air Force Declassifies UFO Files

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Uruguay: Air Force Declassifies UFO Files, ET Hypothesis Not Dismissed

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Date: June 6, 2009

Uruguay: Air Force Declassified Files, ET Hypothesis Not Dismissed
By Daniel Iglesias

40 UFO cases remained unexplained in Uruguay

The UFO phenomenon has manifested itself many times in Uruguay. Thirty years after research began, 40 cases remain unexplained. The files were declassified and EL PAIS was allowed access to them

The Uruguayan Air Force will not publish a "Blue Book" containing the results of its 30 years of research, but the high command allowed EL PAIS access to records and eyewitness accounts.

While the Air Force commission that studies these cases has been operating for only a few decades, the UFO phenomenon began in Uruguay in 1947, at the same time that worldwide enthusiasm for the subject commenced. While Uruguay is no Roswell, the emblematic location for the subject of ETs, it is a place that is catalogued as propitious for seeing unidentified flying objects, according to Col. Ariel Sanchez, an Air Force officer with 33 years of active service and who has formed part of the UFO commission since 1989. He currently presides over it.

The agency operates out of a small office located in downtown Montevideo and has a computer database and print archives as well, which have not yet been computerized. There are hundreds of files in green binders under the heading "Confidential", containing eyewitness accounts, photographs, sketches, drawings, documents and evaluations made by officials.

Unsolved cases. The files consist of reports that accrue at a rate of 100 cases per year. The commission has received approximately 2100 solid reports and has researched and dismissed many for various reasons. But there are still 40 cases lacking an explanation. These files have been kept open, and range from sightings and landings of alleged craft to so-called abductions, that is to say, report on the kidnapping of persons by extraterrestrial entities.

The international definition conceived by U.S. astrophysicist Allen Hynek divides these situations into three categories: encounters of the first kind are those involving a sighting;

those of the second kind are those that record a landing, and the third kind - the sort most exploited by filmmakers - make reference to an encounter with an unidentified flying object and its occupants.

The military commission's task is to compile a record of cases and draft guidelines or conclusions regarding their veracity and origin. They have obtained solid results: "The commission managed to determine modifications to the chemical composition of the soil where landings are reported. The phenomenon exists. It could be a phenomenon that occurs in the lower sectors of the atmosphere, the landing of aircraft from a foreign air force, up to the extraterrestrial hypothesis. It could be a monitoring probe from outer space, much in the same way that we send probes to explore distant worlds", stated the officer. "The UFO phenomenon exists in the country. I must stress that the Air Force does not dismiss an extraterrestrial hypothesis based on our scientific analysis", said Sanchez.

The commission still keeps several paper files, above all those involving open cases. The FAU (Uruguayan Air Force) has now declassified all of its information, even those labeled "confidential". Only the identity of the witnesses remains undisclosed. All manner of situations can be found while perusing the file. In a case that occurred some time ago in the Department of Durazno, the witness reported the appearance of places where an aircraft appeared to have landed. Upon analyzing the soil's composition, an increase in the values of minerals such as chrome, manganese, phosphorus and carbon was detected, enabling researchers to conclude that the event had indeed been real.

Another singular case is found in these military annals: the appearance of two reddish spheres, flying silently over the heads of two teamsters driving cattle. The objects moved at high speed in opposite directions and the vanished toward the West at high speed.

Records indicate that the months prone to most manifestations of these objects are February, March, July and October. In February of this year (2009), the commission received numerous reports accompanied by digital photographs. Photographs or film are not a determining factor in any case, but rather a contribution, explains Sanchez, given the current technical possibilities for hoaxing images.

Unsolved cases have a considerable high strangeness quotient for the FAU. For example, the 1986 pursuit by two Pucara jet fighters over the Palmar Dam in response to the maneuvers of a luminous sphere. The pilots joined together and decided to chase it. When they were about to intercept it, the sphere flew off at a dizzying rate of speed toward Argentina and could not be reached. When the pilots returned to their base, the sphere reappeared over the dam. But the same thing occurred - the chase occurred and it vanished from sight, changing colors from red to yellow.

A similar case occurred to a group of military pilots in 1996, that is to say, qualified observers engaged in exercises over the Santa Bernardina base in Durazno. As in 1986, they saw two luminous spheres, whose presence was corroborated by the airport's control tower. When the objects flew away, they maintained their shape and luminosity, which enabled the spherical shape to be confirmed. Minutes later, the pilots noticed their glow diminished, and only their outline was illuminated. "The weren't satellites, as they do not fly in formation or that low, since these objects were at 10,000 feet (3,000 meters, approximately), nor do satellites diminish their glow", says Sanchez.

Among other reports we find the one by the crew of a commercial airline - a domestic carrier - that was pursued by a powerful light in 1979 as it returned from Paraguay. The light was even photographed by passengers. This case is also unexplained.

The Air Force also has visual reports of a dozen mutilated animals whose carcasses betrayed incisions made with surgical precision. These reports go back to 2002. No coherent explanation was ever found, but research by the military commission suggests the hypothesis that it was a possible biochemical attack that probably occurred in Argentina, where

700 mutilated animals were found. "It could have been the result of winds blowing from the West", said the officer. FAU does not dismiss the possibility of an extraterrestrial event. This is another unsolved case.

Military statistics show that the customary profile of people reporting sightings involve young men up to 45 years of age. They also indicate that cases occur in the early hours of the evening, and usually involve a single witness. 49% of statistics are made up of reports of luminous spheres; barely 2% include occupant sightings.

Nor has Uruguay been immune to close encounters of the third kind. The most chilling aspect of any UFO case is usually a report involving the abduction of humans for research purposes.

There have been several cases in Uruguay that remain unexplained. One of them occurred in Playa Pascual in 1980 and involved a camper, who was on the shore at night and was suddenly taken by surprise by short beings who immobilized him and conveyed him to a vehicle, where he was subjected to a medical examination. He later woke up in his tent and had a hard time moving. Another "missing time" case involved a family that was driving along the road when an aircraft flew over their vehicle and landed in front of them. They were unable to account for what had occurred to them for several minutes.

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11 June 2009

UFO Spotted Over Stamford

A mystery has been sparked by the sighting of strange objects flying over Stamford.

Janet Garratt and her friend Margaret Fox saw two oval-shaped objects falling above Lonsdale Road before stopping mid-air and then zooming off into the distance.

Mrs Garratt described one of the objects as being yellow, orange and red while the other was black and said that they flew at the same height on Wednesday last week.

RAF Wittering said that they were flying on that day but no military activity happened over Stamford.

Mrs Garratt, of Cottesmore Road, Stamford says that she would like to know what these objects are.

She said: "I don't really know what it was. It was nothing I had seen before.

"I am open-minded on what it is but I thought perhaps the Mercury might find out that something was going on.

"There might be somebody else who might have seen it."

Mrs Garratt was visiting her friend Mrs Fox when they spotted the objects falling at about 11am before stopping at an estimated two house lengths above the ground.

Mrs Garratt said: "All of a sudden they just stopped dead in the air and did a bit of hovering and were both level at the same height. "Then they took off at speed.

"I couldn't believe what I was watching."

Wittering spokesman Flt Lt Kerry Shardlow said: "We did have flying on that day but our aircraft would not do low flying. They do not fly over Stamford.

"There were no military operations taking in the area that we know of."

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Uruguay Joins The Party
by Billy Cox

Uruguay. Now it's the Uruguayan government that's releasing UFO files.

It's getting harder to keep track of the countries that have made similar moves over the last 10 years. From France to Canada, England to Denmark, Brazil to Ireland, the global community is doing what the United States simply will not: Acknowledge reality.

As with most of its unofficial partners in disclosure, none of the documents released by Uruguay's air force, the FAU, were classified at the highest levels. The most restricted were once categorized as "Confidential." Maybe that's because there aren't any super cases in the South American nation's files. But the ones released by the FAU this week further erode the credibility of our own Air Force.

The signal-to-noise ratio - only 40 of the roughly 2,100 reports in the FAU's database remain unexplained - doesn't really matter. The officer charged with supervision and release, Col. Ariel Sanchez, had enough information to draw this conclusion: "The UFO phenomenon exists in the country. I must stress that the Air Force does not dismiss an extraterrestrial hypothesis based on our scientific analysis."

That analysis extended to trace effects like chemical alterations in soil samples from reported UFO touchdowns, as well as a dozen cattle mutilated with surgical precision. But the really commendable portion of the FAU report is its confession that military technology is useless against preventing the unauthorized exploitation of sovereign air space.

Most notable are two air force encounters with "luminous spheres" in 1986 and 1996. The former involved hot pursuit by jet fighters over Palmar Dam. The intruders high-tailed it "at a dizzying rate of speed" towards Argentina. But no sooner had the Pucara jets returned to base than the UFOs reappeared, as if determined to make a point and rub it in.

The same thing happened 10 years later, during military exercises at a FAU base in Durazno; interceptors couldn't corral the formation-flying intruders, and control tower operators corroborated the incident. A UFO turned the tables in 1979 and pursued a jetliner en route from Paraguay. It drew so close that passengers were able to snap photos.

Compare this sort of candor to our own reality-challenged USAF.

Despite eyewitness testimony and FAA radar evidence to the contrary (<http://www.mufon.com/documents/MUFONStephenvilleRadarReport.pdf>), it refuses to confirm that F-16s pursued a massive UFO that flew near President Bush's Texas ranch in 2008. Our military clings sideways to the fiction that it hasn't collected UFO reports in 40 years, despite regulations requiring its pilots to do just that.

Not that there's anything wrong with Uruguay - no doubt a lot of fine folks live down there. But when you're forced to look to the Third World for transparency on issues clearly related to national security, there's more than the economy that's bankrupt.

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From: Lyle Michel <alienbeingsarecomingtoearth247.nul>
Date: Fri, 12 Jun 2009 09:54:15 -0700
Archived: Sat, 13 Jun 2009 11:04:24 -0400
Subject: Re: France Set To Disclose Presence Of ETs On

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Great if it happens, but I will believe it only when they make
it happen.

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From: **Steve Sawyer** <stevesaw.nul>
Date: Sat, 13 Jun 2009 10:42:52 -0700
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Given that the Friday "deadline" has passed without nary a peep
from any private UFO or French governmental authority regarding
Cohen's delusional assertions having any basis in reality, I
think we can chalk this one up to being just another case of
"disinfo-tainment," which Cohen and allnewsweb.com seem to
specialize in.

=46rom Cohen's twitter site, <http://twitter.com/Allnewsweb> he makes
this bizarre statement:

"Re France: If I get it wrong twenty five times and right on the
twenty sixth time I will be happy."

I think he's way past his quota at this point.

His initial "reporting" on France officially announcing a supposed
"alien presence" on earth, can be found here:

<http://www.allnewsweb.com/page6916918.php>

Check the list of related articles by Cohen on the left sidebar of this article, for a taste of the elevated quality of his investigative journalism regarding the UFO phenomenon. I expect to hear Cohen pronounce breathlessly on his site any day now about how the Weekly World News tabloid's infamous BatBoy is real, and has returned through a Brazilian UFO vortex to lead the imminent alien invasion. One can only hope, eh?

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Date: Sat, 13 Jun 2009 10:44:34 -0700
Archived: Sat, 13 Jun 2009 14:07:40 -0400
Subject: Re: Uruguay Joins The Party

>Source: The Sarasota Herald Tribune - Florida, USA

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

>Friday, June 12, 2009

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The problem for the American government is that they are up to their ear lobes working with the extraterrestrials. It certainly looks to me that the ET's were based at Dulce New Mexico and Area 51 with the tall whites (Charles Hall) to name another at some point over the past 50 years, and may still be at these locations.

If the American government starts admitting to anything then they have to start explaining these occurrences and that is not something they want to do.

Many of the people responsible for the cover ups are likely still Congressman and Senators. It is better to leave the truth telling to newly elected members of our government who will be able to truthfully say that they know nothing of beings from other planets having bases here in the United States.

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From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
Date: Sun, 14 Jun 2009 17:31:58 +0200
Archived: Sun, 14 Jun 2009 20:06:14 -0400
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Thank you for this clarification.

I think that it is not the first time that such a claim has been
circulated.

I recall that Dr Greer made a similar one in September 2007.

Gildas Bourdais

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2012 A Hoax Gone Too Far?

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Sun, 14 Jun 2009 20:22:53 -0400
Archived: Sun, 14 Jun 2009 20:22:53 -0400
Subject: 2012 A Hoax Gone Too Far?

Source: LiveScience.Com - New York, New York, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/2012Hoax>

14 June 2009

[Links in article at site]

Strange News

World to End In 2012: A Hoax Gone Too Far?
By Robert Roy Britt, Editorial Director

*** Spoiler alert. This article contains information that will ruin a good hoax. ***

There's no shortage of end-of-the-world prophecies and hoaxes, but the latest one has a slick twist. Or, some might say, a sick twist.

In fact, just by writing about it, I'm playing into the hands of a big media company that hopes I will write about it, or at least pass the word and a link, so that they can ultimately make money. Rather, I'll try to keep a few people from being frightened.

The story starts with Mike Brown, an astronomer at Caltech who has found more planet-like objects in our outer solar system than anyone.

Just like this reporter, Brown gets a lot emails from people worried the world will end in 2012. So many, in fact, that Brown has come to call them "The 2012 People." He's long assumed they're rather gullible worry warts. His view just changed a little.

The concerns often stem from bogus information about a fantasy planet dubbed Nibiru which, the story goes, will swing into the inner solar system, smack Earth in 2012, and bring an end to it all. (Brown assures us there is no such planet, and no such looming scenario known to science.)

The emails have been increasing of late. And recently one concerned citizen went a step farther and called and left Brown a voice mail: "I've got kids; this really scares the hell out of me. Is there something I should be doing? Is this real?"

The planet hunter reassured the man that it was all just a hoax. The man was grateful.

But the man got Brown's attention.

"This guy was inherently skeptical about the 2012 claims, and was happy when someone with a ring of authority told him there was nothing to it, but, still something had made him worried enough that he had tracked down some astronomer he had never met

and called him to reassure him about the safety of his family," Brown wrote in his blog this week.

Then Brown found some spam among his email, an ominous missive that purports to be from the director of the Institute for Human Continuity. It warns: "The IHC has uncovered evidence indicating that the disasters of 2012 are both real and unavoidable. We believe with 94% certainty that ... cataclysmic events will devastate our planet and many who inhabit it. December 21, 2012 cannot be ignored."

A link in the email to the IHC's supposed web site actually takes you to a site that is so cleverly designed, an unsuspecting person who doesn't recognize the actors on the page might think the IHC is real, that the end is near, and that buying a ticket (to somewhere, on something, who knows?) is the only hope of survival.

Truth is the web site (it's here, it's fake, you've been warned) is designed by Sony Pictures. Okay, score 1 point for Sony, no harm done, right?

Well, not so fast.

Brown, who is a pretty smart guy, admits that unlike many doomsday websites designed by quacks, it took him a while to figure out this web site is a fake.

"It is slick. It is professional. There is no obvious sign anywhere that this is the work of kooks," he said.

We all hate spam. And sometimes we think its deceptiveness is distasteful, especially when little old ladies are bilked of billions by a faux Nigerian banker. And hoaxes sometimes go too far. Some pranksters in New Jersey who lofted flares on balloons in the night sky in January, as a social experiment, were fined \$250 by a court that determined their UFO hoax "posed a potential fire hazard and could have interfered with air traffic." It didn't, but their deceptiveness, and the harm it could have caused, was enough for the judge.

Brown wonders if this one goes too far, scaring people who may never learn the truth that would alleviate their fears.

"If the spam email had tried to scare me about the end of the world and then directed me to a web site which turned out to simply advertise the movie, that would have been distasteful," Brown writes. "But what is the right word for a spam email that tries to scare me to go to a web site which then tries to scare me even more and doesn't even admit to being simply an ad for a movie?"

That's for you to answer. I've combined some of Brown's choice words with a few of my own in this poll:

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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Date: Mon, 15 Jun 2009 09:25:00 -0400
Archived: Mon, 15 Jun 2009 09:25:00 -0400
Subject: Two Simple Facts Prove Roswell UFO Is Real

Source: NewsBlaze.Com - Folsom, California, USA

<http://newsblaze.com/story/20090614082115dale.nb/topstory.html>

June 14, 2009

Two Simple Facts Prove Roswell UFO Is Real

By Dale Huffman
Op-Ed Contributor

It is time once again for the annual Roswell UFO Festival, July 2-5. This is, in my opinion, the top UFO-related event in the world, because the Roswell incident of 1947 has proven to be definitive in validating the UFO phenomenon.

Skeptics refuse to accept this, and even believers don't seem to realize just what it is about the Roswell story that proves UFOs are real. The debate just goes on and on, on radio talk shows mostly, although the solution has been right out in the open since the public was first informed, back on July 8, 1947. The continuing performances of dedicated skeptics deriding UFOs is a monstrous fraud upon the public, which the public has been witless enough to let pass, because it has had little incentive and therefore little abiding interest in focusing upon the certain but supremely awkward truth.

The facts that prove the reality of the UFO crash near Roswell are these (and they are deceptively simple, so listen closely): 1) The military itself reported the crash to the world media as genuine, and 2) The day after the initial public release of the story, higher military authority changed that story, claiming that the wreckage recovered was in fact a weather balloon array, mistaken for alien material by the Roswell air field personnel.

Why do these facts prove the UFO? Because both the intelligence officer and commanding officer of the Roswell military post examined the wreckage and confirmed its alien nature. (I won't dwell on the details here. You can best get them on roswellufomuseum.com and other sites dedicated to the event.) These officers, with the added concurrence of the post's information officer, put out to the world the original story that they had retrieved a bonafide UFO of non-man-made materials.

These were the top officers of a wartime bomber group, one of the most serious occupations in the world. (If you haven't been in the military and don't know just how serious it was and is, in and out of war, check out the movie "Twelve O'Clock High", made in 1949 about a wartime bomber group.) They would not begin to think of fooling around with such a story, they would have to have been insane to risk both their own and, even worse, the military's reputations. They were entirely professional and competent. They would not have identified the craft as alien without overwhelming evidence. They were sincere in their identification and honest and quick in sending out the story to

the world. These career military officers were never impugned in their character, honesty or on-going competence in their duties.

Military higher-ups did, however, impugn their basic competence to recognize military hardware, when they issued pictures of the intelligence officer, Jesse Marcel, with supposed crash material, in which that material was obviously flimsy tin foil attached to thin wooden sticks - a childish fake, perpetrated upon an all-too-trusting public more than ready to laugh rather than look closely, in the years following a long and desperate war. The Roswell officers went along with this deception, under orders, but the issuing of this obviously flimsy story in fact proved the reality of the UFO, because it is simply inconceivable that a competent army intelligence officer, of a wartime bomber group (post-World War II, in 1947, but into the Cold War by then), would not see what any teenage model builder could see was faked "crash" material.

No, the Roswell officers knew what they had recovered was real. They reported it so, to the world. The quick effort to portray their identification as premature and in fact embarrassingly wrong, should have shown any competent investigator that their superiors were engaging in a cover-up of the truth. It was such a paper-thin cover-up (literally, given the flimsy "wreckage" brought out) that it counts rather as confirming evidence of the reality of the UFO. Yet the public has let the cover-up slide over them ever since, even after Jesse Marcel finally came forward, in 1978, with the truth as he knew it, better than anyone.

You need to know that many old, ongoing debates really should have been settled long ago, but the solutions have been suppressed through misdirection, and vainglorious impugning of the clear facts, by higher authorities - in both government and in science - unwilling to face self-correction, and by a public content with easy dogmas (both ancient and modern) and unwilling to face new truths. This is the defining crisis of our time. See [theendofthemystery](#) for information about the discovery that overturns much that science pretends to know about our world and its origin.

Dale Huffman is a scientist interested in the truth behind the UFO mystery. Contact Dale at this blog theendofthemystery.blogspot.com or through NewsBlaze.

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Question About Richard Boylan

From: Katharina Wilson <K.Wilson.nul>
Date: Mon, 15 Jun 2009 17:31:48 -0500
Archived: Mon, 15 Jun 2009 20:36:39 -0400
Subject: Question About Richard Boylan

I'm not trying to rehash anything; just trying to answer a question for a very upset abductee who came across some of Boylan's writings.

<http://tiny.cc/ZdkK7>

In the above post it states:

'The Psychologist [Richard J. Boylan, Ph.D.] Licensed Social Worker and Marriage, Family and Child Counselor licenses issued to respondent Richard Boylan are revoked.'

Does anyone know the answers to the following:

Was this a permanent revocation of his licenses?

Is he still listed as "Professor Emeritus" with his University?

Does anyone know the name of the University he is/was associated with?

Thank you.

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End Of The World In 2012 [Contd.]

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Tue, 16 Jun 2009 10:47:33 -0400
Archived: Tue, 16 Jun 2009 10:47:33 -0400
Subject: End Of The World In 2012 [Contd.]

Source: Live Science.Com - New York, New ork, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/n8ta39>

15 June 2009

[Many links in article at site]

Strange News

End Of The World In 2012 (Cont.)
By Robert Roy Britt
Editorial Director

Yesterday I wrote about how Caltech planet-hunter Mike Brown was disturbed by a variation of the "World Will End in 2012" hoax perpetrated by a big media company's movie promotion that leaves some people genuinely worried.

This hoax has been floating around in various forms for years now, but it's reached critical mass lately (and one can only hope that means an apex, too).

Now NASA astrobiologist and asteroid expert David Morrison weighs in. That's good, because Dave is really smart, knows a lot about science, has been around long enough to see plenty of these doomsday predictions come and go (like the May 5, 2000 planet alignment that was supposed to wipe us out, since Y2K didn't), and is not afraid to speak frankly about it all.

It'd be nice if there was not really much to say here. But the fact is, from self-described (and underperforming) psychics to religiously oriented doomsday prophets (like the one who predicted there would be riots by Christmas 2008 due to President Obama's election) and out-and-out profiteers who prey on the basic human desire to believe, there is plenty of debunking that needs to be done.

