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Re: Face On Mars Or Rocky Hill? New Photo

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2010 22:48:47 +0000
Archived: Sun, 01 Aug 2010 07:31:04 -0400
Subject: Re: Face On Mars Or Rocky Hill? New Photo

>From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2010 15:48:21 -0400
>Subject: Re: Face On Mars Or Rocky Hill? New Photo

>>Source: Fox News - Los Angeles, California, USA
>><http://tinyurl.com/3ydt56h>
>>July 30, 2010
>>Face On Mars Or Rocky Hill? New Photo Reveals Truth

>>At left, the famous 1976 image from Viking that seems to show a
>>face. On the right, a new image of the same rock surface. Taken
>>from much closer and in higher resolution, the features
>>completely disappear.

>If it's "taken from much closer," meaning the scale is much
>different, how can anyone make a judgement?

>In the "new" image I don't see anything that looks like a hill
>of the same proportions as the original either.

Quite frankly, I was ready to make up a story about how NASA
took the new image and manipulated it to erase and change the
entire area.

I tried matching up prominent features in each of the photos and
could not.

Did NASA use only exact latitude and longitude to overlay the
images. Is that how they determined these photos were of the
same area?

KK

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MoD Blocks Release Of UFO Files

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2010 08:44:06 +0200 (CEST)
Archived: Sun, 01 Aug 2010 07:36:08 -0400
Subject: MoD Blocks Release Of UFO Files

Some time ago a ufologist made a Freedom of Information Act request to the Ministry of Defence about my non-MoD work as an author, journalist and TV pundit. MoD concluded that these were private papers which fell outside the scope of the ongoing release of the MoD s UFO files. The decision was appealed, but the Information Commissioner recently agreed that the documents should not be released.

Like a number of people in the UFO community, the individual concerned is somewhat obsessive about the subject and has made numerous previous FOI requests about me. MoD clearly regard this interest in my private life as a little unhealthy.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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Date: Sun, 01 Aug 2010 07:55:03 -0400
Archived: Sun, 01 Aug 2010 07:55:03 -0400
Subject: MoD Blocks Release Of UFO Files

Source: The Belfast Telegram - Northern Ireland

<http://tinyurl.com/3yaluva>

Sunday, 1 August 2010

MoD Blocks Release Of UFO Files

The release of files about a Ministry of Defence civil servant-turned-UFO expert has been blocked.

Nick Pope has drawn on his experiences working for Britain's official UFO investigation unit for a number of books about aliens and strange sights in the skies.

Fellow UFO researcher David Clarke made a Freedom of Information request in 2007 for internal MoD documents about Mr Pope's decision to speak publicly about his conversion from sceptic to believer in the possibility that extra-terrestrials are visiting Earth.

But more than three years later, the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) has upheld the department's refusal to publish the files because they contain personal information.

Mr Pope worked on the MoD's UFO desk from 1991 to 1994, dealing with possible sightings sent in by the public. He published his first book about the phenomena - Open Skies, Closed Minds - in 1996, although he continued working for the MoD until November 2006.

The MoD's official line is that it has no opinion on whether or not aliens exist but 50 years of UFO reports uncovered no evidence of a potential threat to the UK.

Dr Clarke asked the department to release records of its internal discussions about how to respond when Mr Pope began talking to the media about UFOs in 1995-96.

He obtained an April 1996 memo written by a senior officer in defence intelligence, who said the matter should be approached "very delicately".

But the MoD refused to release other papers about Mr Pope, including some which contain "free and frank advice" from defence officials about how to handle the situation.

The ICO said in its ruling on Dr Clarke's request: "The commissioner feels that this is a finely balanced case and that the complainant has provided well reasoned arguments to support his case. However, in this particular case the commissioner does not believe that release of the information concerned would further the legitimate public interest in any significant way."

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UK FoIA Decision Notice On Nick Pope Info

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Date: Sun, 01 Aug 2010 09:40:49 -0400
Archived: Sun, 01 Aug 2010 09:40:49 -0400
Subject: UK FoIA Decision Notice On Nick Pope Info

Source: Information Commissioner's Office - England, UK

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

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (Section 50) Decision Notice

Date: 10 June 2010

Public Authority: Ministry of Defence

Address: Whitehall London SW1A 2HB Summary

The complainant requested the sight of the MOD's internal correspondence regarding discussions that may have taken place within the department concerning the publication of a book by an employee of the MOD. The public authority refused to disclose the information relying on section 36(2)(b) (prejudice to effective conduct of public affairs) and section 40(2) (personal information) of the Act. The Commissioner has found that the requested information constitutes personal data and its disclosure would breach the first data protection principle. The Commissioner has therefore decided that the public authority was correct to refuse the request. However, the Commissioner finds that the MOD breached section 17(1)(b) of the Act by not stating precisely in its first refusal notice what exemption was being used.

