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Subject: First TV Images Reach Aldebaran Star System & Map!

<http://strangemaps.wordpress.com/2009/07/23/401-whats-on-earth-tonight/>

This is a scream.

This blog post has a map/chart showing which broadcast programs have reached which star systems.

Made me wonder if the first TV transmissions triggered an excursion from our neighbors to come to Earth. I've read where our transmissions would have dissipated before reaching even the Alpha Centauri system just 4 light years away but who knows?

I'm just hoping if someone out there can differentiate between our fiction from fact. Maybe even better than we do ourselves.

Best,

Greg
ufoupdates.com/blog

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Media Coverage Improves On Emerging Discoveries, UFOs
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<http://www.earthfiles.com/news.php?ID=1596&category=Environment>

Invisible UFO Photographed Over La Pampa Argentina
<http://tinyurl.com/mk5a8k>

Is This Proof Of UFOs Over Wigan?
<http://www.wigantoday.net/wigannews/Is-this-proof-of-UFOs.5500746.jp>

Bubba The Red UFO

<http://www.shirleymaclaine.com/articles/ufos/article-340>

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<http://tinyurl.com/nbe8tw>

Friday, 31 July 2009

Hacker's Mother Makes Appeal To Obama
By John Aston, Press Association

The mother of computer hacker Gary McKinnon made an impassioned appeal to US president Barack Obama today after her son failed in his latest High Court bid to avoid extradition to America.

The 43-year-old, who suffers from Asperger's Syndrome (AS), is wanted for trial on charges of hacking into US military networks.

His mother, Janis Sharp, has expressed fears that he could face a 60-year sentence in a tough US jail and would be at real risk of suicide because of his medical condition. She also fears she would never see him again.

Today Lord Justice Stanley Burnton and Mr Justice Wilkie ruled extradition was "a lawful and proportionate response" to Mr McKinnon's offending, and said the Home Secretary was entitled to accept US assurances that he would receive "appropriate care" in America.

After the judgment, Home Secretary Alan Johnson made clear that he has no plans to stop Mr McKinnon's removal.

He said: "It would be illegal for me to stop the extradition of Gary McKinnon, which the court ruling has made clear.

"Mr McKinnon is accused of serious crimes and the US has a lawful right to seek his extradition, as we do when we wish to prosecute people who break our laws.

Video: Hacker loses extradition fight

"He is accused of hacking into 97 US Army, Navy, Nasa and Defense Department computers concerned with national defence and security at a critical time immediately following the 9/11 attacks and leaving the military network vulnerable to intruders.

"The court judgment has also made absolutely clear that the DPP's decision not to prosecute in the UK was the right one.

"My predecessor has already sought and received clear assurances from the US that Mr McKinnon's health and welfare needs would be met, should he be extradited."

But immediately after the "heartbreaking" High Court ruling, Mrs Sharp made a dramatic, desperate appeal to Mr Obama to halt her son's removal as she stood on the steps of the Royal Courts of

Justice in London.

Directly addressing Mr Obama, she said: "Stand by us and make this world a better place, a more compassionate place."

She added: "Obama wouldn't have this. He doesn't want the first guy extradited for computer misuse to be a guy with Asperger's, a UFO guy. He wouldn't want this.

"I'm just praying, please hear us, Obama, because I know you would do the right thing.

"I know you would have the strength to stand up and not have this."

Mr McKinnon's solicitor, Karen Todner, said she would lodge an appeal against the High Court's decision within 28 days and, if possible, take it to the UK's new Supreme Court and even to Europe.

A letter has been sent to the US president signed by 40 British MPs asking him to step in and "bring this shameful episode to an end".

Lawyers for Mr McKinnon, who was told the decision yesterday, described him as a "UFO eccentric" who had been searching for evidence of extra-terrestrial life, and described the idea that he was a danger to US national security as "a complete fantasy".

The US authorities said Mr McKinnon was responsible for the "biggest military hack of all time" that had been highly damaging.

A campaign involving family, politicians, civil rights groups, sympathetic media and celebrities has supported the hacker's long battle against extradition.

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California UFO cases share common witness testimony
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/ljwp5f>

Gary McKinnon: Pentagon Hacker's Worst Nightmare Comes True
guardian.co.uk
<http://tinyurl.com/lnnxhy>

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Hysteria Drives Ufo Gatekeepers Debunking Exopolitics Pioneers
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/kpkkxw>

People Don't Want UFO Information, They Want To Be Entertained
By UFO Story Tellers
The UFO Chronicles
<http://tinyurl.com/ls4w7p>

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The UFO Chronicles
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Flying Saucer Drone Hovers Over Hapless Human
Wired Magazine
<http://tinyurl.com/njankm>

UFOs and the National Security State II
<http://www.dailygrail.com/news/dolans-ufos-part-two>

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Hysteria Drives UFO Gatekeepers

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Sun, 02 Aug 2009 17:35:19 +0100
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Subject: Hysteria Drives UFO Gatekeepers

What follows is a wonderful example of corrupt logic. Enjoy!

Joe

Hysteria drives UFO gatekeepers debunking exopolitics pioneers

August 1 2009
Michael Salla, Ph.D.
Honolulu Exopolitics Examiner

<http://tinyurl.com/kpkkxw>

A new breed of UFOlogist has emerged as critics of the burgeoning exopolitics movement. It=92s no surprise that in the lead up and success of the world=92s first Exopolitics Summit in Barcelona, Spain, that UFOlogists would increasingly perceive exopolitics as an existential threat. The existential threat, according to UFOlogists acting as gatekeepers for "legitimate UFO research", is that exopoliticians mix reliable with unreliable UFO sources in their analyses. Indeed, this mixing of reliable and unreliable sources leads to a special form of hysteria among gatekeepers of legitimate UFO research. Existential hysteria leads to UFOlogical gatekeepers claiming in all seriousness that exopolitics has become the main obstacle to genuine UFO disclosure. The reality is that after six decades of earnest activity, UFOlogy has failed to take humanity to the promised land of genuine government disclosure of UFOs, and a new set of pioneers have stepped in to light the way. These exopolitical pioneers believe that a nuanced consideration of ALL evidentiary sources and related political processes will expose the truth behind the extraterrestrial hypothesis -- that some UFOs are interplanetary in origin.

UFOlogy is broadly defined as a field dominated by those believing in the scientific study of the UFO phenomenon. Using methods and techniques borrowed from disciplines such as physics, meteorology, astronomy and biology, UFOlogists believe that they can amass sufficient evidence to convince hard core skeptics that UFOs are real, and have genuine national security implications. In such an endeavor, any evidence deemed to be unreliable, tainted, not consistent with facts, is jettisoned in order not to corrupt the raw pool of reliable data needed to convince UFO skeptics. The end result of this rigid filtering process is a pool of data that UFOs are indeed real and have important national security implications. For example, UFOs outperform modern aircraft, have crashed and been retrieved in mysterious circumstances, and are often sighted near nuclear installations.

It=92s important to however point out that the decades long strategy of convincing UFO skeptics through hard evidence has been an abject failure. After six decades of amassing enough hard evidence to fill a small library, genuine UFO disclosure has still not happened. Governments continue to insist that UFOs are merely an unexplained phenomenon without any national security implications. Indeed, former employees of government agencies go as far as claiming that UFOs are related to mistaken

identification of covert military programs such as the U-2 and Oxcart spy planes.

The failure of scientific Ufology is simple to explain according to pioneers in the exopolitics movement. The UFO phenomenon is both a scientific and political problem. It is the political aspect that requires flexible social scientific techniques in order to wade through a vast array of evidence that have enormous political, sociological, economic and religious consequences. Most importantly, exopoliticians point to a psychological warfare program that began in the early 1950s to debunk, discredit and misinform the public about the truth behind the extraterrestrial hypothesis. Declassified documents reveal that psychological warfare was a key feature of a Majestic Project initiated during the height of the flying saucer phenomenon in the early 1950s. Three 1952 Top Secret memos from the Joint Chiefs of Staff titled: "Joint Logistic Plan for MAJESTIC" were declassified in 1976 and state:

The following plans in support of MAJESTIC are now under preparation: A psychological warfare plan, an unconventional warfare plan, cover and deception plans, a civil affairs/military government plan, a command plan, a logistic plan, transportation guidance, to be included in the logistic plan, a map and chart plan and a communications plan.

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Salla's Attack on Hastings & Salas

From: **Robert Hastings** <hastings444.nul>
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Subject: Salla's Attack on Hastings & Salas

Salla:

<http://tinyurl.com/kpkkxw>

Robert Hastings' initial response:

The new Research paradigm, as espoused by Dr. Salla:

In conversation with The Washington Post, Salla pointed to evidence widely available on the Internet as a source for his research on extraterrestrial visitation: "There's a lot of stuff on the Internet, and I just went around and pieced it together."

(Source: Carlson, Peter. Ike And The Alien Ambassadors. The Washington Post. February 19, 2004.)

RH: Wonderful scholarship, Dr. Salla. You really are a pioneer! Humans of the future will owe you a debt of gratitude for pointing the way!

Has anyone read Mrs. Salla's Exopolitics bio? It's at:

<http://www.exopoliticsinstitute.org/...Whitecliff.htm>

An excerpt: "A telepathic communicator with angelic, extraterrestrial, astral and other multi-dimensional entities, Angelika Whitecliff is a natural clairvoyant and has conducted private consultations for well over a decade...In the past five years, Angelika has been called by the cetaceans of Hawaii and the humpback whales of the Caribbean to actively swim and forge a relationship of interspecies communication, DNA activation and mutually beneficial interactions regarding Gaia's and humanities shifting galactic consciousness."

Now that's a resume!

An imagined conversation at the Salla house, over dinner:

The Doktor: "I'm worried. My high-level, inside sources on the Internet are saying that the Reptilians are making a power-play to unseat the Nordic aliens as our guardians. I fear that we Earthlings are in for more trouble. I sure miss the old, peaceful Space Brothers era of the 1950s."

The Missus: "Not to worry. My humpback whale sources say that all will be well if we just band together and hold hands, uh, flippers, and think positive thoughts."

(Oops, I think I'm being hysterical again.)

Robert Hastings
ufohastings.com

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It is the first time hardware left on the Moon by the Apollo missions has been seen from lunar orbit.

The pictures were taken by Nasa's Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter (LRO) spacecraft, which launched on 18 June.

The spacecraft is carrying three cameras on board: one low-resolution wide-angle camera and two high-resolution narrow-angle cameras mounted side-by-side.

These are known collectively as the Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter Camera (LROC) instrument.

"The LROC team anxiously awaited each image," said the instrument's principal investigator Mark Robinson of Arizona State University.

"We were very interested in getting our first peek at the lunar module descent stages just for the thrill - and to see how well the cameras had come into focus. Indeed, the images are fantastic and so is the focus."

Astronaut trail

The camera instrument was able to capture five of the six Apollo sites, with the remaining Apollo 12 site expected to be photographed in the coming weeks.

Future LROC images from these sites will have two to three times greater resolution.

Long shadows from a low sun angle make the locations of the lunar modules' descent stages particularly evident.

The image of the Apollo 14 landing site had a particularly desirable lighting condition that revealed additional details.

The Apollo Lunar Surface Experiment Package, a set of scientific instruments placed by the astronauts at the landing site, is discernable, as are the faint trails between the module and instrument package left by the astronauts' footprints.

The LRO satellite reached lunar orbit on 23 June and captured the Apollo sites between 11 and 15 July.

Though it had been expected that LRO would be able to resolve the remnants of the Apollo missions, these first images were taken before the spacecraft had reached its final mapping orbit.

"Not only do these images reveal the great accomplishments of Apollo, they also show us that lunar exploration continues," said LRO project scientist Richard Vondrak of Nasa's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, US.

"They demonstrate how LRO will be used to identify the best destinations for the next journeys to the Moon."

Although the pictures provide a reminder of past lunar exploration, LRO's primary focus is on paving the way for the future.

Data returned by the mission will help Nasa identify safe landing sites for future explorers, locate potential resources, describe the Moon's radiation environment and demonstrate new technologies.

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Re: Buzz Aldrin On Monolith On Mars' Moon

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>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Wed, 29 Jul 2009 12:23:21 -0600
>Subject: Re: Buzz Aldrin On Monolith On Mars' Moon

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 28 Jul 2009 18:45:01 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Buzz Aldrin On Monolith On Mars' Moon

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>>It's certainly intriguing Shadow calculations apparently suggest
>>an object 28 stories tall, about 2.5 times as high as it is
>>wide. Ian cautions that working out the sun elevation is tricky
>>because of the extremely eccentric shape of Phobos, and the
>>negligible gravity would tend to allow natural vertical
>>structures more readily than would Earth's, for example. But
>>it's worth a look, whatever it is.

>Although low gravity would indeed allow such a formation to
>remain stable, my question is, how it could form in the first
>place, in the absence of any volcanic/tectonic activity or
>erosion forces? The only plausible natural origin that comes to
>my mind is an elongated chunk of crater ejecta that happened to
>land, or finally come to rest, end-on.

>There is no scar or gouge mark apparent in the vicinity, which
>suggests it did not tumble or slide to its current position,
>unless that evidence has been buried by subsequent fall(s) of
>finer debris.

>Even if traveling just a few meters per second at impact (any
>faster and it would have escaped Phobos altogether), it seems
>surprising that such an extended object would remain intact,
>unless the surface at impact was very low density and porous,
>and/or the object itself had high strength and integrity (note
>that the mean density of Phobos is less than ~2 gm/cu.cm).

>Unless further analysis indicates an illusion caused by some
>quirk in the local terrain, I would have to agree that this is
>worth a closer look.

As Mars below is impacted from asteroids, the ejected debris
would accumulate on the surface of orbiting Moons in all manner
of scenarios and statistical variations: low and high speed
impacts included.

What is interesting is that this Moon may have accumulated
layers of Martian origin - even, quite possible fine powder.
Thus a great record keeper of Martian/Solar impact history, it's
composition variation, and quite possibly an explanation for
it's rather low density. In any case, a great place for sampling
with relative ease.

The net tidal gravitational forces on this Moon vary
approximately 400% which may also add to the impact interaction

profile with respect to finer grained particles - perhaps allowing them to shift, relax, and compact cyclically during each rotation period thus reaching a net effective (low but stable) surface density.

That there is an low velocity-type impact projection or buried peak seems completely consistent with it's colorful and stressful history.

VG

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>object.

I agree Martin. I was particularly struck by the long shadow
cast by the Apollo 11 descent stage, which I would concur is
roughly 10 ft high. The shadow length looks like roughly 65 ft,
which implies a sun elevation angle of about 9 degrees.

I think the sun angle in the Phobos image we've been discussing
is higher than that. I'm not sure how to solidly quantify it,
but, as Brad Sparks points out, examining the extent of shadows
inside craters is one way. In the case of Phobos, there are a
couple of issues that make this tricky. First, Phobos is so
small that sun elevation changes substantially over relatively
short distances, so there are relatively few craters in the

'monolith' area that are representative. Second, due to Phobos' minuscule gravity, there is good reason to think that its typical crater profiles differ from those on, say, the Martian surface, where ejecta is less easily launched out of the crater and more slumping occurs near the rim.

I should reiterate that I don't (at this point) consider the object/formation on Phobos anomalous, at least not in the sense that it is obviously artificial. I'm mainly curious as to whether its seemingly exaggerated profile is real or illusory.

Mike

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Open Letter To Col. Halt From TSgt. Burroughs

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Subject: Open Letter To Col. Halt From TSgt. Burroughs

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<http://tinyurl.com/njelck>

Monday, 3 August 2009

Dear Colonel Halt,

How does it feel to be known as the UFO Colonel? To be told all you saw was a lighthouse, stars or planets in the night sky. How does it feel to have no one in your circle of command step forward and support you in what happened? How does that feel?

I have a few questions that I would be most appreciative if you could answer.

In a recent interview with Gary Heseltine, you stated you went out to the area where the first night's incident happened to conduct an investigation. How did you find that area in the dark? Everybody on duty during your outing into the forest was not working during our incident (25th in 26th). How did you know where to look if you or no one else conducted any kind of investigation?

How can you say you were never brought in and questioned about the incident? According to you General Williams talked to you about it, went to his bosses about it, General Gabriel was briefed on it by Williams and you were told to write a memo and give it to the British. You also stated something happened inside the WSA with beams of light coming down into it. So after all of this, nobody from OSI or higher wanted to talk to you about it?

We were all brought in and interrogated by OSI on Major Zickler's orders, not on the Base Commander or Wing Commanders orders. I can't understand how all of the official reports disappeared and nothing was done about it. General Williams said he didn't know you wrote the memo and never would have allowed it to be sent out to the British because there were things in it that "we could not defend". Is he saying he knew about the incident and would never have informed the British Government about it? We had an international incident take place on somebody else's territory, involving a weapons storage area and nobody wanted to talk to you about it?

General Williams acts like he was never involved yet said something happened to us. It appears you and everybody else in your party was never questioned about the incident, but we were brought in and worked over by the OSI under Major Zickler orders - Why?

Gary Heseltine stated he told you. You are the one who will go down as writing the memo and you need to go on the record on what it was you saw. Was it really an Extraterrestrial craft or was it something that our government was doing that we accidentally got involved with? Were you then briefed on it and told to write a memo about what really happened to us but with incorrect dates?

Over the years you have dropped certain hints about it being a military project and never anything about it being an Extraterrestrial event. Were you picked to be the scapegoat on this to say it was of ET origin if anybody got to close to what it was? How can a chain of command all say they had nothing to do with the incident, handle the incident the way they said they did at a front line NATO base - and still be left in charge?

Or are you now trying to force the people in charge to come clean on what happened to us by playing the 'alien card', hoping they will finally support a front line officer who, along with his men, were just trying to do their job?

Yours Sincerely,

TSgt. John Burroughs
August 3rd 2009

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>To: <post.nul>
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>UFOwijzer, july 26 2009: Photos (5) with (large) UFOs above and
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Exopolitics, By Its Current Methods is Doing More Harm Than Good...

By Robert L. Salas

Dr. Salla seems to be saying that we should take in and analyze all input from every source in order to fully understand both the scientific and social aspects of the phenomenon. First, I don't know how that is possible and I don't understand what he means by 'flexible social scientific techniques.' Does he mean accepting questionable witness testimony or documentation and using it to conjecture about a possible event? That seems to be what he has done with his Exopolitics Journal Article (July 1, 2009) - Kennedy's Deadly Confrontation with the CIA & MJ-12.

In this 'research article' he links Kennedy's death with his fight with the CIA over UFO information. I do not claim that this is false or true but I reject the approach to drawing such a conclusion or implying such a conclusion through these 'flexible social scientific techniques.' This is the kind of output from Exopolitics that I find objectionable because it creates fodder for those who would denigrate the UFO phenomenon.

I admit I had to look up the word existential in order to try and understand what he meant by his accusation of 'existential hysteria.' The American Heritage Dictionary (1982 edition) defines existentialism as: "A philosophy that emphasizes the uniqueness and isolation of the individual experience in a hostile or indifferent universe, regards human existence as unexplainable, and stresses freedom of choice and responsibility for the consequences of one's acts." While I would not necessarily associate myself with the first part of this definition, I do accept the concept that we have freedom of choice and are responsible for the consequences of our acts. I am normally not hysterical about that but I suppose I could be driven to hysteria under the right circumstances.

When I wrote my recent article criticizing Exopolitics I did not do it in a moment of poor judgment. Soon after the 2007 Exopolitics Conference, I contacted Dr. Salla by phone and in writing to express my disappointment with the Exopolitics movement and to emphasize that I no longer wanted to be associated with his group. I essentially gave him the same reasons then as I have done here.

In those two years, I have not changed my opinion that Exopolitics, by its current methods is doing more harm than good in the effort toward disclosure. I thought about it a long time before deciding that a public critique of Exopolitics was in order.

I am certainly not insisting on 'strict scientific filtering mechanisms for witnesses and sources.' No one has any control over what people will say or what they will present as evidence. What I do ask is that each of us be responsible for what we present as fact, fiction or other when we make public statements about the phenomenon.

In taking personal responsibility for improving the viability of the study of this phenomenon, we are all 'Ufological gatekeepers.'

Nowhere in my dictionary did I find a definition for Exopolitics. I did find a definition for Exobiology. It states, "1. A branch of biology that deals with the search for and study of extraterrestrial living organisms." Dr. Salla; unless you have access to an ET life form, what gives you the credentials to elaborate on the political implications of dealing with such life forms? Certainly, as many have done before you, you can speculate about what political implications disclosure would have on the world.

If you are talking about human politics surrounding the phenomenon, then you are dealing with assumptions and speculations. Is that what you mean by a nuanced approach to the truth of ETH? Walk into any bar in the world and you will hear that kind of 'nuanced approach' to the truth.

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Complete with significant locations labelled and on-surface photos! For free. Awesome!

Eleanor White

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Date: Wed, 05 Aug 2009 11:16:32 -0400
Archived: Wed, 05 Aug 2009 11:16:32 -0400
Subject: News Links 04-08-09

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'Dinner Platter' Size UFO Hovers 4 Feet Off Ground In Fairbury ...
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/mczum5>

UFO Experts To Converge In Denver
9NEWS.com
<http://tinyurl.com/luo9be>

Slow Moving Triangle UFO Over Anacortes, Washington
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/lq6ojd>

UFO Spotting MP Gerry Wood Could Be Deal Breaker
The Australian
<http://tinyurl.com/l8fbqs>

From Greg Boone:

Experts Puzzled By Spot On Venus
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/science/nature/8179067.stm>

Florida Father And Son Claim Visits By Extraterrestrials
<http://tinyurl.com/nusg75>

From 'The Norm':

Types of UFO Evidence
<http://www.ufodigest.com/news/0709/types.php>

Crop Circle Tour
<http://www.siriusufo.org/tr/tureng.pdf>

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Re: Google Earth Plus!

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Wed, 5 Aug 2009 12:01:36 -0400
Archived: Wed, 05 Aug 2009 18:21:16 -0400
Subject: Re: Google Earth Plus!

>From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 04 Aug 2009 18:21:06 -0400
>Subject: Google Earth Plus!

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>the celestial sky too!