Morrison has posted 20 questions, with answers, surrounding all this. In the first one, reproduced here, he sums up how silly this all is (see the key phrase in bold):

Question No. 1: What is the origin of the prediction that the world will end in December 2012?

Morrison: "The story started with claims that Nibiru, a supposed planet discovered by the Sumerians, is headed toward Earth. Zecharia Sitchin, who writes fiction about the ancient Mesopotamian civilization of Sumer, claimed in several books (e.g., *The Twelfth Planet*, published in 1976) that he has found and translated Sumerian documents that identify the planet Nibiru, orbiting the Sun every 3600 years. These Sumerian fables include stories of 'ancient astronauts' visiting Earth from a civilization of aliens called the Anunnaki. Then Nancy Lieder, a self-declared psychic who claims she is channeling aliens, wrote on her website Zetataalk that the inhabitants of a fictional planet around the star Zeta Reticuli warned her that the Earth

was in danger from Planet X or Nibiru. This catastrophe was initially predicted for May 2003, but when nothing happened the doomsday date was moved forward to December 2012. Only recently have these two fables been linked to the end of the Mayan long-count at the winter solstice in 2012 =97 hence the predicted doomsday date of December 21, 2012."

Ah, yes, the old "it didn't happen but it still will" trick. Read more about that tactic in an article from last year by our Bad Science columnist Benjamin Radford.

If you're still a believer in the end times coming in 2012, or if you need more ammo to debunk the crazy stories you hear from grandma, the nut in the next cubicle, or from your internet-savvy 11-year-old, then check out Morrison's 20 Questions (and answers) about the End of the World. [See next List-post --ebk]

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Nibiru And Doomsday 2012: Questions And Answers

Stories about the fictional planet Nibiru and predictions of doomsday in December 2012 have blossomed on the Internet. There are now (June 2009) more than 175 books listed on Amazon.com dealing with the 2012 doomsday. As this hoax spreads, many more disaster scenarios are being suggested. "Ask an Astrobiologist" has received nearly a thousand questions about Nibiru and 2012, with more than 200 answers posted. Many new questions are similar to those already answered. Following is a list of the most popular "Twenty Questions" organized in a logical succession and answered in some detail.

In addition to my responses, there are some other good resources:

Neil de Grasse Tyson posted a nice video clip on the Nibiru-2012 issue:

<http://tinyurl.com/WorldWillNotEnd>

Wikipedia has several useful entries. Start with Nibiru Collision:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nibiru_collision

then look at Nibiru Mythology

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nibiru_%28mythology%29

and Nibiru Sitchin

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nibiru_\(Sitchin\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nibiru_(Sitchin))

Also informative is the entry for 2012 doomsday predictions

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_doomsday_prediction

For a detailed description of the origin of the Planet X/Nibiru cult see the discussion by Phil Plait on his Badastronomy website

<http://www.badastronomy.com/bad/misc/planetx/>

David Morrison,
NAI Senior Scientist

1. What is the origin of the prediction that the world will end in December 2012?

The story started with claims that Nibiru, a supposed planet discovered by the Sumerians, is headed toward Earth. Zecharia Sitchin, who writes fiction about the ancient Mesopotamian civilization of Sumer, claimed in several books (e.g., *The Twelfth Planet*, published in 1976) that he has found and translated Sumerian documents that identify the planet Nibiru, orbiting the Sun every 3600 years. These Sumerian fables include stories of "ancient astronauts" visiting Earth from a civilization of aliens called the Anunnaki. Then Nancy Lieder, a self-declared psychic who claims she is channeling aliens, wrote on her website Zetataalk that the inhabitants of a fictional planet around the star Zeta Reticuli warned her that the Earth was in danger from Planet X or Nibiru. This catastrophe was initially predicted for May 2003, but when nothing happened the doomsday date was moved forward to December 2012. Only recently have these two fables been linked to the end of the Mayan long-count at the winter solstice in 2012 =96 hence the predicted doomsday date of December 21, 2012.

2. The Sumerians were the first great civilization, and they made many accurate astronomical predictions, including the existence of the planets Uranus, Neptune and Pluto. So why should we not believe their predictions about Nibiru?

Nibiru is a name in Babylonian astrology sometimes associated with the god Marduk. Nibiru appears as a minor character in the Babylonian creation poem *Enuma Elish* as recorded in the library of Assurbanipal, King of Assyria (668-627 BCE). Sumer flourished much earlier, from about the 23rd century to the 17th century BCE. The claims that Nibiru is a planet and was known to the Sumerians are contradicted by scholars who (unlike Zecharia Sitchin) study and translate the written records of ancient Mesopotamia. Sumer was indeed a great civilization, important for the development of agriculture, water management, urban life, and especially writing. However, they left very few records dealing with astronomy. Certainly they did not know about the existence of Uranus, Neptune or Pluto. They also had no understanding that the planets orbited the Sun, an idea that first developed in ancient Greece two millennia after the end of Sumer. Claims that Sumerians had a sophisticated astronomy, or that they even had a god named Nibiru, are the product of Sitchin's imagination.

3. How can you deny the existence of Nibiru when NASA discovered it in 1983 and the story appeared in leading newspapers? At that time you called it Planet X, and later it was named Xena or Eris.

IRAS (the NASA Infrared Astronomy Satellite, which carried out a sky survey for 10 months in 1983) discovered many infrared sources, but none of them was Nibiru or Planet X or any other objects in the outer solar system. There is a good discussion from Caltech to be found at:

www.spider.ipac.caltech.edu/staff/tchester/iras/no_tenth_planet_yet.html

Briefly, IRAS cataloged 350,000 infrared sources, and initially many of these sources were unidentified (which was the point, of course, of making such a survey). All of these observations have been followed up by subsequent studies with more powerful instruments both on the ground and in space. The rumor about a "tenth planet" erupted in 1984 after a scientific paper was published in *Astrophysical Journal Letters* titled "Unidentified point sources in the IRAS minisurvey", which discussed several infrared sources with "no counterparts". But these "mystery objects" were subsequently found to be distant galaxies (except one, which was a wisp of "infrared cirrus"), as published in 1987. No IRAS source has ever turned out to be a planet. A good discussion of this whole issue is to be found on Phil Plait's website :

www.badastronomy.com/bad/misc/planetx/science.html#iras

The bottom line is that Nibiru is a myth, with no basis in fact. To an astronomer, persistent claims about a planet that is "nearby" but "invisible" are just plain silly.

4. Maybe we should be asking about Planet X or Eris, not Nibiru. Why does NASA keep secret the orbit of Eris?

"Planet X" is an oxymoron when applied to a real object. The term has been used by astronomers over the past century for a possible or suspected object. Once the object is found, it is given a real name, as was done with Pluto and Eris, both of which were at some time referred to as Planet X. If a new object turns out to be not real, or not a planet, then you won't hear about it again. If it is real, it is not called Planet X.

Eris is one of several dwarf planets recently found by astronomers in the outer solar system, all of them on normal orbits that will never bring them near Earth. Like Pluto, Eris is smaller than our Moon. It is very far away, and its orbit never brings it closer than about 4 billion miles. There is no secret about Eris and its orbit, as you can easily verify by googling it or looking it up in Wikipedia.

5. Do you deny that NASA built a South Pole Telescope (SPT) to track Nibiru? Why else would they build a telescope at the South Pole?

There is a telescope at the South Pole, but it was not built by NASA and not used to study Nibiru. The South Pole Telescope was supported by the National Science Foundation, and it is a radio telescope, not an optical instrument. It cannot take images or photos. You can look it up on Wikipedia. The Antarctic is a great place for astronomical infrared and short-wave-radio observations, and it also has the advantage that objects can be observed continuously without the interference of the day-night cycle.

I should add that it is impossible to imagine a geometry in which an object can be seen only from the South Pole. Even if it were due south of the Earth, it could be seen from the entire southern hemisphere.

6. There are many photos and videos of Nibiru on the Internet. Isn't that proof that it exists?

The great majority of the photos and videos on the Internet are of some feature near the Sun (apparently supporting the claim that Nibiru has been hiding behind the Sun for the past several years.) These are actually false images of the Sun caused by internal reflections in the lens, often called lens flare. You can identify them easily by the fact that they appear diametrically opposite the real solar image, as if reflected across the center of the image. This is especially obvious in videos, where as the camera moves, the false image dances about always exactly opposite the real image. Similar lens flare is a source of many UFO photos taken at night with strong light sources such as streetlights in the frame. I am surprised that people don't recognize this common photo artifact. I am also amazed that these photos showing something nearly as large and bright as the Sun (a "second sun") are accepted together with claims made on some of the same websites that Nibiru is too faint to be seen or photographed except with large telescopes.

One widely reported telescopic photo:

www.greatdreams.com/nibiru-possible.jpg

shows two views of an expanding gas cloud far beyond the solar system, which is not moving; you can see this from the fact that the stars are the same in both pictures. A sharp-eyed reader of this website identified these photos as a gas shell around the star V838 Mon. Wikipedia has a nice write-up and a beautiful photo of it from Hubble. Another high school student was initially impressed by posted images of a red blob that were said to be of Nibiru. Then he worked out in his Photoshop class how to make just such pictures starting from scratch.

One video posted in summer 2008 on Youtube:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=3DqDKtkWix00A

shows a guy standing in his kitchen claiming that one of the objects discovered by a NASA x-ray telescope is Nibiru. What is his evidence? That since this false-color x-ray image released by NASA is blue, this must really be a nearby planet with an ocean. This would be hilarious if it were not used to frighten people.

7. Can you explain the fact that the area at (5h 53m 27s, -6 10' 58") has been blackened out in Google Sky and Microsoft Telescope? People suggest that these have been blackened out because those are the co-ordinates where Nibiru is located at present.

Several people have asked me about this blank rectangle in Orion in Google Sky, which is a presentation of images from the Sloan Digital Survey. This can't be a "hiding place" for Nibiru, since it is a part of the sky that could be seen from almost everywhere on the Earth in the winter of 2007-08 when much of the talk about Nibiru began. That would contradict the claims that Nibiru was hiding behind the Sun or that it could be seen only from the southern hemisphere. But I too was curious about this blank rectangle, so I asked a friend who is a senior scientist at Google. He replied that he "found out that the missing data is due to a processing error in the image stitching program we use to display the Sloan survey images. The team assures me that in the next run through, this will be fixed!"

8. If the government knew about Nibiru, wouldn't they keep it a secret to avoid panic? Isn't it the government's job to keep the population at ease?

There are many objectives of government, but they do not include keeping the population at ease. My experience is that sometimes parts of the government do just the opposite, as in the frequent references to various terrorist threats or warnings about driving accidents on long holiday weekends, which are no more dangerous than any other time. There is a long history of associating bad things with political opponents (older readers will remember the "missile gap" in the 1960 election, younger ones will note the many current references to who is or is not keeping the U.S. safe from terrorists). Further, social scientists have pointed out that many of our concepts of public panic are the product of Hollywood, while in the real world people have a good record of helping each other in a time of danger. I think everyone also recognizes that keeping bad news secret usually backfires, making the issue even worse when the facts finally come out. And in the case of Nibiru, these facts would come out very soon indeed.

Even if they wanted to, the government could not keep Nibiru a secret. If it were real, it would be tracked by thousands of astronomers, amateurs as well as professional. These astronomers are spread all over the world. I know the astronomy community, and these scientists would not keep a secret even if ordered to. You just can't hide a planet on its way to the inner solar system!

9. Why does the Mayan calendar say the world will end in 2012? I have heard that they have been pretty accurate in the past with other planetary predictions. How can you be sure you know more than they did?

Calendars exist for keeping track of the passage of time, not for predicting the future. The Mayan astronomers were clever, and they developed a very complex calendar. Ancient calendars are interesting to historians, but of they cannot match the ability we have today to keep track of time, or the precision of the calendars currently in use. The main point, however, is that calendars, whether contemporary or ancient, cannot predict the future of our planet or warn of things to happen on a specific date such as 2012.

I note that my desk calendar ends much sooner, on December 31 2009, but I do not interpret this as a prediction of Armageddon. It is just the beginning of a new year.

10. What is the polar shift theory? Is it true that the earth's crust does a 180-degree rotation around the core in a matter of days if not hours? Does this have something to do with our solar system dipping beneath the galactic equator?

A reversal in the rotation of Earth is impossible. It has never happened and never will. There are slow movements of the continents (for example Antarctica was near the equator hundreds of millions of years ago), but that is irrelevant to claims of reversal of the rotational poles. However, many of the disaster websites pull a bait-and-shift to fool people. They claim a relationship between the rotation and the magnetic polarity of

Earth, which does change irregularly with a magnetic reversal taking place every 400,000 years on average. As far as we know, such a magnetic reversal doesn't cause any harm to life on Earth. A magnetic reversal is very unlikely to happen in the next few millennia, anyway. But they falsely claim that a magnetic reversal is coming soon (in 2012) and that this is the same as, or will trigger, a reversal of rotational poles. The bottom line is: (a) Rotation direction and magnetic polarity are not related. (b) There is no reason to expect a reversal of magnetic polarity any time soon, or to anticipate any bad effects on life when it does eventually happen. =A9 A sudden shift in rotational pole with disastrous consequences is impossible. Also, none of this has anything to do with the galactic equator or any of the other nonsense about alignments that appears on many of the conspiracy theory websites.

11. When most of the planets align in 2012 and planet Earth is in the center of the Milky Way, what will the effects of this be on planet Earth? Could it cause a pole shift, and if so what could we expect?

There is no planet alignment in 2012 or any other time in the next several decades. As to the Earth being in the center of the Milky Way, I don't know what this phrase means. If you are referring to the Milky Way Galaxy, we are rather far toward the edge of this spiral galaxy, some 30,000 light years from the center. We circle the galactic center in a period of 225-250 million years, always keeping approximately the same distance. Concerning a pole shift, I also don't know what this means. If it means some sudden change in the position of the pole (that is, the rotation axis of the Earth), then that is impossible, as noted in the answer to Question 10. What many websites do discuss is the alignment of the Earth and Sun with the center of the Milky Way in the constellation of Sagittarius. This happens every December, with no bad consequences, and there is no reason to expect 2012 to be different from any other year.

12. When the sun and the Earth line up on the galactic plane at the same time with the black hole being in the center couldn't that cause something to happen, due to the fact that the black hole has such a strong gravitational pull.

There is a giant black hole in the center of our Milky Way galaxy, and like any concentration of mass it exerts gravitational force on the rest of the Galaxy. However, the galactic center is very far away, approximately 30,000 light years, so it has negligible effects on the solar system or the Earth. There are no special forces from the galactic plane or the galactic center. The only important force that acts on the Earth is the gravitation of the Sun and Moon. As far as the influence of the galactic plane, there is nothing special about this location. The last time the Earth was in the galactic plane was several million years ago. Claims that we are about to cross the galactic plane are untrue.

13. I am scared about the fact that the Earth will enter the Dark Rift in the Milky Way. What will this do? Will the Earth be swallowed up?

The "dark rift" is a popular name for the broad and diffuse dust clouds in the inner arm of the Milky Way Galaxy, which block our view of the galactic center. The entire "galactic alignment" scare is pretty crazy. Late in December the Sun is always approximately in the direction of the center of the Galaxy as seen from the Earth, but so what? Apparently the con-men who are trying to scare you have decided to use these meaningless phrases about "alignments" and the "dark rift" and "photon belt" precisely because they are not understood by the public. It is too bad, but there is no law against lying on the Internet or anywhere else except in a court of law. As far as the safety of the Earth is concerned, the important threats are from global warming and loss of biological diversity, and perhaps someday from collision with an asteroid or comet, not the pseudoscientific claims about 2012.

14. I have heard that the Earth's magnetic field will flip in 2012 just when the strongest level of solar storms in history is predicted to take place. Will this kill us or destroy our civilization?

Near solar maximum (which happens every 11 years approximately),

there are many more solar flares and coronal mass ejections than near solar minimum. Flares and mass ejections are no danger for humans or other life on Earth. They could endanger astronauts in deep space or on the Moon, and this is something that NASA must learn to deal with, but it is not a problem for you or me. Large outbursts can interrupt radio transmission, cause bright displays of the aurora (Northern and Southern Lights), and damage the electronics of some satellites in space. Today many satellites are designed to deal with this possibility, for example by switching off some of their more delicate circuits and going into a "safe" mode for a few hours. In extreme cases solar activity can also disrupt electrical transmissions on the ground, possibly leading to electrical blackouts, but this is rare.

The last solar maximum occurred in 2001, so the next one was predicted for around 2012, 11 years later. However, the most recent solar minimum was unusual, with a period of a couple of years with almost no sunspots or other indications of solar activity, so scientists now guess that the next maximum will be delayed, perhaps to 2013. However, the details of the solar cycle remain basically unpredictable.

You are correct that the Earth's magnetic field protects us by creating a large region in space, called the Earth's magnetosphere, within which most of the material ejected from the Sun is captured or deflected, but there is no reason to expect a reversal of magnetic polarity any time soon. These magnetic reversals happen only once in 400,000 years on average.

15. I am confused about a report on the Fox News website that in 2012 a "Powerful Solar Storm Could Shut Down U.S. for Months". They referred to a report from the National Academy of Sciences that was commissioned and paid for by NASA. If nothing is going to happen as a result of the event in 2012, why would NASA allow such nonsense to be reported?

NASA is pleased with the National Research Council report on heliophysics. As you note, this report includes a worst-case analysis of what could happen today if there were a repetition of the biggest solar storm ever recorded (in 1859). The problem is the way such information can be used out of context. There is no reason to expect such a large solar storm in the near future, certainly not in 2012 specifically. Your reference to "the event in 2012" illustrates this problem. There is no prediction of an "event in 2012". We don't even know if the next solar maximum will take place in that year. The whole 2012 disaster scenario is a hoax, fueled by ads for the Hollywood science-fiction disaster film "2012". I can only hope that most people are able to distinguish Hollywood film plots from reality.

16. All my school friends are telling me that we are all going to die in the year 2012 due to a meteor hitting earth. Is this true?

Your friends are wrong. The Earth has always been subject to impacts by comets and asteroids, although big hits are very rare. The last big impact was 65 million years ago, and that led to the extinction of the dinosaurs. Today NASA astronomers are carrying out a survey called the Spaceguard Survey to find any large near-Earth asteroids long before they hit. We have already determined that there are no threatening asteroids as large as the one that killed the dinosaurs. All this work is done openly with the discoveries posted every day on the NASA NEO Program Office website (neo.jpl.nasa.gov), so you can see for yourself that nothing is predicted to hit in 2012.

17. If Nibiru is a hoax, why doesn't NASA issue a denial? How can you permit these stories to circulate and frighten people? Why doesn't the U.S. government do something about it!

If you go to the NASA home page, nasa.gov, you will see many stories that expose the Nibiru-2012 hoax. Try searching nasa.com under "Nibiru" or "2012". There is not much more that NASA can do. These hoaxes have nothing to do with NASA and are not based on NASA data, so we as an agency are not directly involved. But scientists, both within NASA and outside, recognize that this hoax with its effort to frighten people is a distraction from more important science concerns, such as global warming and loss of biological diversity. We live in a country where there is freedom of speech, and that includes freedom to lie. You should

be glad there are no censors. But if you will just use common sense I am sure you can recognize the lies. As we approach 2012, the lies will be come even more obvious.

18. Can you prove to me that Nibiru is a hoax? There are so many reports that something terrible will happen in 2012. I need proof because the government and NASA are keeping so much from us.

It is not logical to ask for proof that the 2012 doomsday is a hoax. Your questions should be to the doomsday advocates to prove that what they are saying is true, not to NASA to prove it is false. If someone claimed on the Internet that there were 50-foot tall purple elephants walking through Cleveland, would anyone expect NASA to prove this wrong? The burden of proof falls on those who make wild claims. Remember the often-quoted comment from Carl Sagan that extraordinary claims demand extraordinary levels of evidence if they are to be believed.

However, I think that astronomers have reached the point where we can offer extremely strong arguments that Nibiru does not exist. A large planet (or a brown dwarf) in our solar system would have been known to astronomers for many years, both indirectly from its gravitational perturbations on other objects and by direct detection in the infrared. The NASA Infrared Astronomy Satellite (IRAS) carried out the first all-sky survey in 1983, and several subsequent surveys would also have seen Nibiru if it were there. Further, if a large mass passed through the inner solar system every 3600 years, we would see its disruptive effects on the orbits of the inner planets, and we don't.

You don't need to take my word for it. Just use common sense. Have you seen Nibiru? In 2008 many websites said it would be visible to the naked eye in spring 2009. If a large planet or brown dwarf were headed for the inner solar system in 2012, it would already be tracked by hundreds of thousands of astronomers, professional and amateur, all over the world. Do you know any amateur astronomers who are watching it? Have you seen any photos or discussion of it in the big popular astronomy magazines like Sky & Telescope? Just think about it. No one could hide Nibiru if it existed.

19. What about the scary ads for the new film 2012? They tell us to look at these Internet sites to verify the doomsday threat.

The pseudoscientific claims about Nibiru and a doomsday in 2012, together with distrust of the government, are being amplified by publicity for the new film from Columbia Pictures titled 2012, to be released in November 2009. The film's trailer, appearing in theaters and on their website, shows a tidal wave breaking over the Himalayas, with only the following words: "How would the governments of our planet prepare 6 billion people for the end of the world? [long pause] They wouldn't. [long pause] Find out the Truth. Google search 2012".

The film publicity includes creation of a faux scientific website:

www.instituteforhumancontinuity.org/

for "The Institute for Human Continuity", which is entirely fictitious. According to this website, the IHC is dedicated to scientific research and public preparedness. Its mission is the survival of mankind. The website explains that the Institute was founded 1978 by international leaders of government, business, and science. They say that in 2004, IHC scientists confirmed with 94% certainty that the world would be destroyed in 2012. This website encourages people to register for a lottery to select those who will be saved; a colleague submitted the name of her cat, which was accepted. I learned from Wikipedia that creating this sort of fake website is a new advertising technique called "Viral Marketing", by analogy with computer viruses.

20. Is it possible that the influx of questions you describe is part of some kind of campaign for a book or movie, in the hopes that the volume of denials is taken as more "evidence" that there is a conspiracy?