The Commissioner's Role

1. The Commissioner's duty is to decide whether a request for information made to a public authority has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of Part 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the "Act"). This Notice sets out his decision. Background
2. The request concerns an individual named Nicholas Pope who was at one time a serving member of the MOD. Between 1991 and 1994 he worked for a department within the MOD called Sec(AS)2a (Secretariat of the Air Staff). Part of the duties of the Sec(AS)2a was documenting UFO phenomena reported to the MOD. Using this experience he has made television and radio appearances and published several books, the first of these being 'Open Skies, Closed Minds' in 1996. He resigned from the MOD in November 2006.

The Request

3. On 11 April 2007 the complainant made the following request:

"My request, (therefore), is for copies of MoD papers, records or other information relating to any or all internal discussions, policy and/or briefings in response to

- 1) public statement made to the media and
- 2) via the release of Open Skies Closed Minds by Mr

Nicholas Pope during the period 1995-96. I wish you to include specific public interest material within the coverage of this request as follows:

a) Any internal discussions relating to Mr Pope's public statements in the Mail on Sunday 2 July 1995, The Independent 3 June 1996 and other press articles during 1995/96.

b) Any specific discussions relating to Mr Pope's published statements that contradicted the department's officially stated policy on the subject of UFO's and their supposed defence threat.

c) Any papers, generated by MOD or its PCB branch, that relate to Mr Pope's public allegation that "there was a faction [in the MOD] that certainly didn't want the book to appear". Specifically I request a copy of "the short letter" referred to in Mr Pope's interview with IUR which allegedly said his manuscript was "completely unacceptable to MoD and quite beyond any suitable amendment" and any related discussion which resolved this issue. As Mr Pope has spoken of this matter openly and in public it cannot be seriously argued that this material falls within the auspices of the DPA."

4. The MOD acknowledged the request on 9 May 2007 and replied in full on 30 May 2007 stating that it felt that all the information held, falling within the scope of the request, was exempt for release under section 40 (personal information) and/or section 36(2)(b) (prejudice to the effective conduct of public affairs) of the Act. 2

5. The complainant asked for this decision to be reviewed on 30 May 2007.

6. On 11 June 2007 the MOD wrote to the complainant giving him the result of its internal review of the original decision. This review confirmed the position of the MOD as originally stated.

7. The complainant was dissatisfied with this review and therefore wrote to the MOD on 19 June 2007 requesting "an independent internal review".

8. This request for a second review was acknowledged on 19 June 2007 and on the 10 August 2007 the MOD advised that this review would be delayed. The MOD again contacted the complainant in January 2008 and advised that it was still not in a position to undertake the review.

9. After a series of holding letters and reminders from the complainant the MOD communicated the results of its internal review on 10 November 2008 confirming its use of section 36(2)(b) and section 40(2).

The Investigation

Scope of the case

10. On 1 December 2008 the complainant contacted the Commissioner to complain about the way his request for information had been handled. The complainant specifically asked the Commissioner to consider the MOD's application of exemptions to the information. Chronology

11. Unfortunately, due to a backlog of complaints concerning public authorities' compliance with the Act, it was not until 1 December 2009 that the Commissioner wrote to the MOD. With regards to the section 40(2) exemption cited he asked the MOD which of the data protection principles it believed would be breached if the information was disclosed. With regards to section 36, the Commissioner asked the MOD to forward a copy of the submission to, and response from, the relevant qualified person' together with an explanation of the public interest arguments considered.

12. The MOD responded on 6 January 2010 outlining its reasons for citing the exemptions at section 36(2)(b) and section 40(2). This letter included a copy of the submission to, and reply from, the relevant qualified person.

13. The Commissioner wrote to the complainant on 21 April 2010

in an attempt to resolve the case informally.

14. The complainant replied to the Commissioner on 4 May 2010 with further representations.

Analysis Exemption - Section 40

15. Section 40(2) of the Act provides an exemption for information which is the personal data of any third party where disclosure would breach any of the data protection principles contained in the Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA). Is the information personal data?

16. In order to rely on the exemption provided by section 40(2), the requested information must constitute personal data as defined by the DPA. Section 1 of the DPA defines personal data as:

'...data which relate to a living individual who can be identified

a) from those data, or

b) from those data and other information which is in the possession of, or is likely to come into the possession of, the data controller,

and includes any expression of opinion about the individual and any indication of the intention of the data controller or any other person in respect of the individual.'