>Complete with significant locations labelled and on-
>surface photos! For free. Awesome!

Agreed. Google added the celestial objects to their system a few
months back when a newer version of their viewer was released.

The only problem with their presentation is that the images may
be several years old, depending on what they are. I can see my
own driveway, but the boat pictured in the driveway hasn't been
there for many years.

On the other hand, the community hasn't changed that much and I
understand the problem of keeping the images up to date on a
free basis. Current images are often available of certain "Hot
Spots", but those aren't included in Google for a while.

Steve

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Date: Thu, 06 Aug 2009 07:37:20 -0400
Archived: Thu, 06 Aug 2009 07:37:20 -0400
Subject: News Links - 05-08-09

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Triangle UFO Moves Low Over Staten Island
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/kgt3he>

UFO Video Shot Over Gonzales, Louisiana, August 3, 2009
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/mjzbnkj>

UFO, Phenomenon And Metaphysics- 12 Ways I Can Use Your Help...
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/oz2eor>

Oak Island Visitors Report UFO Sighting
StarNewsOnline.com
<http://tinyurl.com/nsu5j4>

Colorado's MUFON Hosts 40th Annual UFO Symposium This Week In Denver
Colorado Daily
http://www.coloradodaily.com/cu-boulder/ci_12994134

North Port Family Claims To Have Seen UFO, Aliens [Video]
Naples Daily News
<http://tinyurl.com/n37sfy>

CIA Files: North Korea
New Yorker
<http://tinyurl.com/npowzj>

UFO Experts Race to Witch Mountain
SF Universe
<http://tinyurl.com/mxgt37>

From 'The Norm':

Declaration For The Creation Of A European Agency To Study UFOs
And Extraterrestrial Affairs - Salla
<http://exopoliticsinstitute.org/Declaration-European-Agency.htm>

Martian methane mystery deepens
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/science/nature/8186314.stm>

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News Links 06-08-09

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Archived: Fri, 07 Aug 2009 09:41:05 -0400
Subject: News Links 06-08-09

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'UFO' On BBC Look North Webcam
http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/england/8186289.stm

UFO Makes Surprise Fly-By Cameo Appearance In Live News Bulletin
Daily Mail
<http://www.anomalist.com/>

UFO Invades BBC Breakfast
The Sun
<http://tinyurl.com/mlzoo>

Latest Alien Encounters, New UFO Sightings, Crop Circles...
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/nwugua>

Mystery Chopper Hovering Over SETX Is Not A UFO - It's The
Government
KBMT ABC 12
<http://www.kbmt12.com/news/local/52536322.html>

Video! Fox News' Sean Hannity Explores UFOs And Extraterrestrials
NewsBlaze

UFO Believers - Part II
<http://www.theufochronicles.com/2009/08/ufo-believers-part-ii.html>

From 'The Norm':

Do Humans And Aliens Share DNA Roots?
<http://amog.com/offbeat/humans-aliens-share-dna-roots/>

The Perennial Mars Hoax E-Mail
http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/magazine/8184351.stm

Peru: UFOs In The Jungle
<http://inexplicata.blogspot.com/2009/08/peru-ufos-in-jungle.html>

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Argentine Schoolteachers Eee & Photograph UFO

From: **Scott Corrales** <lornis1.nul>
Date: Fri, 7 Aug 2009 08:01:59 -0400
Archived: Fri, 07 Aug 2009 09:48:10 -0400
Subject: Argentine Schoolteachers Eee & Photograph UFO

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology

August 7, 2009

Source: www.minutouno.com and Diario Necochea

Date: August 6, 2009

Argentina: Schoolteachers see, photograph UFO

The teachers staid that it was "an orange half-moon that turned into a huge sphere."

De la Garma, Argentina =96 Four schoolteachers from Neuqu=E9n reported having seen an alleged UFO yesterday as they headed to a school in the De la Garma region.

"We started to see an orange half-moon that turned into a huge sphere, and we took some photos of it with our cellphones," said Mar=EDa In=E9s Martos, the principal of the local school, in a radio interview with Radio LU24.

According to Martos, the UFO sighting took place at around 7:30 before it "vanished swiftly into the horizon".

According to the diariodenecochea.com website, the event occurred as the instructors headed to the De la Garma school. At that time, the stopped at Monte Chueco to look at the inexplicable phenomenon and take pictures of the object.

Image:

<http://tinyurl.com/nf5nwb>

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UFOs: The Secret History Transcripts On-Line

From: David Cherniack <davidc.nul>
Date: Fri, 07 Aug 2009 09:15:07 -0400
Archived: Fri, 07 Aug 2009 11:09:40 -0400
Subject: UFOs: The Secret History Transcripts On-Line

Many List readers might like to know that starting today I'll be adding some of the sixty-odd interviews I did for UFOs: The Secret History to the transcripts section of AllinOneFilms.com. The interviews were conducted during a 4 month, 18,000 mile, RV odyssey of a shoot around North America, and on 3 additional jalopy jaunts from Toronto.

Today's batch includes Michael Swords, Jerry Clark, Stanton Friedman, Eddie Bullard, Mark Rodeghier, Richard Dolan, and Al Harrison(emeritus, UCal Davis, who many of your readers may not know, but should definitely look up.)

Happy reading.

David
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Re: UFOs: The Secret History Transcripts OnLine

From: David Cherniack <davidc.nul>
Date: Fri, 07 Aug 2009 11:52:21 -0400
Archived: Fri, 07 Aug 2009 12:39:57 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs: The Secret History Transcripts OnLine

>From: David Cherniack <davidc.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
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I should have thought of it before but Flash challenged readers
may wish to go to:

http://www.allinonefilms.com/html_pages/trandex.htm

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Archived: Fri, 07 Aug 2009 14:37:25 -0400
Subject: Test

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1,300 More UFO Pages Surface In Brazil

From: **A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO** <aj.nul>
Date: Sat, 8 Aug 2009 12:50:47 -0300
Archived: Sat, 08 Aug 2009 16:19:44 -0400
Subject: 1,300 More UFO Pages Surface In Brazil

1,300 New Pages Of Formerly Secret UFO Documents Surface In Brazil

Over 1,300 pages of formerly secret UFO documents surface in Brazil and given to the Brazilian Committee of UFO Researchers

Hundreds of papers from the Brazilian Air Force's official System for the Investigation of Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon have surfaced and demonstrate how the nation's military authorities dealt with the UFO Phenomena in the 60s and 70s.

The papers disclose in detail the inner workings of the official body created by the Brazilian Air Force (FAB) in 1969, during the dictatorship years, to investigate the presence and activity of aliens in the country - the System for the Investigation of Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon (SIOANI).

This time, however, the newly disclosed documents have not come from the government, as a result of the campaign UFOs: Freedom of Information Now!, which has so far produced three official disclosures, the largest and most important of which was on May 4th, largely announced worldwidely.

The new formerly secret material was handed over to CBU by civilian researcher Edison Boaventura, from Grupo Ufologico do Guaruja (GUG), who kept the material away from the Brazilian UFO community for over 10 years.

Boaventura was given the documents by a retired Brazilian Air Force military source in the 90s and kept it secret since then. At the recent III World UFO Forum, held in June 2009 in Curitiba (PR), Brazil, he was formally approached by the members of CBU and decided to hand over the whole lot of documents on behalf of the freedom of information campaign. "I decided to contribute to this endeavor, so I'm sending these documents to be published by the Brazilian UFO Magazine", he declared.

Last week, Boaventura gave Brazilian UFO Magazine editor A. J. Gevaerd, co-ordinator of the Brazilian Committee of UFO Researchers (CBU), over 1,300 pages of previously unseen documents from SIOANI, along with 28 colored sketches and 64 photos taken by the Air Force in the 1960's. Along with those, there were 137 pages of color files with 3 sketches and 17 photos, all official. He has been asked by many other Brazilian UFO researchers why he had kept all such material far from the UFO Community for so long.

Previously unreleased material

This vastly important and significant material was not part of the official Brazilian UFO disclosure. The Brazilian UFO Magazine website - www.ufo.com.br - has already made available in the last months over 1,200 pages of documents, 200 photos of SIOANI's activities and Operation Saucer, carried out in the Amazonian region in 1977. But none of the documents received by CBU from the Brazilian Government contained anything such as the colored drawings of UFOs made by the military personnel who used

to work for SIOANI, nor pictures of witnesses, such as that of nurse Maria Cintra, who had a close encounter with an extraterrestrial being on the early hours of August 25th 1968, in Lins (SP) - one of the classic UFO incidents in Brazilian Ufology that was secretly investigated by the militaries.

Included in the newly revealed documents are the detailed research proceedings carried out in dozens of UFO-related incidents, which had not been made public so far. Some of the colored sketches of UFO incidents investigated by SIOANI are here:

www.ufo.com.br/documentos/sioani/Novos_documentos

All the material handed over to the Brazilian Committee of UFO Researchers (CBU) was additionally sent to the Nation's National Archives in the Federal Capital, Brasilia, whose reception was officially communicated to the President's Civil Office, and has become an integral part of the process headed by CBU.

"This will no doubt add to the pressure exerted upon the Government for the release of new folders containing data pertaining to UFOs and the military activity in the ongoing Brazilian UFO research", said geographer Fernando Ramalho, one of CBU's members.

This material now made public through the Brazilian UFO Magazine should have been released when it was given to a civilian researcher, over 10 years ago.

Download the new files in PDF or JPG formats (over 360 Mb) from here:

www.ufo.com.br/documentos/sioani/Novos_documentos

Other documents can be found here:

www.ufo.com.br/documentos/sioani/

www.ufo.com.br/documentos/prato/

www.ufo.com.br/documentos/extra/

www.ufo.com.br/documentos/geral/

Please note: Download, print, publicize and otherwise share these documents around, but please do not fail to mention the source, Brazilian UFO Magazine and emphasize that this material is coming to public thanks to the efforts of the Brazilian Committee of UFO Researchers (CBU).

What SIOANI was:

The System for the Investigation of Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon (SIOANI) was unprecedented in Brazil and in the world. It was created in 1969, under the inspiration and guidance of Air Force major-brigadier Jose Vaz da Silva, head of the Committee for the Investigation of Flying Saucers.

In its early stages, SIOANI had high-ranked propositions and it operated exemplarily. Its conceptualization demonstrates so:

"SIOANI is the collective resources of personnel and materiel dedicated to the investigation and research of the so-called Unidentified Aerial Objects (UAO) phenomenon". The closure of the USAF's Project Blue Book in 1969 may have contributed to the shutting down of SIOANI in 1972. Unfortunately, over 90% of FAB personnel nowadays have absolutely no knowledge of this amazing endeavor. However, as far as we know, the percentage of laypeople involved in the issue tends to increase quickly. The SIOANI was organically constituted by:

(a) Center for the Investigation of Unidentified Aerial Objects (CIOANI) =96 A central body of the System.

(b) Investigation Zone of Unidentified Aerial (ZIOANI) =96 A geographical area which comprised the Offices for the Investigations of Unidentified Aerial Objects (NIOANI). There were six of those offices.

(c) Office for the Investigation of Unidentified Aerial Objects (NIOANI) =96 A bureau that was in charge of observing, investigating and collecting materials for research into the Unidentified Aerial Objects (UAO). Its function could be

executed by a military agency, a public institution or individuals. The NIOANI was attached to its corresponding ZIOANI.

(d) Research and Analysis Laboratories (LIOANI) =96 Supporting agencies for the accomplishment of research tasks and material analysis related to UAO.

(e) Personnel and materiel transport (TIOANI) =96 Means of transportation that was first provided by official agencies, military or civilian, upon request by CIOANI, ZIOANI or NIOANI. When official transport was not available, the commercial transportation could be used. The transport had to be appropriate, efficient and fast. A quick arrival to the spot where a UFO incident had occurred was basic, so that there would be no alteration of traces or distortion of facts. For that purpose there were five small-sized aircraft, two twin-engine craft and three single-engine craft, based on the Park for Aeronautical Materiel in S=E3o Paulo, and were run by the 4th Air Zone. Those aircraft were used for the Organization's normal services, as well by those demanded by SIOANI.

(f) Communication network (RIOANI) =96 Comprised of a web that involved the now-extinct FAB's communication networks, and further Singular Forces (Brazilian Army and Navy), Police Forces and the amateur-radio network, aiming at rapid transmission of phenomenological occurrences or the information flow between the several links in the system. SIOANI reported to the Ministry of the Aeronautics, but the results of its work was forwarded to the Air Force's Chiefs-of-Staff. Within the 4th Air Zone, it was outside the frame of its Chiefs-of-Staff, but its chief was also responsible for the 2nd Section (Information), encompassing CIOANI, which confirmed that the UFO issue was handled by an Information (nowadays Intelligence) officer.

Considering that SIOANI wasn't a top secret agency and that even civilian researchers took part of its procedures, all this structure proves that Brazil was the first country in the world ever to officially and publicly admit the reality of the UFO Phenomena, and the first one to investigate it openly, in a not secret manner.

A. J. Gevaerd,
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Coordinator, Brazilian Committee of UFO Researchers (CBU)
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Subject: News Links - 08-08-09

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UFOs Are Serious Business For Investigators
Rocky Mountain Independent
<http://tinyurl.com/ms6grg>

UFO over Rhossili?
LLanelli Star
<http://tinyurl.com/nvk595>

UFO Tale Attracts Visitors
NBC2 News
<http://www.nbc-2.com/Global/story.asp?S=10867568>

UFOs In Formation Over Florida Converge Into A Single Light
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/mhuvl4>

Florida Triangle UFO Video Case Termed 'true Unknown'
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/mggkxo>

Gigantic Black UFO Sighted Over Remote Northern Minnesota
Countryside
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/mqcw5s>

MUFON Star Impact Project UFO Cases Revealed
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/luh44h>

Los Angeles/California UFO Sighting Reports August 2009
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/lo77ke>

Hottest UFO Sightings Reports And Images From Another Reader
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/lqjdrj>

Nevada Teenagers Encounter Multiple UFOs And Missing Time
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/lvzzy4>

Unified Field Objects (UFO's)
Student Operated Press
<http://thesop.org/opinion/2009/08/08/unified-field-objects-ufos>

Former World War II Fighter Pilot Bud Clem's 1945 UFO Experience
At Hanford Plutonium Production Plant
Frank Warren's UFO Chronicles
<http://tinyurl.com/mflpmk>

From 'The Norm'

The Spirit Or Alien Question

<http://reporter.blackraiser.com/?p=909>

Earth-Like Planet-Hunting Telescope Passes Key Test
<http://www.space.com/scienceastronomy/090806-kepler-planet.html>

Report urges separation of science and state
<http://tinyurl.com/luyftt>

UFO Spotted Over Newton
<http://tinyurl.com/mp7hmw>

BBC Seeks Public Assistance In Identifying UFO
<http://www.shortnews.com/start.cfm?id=80104>

UFO Crash Site Subject Of Exploration Dive
<http://tinyurl.com/kwkdgw>

Photos: World's Largest Telescope Unveiled
<http://tinyurl.com/lcdog7>

Review: Unscientific America by Chris Mooney and Sheril Kirshenbaum
<http://tinyurl.com/lcgfp4>

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Hanford UFO

From: Terry Colvin <fortean1.nul>
Date: Sun, 9 Aug 2009 08:41:53 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Tue, 11 Aug 2009 07:06:59 -0400
Subject: Hanford UFO

>Former World War II Fighter Pilot Bud Clem's 1945 UFO Experience
>At Hanford Plutonium Production Plant

>Frank Warren's UFO Chronicles
><http://tinyurl.com/mflpmk>

In 1995 or 1996 I spoke with a former Air Force radar operator who related his Hanford story from about 1954 or 1955. He had retired from the Air Force and we were working in the TADIL (Tactical Digital Link) lab at the JITC (Joint Interoperability Test Command) at Fort Huachuca, Arizona.

He said an object was seen on radar and visually over Hanford. This was a multiple radar and multiple visual event. The object hovered in the area until chased away by jet aircraft. He remembers signing the usual brief debrief.

Terry

Terry W. Colvin
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Pran Buri (Hua Hin), Thailand
<http://terrycolvin.freewebsites.com/>
[Terry's Fortean & "Work" itty-bitty site]

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News Gets It Wrong Again

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Mon, 10 Aug 2009 02:33:03 EDT
Archived: Tue, 11 Aug 2009 07:08:54 -0400
Subject: News Gets It Wrong Again

<http://news.search.yahoo.com/news/search?p=ufo&ei=UTF-8>

It's bad enough the mainstream news doesn't give UFOs the coverage it deserves but when these guys can't even get the world's leading authority on the subject's name correct you realize we've got serious problems.

In this news clip about MUFON they refer to Stanton T. Friedman as Stewart Friedman even when the camera shows closeups of several of his books with his name emblazened on the covers.

Go figure.

Best,
Greg
ufomafia.com/blog

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A Review of District 9

From: **Bill Chalker** <bill_c.nul>
Date: Tue, 11 Aug 2009 02:17:23 +1000
Archived: Tue, 11 Aug 2009 08:10:00 -0400
Subject: A Review of District 9

I have placed a review of the forthcoming Peter Jackson produced SF alienation outing on my blog:

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

Here is the opening paragraph:

DISTRICT 9 - Alienation, sangomas & 'the alien problem'

I went to a special Sony Pictures Sydney preview of the Peter Jackson produced alien movie District 9 on July 30.

The movie's release date is August 13. While it might not do much for the real 'alien problem' - the UFO mystery - I found it to be an entertaining science fiction movie with 'a raw, authentic feel', captured through an impressive blend of 'authentic-looking images,' 'mockumentary footage' and real, existing footage from actual news agencies.

I look forward to seeing it again, to witness the wider reaction to it, and also to a sequel.

A unique and unusual film, once you get into it, the story sweeps you along in an unlikely embrace with potent contemporary issues of real alienation, how media shapes our reality, rampant militarism and unchecked exploitation of secret power.

Read the rest at the above link.

Regards,

Bill Chalker

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OT For You Space Geeks

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Date: Tue, 11 Aug 2009 07:09:49 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Wed, 12 Aug 2009 06:57:46 -0400
Subject: OT For You Space Geeks

Granted, most of us here aren't all that enthusiastic about manned space flight, but still, some of y'all might find this interesting.

A clip from the BBC Four documentary, James May At The Edge Of Space"; James May takes a ride in a 2-seat variant of the U-2 spy-plane.

<http://www.flixxy.com/u2-worlds-highest-flying-airplane.htm>

Eleven minutes long.

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This Might Be A Clue

From: **Greg Boone** <>volbaby.nul
Date: Tue, 11 Aug 2009 14:58:24 EDT
Archived: Wed, 12 Aug 2009 07:00:00 -0400
Subject: This Might Be A Clue

<http://tinyurl.com/r2za8s>

Although this story link isn't directly UFO related it's important to look at the hierarchy of the opposing forces.

This story is a look at health-care reform in the U.S. over the past 100 plus years. You can see clearly, without a doubt the groups behind the opposition, their modus operandi, and names.

I was gobsmacked that it looks like the same groups who've opposed any UFO disclosure and groups who were prevented from addressing the issue.

To me it's clear it's all about control.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com

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Ripped Off Again

From: John Velez <jvelez49.nul>
Date: Wed, 12 Aug 2009 02:39:29 -0400
Archived: Wed, 12 Aug 2009 07:05:02 -0400
Subject: Ripped Off Again

Hi All,

I left - fled from - the Internet ufology scene several years ago for assorted and sundry reasons. One of the reasons had to do with my getting a little sick and tired of being used and taken for granted by individuals I mistakenly trusted. Even now, after years of absence from the 'scene' I find that certain individuals think it's ok to use/reprint, my name, my reports and my written material with complete impunity, without bothering to ask my permission if it was ok for them to do so.

Bridget Brown has published yet another book on the abduction phenomenon titled, They Know Us Better Than we Know Ourselves, She has not only published my name in her book, (without seeking my permission) but she freely grabbed quotes from my past UFO UpDates List posts and proceeds to use them to justify a 'theory' of hers that I do not agree with. In other words, had she asked, I would never have given her permission to use my name, quotes that were taken out of context from my UpDates posts, or any material from my personal reports.

Worse than all that, she concocted a character - Mike - out of whole cloth and attributed direct quotes from my reports of my experiences on this List, to this figment of her fevered imagination. That, or someone in Boston named Mike is using my reports verbatim. If he's a real person, then I'd like to have a word or two with him too. It's not the first time this has happened. Some years ago a sick individual named, Jim Mortellaro did the exact same thing. I didn't like it or put up with it then, and I'm not going to tolerate it now.

EBK has always placed the following proviso at the end of each and every post that emanates from this List:

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I know for a fact that if she spent so much time researching my posts, that she read Errol's 'tagger' at the end of each and every one that she mined for material to use for her own purposes. How much credence can be given to 'theories' that are built on plagiarized bits and pieces of testimony that are presented out of context and with the sole purpose of justifying her completely whack take on the abduction phenom.

She is entitled to her opinions and interpretations about abduction and the testimony of the abductees, that's not why I'm writing. The question I want to pose to potential readers of her book is; how much can you trust theories that are proposed by individuals who use unethical means to present and to justify them.

I'm too broke to sue anybody. She's lucky. If I could, I would sue her pants off and become the proud new owner of everything she has accumulated in life. That's how pissed off and offended I am about her casual theft of my written materials, my name and my reports.

I almost didn't write this post because I didn't want to help advertise her book for her. But I decided to put my indictment of her on the public record and I hope it comes up every time someone Googles the book she wrote by stealing from others.

Some people go through life using any means possible in order to advance their own cause. That's ok as long as you are not hurting anyone or violating anybody else's rights. Ms. Brown should have secured my permission before using my name, quotes from my posts, and most of all, attributing my reports to a fictitious character that she then presents as a 'real' person.

I don't trust her nor would I trust anything she has to say.

Ripped off and used yet again! My advice to anyone considering it... don't testify in any public or private venue. Sooner or later some arrogant opportunist will come along and use it any damn way they please. And they won't even ask if it's okay with you.

You're lucky I'm not a litigious person Ms. Brown. I'd own you and every cent you ever accumulated for your blatant and completely selfish thievery of my words and case material.