I ask myself the same questions every day, as the volume of mail

I receive about Nibiru (along with various alignments and pole shifts) keeps increasing - now more than 20 per week. Clearly there is money to be made from people's fear about an approaching doomsday. Some of this hype is apparently advertising for the science fiction disaster movie 2012 (see Question 19). Many websites are selling books and tapes about Nibiru or even "survival kits". It is all very sad, that with so many real issues (such as global warming and financial collapse) people are being taken in by these lies. In the final chapter of a new astronomy book (The Hunt for Planet X) by Govert Shilling, he writes: "There is plenty to do for the debunkers =96 the archaeologists and astronomers who take a long and skeptical look at the tidal wave of Nibiru nonsense and explain with scientific precision what is wrong with this cosmic fairy-tale. They will have their work cut out in the next few years. And on December 22, 2012 there will be a new pseudoscientific cock-and-bull story doing the rounds and the whole circus will start all over again. Because no matter how many new celestial bodies are found in our solar system, there will always be a need for a mysterious Planet X."

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UFO At Kings Dominion?
By Melanie Woodrow

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. - Denna Smith is a writer who hopes to work with Tyler Perry someday, but, she says, even she couldn't make this story up.

"We were like what is that, we were all stopped and we were astonished," said Smith.

Smith and her family were at Kings Dominion when they saw a black floating ring in the sky. "Is this the end of the world, what is going on?" Smith wondered.

Kings Dominion says the ring is smoke from a ride called Volcano.

UFO investigator Cameron Pack said he'd be convinced it was just smoke if it weren't for pictures of a similar sighting at Fort Belvoir, taken sometime in the 1950s.

Smith says she's positive it wasn't smoke.

"Smoke usually looks smokey and cloudy. This ring of smoke was a perfect circle. It was lined up so tight like it was a cut in the middle of the sky," said Smith. She also doesn't think it was a UFO.

"It was like a sign, God gives you signs and I just felt like that was a sign and I'm not sure what that sign meant but it meant a great deal to my family because when we got home we all got in line and prayed together. We were freaking out," Smith continued.

Pack says he plans to follow up with Kings Dominion. Smith thinks his investigation could turn up something.

"I still believe it is still out there we just don't know where it went," said Smith.

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Thank goodness someone has taken this nonsense about 2012 to
task.

If we didn't have enough foolishness following that Hale-Bopp
drama of the 1990s, some people in high profile places has taken
this 2012 thing and turned it into a racket.

It reminds me of an hilarious look at human fears and
superstitions on the popular TV comedy series Family Guy where
they make fun of bizarre speculations by saying the Devil isn't
responsible for a problem but instead it's The Super Devil. You
can see the clip here:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=29khjYTOLC8>

For the first time in human history we have the means of
presenting the truth to mankind but here we have rumors and more
superstitions being hawked by the merchants of chaos. The world
was supposed to end in 1999 then in 2000 and again in 2001. Now
that we've run out of doomsday events to sell books and
survivalist supplies we now have another doomsday date to shove
off onto the public instead of educating them. Some of the high
profile folks in the paranormal community should be ashamed of
themselves for pushing this cosmic snake oil.

Best,

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Argentinian Abduction Interrupted?

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Date: Tue, 16 Jun 2009 15:28:51 -0400
Archived: Tue, 16 Jun 2009 15:28:51 -0400
Subject: Argentinian Abduction Interrupted?

Source: Scott Coralles' Inexplicata Blog - California, USA

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

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Argentina: Abduction Interrupted?

This report comes to us from one of the most trusted sources in the country - journalist and UFO researcher Quique Mario of the CEUFO group - but we cannot provide our readers at this time with the exact date of these events or the names of the parties involved. Inquiries have already been made and more information shall be provided as soon as it is received.

According to Quique Mario, the incident is one of several that have "continued to occur" in UFO and cattle mutilation-prone La Pampa. The experiencers have requested anonymity although several external sources have confirmed these events. A woman from an undisclosed location in this Argentinean province claims having witnessed the maneuvers of one or several UFOs in the vicinity over the past four years. Moreover, "she managed to discover that the occupants were tall (some 2 meters) and in some cases no taller than 1.60," writes the journalist. Interestingly, the woman states that this height difference resulted in different behaviors on the part of the alleged ufonauts: the taller ones gave the witness "the impression that they were like robots, judging by their movements" -- echoes of the mind-bending Cisco Grove, California event of the early 1960s.

Ten days ago, states the CEUFO report, one of the two unidentified objects descended to ground level but without landing, and an effort was made to abduct the witness, who was holding on to her five year-old son at the time. "Her husband's presence kept the beings from carrying out their goal, as he reacted by hanging on to her legs and pulling her downward, even as she was being transported toward the strange object against her will." CEUFO adds that the incident caused a commotion in the area and that a radio journalist visited the scene of the events.

"This event can be added to a series of occurrences that have been taking place in a vast region of the province, without any official explanation having been given to these phenomena," reads the text. "Restlessness prevails in some areas and fear has caused some rural workers to stop working at night."

We are waiting for an update on this report from INEXPLICATA contributing editor Guillermo Gimenez.

If events are indeed as described in the report, we are looking at what could be a "classic" 60s and '70s abduction scenario, lacking any manner of paranormal overtones or bedroom visitations, orchestrated by humanoid-type occupants and their "robotic" minions.

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From: Sean Jones <Sean.Jones.nul>
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There is a bit on Youtube about the Sony viral marketing campaign:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pjoq-dyc2kc>

Regards

Sean

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In an infinite universe infinitely anything is possible.

<http://www.tedric.demon.co.uk/>

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Archived: Wed, 17 Jun 2009 09:41:52 -0400
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this is the greatest news to me.

My wedding date is December 22, 2012, the day after the
'supposed' end for the world.

Told my 'soon to be' that if we make it through Dec 21 then we
should get married.

She also will be happy to hear this. Though, maybe not really
happy, but happy no of the less..

Thanks to the contributors of this excellent article.

Donnie Shevlin

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From: Bert Reijersen van Buuren <bert.nul>
Date: Tue, 16 Jun 2009 19:33:05 +0200
Archived: Wed, 17 Jun 2009 09:42:08 -0400
Subject: Re: 2012 A Hoax Gone Too Far?

>Source: LiveScience.Com - New York, New York, USA

><http://tinyurl.com/2012Hoax>

>14 June 2009

>[Links in article at site]

>Strange News

>World to End In 2012: A Hoax Gone Too Far?
>By Robert Roy Britt, Editorial Director

>*** Spoiler alert. This article contains information that will
>ruin a good hoax. ***

>There's no shortage of end-of-the-world prophecies and hoaxes,
>but the latest one has a slick twist. Or, some might say, a sick
>twist.

<snip>

>>[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

<http://www.history.com/content/nostradamus>

See "Lost Book Of Nostradamus"

Google Videos:

Lost book of Nostradamus - 1h 30m

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<http://tinyurl.com/m8v6zl>

Somewhere in 2012 the Sun is in front of the constellation
Ophiuchus and then the Sun is in front of the center of the
milkyway.

Ophiuchus is between Sagittarius and Scorpio. This event is once
every 13000 years.

I believe that it is interesting for astronomers.

Maybe people can feel where the center of the universe is and if
they are astronomers too maybe they can place events in the same
group, but if those events belong in the same group - time, etc.
- I don't know. Etc., etc..

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Steve I agree.

Problem with ufology is that we don't have the definitive
physical evidence we need to establish the factual foundations
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Some folks over the years have attempted to turn it into a
science but without enough physical evidence it hovers in the
realm of theoretical ufology if such a term is applicable.

We're 60 years into this phenom and we're still theorizing as to
origins etc.. Heck we're still theorizing in the field of
physics and just about every other science we have. We aren't
done with qualifying and quantifying reality and when any new
theory or phenomena is introduced the old guard spits venom and
kicks dirt. What was considered absurd years ago turns into the
mainstream as soon as it turns into a cash cow or a racket.

Since we have only a meager amount of physical evidence in
ufology that doesn't support one theory, that of the ETH we have
to rely on the same approach we do in math. Why we have so
little physical evidence is full of theory and conjecture as
well. It's sort of like some big math puzzle that is unsolvable.

As long as these arbitraries remain, then every snake oil
salesman this side of Orion's Belt is going to continue to
roll into this field with any bit of data they can slap a price
tag on.

We're a species surrounded by mysteries as we're still searching
for answers and keeping us ignorant and looking for those
answers leaves us vulnerable.

Ufological studies incorporate so many other sciences and
humanities that I like it for that fact. Gotta study history,
geology, math, art, and it just goes on and on. For my money
anyone who can hold a decent debate in ufology for more than 15
minutes should be honored with a bachelor of science or bachelor
of arts degree.

I don't know what's more rewarding sometimes, the hunt or the
feast.

Anyway, some use ufology as a bona fide scientific interest to
help explain present, past, and future phenomena which is what
science does. That's how you know if you're on the right track.
One of those three matches the other two in harmony. Others use
it for humor, others for political gain. It's the use of it for
purposes of fraud and greed, control and oppression that is the
real danger.

Just take time and read the magazines and websites about the paranormal. Listen to the radio and tv shows. What percentage of them are fear based? Is every other story or guest broadcasting something regarding fear and terror? Then you can be assured you're dealing with an agenda of sinister design.

If you're a scientific researcher in the field it calls for some responsibility to not support fear mongers but also not lose sight that we're still hunting and one hunter might see a deer when you don't. If you expect deer to be only seen on the meadow, then you won't accept the deer in the thicket and you'll go hungry.

Other people have valid points of view too.

Best,

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Well I got a surprise the other day while chatting with a neighbor.

Every now and then in UFOlogy you run into that one person who has some information that knocks you socks off.

The story goes, we were just sitting there jawin' it up a bit about our families as our families go way back in the Americas. We got into our family's military background and she mentioned something about her interest in UFOs. She was bowled over when I mentioned the UFO research I've done and the researchers and scientists in UFOlogy I've come to meet.

Well lo and behold she dropped a bombshell on me that validates several areas of research many of you have presented over the decades.

Turns out her father was quite an amazing person. I can't name him here to keep her privacy but he was a very famous public figure in our history, a multi decorated military officer to boot. She told me his job in the military was indeed as a jet pilot part of an elite group whose mission was to intercept UFOs! Not only that but he was also part of the machinery that investigated and processed UFO data for the U.S. Government.

That right there says a mouthful because she also told me that she used to see his briefcase full of top secret documents and on those documents was a special name but it sure wasn't Bluebook. I quizzed her a bit as she tried to remember the name but I narrowed it down to more than likely it was Magic or some derivation of that. It was easy as pie to trace her dad as his public persona and career are legendary. She also told me that long after he'd retired from the military he told her of his encounters with UFOs. She said he told her that when he would be in pursuit of the craft and orbs they would circle his jet, a Phantom, and play with him. They would bounce and maneuver right over his wings showing him their prowess.

It doesn't end there. Her uncle it turns out was an equally decorated military pilot and war hero and had a legendary career in the public sector. He admonished her about inquiring about UFOs but did reveal that not only did Area 51 exist, mind you this was in the 50's and 60's he divulged this, but that there were secret bases nobody knew about and that bodies and wreckage were secreted at these bases.

With the names of her relatives and friends whose lives are well documented in the public sector it ain't gonna be hard to do some backtracking because last night I only spent an hour finding tons of info on them. No bs there. Real people, awards and honors in the public realm.

I'm still studying Mr. Friedman and Frank Freschino's works on the UFO aerial fighting in the 50's and my neighbor's data corroborates their presented data. In my case I have names and dates and more which I can't divulge right now.

My neighbor is a highly credible person but wants to learn more about UFOs and was surprised so much info was out here now as

she'd kept quiet for so many years with no one to talk to about the subject.

This tells me several things. Yes, there is an ET presence of this there is no doubt. Yes, the U.S. Government not only had been engaging said ETs and other sources of UFO sightings to the point of aerial engagement on all levels from research to combat and did not tell we the public about it. Yes, this engagement went on for decades from day one. Yes, there was a branch of the government back in the 50's and 60's even the late 40's that not only investigated and operated regarding UFOs but did so using Bluebook as a cover.

Many of you have brought such data to the field before but this info gives me an eyewitness and names and dates I've not seen nor heard of before. My neighbor is going to discuss more about it once she gets settled in on her new job.

I thought that was the end of her stories but they just went on into hyperdrive regarding her old neighborhood in the north country that has had a massive amount of UFO sightings, abductions and all associated with bodies of water. She feels that there are underwater bases where these USOs operate. She gave me names and places and times.

Sometimes it just pays to sit down and chat with someone.

So I would say from what she's delivered to me that either the stories of MJ 12 or some like named organization are true. Whether the documents released are authentic or not is still another area to study but for sure, such a group did exist and now with names of those people who did the work are available to me I can triple check on them.

No, I won't be writing a book and selling t-shirts. Whatever I find out I'll post freely.

By the way, she's got an army of like military brats and friends who are equally interested with stories to tell.

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>>In fact, I believe that one of the main problems facing ufology
>>has been a lack of definition as to what it is we're studying.
>>Instead we've incorporated every paranormal event under that
>>same tent, a welcomed the variety of researchers of all
>>persuasions.

>>In total, the entire tent is unsupportable, but no one is
>>willing to draw a line in the sand.

>Is this a suggestion that we just study the ear (trunk, leg,
>etc) of the elephant and ignore the rest?

>wct

How about ignoring this thread? Where's the UFO phenomenon in
all of this?

Don Ledger

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Cox - A Mile-High Opportunity

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A Mile-High Opportunity
By Billy Cox

De Void is on an e-mail list soliciting support for a ballot initiative in Denver called the Extraterrestrial Affairs Commission (EAC). If it gathers 4,000 signatures by the Aug. 4 deadline, city residents will be asked in November to approve the first municipal outreach program to ET in the United States. And frankly, this puts De Void in a bind.

Among other things, the full text of the petition asserts that "Evidence of extraterrestrial beings has been known by United States presidents since President Franklin Roosevelt," and that the government has deliberately withheld knowledge of ET-related "advanced clean energy, transportation and other technologies."

That's a stretch, but a quibble next to its other provisions. If approved, the non-salaried, seven-person EAC panel would include an "expert" PhD in social sciences or psychology who has "consulted at least 100 people about their alleged close encounters." Plus an MD/published author and an "expert" on UFOs. And a UFO/ET "expert" of unspecified pedigree who has written a book or published three related articles in "scholarly journals." As well as - gulp - somebody with a "certificate or diploma" in any Exopolitics outfit registered as a 501(c)3.

No doubt you're asking yourself: Why must they be Exopolitics-certified? Why can't they have an Ambassador to the Universe degree from Steven Greer's Center for the Study of Extraterrestrial Intelligence for \$995 (De Void 2/26/09)? Are there two schools of competing thought, like Milton Friedman v. John Maynard Keynes?

Your second question: So how can I get my degree in Exopolitics? Answer: Just Google the sucker and something like the Exopolitics Institute in Hawaii will pop up. Among other things, you'll be learning how to "promote peaceful cooperation with extraterrestrials that evidence suggests are aligned with the advancement of global peace, human empowerment, and human sovereignty."

Five-course tuition for an Exopolitics Certificate runs \$1,875, a Galactic Diplomacy Certificate goes for \$1,500, and \$2,625 will get you an Exopolitics Diploma. The Web site offers "early bird specials" so if you pay early they'll knock a couple of hundred bucks off the top. But even at full price you won't find these sorts of bargains at your local junior college.

Bottom line: these guys are talking about establishing a new priesthood. Just what the world needs - more intermediaries. You

can see the whole list of required aptitudes at:

<http://tinyurl.com/mxy52c>

Think it's high drama to watch wisps of smoke streaming from the Sistine Chapel to end the backstage wrangling for a new Pope? Ever seen UFO "experts" jostling for attention? Blowtorch city, man. You'll need asbestos goggles and cornea replacements for this one.

Maybe that's why De Void hovers over the keyboards, fingers unable to tap the delete key. What if Denver actually passed this thing. Somebody could make a mint raffling off front-row seats to cultural anthropologists studying the competition among UFO "experts" hoping to speak for planet Earth. It could provide a windfall in the arena of behavioral sciences.

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Exeter UFO Festival Schedule

EXETER - The inaugural Exeter UFO Festival will be held Saturday, Sept. 5 throughout the downtown area. The event is free. For details, visit the Exeter Area Chamber of Commerce Web site:

www.exeterarea.org

Speakers' Schedule

- New England UFO network leader seeks area investigators

Location: Exeter Town Hall

- 8-8:15 a.m. - Opening
- 8:15-9:30 a.m. - Ted Loder, Ph.D., presentation: "The Disclosure Project: UFO Secrecy and our Future"
- 9:45-11 a.m. - Peter Geremia, presentation: "September 3, 1965 'Incident at Exeter' and N.H. UFOs"
- 11:15-12:30 p.m. - Kathleen Marden, author: "Captured! The Betty and Barney Hill UFO Experience" presentation: same
- 12:30-1:30 p.m. - Lunch break (on your own)

Authors' reception at the Water Street Bookstore

- 1:30-2:45 p.m. - Peter Robbins, author: "Left at East Gate: A First-Hand Account of the Rendlesham Forest UFO Incident, Its Cover-Up and Investigation," presentation: "The Power of Ridicule vs. A Most Uncomfortable Truth: Why We Need to Take UFOs Seriously"
- 3-4:15 p.m. - Bill Foster, author: "The Black Triangle Abduction," presentation: same
- 4:30-5:30 p.m. - Speakers panel/discussion

Food and drinks on sale outside the Town Hall by the Kiwanis

Schedule of Festival Events

- 8:30 a.m. - UFO Childrens' Charity Art Show (Town Hall)
- 9 a.m. - Buckets of Chalk - ET and UFO drawings throughout downtown

Exeter UFO Festival Schedule

- 9 a.m. - ET face painting (Founders Park near the library)
Beach Rock Painting

- 10 a.m. - UFO construction for kids, using recyclables
(Founders Park)

Completed UFO will be on display at the children's library in
the craft room

Alien crash site and Debris Field - children use reverse
technology (Founders Park)

Children's UFO Story Circle (Founders Park)

- 11:30 a.m. - ET Costume Contest (Founders Park) followed by
sidewalk parade throughout downtown

- 6-7:30 p.m. - Happy Hour at Alien Caf=E9 (Loaf and Ladle),
Discussion: UFOs Off-label

- 8-11 p.m. - 1960s Rock & Roll Dance - Earthling and Alien
Ball (town hall) featuring New England's famous "The Morlocks"
band

- Friday night - UFO movie or documentary - place and time TBA

- Saturday - Self-guided UFO safaris, maps available downtown

"Incident" site - Kensington

Applecrest Farms - Hampton

UFO bicycle safaris

Out-of-this-World sales by participating Exeter businesses

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Sept. 9, 1965

Exeter News-Letter headline - "Unidentified Flying Objects
Witnessed by Police"

Help commemorate this notable event by volunteering to work at
the festival or by helping to sponsor Exeter's first fun, free,
family UFO festival.

Contact Molly McGuire (Chamber of Commerce) at
events.nul

UFO Charity Art Contest

The logo for Exeter's UFO festival will be chosen from art work
submitted by children and youth. If you like to draw, color or
paint, create a picture of your concept of a UFO and drop it off
at the Chamber of Commerce on Front Street or at the Water
Street Bookstore by June 22.

The contest winner will receive a gift certificate from Water
Street Bookstore and the UFO picture will become the official
logo for this year's festival.

All artwork submitted will be displayed and sold at the UFO
festival to raise money for the Chamber Children's Fund.

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Definitive Evidence For Ancient Lake On Mars

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University Of Colorado Team Finds Definitive Evidence For
Ancient Lake On Mars

First unambiguous evidence for shorelines on the surface of
Mars, say researchers

A University of Colorado at Boulder research team has discovered
the first definitive evidence of shorelines on Mars, an
indication of a deep, ancient lake there and a finding with
implications for the discovery of past life on the Red Planet.

Estimated to be more than 3 billion years old, the lake appears
to have covered as much as 80 square miles and was up to 1,500
feet deep - roughly the equivalent of Lake Champlain bordering
the United States and Canada, said CU-Boulder Research Associate
Gaetano Di Achille, who led the study. The shoreline evidence,
found along a broad delta, included a series of alternating
ridges and troughs thought to be surviving remnants of beach
deposits.

"This is the first unambiguous evidence of shorelines on the
surface of Mars," said Di Achille. "The identification of the
shorelines and accompanying geological evidence allows us to
calculate the size and volume of the lake, which appears to have
formed about 3.4 billion years ago."

A paper on the subject by Di Achille, CU-Boulder Assistant
Professor Brian Hynek and CU-Boulder Research Associate Mindi
Searls, all of the Laboratory for Atmospheric and Space Physics,
has been published online in Geophysical Research Letters, a
publication of the American Geophysical Union.

Images used for the study were taken by a high-powered camera
known as the High Resolution Imaging Science Experiment, or
HiRISE. Riding on NASA's Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter, HiRISE can
resolve features on the surface down to one meter in size from
its orbit 200 miles above Mars.

An analysis of the HiRISE images indicate that water carved a
30-mile-long canyon that opened up into a valley, depositing
sediment that formed a large delta. This delta and others
surrounding the basin imply the existence of a large, long-lived
lake, said Hynek, also an assistant professor in CU-Boulder's
geological sciences department. The lake bed is located within a
much larger valley known as the Shalbatana Vallis.

"Finding shorelines is a Holy Grail of sorts to us," said Hynek.

In addition, the evidence shows the lake existed during a time when Mars is generally believed to have been cold and dry, which is at odds with current theories proposed by many planetary scientists, he said. "Not only does this research prove there was a long-lived lake system on Mars, but we can see that the lake formed after the warm, wet period is thought to have dissipated."

Planetary scientists think the oldest surfaces on Mars formed during the wet and warm Noachan epoch from about 4.1 billion to 3.7 billion years ago that featured a bombardment of large meteors and extensive flooding. The newly discovered lake is believed to have formed during the Hesperian epoch and postdates the end of the warm and wet period on Mars by 300 million years, according to the study.