17. The requested information obviously centres on one individual, i.e. Mr Pope. He is identifiable from each of the withheld documents and all of the documents are of biographical significance. Several of the documents also contain expressions of opinion about the individual. It is therefore correct to state that all of the information is personal data as defined by the DPA.

Would disclosure breach any of the data protection principles?

18. The MOD has argued that disclosure of the documents withheld would breach the first data protection principle as disclosure would be unfair and no condition contained in Schedule 2 of the DPA could be met. The first data protection principle states that:

1. Personal data must be processed fairly and lawfully;
and

2. Personal data shall not be processed unless at least one of the conditions in DPA schedule 2 is met.

19. In considering whether a disclosure under the Act would be fair the Commissioner must balance the consequences for the data subject of any disclosure and the reasonable expectations of the data subject against any legitimate interests in disclosing the information. For example, the general principles of accountability and transparency enshrined within the Act.

Consequences of disclosure

20. The potential harm or distress that disclosure of this information may cause to the individual has also been considered by the Commissioner. The complainant has suggested that the individual concerned has courted media interest and has placed himself very much in the public eye.

Whether this is true or not does not detract from the fact that the individual has the right to some privacy in respect of this information. Although the individual has spoken publically about his time at the MOD the individual has not spoken publically about the contents of the information the MOD is seeking to withhold. The Commissioner believes that if the information were to be released it has the potential to cause some element of harm or distress to the individual concerned.

Reasonable expectations

21. The complainant has suggested that as the individual concerned was at the time a public employee then the information should be made public. The complainant has stated that the

purpose of the DPA is to protect the private lives of individuals. Where information requested is about people acting in a work or official capacity then it should be released.

22. The Commissioner notes this assertion but it should be noted that although an individual is employed as a civil servant this does not mean that all information relating to their role is public. For example a civil servant may have an individual end of year review which details how well or how badly they are doing in their role. This is private in nature even though it is not about their private life outside of their employment. Having reviewed the information the Commissioner believes that the information withheld is of a private nature even though it relates to aspects of the how the individual was undertaking his public role.

23. In the case in question, when considering whether the individual concerned has a reasonable expectation' that the information would not be disclosed the Commissioner is mindful of the comments made by the complainant. The complainant stated "I ask you to consider whether Mr Pope has any reasonable expectation of privacy in regard to his statements to the media, given his career as a media pundit and self-declared former head of the MOD's UFO Project".

24. The Commissioner has examined the withheld information and has considered whether, in the context of this particular case, the individual will have had a reasonable expectation' of the information being placed in the public domain. The Commissioner notes that although the interviews given and articles written by the individual are very obviously in the public domain this does not in itself mean that the individual will have an expectation that all correspondence and comments made about these public statements will be made public.

25. The information withheld appears to be of a private nature and this is not altered by the fact that its creation came about because of a number of public acts. The Commissioner therefore accepts that the individual concerned would not have an expectation that the information withheld would be made publically available.

26. Furthermore, the MOD advised in its letter to the Commissioner dated 6 January 2010 that the individual concerned has written to the MOD and asked for the information not to be released into the public domain. The Commissioner notes this and accepts that this is also a contributing factor to support the withholding of the information.

Legitimate interests in disclosure

27. Notwithstanding the data subject's reasonable expectations or any damage or distress caused to them by disclosure, it may still be fair to disclose the requested information if it can be argued that there is a more compelling public interest.

28. The Commissioner must consider the seniority of the civil servant in question. It is generally accepted that the more senior the civil servant then the more likely it is that withheld information will be released. The individual in question was not at any time a senior civil servant.

However, the complainant has suggested that the individual's claim that he was the man who used to run the British Government's UFO Project' implies seniority, real or imagined'. The complainant argues that were the documents to be released they would "set the record straight", providing another strong argument for the release of the information in the public interest.

29. This position is noted but the Commissioner contends that the role of the individual and his substantive grade is public knowledge. Were the withheld information to be released it would not improve the public understanding of the situation. It would not clarify the individual's grade or position within the MOD. It would therefore not further this public interest.

30. The complainant has suggested that even if the withheld information falls with the scope of the exemption at section 40(2) of the Act then the public interest in releasing the

information outweighs any prejudice to the rights and interests of the data subject. The Commissioner notes this but must clarify that if section 40(2) applies then the relevant information is exempt and there is no additional public interest balance.