Most sincerely annoyed,

John Velez

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1954 BOAC Labrador Sighting?

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Wed, 12 Aug 2009 10:05:52 +0100
Archived: Wed, 12 Aug 2009 08:10:00 -0400
Subject: 1954 BOAC Labrador Sighting?

Dear List

This classic case is one of my current research projects: I'm looking for certain sources connected with it. If anyone has access and can scan or copy them I would be very grateful indeed.

- 1) Howard, James, 'The BOAC Labrador Sighting of 1954', FSR, Vol.27, #6, 1981 pp.2-3
- 2) Leonard Cramp, 'Mystery over Labrador', FSR Vol 1, No 1, Spring 1955
- 3) An article on the sighting published in an unknown issue of FATE Magazine also during 1955
- 4.) The original source of the first-person account by Capt Howard used by G. David Thayer for his analysis in the Condon Report, 1969, and widely re-quoted.

Re this last source, there is a small mystery. I have asked Thayer and he does not recall the original source, but tells me that it came from the Project files (i.e., it was not developed by him from personal sources). He appears to have always assumed that it came from Blue Book, but there is no such document in the 29pp Blue Book case file and the presentation on p.139 of the CR does not have a "B-number" which identifies Blue Book sources. Indeed it doesn't have any case number, which Thayer agrees is "odd". If not a B-number it should have an N-, C- or X number.

Any help much appreciated.

Martin Shough

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Disclosure Update - PRG - August 12, 2009

From: **Stephen Bassett** <PRG.nul>
Date: Wed, 12 Aug 2009 02:45:12 -0700
Archived: Wed, 12 Aug 2009 08:13:00 -0400
Subject: Disclosure Update - PRG - August 12, 2009

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Million Fax on Washington - Phase III

www.faxonwashington.org

(letter to the WHCA)

<http://tinyurl.com/n74gky>

(letter to the President)

Letters, faxes and emails continue to be sent to the White House press corps c/o the White House Correspondents Association and to the White House. If you haven't yet sent a letter to the WHCA and to the President, please do so ASAP. It is making a difference.

On July 24 PRG supporter Ryan S. camped out on his phone in Seattle, WA at 4 am in the morning in order to get a question regarding Disclosure into the Obama administration Press Secretary, Robert Gibbs appearing on the C-SPAN morning show. He succeeded. That question can be viewed at:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=uzNvmXM16FE

It is worth noting this is the only question asked of Robert Gibbs so far. Since June 1 no member of the White House press corps has seen the wisdom of asking Mr. Gibbs any of the suggested questions listed at

www.faxonwashington.org

Billy Cox, reporter for the Sarasota Herald-Tribune has contacted the WHCA several times asking about the correspondence coming in. The WHCA has refused to respond. This is to be expected and notable. The WHCA knows full well that to say anything about his correspondence would invite more questions they don't want to answer. Same for the White House.

More publicity of the MFW is coming and more correspondence is on the way. They have no where to run. At some point they will have to turn and answer the questions long overdue. "Don't ask, don't tell" is coming to an end as a means to govern.

Brazil Document Release

www.ufo.com.br
www.ufo.com.br/documentos/sioani/Novos_documentos/

As reported by researcher/publisher A. J. Gevaerd 1300 more pages of previously classified UFO related files have just been released by the Brazilian government to the Brazilian Committee of UFO Researchers.

It is PRG's understanding that more countries are planning UFO document releases. This will only put more pressure on the United States to take action regarding Disclosure.

Exopolitics Debate

<http://tinyurl.com/m6pykj>

The debate is intensifying over the nature and value of exopolitics. PRG has published a limited commentary on this at the Examiner.

European Talking Tour

Liverpool Conference: <http://tinyurl.com/l69ju7>

The informal talking tour by PRG executive director Stephen Bassett following the Beyond Knowledge conference in Liverpool, England on September 12-13 is almost set. It will include fourteen stops in ten countries between September 14 and October 20 ending in Paris, France. Confirmed stops now include Liverpool, Bath, Devon and London in the United Kingdom; Helsinki, Stockholm, Oslo, Copenhagen Berlin, and Rennes, Saint-Pierre-en-Port and Paris in France. More dates and the rest of the stops will be forthcoming soon.

Starting with Liverpool, Stephen will be reporting back from the tour via twitter, a blog set up at www.paradigmresearchgroup.org and the Exopolitics World Network Facebook group page. (See:

<http://tinyurl.com/pyyvv4>

Right now the only city without a prospective host is Paris. Anyone interested in hosting a stopover in Paris please contact PRG.

PRG Speaking Engagements

www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/speaking&eventschedule.html
www.favors.org [Events]

PRG executive director Bassett will also be speaking at an event in Walnut Creek, CA on August 18 at 6 pm. Details can be found at: www.favors.org [Events] Space is limited.

Stephen will also be speaking at these upcoming conferences:

[See above link for details]
Beyond Knowledge Conference - Sept 12-13 - Liverpool, UK
UFO Crash Retrieval Conference - Nov 6-8 - Las Vegas, NV
Conscious Life Expo - Feb 12-15, 2010 - Los Angeles, CA
MUFON - Phoenix - February 25, 2010

Exopolitics World Network (EWN)

www.exopoliticsworld.net

Several new important sites will be added to the EWN soon. The Disclosure movement in Europe is growing rapidly.

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UFO Crowd Descends On Denver
Denver Post
http://www.denverpost.com/ci_13023839

Mutual UFO Network Meets In Denver
cbs4denver.com
<http://cbs4denver.com/local/ufos.mufon.convention.2.1120908.html>

UFO Festival Reaching For The Stars
Nova News Now
<http://tinyurl.com/rxqhad>

UFO Symposium Wraps Up
9NEWS.com
<http://tinyurl.com/pvqxpz>

Spate of Norfolk UFO Sightings
Norfolk Eastern Daily Press
<http://tinyurl.com/ot2vgn>

Awesome Or Off-Putting: The Aurora UFO Crash
hecklerspray
<http://tinyurl.com/pn96yt>

The Truth Behind 'UFO sightings'
Leicester Mercury
<http://tinyurl.com/krdj4a>

Proof? NT UFOs On Video
Northern Territory
http://www.ntnews.com.au/article/2009/08/11/73991_ntnews.html

Update On Spooky "Klingon" UFO Visit To East Tennessee
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/lslakp>

UFO Activity Reports, Latest Crop Circles, Hollow Earth Expedition...
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/m54wjb>

Alan Ferguson Videos UFOs in Northern Territory
Sunday Times.au
<http://tinyurl.com/pc2tk5>

Triangle UFO Low Flying Over Ohio Countryside
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/lmlomf>

Seamen On Royal Navy Frigate Made To Sign Official Secrets Act
Frank Warren's The UFO Chronicles
<http://tinyurl.com/nw48z8>

From 'The Norm':

PerthNow reader photographs mystery lights over Perth Hills
<http://tinyurl.com/nwj9ph>

Freaky Sleep Paralysis: Being Awake in Your Nightmares
http://www.wired.com/wiredscience/2009/08/sleep_paralysis/

UFO Enthusiasts And Furrries Make Denver An Unconventional Place
<http://tinyurl.com/kwat3v>

Multiple UFO And Ghostly Sightings Over Swansea Bay
<http://tinyurl.com/m8uesn>

Spate Of Regional UFO Sightings
<http://tinyurl.com/ot2vgn>

Underwater UFO Bases
<http://ufo.whipnet.org/xdocs/underwater.ufo/index.html>

Mars, methane and mysteries
<http://tinyurl.com/nn9a3p>

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Top End Promotes UFOs To Boost Tourism
Ninemsn
<http://tinyurl.com/od9b4w>

Planning For Sept. 5 UFO Festival In Exeter Ongoing
Seacoastonline.com
<http://tinyurl.com/qtqxsq>

UFOs Landing Claim After Lights Go Out - Video
Stoke & Staffordshire
<http://tinyurl.com/oy2acc>

UFOs At The MUFON Symposium!
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/qppqqt>

Snapper's Surprise As UFO Story Goes Global
Wiltshire Times
<http://tinyurl.com/pz78nc>

Media hungry for fix of UFO Alan, With Extra Terrestrial
Northern Territory
http://www.ntnews.com.au/article/2009/08/12/74441_ntnews.html

Porn King Steve Crow Pledges Donation To UFO Cult
TV3 News
<http://tinyurl.com/kkdjxl>

In Kansas City, Celebrity UFO-Filmer Stan Romanek Finds An...
Pitch Weekly
<http://tinyurl.com/mrf7ca>

2008 Bumper Year In Canada For UFO Reports
Calgary Herald
<http://tinyurl.com/o3dbwa>

Are Extraterrestrials And UFOs From Heaven?
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/pcrx3q>

Multiple Witnesses Watch Black Triangle Ufo Low Over Medfield, MA
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/pp2s2b>

From 'The Norm':

Photos of Monolith on Mars
<http://tinyurl.com/p48b76>

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The PRG Update had an incorrect link for the Robert Gibbs C-SPAN question. The link should be:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=WLtV_WDnWhw

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Darwin 'World's Next UFO Hotspot'
NEWS.com.au
<http://www.news.com.au/story/0,27574,25919619-13762,00.html>

UFO Or Meteor Shower? Southwest Floridians Are Gazing At The
Night Sky
Naples Daily News
<http://tinyurl.com/lq7ldf>

Examiner.com
UFO Events You Gotta See! Part 4 Of 4
<http://tinyurl.com/r49rdd>

UFO Mystery As Lights Spotted Over East Anglia
Telegraph.co.uk
<http://tinyurl.com/lkhpaw>

Ohio Witnesses Watch Three V-Shaped UFOs During Trip To Logan
Examiner.com
<http://www.examiner.com/x-2363-UFO-Examiner~y2009m8d11-Ohio-UFO>

Woman Baffled By 'UFO' Video
The Sun
<http://tinyurl.com/okrylw>

Stealth-Like UFO oVer Texas Described As 'Upside-Down Frisbee'
Examiner.com
<http://www.examiner.com/x-2363-UFO-Examiner~y2009m8d12-UFO-81209>

UFOs Videoed Over Chandigarh, India
Frank Warren's UFO Chronicles
<http://tinyurl.com/mylccp>

From ' The Norm':

Researchers Unravel Mystery Behind Long-Lasting Memories
<http://www.physorg.com/news169223560.html>

Two Arizona Witnesses Describe Same Orange Sphere Ejecting
Smaller Sphere
<http://tinyurl.com/kj6yhu>

Argentina: Mutilated Cow Found In Quebrachitos
<http://tinyurl.com/kj47bw>

Windmill Hill Pattern Came in Rain
<http://www.earthfiles.com/news.php?ID=1599&category=Environment>

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Record Number Of Albertans Report UFOs
Calgary Herald
<http://tinyurl.com/maa6lu>

Video: UFOs 'transported' through Dallas
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/p5w2w3>

MUFON's Margie Kay On Kansas City's 'UFO Flap' - Pictures
Pitch Weekly
<http://tinyurl.com/o5fvtr>

Crop Circle Communication Experiment, Alien Skulls And UFO...
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/gck3yv>

From 'The Norm'

The Pitch On Stan Romanek
<http://tinyurl.com/ndd95u>

Stan Romanek Finds An Audience Of Believers In Kansas City
<http://tinyurl.com/rcsudl>

Alien Head Found In East Toledo?
<http://abclocal.go.com/wtvq/story?section=news/local&id=6958795>

Stephen Hawking Receives Presidential Medal Of Freedom
<http://tinyurl.com/km3m4s>

However, this article may have some relevance to ufology because it demonstrates how powerful corporations can exert control over certain kinds of research that scientists are allowed to publish and, therefore, how these corporations can undermine basic democratic principles.

Do Seed Companies Control GM Crop Research?
"Scientists must ask corporations for permission before publishing independent research on genetically modified crops. That restriction must end." --'The Norm'
<http://tinyurl.com/oyugb7>

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UFO Warminster's Weird 09 Event

From: Philip Mantle <philip.nul>
Date: Thu, 13 Aug 2009 18:49:01 +0100
Archived: Fri, 14 Aug 2009 11:25:22 -0400
Subject: UFO Warminster's Weird 09 Event

From: Kevin Goodman - UFO Warminster <ufo_warminster.nul>
Sent: 13 August 2009 6:42 PM
To: UFO Warminster
Subject: Weird 09

As some of you may be aware, I'm involved in the organisation of the forthcoming event to be held in Warminster over the Bank Holiday Weekend.

The skywatch is to be an integral part of the event, and I hope you can make it, and possibly get tickets for the 2 days.

Looking forward to seeing some old faces at the skywatch. So far, we estimate that 80 -100 people may well attend.

UFO Warminster

The site and contact address for information on the Warminster phenomena.

www.ufo-warminster.com

Weird '09

A major paranormal convention in Wiltshire for 2009.

Please visit <http://www.mystical-county.org.uk/> for further information.

Saturday 29th August

Speakers:

Kevin Goodman
(new material)

Nick Pope

Hayley Stevens
(new material)

Brian Allan
(new material)

Weird 09 and UFO Warminster Skywatch

Join the legendary sky watch at Cradle hill in Warminster.

Peter McCue
(new material)

Sunday 30th August

Speakers:

Joe McGonagle
(new material)

Nick Redfern

Paul Devereux

Mike Oram

Malcolm Robinson (new)

Exclusive video material by Dr. David Clarke and Steve Dewey
also showing on both days.

All the best,

Kevin

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Date: Fri, 14 Aug 2009 14:45:09 -0400
Archived: Sat, 15 Aug 2009 07:36:58 -0400
Subject: Re: Ripped Off Again

>From: John Velez <jvelez49.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Wed, 12 Aug 2009 02:39:29 -0400
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>John Velez

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In this case, the author of the book apparently did mention Mr. Velez's name. If she used his List contributions, she should have referenced him as the source in each case. I'm not so sure that she required his permission before using the material. Contributions to the List are not private as far as I know.

The underlying problem here seems to be that the injured party did not agree with the position of the person using his work. I don't think fair use of copyrighted material should include that as a criterion.

A similar case surfaced recently on the list (Hastings On Salla & Knell - 7/19/09) when Robert Hastings chastised Michael Sala after Mr. Sala gave Mr. Hastings' book a positive mention in one of his articles. Mr. Sala also offered to review the book more fully. Apparently, Mr. Hastings does not hold Mr. Sala's work in high regard, and did not want his work associated with Mr.

Sala's work. Mr. Hastings' words could have a chilling effect on the use of his work by others. His material is likely valuable, but others unfamiliar with his opinions of their own work may now be reluctant to cite him when such a reaction could result.

I think these issues are worth discussing. We should have a common understanding in order to avoid restricting journalistic and scientific reporting unnecessarily.

Best regards,

William

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Date: Sat, 15 Aug 2009 14:22:25 +0200
Archived: Sat, 15 Aug 2009 08:45:02 -0400
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This is absolutely right. Scholars can disagree with one another
and still cite each other. But often the latter one might
editorialise his text so the reader understands the difference
in the two persons' views. I often use "cf." to indicate
"compare" when citing someone who disagrees with me or another
person I am citing. I might even add a footnote to discuss a
serious difference of opinion. The key is to make sure the full
citation is there so any reader can trace the thinking of the
writer and how he came to that conclusion.

As for being cited by those who you seriously disagree with,
that is the nature of the publication-beast... We do not stand
just on the shoulders of those we approve of...

Diana

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UFO Gathering Planned For Sept. 5 At Flatwoods
Beckley Register-Herald
<http://tinyurl.com/r53wjd>

UFO Believers To Hold Pilgrimage To 'Holy' Lake District Fell Top
Cumberland News
<http://tinyurl.com/l5c3h9>

UFO Followers Will Trek To British Peaks
Grough
<http://tinyurl.com/rajhdd>

Picture: Is This A UFO?
Rutland and Stamford Mercury
<http://tinyurl.com/lwemnj>

A UFO? Get The Worst Camera In The House!
TechRadar UK
<http://tinyurl.com/o4fw2m>

Texas Witness Follows Triangle-Shaped UFOs
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/ldzu89>

Orange Orb UFO Moves Over Arizona Town
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/nz2stv>

Pilots Observe Red-Orange Ufo During Take-Off At Houston Airport
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/rbadcq>

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Date: Sat, 15 Aug 2009 16:22:07 -0400
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Swatting gnats,

John Velez

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The Shack - By Robert L. Hastings
<http://www.theufochronicles.com/2009/08/shack.html>

Can You Believe It? An Airplane Taken By A UFO - Video
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/p9m6gl>

UFOs Continue To Show Up In Photos
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/msxswl>

Hopkins Talks About New Memoir And UFOs
Wicked Local Truro
<http://tinyurl.com/kjszew>

UFO Experts Dean, Stevens To Speak In Mesa
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/n7f6gx>

UFO Whistle Blower ATS Exclusive Interview - Video
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/m9kkyr>

From Greg Boone:

Newsweek Looks At Extraterrestrial Research
<http://www.newsweek.com/id/212018>
Comment: "Nice piece of work here without the usual negativity."

From 'The Norm':

Airplane 'Abduction' By UFO Caught On Tape
<http://tinyurl.com/l3sprr>
"Comment: Has UFO-related photographic hoaxing reached a new level?"

Greer's Latest Statement ALL E.T.'s Are Friendly Ruffles Feathers
<http://tinyurl.com/l8vzd8>

The End of MUFON? By Joseph Capp
<http://ufomedia.blogspot.com/2009/08/end-of-mufon.html>

Send ET a Text Message From Earth
<http://www.space.com/news/090814-text-message-et.html>

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New Alien/UFO Thriller: Darkening Sky
<http://tinyurl.com/mpysad>

Website fOr Movie Darkening Sky
<http://www.darkeningsky.com/>

Diver finds depressions on seabed at alleged Nova Scotia UFO site
<http://tinyurl.com/n8u26u>

The Milky Way Over Devils Tower - Photo
<http://antwrp.gsfc.nasa.gov/apod/ap090729.html>

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Date: Sat, 15 Aug 2009 13:48:18 +0100
Archived: Sun, 16 Aug 2009 10:44:51 -0400
Subject: UFO Group In Iceland?

Dear Listers,

Does anyone have a contact for a UFO group or UFO researchers in Iceland, please?

Many thanks,

Philip Mantle

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Archived: Sun, 16 Aug 2009 11:45:00 -0400
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Hello John,

After reading your original post again, I have to say that you were not as clear as you seem to think. The gist of your complaint seems to be expressed in the following quote.

"She has not only published my name in her book, (without seeking my permission) but she freely grabbed quotes from my past UFO UpDates List posts and proceeds to use them to justify a 'theory' of hers that I do not agree with."

You say that the author mentioned your name, which sounds like attribution of you as the source. You also make the point that you do not agree with her theory. It's not a stretch to understand this as a justification for your complaint. Otherwise, why mention it?

If the author attributed your words, presumably verbatim, to some possibly fictional character without referencing you as the source, then that is not appropriate as I indicated in my earlier response.

William

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>LMAO - I just love the way people enjoy taking my words and
>twisting them to fit their own agendas. You and Diana Cammack
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Date: Sun, 16 Aug 2009 22:12:27 +0100
Archived: Mon, 17 Aug 2009 09:50:34 -0400
Subject: Re: Ripped Off Again

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This is very clearly stated in the text added at the end of each post. Scroll down and look for the copyright notice. Here's what it says:

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What could be clearer?

For something comparable, look at the restrictions Consumer Reports magazine puts on its content. It rates consumer products, and specifies that none of its ratings can be used in any company's advertising. And so you won't see the ratings used that way, because Consumer Reports backs their policy with legal muscle.

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UK National Archives Release UFO Files #4

From: David Clarke <daveclarke292.nul>
Date: Sun, 16 Aug 2009 23:55:01 +0100
Archived: Mon, 17 Aug 2009 09:58:07 -0400
Subject: UK National Archives Release UFO Files #4

Greetings list:

The fourth collection of MoD UFO files have been released by the UK National Archives.

14 files along with a highlights guide and videocam can be downloaded from:

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/ufos>

The new website open at 00.01 hrs GMT on Monday, 17 August 2009.

To coincide with this release, I have added two new updates to my news-blog:

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

Dr David Clarke
UFO consultant to The National Archives
<http://www.drdavidclarke.co.uk/>

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From: John Velez <jvelez49.nul>
Date: Mon, 17 Aug 2009 00:13:15 -0400
Archived: Mon, 17 Aug 2009 11:00:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Ripped Off Again

>From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Sun, 16 Aug 2009 10:26:44 -0400
>Subject: Re: Ripped Off Again

>>From: John Velez <jvelez49.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Sat, 15 Aug 2009 16:22:07 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Ripped Off Again

>>>From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>>>Date: Fri, 14 Aug 2009 14:45:09 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: Ripped Off Again

>>>>From: John Velez <jvelez49.nul>
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>>>>Date: Wed, 12 Aug 2009 02:39:29 -0400
>>>>Subject: Ripped Off Again

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>a 'theory' of hers that I do not agree with."

>You say that the author mentioned your name, which sounds like
>attribution of you as the source. You also make the point that
>you do not agree with her theory. It's not a stretch to
>understand this as a justification for your complaint.
>Otherwise, why mention it?

>

>If the author attributed your words, presumably verbatim, to
>some possibly fictional character without referencing you as the
>source, then that is not appropriate as I indicated in my
>earlier response.

Hello William,

This is going to be the last word from me on this.

The issue isn't copyright or proper citation, it's the
*unauthorized use (*key words) or citation of my private
postings which were not intended to be so used. Capiche?

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As I stated in my original response to you, you obviously read
(focused on) what you wanted to. Which, BTW, had nothing to do
with my reason for writing the post. You missed that boat
altogether.

And I reserve the right to jump on, with both feet, anyone who
is presumptuous enough to pretend to speak for what my motives
are about anything. Don't take it personally, William. I simply
do not suffer people who take me - try to play me - for a fool
very well I'm afraid. One of my shortcomings I suppose.

I'm all done here. You guys can hash this out any way you wish.
I have stated as clearly and concisely as I can what my concerns/
issues are in this matter.