The deltas adjacent to the lake are of high interest to planetary scientists because deltas on Earth rapidly bury organic carbon and other biomarkers of life, according to Hynek. Most astrobiologists believe any present indications of life on Mars will be discovered in the form of subterranean microorganisms.

But in the past, lakes on Mars would have provided cozy surface habitats rich in nutrients for such microbes, Hynek said.

The retreat of the lake apparently was rapid enough to prevent the formation of additional, lower shorelines, said Di Achille. The lake probably either evaporated or froze over with the ice slowly turning to water vapor and disappearing during a period of abrupt climate change, according to the study.

Di Achille said the newly discovered pristine lake bed and delta deposits would be a prime target for a future landing mission to Mars in search of evidence of past life.

"On Earth, deltas and lakes are excellent collectors and preservers of signs of past life," said Di Achille. "If life ever arose on Mars, deltas may be the key to unlocking Mars' biological past."

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New England UFO Network Leader Seeks Area Investigators
By Lily Robertson
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Steve Firmani is looking for New England residents who have their eyes to the sky. He wants people who want to believe.

As the newly appointed director of New England MUFON (Mutual UFO Network), Firmani has been given the task of reorganizing six states into a tightly knit and well-oiled structure.

Previously, the New England chapter was split into various states. Communications broke down, directors came and went, and the organization lacked coherency and stability. The organization wasn't organized.

Firmani saw the problem and brought it to the attention of the National MUFON Director James Carrion, who agreed that steps had to be taken. He charged Firmani with the task of bringing New England together. It may seem like a daunting task, but Firmani has been a dedicated researcher for more than 30 years and gladly rose to the challenge.

His interest in UFOs began as far back as elementary school. A few of his fellow classmates reported a sighting and they were ridiculed by most of the students. Firmani stood by them because he believed there had to be more to this universe than just the comparably small number of people on this planet. His research began in earnest in his early twenties and he's been actively involved in UFO investigation organizations ever since.

While a lot of people may call UFO researchers and believers "crackpots" or worse, Firmani is an example of those who put the name callers to shame.

"You can't prove an unidentified flying object, but you can prove an identified one," says Firmani.

The first thing MUFON does when it receives a report is to investigate all the surrounding possibilities. The incident report form requires that you state the location, time and date of the event. The investigators for MUFON check weather anomalies, FAA reports, military activity, and a host of other possible conditions that may prove the sighting to be something perfectly normal that was simply misconstrued.

"Recently we had reports from several individuals about a series of blue flashing lights in the sky. It turned out to be a blown power transformer."

Like Sherlock Holmes, MUFON takes the approach that when you rule out the impossible, whatever remains, no matter how improbable, must be the truth. Chicken Little, they're not.

There are four classes of sightings. The first two categories are "light in the sky" related. The third category is actual physical ground contact by the object or human contact with an object or being. The fourth involves abductions. If, after ruling out normal terrestrial factors, MUFON cannot discover a natural explanation for the reported incident, and the individual reporting it seems rational, further investigation will be deemed warranted.

Bigelow Aerospace has recently teamed up with MUFON to fund and create SIP (the Star Impact Project). In cases of type 3 encounters, a team of scientists will arrive to investigate on a forensic level within 24 hours of the initial report.

The "regular" investigators for MUFON aren't just a bunch of starry-eyed dreamers. They go through rigorous study and testing, as well as buddy-system training with veteran investigators. Study covers a wide range of subjects from atmospheric phenomenon to astronomy.

New England MUFON encompasses a lot of territory. Included are Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont, as well as working with New York on cases that cross the state lines.

With more than 30 years of research and investigative background under his belt, Firmani has a clear vision of the restructuring of New England MUFON. By making the New England network better organized and grounded, Firmani hopes to attract investigators.

He's not looking to break up the organization into states. He wants to focus on territories that cross state lines; "zone directors" who have the time and willingness to dedicate themselves to their posts.

Along with their organizational and investigative duties, they will host monthly meetings for both members and non-members alike. While youths from ages 12 to 17 are welcomed and encouraged to learn about the field by MUFON, only adults can become investigators.

Although he was invited to speak at the upcoming Exeter UFO Festival, Firmani is more interested in attending the event than speaking.

"Reorganizing New England is quite a task, and I'm not sure I'd have the time to put something together. Besides, there are a lot of presentations I'd like to attend. It's going to be a fun event and I'll definitely be there!"

Firmani recently launched a new Web site that's informative, entertaining, and user friendly. It features tools and links for learning more about Ufology.

The sighting report page was built to be comprehensive and easy to understand in order to aid anyone contacting the organization.

Firmani knows from experience that many people fear being considered whacked by their community if they speak out about UFO sightings, and he wants them to feel comfortable knowing there are people out there with scientific minds who will take them seriously. Firmani wants us to know that we are not alone.

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In Praise Of Scientific Heresy

When it comes to scientific facts, the identity of our closest living relative is about as certain as they get. Genome sequencing has confirmed to the satisfaction of pretty much everybody that this dubious honour goes to chimpanzees.

Yet this week sees the publication of a paper that seeks to blow that fact out of the water. The authors argue that the DNA evidence is flawed and that, based on traditional taxonomy, orang-utans are clearly closer to us than chimps (see "Are orang-utans our nearest relatives?").

It's true the locals call orangs the "people of the forest". But recall the old saying about extraordinary claims requiring extraordinary evidence. So far, the research appears to be failing that test. All the experts we contacted dismissed the paper's main conclusion, a reaction that seems likely to be repeated when the paper reaches the wider world.

If its claims are so outlandish, should the research even have been published? Some scientists would clearly have preferred it if the paper had never seen the light of day, and question the judgement of the journal.

That is territory we should tread with care. Ideas that mainstream opinion "knows" to be wrong occasionally turn out to be right. The insights of Galileo, Stan Prusiner - who discovered prions - and many others were once denounced as heresy. And even those that are wrong can be valuable.

Science proceeds by questioning its own assumptions and regarding every "fact" as provisional, so alternative hypotheses should be given an airing, if only to reaffirm the strength of the orthodoxy. Science that pulls up the drawbridge on new ideas risks becoming sterile. The journal recognised that and should be applauded for its decision to disseminate this challenging paper.

One possible outcome, though, is that creationists will trumpet the paper as evidence that the theory of evolution is crumbling. If the experts themselves cannot get their story straight, they will crow, why should we believe anything they say?

That, of course, is shameless intellectual dishonesty (though what else would you expect from a movement built on intellectual dishonesty?). A paper questioning one aspect of evolution is not evidence that evolution itself is in trouble. Quite the

opposite. It is science doing what it is supposed to do. We cannot censor ideas just because we are worried that a small bunch of religious fanatics will twist them for their own ends.

If the paper achieves nothing else, though, it is a reminder of how uncannily similar humans and red apes are, and what we stand to lose when - for sadly it now appears inevitable - these great apes go extinct in the wild.

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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UFOs Of The 19th Century

by Cristina Aguilar
Mar 23, 2008

For decades, these UFO sightings have been explained away as meteors or other things. But what is interesting that before the Wright brothers launched an airplane, flying crafts were already visible in the skies. None of these crafts could really be explained away as weather balloons or meteorites, to witnesses of the 1800s the crafts were not from this earth.

The Wright Brothers may have been the first to put an machine into the sky, but people had been looking up at flying aircraft for decades before the brothers launched the first airplane.

Reports of UFOs were recorded in newspapers of the 19th century, among the most famous was written in the St. Louis Democrat, Oct. 19, 1865. That article appeared two weeks later in The Cincinnati Commercial, bringing more public awareness to UFOs. The account was of an old Montana fir trapper by the name of James Lumley who saw a UFO fly over him and crash into the forest, exploding like a rocket. The story picked up by the Missouri Democrat and other newspapers, which contributed to national attention or awareness of alien spacecraft.

Most fur trappers may tell tales of Indians, or bears, or mountain lions, but Lumley's account of a flying saucer that crashed into Cadotte Pass was among the most explicit and remains a mystery to this day. It is said that debris from the crash may still be up there, but few there has been no findings since. Nevertheless the story has remained one of the most mysterious of the 1800s.

Lumley was about 175 miles above the Upper Missouri in Great Falls Montana. He was on his way back to his camp site when he saw a "bright luminous body in the heavens." It went rapidly into an eastern direction and was plainly visible for about five seconds. As it flew Lumley saw it burst into an explosion in the sky and he later heard an explosion. It was shortly followed by a strong wind through the forest like a tornado, and the event left the air smelling like sulfur.

The next day, after walking two miles, he saw a path "several rods wide" made through the forest. He followed the path and discovered an object or rather a stone on the side of the mountain. What was unusual about this stone is that it had strange hieroglyphics and glass in it. Lumley felt the fragment he had found had come from an immense body and that the hieroglyphics must have been used for some purpose and made by

human hands.

In April of 1897, people in five Midwestern states reported various accounts of an oblong shape in the sky. The accounts were reported from April 5th to April 19th.

The first recorded sighting was in Omaha Nebraska where more than 100 people witnessed the appearance of a flying object more than 12 feet long. It was shiny and made of steel. The object became so luminous that the brightness awoke people from their sleep.

People in Sioux City, Iowa saw another cigar-shaped craft just a few days later. It was also seen in Cedar Rapids and Burlington and described as a mysterious object with a glaring headlight of some kind and a shiny steel hull, gliding with a hissing sound.

Eyewitnesses in Chicago and Mount Carroll Illinois reported seeing an elongated object with flashing or rotating red and green lights on April 10. Hundreds of people throughout Illinois saw an aircraft hovering about 500 ft in the air and leaving at tremendous speeds. The craft had one bright light in addition to the red and green flashing lights. A Chicago newsstand dealer, Walter McCann was said to have taken two photos of the object at the time, but copies of these photos have not been made public in a very long time. They may still be in a file tucked away in Washington, or so the conspiracy theorists believe.

Later, that same night the people in Wausau Wisconsin looked up to see an egg-shaped craft hovering over city hall in Milwaukee. Thousands of awestruck spectators stood watching the craft as its lights moved back and forth.

On the next night, the same craft or one similar in description was seen in Minnesota and later in Indiana. By April 19, the craft appeared in Cochranville, Ohio and later traveled on to other areas, unknown. All accounts were similar throughout all five states with thousands of witnesses.

One of the most famous of all UFO sightings and crashes in the late 1800s was recorded in Aurora, Texas.

Although no evidence has been found to substantiate the story, the local newspaper account reads as follows: "About 6 o'clock this morning, the early risers of Aurora were astonished at the sudden appearance of the airship which has been sailing around the country. It was traveling due north and much nearer the earth than before. Evidently some of the machinery was out of order, for it was making a speed of only 10 to 12 miles per hour and gradually settled toward the earth."

The craft later crashed into a windmill, bursting into pieces. Some of the material recovered by townspeople revealed material sketched with a type of hieroglyphic.

United Press International, which is now defunct, then picked up the story and it spread throughout the borders of Texas. There were a number of eyewitnesses who all agreed on the basic facts: An unknown craft crashed into the town, and strange debris was found along with a "being not of this world was found in the wreckage."

The townspeople of Aurora discovered the remains of the pilot, or rather extraterrestrial along with the strange debris and gave the creature a "proper burial," respect was due to him as well since he resembled a small man, or humanoid to the town folk. The alien body has long disappeared along with the gravestone after military personnel came to Aurora to "investigate" the incident. The story was so famous it was later made into a movie: "The Aurora Encounter" in 1986 starring Jack Elam. The incident is still being studied today.

The Denison Daily News of Denison Texas reported another famous sighting in 1878, when a farmer, John Martin saw a spacecraft. He was later credited for being one of the first to use the term "flying saucer." Martin described the flying saucer as a dark object he saw in the sky. The object moved close to him the whole time he watched.

For decades, these UFO sightings have been explained away as meteors or other things. But what is interesting that before the Wright brothers launched an airplane, flying crafts were already visible in the skies. None of these crafts could really be explained away as weather balloons or meteorites, to witnesses of the 1800s the crafts were not from this earth.

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'Abnormal Alloy' Discovered In Los Robles Argentina

From: **Scott Corrales** <lornis1.nul>
Date: Fri, 19 Jun 2009 07:36:30 -0400
Archived: Fri, 19 Jun 2009 09:38:27 -0400
Subject: 'Abnormal Alloy' Discovered In Los Robles Argentina

The Journal Of Hispanic Ufology

June 18, 2009

An interesting story appeared last week in Argentina's Diario Popular concerning the alleged discovery of an "abnormal alloy" at the Los Robles Nature Preserve. Those of you who have been following Inexplicata on a regular basis will remember the visits on horseback performed by members of Argentina's Codigo OVNI group in response to sightings of UFOs and strange creatures.

The story, appearing in the 06.14.2009 issue of the paper, states that a minuscule portion of an alloy whose creation was "impossible to human technology" was collected by members of Codigo OVNI near the Roggero Reservoir in Moreno, which has become the epicenter of UFO activity in the Province of Buenos Aires. The newspaper quotes Codigo Ovni's Jorge Marron as saying: "When we speak of UFOs, reference is being made to a set of experiences that some refute or project into the future. In this case, things are different. We have official certification of material that is not of this planet."

Marron refers to a certification issued by a branch of Argentina's INTI describing the particle as an alloy of iron of aluminum in a percentage that reaches "unconceivable" levels by terrestrial standards. Marron went on to say that this find, and its subsequent confirmation by the INTI, "represent, without question, a very valuable contribution" within the framework of UFO activities.

Members of Codigo Ovni combed unexplained marks found on the surface (crop circles?) and it was here that this particle was discovered through the use of magnets. Marron believes, according to the article in Diario Popular, that of all the work performed by his group at the Los Robles Nature Preserve, this is indeed the most important, particularly with the validation by an official agency of the Argentinean government of the existence of an extraterrestrial particle.

Technicians with SEGEMAR, a dependency of the Institute of Industrial Technology (INDI), reported that the ratio of iron and aluminum was highly unusual. Marron is again quoted as saying: "The sample reveals the presence of a high percentage of iron, combined with aluminum, in a ratio that cannot be achieved with conventional technology currently known on our planet. It is impossible for materials of this sort to be found in the Province of Buenos Aires. For the time being, we can say it is nothing made by human beings, and we would have to wonder about the relationship that exists between the marks and the particles."

Special thanks to Grupo GABIE for bringing this news item to our attention.

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Re: ew England UFO Network Leader Seeks

From: **Terry Groff** <terry.nul>
Date: Fri, 19 Jun 2009 13:53:08 -0500
Archived: Fri, 19 Jun 2009 17:35:52 -0400
Subject: Re: ew England UFO Network Leader Seeks

>Source: Sea Coast OnLine.Com - Portsmouth, New Hampshire, USA

><http://www.seacoastonline.com/articles/20090618-LIFE-906180324>

>June 18, 2009

>New England UFO Network Leader Seeks Area Investigators
>By Lily Robertson
>[features.nul](#)

>Steve Firmani is looking for New England residents who have
>their eyes to the sky. He wants people who want to believe.

>As the newly appointed director of New England MUFON (Mutual UFO
>Network), Firmani has been given the task of reorganizing six
>states into a tightly knit and well-oiled structure.

<snip>

Steve is quite a character but he is a go-getter and he likes to get things done. He has done an amazing job in organizing 6 states in to a functioning unit. I recently had to try to help restructure Wisconsin MUFON and it was no easy task, especially when dealing with Investigators that had been virtually ignored by their State Directors.

No. I do not envy Steve at all.

If you ever get Steve on the phone, you might want to bring a sandwich. You may be there a while. <G>

Terry Groff
Deputy Director of Investigations
MUFON International
terry.nul

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The Doty/Collins Contract With Joe Firmage?

From: **Robert Hastings** <hastings444.nul>
Date: Fri, 19 Jun 2009 12:55:14 -0600
Archived: Fri, 19 Jun 2009 17:38:21 -0400
Subject: The Doty/Collins Contract With Joe Firmage?

Bob Collins has written:

"In 1999 I paid Rick \$2000 for his contributions then as part of the Firmage contract, have canceled check here." (E-mail May 24, 2009)

I am seeking information about the contract that Collins and Doty had with Firmage. What was provided for the money? Documents? If so, how many? Who has copies of them and is willing to share them with me? Who can provide current contact information for Firmage?

Thanks,

Robert

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Re: In Praise Of Scientific Heresy

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
Date: Fri, 19 Jun 2009 12:44:45 -0700
Archived: Fri, 19 Jun 2009 19:11:28 -0400
Subject: Re: In Praise Of Scientific Heresy

>17 June 2009
>Magazine issue 2713

>In Praise Of Scientific Heresy

>When it comes to scientific facts, the identity of our closest
>living relative is about as certain as they get. Genome
>sequencing has confirmed to the satisfaction of pretty much
>everybody that this dubious honour goes to chimpanzees.

>Yet this week sees the publication of a paper that seeks to blow
>that fact out of the water. The authors argue that the DNA
>evidence is flawed and that, based on traditional taxonomy,
>orang-utans are clearly closer to us than chimps (see "Are
>orang-utans our nearest relatives?").

>It's true the locals call oranges the "people of the forest". But
>recall the old saying about extraordinary claims requiring
>extraordinary evidence. So far, the research appears to be
>failing that test. All the experts we contacted dismissed the
>paper's main conclusion, a reaction that seems likely to be
>repeated when the paper reaches the wider world.

>If its claims are so outlandish, should the research even have
>been published? Some scientists would clearly have preferred it
>if the paper had never seen the light of day, and question the
>judgement of the journal.

>That is territory we should tread with care. Ideas that
>mainstream opinion "knows" to be wrong occasionally turn out to
>be right. The insights of Galileo, Stan Prusiner - who
>discovered prions -

List, EBK,

Prions are the Enron of the NIH and the TSE labs. Dr. Frank Bastian, the foremost authority on CJD, implicates and certainly proves to the satisfaction of anyone who will listen that the main culprit behind all TSE infection, including Alzheimer's, is the spiroplasma bacteria. We should carefully investigate his claims:

<http://www.sonomacountyfreepress.com/reaction/spiroplasma.html>

We must also must investigate how the NIH arrived at conclusions that ignore basic biology and the rules of evidence. The prion will soon become known for the joke that it is (Prusiner said PRION sounded good, a great name). But what about the suffering that might have been alleviated if science had been chosen over self-serving politics and incompetence.

All the so-called "prion" diseases are caused by an infection with cell wall deficient bacteria, mainly spiroplasma.

<http://nov55.com/prin.html>

The prion theory is a red herring. TSE have the potential to cause great harm and suffering if we don't begin to understand them better than we do now.

Ed

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News Links - 001

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Sat, 20 Jun 2009 07:06:31 -0400
Archived: Sat, 20 Jun 2009 07:06:31 -0400
Subject: News Links - 001

While watching my 'Tech Guru', Leo Laporte at:

<http://live.twit.tv/>

a HD Video live streaming 24/7, PC/Mac/Tech seriously-interested info site I heard about a site that will put many links on one page.

So rather than cherry-picking articles and sites and provided it works the way I think it does, I'll post regular compilation of links sent here.

Here's a test:

News Links - 001

<http://www.multiurl.com/l/mR>

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Re: News Links - 001

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Wed, 24 Jun 2009 07:55:21 -0400
Archived: Wed, 24 Jun 2009 07:55:21 -0400
Subject: Re: News Links - 001

The original post to subscribers contained an incorrect link - this is the actual one:

<http://www.multiurl.com/l/mR>

Apologies,

ebk

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PRG Update - June 19, 2009

From: **Paradigm Research Group** <PRG.nul>
Date: Fri, 19 Jun 2009 12:46:30 -0700
Archived: Wed, 24 Jun 2009 07:56:34 -0400
Subject: PRG Update - June 19, 2009

PRG
Paradigm Research Group

PRG Update - June 19, 2009

Million Fax on Washington
www.faxonwashington.org
[NY Times Article] <http://tinyurl.com/ojcfwa>
[New MFW Video] www.youtube.com/watch?v=f37gbi83Vlo&feature=email

This initiative is on schedule and was featured in a New York Times on-line article on May14. Presently a Google search of the phrase "Million Fax on Washington" is returning 32,000 pages. Mail is pouring into the White House Correspondent's Association headquarters, multiple related articles have been published, multiple press releases have been issued including PRG, over 50 hours of media interviews have been completed, and the MFW website is getting substantial traffic.

So far neither the White House nor the WHCA has acknowledged receiving any correspondence on this issue. However, two mainstream reporters have calls into the WHCA concerning the initiative. PRG is now awaiting a mainstream media breakout with accompanying interviews.

If you have not yet sent a letter, fax and/or email to the WHCA, please do so ASAP. Talking points are found at the MFW website.

X-Conference 2009 DVDs
www.sedonamediacompany.com
www.paranormalmatrix.com

2009 Conference DVDs are available from Sedona Media Company (Ron James) including a special offer for full set purchases. DVDs from past X-Conferences are available from Paranormal Matrix. All proceeds go to cover the A/V production of the next X-Conference.

Exopolitics World Network and United States Network
www.exopoliticsworld.net
www.exopoliticsswitzerland.ch
www.exopoliticsunitedstates.net
www.exopoliticsnebraska.us

PRG welcomes a new country to the EWN - Switzerland - administered by Anissa and a new state to the EUSN - Nebraska - administered by Joe Snyder, II.

Other Initiatives Elsewhere

Denver Ballot Initiative - Jeff Peckman has renewed the effort to put an extraterrestrial affairs commission the ballot in the upcoming Denver election. The signature process is proceeding well.

www.9news.com/yourshow/article.aspx?storyid=117674&catid=359

We Can... You Do - a new France based initiative to persuade the French government to move forward with Disclosure.

<http://tinyurl.com/n9l2xf>

PRG Speaking Schedule

Enota Glace - July 18 - White Sulphur Springs, WV

www.enotaglace.com/Events/Events.html

European Exopolitics Summit 2009 - July 25-26 - Barcelona, Spain

www.exopoliticseurope.com

Beyond Knowledge Conference - Sept. 11-12 - Liverpool, UK

www.exopolitics.org.uk/events/2009/beyond-knowledge-2-%11-liverpool-2009/

Crash Retrieval Conference - Nov 6-8 - Las Vegas, NV

www.ufoconference.com

PRG Websites

With the passage of time PRG has increasingly received criticism of its websites. They are dated in style, not sufficiently sophisticated, messy in browsers other than MS Internet Explorer, too "X-Files" (too dark), hard to navigate, etc. PRG's response to this criticism is this - it's all true.