31. The complainant argues that as the individual was employed as a public servant, paid for by taxpayers, who made public comments that dispute his own department's publicly stated policy on a matter then this is of public interest. The complainant states that because of the individual's experience as head of the MOD's UFO desk' he continues to use this as his primary qualification to comment on current MOD policy, this again makes the withheld information of public interest.

32. When considering section 40(2) of the Act the Commissioner must consider whether disclosure is necessary for legitimate public interests, with no unwarranted harm to the individual's interests.

33. The complainant has suggested that the MOD could release part of the information by simply redacting appropriate portions of the documents. To support this argument the complainant refers to an internal memo from the Defence Intelligence Staff (DIS) that has been released by the MOD. The MOD has redacted the names of both the author and the individual that is the subject matter but has left the text of the document complete. The complainant suggests that the name redacted is very obviously the same individual that is the centre of his current request and therefore the MOD has set a precedent in releasing redacted documents concerning this individual's conduct whilst with the MOD.

34. The Commissioner has examined this released document and compared it with the withheld information relevant to this current request. The Commissioner feels that the information being withheld is sufficiently different from the released information in that the withheld information is of a more personal and sensitive nature.

35. With regards to the suggestion by the complainant that the documents could be released in a redacted format, the Commissioner has considered this and believes that the documents would either make no sense to the reader or the subject matter and tone of the documents would be so obvious that the redactions would serve little purpose.

36. In this current case the Commissioner has considered the information being withheld and noted the comments made by the Complainant. The Commissioner accepts that there is always a legitimate public interest in promoting the transparency of public bodies thus ensuring greater accountability. The Commissioner feels that this is a finely balanced case and that the complainant has provided well reasoned arguments to support his case. However, in this particular case the Commissioner does not believe that release of the information concerned would further the legitimate public interest in any significant way. The individual's public life is well known and although for a period of time this coincided with his role as a public employee it does not mean that all information relating to this employment should be made public. Nor does he believe that disclosure is necessary for the public interest.

37. The Commissioner considers that the MOD correctly used the exemption at section 40(2) of the Act to withhold all of the information he has therefore not considered it necessary to examine its use of section 36(2)(b).

Procedural Requirements

38. The Commissioner finds that by not issuing the initial refusal notice within the required 20 working day period the MOD is in breach of section 17(1) of the Act.

39. The Commissioner also finds that by not stating the specific subsection of the exemption used in its original refusal and at the first internal review stage that the MOD is in breach of section 17(1)(b) of the Act.

The Decision

40. The Commissioner's decision is that the public authority dealt with the following elements of the request in accordance with the requirements of the Act:

- o Refusal to release the requested information using the exemption at section 40(2) of the Act

41. However, the Commissioner has also decided that the following elements of the request were not dealt with in accordance with the Act:

- o By failing to issue a refusal notice within 20 working days the MOD breached section 17(1) and for failing to cite the precise section and subsection of the Act in order to withhold the information the MOD also breached section 17(1)(b) of the Act

Steps Required

42. The Commissioner requires no steps to be taken.

Right of Appeal

43. Either party has the right to appeal against this Decision Notice to the First-tier Tribunal (Information Rights).

Information about the appeals process may be obtained from:

First-tier Tribunal (Information Rights)
 GRC & GRP Tribunals,
 PO Box 9300,
 Arnhem House,
 31, Waterloo Way,
 LEICESTER,
 LE1 8DJ
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 Fax: 0116 249 4253
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informationtribunal.nul
 Website: www.informationtribunal.gov.uk

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Dated the 10th day of June 2010

Signed

'.....'

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Legal Annex General Right of Access Section 1(1) provides that - "Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled

- (a) to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request, and
- (b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to him."

Section 1(2) provides that - "Subsection

(1) has the effect subject to the following provisions of this section and to the provisions of sections 2, 9, 12 and 14."

Section 1(3) provides that =A1V "Where a public authority

(a) reasonably requires further information in order to identify and locate the information requested, and

(b) has informed the applicant of that requirement,

the authority is not obliged to comply with subsection (1) unless it is supplied with that further information."

Section 1(4) provides that

"The information

(a) in respect of which the applicant is to be informed under subsection (1)(a), or

(b) which is to be communicated under subsection (1)(b), is the information in question held at the time when the request is received, except that account may be taken of any amendment or deletion made between that time and the time when the information is to be communicated under subsection (1)(b), being an amendment or deletion that would have been made regardless of the receipt of the request."

Section 1(5) provides that

"A public authority is to be taken to have complied with subsection (1)(a) in relation to any information if it has communicated the information to the applicant in accordance with subsection (1)(b)."