I want to take the opportunity to thank some of my old friends
who rode in like the cavalry and responded off-list with very
helpful advice and information. As opposed to on-List criticism
and condescension. Your counsel is always most welcome and
appreciated.

To all my old UFO UpDates List buddies...

I send my very best wishes and warmest regards. Now it's back
into the woodwork for me. ;)

John Velez
Abductee

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UK Minister Warned Over 'UK Roswell'

From: Terry Colvin <fortean1.nul>
Date: Mon, 17 Aug 2009 05:50:48 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Mon, 17 Aug 2009 11:03:00 -0400
Subject: UK Minister Warned Over 'UK Roswell'

Source: BBC News - London, England

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/8202157.stm

Date: Aug 16, 2009 9:51 PM

Minister Warned Over 'UK Roswell'

A former head of the military told the defence secretary that a UFO sighting dubbed Britain's Roswell could be a "banana skin", official files show.

In 1985 Lord Hill-Norton wrote to Michael Heseltine about the "Rendlesham incident" in 1980, when US airmen in Suffolk thought they saw an alien ship.

Either a craft entered UK airspace with "impunity" or US airmen were capable of a "serious misperception", he wrote.

It is among the latest MoD files on UFOs released by the National Archives.

It is also revealed that UFO sightings soared in 1996 - the year Will Smith's alien-themed Men In Black was released.

'Puzzling and disquieting'

The "Rendlesham incident" involved American airmen from RAF Woodbridge who reported seeing mysterious lights.

Witnesses said a UFO was transmitting blue pulsating lights and sending nearby farm animals into a "frenzy".

In 2003, ex-US security policeman Kevin Conde admitted that he and another airman had shone patrol car lights through the trees and made noises on the loudspeaker as a prank.

But in 1985, Lord Hill-Norton - a former chief of the defence staff and First Sea Lord - wrote to Mr Heseltine, the then-defence secretary, to express his feelings about the event.

In his letter, Lord Hill-Norton said he rejected the official MoD line that the case was of "no defence interest", adding that it displayed "puzzling and disquieting features which have never been satisfactorily explained by your department".

He said it was either the case that a piloted craft had entered and left UK airspace with "complete impunity" or "a sizeable number of USAF personnel at an important base in British territory are capable of serious misperception".

Lord Hill-Norton added: "There seems to be a head of steam building up on this matter, and I can see a potential 'banana skin' looming."

The release is part of a three-year project by the MoD and the National Archives to release files related to UFOs on the National Archives website.

Other incidents recorded in the latest batch of documents, which cover the years 1981 to 1996, include:

- Two men from Staffordshire who told police that, as they returned home from an evening out in 1995, an alien appeared under a hovering UFO hoping to take them away
- More than 30 sightings of bright lights over central England during a six-hour period in 1993, which led to the assistant chief of defence staff being briefed - and turned out to be caused by a Russian rocket re-entering the atmosphere
- Several sightings in Bonnybridge, central Scotland, which became the UK's UFO hotspot during the 1990s
- A UFO which was seen over the jazz stage at the Glastonbury Festival in June 1994. The two female witnesses reported that they turned to the people next to them to verify what they had seen but "they didn't look hard enough or take it seriously"

It is also revealed that UFO sightings leapt from 117 in 1995 to 609 in 1996 - the year that Will Smith aliens-on-earth blockbusters Independence Day and Men In Black were released, and alien conspiracy series The X Files was at the height of its popularity with UK audiences.

Dr David Clarke, a UFO expert and journalism lecturer at Sheffield Hallam University, said it was significant that one of the biggest years for reports previously had been 1978, which saw 750 - at the same time that Steven Spielberg's blockbuster Close Encounters of the Third Kind was released.

He added: "Obviously, films and TV programmes raise awareness of UFOs and it's fascinating to see how that appears to lead more people to report what they see.

"In the 1950s you have UFOs with flashing dials like in the b-movies of the time, and the aliens tend to come from Venus and Mars - that stops from the late '60s when we find out how inhospitable these places are.

"From the mid-1980s you start to see triangular-shaped objects - this is the era of US stealth aircraft. I think it's clear that people see what they expect to see."

Terry W. Colvin
Ladphrao (Bangkok), Thailand
Pran Buri (Hua Hin), Thailand
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[Terry's Fortean & "Work" itty-bitty site]

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Three Reports Of Multiple UFOs In The Skies Over Ohio August 15
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/gr76je>

Britain Publishes UFO Files, Few Answers
13abc.com
<http://tinyurl.com/mtaot>

Britain's National Archives To Release File On 1980 UFO Sighting
Fort Worth Star Telegram
<http://www.star-telegram.com/279/story/1540856.html>

UFO Sightings Increase 'After Television Shows About Aliens'
Times Online
<http://tinyurl.com/ovsfcl>

UFO Sightings Up Five-Fold...A Mulder And Scully Mystery
Daily Mail
<http://tinyurl.com/gz39te>

Wales News Return To Space Mountain
WalesOnline
<http://tinyurl.com/lu2tyg>

UFO And Paranormal Movies You Might Want To See!
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/no27nk>

From 'The Norm':

Yukon UFO 1996 (Video)
<http://tinyurl.com/gsl57c>

Quote From Website
"A great concise video detailing the events of December 11th 1996 in the Yukon territory in which 31+ witnesses saw a giant UFO. This video from a Canadian program called NEDAA was made by and for the Native American population of the area. It discusses the incident in great detail as well as suggesting how the spoken history of creation told in the local tribes can be viewed from the UFO/Visitor perspective."

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In order for us to learn about anything we must share what we
learn for others to accept or reject our points of view. If you
don't want anyone to build on your ideas don't write them down.
That's what the government does. ;-)

David Iadevaia

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Abductees On ABC's 20/20 Tuesday Night

From: Katharina Wilson <K.Wilson.nul>
Date: Mon, 17 Aug 2009 16:41:41 -0500
Archived: Tue, 18 Aug 2009 08:03:21 -0400
Subject: Abductees On ABC's 20/20 Tuesday Night

Please tune in to ABC Tuesday night for: Outsiders/Abducted By Aliens: Believers Tell Their Stories."

I want to personally thank these very courageous abductees/experiencers for going public and telling the truth.

<http://abcnews.go.com/Primetime/story?id=8330290&page=1>

<http://abcnews.go.com/primetime>

Sincerely,

K. Wilson
www.alienjigsaw.com

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Hotel Lights Sparked UFO Reports
BBC News
http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/northern_ireland/8204922.stm

UFO Files: Secret US Spy Plane Aurora Could Be Behind Sightings
Telegraph.co.uk
<http://tinyurl.com/mdsvmf>

UFO Files: Craft 'Seen At Glastonbury Music Festival'
Telegraph.co.uk
<http://tinyurl.com/p5znws>

UFO Files: Lemon-Headed Alien 'Attempted To Abduct Boys'
Telegraph.co.uk
<http://tinyurl.com/nn2lcz>

UFO Files: Bright Yellow Light 'Fired Laser Beams At Ground'
Telegraph.co.uk
<http://tinyurl.com/qjawln>

UFO Files: Belgian Fighters Scrambled To Investigate UFOs
Telegraph.co.uk
<http://tinyurl.com/ojfowh>

The Truth Is In Here... Mod Releases Details Of 800 Ufo Sightings ...
Daily Mail
<http://tinyurl.com/gtk8oo>

UFO Sightings May Have Been Down To "X Files"
Reuters
<http://tinyurl.com/mpf3mc>

Is There Anything Extra-Terrestrial About UFOs?
guardian.co.uk
<http://tinyurl.com/gomvuu>

UFO Sightings: The British X-files In Full
guardian.co.uk
<http://tinyurl.com/lxthxw>

MOD Documents Reveal UFO Activity Across Essex
Dunmow Broadcast
<http://tinyurl.com/qzqopc>

Triangle UFO Over Birmingham Airport In Latest Declassified Files List
NewsBlaze
<http://tinyurl.com/l3cj48>

Bob Mayes: Seeing A UFO Doesn't Make You A Weirdo
The Mountain Press
<http://tinyurl.com/pwwggx>

Please Do Not Cancel UFO Hunters
NewsBlaze

<http://newsblaze.com/story/20090816134237zzzz.nb/topstory.html>

Secret UFO Messages: We Know You Are Here!

Examiner.com

<http://tinyurl.com/mm3dpe>

Scientific Research On Transcendental Meditation And UFOs

Examiner.com

<http://tinyurl.com/lmmvy2>

From 'The Norm'

Terrifying 'Sleep Paralysis' Needs More Attention

<http://www.livescience.com/health/090817-sleep-paralysis.html>

New Cloaking Method Could Shield Submarines From Sonar, Planes From Radar, Buildings From Earthquakes

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2009/08/090817073508.htm>

A Brief History Of Movie Flying Saucers

The preferred vehicle of cinematic aliens have dominated the space-scape of the silver screen since the early 1950's

<http://www.time.com/time/photogallery/0,29307,1916403,00.html>

Designing A Copyright Bill That's Built To Last

<http://www.thestar.com/sciencetech/article/682006>

From Greg Boone:

NASA confirms building block of life found on comet

<http://www.reuters.com/article/scienceNews/idUSTRE57H02I20090818>

"This is a bit of a surprise.

The results of the Stardust craft are in and NASA confirms that the amino acid glycine found on the comet Wild 2 are indeed of extraterrestrial in origin and bolsters the theory that life on Earth may have come from bombardments of such materials from such bodies."

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David,

With all respect, you don't seem to have understood what I said.
And you don't quite understand copyright law.

If material is copyrighted, short passages from it can in fact
be quoted directly, under the legal doctrine of "Fair Use",
which among other things allows the quoting of short excerpts
from a book when a book is reviewed. Look at the New York Times
Book Review some Sunday, and see how almost every review, except
the very short ones, includes passages from the book being
discussed.

That's also why excerpts from reviews can be quoted in
advertising, for example in movie advertisements. Movie ads are
full of quotes from reviews. They can even quote the reviews
misleadingly. I could review a movie, and write, "This is one of
the worse movies I ever saw, though it did have one brief moment
that was exciting." And then the advertisement will quote me as
follows: "Exciting" -- Greg Sandow.

This is what happens when published material contains just a
standard copyright notice, stating simply that the material is
copyrighted.

But it also seems to be possible to specify more stringent
restrictions. And that's why I mentioned Consumer Reports. This
is a major magazine in the US, whose reviews of consumer
products are almost universally respected. But the magazine
states that they can't be quoted or referred to. (I'm away on
vacation outside the US, and I don't have a copy with me, so I
can't quote their exact words.) And so you'll never see them
quoted. You won't read advertisements for a product, saying
something like, "A best buy" - Consumer Reports. The magazine
forbids that, and they enforce it legally.

That's what Errol seems to be doing in his own copyright notice,

or at least that's what I think the words mean. He could be clearer - he could say explicitly that not even short passages may be quoted, and that the content can't even be paraphrased. But the words appear to go beyond the standard copyright notice, to suggest that nobody's allowed to reproduce anything at all that appears here.

Errol, can you clarify?

Greg Sandow

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From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
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Good Day Greg, et al,

It appears Mrs Chang's site is "not allowing comments"; here is
my riposte to her:

Good Day Mrs Chang,

In your piece with Susan Clancy you posited the question:

"So you encourage evidence based belief?"

Which by her response she concurred; there is great irony in
this thesis as "her study" with so-called "alien abductees" was
flawed on its face..

Clancy did not vet her test subjects; in fact she put ads in
various newspapers asking for those who believed they had had
UFO abduction experiences to contact her - not to "scientific"
by any means.

Abduction researchers would be quick to point out that
individuals who claim to have experienced such an event are very
reclusive and reluctant to talk about it; this in contrast to
someone answering an ad in the newspaper.

Clancy, had she done a little work, could have chosen abductees

whose cases had been investigated; where the individuals had been vetted and actual field work had taken place. This in contrast to taking in any Tom, Dick or Harry off the street!

Clancy and McNally's so-called study was/is an example of cognitive bias: they had already arrived at a conclusion, i.e., that 'abductions are an impossibility', then they shaped their so-called evidence to fit that predetermination, all the while ignoring salient evidence pertaining to abduction cases, i.e., daylight events; conscious events; external eyewitnesses; physical trace cases; radar visual cases - of UFOs - in association with abductions etc.

Any arguments/declarations derived by the Clancy/McNally study are moot, as scientific protocol wasn't adhered to.

In that same vein, one can only hope that you in your upcoming segment in tonight's show did not follow in Clancy's biased footsteps; that perhaps you actually did some objective, investigative journalism; that perhaps you actually interviewed researchers who've spent years gathering and analyzing data; accordingly one would hope that from them you learned of the more sober, evidentiary cases and that, that will be included in tonight's show; I will give you the benefit of the doubt; however, if this snippet is indicative of what's to come, I'm not holding my breath.

Respectfully,

Frank Warren

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David Jacob's Review Of Clancy's Book

From: Katharina Wilson <K.Wilson.nul>
Date: Tue, 18 Aug 2009 16:23:19 -0500
Archived: Tue, 18 Aug 2009 18:18:13 -0400
Subject: David Jacob's Review Of Clancy's Book

Dear List:

David Jacobs book review of Susan Clancy's 2005 book
can be read here:

<http://www.ufoabduction.com/clancyreview.htm>

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ABC News Form: Abduction Article

From: Katharina Wilson <K.Wilson.nul>
Date: Tue, 18 Aug 2009 16:24:43 -0500
Archived: Tue, 18 Aug 2009 18:20:34 -0400
Subject: ABC News Form: Abduction Article

To contribute information relating to the ABC abduction article,
click on this link.

<http://abcnews.go.com/Site/page?id=3072379>

This supposedly goes directly to an editor.

There is a form you can fill out that includes a "comments"
section.

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From: Chris Rutkowski <canadianuforeport.nul>
Date: Tue, 18 Aug 2009 16:42:54 -0500
Archived: Tue, 18 Aug 2009 19:25:00 -0400
Subject: Re: ABC's JuJu Chang's Look At Alien Abduction

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It's worse than that. Neither piece in the British media are
well-researched at all.

First, the "UFO reports increase when alien movies are released"
story. True, the MoD data does show some ups and downs,
coincidentally with the years that some UFO movies came out. But
Canadian data - which I just presented at the MUFON conference -
does not show the same peaks. I have a feeling that Peter
Davenport's data won't show it either. A good reporter might
have checked for other published info.

BTW, 20/20 filmed Stan Romanek at this same MUFON conference,
walking right by me and some other UFO researchers who might
have given some scientific perspective.

Second, the story that hundreds of British UFO cases were part
of a 'disclosure' campaign fails to note that other countries
have been much more transparent about UFO data.

I just posted a UFO report from a pilot regarding a sighting two
nights ago in Canada, and I originally received the info through
official channels. Talk about 'Disclosure'!

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Abducted By Aliens: Believers Tell Their Stories

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Tue, 18 Aug 2009 17:54:09 EDT
Archived: Tue, 18 Aug 2009 19:27:00 -0400
Subject: Abducted By Aliens: Believers Tell Their Stories

ABC News: Abducted By Aliens: Believers Tell Their Stories

<http://abcnews.go.com/Primetime/Story?id=8330290&page=1>

Folks,

That's the link to the four page news story regarding the TV special to air tonight.

I've written my own response to the story here:

<http://ufomafia.com/blog/252>

noting important things regarding Dr. Clancy's blanket explanation that all abduction experiences are the result of sleep paralysis.

In the story she doesn't mention Dr. John E. Mack nor any of the abduction stories where the people were wide awake with full recall of their experiences. Sloppy news journalism again.

The article starts out fine but soon degrades into the last word given to someone who hasn't done the homework nor able to present an objective analysis.

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I'm madder than a bucktoothed woodtick in a petrified forest.

To have this news segment rounded out in each instance by some
headshrinker is justifying something I've been fighting against
for the past 12 years or more. While interacting live, daily
with abductees on the old Parascope forum on AOL, I noticed that
the psychiatric community wasn't doing jack squat for these
people. The stories went back 50 years! The accounts were so
horrifying it made the abductions look timid in comparison.
Forced psychiatric drugs, electro-shock, surgery, illegal
incarceration for not only people who had reported abductions
but for just plain UFO witnesses. I know this for a fact because
where I grew up there were three massive psychiatric hospitals,
the biggest in the world right there in Dutchess County, New
York. Not only did we have countless UFO incidents but if you
didn't tow the line, the line towed you right to a padded cell.

Now, there online at the forums where I've met many of you on this List and via the Art Bell show as Art was a staff member, I kept polling people about their experiences with psychologists/psychiatrists and 99% of the people there, skeptics and debunkers included hated psychiatrists. Both sides had horror stories. Later I got schooled on how the psychiatric industry works especially regarding drugs and the methodology and profit involved. I had no idea that new disorders were voted on with absolutely no physical evidence to back it up! If a bunch of headshrinkers agreed that a certain behavior deserved it, then they would classify it as real and the pharma companies piled in. Doctors and institutions were making money hand over inkblot prescribing these drugs which are now used by about one fifth of our population! It's not a cash cow, it's a cash herd!

I knew back in the '90s that if all or some of the alien abduction experience could be classified as a mental disorder the headshrinkers and drug companies would try to compartmentalize it but had resistance from the feds because to declare it a disorder might be construed as a reality and a bad egg into the public defending themselves and demanding in court more UFO data the feds aren't about to dish out.

So here we have ABC News doing the worse case scenario by not only doing sloppy work for the umpteenth time but allowing a Harvard trained professional to get on the air without any counterpoint.

It's another step to the government bringing back the incarceration of anyone associated with UFOs and abductions but this time with forced psychiatric examinations which will lead to forced drugging like they do with kids who have ADHD.

Mark my words, this is a trap Luke.

Problem for the headshrinkers is this time, I've come prepared with an arsenal of professionals, lawyers, medical, and tons of money to stomp them a mudhole and walk it dry.

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PRG Update - August 18, 2009

From: **Stephen G Bassett** <PRG.nul>
Date: Tue, 18 Aug 2009 13:18:41 -0700
Archived: Wed, 19 Aug 2009 07:43:46 -0400
Subject: PRG Update - August 18, 2009

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Paradigm Research Group

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ABC Primetime Special on the Abduction/Contact Phenomenon
<http://abcnews.go.com/Primetime/story?id=8330290&page=1>

However they treat the subject matter, this special is notable because of ABC's "Peter Jennings Reporting: UFOs -- Seeing Is Believing" special from February 25, 2005. It indicates ABC, like CNN, is continuing to engage the issue. Contact is the cutting edge of the UFO/ET phenomenon. Anytime a network touches this subject, it is significant.

Walnut Creek, CA Presentation - August 18

PRG ex. director Stephen Bassett will speak tonight at a Living Directory/Friendly Favours event at 7 pm PST. (Pot luck dinner at 6 pm) Most of the group will likely stay on and watch the ABC Primetime special together.

Those who are not members of the network are also welcome. If you are in the San Francisco Bay Area and would like to attend, contact the host Sergio Lub at: sergio.nul

You can also obtain information at: www.favors.org [Events]

New York City Private Briefing

A noted artist and photographer in New York City will be hosting a private briefing for potential supporters of PRG's advocacy work in early September. If you are in the NYC area and are someone or know someone who is considering support to PRG and would like to engage Mr. Bassett on the Disclosure process underway in a private setting, please contact PRG at: PRG.nul

United Kingdom Document Release
www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/newsitems2009.html

The UK has once again released more UFO files, and once again this has generated huge media coverage. See the above link.

This follows the release of UFO files by the Russian Navy.
See: <http://tinyurl.com/mq4p8g>

And this follows a new UFO files release in Brazil.

See: www.ufodigest.com/news/0809/secret-docs.php

It would appear Russia, a nation hungry to regain its status as a world leader, has now jumped on board the Disclosure train.

PRG European Talking Tour

The dates for Stephen Bassett's informal talking tour of Europe are now set. The primary purpose of this tour is to help develop interest in the Disclosure process across Europe. More information will be forthcoming soon. The schedule is:

Liverpool, UK	September 11-14	(conference)
Bath	September 14-16	
Devon	September 16-18	
London	September 18-25	
Helsinki	September 24-28	(conference)
Stockholm	September 28-30	
Oslo	Sept 30-Oct 2	
Berlin	October 2-5	(conference)
Copenhagen	October 5-7	
Amsterdam	October 7-9	
Brussels	October 9-11	
Zurich	October 11-14	
Rennes	October 14-16	
Saint-Pierre-en-Port	October 16-18	
Paris	October 18-20	

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Triangle UFO Photographed On California Webcam?
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/nn5czz>

Have You Seen A UFO?
Stuff.co.nz
<http://tinyurl.com/mrhoav>

Britain's Roswell: A Flying Saucer In Suffolk
Telegraph.co.uk
<http://tinyurl.com/nxh3bd>

UK Government's Release Of UFO Files Raises More Queries
The Tech Herald
<http://tinyurl.com/lj7b9x>

The Romaneks respond! Plus: See Romanek's UFO Footage On ABC
Tonight!
Pitch Weekly
<http://tinyurl.com/qvb2uv>

UFO Sightings: The Will Smith Effect Examined
guardian.co.uk
<http://tinyurl.com/lsb7wx>

British UFOs Choose Their Times And Places With Great Care
io9
<http://tinyurl.com/nrvqny>

UFO Seen Over Bognor - Video
Mid Sussex Times
<http://tinyurl.com/nshyge>

Some Claim UFOs Once Visited Princes William And Harry's Air
Force Base...
AHN
<http://tinyurl.com/mzdk3n>

Looking for UFOs? Alien Hunter Says Head Down Under
Reuters
<http://tinyurl.com/ne6nt4>

From 'The Norm'

Corrected URL from yesterday:

A Brief History Of Movie Flying Saucers
The preferred vehicle of cinematic aliens have dominated the
space-scape of the silver screen since the early 1950's
<http://tinyurl.com/korbls>

Some Thoughts About Orbs, The 'Pennsylvania UFO Flap' & V-Shaped
Craft'

<http://theheavystuff.com/?p=114>

Newsweek Weekly Podcast: Aliens Exist

<http://www.newsweek.com/id/40211#!?l=1232221125&t=34208493001>

'Stoned Wallabies Make Crop Circles'

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/8118257.stm>

2009 Shag Harbour UFO Festival & Symposium Day 1

<http://tinyurl.com/n4ykqp>

2009 Shag Harbour UFO Festival & Symposium Day 2

<http://tinyurl.com/m4zm8p>

Shag Harbour revisited

<http://thechronicleherald.ca/NovaScotia/1137541.html>

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Subject: Re: ABC's JuJu Chang's Look At Alien Abduction

>From: Chris Rutkowski <canadianuforeport.nul>
>To: <errol.nul>
>Date: Tue, 18 Aug 2009 16:42:54 -0500
>Subject: Re: ABC's JuJu Chang's Look At Alien Abduction

>>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 18 Aug 2009 18:46:56 +0100
>>Subject: Re: ABC's JuJu Chang's Look At Alien Abduction

>>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>>To: post.nul
>>>Date: Tue, 18 Aug 2009 11:48:14 EDT
>>>Subject: ABC's JuJu Chang's Look At Alien Abduction

><snip>

>>>This is just a new wave of mainstream media looks into UFOs
>>>because their ratings are down and I have an army of friends in
>>>the news business who tell me on a daily basis they have to do
>>>more coverage of UFOs and the paranormal because they're losing
>>>money pushing the typical hypnosis they call news.