The PRG web presence needs to be redesigned and upgraded. It hasn't happened because of the time and effort involved. The site is large (over 800 meg) with thousands of pages, and time and resources are limited. All the PRG sites were done in MS Front Page which has not been cutting edge for years. Since Front Page is a MS product, the pages are often junked up when not viewed in MS Internet Explorer. There have been offers by webmasters to improve the site, but outsourcing this work is no easy matter. There is a lot of great talent in PRG's network, but reorganizing the sites without interrupting the advocacy work is a challenge.

The PRG sites will eventually be upgraded and redesigned with more sophisticated editors. Until then your patience is greatly appreciated.

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Nearly 100 supporters contributed a total of \$4000. Much thanks to all.

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UFO People We Have A Problem

From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
Date: Sun, 21 Jun 2009 23:06:16 +0100
Archived: Wed, 24 Jun 2009 09:00:00 -0400
Subject: UFO People We Have A Problem

Thought this might interest... see piece below and photo attachment. If these spy drones are around the UK there must be something similar being used in the US.

At least folk need to know we have something other than Chinese Lanterns to mistake for UFOs

BTW Busty Taylor is a friend of mine and he circulates to everybody so he won't mind his e-mail being republished.

From: bustyl.nul
To: Undisclosed-Recipient:;
Sent: Sunday, June 21, 2009 10:32 PM
Subject: UFO PEOPLE,WE HAVE A PROBLEM

Photo Maria Wheatley (C)

Subject: UFO People We Have A Problem

Hi

I went to Stonehenge this morning for the Summer Solstice and got a surprise.

We parked the car in Amesbury and we started to walk the 2 miles to the stones, About half a mile from the Henge, Maria asked me what the Red and Green lights over Stonehenge were doing there, I looked and sure enough, the two lights went from the west to the east and then back again. I said that it must be a plane about 2 miles out due the fact that there is a no fly zone over Stonehenge during the Solstice.

About 15 minutes later, we are now in Stonehenge with about 30,000 others waiting to see if the Sun would show through the clouds, no joy, and then I saw the lights again moving much slower this time, and they just STOPPED in mid air and stayed there, rock steady, no wobble or movement in any direction.

I then realised that it was a U.A.V that had been in the local papers, Unmanned Air surveillance Vehicle and it was just sitting there about 100 feet away and about 200 feet up with 2 very bright LED Red and Green lights showing, with nothing around it, very difficult to judge the height. I then watched this flying machine for the next 2 hrs and realised that it was smaller than I thought, about 2 ft to 3 feet across with four blades and all electric, no noise at all.

This thing can sit over your head while you are having a chat and you have no idea that it is even there. The police just stood around until this thing found something that it did not like, then, all the police had to do, walk under it as it hovered and they got there man, saw this happen right in front of us.

One time it came down to about 10 feet over the road and stayed rock solid steady, the only way I think this could happen is to

have a GPS lock system, you want it to hover, it stopped, locks GPS and now it sits there, not very big, no noise with a camera or mike so that it could even listen to you

I think the pack that runs this thing for about 45 minutes would be no bigger than 2 phone chargers put together with hardly any bodywork to worry about.

Busty Taylor

From: bustyl.nul
To: Undisclosed-Recipient;
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2009 7:09 AM
Subject: PART 2 UFO PEOPLE

Hi

The reason I sent out the first one yesterday, is the fact this Police machine made me think it was a plane due to the two nav lights on it. In our local Andover paper a month or so ago, the army said that they have run out of room on Salisbury plain and would we mind if they let them fly around Andover, these are the ones that are just programmed to fly around on their own and come back before the fuel runs out on their own with a man just looking at a screen to make sure it was doing what it was meant to do.

The very bright LED Red & Green lights on the one that I saw from half a mile away will look like a small plane at two miles, This machine can get up to 45 miles an hour, so if it moves across your view and you think it is plane, but it is much closer than you realise and it stops dead in mid air and just sits there and then shoots of backwards to the way it was travelling with no noise, you would get the impression that it could be something else due to the amount of ground that it covers in seconds.

If it moves straight up and then down fast, this would give the impression that it went thousands feet up and down again, giving you the idea that it could be a UFO just flying around. If the lights go around something at a known distance you would have a better idea as to what you are looking at, From now on I will need to be more careful in my observations myself before I say what I think it is.

Busty Taylor

Dave Haith

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Robert Hastings On Larry King Live 3 July '09

From: Robert Hastings <hastings444.nul>
Date: Mon, 22 Jun 2009 19:35:38 -0600
Archived: Wed, 24 Jun 2009 09:24:18 -0400
Subject: Robert Hastings On Larry King Live 3 July '09

Hello All,

I have been invited to appear on Larry King on July 3, 2009, to discuss my UFO-Nukes Connection research. The press release, below, provides the details.

Robert

FOR RELEASE TO THE MEDIA

Robert Hastings, author of UFOs and Nukes,
to appear on Larry King Live on July 3, 2009

Noted UFO researcher, lecturer and author Robert Hastings will make his second appearance on CNN's Larry King Live on July 3, 2009. Hastings will discuss important declassified U.S. government documents which confirm a decades-long UFO-Nukes Connection that began with some 150 reports of UFO activity at the Los Alamos atomic weapons laboratory as early as December 1948. According to one FBI document, dated January 31, 1949, these incidents were "considered top secret by Intelligence Officers of both the army and the air forces."

On July 16, 1945, Los Alamos had secretly tested the first atomic bomb in the desert near Alamogordo; bombs two and three were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan on August 6th and 9th respectively, thus ending World War II and ushering in the Nuclear Age. Not long thereafter, according to the declassified documents, someone piloting "flying discs" or "flying saucers" began to monitor America's atomic and thermonuclear weapons program on an ongoing basis.

Information uncovered by Hastings and other researchers reveals that intermittent UFO surveillance of Los Alamos, and other nuclear weapons-related sites, continued throughout and the Cold War era and beyond, occurring as recently as 2006. One Air Force document declassified in 1977 reveals that several UFOs maneuvered near a number of Minuteman nuclear missile sites outside of Malmstrom AFB, Montana, in November 1975. Some of those objects, which alternately hovered and flew around at high velocity, were also tracked on radar and chased, unsuccessfully, by jet fighters. One UFO was reported by missile security personnel to have an "orange white disc" appearance.

These dramatic incidents occurred some six years after the Air Force closed down Project Blue Book-its supposedly definitive UFO investigation-claiming that it had terminated the project because there was no evidence that UFOs posed a threat to national security. However, another now-declassified USAF document states that "Reports of unidentified flying objects which affect national security...are not a part of the Blue Book system." Of course, the American public was never officially informed of this fact, which only became known after the document's release years later. Researchers now have evidence that national security-related UFO incidents, including the missile base cases, were actually investigated by the Air Force

Office of Special Investigations (OSI) and various counter-intelligence groups.

Hastings will also present stunning testimony from a few of the 100-plus former or retired U.S. Air Force personnel he has interviewed, who were involved in one or more of UFO incidents at nuclear missile sites over the years. According to those sources-which include missile launch officers, targeting officers, and maintenance personnel-missiles malfunctioned on a number of occasions, at different bases during the 1960s and '70s, just as UFOs were sighted hovering above their underground silos, or above their launch control facilities.

In other words, if nuclear war with the Soviet Union had erupted during any of those incidents, the affected missiles-which displayed what the Air Force refers to as a "Guidance and Control NO-GO" error-would have sat useless in their silos.

Even more shocking than those cases is the incident reported by former Minuteman missile launch officer David H. Schuur, who was stationed at Minot AFB, North Dakota, in the mid-1960s. According to Schuur, late one night, a UFO actually activated most of the ten missiles he controlled. At the time, he was in the underground Echo Flight Launch Control Capsule, receiving frantic calls from missile security guards topside, who were reporting an extremely bright object in the sky which rapidly moved from missile to missile, briefly hovering over each one. As the UFO lingered, that particular missile's "Launch in Progress" button suddenly lit up on the control panel in the capsule. Schuur states that he had to quickly press an "Inhibit" circuit button to override the launch command apparently being sent to each missile by the UFO.

Schuur told Hastings that he does not know whether the missiles would have actually launched, had he not disrupted their countdown sequence, because several other "spurious indicators" had simultaneously appeared on his missile-readiness display panel. Significantly, a nearly identical incident occurred in Soviet Ukraine, on October 4, 1982, according to two retired Soviet Army officers interviewed by ABC News in 1994. The reporter, David Ensor, later worked at CNN as the network's Chief National Security Correspondent.

Hastings has researched the UFO-Nukes Connection since 1973 and has been invited to speak about his findings at over 500 U.S. colleges and universities since 1981. He has just returned from two international lectures, in Stockholm Sweden and Curitiba, Brazil. His book, UFO and Nukes: Extraordinary Encounters at Nuclear Weapons Sites, is available ONLY at www.ufohastings.com

The July 3, 2009 Larry King Program:

First half:

Guests include James Fox, Fife Symington, General Wilfred De Brouwer and Edgar Mitchell.

Fox is a filmmaker whose UFO documentary "Out of the Blue" is considered to be a "must-see" by Hastings and many other researchers.

Symington is the former governor of Arizona, and a former USAF officer, who saw a mile-wide, boomerang-shaped UFO with a string of bright lights on its leading edge, move silently over Phoenix on the evening of March 13, 1997. This object was officially explained away by the U.S. Air Force as several military flares dropped from helicopters. Symington kept his silence about the dramatic sighting for nearly a decade. Hundreds of other people in Phoenix have reported seeing the same huge object that night.

De Brouwer is a retired Belgian Air Force general who publicly announced, on June 22, 1990, that the BAF had flown numerous UFO-intercept missions in 1989 and 1990. Some of the UFOs were tracked on radar, performing maneuvers that would have destroyed any known aircraft.

Edgar Mitchell is a former NASA Apollo astronaut who walked on the moon. He has recently stated that the U.S. government knows that UFOs exist and are extraterrestrial.

Second half:

Guests include Hastings, Fox, Seth Shostak, Bill Nye.

Shostak is an astronomer with the SETI (Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence) Institute and a UFO debunker.

Nye, best known as "Bill Nye the Science Guy" is a science-explainer and a UFO debunker.

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Elsewhere In The World June 1947

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The Journal Of Hispanic Ufology
June 23, 2009

Fifty two years ago, on June 24th, 1947, Kenneth Arnold saw five objects that he described as "skipping like saucers over water" in the skies over Washington State. The rest is history.

Let us not forget that UFO activity was already beginning to occur elsewhere in the world, and this newspaper article from Chile, courtesy of our friend Raul Nunez at the IIEE, is a good example:

A Flying Disk Over Santiago: Seen Flying Over Los Cerrillos

Mr. Guillermo de la Cerda Simonot, a former civilian officer of the Fleet, states that a shining, silvery and oval-shaped object" appeared before his eyes for ten minutes at noon yesterday.

A flying disk remained stationary for at least ten minutes over the Los Cerrillos airport, at least ten kilometers from the Plaza de Armas, at the very same time that the population of Santiago left its offices and workshops to go off to lunch. The object was seen by Guillermo de la Cerda Simonot, master mechanic of a small bus line, and whose background as a former civilian officer of the Fleet for 30 years, knowledgeable about machinery and vehicles, is a serene, creditworthy individual with good eyesight.

Light Reflected At Noon

It was noon when Guillermo de la Cerda, son of the known racehorse owner of the same name, was returning along the Maip=FA road after having made repairs to a damaged bus. He was wearing sunglasses, which allowed him to face the sun. Suddenly, only a few centimeters over the horizon, he saw something that shined "like the reflection of an airplane's wings when the sun strikes them". He said nothing to his escort, an assistant mechanic of the same bus line, and he continued looking at the object, which remained stationary.

A Silvery, Shining Disk

Finally, convinced that it could not be an airplane, he stopped the bus and got off t for a better look. It was an oval, silvery object, similar to the ones described in newswires regarding "flying saucers". He believed that he could see portholes along its edges, but was uncertain. "I don't want to say something that I didn't say with certainty," he added. His companion saw the same thing as he.

A fiew minutes later, the oval, silvery and brilliant object vanished behind the trees and out of sight.

A "flying disk"? A hallucination? Everything suggests the former. Chile appears to hav been visited by the same extraordinary messengers from space that have already appeared in so many parts of the world.

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NASA LUNAR MISSION SUCCESSFULLY ENTERS MOON ORBIT

GREENBELT, Md. -- After a four and a half day journey from the Earth, the Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter, or LRO, has successfully entered orbit around the moon. Engineers at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md., confirmed the spacecraft's lunar orbit insertion at 6:27 a.m. EDT Tuesday.

During transit to the moon, engineers performed a mid-course correction to get the spacecraft in the proper position to reach its lunar destination. Since the moon is always moving, the spacecraft shot for a target point ahead of the moon. When close to the moon, LRO used its rocket motor to slow down until the gravity of the moon caught the spacecraft in lunar orbit.

"Lunar orbit insertion is a crucial milestone for the mission," said Cathy Peddie, LRO deputy project manager at Goddard. "The LRO mission cannot begin until the moon captures us. Once we enter the moon's orbit, we can begin to buildup the dataset needed to understand in greater detail the lunar topography, features and resources. We are so proud to be a part of this exciting mission and NASA's planned return to the moon."

A series of four engine burns over the next four days will put the satellite into its commissioning phase orbit. During the commissioning phase each of its seven instruments is checked out and brought online. The commissioning phase will end approximately 60 days after launch, when LRO will use its engines to transition to its primary mission orbit.

For its primary mission, LRO will orbit above the moon at about 31 miles, or 50 kilometers, for one year. The spacecraft's instruments will help scientists compile high resolution, three-dimensional maps of the lunar surface and also survey it at many spectral wavelengths.

The satellite will explore the moon's deepest craters, examining permanently sunlit and shadowed regions, and provide understanding of the effects of lunar radiation on humans. LRO will return more data about the moon than any previous mission.

For more information about the LRO mission, visit:

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

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Maury Island Affair 62nd Anniversary June 21

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Subject: Maury Island Affair 62nd Anniversary June 21

From: T. Peter Park <>
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Subject: [forteanal] Maury Island Affair 62nd anniversary--June 21

Yesterday, June 21, was the 62nd anniversary of one of the still most controversial early episodes of our UFO-conscious modern "Age of Flying Saucers," the so-called Maury Island Affair. On June 21, 1947, a huge doughnut-shaped UFO allegedly spewed vast quantities of debris onto Maury Island in Puget Sound near Tacoma, Washington, and onto a boat near the island. The Maury Island incident, dismissed as a hoax by the Air Force and many ufologists, and involving the tragic deaths of two Air Force Intelligence officers in a plane crash, still evokes lively argument. It marks one of the very first reported appearances of the mysterious "Men in Black" (MIB) supposedly intimidating UFO witnesses. The MIB, in this case, appear to have most probably been U.S. government or military agents trying to sow confusion, rather than aliens. The Maury Island incident also has a curious connection with the most controversial episode of modern American history---the Kennedy assassination. One of the principals of the Maury Island episode, Fred Crisman, was alleged to have connections with supposed conspirators involved in the assassination.

In 1947, Harold L. Dahl (1911-1982) and Fred Lee Crisman (1919-1975) were commercial lumber salvagers in Tacoma Harbor, often incorrectly described as Tacoma harbor patrolmen. Crisman, usually described as Dahl's supervisor, also seems to have been a Federal undercover agent, using his business to keep an eye on suspicious goings-on in Tacoma Harbor and Puget Sound. On the afternoon of June 21, Dahl was on his boat near Maury Island, 3 miles from Tacoma, with his 15-year-old son, their dog, and two crewmen. Dahl claimed to see six huge doughnut-shaped metallic craft far overhead. One seemed to be in some sort of trouble, lost altitude, and discharged vast quantities of hot dark lava-like slag and light white aluminum-like metal before flying off West over the sea with the other UFO's. Most of the debris fell on the Maury Island beach---but some hit Dahl's boat, damaging the boat, killing his dog, and burning his son's arm. Dahl and his crew retrieved some of the slag and metal fragments supposedly spewed by the "saucer," and Dahl also tried to take some photographs of the retreating UFO's. When Dahl returned to his Tacoma dock, Crisman at first refused to believe his bizarre story, accusing Dahl and his crew of drinking.

Crisman, however, supposedly changed his mind the next morning after taking the boat out to Maury Island, seeing the piles of slag and metal on the beach, and himself sighting a UFO hovering over the island! That same morning, Dahl allegedly breakfasted with a mysterious visitor wearing a black suit and driving a 1947 Buick sedan, who knew everything about the previous day's sighting, told Dahl he had seen something he should not have seen, and warned him not to discuss his experience with anybody if he loved his family. Dahl, however, at first disregarded this Man in Black as a crackpot. He also

found the photographs he had taken of the "saucers" inexplicably fogged, as if exposed to radiation.

A couple of weeks later, in July, Crisman and Dahl wrote /Amazing Stories/ editor Ray Palmer a letter describing Dahl's sighting, and mailed Palmer some of the alleged "saucer" fragments. Crisman, who was an /Amazing Stories/ fan, had already written Palmer a year earlier, describing his own alleged World War II battle with aggressive underground humanoids with ray-guns in a cave in India! Crisman's underground battle supposedly corroborated Richard Shaver's wild tales of the fiendish subterranean "dero," ballyhooed by Palmer as "fact" in /Amazing Stories/. Palmer asked Kenneth Arnold, already famous for his own June 24 Mt. Rainier sighting of the "saucers," to fly to Tacoma and investigate the Maury Island incident, offering him \$200 in expenses. Palmer, too, had already written to Arnold, and encouraged Arnold in the belief that the "flying saucers" were spacecraft from other planets. John A. Keel later called Palmer "the man who invented flying saucers" because of his early role in popularizing the extraterrestrial theory of UFO's.

Arnold flew to Tacoma on July 29th --and got caught in a complex, mystifying web of apparent cloak-and-dagger intrigue and skullduggery involving seemingly paranormal aspects while playing amateur detective at Palmer's behest. The seemingly paranormal goings-on recall the "MIB" involvement often reported in later UFO cases, and attributed by some ufologists to extraterrestrial or other-dimensional entities. Arnold, however, appears to have been under constant close Army Air Force and possibly CIA and/or FBI surveillance ever since his June 24 Mount Rainier "flying saucer" sighting. Thus, it is more likely that the "spooks" seemingly dogging his footsteps in Tacoma were U.S. military and government agents themselves trying to keep a mystifying affair under control.

Arnold had not told anyone about his exact plans. Arriving in Tacoma, he called several hotels, to find all of them full with no vacancies. Finally, however, when he called Tacoma's fanciest hotel as a last resort, he found that a room had been reserved there in his name by an unknown benefactor! From July 29 to 31, Arnold met several times in Tacoma with Dahl, who seemed fearful and reluctant to discuss the affair, and Crisman, who seemed to be the more dominant and assertive of the two Maury Island witnesses. He examined Dahl and Crisman's alleged "saucer" debris, which looked like ordinary lava rock and scrap aircraft aluminum. He was called several times by a local United Press stringer, who had been repeatedly called by a mysterious informant who accurately knew everything done and said in Arnold's hotel room! The unknown benefactor reserving Arnold's hotel room, and the mysterious informant "bugging" his room who kept calling the UP man, were most likely military or government agents.

Suspecting a hoax but feeling a little out of his depth, Arnold called for assistance. He first summoned a friend, United Airlines pilot Cap. E.J. "Big Smithy" Smith, who had also seen a UFO, to Tacoma. On the 31st, he also called two Army Air Force Intelligence officers, Lieutenant Frank Brown and Captain William Davidson. They had debriefed Arnold a few days earlier about his own Mt. Rainier sighting and told him to contact them if he saw or heard anything more unusual. Arriving on the afternoon of July 31, Brown and Davidson interrogated Crisman (the diffident Dahl had left Arnold's hotel room), examined the debris, and also decided the whole thing was a hoax. They left early on the morning of August 1 to return to Hamilton Field in California. Shortly after takeoff, their B-25 bomber crashed, killing both Brown and Davidson.

Sensational newspaper articles charged that the B-25 had been sabotaged and was carrying saucer debris, but an Air Force investigation determined the crash was an accident. The Air Force and FBI officially declared the whole affair a hoax, the supposed "saucer" debris just ordinary industrial slag. Crisman and Dahl had supposedly concocted the hoax to sell a sensational "true" story to Palmer, and had allegedly confessed the whole thing to Air Force and FBI investigators. Later, however, they denied having made any such confession. Arnold flew home to Boise, Idaho, thankful to be relieved of the whole bewildering affair. He later described his investigation of the Maury Island affair, as well as his own original Mt. Rainier sighting, in his

privately printed 1952 book written in collaboration with Ray Palmer, /The Coming of the Saucers/.

Dahl gratefully dropped off into quiet peaceful obscurity after the Maury Island affair. Crisman, however, was first spirited away from Tacoma to Alaska on an Army transport. He later went on to enjoy a curious career as an undercover agent, possibly a CIA operative, while also working as variously a teacher, school administrator, ultra-conservative radio commentator, local politician, and librarian. Crisman was subpoenaed as a witness in New Orleans DA Jim Garrison's 1968 investigation of the Kennedy assassination, because he was reputedly friendly with a lot of shady characters---gangsters, right-wing extremists, and anti-Castro Cuban zealots--allegedly involved in a Kennedy assassination conspiracy. He was later also alleged to have been one of the three "tramps" arrested at Dealey Plaza right after the assassination.