Section 1(6) provides that

"In this Act, the duty of a public authority to comply with subsection (1)(a) is referred to as "the duty to confirm or deny"."

Refusal of Request

Section 17(1) provides that - "A public authority which '... is to any extent relying:

- on a claim that any provision of Part II relating to the duty to confirm or deny is relevant to the request, or

- on a claim that information is exempt information

must, within the time for complying with section 1(1), give the applicant a notice which

(a) states that fact,

(b) specifies the exemption in question, and

(c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies."

Section 17(3) provides that

- "A public authority which '... is to any extent relying:

- on a claim that in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exclusion of the duty to confirm or deny outweighs the public interest in disclosing whether the public authority holds the information, or

- on a claim that in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information must either in the notice under section 17(1) or in a separate notice

within such time as is reasonable in the circumstances, state the reasons for claiming - 12

(a) that, on a claim that in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exclusion of the duty to confirm or deny outweighs the public interest in disclosing

whether the public authority holds the information, or

(b) that, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information." Prejudice to effective conduct of public affairs

Section 36(2) provides that

"Information to which this section applies is exempt information if, in the reasonable opinion of a qualified person, disclosure of the information under this Act

- (a) would, or would be likely to, prejudice-

(i) the maintenance of the convention of the collective responsibility of Ministers of the Crown, or

(ii) the work of the Executive Committee of the Northern Ireland Assembly, or

(iii) the work of the executive committee of the National Assembly for Wales,

(b) would, or would be likely to, inhibit-

(i) the free and frank provision of advice, or

(ii) the free and frank exchange of views for the purposes of deliberation, or

(c) would otherwise prejudice, or would be likely otherwise to prejudice, the effective conduct of public affairs.

Personal information

Section 40(1) provides that

"Any information to which a request for information relates is exempt information if it constitutes personal data of which the applicant is the data subject."

Section 40(2) provides that

"Any information to which a request for information relates is also exempt information if

(a) it constitutes personal data which do not fall within subsection (1), and

(b) either the first or the second condition below is satisfied."

Section 40(3) provides that

"The first condition is

(a) in a case where the information falls within any of paragraphs (a) to (d) of the definition of "data" in section 1(1) of the Data Protection Act 1998, that the disclosure of the information to a member of the public otherwise than under this Act would contravene-

(i) any of the data protection principles, or

(ii) section 10 of that Act (right to prevent processing likely to cause damage or distress), and

(b) in any other case, that the disclosure of the information to a member of the public otherwise than under this Act would contravene any of the data protection principles if the exemptions in section 33A(1) of the Data Protection Act 1998 (which relate to manual data held by public authorities) were disregarded."

Data Protection Act 1998

PART I PRELIMINARY 1

Basic interpretative provisions

(1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires

"data" means information which

(a) is being processed by means of equipment operating automatically in response to instructions given for that purpose,

(b) is recorded with the intention that it should be processed by means of such equipment,

(c) is recorded as part of a relevant filing system or with the intention that it should form part of a relevant filing system, or

(d) does not fall within paragraph (a), (b) or (c) but forms part of an accessible record as defined by section 68;

"data controller" means, subject to subsection (4), a person who (either alone or jointly or in common with other persons) determines the purposes for which and the manner in which any personal data are, or are to be, processed;

"data processor", in relation to personal data, means any person (other than an employee of the data controller) who processes the data on behalf of the data controller;

"data subject" means an individual who is the subject of personal data;

"personal data" means data which relate to a living individual who can be identified

(a) from those data, or

(b) from those data and other information which is in the possession of, or is likely to come into the possession of, the data controller,

and includes any expression of opinion about the individual and any indication of the intentions of the data controller or any other person in respect of the individual;

"processing", in relation to information or data, means obtaining, recording or holding the information or data or carrying out any operation or set of operations on the information or data, including

(a) organisation, adaptation or alteration of the information or data,

(b) retrieval, consultation or use of the information or data,

(c) disclosure of the information or data by transmission, dissemination or otherwise making available, or

(d) alignment, combination, blocking, erasure or destruction of the information or data;

"relevant filing system" means any set of information relating to individuals to the extent that, although the information is not processed by means of equipment operating automatically in response to instructions given for that purpose, the set is structured, either by reference to individuals or by reference to criteria relating to individuals, in such a way that specific information relating to a particular individual is readily accessible.

SCHEDULES Section 4(1) and (2).

SCHEDULE 1 THE DATA PROTECTION PRINCIPLES

PART I THE PRINCIPLES

1 Personal data shall be processed fairly and lawfully and, in particular, shall not be processed unless

(a) at least one of the conditions in Schedule 2 is met, and

(b) in the case of sensitive personal data, at least one of the conditions in Schedule 3 is also met.