>>Same thing is happening over here. Just read a seemingly meaty
>>'review' piece in the English broadsheet 'The Telegraph', which
>>turned out to be by Jasper Gerard - usually their "Sports"
>>reporter by the look of it.

>>If you read the piece:

>><http://tinyurl.com/q34yfz>

>>UFOs: Is there really anybody out there?' - you'll find it
>>shallow and condescending. To me it doesnt deserve to be called
>>'reporting'.

>It's worse than that. Neither piece in the British media are
>well-researched at all.

>First, the "UFO reports increase when alien movies are released"
>story. True, the MOD data does show some ups and downs,
>coincidentally with the years that some UFO movies came out. But
>Canadian data - which I just presented at the MUFON conference -
>does not show the same peaks. I have a feeling that Peter
>Davenport's data won't show it either. A good reporter might
>have checked for other published info.

>BTW, 20/20 filmed Stan Romanek at this same MUFON conference,
>walking right by me and some other UFO researchers who might
>have given some scientific perspective.

>Second, the story that hundreds of British UFO cases were part
>of a 'disclosure' campaign fails to note that other countries
>have been much more transparent about UFO data.

>I just posted a UFO report from a pilot regarding a sighting two
>nights ago in Canada, and I originally received the info through
>official channels. Talk about 'Disclosure'!

It was not surprising that the ABC abduction program was full of nonsense by Susan Clancy and Dr. McNally. She had already conclusively demonstrated her ignorance and bias about UFOs in her book, Abducted. My detailed factual and scathing review can be seen at:

<http://www.v-j-enterprises.com/sf-clancy-abducted.html>

Stan Friedman

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Re: ABC's JuJu Chang's Look At Alien Abduction

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Thu, 20 Aug 2009 00:03:31 +0000
Archived: Thu, 20 Aug 2009 09:34:11 -0400
Subject: Re: ABC's JuJu Chang's Look At Alien Abduction

>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 18 Aug 2009 13:06:06 -0700
>Subject: Re: ABC's JuJu Chang's Look At Alien Abduction

<snip>

>Clancy and McNally's so-called study was/is an example of
>cognitive bias; they had already arrived at a conclusion, i.e.,
>that 'abductions are an impossibility', then they shaped their
>so-called evidence to fit that predetermination, all the while
>ignoring salient evidence pertaining to abduction cases, i.e.,
>daylight events; conscious events; external eyewitnesses;
>physical trace cases; radar visual cases - of UFOs - in
>association with abductions etc.

>Any arguments/declarations derived by the Clancy/McNally study
>are moot, as scientific protocol wasn't adhered to.

>In that same vein, one can only hope that you in your upcoming
>segment in tonight's show did not follow in Clancy's biased
>footsteps; that perhaps you actually did some objective,
>investigative journalism; that perhaps you actually interviewed
>researchers who've spent years gathering and analyzing data;
>accordingly one would hope that from them you learned of the
>more sober, evidentiary cases and that, that will be included in
>tonight's show; I will give you the benefit of the doubt;
>however, if this snippet is indicative of what's to come, I'm
>not holding my breath.

JuJu's failure as an interviewer, for me, was that I never heard
her call the "doctor" by his name. I kept wondering "who the
hell is this guy, and why should I listen to him?" Who the hell
is McNally? I never heard of him. He was simply stating the same
old crap about sleep paralysis and incubi; such nonsense.

He was not credible to my mind.

KK

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Song Spaceman By The Killers

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Thu, 20 Aug 2009 00:01:51 EDT
Archived: Thu, 20 Aug 2009 16:32:06 -0400
Subject: Song Spaceman By The Killers

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qmh_guIlovk

I heard this on the radio today. I couldn't believe my ears but it's about alien abduction and it's not bad and quite a hit song.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com/blog

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Re: 08-19-09 Larry King Live On UFOs Online

From: **Giuliano Marinkovic** <giuliano.marinkovic.nul>
Date: Thu, 20 Aug 2009 07:50:38 +0000 (GMT)
Archived: Thu, 20 Aug 2009 16:39:10 -0400
Subject: Re: 08-19-09 Larry King Live On UFOs Online

Dear colleagues,

The segment from from last night's - August 19 - Larry King Live devoted to UFOs is now available online:

<http://tinyurl.com/mcmz27>

Transcript is available here:

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0908/19/lkl.01.html>

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Re: ABC's JuJu Chang's Look At Alien Abduction

From: David Chace <davidwchace.nul>
Date: Thu, 20 Aug 2009 10:41:00 -0700
Archived: Thu, 20 Aug 2009 16:52:14 -0400
Subject: Re: ABC's JuJu Chang's Look At Alien Abduction

Regarding professor Richard McNally, you can find him interviewed on YouTube in a segment from Animal X - Reptilian Creatures.

At about 3:40 into this piece, he reveals a bias that creates a false choice between taking UFO abduction accounts literally, and accepting the truth of established scientific knowledge.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OkFRUxiT2dU&NR=1>

If we don't know how the UFO occupants do the things they do, then how do we know that we would have to "throw out" established knowledge to accommodate it?

Most abductees are well aware of sleep paralysis and hypnopompic hallucinations, and the fact that such phenomena can mimic the classic 'bedroom visitation' that sometimes signifies the onset of an abduction.

Sleep paralysis cannot account for cases of people abducted while walking down the street or doing chores around the house.

Likewise it can't explain how abductees may find themselves mysteriously displaced, outside of a locked house in the middle of the night, for example.

It can't explain corroborative recall in multiple-participant abductions, where two or more people are independently regressed to an episode of missing time they shared years after the fact, and remember the same detailed scenario of abduction.

It can't explain physical marks on the body or medical effects resulting from UFO abduction. It can't explain implants. It would be interesting to see some Harvard researchers look into the aspects of the UFO abduction phenomenon that can't be explained by sleep paralysis.

Perhaps someday that will happen.

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Re: Why Can't You Tell The People?

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Thu, 20 Aug 2009 19:54:53 +0100
Archived: Thu, 20 Aug 2009 17:55:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Why Can't You Tell The People?

Amongst the recently released MoD documents are records which clearly demonstrate the circumstances under which the MoD released the Rendlesham Forest documents.

Shortly after their release, Georgina Bruni and Nick Pope claimed the credit for their release was due to the efforts of Georgina and Lord Admiral Hill-Norton. Indeed, at Nick Pope's site:

http://www.nickpope.net/rendlesham_forest_incident.htm

"I should first pay tribute to Lord Hill-Norton and Georgina Bruni, whose tireless efforts over the last few years have culminated in the release of these documents. Whether you're a sceptic or a believer, anyone with a genuine interest in ufology should applaud the hard work that these two dedicated individuals have done, in their quest for the truth."

The paper trail showing the true means by which the Rendlesham file was released is discussed in detail at Dave Clarke's blog:

<http://tinyurl.com/lc7x56>

Sadly, I predict that Nick Pope will not give the same applause to Dave Clarke as he erroneously did to Bruni and Hill-Norton in spite of the demonstrated facts. It would be uncharacteristic of him to let facts spoil a good story, or give credit where it is due.

Joe

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Re: David Jacob's Review Of Clancy's Book

From: John Velez <jvelez49.nul>
Date: Fri, 21 Aug 2009 05:06:34 -0400
Archived: Fri, 21 Aug 2009 10:52:27 -0400
Subject: Re: David Jacob's Review Of Clancy's Book

>From: Katharina Wilson <K_Wilson.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Tue, 18 Aug 2009 16:23:19 -0500
>Subject: David Jacob's Review Of Clancy's Book

>David Jacobs book review of Susan Clancy's 2005 book
>can be read here:

><http://www.ufoabduction.com/clancyreview.htm>

Hi Katharina,

David wrote:

"Her book does not actually have a new explanation for abductions; she recycles old ones but puts a veneer of "science" around them."

That pretty much sums it up - and I agree.

Regards,

John Velez

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UFO Investigators Drawn To Sylvan Lake Mystery
Forest Lake Times
<http://forestlaketimes.com/content/view/3415/1/>

Britain Releases Its UFO files - Are US corporations hiding ours?
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/lq69v6>

What To Do If You And Kitty Are Abducted By A UFO
Seattle Post Intelligencer
<http://tinyurl.com/lnf3g5>

Whistleblower Testimony On UFOs, ETs And The Year 2012
NewsBlaze
<http://tinyurl.com/mcsxqb>

Pennsylvania Orb UFO Video Taped Over Local Farm - Video
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/lqx9bg>

Three Oregon Witnesses Report Multiple UFOs On August 12
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/mpf5yf>

From 'The Norm':

Unknown Black Object Seen Over Ontario, Canada Lake
<http://www.ufocasebook.com/2009c/haliburton.html>

The Faith-Based Science Of Susan Clancy
By Budd Hopkins
http://www.intrudersfoundation.org/faith_based.html

District 9: Science Is The Casualty In Human-Alien Conflict
<http://tinyurl.com/lmmkq4>

Comprehensive Collection of Crop Formation Images Over Several
Years
<http://www.temporarytemples.co.uk/imagelibrary/>

Reporting On UFOs: How The Mainstream Press Avoids UFO Stories
by Tim R. Swarz
<http://uforeview.tripod.com/ufosandpress.html>

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Three Give Chase To Triangle UFO Over Crosby, Texas
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/mfnhy5>

UFO disclosure: America starts the process
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/lkhklg>

UFO Experts Investigate Mystery on Twin Cities Lake
KSTP.com
<http://kstp.com/news/stories/S1097163.shtml?cat6>

UFO Days To Be Big Event
Times-Journal
<http://tinyurl.com/ml4vra>

Very Stupid UFO Spotted At New York's JFK Airport
Gizmodo.com
<http://tinyurl.com/ncs758>

UFO base On Earth: Location Revealed And Monitored
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/mp6ag4>

From Frank Warren's UFO Chronicles:

Video: James Fox & Nick Pope
Talk UFOs With Larry King
<http://tinyurl.com/mxze8l>

Coping With Abduction Coverage
<http://tinyurl.com/nfqxb8>

VIDEO: Dr John Mack Discusses The Abduction Phenomenon With
Charlie Rose
<http://tinyurl.com/mzka2b>

From 'The Norm':

Vet Examining Cow Found Mutilated On Saskatoon Farm
<http://tinyurl.com/n9lbro>

Unusual Cow Death Likely Natural: Expert
<http://tinyurl.com/nhmk3t>

Saskatoon Farmer Believes Dead Cow Was Mutilated
<http://www.newstalk980.com/story/20090820/21194>

Owl Agri-Glyph Appears In Wiltshire Field
<http://tinyurl.com/gdwq3v>

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From: Peter Davenport <director.nul>
Date: Fri, 21 Aug 2009 09:52:54 -0700
Archived: Fri, 21 Aug 2009 13:38:33 -0400
Subject: Re: News Links - 19-08-09

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>UFO Investigators Drawn To Sylvan Lake Mystery
>Forest Lake Times
><http://forestlaketimes.com/content/view/3415/1/>

To the List:

Given the other reports that NUFORC has received over the last month, I am intrigued by the report from Forest Lake, Minnesota. I have written the television station that covered the alleged event, and forwarded to them a number of interesting reports that I have received over the last month, most of them from August 15 and 16. I will look at the reports from late July, when the Lake Forest event was reported, as well.

I have reported elsewhere the dramatic results that occurred over the Midwest and eastern U. S. last weekend, August 15-16, and reports continue to be submitted to NUFORC. They will be posted to www.UFOCenter.com this weekend, when our webmaster returns from vacation.

One of the more interesting reports from Chicago for the evening of August 15, 2009, I copy below, for the interest of the list members. The source of that report was a very good witness, in my opinion. Other sightings for the same time period were submitted from the following locations:

Honolulu, HI; Fishtoft, UK/England; Bainbridge, NY; Lafayette, IN; Hayward, WI (by a newspaper editor); Dracut, MA; Wichita, KS; Grand Rapids, MI (Witness #1); Grand Rapids, MI (Witness #2); East Grand Rapids, MI (Witness #3); Poole, UK/England; Guelph (Canada); Syracuse, IN; Simi Valley, CA; Camp Kendallville, IN; Cleckheaton, UK/England; Ray, MI; Percilla, TX; Rose City, MI; Ocean City, MD; Saugus, CA; and Britt, MN (copied below, as well).

Regards,

Peter
NUFORC

((COPIED REPORT))

100 Date: 08/15/09
110 Time: 21:15
120 Duration: 15 minutes
130 Sighting City: burr ridge
140 Sighting State: il
150 Sighting Zip: 60527
160 Sighting County: dupage
170 Witnesses: 2
172 Shape: Circle
168 Number of Craft: 7

190 Description: I live in burr ridge illinois and was walking our dog east bound on our street at around nine oclock on the 15th of August. I enjoy watching the stars at night and was looking up in the sky and noticed the harvest formation

Cassiopeia was out and that it was time for farmers to harvest their crops.

As If returned westbound towards our home, I looked up into the sky and noticed a bright red circular light with a orange glow in the middle moving from the south to the northeast at appx 4-5000 feet in the air moving at a 300-400 mpg clip.

The red light was 10 times the intensity of a small planes red light and the orange flame in the middle was half its size. There was one object to start and then two more that followed in tandem and then three more after that following in single file on the same path. After the first two passed overhead, I yelled to my wife who was inside the house to come outside quickly to see what I saw, and luckily two to three more passed by clearly visible to her.

She was as stunned as I was.

No sound.

No red or green lights on either side of the object.

Were these Army drones heading for the Chicago Air show?

Were they flying objects that were going to be displayed at the Oshgosh air show?

After we saw the objects, we came inside and called the police, but no one else had reported the sighting.

My wife went or neighbors house to see if anyone at their party had seen the strange objects overhead this evening.

I still have goosebumps from the sightings. It was very very odd.

And very cool at the same time.

As my wife has returned from talking to our neighbors, she reported that two people from the party at the house behind us did see three of the lights and wondered what they were and that she spoke to a pilot who was at the party and he didn't know what the lights were either. It was very unusual.

420 Aura: Yes

((END REPORT))

((COPIED REPORT #2))

100 Date: 08/16/2009
110 Time: 00:10
120 Duration: 30 minutes
130 Sighting City: Britt
140 Sighting State: mn
160 Sighting County: st louis
170 Witnesses: 3
172 Shape: Light
168 Number of Craft: 2

180 Description: Blinding lights over Britt, MN

190 Description: Mr. Davenport ,

Details of our sighting, Highway 53 North. Britt Minnesota.
August 15-16

We were traveling north approximately 10 miles north of Virginia MN when we came into a clearing on the west side of the highway. Just beyond the clearing there was an intense Blue/White light that was pulsing. At first I was thinking it might have been an airport light off track. But the closest airport was 20 miles away to the north. I noticed it was keeping pace with us at 45 mph. The light was so intense you could not look directly into it. The light tracked with us for 12 miles up highway 53 north and it took a due west heading out of sight. I proceeded to drive highway 53 another mile and right before my turn. I spotted the second light floating right above some ones house on the west side of the rode. I was able to see the light pulse from the first sighting off in the distance so this was a new

light I drove to my turn onto Biss road. I pulled over to get a better look to my south approximately 25 yards away from us this light was above a home. I shut the truck off and rolled down the windows. There was no sound at all the light burned your eyes to view. We sat there maybe 15 minutes and decided to go on our way. I drove 5 miles up the rode and decided I had to get another look we drove back and watched the light for another 10 minutes. It appeared to me to be maybe 5 feet around. The light was so bright that it was impossible to see what was above it. The persons yard was like daylight. I continued to my cabin 15 miles north west of Britt and was still able to see the pulsing in the night sky to the southwest. I will have my son and his friend write their accounts as soon as possible. Also my car radio would not work while we were watching the lights.

400 Lights On Object: Yes
490 Electrical: Yes

((END REPORT))

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Dyson Spheres

From: Terry Colvin <fortean1.nul>
Date: Fri, 21 Aug 2009 03:45:35 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Sat, 22 Aug 2009 08:21:40 -0400
Subject: Dyson Spheres

[fortean1] Across a Billion Years: Dyson Spheres, Freeman Dyson, Olaf Stapledon, and J.D. Bernal

Date: Aug 20, 2009 3:54 PM

<http://www.nada.kth.se/%7Easa/dysonFAO.html>

The Dyson sphere (or Dyson shell) was originally proposed in 1959 by the astronomer Freeman Dyson in "Search for Artificial Stellar Sources of Infrared Radiation" in Science as a way for an advanced civilisation to utilise all of the energy radiated by their sun. It is an artificial sphere the size of an planetary orbit. The sphere would consist of a shell of solar collectors or habitats around the star, so that all (or at least a significant amount) energy will hit a receiving surface where it can be used. This would create a huge living space and gather enormous amounts of energy.

A Dyson sphere in the solar system, with a radius of one AU would have a surface area of at least $2.72e17 \text{ km}^2$, around 600 million times the surface area of the Earth. The sun has a energy output of around $4e26 \text{ W}$, of which most would be available to do useful work.

The original proposal simply assumed there would be enough solar collectors around the star to absorb the starlight, not that they would form a continuous shell. Rather, the shell would consist of independently orbiting structures, around a million kilometres thick and containing more than $1e5$ objects. But various science fiction authors seem to have misinterpreted the concept to mean a solid shell enclosing the star, usually having an inhabitable surface on the inside, and this idea was so compelling that it has been the main use of the term in science fiction.

A third kind of shell would be very thin and non-rotating, held up by the radiation pressure of the sun. It would consist of statites (see below, in the section about stability). Essentially it is a "dyson bubble", where reflecting sails reflect light onto collectors for use in external habitats. Its mass would be very small, on the order of a small moon or large asteroid.

In the following I will call solid Dyson spheres Type II or dyson shells and independently orbiting spheres Type I.

Freeman Dyson was born in 1923 in Crowthorne, Berkshire, England. Dyson received his bachelor of arts degree in mathematics from the University of Cambridge in 1945. He completed fellowships at Cambridge's Trinity College from 1946 to 1947, at Cornell University in 1947 and at the University of Birmingham from 1949 to 1951. He returned to Cornell to become a professor of physics in 1951, leaving in 1953 to join the Institute for Advanced Study, where he is now professor emeritus. Dyson is a fellow of the Royal Society, a member of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences, a corresponding member of the Bavarian Academy of Sciences, a honorary fellow of Trinity College and an Associ=C3=A9 Etranger de l'Acad=C3=A9mie des Sciences. He

is president of the the SSI (Space Studies Institute).

Among his numerous awards and honors, Dyson received the Oersted Medal from the American Association of Physics Teachers, the Phi Beta Kappa Award in Science for Infinite in All Directions, the National Books Critics Circle Award for nonfiction, the 1981 Wolf Prize in physics, the Lewis Thomas Prize and many other honors.

Was Dyson First? No, he admitted himself that his original inspiration came from /The Star Maker/ by Olaf Stapledon, written in 1937.

"As the aeons advanced, hundreds of thousands of worldlets were constructed, all of this type, but gradually increasing in size and complexity. Many a star without natural planets came to be surrounded by concentric rings of artificial worlds. In some cases the inner rings contained scores, the outer rings thousands of globes adapted to life at some particular distance from the sun. Great diversity, both physical and mental, would distinguish worlds even of the same ring."

Stapledon, in turn, may have got the idea from J. D. Bernal, who also influenced Dyson directly. Bernal describes in /The World, the Flesh, and the Devil/ spherical space colonies:

"Imagine a spherical shell ten miles or so in diameter, made of the lightest materials and mostly hollow; for this purpose the new molecular materials would be admirably suited. Owing to the absence of gravitation its construction would not be an engineering feat of any magnitude. The source of the material out of which this would be made would only be in small part drawn from the earth; for the great bulk of the structure would be made out of the substance of one or more smaller asteroids, rings of Saturn or other planetary detritus. The initial stages of construction are the most difficult to imagine. They will probably consist of attaching an asteroid of some hundred yards or so diameter to a space vessel, hollowing it out and using the removed material to build the first protective shell. Afterwards the shell could be re-worked, bit by bit, using elaborated and more suitable substances and at the same time increasing its size by diminishing its thickness. The globe would fulfil all the functions by which our earth manages to support life. In default of a gravitational field it has, perforce, to keep its atmosphere and the greater portion of its life inside; but as all its nourishment comes in the form of energy through its outer surface it would be forced to resemble on the whole an enormously complicated single-celled plant. "

"A star is essentially an immense reservoir of energy which is being dissipated as rapidly as its bulk will allow. It may be that, in the future, man will have no use for energy and be indifferent to stars except as spectacles, but if (and this seems more probable) energy is still needed, the stars cannot be allowed to continue to in their old way, but will be turned into efficient heat engines. The second law of thermodynamics, as Jeans delights in pointing out to us, will ultimately bring this universe to an inglorious close, may perhaps always remain the final factor. But by intelligent organization the life of the universe could probably be prolonged to many millions of millions of times what it would be without organization. Besides, we are still too close to the birth of the universe to be certain about its death. "

According to Stefan E. Jones Raymond Z. Gallun, an American SF author may have come up with a similar concept independently.