The whole Maury Island "saucer" slag dumping story has sometimes been interpreted as a "disinformation" cover story concocted by Crisman on his superiors' orders to divert unwelcome public attention from some deep dark government or military hanky-panky, possibly experiments with secret weapons (captured Nazi technology?), or illegal dumping of radioactive waste by the Atomic Energy Commission in Puget Sound. A lot of **/VERY/** interesting material on Fred Lee Crisman and his myriad curious shenanigans may be found in Kenn Thomas, /Maury Island UFO: The Crisman Conspiracy/ (Lilburn, GA: IllumiNet Press, 1999), as well as in Richard M. Dolan, /UFO's and the National Security State: Chronology of a Cover-Up 1941-1973/ (Charlottesville, VA: Hampton Roads Publishing Company, 2002), pp. 35-42.

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Humanoids In 1940's Argentina?

From: **Scott Corrales** <lornis1.nul>
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Subject: Humanoids In 1940's Argentina?

Contributing editor Guillermo Gimenez draws our attention to an article by Luis Burgos of Argentina's FAO organization regarding the possible presence of "humanoids" in the Province of Buenos Aires in the early 1940s, before Kenneth Arnold's legendary sighting over Mount Rainier:

The First Humanoids In Argentina
By Luis Burgos (FAO)

Tres Arroyos, located over 600 km south of Buenos Aires, shall henceforth no longer be known as "Argentina-92s Wheat Capital" but as also as the place where the first humanoid encounter of the country took place.

In early 1971, in mid-summer, I had the chance to spend the season in Orense, a lovely beach resort, which together with Reta and Claromeco represent the main tourist attractions of the season. Logically, and given the fact that I was taking my very first steps in field research, my conversations had mostly to do with the subject [ufology]. Thus, my mind was stirred by anecdotes and remembrances. The cause of this was Mr. Vicente Pedone, who was my host at the time.

According to Don Vicente, in the early 1940s, he was a Sergeant of the Buenos Aires Provincial Police, and his beat covered such locations as Orense, San Cayetano, Copetonas, Oriente, Cristiano Muerto, etc. These towns were well known to him. One night, while in the company of an officer surnamed Gitani in a field warehouse, a local boy came running over to them, breathlessly, saying that he had witnessed "a plane crash to the ground in flames", deep in the fields. Faced with this story, Don Vicente and his subordinate reported to the alleged crash site, accompanied by the young man (whom I shall call NN, given his anonymous status). After covering a good distance in the police car, the guide pointed out the possible crash site: there, two hundred meters away from the group, near a hill, was a very strange disk-shaped luminous object that remained still in their sight. Around the object, an undetermined number of "figures" could be seen "coming and going"

At a distance, the beings seemed very tall and were clad in luminous, metallic outfits. Their movements were sluggish and they carried what appeared to be mugs ("tarros") in their hands.

Evidently, this sight impressed the witnesses to such an extent that they made a prudent retreat. But their astonishment and nervousness increased when Don Vicente tried to get the vehicle going, he was unable to do so. He tried one, two, three and more times to no avail. Therefore, rather than running away across the field, they all agreed to remain in the vehicle to see what developed. "We were abandoned to the outcome of the events," remarked the protagonist of this episode.

Several minutes later, they noticed that what they took for an airplane began to move backward with a slow, even motion and speed, always at ground level. This action caused Don Vicente to try to get his police car going once more, since time had become endless to them. Finally he managed to turn the engine over and

make an abrupt departure. This brought an end to this reminiscence, and it=92s a shame that they didn=92t stay long enough to witness the final phase of the phenomenon. The next morning, Don Vicente obtained confirmation from NN, that the landing site in Oriente betrayed signs of burned grass. Unfortunately, the police did not verify this on-site. Therefore, only the story told by NN remains the proof of such physical evidence.

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Re: Elsewhere In The World June 1947

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 23 Jun 2009 07:18:12 -0400
>Subject: Elsewhere In The World June 1947

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>Fifty two years ago, on June 24th, 1947, Kenneth Arnold saw five
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>occur elsewhere in the world, and this newspaper article from
>Chile, courtesy of our friend Raul Nunez at the IIEE, is a good
>example:

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Dear Scott, List:

References to old-time UFO sightings are always welcome...
provided the exact source is given - newspaper and date - so
that we can determine a day when the report mentions
"yesterday", for instance. The date is a basic ID for a case to
be investigated.

I am sure you will soon complete the information above by
letting us know the edition date of the newspaper quoted.

Many thanks and best regards,

Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos

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Murrow Vs. The Saucers

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Thursday, June 18, 2009

Murrow Vs. The Saucers
By Billy Cox

It's been almost 40 years now since the U.S. Air Force pulled the plug on Project Blue Book and essentially order the news media to shut up already about UFOs. And at a moment when America's dazed free press is poised to take a knee on the canvas, De Void can't help but wonder how one of journalism's 20th-century giants would've responded to the challenges.

For Edward R. Murrow, the CBS Radio lion who survived the technology transition to unmask Red-baiting demagoguery for what it was on national television, mastering a new medium was difficult. "This is an old team," he told a new class of consumers known as viewers, "trying to learn a new trade."

Inevitably, Murrow's running battles with management over commercial and entertainment compromises led to his undoing at the network. But his commitment to telling compelling stories, regardless of the medium or its constraints, never faltered.

On April 7, 1950, a year or so before his TV makeover, the man who once told listeners "If I've offended you by this rather mild account of Buchenwald, I'm not in the least sorry," filed a report on UFOs. His commercial-free half-hour account =97 available at <http://www.albany.edu/talkinghistory/arch2004jan-june.html> =97 looks relatively tame in retrospect. Especially given the magnitude of the coverup of the Roswell UFO crash not quite three years earlier.

But Murrow's gravitas helped validate as a mainstream issue what were then known as flying saucers. Not surprisingly, he played it straight, plumbing skeptics, witnesses like Kenneth Arnold, and official sources alike. Although he drew no conclusions, Murrow was clearly suspicious of military kiss-offs, grousing that "The figures just don't add up."

He reminded Americans that while the USAF's Project Saucer came up empty-handed 1949, bear in mind "the stubbornness of the saucers to accept the mantle of oblivion." Murrow quoted critics who theorized the flying discs were merely classified American programs. Then he'd come back with a Charles Zimmerman, designer of the most exotic XF5U1 "flying pancake," who countered that "this aircraft never flew."

Although journalism will find a way to morph through the latest turbulence, the star system that helped expedite the shift from radio to television is a museum piece. But we can guess with reasonable certainty how the pugnacious chain-smoker would've reacted to, say, the USAF's refusal to address FAA radar records

confirming eyewitness reports of jet fighters chasing a UFO last year near President Bush's home in Texas.

It'd be the same way anyone whose intelligence is insulted might respond. That is, if anyone was paying attention.

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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Aliens As 'The World's Policemen'?

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Source: The Irish Times - Dublin, Ireland

<http://tinyurl.com/TurkishWatchman>

Monday, June 22, 2009

UFO-Spotting Turkish Night-Watchman Regards Aliens As 'The World's Policemen'

With his neatly clipped moustache and checked shirt buttoned up to his neck, 51-year-old Yalcin Yalman doesn't look like a typical trendsetter.

But the images he has filmed since 2007 from the suburban Istanbul holiday village where he works as a night-watchman have helped turn UFO-spotting, once the object of scorn, into a popular pastime among educated Turks.

"For me it's just a hobby, a way of passing the night," Yalman shrugged outside an Istanbul conference centre where more than 1,000 people had paid 35 lira (=8016), a handsome sum by local standards, to listen to him and ufologists from around the world reveal their latest findings.

Holding cups of watery coffee selling at an extortionate three lira, elegantly dressed Turkish ladies with word-perfect English peppered speakers from as far afield as Mexico with questions about 2012 and the end of the Mayan calendar.

Former head of the UK defence ministry's UFO desk and a well-known ufologist, Nick Pope, one of the speakers at the conference, confessed himself amazed at the turnout.

"Ufology has a bit of an image problem back home =96 computer nerds, trainspotters, you know," he said. "But that is not the sense I get here at all. And there seems to be an equal balance between men and women."

Haktan Akdogan, the organiser of last weekend's International UFO and New Age Congress, the fourth of its kind in Turkey, put growing domestic interest in UFO sightings down to the increasingly receptive Turkish media, "more sympathetic than the media in the West".

But he described Yalman's films of bright crescent-shaped objects hovering over the Marmara sea, some of them apparently with humanoid figures inside them, as "a turning point for Turkish UFO studies".

"These are the most remarkable images taken in Turkish history," he said, sitting in the central Istanbul office of the Sirius UFO Space Science Studies Centre, which he set up in 1997.

"The authorities can no longer turn a blind eye to this phenomenon."

Increased Turkish tolerance for aliens has spread well beyond the media and the Istanbul well-off.

When an alien appeared in front of a farmer outside the southwestern Turkish village of Narli in 2001, the farmer responded in time-honoured style: he threw rocks until the creature shot into the air "to the height of a minaret" and disappeared.

Seven years later, when a UFO reappeared in the same village, it was met by cameras, not stones.

This year, however, the most striking UFO revelations have come from members of Istanbul's showbiz scene.

A singer who represented Turkey at the Eurovision Song Contest in 1991, Reyhan Karaca, told Turkish newspapers last month how a "prawn-coloured" alien had plucked her from her bed one night and taken her on a whistle-stop tour of earth.

"They were very friendly," she said of the inhabitants of the spacecraft that abducted her. "We communicated using our thoughts."

A couple of days later, Hulya Avsar, a pop singer and presenter who is a household name in Turkey, told Karaca and her talkshow audience that she had seen a UFO from the balcony of her villa too.

Yalman's images have been savaged on several ufologist websites. Pope described them as "very interesting", before adding that, "unless you get a proper analysis, there is a risk of misinterpretation".

Generally, though, scepticism was in short supply among ticket-holders at the UFO conference. And the intensity of their belief paid off. At the end of the first day, as a crowd milled outside the World of Wonders hotel where the conference was held, a UFO suddenly appeared in the sky overhead.

"I think they were showing their support for us: we're here, can you see," Akdogan told a TV channel that ran the footage a couple of days later.

Asked whether he is unnerved by UFOs' apparent predilection for materialising in front of him, Yalman smiled and clicked his tongue, the Turkish equivalent of shaking your head.

"I see them as the world's policemen, up there to keep an eye on us," he said, taking a puff of his cigarette. "I only wish they'd come down for a chat. Then we could drink tea and play a few rounds of backgammon."

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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Re: Elsewhere In The World June 1947

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
Date: Thu, 25 Jun 2009 11:01:06 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
Archived: Thu, 25 Jun 2009 11:36:46 -0400
Subject: Re: Elsewhere In The World June 1947

>From: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos <ballesterolmos.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Wed, 24 Jun 2009 21:29:26 +0000 (GMT)
>Subject: Re: Elsewhere In The World June 1947

>>From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 23 Jun 2009 07:18:12 -0400
>>Subject: Elsewhere In The World June 1947

>>The Journal Of Hispanic Ufology
>>June 23, 2009

>>Fifty two years ago, on June 24th, 1947, Kenneth Arnold saw five
>>objects that he described as "skipping like saucers over water"
>>in the skies over Washington State. The rest is history.

>>Let us not forget that UFO activity was already beginning to
>>occur elsewhere in the world, and this newspaper article from
>>Chile, courtesy of our friend Raul Nunez at the IIEE, is a good
>>example:

><snip>

>Dear Scott, List:

>References to old-time UFO sightings are always welcome...
>provided the exact source is given - newspaper and date - so
>that we can determine a day when the report mentions
>"yesterday", for instance. The date is a basic ID for a case to
>be investigated.

>I am sure you will soon complete the information above by
>letting us know the edition date of the newspaper quoted.

Hi Vicente Juan,

Both you and I are in agreement on that.

If you go back and look at all the information I've posted since
2000, the date and the source have always been present.

In this case, I'm still waiting on this information to be
furnished, but I saw no reason not to circulate it without this
data, as the original clip was provided.

Patience, my friend!

Scott Corrales
Inexplicata

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Tunguska Explosion Caused By A Comet

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Date: Fri, 26 Jun 2009 07:20:32 -0400
Archived: Fri, 26 Jun 2009 07:20:32 -0400
Subject: Tunguska Explosion Caused By A Comet

Source: PhsyOrg.Com

<http://www.physorg.com/news165077281.html>

June 24th, 2009

[Links in article]

Space Shuttle Science Shows How 1908 Tunguska Explosion Was
Caused By A Comet

The mysterious 1908 Tunguska explosion that leveled 830 square miles of Siberian forest was almost certainly caused by a comet entering the Earth's atmosphere, says new Cornell University research. The conclusion is supported by an unlikely source: the exhaust plume from the NASA space shuttle launched a century later.

The research, accepted for publication (June 24, 2009) by the journal Geophysical Research Letters, published by the American Geophysical Union, connects the two events by what followed each about a day later: brilliant, night-visible clouds, or noctilucent clouds, that are made up of ice particles and only form at very high altitudes and in extremely cold temperatures.

"It's almost like putting together a 100-year-old murder mystery," said Michael Kelley, the James A. Friend Family Distinguished Professor of Engineering at Cornell who led the research team. "The evidence is pretty strong that the Earth was hit by a comet in 1908." Previous speculation had ranged from comets to meteors.

The researchers contend that the massive amount of water vapor spewed into the atmosphere by the comet's icy nucleus was caught up in swirling eddies with tremendous energy by a process called two-dimensional turbulence, which explains why the noctilucent clouds formed a day later many thousands of miles away.

Noctilucent clouds are the Earth's highest clouds, forming naturally in the mesosphere at about 55 miles over the polar regions during the summer months when the mesosphere is around minus 180 degrees Fahrenheit (minus 117 degrees Celsius).

The space shuttle exhaust plume, the researchers say, resembled the comet's action.

A single space shuttle flight injects 300 metric tons of water vapor into the Earth's thermosphere, and the water particles have been found to travel to the Arctic and Antarctic regions, where they form the clouds after settling into the mesosphere.

Kelley and collaborators saw the noctilucent cloud phenomenon days after the space shuttle Endeavour (STS-118) launched on Aug. 8, 2007. Similar cloud formations had been observed following launches in 1997 and 2003.

Following the 1908 explosion, known as the Tunguska Event, the night skies shone brightly for several days across Europe, particularly Great Britain -- more than 3,000 miles away.

Kelley said he became intrigued by the historical eyewitness accounts of the aftermath, and concluded that the bright skies must have been the result of noctilucent clouds. The comet would have started to break up at about the same altitude as the release of the exhaust plume from the space shuttle following launch. In both cases, water vapor was injected into the atmosphere.

The scientists have attempted to answer how this water vapor traveled so far without scattering and diffusing, as conventional physics would predict.

"There is a mean transport of this material for tens of thousands of kilometers in a very short time, and there is no model that predicts that," Kelley said. "It's totally new and unexpected physics."

This "new" physics, the researchers contend, is tied up in counter-rotating eddies with extreme energy. Once the water vapor got caught up in these eddies, the water traveled very quickly -- close to 300 feet per second.

Scientists have long tried to study the wind structure in these upper regions of the atmosphere, which is difficult to do by such traditional means as sounding rockets, balloon launches and satellites, explained Charlie Seyler, Cornell professor of electrical engineering and paper co-author.

"Our observations show that current understanding of the mesosphere-lower thermosphere region is quite poor," Seyler said. The thermosphere is the layer of the atmosphere above the mesosphere.

More information: The paper is available at:
<http://www.agu.org/journals/gl/papersinpress.shtml>

Source: Cornell University (news : web)

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Extraordinary Developments In Crop Circles

From: Colin Andrews <cprandrews.nul>
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Archived: Fri, 26 Jun 2009 15:54:54 -0400
Subject: Extraordinary Developments In Crop Circles

Major Interview of Colin Andrews on The Veritas Show -

Extraordinary Developments in the crop circles and.....

Major Interview of Colin Andrews on The Veritas Show - 3rd July
2009

Mel Fabregas, presenter of The Veritas Show is to ask Colin Andrews about the chain of sudden deaths of prominent crop circle researchers, why Colin is back after four years out of the public eye and about the most extraordinary developments in the field of crop circle research.

This is to be the most revealing interview in many years. Don't miss Colin's interview on the 3rd July, 2009.

There are some surprises in store.

<http://www.colinandrews.net/VeritasShow.html>

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Jets Search For UFO Over Kansas City

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
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Subject: Jets Search For UFO Over Kansas City

Source: UFO Examiner.Com

<http://tinyurl.com/Jets-Search-For-Sphere>

June 25, 2009

Military Jets Spotted Searching For Sphere UFO Over Kansas City,
Kansas
By Roger Marsh

A report was made that military planes and helicopters moved quickly onto the scene after an unusually shaped sphere UFO flew into the Kansas City, Kansas, area and hovered, according to witness testimony from the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) database.

A woman in the Kansas City area was outside at 2 a.m. and looking toward the public forest area behind her home when she noticed a large white light moving toward her =96 and getting larger as it came closer.

When the object stopped, the woman used binoculars to get a closer look.

She described the object as "three large spheres connected together with a large arm or protrusion extending out at an angle underneath the craft. The arm was moving around in a circle."

The object emitted a bright white light and stayed in that position until it just disappeared.

Shortly afterwards, military planes and helicopters moved into the area and seemed to be searching the same area for about an hour.

Please keep in mind that most UFO reports can be explained as something natural or manmade. If Kansas MUFON investigates and reports back on this case, I will update this page.

The following report is unedited. You can read my selected cases by type of UFO report at the UFO Traffic Report index page:

<http://www.incahoots.tv/ufotrafficreports/ufotrindex.htm>

KS, June 16, 2009 - Large object with arm followed by military aircraft in area.

This is a report that I took from a person living in the Kansas City Area who called in this report after seeing a TV interview I did. She wishes to remain anonymous due to her job. She gave me this report over the phone the day after it occurred. The woman was somewhat upset about this and I felt that she was genuine. She wants no publicity. I am going to take another investigator with me in the near future to spend some time watching the area from her house and will add to this report later.

"I went outside on my back deck at 2:00 AM to have a smoke and let the dog out. Behind our subdivision there are woods going back for miles - this is a public park or National forest land.

I noticed a large white light in the Southwest and as it moved slowly closer in my direction it got larger and larger. It stopped and I grabbed my high-powered binoculars to look at it - and I could see three large spheres connected together with a large arm or protrusion extending out at an angle underneath the craft.

The arm was moving around in a circle. It was metal looking, but I couldn't tell what material it was made of. The object emitted a very bright white light. It stayed in that position for a long time then just dissapeared.

Right afterwards, many military looking planes and helicopters appeared and combed the area for an hour. I am familiar with the planes coming to and from the Johnson County airport, and these were not commercial planes.

Also notable is that there has been a decrease in air traffic from the JO CO airport in the past three months.

I have lived in this house for four years and have seen many strange objects in the sky, including a black triangle shaped craft that floated by very slowly one evening last winter at 11:00 PM right over the center of our street. It was very close and very large. The lights on the bottom of the craft were so bright they illuminated all of the yards. My neighbor's motion activated yard lights went on and all of the dogs in the neighborhood went crazy - I couldn't believe that people didn't come outside to check to see what all the noise was about! I've also seen multiple white lights high up in the sky that dart around at sharp angles and move very fast, then just stop and look like stars in the sky. Have also seen some strange activities by the military and possibly some alien beings in the woods."

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UFO Photographed Over Edgware

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Subject: UFO Photographed Over Edgware

Source: The Harrow Observer - London, England, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/EdgwareLondonUFO>

Jun 26 2009

UFO Photographed Over Edgware
By Tom Parnell

[Picture]

UFO snapped over Edgware by Mark Lawes

A UFO has been caught on camera in broad daylight flying over Edgware.

Harrow Observer reader Mark Lawes snapped this shot of the mysterious aircraft on Tuesday just after 7pm.

After uploading his pictures onto internet site Flickr Mr Lawes wrote: "A glint in the sky caught my eye, this object was so far away I had trouble seeing it.

"I watched it for about 2 mins and it remained in the same place throughout.

"Decided to run for the camera, managed to locate it in the same place and focused camera best poss with 150mm digital lense on a Olympus E500 SLR."

Mr Lawes is now appealing for Harrow Observer readers to help him solve the mystery of the lights in the sky.

He wrote: "It was not a plane I see plenty of them living near Heathrow Airport (15 miles).

"This was strange, didn't move and the pictures now seem to mystify it more. I ran and got my binoculars and within 10 seconds of turning my back... it was gone."

Did you see the UFO or have an idea as to what it might have been? Email ianproctor.nul

For more of Mr Lawes pictures visit:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/marklawes>

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UFOs-Top Secret By Marcelino Requejo

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
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Subject: UFOs-Top Secret By Marcelino Requejo

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology

June 29,2009

Source: El Faro de Vigo - Spain

Date: Sunday, June 28, 2009

<http://tinyurl.com/mp9k28>

Spain: Marcelino Requejo's New Opus

Agatha de Santos =96 Vigo (Galicia). Marcelino Requejo has spent over 30 years researching the UFO phenomenon, talking to those who claim having seen the phenomenon, and compiling information, a passion that began barely 15 years ago. In that time, he has learned some startling cases, now collected in the book OVNIS: Alto Secreto, with a foreword by journalist and writer J.J. Benitez, author of the Caballo de Troya series of books.

Among the 35 cases featured in this book, and one of the most interesting ones recalled by the Galician ufologist, was an event that took place in Vigo. The extraordinary detail of this September 1999 case was that the witness was only 8 years old. The girl and her father were treated to the sight of a strange vehicle flying over their roof: it was the color of lead and shaped like a rugby ball with numerous portholes through which a number of figures could be seen. Moreover, the girl would later see two large-headed, diminutive entities in her bedroom. She described them as having very large heads and eyes, with no ears or mouth, and they gazed at her fixedly.

What Requejo finds most amazing about this narrative was the clarity with which the girl drew the strange flying machine the next day, without omitting even the shadows that were visible behind the portholes. "Even today, ten years later, she remembers it all in great detail," notes the ufologist, who claims that this book is a tribute to all those who have seen strange flying objects and have not been afraid to share their experience.

"It is very strange today for someone to acknowledge seeing a UFO outside their immediate context," acknowledges the Galician researcher, who has collaborated with such shows as Milenio, La Rosa de los Vientos and Milenio 3.