SCHEDULE 2 CONDITIONS RELEVANT FOR PURPOSES OF THE FIRST PRINCIPLE:

PROCESSING OF ANY PERSONAL DATA

1 The data subject has given his consent to the processing.

2 The processing is necessary

(a) for the performance of a contract to which the data subject is a party, or

(b) for the taking of steps at the request of the data subject with a view to entering into a contract.

3 The processing is necessary for compliance with any legal obligation to which the data controller is subject, other than an obligation imposed by contract.

4 The processing is necessary in order to protect the vital interests of the data subject.

5 The processing is necessary

(a) for the administration of justice,

(b) for the exercise of any functions conferred on any person by or under any enactment,

(c) for the exercise of any functions of the Crown, a Minister of the Crown or a government department, or

(d) for the exercise of any other functions of a public nature exercised in the public interest by any person.

6 (1) The processing is necessary for the purposes of legitimate interests pursued by the data controller or by the third party or parties to whom the data are disclosed, except where the processing is unwarranted in any particular case by reason of prejudice to the rights and freedoms or legitimate interests of the data subject. (

2) The Secretary of State may by order specify particular circumstances in which this condition is, or is not, to be taken to be satisfied.

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Pennsylvania MUFON Conference

From: Philip Mantle <philip.nul>
Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2010 08:52:25 +0100
Archived: Sun, 01 Aug 2010 10:07:20 -0400
Subject: Pennsylvania MUFON Conference

From: John Ventre <jventrel.nul>
To: Undisclosed-Recipients
Date: 31 July 2010 11:04 PM
Subject: Press Release: Pa MUFON Conference

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UFO CONFERENCE

Pennsylvania leads the Nation in UFO Sightings

"UFO's. . . Seeing is Believing". The Pennsylvania Mutual UFO Network will present it's 3rd Annual UFO Conference's on Saturday October 9th, 2010 from 8am-5pm at the Sheraton Hotel 400 Oxford Valley Rd Langehorne Pa 19047 and on Saturday October 16th 2010 from 10am to 6pm at the Westmoreland Community College 145 Pavillion Ln Youngwood, Pa 15697.

Pennsylvania has been the epicenter of the world's largest UFO wave since the summer of 2008. There have been over 650 UFO reports filed with MUFON from Pittsburgh to Philly over the past two years. John Ventre, the Pennsylvania State Director for MUFON stated, "We're getting clusters of sightings from every town from Pittsburgh to Philly along the southern half of the state. We have 151 reports in the Pittsburgh-Westmoreland County area and 355 in the Philly area. I get reports of UFO's coming in from Lake Erie in Ohio and across Wheeling, West Virginia into the Pittsburgh area and they are seen minutes later on the Eastern part of the state.

The Conference will present a combination of expert Paranormal, Abduction and UFO speakers.

Speakers include Richard Dolan who has written numerous books on the government coverup, Bill Birnes of UFO Hunters, Budd Hopkins on Abductions, Kathleen Marden on Betty and Barney Hill, Peter Robbins who investigated the Rendlesham Forrest UK incident, John Ventre of the Mutual UFO Network, Stan Gordon will present Kecksburg then and Leslie Kean who sued NASA will present Kecksburg now on the 45th anniversary.

"The quality of speakers at this Conference rivals the larger pricier conferences that take place around the country", said Ventre.

Professional presentations and vendor tables will highlight this conference in an academic setting. "We also have a few surprises for the audience and they are not Halloween tricks", said Ventre.

Admission price's are \$20 in Pitt and \$30 in Philly. Advance orders and the Conference agenda can be obtained at John Ventre's website at www.johnventre.com or www.mufonpa.com . John Ventre can be reached at 724 836 1266 or at jventrel.nul

The Mutual UFO Network was founded in 1969 after the US Air Force concluded their 17 year Project Blue Book study of UFO's and concluded that UFO's are not a threat to National Security. "They never said UFO's don't exist. There is overwhelming evidence that they do. I believe this is an aviation safety issue. The only reason there are not more collisions is because of their ability to manuever, not ours", said Ventre.

MUFON has 2700 members worldwide and over 900 certified investigators. The Pennsylvania MUFON branch has 129 members and 21 certified investigators. Anyone interested in joining MUFON can speak to John Ventre or one of the many investigators that will be at the conference from Pa, WV, NY, NJ and Ohio. "One thing I know fromconducting my investigations: if you've seen one, you believe", said Ventre.