As described above, the amount of collected energy would be immense, and the living space simply unimaginable. Dyson pointed out that so far the energy usage of mankind has increased exponentially for at least a couple of thousand years, and if this continues we will soon consume more energy than the Earth receives from the sun, so the natural step is to build artificial habitats around the sun so that all energy can be used. The same goes for population in the long run (it should be noted that this is not a solution, just a logical result of growth). It is also possible that the Dyson sphere simply stores the energy for future use, for example in the form of antimatter. Even if cheap and efficient fusion power can be developed, eventually the waste heat has to be radiated away by a Dyson sphere-like cooling system.

Other proposed uses have been for security (although it is hard to hide the infrared emissions; energy could be radiated away in certain directions, but thermodynamics places some limits on it), or just for the fun of it (if you have a sufficiently advanced technology megaengineering could become a hobby activity; after all, ordinary people today perform engineering or crafting feats far beyond the imagination of previous eras).

A Type I Dyson sphere would probably not cover the star perfectly, so occasional glimpses of its surface would be seen as the habitats orbited. A type II Dyson sphere would be totally opaque (unless it had openings). The spheres would hence be invisible from a distance, just a black disk on the sky. But they would shine powerfully in the infrared, as the waste heat from the internal processes radiate away. The apparent temperature would be

$$T = 3D (E / (4 \pi r^2 \eta \sigma))^{1/4}$$

where E is the energy output of the sun, r the radius of the sphere, eta the emissivity and sigma the constant of Stefan-Boltzman's law. This would correspond to an infrared wavelength of $\lambda = 3D 2.8978e-3 / T$ m (assuming a blackbody sphere) which for reasonable sizes lies in the infrared. Dyson predicted the peak of the radiation at ten micrometers.

The curvature of the "ground" would be even less than on Earth, so to an observer close to it it would look perfectly flat. In a solid dyson sphere with atmosphere, the atmosphere would limit the range of sight due to its opacity, and the horizon would be slightly misty. The sky would be filled with the surface of the sphere, giving the impression of a huge bowl over a flat earth, covered with clouds, continents and oceans although for a real Dyson shell these would have to be immense to be noticeable. The angular size of an object at a distance d and diameter l is $2 \arctan(l/2d)$. For an object of diameter 10,000 km (like the Earth) at a distance of a 100 million km (around 120 degrees away from the observer on the shell), the angular size would be around 10^{-4} rad or 0.005 degrees, roughly the size of a pea 100 meters away.

It should be noted (as Richard Treitel has pointed out) that even a very dark surface will shine intensely, making the sky much brighter than on Earth. The albedo of Earth is around 0.37, so an interior with an earthlike environment would have a sky where each patch reflects a noticeable fraction of the sunlight.

In a type I Dyson sphere roughly the same things would be seen: a plane wall of orbital habitats, solar collectors and whatnot stretching away into what looks like infinity (although here the curvature may become noticeable for observant viewers) and a hemispherical bowl covering the rest of the sky, centered around the sun. Solar collectors would have a very low albedo, but it is still likely that the interior will be very bright.

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Greetings list:

The Fortean Times website has posted the transcript of an interview with John Keel that followed his presentation at the the Independent UFO Network conference in Sheffield in 1992:

<http://tinyurl.com/leke3b>

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David Clarke

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Sacramento UFO Examiner / Images from our readers
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/kvng69>

UFO Experts Want To Know What's On The Bottom Of Sylvan Lake
Minneapolis City Pages
http://blogs.citypages.com/blotter/2009/08/ufo_experts_wan.php

The Famous Case Of The 1966 Hillsdale Michigan 'swampgas' UFO
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/lrpebh>

UFO Religion Founder Leads Topless Women In March Down Lincoln...
Miami New Times
<http://tinyurl.com/lhjwh9>

'Orange Blob' UFO Drops Low Over Jessup, PA
Examiner.com
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By Rick Rojas
Washington Post Staff Writer

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Mr. Hall, who was 78 when he died July 17 at his home in Brentwood of colon cancer, was "the last of a breed," said John B. Carlson, a University of Maryland astronomer. Carlson said that Mr. Hall's generation of UFO enthusiasts approached questions of the universe using the scientific method, not as believers in an intergalactic phantasm. "He was scientific, careful," he said. "He was a researcher."

Mr. Hall's pursuit began as a boy growing up near Hartford, Conn., with a simple mention by his mother that she had seen something strange in the night sky.

"Could there be something out there?" he asked himself at the time, according to his friend Susan Swiatek, who is Virginia director for the Mutual UFO Network. The Colorado-based group, of which Mr. Hall was once a board member, is an organization of UFO enthusiasts and ufologists -- those who study unidentified flying objects.

As a young man, Mr. Hall indeed thought there was something out there, and that prompted his lifelong investigation into who piloted UFOs and why they would come to Earth.

Mr. Hall became a leading figure in the field of ufology and wrote widely in the subject. He edited the book "The UFO Evidence" (1964) and a second volume in 2001. He also had a stint as a columnist for UFO Magazine and wrote essays for niche publications. And he was a proponent of what's known in ufology jargon as the "Extraterrestrial Hypothesis." He believed that UFOs, in fact, carried alien life-forms in spacecrafts that visited Earth. [ad_icon](#)

Mr. Hall started his career as a student of extraterrestrial life at the beginning of the space race, when the American public was eyeing the heavens and wondering whether anyone else

might share our universe. The study of UFOs was in its infancy when he came to Washington in 1958 to work for the new National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), a privately funded organization that sought to persuade the Air Force to investigate UFO sightings. Its director was Donald Keyhoe, a former Marine Corps aviator who wrote such books as "The Flying Saucers Are Real" and became an oft-quoted expert on extraterrestrials.

Mr. Hall wrote of learning about NICAP while studying mathematics at Tulane University in New Orleans. As a scholarship student, his duties included opening, sorting and delivering the mail. Keyhoe had written a letter to the university's "one-man astronomy department" asking for scientific support for the UFO organization. Mr. Hall, a fan of Keyhoe's book, said he immediately offered his services to NICAP after graduating.

Mr. Hall became an assistant to Keyhoe, but life as a ufologist wasn't lucrative. He left the organization in the late 1960s because of his impending marriage, which soon ended in divorce. He worked as an abstracter and editor for the Congressional Information Service in Bethesda, the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, Columbia Telecommunications and the National Council on Aging.

Mr. Hall continued to write about UFOs and serve with many organizations that investigated UFO sightings and phenomena. The larger scientific community has often dismissed ufology because of a lack of empirical data to support the research. "There are tens of thousands of reports of UFO sightings, but all you need is one good one to prove it," said Seth Shostak, senior astronomer at the SETI Institute.

"The bottom line: Ninety percent can be explained as something prosaic," Shostak said. "Ten percent, you don't know what it was, and ufologists say that's the margin in which there are aliens. The fact that we don't know 10 percent is not evidence."

Carlson said his mentor, Mr. Hall, came to be regarded as the "dean of ufology." As a researcher, Mr. Hall looked for evidence to understand what kind of extraterrestrials existed and what their purpose was.

In later years, his reputation suffered a reversal among many younger UFO enthusiasts who wanted to believe the story lines of science fiction to be true, Carlson said.

According to Carlson, Mr. Hall eschewed this growing "ding-a-ling fringe . . . who approach this more as a belief system or a faith."

Those notions, in Mr. Hall's view, diminished the credibility of his writings and research. The younger generation came to regard the "Extraterrestrial Hypothesis" as an old school of thought. The younger factions dismissed his hypothesis as though he believed the world was flat.

Outside his studies of UFOs, Mr. Hall had a keen interest in female soldiers, particularly those who fought incognito during the Civil War, and wrote several books and papers about them.

But his greatest influence as a researcher came from dedicating his life to the search for the unknown.

"Ninety-seven percent of the nibbles a fisherman feels on his line may be caused by his line snagging on rocks or seaweed, or by wave motion," Mr. Hall wrote in a 1966 paper. "This doesn't prove there are no fish in the ocean."

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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<snip>

How wonderfully moving that Dick Hall has received this sort of
tribute from a mainstream newspaper of the Post's stature. The
tone of this is just right, too.

Dick Hall was a man whose judgment, intelligence, and integrity
were a source of inspiration for many of us. In many ways he was
better than ufology - or much of it anyway - deserved. I always
felt honored to be his friend. No one can or will replace him.

One Dick Hall was worth hundreds of us ufologists, and at least
as many Seth Shostaks.

Jerry Clark

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Six Kansas Witnesses 'Shocked' By Low Flying Black Triangle UFO
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/nmm5xb>

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Sherman Denison Herald Democrat
<http://tinyurl.com/l86fzf>

Large Rectangular-Shaped UFO Witnessed Over Troy, Montana
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/lyjwa2>

UFO Events You Gotta See! Part 4 Of 4 (Cont.) - The Paranormal
Side!
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/l4a3dx>

From Frank Warren's UFO Chronicles:

Was there Really a UFO Crash in Cave Creek?
<http://tinyurl.com/kmcx7m>

Flying Saucer Mystery Deepens As Eyewitness Descriptions Increase
<http://tinyurl.com/mz899h>

Phase Two by C. Scott Littleton:
An Intriguing Novel Intertwining Speculations On Mythology And The
UFO Enigma
<http://tinyurl.com/nct397>

UFO Files Make Headline News
<http://tinyurl.com/ktumkg>

From 'The Norm':

Study Demonstrates How We Support Our False Beliefs
by James Carrion - (MUFON International Director
<http://www.physorg.com/news170070531.html>

Whistleblowers - Whose Horn Are They Tooting?
<http://tinyurl.com/mxtygf>

Students Report UFO Above Castle
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Fwd: Question About UFOs

From: Terry Colvin <fortean1.nul>
Date: Sun, 23 Aug 2009 03:05:56 -0400 (EDT)
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Subject: Fwd: Question About UFOs

[fortean1] Question about UFOs
Date: Aug 22, 2009 1:31 PM

There are many skeptics on this list who are constantly debunking UFO sightings with very plausible explanations in our opinion. There is nothing wrong with being skeptical. I myself am one, while Dave tends to believe just about anything that has the label paranormal attached to it. And even though I am skeptical of all things paranormal, I still think that anything is possible. In other words, having an open mind should be a requirement when being skeptical about anything. If you don't, then you tend to fall into the same trap as those who believe anything paranormal is true - except that you become trapped at the opposite end of the paranormal spectrum. Atleast in my opinion anyway.

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Alien Jigsaw Updates

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

Dear Colleagues:

Here's What's New at The Alien Jigsaw Web site:

Rethinking MILABS: "Military Abductions"
By K. Wilson

This article explains why I believe we need to rethink the MILAB phenomenon and also serves as an Introduction to Melinda Leslie's new position paper that follows.

RE-ABS: Not MILABS: How the Covert-Ops' Reverse Engineering of Extraterrestrial Abductees Shifts the Abduction Paradigm
By Melinda Leslie

Many abductees have what appears to be covert human involvement in their abduction experiences that has been referred to as MILABS or "military abductions." Over the past 17 years, these experiences have been the focus of Melinda's research, but her definition of them changed as her research progressed. Melinda is now boldly redefining these types of experiences as RE-ABS, which stands for "the reverse engineering of ET abductees."

Coming Soon:

The Second Edition Of I Forgot What I Wasn't Supposed To Remember
By K. Wilson

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The more the witnesses the better and radar visuals are still the best - that also report atypical movement patterns in conjunction with witness descriptions.

McMinnville:

This case fails to attract my interest initially for two reasons, but there are others:

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From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Mon, 24 Aug 2009 13:26:13 -0400
Archived: Tue, 25 Aug 2009 07:54:34 -0400
Subject: Re: Fwd: Question About UFOs

>From: Viktor Golubik <Diverge247.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Mon, 24 Aug 2009 11:41:00 EDT
>Subject: Re: Fwd: Question About UFOs

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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 23 Aug 2009 03:05:56 -0400 (EDT)
>>Subject: Question About UFOs

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>>Date: Aug 22, 2009 1:31 PM

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>>Caty and Dave

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For example, try the New Zealand Dec 31, 1978 sightings that
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recordings made at the time and 16 mm color movie film. See
various NZ case articles at <http://brumac.8k.com>

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For the most complete discussion of the McMinnville case go to:

<http://brumac.8k.com/trent1.html>

and

<http://brumac.8k.com/trent2.html>

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Bruce Maccabee has much information on this case in his papers
section at:

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Actually one balloon was launched and it cannot be proven to have been anywhere near the sighting area. This same balloon launch had been photographed and appeared in the 1948 March Issue of *Mechanix Illustrated*. The Skyhook balloon was often touted as being a Top Secret balloon which it was not. Some of its assignments no doubt were however.

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>like a balloon.

Maybe looked like but in some cases did not act like it.

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>they actually are due to their high altitude and a first-comers
>lack of an internal size referencing ability (frame of reference
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They translate from ice cream and cone shape to flattened sphere the higher they get due to pressure differentials. But the former shape was reported during the day by witnesses.

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>but a serious mistake due to their extreme altitude - leading to
>tragedy.

Mantell succumbed to hypoxia, no doubt. The question is why he did so despite considerable training and the knowledge of the hazards of flying above 15,000 feet without oxygen. There is a lot about this incident that is not fully explained, for instance the time it took for Mantell to climb to approx. 22,000 feet and the length of time he was airborne before the airplane crashed. The NICAP site is a good source for this case which is ongoing.

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Major flaws work both ways. The solve has to agree with the parameters of a case just the same as the original claims of some paranormal event.

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Archived: Tue, 25 Aug 2009 08:27:14 -0400
Subject: News Links - 24-08-09

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British UFO Files Leave Some Looking Skyward
Swissinfo
<http://tinyurl.com/n6hhtf>

Incredible Second Video Emerges Of UFO Releasing Objects over
Mexico
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/n3oshk>

Helicopters, UFO Photographed In England
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/lwkcjb>

UFO 'Sighting' Over Watlington
Henley Standard
<http://www.henleystandard.co.uk/news/news.php?id=641824>

Inner Awareness: Is There A Power Word To Call On UFOs?
Inquirer.net
<http://tinyurl.com/kv33ag>
[Either 'Bo', 'Peep' or simply 'Doh'! --ebk]

20 Vintage UFO/Flying Saucers/Extraterrestrial/Alien Books! - \$40
<http://newyork.craigslist.org/mnh/bks/1331851635.html>

UFO Activity Report From MUFON - August 24th, 2009
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/lbzrs2>

From Frank Warren's UFO Chronicles:

The 10th anniversary Of The Chandra X Ray Space Observatory And
The Man Behind It
<http://tinyurl.com/n9pev5>

Noted Ufologists, Scott & Suzanne Ramsey Discuss The Aztec
Incident On UFO Think Tank Radio
<http://tinyurl.com/mooy5v>

Richard H. Hall: ...His Life Became a Quest to Delve into The
Unending, Mysterious Universe and Find Life Beyond Earth
<http://tinyurl.com/lfgpm8>

From 'The Norm':

"James Carrion was the author of the second article below,
Whistleblowers and not the first article False Beliefs, posted
yesterday..."

Study Demonstrates How We Support Our False Beliefs

by James Carrion - (MUFON International Director
<http://www.physorg.com/news170070531.html>

Whistleblowers - Whose Horn Are They Tooting?
<http://tinyurl.com/mxtygf>

Gigantic Lightning Jets From Clouds To Space
<http://tinyurl.com/l32hww>

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Bryant CIA FOIA Re. Richard Hall

From: Larry W. Bryant <overtci.nul>
Date: Sun, 23 Aug 2009 15:23:03 -0400
Archived: Tue, 25 Aug 2009 09:30:00 -0400
Subject: Bryant CIA FOIA Re. Richard Hall

Item 2.50: FOIA Request To CIA (re the Late Richard H. Hall)

TO: Ms. Delores M. Nelson
Information and Privacy Coordinator
U. S. Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, DC 20505

FROM: Larry W. Bryant
3518 Martha Custis Drive
Alexandria, VA 22302

DATE: August 23, 2009

1. Reference: the enclosed photocopy of the Washington Post's Aug. 23, 2009, obituary of UFO researcher Richard Harris Hall.

2. During Mr. Hall's leadership at the now-defunct National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), he encountered the official desire of certain CIA personnel to share with them a selection of key UFO-incident cases from NICAP files. For the ensuing arrangement, no confidentiality agreement applied.

3. Accordingly, I hereby submit this freedom-of-information request for a photocopy of all CIA-generated and CIA-received records pertaining to this UFO-related files-sharing arrangement (said records to include the Agency's analysis/disposition of the NICAP cases received) - plus any and all CIA records pertaining to Mr. Hall's subsequent career as a UFO researcher-author.

4. Please process this request under my FOIA-requester status as a representative of the news media.

5. By snail-mail, I'm sending to you a signed printout of this e-formatted letter.

LARRY W. BRYANT
Columnist for UFO Magazine

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From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Tue, 25 Aug 2009 08:12:01 -0500
Archived: Tue, 25 Aug 2009 10:17:19 -0400
Subject: Re: Fwd: Question About UFOs

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Mon, 24 Aug 2009 15:04:30 -0300
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>It's rough being a witness.

Wow! That could stand a few orbits of regard. Consider the "witness", after all. A witness may be the pin a 'reality' swings upon... though, a witness is likely a subjective something apart from the spin, rate, charge, number, and measure the fretful Cartesianistas and reductionists prosecute, even as the witness must be of all of that, and more, in a way we don't grok, eh?

A witness can't be reduced to spin, rate, charge, number, and measure without losing what made it a witness at all. Humanity is not reducible and becomes unpleasant when the attempt is made I observe. Witnesses pay big, sometimes.

Killer observation, Don, if I may. Six words with a whole book in them.

alienview.nul
www.AlienView.net
AVG Blog -- <http://alienviewgroup.blogspot.com/>
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From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Tue, 25 Aug 2009 16:57:17 +0100
Archived: Tue, 25 Aug 2009 12:57:22 -0400
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In spite of the above, I have - in some cases spectacularly - mistaken Sirius, an aircraft, and a helicopter as possible UFOs, only finding out my mistake when I actively investigated the causes.

Is that because I am not expert enough? What constitutes a trained observer? How does one gain expertise for instance in recognising a satellite re-entry? I have been watching the skies for decades yet never managed to see a re-entry, though I have seen bolides, comets, satellites, etc.

Regards,

Joe

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Actually, I am taking early witness accounts into consideration
which are seldom repeated...

Bill Moore introduced the scar issue to decouple the balloon
explanation from the site which he then realized was a major
problem for the case. He also used that as a ploy to deflect an
honest answer from the atmospheric physicist "Charlie Moore" who
launched the balloons. Later, with more knowledge in hand, it
had upset C. Moore that he was used in this manner.

I also interviewed Bill Brazel who did not confirm that there
was a scar - just balsa wood sticks and aluminum foil...

Large sheet Aluminum foil became available later in the year. Up
until then, tin foil carried the weight of the physical
properties being subjected to internal witness comparison. Also
this foil was backed with paper making it resilient to bending,
recovery from folding, and resilient to tearing (memory metal).

Most of the early witness accounts use Balsa Wood in their
descriptions - and the dimensions of the splinters and sticks
found are a perfect match, color and size, with that now being
touted as alien beams. The physical properties of the balsa wood
sticks also being influenced by glue, embedded cellophane tape,
attached foil, and residual paper...

Marcel Sr. also said he was photographed with the actual debris
in one of the images taken, which we can now inspect for easy
comparison and analysis. Marcel Sr. is also on record saying

that his son was mistaken in calling them I-Beams.

If you saw your atomic bomb listening device on international news, how would you prevent the possibility of leaks and talk showing up later in the week? How would you contain these unknown potentials?

For one, Mac Brazel was obviously told to keep quiet for obvious national security interests...and, it doesn't matter at all if the actual material itself was not rated top secret... that's a specious argument given the pervading potential for leaks of unknown caliber at the time and for the subsequent years to follow.

We have the benefits of hindsight but relevant historical perspective must be considered to fully explain the attitude and drive pervasive at the time following the war and the potential, yet realized or determined, for this Mogul device, then being tested.

As I said, not much of this is repeated enough for obvious reasons.

Now pushing the big red "That Was Easy" button...

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Trained Observers [was: Re: Fwd: Question About

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark.nul>
Date: Tue, 25 Aug 2009 12:09:26 -0400
Archived: Tue, 25 Aug 2009 13:35:12 -0400
Subject: Trained Observers [was: Re: Fwd: Question About

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 25 Aug 2009 16:57:17 +0100
>Subject: Re: Fwd: Question About UFOs

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Am I missing something here?

How does being an ex-soldier who has sometimes flown in
helicopters make you a trained observer?

Jerry Clark

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From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Tue, 25 Aug 2009 18:50:26 +0100
Archived: Tue, 25 Aug 2009 15:45:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Trained Observers [was: Re: Fwd: Question]

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 25 Aug 2009 12:09:26 -0400
>Subject: Trained Observers [was: Re: Fwd: Question About UFOs]

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Hi Jerry

There's no folk trained to observe UFOs. None at all.

At most some people have been 'trained' to observe and classify
human-built aircraft/missiles etc.

So on that count - imho - we're all about equal.

Cheers

Ray D

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Cheers,

Joe

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>>may be. It's rough being a witness.

>Sorry Don, I have to query this - what do you mean by a trained
>observer?

>I am an ex-soldier, have frequently observed and sometimes
>flown in multiple helicopters. I am a regular skywatcher and
>take an interest in anything airborne.

>In spite of the above, I have - in some cases spectacularly -
>mistaken Sirius, an aircraft, and a helicopter as possible UFOs,
>only finding out my mistake when I actively investigated the
>causes.

>Is that because I am not expert enough? What constitutes a
>trained observer? How does one gain expertise for instance in
>recognising a satellite re-entry? I have been watching the skies
>for decades yet never managed to see a re-entry, though I have
>seen bolides, comets, satellites, etc.