According to Requejo, Galicia is a community that registers a significant number of UFO cases, while cautioning that the phenomenon is of a cyclical nature. "There are times in which they occur with greater or lesser intensity, which also happens elsewhere in the world."

Requejo also describes the surprising experiences recounted by other Galicians who claim having been "abducted" by UFOs, whisked away from the roads upon which they drove to find themselves on other roadways =96 strange episodes that have been repeated elsewhere and remain a mystery.

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Re: Tunguska Explosion Caused By A Comet

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Mon, 29 Jun 2009 12:20:35 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
Archived: Mon, 29 Jun 2009 17:58:17 -0400
Subject: Re: Tunguska Explosion Caused By A Comet

>Source: PhsyOrg.Com

><http://www.physorg.com/news165077281.html>

>June 24th, 2009

>[Links in article]

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>comets to meteors.

<snip>

>More information: The paper is available at:
><http://www.agu.org/journals/gl/papersinpress.shtml>

<snip>

Hi Everyone!

In science, one cannot make definitive conclusions based solely on one common connection or interesting fact. A truly scientific conclusion must explain and account for all the known facts. The proposal by the authors that the Tunguska event of 1908 was the result of an impact of a comet - which are now known to be much like rocky asteroids in appearance and composition - still does not explain the reports of (1) the unusually bright night skies in Europe before the event; (2) strange (electroponic?) sounds before the event; (3) strange seismic activity before the event; (4) anomalous geomagnetic effects before the event; (5) a global atmospheric pressure pulse before the event; (6) the absence of an impact crater and no comet/meteoritic fragments; etc.

The widespread firestorm that followed the Tunguska event of 1908 reminds me of other similar events such as the 'Great Chicago Fire' of 1871 and the Tunguska-like event in the Amazon

in 1930, both of which had witnesses reporting fireballs falling from the sky. Although much of Chicago was destroyed by fire in October 8, 1871, we forget that other U.S. cities and towns in surrounding States were also destroyed by fires that same day killing about 1200 people.

Has the Tunguska event finally been explained? No.

Previous speculations that the Tunguska explosion was the result of a comet or meteor have not held up to the facts and neither does this latest explanation.

Nick Balaskas

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UFO Documentary Films

From: Terry Colvin <fortean1.nul>
Date: Sun, 28 Jun 2009 09:20:33 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Mon, 29 Jun 2009 19:00:00 -0400
Subject: UFO Documentary Films

Just finished an article in Fortean Times, The Lies Are Out There, FT248, June 2009. It discusses the USG (U.S. Government) brokering help with specific movies, usually withdrawing the promised help to include shocking revelations, and not with others. It parallels how the USG supports movies beneficial to the U.S. military and not those which are more derogatory.

A few excerpts:

"Is Hollywood's love affair with little green men based simply on its desire to provide profitable screen entertainment, or has Tinseltown been actively courted and used by the U.S. government and military for their own mysterious ends?"

[...]

"In 1979, Kimball revealed that in the mid-1950s the USAF had approached Walt Disney himself to request his cooperation on a documentary about UFOs that would help acclimatise the American public to the reality of extraterrestrials."

[...]

"It is also worthwhile noting that the man responsible for overseeing the production of The Day the Earth Stood Still - 20th Century Fox bigwig Darryl Zanuck - soon afterwards became a member of what Frances Stonor Saunders refers to as the 'Hollywood consortium', part of a covert multi-agency propaganda campaign formed in 1954 called 'Military Liberty'.

[...]

Emenegger's Golden Globe-nominated documentary, entitled UFOs: Past, Present and Future, was finally released in 1974 and was groundbreaking in its extensive use of information provided by the DoD. In addition to the aforementioned photographs from NASA, it featured sit-down interviews with the former heads of Project Blue Book, and footage shot inside the Pentagon of Col Coleman talking frankly about the Extraterrestrial Hypothesis."

Following is a link to the documentary I found the most informative:

<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0211707/>

[UFOs Are Real, 1979]

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Hollywood's Close Encounters With The Pentagon

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Subject: Hollywood's Close Encounters With The Pentagon

Source: Information Clearing House - Toronto, Ontario, Canada

<http://informationclearinghouse.info/article22893.htm>

June 23, 2009

The Deep Politics of Hollywood: Close Encounters With
The Pentagon
By Robbie Graham and Matthew Alford

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Unsurprisingly, Conrad's fantastical claims proved to be without substance - when challenged by the USAF, he admitted that his saucer story was nothing more than an elaborate marketing scam designed to generate media buzz around what was, in reality, a tedious and uneventful movie.vi Nevertheless, what the Conrad

case demonstrates, according to researcher Nick Redfern, "is that the Air Force at the time was taking a keen interest in fictional films about UFOs". Redfern, who has studied the original documentation on the Conrad Case, suggests that the USAF may have considered it "problematic that someone was making a film about UFOs that could have contained real footage".vii Redfern speculates that, from this point on, the USAF learned to be on the lookout for any other pesky UFO movies lurking on the horizon, and to carefully monitor - and even control - their content on grounds of national security.

The above scenario seems plausible in light of the production of a major UFOlogical documentary in 1956, entitled U.F.O., which compelled the USAF to draw up contingency plans to counteract the anticipated fallout from the film upon its release. The director of the USAF's official UFO investigations unit, Project Blue Book, Captain George T. Gregory, was tasked with monitoring not only the film's production process, but its public and critical reception. Believing that the film would stir up a "storm of public controversy", the USAF had set about preparing a special case file that would debunk every saucer sighting examined in the movie and even went so far as to have three of its Blue Book officers provide "technical assistance" to the filmmakers in an effort to control the content of the documentary.viii

"A Hot Potato"

The USAF also made extensive script alterations to a seemingly innocent episode of the Steve Canyon TV series (1958-1959). Backed by Chesterfield Cigarettes and produced at Universal Studios with the full cooperation of the United States Air Force, the NBC show chronicled the daring live-action exploits of Milton Caniff's famous comic strip character. Each episode was bookended with the seal of The Department of the Air Force and with a voice-over announcing: "Steve Canyon! A Salute to the Air Force Men of America!"

The episode to which the USAF took objection was entitled "Project UFO" and saw Colonel Steve Canyon investigate a spate of flying saucer sightings reported to a local Air Force base. According to aviation historian James H. Farmer, "This was an episode that the Air Force did not really want to be aired". In his commentary track for the newly released Steve Canyon DVD (available at:

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

Farmer notes that the USAF was uncomfortable with the episode because UFOs were, at the time of the show's production, "causing them a lot of public relations problems... from Roswell in '47 to the UFO over-flights over Washington DC in '52... the Air Force wanted nothing to do with it [the UFO issue]", said Farmer, "it was a hot potato that they were very happy to get rid of when Project Blue Book was discontinued in December of '69".

By the time the USAF had finished with the script, it was, in Farmer's words, "pretty tame... compared to the earlier renditions". Indeed, in the episode as eventually aired the UFO sightings are attributed to a combination of hoax-induced hysteria and - in support of the Air Force's original Roswell cover story - misidentifications of weather balloons.

Producer John Ellis of the Milton Caniff Estate is likewise intrigued by the number of revisions to which the script was subjected: "The thing that's interesting is that when you look at the original scripts... every single page got re-written, and re-written, and re-written...". ix David Haft, the show's producer, was more to the point in his recollection of the Air Force's reaction when he submitted the first script draft for official approval: "'Oh, oh, oh, oh! No, no, no, no!'" Haft also noted that the USAF had difficulty in deciding what was acceptable for broadcast.x

A number of alterations to the "Project UFO" script are particularly revealing. In one of the earliest early drafts, for example, Steve Canyon speaks to his Commanding Officer, Colonel Jamison, in defence of a civilian UFO witness: "Why call him a jerk?" asks Canyon, "Seems to me like he acted like a pretty solid, clearheaded citizen..." This dialogue was removed.

Elsewhere in the draft, Canyon appears to be enthusiastic about flying saucers. At one point, when a fresh UFO report comes into the base from the local town, Canyon, "Jumps to [his] feet, rushes to [the] door", and cries "This I gotta see!" before making "a hurried exit". Interestingly, in the final scene as originally written, Canyon is actually seen opening a book on flying saucers, "and sits there quietly reading..". Needless to say, this scene failed to make it to the final draft, and, in the version as aired, Canyon's excitement about UFOs is replaced with scepticism or plain indifference. It is important to remind ourselves that such changes are neatly in line with the Robertson Panel's recommendations to "strip the Unidentified Flying Objects of the=85 aura of mystery they have unfortunately acquired", through, "mass media, such as television...".

Perhaps the most significant alteration to the "Project UFO" episode involved the removal of an entire plot strand concerning the recovery and scientific analysis of what is initially suspected to be flying saucer debris (but which eventually turns out to be nothing of the sort). The draft included dialogue like: "That thing [flying saucer] dropped a small metal ball enclosing an electrical apparatus so intricate, so ingenious, nobody yet has been able to figure out its purpose", and, "the metal wouldn't respond to any of the standard tests". With such obvious shades of Roswell, it is unsurprising that the Air Force was concerned.xi

Despite its content having been tamed to the point of banality, the USAF preferred that the episode not be aired at all. "It got stuck on a shelf", says Ellis in his DVD commentary, "it was finished... but they held on to until near the end of the series to air it". In fact, it was only through a last act of defiance on the part of the show's producers toward the end of its run in 1959 that the episode was screened at all.

That the Pentagon should have seen fit to involve itself in UFO-related entertainment in a debunking capacity makes sense in light of its repeated attempts over the decades to publicly wash its hands of the flying saucer problem. But this approach seems to be at odds with a number of instances dating back to the 1950s in which the U.S. military (possibly in conjunction with the CIA) has actually facilitated the production of UFO-related media content promoting not only the idea of UFO reality, but of extraterrestrial visitation.

Disney and the Aliens

Intriguing testimony along these lines came from Oscar-winning Disney animator Ward Kimball. Kimball was best known for bringing to life beloved Disney characters such as Jiminy Cricket, The Cheshire Cat and The Mad Hatter, and for redesigning Mickey Mouse in 1938. He also worked as Directing Animator on the Disney classics like Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs (1938), Pinocchio (1940), and Fantasia (1940).

In 1979, Kimball claimed that in the mid-1950s the USAF had approached Walt Disney himself to request his cooperation on a documentary about UFOs that would help acclimatise the American public to the reality of extraterrestrials. Even more intriguing was that, in exchange for his cooperation, the USAF would apparently supply Disney with real UFO footage for exclusive use in his documentary. According to Kimball, Disney accepted the deal and began work immediately on the USAF project, which would not have been unusual considering Disney's established relationship with the U.S. government (during WWII Disney made approximately 80 propaganda shorts for the military).

While Disney waited patiently for the USAF to provide the UFO footage, his animators produced conceptual designs of what an alien might look like. Predictably, the offer of the UFO footage was eventually withdrawn, provoking Kimball to challenge the official military liaison for the project, a USAF Colonel who told Kimball that "there was indeed plenty of UFO footage, but that neither [he], nor anyone else was going to get access to it".xii Needless to say, the project was abandoned and forgotten by all but the few who had worked on it.

The Glittering Robes of Entertainment

In connection with research she was conducting for a UFO documentary in 1983, Emmy award winning filmmaker and journalist

Linda Moulton Howe was told by government sources that the 1951 version of *The Day the Earth Stood Still*, which depicted an alien landing in Washington D.C., was, in her words, "inspired by the CIA", and "one of the first government tests of public reaction to such an event".^{xiii} As farfetched as this may seem, the screenwriter for *The Day the Earth Stood Still*, Edmund H. North, was actively serving as a Major in the Army Signal Corps just months before being selected by 20th Century Fox to pen the script. During his time in the Corps, North had been in charge of "training and educational" documentaries, and later established himself as a Hollywood scribe of patriotic war films including *Sink the Bismark!* (1960) and *Submarine X-1* (1968), as well as *Patton* (1970), for which he received an Oscar - all of which raises the possibility that he maintained an official or quasi-official role in the government's cinematic propaganda campaigns throughout his career.

The man responsible for overseeing the production of *The Day the Earth Stood Still* - 20th Century Fox production chief Darryl Zanuck - was himself in charge of an Army Signal Corps documentary unit during the Second World War and said that, "If you have something worth while to say, dress it up in the glittering robes of entertainment and you will find a ready market=85 without entertainment, no propaganda film is worth a dime".^{xv}

Disclosure through Documentary?

In 1972, filmmaker Robert Emenegger - formerly Creative Director at Grey Advertising - and his producing partner Allan Sandler were encouraged by the USAF to make a major documentary feature about the UFO phenomenon. Emenegger told us that Sandler "had very strange connections" for a producer and thought that he "did things for the CIA, and maybe even the FBI=85 they all seemed to work together". Emenegger himself had worked for the U.S. government in various media-related capacities and evidently the pair had been deemed suitable for the sensitive assignment.

Emenegger described to the authors how he was briefed on the UFO project at Norton Air Force Base in "a clean room used by the CIA=85 so there was no way anyone could eavesdrop on us". In an offer similar to that made some twenty years earlier to Walt Disney, the USAF promised Emenegger real UFO footage - this time allegedly showing a UFO landing at Holloman Air Force Base in 1971 and the subsequent face-to-face meeting between alien visitors and delegates of the U.S. government. Emenegger was sceptical, but was assured by the USAF that the footage existed, and was genuine.

Whilst he waited for the footage to materialise, Emenegger and his crew continued with their wider production research for which they were given unprecedented access to DoD facilities, including the Pentagon. Emenegger was even granted time with high-ranking military officers apparently well-versed in UFO-related matters, among them Colonel William Coleman, a former spokesman for Project Blue Book, and Colonel George Weinbrenner, then head of Foreign Technology at Wright Patterson Air Force Base - the location where alien materials and bodies allegedly recovered from the 1947 Roswell crash are said to have been stored.

But who in the Air Force would sign off on such a controversial project? Emenegger put this question to Pentagon spokesman Colonel Coleman, who informed him that "the Secretary of the Air Force gave us the order to cooperate". Thus, in an unprecedented move, the Air Force, Army, and Navy gave their full backing to a UFO-related production, so too did NASA, who provided Emenegger's research team with previously unreleased photographs of what appeared to be UFOs in space taken by Gemini astronauts. "We had carte blanche to go anywhere, ask any questions", Emenegger told us, "there were no restrictions put on us". Emenegger even claims to have been shown "Top Secret" footage shot at Vandenberg Air Force Base which showed two UFOs "playfully running behind" a U.S. missile.

After months of shooting, Emenegger's documentary was complete, save for one crucial ingredient - the much-hyped alien landing footage. At the eleventh hour the USAF withdrew its permission for use of the material; the political climate had changed, it said, and was now deemed inappropriate due to the Watergate scandal which had recently broken. "I felt like we had egg on

our face", Emenegger told us, "I felt cheated that we were not allowed to see this film. It was taken back to the Pentagon=85 I stupidly expected to have this footage, which would have been earth-shattering". 36 years on and Emenegger seems as baffled by the whole affair as anyone: "Were we had? Were we being used?" he asks.xvi

Emenegger's Golden Globe nominated documentary, entitled UFOs: Past, Present and Future, was finally released in 1974 and was ground-breaking in extensive use of information provided by the DoD. In addition to the aforementioned photographs from NASA, it featured sit-down interviews with the former heads of Project Blue Book, and footage shot inside the Pentagon of Colonel Coleman talking open-mindedly about the Extraterrestrial Hypothesis. In the absence of the landing footage, Emenegger was forced to include an animated reconstruction of the event as described to him by the USAF, complete with artistic renderings of the alleged aliens. The documentary presented the incident as "one that might happen in the future - or perhaps could have happened already".

It should be noted, however, that the landing footage wasn't entirely absent - at least not according to Emenegger. During the dramatic reconstruction of the alleged landing, the observant viewer can catch a few frames of what appears to be a genuine, self-luminescent Unidentified Flying Object descending slowly in the distance against the backdrop of Holloman's surrounding landscape. These frames, Emenegger claims, were taken from the original landing footage and authorised by the USAF during the editing stage for use his completed documentary.

Interestingly, echoes of Emenegger's deal with the Department of Defense would resound decades later in the production of the aforementioned Transformers (2007) when director Michael Bay was granted the rare privilege of shooting scenes of his alien movie at the Pentagon. The DoD even threw open the gates to Holloman Air Force Base - the highly sensitive location of the alleged alien landing described to Emenegger (and it would do so again for the Transformers sequel). To this day, the only two Hollywood filmmakers to have been granted access to Holloman are Emenegger and Bay - both of whose films dealt with the subject of alien visitation - and this in flat contradiction to the DoD's policy as stated to other filmmakers that it will not work with UFO-related productions because "UFOs do not exist".

Colonel Coleman Returns

The plot thickened in 1978 when Colonel William Coleman - who had acted as the USAF's official liaison for Robert Emenegger's documentary - produced an NBC drama series called Project UFO (1978-79) (not to be confused with the Steve Canyon episode of the same name), a sort of '70s equivalent of the X-Files, but which, oddly enough, simultaneously seemed to promote and debunk the idea of UFO reality in each episode. It is unusual to say the least for a commercial television series to be produced by a high ranking military officer, but that this was the very same officer who had promised UFO landing footage for use in a government-approved documentary just a few years prior, coupled with the fact that the series was entirely based upon official Project Blue Book reports, suggests that a political agenda was being pursued.

What on Earth=85? By now, many a sane reader will probably be puzzled, seeking an answer to the first rational question that comes to mind: "what on earth is going on here?" Why has the government's concern about flying saucers of all things been so far reaching that it has actually seen fit to manage public perception of UFOs by attempting to influence the content of major films, as appears to be the case?

Lieutenant Colonel Phillip J. Corso, who served on the National Security Council during the Eisenhower Administration and who was formerly chief of the Pentagon's Foreign Technology desk, claimed that the production of flying saucer movies was actively encouraged by government-led UFO study groups during the 1950s. The goal, claimed Corso, was simultaneously to fictionalise UFOs (through their association with Hollywood entertainment) and to actualise them in the mind of the viewer, thereby acclimatising the public to UFO reality and politically manipulating their perceptions of the phenomenon in the process. Corso referred to this strategy as "camouflage through limited disclosure". "We

never hid the truth from anybody", he said, "we just camouflaged it. It was always there [in documents, books, TV shows and movies], people just didn't know what to look for or recognise it for what it was when they found it. And they found it over and over again".xvii

Although the CIA Robertson Panel appears to have exerted a sustained impact on media representations of UFOs, at least in the '50s and '60s, this does not constitute concrete proof of a longer-term, conscious and coherent government conspiracy along these lines. However, unless we assume that numerous individuals highly respected in their professions are either lying or deluded, it is difficult to explain the DoD's apparent "smoke and mirrors" media tactics with regard to the extraterrestrial hypothesis.

Perhaps - as some believe - the government has made a number of attempts to acclimatise the public to the notion of alien visitation. Or perhaps efforts like those involving Emenegger and Kimball are part of a smokescreen for more mundane, though no less secretive, government projects. UFO movies may even be a facet of a U.S. psychological warfare programme. As farfetched as this may sound, CIA records show that as early as 1952 the Agency's then Director Walter Bedell Smith was sufficiently concerned about UFOs to seriously discuss, "the possible offensive or defensive utilisation of these phenomena for psychological warfare purposes".xviii

Government/military involvement in UFO movies continues to this day. The 20th Century Fox remake of The Day the Earth Stood Still (2008) had Pentagon involvement in the form of official DoD Hollywood liaison Phil Strub and a number of high-ranking military officers whose names can be found at the tail end of the film's closing credits. Also featured is a special thank you from the film's producers to "the men and women of the United States military for their production assistance". Similarly, Disney's UFO-themed Race to Witch Mountain (2009) received assistance not only from the military but from the CIAxix - a curious arrangement since the latter is not even represented on screen; what's more, the film's portrayal of the military is decidedly negative. In accordance with the media policies of both DoD and CIA, these facts would tend to disqualify a film from receiving production assistance from either party. In this case, however, both were only too willing to lend a helping hand, as Andy Fickman, the film's director, told Premiere Magazine: "the military advisors and intelligence advisors constantly helped to keep us honest every step of the way".xx

Conclusions

To paraphrase The X-Files' agent Mulder: we may "want to believe" the U.S. government when it says it no longer takes an active interest in UFOs. Certainly we all "want to believe" that Hollywood entertainment is just that - entertainment, rather than disinformation.

Judging by the examples outlined in this article, official policy regarding media representations of UFO phenomena seems to have shifted from project to project, from decade to decade, between concerted debunking efforts at one end of the spectrum and, at the other, more subversive attempts to quietly monitor and even seed the content of UFO-related media for purposes of psychological warfare and/or perception management. If nothing else, this should provide incentive for us to sit up and pay greater attention to the fleets of flying saucer movies that will undoubtedly continue to land in our multiplexes in the years to come.

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UFO movie, *The Flying Saucer* (1950), went into production in 1949 it registered quickly on the USAF radar.

The film's director, Mikel Conrad, had claimed publicly whilst still in production that he had managed to secure genuine footage of a real flying saucer for use in his movie. In September, 1949, Conrad told the *Ohio Journal Herald*, "I have scenes of the saucer landing, taking off, flying and doing tricks." Conrad further claimed that his remarkable footage was locked in a bank vault and would not be shown to anybody prior to his movie's release; shortly thereafter Conrad became the subject of a two month official Air Force investigation. Documents released under the Freedom of Information Act reveal that an agent of the Air Force Office of Special Investigations was dispatched not only to grill Conrad about his claims, but also to attend the first private screening of his completed movie.

Unsurprisingly, Conrad's fantastical claims proved to be without substance when challenged by the USAF, he admitted that his saucer story was nothing more than an elaborate marketing scam designed to generate media buzz around what was, in reality, a tedious and uneventful movie. Nevertheless, what the Conrad case demonstrates, according to researcher Nick Redfern, is that the Air Force at the time was taking a keen interest in fictional films about UFOs. Redfern, who has studied the original documentation on the Conrad Case, suggests that the USAF may have considered it problematic that someone was making a film about UFOs that could have contained real footage. Redfern speculates that, from this point on, the USAF learned to be on the lookout for any other pesky UFO movies lurking on the horizon, and to carefully monitor and even control their content on grounds of national security.