Philip Mantle

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UFO Examiner Files A UFO Report
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/2apdxh7>

Commercial Airline Pilot Says UFOs Are Real
Technorati
<http://tinyurl.com/295pu5u>

Massive UFO Reported At Malaysian Resort
Technorati
<http://tinyurl.com/2auzwdy>

Sherif's Nephew Claims Travis Walton Hoax Well Known?
Joseph Capp
<http://tinyurl.com/3xjajnw>

Sheriff's Nephew: Travis Walton Lied About Alien Abduction
<http://tinyurl.com/352a9nm>

Stanton Friedman: A Scientist Searches For The Truth Of UFOs
<http://tinyurl.com/33wq5y4>

Infamous 'Face On Mars' Gets A Major Makeover
<http://tinyurl.com/34vcqw>

Summer Was Journalism's 'Silly Season,' And It
Apparently Still Is
Press Herald
<http://tinyurl.com/37seog4>

UFO Myth Or Reality?
By Stars & Astronomy
<http://tinyurl.com/36sphcf>

From Frank Warren's UFO Chronicals:

The Uncensored Truth Behind Ufology
<http://tinyurl.com/2b46jfh>

From Larry Bryant:

How Many Fortean Novels Exist?
<http://tinyurl.com/2w5pslp>

From 'The Norm':

Roswell, Ron Regehr, And Me
by Kevin Randle
<http://tinyurl.com/293off6>

Somebody Plug The Dude's Cakehole
Billy Cox

<http://tinyurl.com/24k8pvg>

Mars Site May Hold 'Buried Life'

<http://tinyurl.com/2c82n2y>

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Re: Face On Mars Or Rocky Hill? New Photo

From: **Geoff Blackmore** <geoff_184.nul>
Date: Sun, 01 Aug 2010 23:59:47 +1200
Archived: Sun, 01 Aug 2010 10:20:06 -0400
Subject: Re: Face On Mars Or Rocky Hill? New Photo

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: post to ufoupdates <post.nul>
>Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2010 22:48:47 +0000
>Subject: Re: Face On Mars Or Rocky Hill? New Photo

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You can indeed make out the applicable features at the
applicable locations, but I have to say they do look very
different. Nevertheless, the overall layout of features is all
correct, and I'm certain the location is the same in both
images.

Taking the conspiracy approach for a moment, I would think that
if one were to repeatedly nuke the face, the resulting landscape
appearance a few years later, after the winds have evened out
the dust, would look much as the second image does. The face is
gone, and the surrounding features have become less defined,
buried beneath the relocated material. But then it would be
absurd of me to seriously contemplate that such a scenario has
actually happened.

Regards,

Geoff B.

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Re: MoD Blocks Release Of UFO Files

From: David Clarke <daveclarke292.nul>
Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2010 15:00:14 +0100
Archived: Sun, 01 Aug 2010 10:31:07 -0400
Subject: Re: MoD Blocks Release Of UFO Files

>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2010 08:44:06 +0200 (CEST)
>Subject: MoD Blocks Release Of UFO Files

>Some time ago a ufologist made a Freedom of Information Act
>request to the Ministry of Defence about my non-MoD work as an
>author, journalist and TV pundit. MoD concluded that these were
>private papers which fell outside the scope of the ongoing
>release of the MoD s UFO files. The decision was appealed, but
>the Information Commissioner recently agreed that the documents
>should not be released.

For the facts behind my Freedom of Information request see the
full account posted on my blog here:

<http://drdavidclarke.blogspot.com/2010/07/open-skies-closed-files.html>

>Like a number of people in the UFO community, the individual
>concerned is somewhat obsessive about the subject and has made
>numerous previous FOI requests about me. MoD clearly regard this
>interest in my private life as a little unhealthy.

In actual fact I have only ever made one FOI request about Nick
Pope. This is the request that is the subject of the Information
Commissioner's decision notice. The fact that it took two
appeals and 3 years to reach this stage suggests I had struck a
raw nerve with the establishment.

Far from from being "obsessive", the notice actually says: "The
commissioner feels that this is a finely balanced case and that
the complainant has provided well reasoned arguments to support
his case."

There is nothing in the decision that says the Ministry "regard
this interest in my private life as a little unhealthy." This
is entirely your own interpretation.

The key point that you fail to mention is that that fine balance
for release was tipped by your personal intervention. As the
Commissioner reveals, you wrote to the MoD and asked for the
information "not to be released into the public domain".

This was after I approached you openly and asked for your
consent for the release of these documents.

Yet you are on record as saying: "I believe that governments and
the military, and indeed private researchers, politicians -
whoever- should place everything in the public domain on this
issue."