Well for example, Joe, my daughter is a geologist and much of
what she does on an initial basis is through observation. In her
case trained observation of geological detail openly on display
to everyone but interpreted to by those who understand it. In
other words where we might walk right by it, to her trained eye
she sees, color, rock and sand and patterns that mean something
to her; perhaps of such interest to her that she would want to
literally dig further. Following that there is the chemical and
microscopic analysis of what she is exploring.

Your experience as a soldier bodes well for your being wary of
whatever soldiers are wary of and learning how to survive as a
soldier under combat conditions. But flying infrequently as a
passenger in a helicopter doesn't give you much trained
experience in helicoptering or readily identifying helicopters
as it would the pilots flying the helicopters. You might learn
some of the lingo, learn how to climb in and out of a particular
helicopter and be come adept at strapping in, putting on your
headset etc. however.

Trained observers spend much of their time observing in their
chosen science or professions.

A doctor is a trained observer. You see a new mole, or a big freckle on your arm, he or she sees skin cancer. Much of what your doctor learns about you is through trained observation skills. Even if you get a blood test, the lab technician uses observation through microscopic analysis or dye tests or litmus tests, etc. to determine problems or deficiencies with your blood.

There are no trained observers of UFOs simply because they are damned hard to just sit around and wait for so they can be observed. I'm sure you, like myself, would make a wide berth around those who claim they see UFOs on a regular basis. I know I do.

But where you have been researching this stuff for many years, you would be a more reliable witness of such an event than the guy down the street that get his info from the tabloids. The reason being is that you know many of the things in the sky that get reported and are in fact prosaic. You would be aware of the pitfalls. Your process of elimination would kick in, if and when you saw something strange in the sky. In one respect you are a trained eliminator of possible explanations. You know about decayed rocket boosters and Chinese lanterns and balloons and to some degree, helicopters among many other explanations. In one respect you are a trained observer because you know what to look for-or what to be wary of and how to go about eliminating or confirming possible explanations. Trained observation is the ability to apply the process of elimination.

This exploration of the UFO phenomenon frequently runs up against Conan Doyle's/Sherlock Holme's 'when all else has been eliminated what's left must be the truth/answer'. My apologies for the rough approximation of his actual quote.

Don ledger

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Archived: Wed, 26 Aug 2009 05:41:06 -0400
Subject: Re: Trained Observers

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 25 Aug 2009 18:50:26 +0100
>Subject: Re: Trained Observers [was: Re: Fwd: Question About UFOs]

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>How does being an ex-soldier who has sometimes flown in
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>There's no folk trained to observe UFOs. None at all.

>At most some people have been 'trained' to observe and classify

>So on that count human-built aircraft/missiles etc.- imho - we're
>all about

>equal.

What you've said here is meaningless, Ray.

The point is that some people are trained to observe various conventional phenomena, natural and artificial. They are also trained in description and analysis. That is why, for example, World War III didn't happen, because specialist observers were trained to tell the difference between a Soviet bomber or missile and something unthreatening.

When trained observers see something that to all appearances is not a conventional phenomenon and that, in spite of their observational knowledge and analytical skills, they cannot identify, it is more likely that they have seen a UFO than a naive observer has.

Your strange assertion would be true only if we knew what UFOs are. That we don't know what they are is exactly the point you're missing.

Jerry Clark

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Who besides yourself has ever called you a trained observer?

By your own implicit admission, you're a spectacularly
incompetent observer. You're always seeing faux-UFOs and, as you
acknowledge, taking an inordinately extended period of time to
identify their true nature.

As for myself, I am not an ex-soldier, and I don't fly around in
helicopters. I pay only casual attention to the sky except when
I'm concerned about an impending storm.

Unlike you, I don't call myself a trained observer. Like you, I
have seen IFOs. Unlike you, the longest it ever took me to
identify one was half an hour. (And if I were to see the same
thing again, it would take me seconds.) In all other cases, it's
been anywhere from 10 seconds to five minutes.

Cheers,

Jerry Clark

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Archived: Wed, 26 Aug 2009 06:01:48 -0400
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>From: Viktor Golubik <Diverge247.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Tue, 25 Aug 2009 11:59:01 EDT
>Subject: Re: Fwd: Question About UFOs

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>tested.

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>reasons.

>Now pushing the big red "That Was Easy" button...

The statements you have made above are better rebutted by those steeped in the Roswell event.

But if I'm not mistaken Jesse Marcel alluded to scarred terrain. Was this not supported by his son?

But others have disputed the Mogul Balloon launch dates which are a matter of record, and that record does not indicate a Mogul at Roswell; and if memory serves Charles Moore's launch dates - pertaining to Roswell - are not supported by fact.

Some of what you have written about above have been posed on this List before and you have been shot down for your troubles.

Let's see what transpires on the List.

Don Ledger

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Re: Song Spaceman By The Killers

From: Katharina Wilson <K.Wilson.nul>
Date: Tue, 25 Aug 2009 17:22:32 -0500
Archived: Wed, 26 Aug 2009 07:03:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Song Spaceman By The Killers

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Thu, 20 Aug 2009 00:01:51 EDT
>Subject: Song Spaceman By The Killers

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

>I heard this on the radio today. I couldn't believe my ears but
>it's about alien abduction and it's not bad and quite a hit
>song.

Greg:

You're right. It's a pretty good song. I thought some of the
imagery used in the video was excellent.

Here's where you can read the lyrics if anyone is interested.

<http://www.metrolyrics.com/spaceman-lyrics-the-killers.html>

And, pleeeeee - let's not go from a hotel in California to
Melville with this one. :) This time it really is about alien
abductions!

<smiles>

K.Wilson

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>>I think we all know what the elements of a good case are but we
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It always amazes me that eyewitness testimony is considered
perfectly acceptable... i.e. accurate, when it leads to
conversion of an Unknown to a KNOWN but not acceptable when it
can't be used to identify a sighting as a known.

It has been my experience that witnesses are pretty good
observers but often poor interpreters. Interrogators often put
words in the mouth of a witness and then complain.

Stan Friedman

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>Bill Moore introduced the scar issue to decouple the balloon
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>problem for the case. He also used that as a ploy to deflect an
>honest answer from the atmospheric physicist "Charlie Moore" who
>launched the balloons. Later, with more knowledge in hand, it
>had upset C. Moore that he was used in this manner.

>I also interviewed Bill Brazel who did not confirm that there
>was a scar - just balsa wood sticks and aluminum foil...

>Large sheet Aluminum foil became available later in the year. Up
>until then, tin foil carried the weight of the physical
>properties being subjected to internal witness comparison. Also
>this foil was backed with paper making it resilient to bending,
>recovery from folding, and resilient to tearing (memory metal).

>Most of the early witness accounts use Balsa Wood in their
>descriptions - and the dimensions of the splinters and sticks
>found are a perfect match, color and size, with that now being
>touted as alien beams. The physical properties of the balsa wood

>sticks also being influenced by glue, embedded cellophane tape,
>attached foil, and residual paper...

>Marcel Sr. also said he was photographed with the actual debris
>in one of the images taken, which we can now inspect for easy
>comparison and analysis. Marcel Sr. is also on record saying
>that his son was mistaken in calling them I-Beams.

>If you saw your atomic bomb listening device on international
>news, how would you prevent the possibility of leaks and talk
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It is not repeated because it is false and misleading.

A mogul balloon train consisted of a string of 20-24 standard
normal neoprene weather balloons linked by string. Not anything
unnatural. Mack and the other ranchers had all recovered them.
Jesse and Blanchard were quite familiar with them.

"Balsa" was used by witnesses as an indication of how light
weight the material was not what it was. "Light as balsa" and
heavy as lead were standard comparisons.

The sonobuoy would not have shown up in TV pictures.. no TV
anyway. No Moguls were in the area. The first stories (July 8)
all said "found last week".

After Mack's reprogramming (see RDR for JULY 9)the date was
switched to mid-June and we first hear of a small bundle of
rubber and sticks. If that is all there had been, Brazel would
have brought it in and there would have been no need for Marcel
and Cavitt to go to the ranch and Brazel would not have worried
about his sheep not crossing the debris field. There wouldn't
have been any.

Let us also not forget the first hand testimony of retired
General Thomas J. DuBose.

Stan Friedman

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<snip>

Without wishing to detract from your daughter's obvious talent, I don't see the relevance to observation of UFOs.

>Your experience as a soldier bodes well for your being wary of >whatever soldiers are wary of and learning how to survive as a >soldier under combat conditions. But flying infrequently as a >passenger in a helicopter doesn't give you much trained >experience in helicoptering or readily identifying helicopters >as it would the pilots flying the helicopters. You might learn >some of the lingo, learn how to climb in and out of a particular >helicopter and be come adept at strapping in,putting on your >headset etc. however.

I can see how military training can make some aspects of any report more reliable. All soldiers are trained to estimate ranges to targets, how to read a map, and be 'situationally aware' i.e. knowing what direction they are facing, the locations of local landmarks, etc. but in the example of judging distance, their skills are superfluous without points of reference, eg an object of unknown size in the sky.

In terms of helicopter recognition, one major exercise I was on employed an airfield from which helicopters of all British, American, and German military types were taking off and landing 24/7 for three weeks (it was that exercise that I flew on a night exercise as a passenger on a Lynx). I was camped right next to the airfield and gradually was able to sleep through the helo activity when I was off-shift, but it took a while to get used to it.

Pretty well every exercise I went on involved helicopter activity of some sort, including one occasion when we were attacked by men in Spetznaz uniforms with Soviet special forces weapons, dropped from a Soviet built Hind. Yet in spite of all this, much to Jerry's glee, I still mistook a police helicopter as a UFO - more of that in my response to Jerry.

>Trained observers spend much of their time observing in their
>chosen science or professions.

I can see how a dye technician might be better able to describe any colours involved, but I still don't see that this would make them any better than anyone else as a UFO witness in general.

I am a philatelist (stamp collector) and can spot differences in shade, typeface, printing method, or perforation size in stamps that most people would perceive as identical, but that doesn't seem very relevant when it comes to witnessing a UFO. The same applies to the examples cited which I have snipped below.

<snip>

>There are no trained observers of UFOs simply because they are
>damned hard to just sit around and wait for so they can be
>observed. I'm sure you, like myself, would make a wide berth
>around those who claim they see UFOs on a regular basis. I know
>I do.

I wouldn't go out of my way to follow-up claimed repeater witness reports, but if they were local, or I happened to be spending time in the area I would take an interest in the hope that I could resolve at least some of the reports.

<snip>

In the above snipped passage, you suggest that because of ufologists awareness of likely causes of reports, they generally make better witnesses. In broad terms, I agree with you, but there are some people who claim to have been ufologists for decades who regularly report seeing UFOs which most of us would recognise from the description. One investigator relatively local to me called Phil Hoyle is one such. Amongst other activities, he thinks that his chances of seeing UFOs are improved by looking out for them on the anniversaries of previous sightings.

Others fail to recognise Chinese Lantern reports for example for what they are, especially if they are relying on what they regard as 'expert witnesses' who explicitly state that what they saw was definitely not Chinese Lanterns. In the mistaken helicopter case, I am on record as saying "I don't know what that was, but it definitely wasn't a helicopter!" - given my background, many investigators would have erroneously taken my word at face value.

Cheers,

Joe

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Examiner.com
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UFO Spotted Above Purley Is Actually A Chinese Lantern
Croydon Advertiser
<http://tinyurl.com/nvvgw6>

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UFOS, Alien Abductions On ABC
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/l2gt7x>

Should The Auto Channel Report on UFOs? Tell Us What You Think...
Autochannel (press release)
<http://www.theautochannel.com/news/2009/08/25/475250.html>

From 'The Norm':

Mysterious Tubular Clouds Defy Explanation
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>It always amazes me that eyewitness testimony is considered
>perfectly acceptable... i.e. accurate, when it leads to
>conversion of an Unknown to a KNOWN but not acceptable when it
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Exactly, Stan. If eyewitness testimony were consistently in error when it comes to UFOs, then neither could it be useful in the identification of IFOs. It follows, obviously, that some reports dismissed from witness descriptions as IFOs may in fact be poorly described or naively perceived UFOs. There are all kinds of psychosocial reasons, conscious and unconscious, that would drive observers to try to reduce the cognitive dissonance - not to mention ridicule - associated with the sighting of an unwelcome unknown.

>It has been my experience that witnesses are pretty good
>observers but often poor interpreters.

Social scientists call this the distinction between belief and observation. The first may be in error while the second is accurate. Unfortunately, it's a point that, in their zeal to debunk all as observational error and worse, escapes many self-described skeptics. One suspects that this process occurs as well in the case of genuine anomalies which the witness seeks - fallaciously - to account for in comfortably prosaic terms.

>Interrogators often put
>words in the mouth of a witness and then complain.

I think you mean interviewers. Except in very rare instances, interrogation is not - fortunately - a practice in UFO investigation. It's not as if witnesses were being taken into back rooms (or CIA torture chambers) and worked over. At least not yet.

Cheers,

Jerry Clark

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>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
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>Date: Tue, 25 Aug 2009 15:10:25 -0400
>Subject: Re: Trained Observers

>>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 25 Aug 2009 18:58:27 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Trained Observers [was:Fwd: Question About UFOs]

<snip>

>>That is my point - what constitutes a trained observer? Is a
>>pilot any better at recognising a satellite re-entry than I am?

>Who besides yourself has ever called you a trained observer?

Firstly, I have never called my self a trained observer.

By implication, people such as Nick Pope have done so - see:

<http://www.thesun.co.uk/sol/homepage/news/article1336870.ece>

"An important factor is that this was shot from a military base -
and the military tend to make good witnesses."

In this particular instance, the cause was attributed to Chinese
Lanterns.

Many other "UFO Experts", for instance Timothy Good and Gary
Heseltine place a high value on reports from police or military
witnesses.

>By your own implicit admission, you're a spectacularly
>incompetent observer. You're always seeing faux-UFOs and, as you
>acknowledge, taking an inordinately extended period of time to
>identify their true nature.

If I am spectacularly incompetent, then so were the other twenty
or so people who were on the skywatch where I failed to identify
the helicopter. Quite a coincidence to find so many incompetent
people in the same place at the same time, don't you think?
Maybe it wasn't really a helicopter, given that there were so
many witnesses...

The mistaken aircraft occurred while I was driving on a
motorway, so there is some excuse for my total incompetence in
that case.

In the case of Sirius, I contacted a more experienced
investigator who lived about 10 miles away, who also thought it
was unusual. I picked them up and together we chased Sirius from
Staffordshire to Yorkshire. For some reason, we couldn't seem to
catch up with it before dawn broke...in that case, I apologise
profoundly for both of our displays of incompetence.

>As for myself, I am not an ex-soldier, and I don't fly around in
>helicopters. I pay only casual attention to the sky except when
>I'm concerned about an impending storm.

>Unlike you, I don't call myself a trained observer. Like you, I
>have seen IFOs. Unlike you, the longest it ever took me to
>identify one was half an hour. (And if I were to see the same
>thing again, it would take me seconds.) In all other cases, it's
>been anywhere from 10 seconds to five minutes.

Have you ever seen a UFO?

Regards,

Joe

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Archived: Wed, 26 Aug 2009 10:20:00 -0400
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>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 25 Aug 2009 14:57:10 -0400
>Subject: Re: Trained Observers [was: Re: Fwd: Question AboutUFOs]

>>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 25 Aug 2009 18:50:26 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Trained Observers [was: Re: Fwd: Question About
>>UFOs]

>>There's no folk trained to observe UFOs. None at all.

><snip>

>>So on that count - imho - we're all about equal.

>What you've said here is meaningless, Ray.

<snip>

>Your strange assertion would be true only if we knew what UFOs>
>are. That we don't know what they are is exactly the point
>you're missing.

Hi Jerry,

To discuss the problem it's necessary to understand what
'training' is.

All observers get the same raw sense data, mostly visual. That's
angular width of an object - because the eye doesn't know
distance, although the brain picks up clues from foreground or
background, and angular motion (and accelerations). Along with
shape and color, sounds or any other sensations, that raw data
is common to all observers, that is it will be perceived more or
less identically by anyone with 'normal' senses.

But a 'trained observer' is (or should be) equipped with a set
of mental 'scales' with which to judge things like cloud height
and cover, windspeed etc., along with the formal language to
describe these. In addition the trained observer might've been
rehearsed at recognizing silhouettes of aircraft/missiles in
various attitudes and formally naming them. Some trained
observers might also have experience of watching aircraft and
recognizing speed, altitude etc.

Whereas naive or untrained observers - who get exactly the same
data - judge and report it in their own informal terms, maybe a
bit idiosyncratically.

Those, on the surface, are the only differences between the
'trained' and the naive observer. These differences can be
eliminated by intelligent interrogation, using standard
recognition aids - like color charts, translating angles/ time-
periods/distances/apparent sizes (coin held at armslength etc).

However the 'trained observer' is usually a member of an
organisation with a process of indoctrination, including the
instilling of 'expectations' in the observer. As we know, the

brain tends to make us see what we expect to see. Additionally there's other mental 'distortions of reality' which might be expected in an 'organization person' - see science reference links at <http://www.perceptions.couk.com/magic2.html#1a>

So, although I said 'we're all about equal' as far as the data goes, in interpretation a 'trained observer' can be much less reliable than an ordinary person's 'translated' report.

Cheers

Ray D

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Nope. I have one firm guiding principle:

If I see it, it's not a UFO.

Cordially,

Jerry Clark

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>>>I think we all know what the elements of a good case are but we
>>>are sometimes afraid to challenge the prevailing wind or refuse
>>>to speak poorly of what might be considered honest witness
>>>accounts - human elements and time-invested drama bringing both
>>>challenge and conflict.

>>Observation is - or at least use to be - the first key element
>>of science. Trained observation is even better. We get that in
>>spades in may UFO reports but in this field observation is to be
>>treated with disdain and derision regardless of who the observer
>>may be. It's rough being a witness.

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>perfectly acceptable... i.e. accurate, when it leads to
>conversion of an Unknown to a KNOWN but not acceptable when it
>can't be used to identify a sighting as a known.

>It has been my experience that witnesses are pretty good
>observers but often poor interpreters. Interrogators often put
>words in the mouth of a witness and then complain.

Don & Stan,

One of the reasons I'm an advocate of recording interviews and dealing with actual transcripts is for this very reason - it actually puts the interviewer on trial more so than the witness. It makes the interviewer better over time. It also prevents later problems from developing. The witness is often overburdened from a poor interview - later accused of changing his/her story which makes it hard on both sides to later deal with fairly.

This is why I specified that portion of this exchange that's somehow been selectively left off, which is again one of my main points exactly! It happened right here in a matter of just two exchanges...

[It is not necessary to constantly re-quote from previous posts and the moderator here exercises his editorial prerogative --ebk]

I recommended actually listening to the real witness and

interviewer responses: Linda Moulton Howe's recorded interviews and that of others - recall?

In the Roswell affair, I advocate _early_ witness testimony not later contaminated accountings force fed over the years. You can't be an HONEST scientific investigator without realizing this important factor and source for contamination - and a need to reconcile it in honest discourse! Confabulation does exist along with other problems.

Until we get hard evidence, early witness accounts is as good as it gets. So show it in all it's splendor and don't be afraid of it... how simple is that!

I don't disagree with your evaluation at all Stan, but please - at least I offered a simple and meaningful solution...

The sooner we all realize that we're all just reporters at this stage the better. A recorded interview and transcript is as scientific as it can get sometimes because it presents the only evidence - the only interaction with the event of interest. Though, in most cases, I find the people much more interesting ;)

golubik

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If this is a joke, I don't get it.

If it's not a joke, please tell us what special insight you have.

WCT

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<http://tinyurl.com/l7kauj>

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Examiner.com
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From Greg Boone:

Moon Mission Accidentally Burns Up Fuel Reserves
<http://www.wired.com/wiredscience/2009/08/lcross/>

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Beyond space And Time: Fractals, Hyperspace And More
<http://www.newscientist.com/special/beyond-space-and-time>

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<http://www.bufora.org.uk/NewsReviews/tabid/71/Default.aspx>

Five UFOs Sighted In Night Sky
<http://tinyurl.com/nsvjoe>

UFOs Reported Over Eastern China
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Is this the general consensus on this List? Does having multiple sightings make one a less reliable observer? Isn't this a bit like shooting the messenger?

We don't know what many of these sightings are. The many lights in the sky, for example, may or may not have an affinity for particular individuals on earth. As an investigator, why would you cut yourself off from studying that kind of phenomenon?

There are a number of reports where the observer feels as if there is communication with the unknown object. It seems to respond to mental requests to change its behavior, for example. The strict materialists among us no doubt have trouble accepting that possibility. But there are others, beginning with Carl Jung, who see UFOs as archetypes of collective consciousness.

An acquaintance of mine, who is into tantric yoga, sees UFO and aliens as specific archetypes and thought-forms symbolizing a communication bridge between a deep layer of the subconscious and our awareness. He draws analogies (a) between a distant star system and a distant layer of consciousness below awareness, (b) between an alien living near a distant star and a consciousness embedded in the subconscious, and (c) between the UFO and a method to contact consciously the subconscious component by breaking time-space.

Many may scoff at this, but it is a model that makes some sense to me. It explains why a UFO would respond to the observer's mental requests, since the UFO is an externalization of the observer's consciousness. The UFO may seem like a physical

object because it is a thought-form - a physical object created by psychic energy. Sightings of UFOs are not common because most people do not need that kind of psychic release.

If anyone thinks that the human psyche is incapable of such "magical" doings, there is precedent in poltergeist activity where it is also uncontrolled, and in the physical humanoid thought-forms apparently created by Tibetan Buddhist monks.

I see no reason to insist that all sightings must have a common explanation. We can have space ships visiting us from other planets, and we can also have UFOs as thought-forms erupting into physical space via a psychic realm that most of us distort or suppress.

The witness who experiences multiple sightings may be an important resource for a properly prepared investigator.