The above scenario seems plausible in light of the production of a major UFOlogical documentary in 1956, entitled *U.F.O.*, which compelled the USAF to draw up contingency plans to counteract the anticipated fallout from the film upon its release. The director of the USAF's official UFO investigations unit, *Project Blue Book*, Captain George T. Gregory, was tasked with monitoring not only the film's production process, but its public and critical reception. Believing that the film would stir up a storm of public controversy, the USAF had set about preparing a special case file that would debunk every saucer sighting examined in the movie and even went so far as to have three of its *Blue Book* officers provide technical assistance to the filmmakers in an effort to control the content of the documentary.

Hot Potato

The USAF also made extensive script alterations to a seemingly innocent episode of the *Steve Canyon* TV series (1958-1959). Backed by *Chesterfield* Cigarettes and produced at Universal Studios with the full cooperation of the United States Air Force, the NBC show chronicled the daring live-action exploits of Milton Caniff's famous comic strip character. Each episode was bookended with the seal of The Department of the Air Force and with a voice-over announcing: "Steve Canyon! A Salute to the Air Force Men of America!"

The episode to which the USAF took objection was entitled *Project UFO* and saw Colonel Steve Canyon investigate a spate of flying saucer sightings reported to a local Air Force base. According to aviation historian James H. Farmer, "This was an episode that the Air Force did not really want to be aired." In his commentary track for the newly released *Steve Canyon* DVD (available at: <http://stevecanyondvd.blogspot.com/>) Farmer notes that the USAF was uncomfortable with the episode because UFOs were, at the time of the show's production, causing them a lot of public relations problems... from Roswell in 1947 to the UFO over-flights over Washington DC in 1952... the Air Force wanted nothing to do with it [the UFO issue], said Farmer, "it was a hot potato that they were very happy to get rid of when *Project Blue Book* was discontinued in December of 1969."

By the time the USAF had finished with the script, it was, in Farmer's words, "pretty tame... compared to the earlier renditions." Indeed, in the episode as eventually aired the UFO sightings are attributed to a combination of hoax-induced hysteria and in support of the Air Force's original Roswell

cover story =96 misidentifications of weather balloons.

Producer John Ellis of the Milton Caniff Estate is likewise intrigued by the number of revisions to which the script was subjected: =93The thing that=92s interesting is that when you look at the original scripts... every single page got re-written, and re-written, and re-written...=94 ix David Haft, the show=92s producer, was more to the point in his recollection of the Air Force=92s reaction when he submitted the first script draft for official approval: =93"Oh, oh, oh, oh! No, no, no, no!" Haft also noted that the USAF had difficulty in deciding what was acceptable for broadcast.x

A number of alterations to the =93Project UFO=94 script are particularly revealing. In one of the earliest early drafts, for example, Steve Canyon speaks to his Commanding Officer, Colonel Jamison, in defence of a civilian UFO witness: =93Why call him a jerk?=94 asks Canyon, =93Seems to me like he acted like a pretty solid, clearheaded citizen...=94 This dialogue was removed. Elsewhere in the draft, Canyon appears to be enthusiastic about flying saucers. At one point, when a fresh UFO report comes into the base from the local town, Canyon, =93Jumps to [his] feet, rushes to [the] door,=94 and cries =93This I gotta see!=94 before making =93a hurried exit.=94 Interestingly, in the final scene as originally written, Canyon is actually seen opening a book on flying saucers, =93and sits there quietly reading...=94 Needless to say, this scene failed to make it to the final draft, and, in the version as aired, Canyon=92s excitement about UFOs is replaced with scepticism or plain indifference. It is important to remind ourselves that such changes are neatly in line with the Robertson Panel=92s recommendations to =93strip the Unidentified Flying Objects of the=85 aura of mystery they have unfortunately acquired,=94 through, =93mass media, such as television...=94

Perhaps the most significant alteration to the =93Project UFO=94 episode involved the removal of an entire plot strand concerning the recovery and scientific analysis of what is initially suspected to be flying saucer debris (but which eventually turns out to be nothing of the sort). The draft included dialogue like: =93That thing [flying saucer] dropped a small metal ball enclosing an electrical apparatus so intricate, so ingenious, nobody yet has been able to figure out its purpose,=94 and, =93the metal wouldn=92t respond to any of the standard tests.=94 With such obvious shades of Roswell, it is unsurprising that the Air Force was concerned.xi

Despite its content having been tamed to the point of banality, the USAF preferred that the episode not be aired at all. =93It got stuck on a shelf,=94 says Ellis in his DVD commentary, =93it was finished... but they held on to until near the end of the series to air it.=94 In fact, it was only through a last act of defiance on the part of the show=92s producers toward the end of its run in 1959 that the episode was screened at all.

That the Pentagon should have seen fit to involve itself in UFO-related entertainment in a debunking capacity makes sense in light of its repeated attempts over the decades to publicly wash its hands of the flying saucer problem. But this approach seems to be at odds with a number of instances dating back to the 1950s in which the U.S. military (possibly in conjunction with the CIA) has actually facilitated the production of UFO-related media content promoting not only the idea of UFO reality, but of extraterrestrial visitation.

Disney and the Aliens

Intriguing testimony along these lines came from Oscar-winning Disney animator Ward Kimball. Kimball was best known for bringing to life beloved Disney characters such as Jiminy Cricket, The Cheshire Cat and The Mad Hatter, and for redesigning Mickey Mouse in 1938. He also worked as Directing Animator on the Disney classics like Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs (1938), Pinocchio (1940), and Fantasia (1940).

In 1979, Kimball claimed that in the mid-1950s the USAF had approached Walt Disney himself to request his cooperation on a documentary about UFOs that would help acclimatise the American public to the reality of extraterrestrials. Even more intriguing was that, in exchange for his cooperation, the USAF would apparently supply Disney with real UFO footage for exclusive use in his documentary. According to Kimball, Disney accepted the

deal and began work immediately on the USAF project, which would not have been unusual considering Disney's established relationship with the U.S. government (during WWII Disney made approximately 80 propaganda shorts for the military).

While Disney waited patiently for the USAF to provide the UFO footage, his animators produced conceptual designs of what an alien might look like. Predictably, the offer of the UFO footage was eventually withdrawn, provoking Kimball to challenge the official military liaison for the project, a USAF Colonel who told Kimball that there was indeed plenty of UFO footage, but that neither [he], nor anyone else was going to get access to it. Needless to say, the project was abandoned and forgotten by all but the few who had worked on it.

The Glittering Robes of Entertainment

In connection with research she was conducting for a UFO documentary in 1983, Emmy award winning filmmaker and journalist Linda Moulton Howe was told by government sources that the 1951 version of *The Day the Earth Stood Still*, which depicted an alien landing in Washington D.C., was, in her words, inspired by the CIA and one of the first government tests of public reaction to such an event. As far fetched as this may seem, the screenwriter for *The Day the Earth Stood Still*, Edmund H. North, was actively serving as a Major in the Army Signal Corps just months before being selected by 20th Century Fox to pen the script. During his time in the Corps, North had been in charge of training and educational documentaries, and later established himself as a Hollywood scribe of patriotic war films including *Sink the Bismark!* (1960) and *Submarine X-1* (1968), as well as *Patton* (1970), for which he received an Oscar. All of which raises the possibility that he maintained an official or quasi-official role in the government's cinematic propaganda campaigns throughout his career.

The man responsible for overseeing the production of *The Day the Earth Stood Still* was 20th Century Fox production chief Darryl Zanuck. He was himself in charge of an Army Signal Corps documentary unit during the Second World War and said that, "If you have something worth while to say, dress it up in the glittering robes of entertainment and you will find a ready market without entertainment, no propaganda film is worth a dime."

Disclosure through Documentary?

In 1972, filmmaker Robert Emenegger formerly Creative Director at Grey Advertising and his producing partner Allan Sandler were encouraged by the USAF to make a major documentary feature about the UFO phenomenon. Emenegger told us that Sandler had very strange connections for a producer and thought that he did things for the CIA, and maybe even the FBI. They all seemed to work together. Emenegger himself had worked for the U.S. government in various media-related capacities and evidently the pair had been deemed suitable for the sensitive assignment.

Emenegger described to the authors how he was briefed on the UFO project at Norton Air Force Base in a clean room used by the CIA. So there was no way anyone could eavesdrop on us. In an offer similar to that made some twenty years earlier to Walt Disney, the USAF promised Emenegger real UFO footage this time allegedly showing a UFO landing at Holloman Air Force Base in 1971 and the subsequent face-to-face meeting between alien visitors and delegates of the U.S. government. Emenegger was sceptical, but was assured by the USAF that the footage existed, and was genuine.

Whilst he waited for the footage to materialise, Emenegger and his crew continued with their wider production research for which they were given unprecedented access to DoD facilities, including the Pentagon. Emenegger was even granted time with high-ranking military officers apparently well-versed in UFO-related matters, among them Colonel William Coleman, a former spokesman for Project Blue Book, and Colonel George Weinbrenner, then head of Foreign Technology at Wright Patterson Air Force Base. The location where alien materials and bodies allegedly recovered from the 1947 Roswell crash are said to have been stored.

But who in the Air Force would sign off on such a controversial

project? Emenegger put this question to Pentagon spokesman Colonel Coleman, who informed him that =93the Secretary of the Air Force gave us the order to cooperate.=94 Thus, in an unprecedented move, the Air Force, Army, and Navy gave their full backing to a UFO-related production, so too did NASA, who provided Emenegger=92s research team with previously unreleased photographs of what appeared to be UFOs in space taken by Gemini astronauts. =93We had carte blanche to go anywhere, ask any questions,=94 Emenegger told us, =93there were no restrictions put on us.=94 Emenegger even claims to have been shown =93Top Secret=94 footage shot at Vandenberg Air Force Base which showed two UFOs =93playfully running behind=94 a U.S. missile.

After months of shooting, Emenegger=92s documentary was complete, save for one crucial ingredient =96 the much-hyped alien landing footage. At the eleventh hour the USAF withdrew its permission for use of the material; the political climate had changed, it said, and was now deemed inappropriate due to the Watergate scandal which had recently broken. =93I felt like we had egg on our face,=94 Emenegger told us, =93I felt cheated that we were not allowed to see this film. It was taken back to the Pentagon=85 I stupidly expected to have this footage, which would have been earth-shattering.=94 36 years on and Emenegger seems as baffled by the whole affair as anyone: =93Were we had? Were we being used?=94 he asks.xvi

Emenegger=92s Golden Globe nominated documentary, entitled UFOs: Past, Present and Future, was finally released in 1974 and was ground-breaking in extensive use of information provided by the DoD. In addition to the aforementioned photographs from NASA, it featured sit-down interviews with the former heads of Project Blue Book, and footage shot inside the Pentagon of Colonel Coleman talking open-mindedly about the Extraterrestrial Hypothesis. In the absence of the landing footage, Emenegger was forced to include an animated reconstruction of the event as described to him by the USAF, complete with artistic renderings of the alleged aliens. The documentary presented the incident as =93one that might happen in the future =96 or perhaps could have happened already.=94

It should be noted, however, that the landing footage wasn=92t entirely absent =96 at least not according to Emenegger. During the dramatic reconstruction of the alleged landing, the observant viewer can catch a few frames of what appears to be a genuine, self-luminescent Unidentified Flying Object descending slowly in the distance against the backdrop of Holloman=92s surrounding landscape. These frames, Emenegger claims, were taken from the original landing footage and authorised by the USAF during the editing stage for use his completed documentary.

Interestingly, echoes of Emenegger=92s deal with the Department of Defense would resound decades later in the production of the aforementioned Transformers (2007) when director Michael Bay was granted the rare privilege of shooting scenes of his alien movie at the Pentagon. The DoD even threw open the gates to Holloman Air Force Base =96 the highly sensitive location of the alleged alien landing described to Emenegger (and it would do so again for the Transformers sequel). To this day, the only two Hollywood filmmakers to have been granted access to Holloman are Emenegger and Bay =96 both of whose films dealt with the subject of alien visitation =96 and this in flat contradiction to the DoD=92s policy as stated to other filmmakers that it will not work with UFO-related productions because =93UFOs do not exist.=94

Colonel Coleman Returns

The plot thickened in 1978 when Colonel William Coleman =96 who had acted as the USAF=92s official liaison for Robert Emenegger=92s documentary =96 produced an NBC drama series called Project UFO (1978-79) (not to be confused with the Steve Canyon episode of the same name), a sort of =9170s equivalent of the X-Files, but which, oddly enough, simultaneously seemed to promote and debunk the idea of UFO reality in each episode. It is unusual to say the least for a commercial television series to be produced by a high ranking military officer, but that this was the very same officer who had promised UFO landing footage for use in a government-approved documentary just a few years prior, coupled with the fact that the series was entirely based upon official Project Blue Book reports, suggests that a political agenda was being pursued.

What on Earth=85? By now, many a sane reader will probably be puzzled, seeking an answer to the first rational question that comes to mind: =93what on earth is going on here?=94 Why has the government=92s concern about flying saucers of all things been so far reaching that it has actually seen fit to manage public perception of UFOs by attempting to influence the content of major films, as appears to be the case?

Lieutenant Colonel Phillip J. Corso, who served on the National Security Council during the Eisenhower Administration and who was formerly chief of the Pentagon=92s Foreign Technology desk, claimed that the production of flying saucer movies was actively encouraged by government-led UFO study groups during the 1950s. The goal, claimed Corso, was simultaneously to fictionalise UFOs (through their association with Hollywood entertainment) and to actualise them in the mind of the viewer, thereby acclimatizing the public to UFO reality and politically manipulating their perceptions of the phenomenon in the process. Corso referred to this strategy as =93camouflage through limited disclosure.=94 =93We never hid the truth from anybody,=94 he said, =93we just camouflaged it. It was always there [in documents, books, TV shows and movies], people just didn=92t know what to look for or recognise it for what it was when they found it. And they found it over and over again.=94xvii

Although the CIA Robertson Panel appears to have exerted a sustained impact on media representations of UFOs, at least in the =9150s and =9160s, this does not constitute concrete proof of a longer-term, conscious and coherent government conspiracy along these lines. However, unless we assume that numerous individuals highly respected in their professions are either lying or deluded, it is difficult to explain the DoD=92s apparent =93smoke and mirrors=94 media tactics with regard to the extraterrestrial hypothesis.

Perhaps =96 as some believe =96 the government has made a number of attempts to acclimatise the public to the notion of alien visitation. Or perhaps efforts like those involving Emenegger and Kimball are part of a smokescreen for more mundane, though no less secretive, government projects. UFO movies may even be a facet of a U.S. psychological warfare programme. As farfetched as this may sound, CIA records show that as early as 1952 the Agency=92s then Director Walter Bedell Smith was sufficiently concerned about UFOs to seriously discuss, =93the possible offensive or defensive utilisation of these phenomena for psychological warfare purposes.=94xviii

Government/military involvement in UFO movies continues to this day. The 20th Century Fox remake of The Day the Earth Stood Still (2008) had Pentagon involvement in the form of official DoD Hollywood liaison Phil Strub and a number of high-ranking military officers whose names can be found at the tail end of the film=92s closing credits. Also featured is a special thank you from the film=92s producers to =93the men and women of the United States military for their production assistance.=94 Similarly, Disney=92s UFO-themed Race to Witch Mountain (2009) received assistance not only from the military but from the CIAxix =96 a curious arrangement since the latter is not even represented on screen; what=92s more, the film=92s portrayal of the military is decidedly negative. In accordance with the media policies of both DoD and CIA, these facts would tend to disqualify a film from receiving production assistance from either party. In this case, however, both were only too willing to lend a helping hand, as Andy Fickman, the film=92s director, told Premiere Magazine: =93the military advisors and intelligence advisors constantly helped to keep us honest every step of the way.=94xx

Conclusions

To paraphrase The X-Files=92 agent Mulder: we may =93want to believe=94 the U.S. government when it says it no longer takes an active interest in UFOs. Certainly we all =93want to believe=94 that Hollywood entertainment is just that =96 entertainment, rather than disinformation.

Judging by the examples outlined in this article, official policy regarding media representations of UFO phenomena seems to have shifted from project to project, from decade to decade, between concerted debunking efforts at one end of the spectrum and, at the other, more subversive attempts to quietly monitor and even seed the content of UFO-related media for purposes of

psychological warfare and/or perception management. If nothing else, this should provide incentive for us to sit up and pay greater attention to the fleets of flying saucer movies that will undoubtedly continue to land in our multiplexes in the years to come.

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Monday, June 29, 2009

Serious Media, Serious Integrity
by Billy Cox

LA Times columnist Tim Rutten raises a good point in attributing the MSM's 24/7 Michael Jackson coverage to the triumph of "consumer sovereignty."

At week's end, Basij goons were busting more heads in Tehran, Barak Obama and Kim Jong Il got hissy over missiles, and historic climate-change legislation was moving in Washington. But none could gain much traction against the Jackson monopoly, thanks to collective editorial decisions driven in large part by a massive Internet stampede toward the fate of The Gloved One.

Rutten lamented "the fact of simple, brute commerce: popular culture in the form of film, music and TV now provides an outsized share of the financially strapped media's advertising revenue." And he warned, "surrendering to it ultimately undercuts what's genuinely valuable about serious news media."

As a member of the serious news media, which is collapsing on an hourly basis, De Void is also having trouble resisting those commercial pressures.

At one point, in a craven impulse to squeeze out a few extra Web hits, De Void actually reached for Michael Luckman's "Alien Rock" book to shamelessly parrot some of Jackson's more obscure idiosyncrasies. But what would be gained by mentioning how, during his convalescence after the 1984 Pepsi hair-fire incident (from which his addiction to painkillers allegedly began), of all the videos he could've chosen to watch, he picked "Close Encounters of the Third Kind"?

And wouldn't it be the worst kind of pandering to try to lure Jackson fans into a UFO blog with his 2001 claim that he came from a planet outside our solar system named "Capricious Anomaly in the Sea of Space"? Or to regurgitate quotes from his 1980 UFO sighting from the cockpit of a plane one night?:

"(I saw) illusions in the air that man has never seen. It was total dark and you saw these big icebergs that were glowing in the night. And then I looked far out into the sky and saw purple, green, and blue crystals sparkling, and turning in the air. I said, 'What is that?' And the pilot said that he didn't know, they'd only seen that once before. I said, 'My God, I'll never forget this.'"

Would it add anything to our knowledge of the man - or of UFOs - to mention how MJ edited an "I Was Abducted" tabloid headline into his "Black or White" video? Of course not. It'd be rightly perceived for just what it was - a cheap stunt. And that won't happen here. Now or ever. Because this is serious news media.

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This may not be directly related to UFOs, but is likely to be of interest to some List members.

History Channel are about to screen a new documentary series entitled That's Impossible, looking at fringe science and exotic technologies in areas such as robotics, nanotechnology, mind control, invisibility and weather warfare.

I'm one of the main contributors, speaking in my capacity as a defense analyst, commenting on the history and potential military applications of some of these concepts, as well as the moral issues raised.

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2008 Dinsdale Award Lecture
by Jerome Clark

The long debate about the existence or nonexistence of extraordinary phenomena, from supernatural entities and fantastic monsters to mystery airships and UFOs, has long been predicated on an unexamined literalism. Either these things exist, it is presumed, or they are the products of error and deception. To a degree, this is a defensible approach. Beyond that, however, the frame of reference is woefully inadequate, failing to explain vividly felt encounters with otherworldly beings and beasts which over all of history human beings have experienced, even as no compelling evidence of their presence in consensus reality has ever emerged. Clark's lecture discusses anomalous events vs. experience anomalies, which though epistemologically unrelated have a curiously parasitic relationship, and calls for a radical new understanding of the strange occurrences that have plagued, infuriated and fascinated human beings at all times and places.

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Jerome Clark has been interested in anomalistics all his life. He is the author of nearly 20 books on the subject, including the multi-volume UFO Encyclopedia (1990- 1998), and has won a number of literary prizes, including the Benjamin Franklin Award (twice) from the Publishers Marketing Association for lead titles in the Popular Science and Environment category. He has been an editor of International UFO Reporter for more than two decades and has served on the board of the Center for UFO Studies for as long. He worked on the editorial staff of the popular paranormal monthly Fate between 1976 and 1989. Recently, he returned to the magazine as book-review editor. Besides his work in ufology and Forteanism, he is a music critic and songwriter who has had songs placed with popular country and folk performers including Emmylou Harris, Tom T. Hall, Seldom Scene, Mary Chapin Carpenter, and others. He lives in southwestern Minnesota.

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UFO Alert Over Cylinder In The Sky

[Picture]

A mysterious cylindrical object has been spotted in the skies above the Black Country.

Retired teacher Mike Tunnicliffe was left scratching his head after seeing the UFO from his Walsall garden yesterday afternoon.

Mr Tunnicliffe, who works part time at County Bridge Primary School, ran to get his camera and snapped the strange shaped object. He's hoping Express & Star readers might know what it is.

The 63-year-old of Sutton Road said: "It was a long shiny black cylinder shape, pointed at one end like a pencil.

From where I was standing it was around 30ft long and around 400ft off the ground. It was vertical, pointing at the ground.

It came so quickly then within five minutes it was gone again.

I live close to the arboretum where there have been balloon festivals before, but I am sure it wasn't a hot air balloon.

Nor was it a tethered balloon or blimp. I am at a loss at to what it could possibly be."

Mr Tunnicliffe said he saw the shape at 2.45pm yesterday. It appeared over the Mellish Road area, over Calderfields golf course then towards Lichfield Road.

A recent siting of a UFO pictured in the Black Country was hailed as one of the most important pieces of evidence of alien life.

The image, which caused excitement among UFO boffins, was captured by a visitor to Dudley Castle and is the latest in a string of sightings in the region.

In 2007 there were reports of a Dorito-shaped flying object which was spotted in Dudley and Wednesfield.

The photograph was sent to a detective constable, Gary Heseltine, who collects sightings of UFOs.

Anyone who may know what the Walsall object was, or who also spotted the mystery craft, should call our reporters on 01922

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