William

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Re: Trained Observers

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Thu, 27 Aug 2009 00:15:42 -0300
Archived: Thu, 27 Aug 2009 09:57:15 -0400
Subject: Re: Trained Observers

>From: Stanton T Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 25 Aug 2009 19:36:54 -0300
>Subject: Re: Fwd: Question About UFOs

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 24 Aug 2009 15:04:30 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Trained Observers

>>>From: Viktor Golubik <Diverge247.nul>
>>>To: post.nul
>>>Date: Mon, 24 Aug 2009 11:41:00 EDT
>>>Subject: Re: Fwd: Question About UFOs

><snip>

>>>I think we all know what the elements of a good case are but we
>>>are sometimes afraid to challenge the prevailing wind or refuse
>>>to speak poorly of what might be considered honest witness
>>>accounts - human elements and time-invested drama bringing both
>>>challenge and conflict.

>>Observation is - or at least use to be - the first key element
>>of science. Trained observation is even better. We get that in
>>spades in may UFO reports but in this field observation is to be
>>treated with disdain and derision regardless of who the observer
>>may be. It's rough being a witness.

>It always amazes me that eyewitness testimony is considered
>perfectly acceptable... i.e. accurate, when it leads to
>conversion of an Unknown to a KNOWN but not acceptable when it
>can't be used to identify a sighting as a known.

>It has been my experience that witnesses are pretty good
>observers but often poor interpreters. Interrogators often put
>words in the mouth of a witness and then complain.

While we were in Shag Harbour recently, Stan, I had perhaps a
dozen people approach me with reports. I'm sure you were
recipient to some of these as well. Those attending this year
were for the most part, not local therefore most events were in
other locals.

After listening for a few moments I'd ask each one, when this
event occurred. Only one of them could provide a date and time.

That's my beef with the witnesses. Usually the accounts are
heavy on the anomaly's description but a request for times was
met with 'night time', the date was met with anything from "I
think it was about three years ago." or "Sometime in July last
year." The one person who had a date was a retired naval person.
He proceeded to give me details, elevation, distance time and
location and the objects bearing in relation to him. He also
gave me a good description, but we were discussing an event that
occurred in 1982. It was a good sighting with much more detail
than I usually get from witnesses.

As for the others their decription tends to reveal their emotional state. They were more concerned that it happened to them and the event had impact. The dates were not important to them nor was the time. What was important was that they had seen one, which my experience led me to believe that from what I was hearing that at least half of these events could be explained away or at least doubt could be raised due to some possible prosaic explanation.

None of these people reported their sighting. In fact if you remember I actually asked that question during my presentation and about half of those present [about 80 people] raised their hands. When I followed up with how many reported it-not one hand went up.

The witnesses are not anxious to report what they see to the authorities; the reasons for this are well known. They are more interested in finding out what they saw. Although I was disappointed in their lack of dates and times I was impressed with what many had witnessed. Only one called it a UFO, incidentally, and I've noticed this before.

Don Ledger

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Re: Trained Observers

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Thu, 27 Aug 2009 00:41:15 -0300
Archived: Fri, 28 Aug 2009 08:34:49 -0400
Subject: Re: Trained Observers

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Wed, 26 Aug 2009 13:00:25 +0100
>Subject: Re: Trained Observers

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 25 Aug 2009 15:28:10 -0300
>>Subject: Trained Observers [was: Question About UFOs]

>>>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>>>Date: Tue, 25 Aug 2009 16:57:17 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Fwd: Question About UFOs

>Hi Don,

>Please don't think that I am picking a fight here, but I have
>seen the expression 'trained observer' used so many times in the
>context of UFO reports and I still don't think that the term is
>applicable to UFOs.

Hi Joe,

I'm not taking it that way. Perhaps I erred in that I did not
make it clear that there are trained observers in many
professional fields. I wasn't specifically referring trained
observers of the phenomenon. I will open up this can of worms
however by stating that if there were opportunities to observe
on a regular basis that I could bring a lot to the table as an
observer with a broad background.

First of all as a long time investigator who has accessed more
reports and history than I care to remember, this background
would go a long way in eliminating or perhaps matching up
observation with those of reports over the last 60 odd years.
Many of us can lay claim to some expertise in that area.
Secondly I've got my pilot background [about 30 years] that I
can use to match up or eliminate many thousands and types of
aircraft and specifically what is and isn't top secret. And
there's more to this than just eliminating types. There are the
regulations that have to be satisfied and this alone is such a
large and detailed sector of aviation that unless you have some
detailed knowledge of it it is a labourious exercise to get
involved in.

><snip>

>>>I am an ex-soldier, have frequently observed and sometimes
>>>flown in multiple helicopters. I am a regular skywatcher and
>>>take an interest in anything airborne.

><snip>

>>Well for example, Joe, my daughter is a geologist and much of
>>what she does on an initial basis is through observation.

><snip>

>Without wishing to detract from your daughter's obvious talent,
>I don't see the relevance to observation of UFOs.

Again I was referring to observation as a tennet of science
which is often blown off by sceptics when UFO observations are
made - in the millions - as not having any scientific value.

This is the point of my response to this thread.

<snip>

>>Trained observers spend much of their time observing in their
>>chosen science or professions.

>I can see how a dye technician might be better able to describe
>any colours involved, but I still don't see that this would make
>them any better than anyone else as a UFO witness in general.

>I am a philatelist (stamp collector) and can spot differences in
>shade, typeface, printing method, or perforation size in stamps
>that most people would perceive as identical, but that doesn't
>seem very relevant when it comes to witnessing a UFO. The same
>applies to the examples cited which I have snipped below.

><snip>

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><snip>

>In the above snipped passage, you suggest that because of
>ufologists awareness of likely causes of reports, they generally
>make better witnesses. In broad terms, I agree with you, but
>there are some people who claim to have been ufologists for
>decades who regularly report seeing UFOs which most of us would
>recognise from the description. One investigator relatively
>local to me called Phil Hoyle is one such. Amongst other
>activities, he thinks that his chances of seeing UFOs are
>improved by looking out for them on the anniversaries of
>previous sightings.

We all have problems with this sort. There are fringe elements
that believe every report that comes along. I've been at
conferences where well known presenters have dragged out reports
that I wouldn't have wasted five minutes upon or that have been
shot down in flames by those I consider more adept at
investigation. Of course there are those who go for the wow
factor and are not interested in research.

>Others fail to recognise Chinese Lantern reports for example for
>what they are, especially if they are relying on what they
>regard as 'expert witnesses' who explicitly state that what they
>saw was definitely not Chinese Lanterns. In the mistaken
>helicopter case, I am on record as saying "I don't know what
>that was, but it definitely wasn't a helicopter!" - given my
>background, many investigators would have erroneously taken my
>word at face value.

I get your point. But lets face it, those of us who are steeped
in the history of this thing and have read thousands of reports
with specific descriptions of these anomalies, their behavior
and certain quirks, we would be better equipped to make a
judgement when one of these things shows up. And they do, but
not when you are prepared.

Don Ledger

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Re: Roswell Regurgitated

From: Viktor Golubik <Diverge247.nul>
Date: Thu, 27 Aug 2009 02:42:50 EDT
Archived: Fri, 28 Aug 2009 08:41:51 -0400
Subject: Re: Roswell Regurgitated

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 25 Aug 2009 19:15:57 -0300
>Subject: Roswell Regurgitated [was: Question About UFOs]

>>From: Viktor Golubik <Diverge247.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Tue, 25 Aug 2009 11:59:01 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Fwd: Question About UFOs

<snip>

>The statements you have made above are better rebutted by those
>steeped in the Roswell event.

>But if I'm not mistaken Jesse Marcel alluded to scarred terrain.
>Was this not supported by his son?

So, you're going to insist that Stan release his taped
interviews of/with Marcel?

>But others have disputed the Mogul Balloon launch dates which
>are a matter of record, and that record does not indicate a Mogul
>at Roswell; and if memory serves Charles Moore's launch dates -
>pertaining to Roswell - are not supported by fact.

Read the early witness descriptions... Oh, that's right, where
are they? And, not all records are complete but when two things
match up coincidentally why not stop and think that Marcel has
also confirmed this link - by stating quite plainly he was holding
up the actual debris in Ramey's office. So, if you can't believe
early Marcel or in these Photographs, what am I left to think?

An early July 8th Telex from Roswell/Wilcox also states it was
rubber and what looks like tin foil - Brazel stating all of it
no bigger than a regular sized office safe. Hum...? Won't find
this or the above in "Witless to Roswell."

>Some of what you have written about above have been posed on
>this List before and you have been shot down for your troubles.

Oh, I've been shot but they must have missed by quite a bit...
poor aim! But, those rotten bandits got away with the money
again :) See what happens when you turn around to tell the
truth... those bullies :(

>Let's see what transpires on the List.

>Don Ledger

Don, the key to insight is to entertain the contents of the
improbable on the wings of the probable... but until such time
that a critical thought about Roswell can find a way to jump up
your leg...

"The time has come," the Walrus said,
"To talk of many things:
Of shoes, and ships, and sealing-wax

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Of cabbages, and kings
And why the sea is boiling hot
And whether Roswell has wings,
If balloons or saucers come
In alien things."

:) golubik

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Subject: News Links - 27-08-09

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Several UFOs Fly Near Power Plant And Hover - Video
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/l53pba>

UFO Hovers Over Chongqing For Half An Hour
RedNet
<http://english.rednet.cn/c/2009/08/27/1815221.htm>

Ace Talks Dimebag And UFOs
antiMUSIC.com
<http://tinyurl.com/ma9tne>

Jennie McCloughlin, Of Widnes, Says UFOs Are Chinese lanterns
Runcorn and Widnes Weekly News
<http://tinyurl.com/nt6vjv>

They Will Come In Fun To Exeter's First UFO Festival Sept. 5
Foster's Daily Democrat
<http://tinyurl.com/nq7595>

Summer Of '09 Features 'UFO Parade' Over Murrysville, Pennsylvania!
Examiner.com

From Frank Warren:

Lost in Space
<http://www.theufochronicles.com/2009/08/lost-in-space.html>

Conversations with Dr Frank Drake: The Evidentiary Hypocrisy
With UFOs Exhibited By Mainstream Science
<http://tinyurl.com/m3xopy>

VIDEO: The History Channel's Monster Quest Is Looking Into 'Alien
Baby' Report From Mexico
<http://tinyurl.com/l9nn2t>

'Alien Baby' Stumps Experts - is it just an elaborate hoax?
<http://tinyurl.com/l9nn2t>

From 'The Norm':

Mad Magazine's Better Than Newsweek
by Billy Cox
<http://tinyurl.com/lvs9ms>

Dr. Steven Greer And The New Age Of Ufology
<http://tinyurl.com/mzxdvn>

Argentina: UFOs, Declassification And The Press
<http://tinyurl.com/mgpaoa>

Physicist Proposes Solution To Arrow-of-Time Paradox

<http://www.physorg.com/news170586562.html>

Best Evidence - The Rendlesham UFO case
by Paul Kimball
<http://tinyurl.com/nefzne>

Still Crazy After All These Years: The Perils Of Losing One's
Grip On Reality
by Paul Kimball
<http://tinyurl.com/m8gh39>

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UFOs In Italy

From: **Palmiro Campagna** <maxcam.nul>
Date: Thu, 27 Aug 2009 12:02:51 -0400
Archived: Fri, 28 Aug 2009 10:47:17 -0400
Subject: UFOs In Italy

Just a note that a book that covers the UFO scene in Italy is available in English now. I have been in touch with the author who runs one of the largest Italian UFO sites

It is here:

<http://tinyurl.com/mq6a74>

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

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Palmiro

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Richard Hall's Passing & CohenUFO

From: Jerry Cohen <rjcohen.nul>
Date: Sat, 29 Aug 2009 08:34:37 -0400
Archived: Sat, 29 Aug 2009 09:35:07 -0400
Subject: Richard Hall's Passing & CohenUFO

Ufologist Richard Hall has recently passed away. I just read his obituary in Long Island, USA - Newsday 8/26/2009 and was greatly saddened by his passing. The work he performed many years ago at NICAP is certainly one of the main contributing factors as to why CohenUFO was created in the first place.

His many additional well-known accomplishments, some of which were originally at UFOMind are detailed at my website at,

<http://www.cohenufo.org/Hall/hallufmd.htm>

will most certainly be enumerated by many others in their tributes to him. My connection with Richard was simply a few letters exchanged between us over a period of time, however, I thought it important to point out something I happened to notice.

I am thoroughly honored, humbled, and a bit amazed that, in the links section on his web page, from August 2003, and continuing at least to November 2007 (5 years), Richard chose to list CohenUFO second from the top, immediately under FUFOR. (This was recently changed to #3, now found immediately under the Blue Book archive.) One can see this for yourself by going to his site at

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

and scrolling down to the LINKS section (as long as it remains up), and also by going to the Wayback Machine, which has pictures of his web-site from Aug. 2003 to Nov. 2007.

<http://tinyurl.com/l9ved3>

From what he wrote to me in a couple of letters beginning at:

<http://www.cohenufo.org/webpstcoms.html#lettershall>

and in his preface to his links section on his site, it is obvious he felt there was something here at my web-site that was scholarly, scientific and at least to Richard, apparently very important.

Certainly this is mind-boggling to me, and of course incredibly satisfying, and yet it really isn't surprising at all. In the course of his career, Richard was involved in one way or another with literally everyone in the field working positively to find a legitimate answer to the UFO enigma. The amazing thing is that if Richard felt someone was coming from an honest place and he could see they invested lots of time and legitimate study to try and get it right, he wouldn't hesitate to give the person a more than fair shot... even if that person was totally uninvolved politically in the UFO scene. This was Richard in a nutshell, and exactly what made him so special.

So... Richard, damn it, I (we) are already missing you, and even though you can't see this now (or maybe you can, who knows?), I once again thank you publicly for your kind words to me.

<http://www.cohenufo.org/webpstcoms.html#hallviewdolanrebut>

They certainly helped me keep working for years on this web-site until I finally got it legible. Thank you so much for what you have given us all, and God bless you.

With a huge amount of respect, and a bit of wet-eye,

Jerry Cohen

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Amazing UFO Photographed Over Chinese City

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Fri, 28 Aug 2009 00:09:27 EDT
Archived: Sat, 29 Aug 2009 09:44:09 -0400
Subject: Amazing UFO Photographed Over Chinese City

<http://english.eastday.com/e/0828/u1a4613407.html>

Now this story is an eye-catcher for sure.

It's one of those dream UFO stories where not only is the UFO seen by hundreds of people, but there's an awesome photograph, a lengthy event of over half an hour, a nearby plane, and of course a possible avalanche of cell phone videos and pics that should help the investigation of this object.

For this craft to be stationary for so long, there's sure to be lots of airport data.

It's a V-shaped or delta-shaped craft and this ought to be a tasty story to follow.

If the Chinese decide to squash this story, I've saved it and posted about it on my blog.

Best,

Greg
<http://www.ufomafia.com/blog>

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From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
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Subject: Test

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Date: Sun, 30 Aug 2009 21:59:49 -0400
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Hot Pursuit Of Two UFOs Over North Carolina By Interceptor Fighter
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/nxn3j7>

Further UFO Sightings Over Crewkerne
Yeovil Express
<http://tinyurl.com/n2cle3>

British Hacker's Supporters Battle Extradition To US
Washington Post
<http://tinyurl.com/nhpakc>

Is Culmore Road A UFO Hotspot?
Derry Today
<http://www.derryjournal.com/journal/Is-Culmore-Road-a-UFO.5597998.jp>

UFO Over Six Flags In New Jersey Viewed By Multiple Witnesses
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/n7mjhh>

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Earth sends 25,000 hi! to aliens!
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Trailer For The Fourth Kind Movie

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Sat, 29 Aug 2009 18:52:58 EDT
Archived: Sun, 30 Aug 2009 22:02:47 -0400
Subject: Trailer For The Fourth Kind Movie

http://www.thefourthkind.net/?_source=ggl|imgcnt&sky=ggl|imgcnt

Looks like another Blair Witch Project with a UFO twist.

Anyone familiar with the movie at all? Its' due out later this year.

From the trailer it looks like someone had been listening to Coast to Coast AM and reading Errol's UFO Updates list.

It states it's factual with actual footage of abductees under hypnosis, yadda, yadda, yadda...

Can't wait to see it.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com/blog

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Re: Trained Observers

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Sun, 30 Aug 2009 15:21:20 -0300
Archived: Sun, 30 Aug 2009 23:03:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Trained Observers

>From: Viktor Golubik <Diverge247.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Wed, 26 Aug 2009 11:04:57 EDT
>Subject: Re: Trained Observers

>>From: Stanton T Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 25 Aug 2009 19:36:54 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Fwd: Question About UFOs

>>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>>>Date: Mon, 24 Aug 2009 15:04:30 -0300
>>>Subject: Re: Trained Observers

>>>>From: Viktor Golubik <Diverge247.nul>
>>>>To: post.nul
>>>>Date: Mon, 24 Aug 2009 11:41:00 EDT
>>>>Subject: Re: Fwd: Question About UFOs

<snip>

>In the Roswell affair, I advocate early witness testimony not
>later contaminated accountings force fed over the years. You
>can't be an HONEST scientific investigator without realizing
>this important factor and source for contamination - and a need
>to reconcile it in honest discourse! Confabulation does exist
>along with other problems.

Hi Viktor,

Does the force feeding not hold true of outright lying by the
USAF; their false report for the Mogul balloon theory [or the
other nonsense about the dummies being employed even though that
didn't occur until the 50s] which we now know has no value since
there is no record of a Mogul launched that could apply to the
Roswell?

>Until we get hard evidence, early witness accounts is as
>good as it gets. So show it in all it's splendor and don't
>be afraid of it... how simple is that!

Initial reports are fine but what's wrong with the follow up. The
police do this all of the time. No one doubts that memory can be
flawed but it has also proved to be accurate much longer when it
is traumatic in nature and/or has some deep emotional impact.
I am not sure why you push the balsa wood claim since I don't
recall any of the witnesses claiming that they recovered balsa
wood, only that the material was as light as balsa wood or 'like'
balsa wood, not that it was balsa wood.

>I don't disagree with your evaluation at all Stan, but please -
>at least I offered a simple and meaningful solution...

>The sooner we all realize that we're all just reporters at this
>stage the better. A recorded interview and transcript is as
>scientific as it can get sometimes because it presents the only
>evidence - the only interaction with the event of interest.
>Though, in most cases, I find the people much more interesting

> ;)

For my own part I am not always a reporter but the first arrival investigator though I do admit that these instances have slowed down over the last 5-6 years.

I have replied to Joe as well but that post is in the archived list at:

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

and the reason why I'm jumping in on Stan's remarks as well as your own. I was one of those who was not receiving the daily emails from UpDates.

Don Ledger

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Re: Roswell Regurgitated

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Sun, 30 Aug 2009 20:47:12 -0300
Archived: Mon, 31 Aug 2009 07:05:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Roswell Regurgitated

>From: Viktor Golubik <Diverge247.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Thu, 27 Aug 2009 02:42:50 EDT
>Subject: Re: Roswell Regurgitated

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 25 Aug 2009 19:15:57 -0300
>>Subject: Roswell Regurgitated [was: Question About UFOs]

>>>From: Viktor Golubik <Diverge247.nul>
>>>To: post.nul
>>>Date: Tue, 25 Aug 2009 11:59:01 EDT
>>>Subject: Re: Fwd: Question About UFOs

><snip>

>>The statements you have made above are better rebutted by those
>>steeped in the Roswell event.

>>But if I'm not mistaken Jesse Marcel alluded to scarred terrain.
>>Was this not supported by his son?

>So, you're going to insist that Stan release his taped
>interviews of/with Marcel?

Why should these matter? Am I missing something?

BTW - Stan and his wife are in Russia and touring some other
countries nearby. Not sure when he will be back.

>>But others have disputed the Mogul Balloon launch dates which
>>are a matter of record, and that record does not indicate a Mogul
>>at Roswell; and if memory serves Charles Moore's launch dates -
>>pertaining to Roswell - are not supported by fact.

>Read the early witness descriptions... Oh, that's right, where
>are they? And, not all records are complete but when two things
>match up coincidentally why not stop and think that Marcel has
>also confirmed this link - by stating quite plainly he was holding
>up the actual debris in Ramey's office. So, if you can't believe
>early Marcel or in these Photographs, what am I left to think?

Marcel claimed these were swapped for the other material, I
believe. Regardless of what was in Ramey's office, since there
was no Mogul balloon what then was supposed to have landed,
crashed or exploded over Brazel's ranch?

>An early July 8th Telex from Roswell/Wilcox also states it was
>rubber and what looks like tin foil

What does 'looks like' tinfoil mean? Was it tinfoil or not?

- Brazel stating all of it

>no bigger than a regular sized office safe. Hum...? Won't find
>this or the above in "Witless to Roswell."

>>Some of what you have written about above have been posed on

>>this List before and you have been shot down for your troubles.

>Oh, I've been shot but they must have missed by quite a bit...
>poor aim! But, those rotten bandits got away with the money
>again :) See what happens when you turn around to tell the
>truth... those bullies :(

Yeah, it can be rough. I was referring to the balsa-wood
discussion we and others had eons ago.

>>Let's see what transpires on the List.

>Don, the key to insight is to entertain the contents of the
>improbable on the wings of the probable... but until such time
>that a critical thought about Roswell can find a way to jump up
>your leg...

I'm surprised that there aren't others on this List discussing
Roswell. Where are Gildas and Dave Rudiak, or Kevin Randle
[actually he's very busy right now]etc?

Don Ledger

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Re: Trained Observers

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Mon, 31 Aug 2009 01:00:46 +0100
Archived: Mon, 31 Aug 2009 07:07:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Trained Observers

>From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Wed, 26 Aug 2009 14:28:51 -0400
>Subject: Re: Trained Observers

<snip>

>Is this the general consensus on this List? Does having multiple
>sightings make one a less reliable observer? Isn't this a bit
>like shooting the messenger?

Yes, but looking at 'trace evidence' cases, and studies of
close-encounter witnesses seems to show there's at least two
catch-22s involved.

First, many UFOs are surrounded by, or emanate, strong e.m
fields, including hard radiation. So the sense-organs of a
close-encounter witness could be influenced. And if the witness
has had multiple sightings, further effects might be anticipated
or suspected.

Second, studies of witnesses seem to show character change
following a close encounter. Witnesses will say "It's changed my
life/the way I think" - another 'catch-22' for an investigator.

Cheers

Ray D

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