The military, private researchers, politicians, everyone
apparently except Nick Pope.

How empty and hollow those words sound today.

--

Dr David Clarke

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From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark.nul>
Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2010 09:31:01 -0500
Archived: Sun, 01 Aug 2010 11:14:26 -0400
Subject: Re: News Links - 31-07-10

>From: <post.nul>
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers -
>Date: Sunday, August 01, 2010 9:18 AM
>Subject: UFO UpDate: News Links - 31-07-10

>Somebody Plug The Dude's Cakehole
>Billy Cox
><http://tinyurl.com/24k8pvg>

I wish I could say I must be psychic, but some things are so dreadfully predictable that even fence posts would see them coming through the dumbosphere. The quote below, referring to elite media's certain reception of Leslie Kean's forthcoming book, will appear shortly as part of my review in IUR:

"For reasons this book details, resistance to the UFO phenomenon, especially in the United States, remains more entrenched than ever, so much so that sober consideration may not be possible for another generation or two. Meantime, we may predict that hostile reviewers who will not bother to address its evidence and arguments will savage UFOs in order to keep the taboo well in place. We may be confident, too, that [Michio] Kaku, [Rudy] Schild, and the rest will be nowhere mentioned as poison pens fly across pages."

Jerry Clark

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From: **Joachim Koch** <lists.nul>
Date: Sun, 01 Aug 2010 16:50:01 +0200
Archived: Sun, 01 Aug 2010 11:20:04 -0400
Subject: Re: Face On Mars Or Rocky Hill? New Photo

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Best,

Joachim

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Re: Face On Mars Or Rocky Hill? New Photo

From: Tom DeMary <t.demary.nul>
Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2010 11:53:00 -0500 (GMT-05:00)
Archived: Sun, 01 Aug 2010 16:15:02 -0400
Subject: Re: Face On Mars Or Rocky Hill? New Photo

The NASA/JPL page for the new color image release is:

http://hirise.lpl.arizona.edu/PSP_003234_2210

The "new" color image shows little more than the nose area of the "face," not that anyone can tell that without a more detailed picture than the original "face" image.

The entire "face" mesa can be seen in hi-res by clicking one of "full image" links on the upper right of the page. The small area covered by the color photo can be easily identified in the full image picture. It is, of course, the full image that one needs to see in order to understand that the original "face" is just a Martian mesa. The new, color close-up of the rocks on top of the mesa does not make the point by itself.

Tom DeMary

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Re: Face On Mars Or Rocky Hill? New Photo

From: Paul Scott Anderson <paulscottanderson.nul>
Date: Sun, 01 Aug 2010 10:50:32 -0700
Archived: Sun, 01 Aug 2010 16:16:23 -0400
Subject: Re: Face On Mars Or Rocky Hill? New Photo

>From: Joachim Koch <lists.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Sun, 01 Aug 2010 16:50:01 +0200
>Subject: Re: Face On Mars Or Rocky Hill? New Photo

>What is shown in this "new" photograph is the central part of
>the face at the terminator, e.g. the eye and the nostril
>section.

Correct, although actually the left "nostril" (upper left of image) and "mouth" area below that. I wish they mentioned that on the HiRISE page:

http://hirise.lpl.arizona.edu/PSP_003234_2210

but you can look at the various versions of the full face image listed, including clicking on the close-up image itself to see the wider-view version which pops up.

Paul

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From: **Geoff Blackmore** <geoff_184.nul>
Date: Mon, 02 Aug 2010 09:23:08 +1200
Archived: Mon, 02 Aug 2010 08:15:57 -0400
Subject: Re: Face On Mars Or Rocky Hill? New Photo

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Glad you could tell, my dry humour is not always obvious :-)

My point is that the visual comparison being published by various media sources is giving a horribly inaccurate view that gives the impression the face hill/mesa itself doesn't even exist, let alone have less defined facial features.

It's as though they are saying "nothing to see here, move along".

The version I have displayed is how people (the average public that is) are going to interpret the image comparison, and thus regard the matter as closed.

Seems to be a convenient way to stop people from thinking further about it.

Who actually released this inaccurate comparison to the media, and why now?

Regards,

Geoff B.

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Re: MoD Blocks Release of UFO Files

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2010 23:48:17 +0200 (CEST)
Archived: Mon, 02 Aug 2010 08:18:52 -0400
Subject: Re: MoD Blocks Release of UFO Files

I wrote:

>Some time ago a ufologist made a Freedom of Information Act
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>author, journalist and TV pundit.

<snip>

Just to clarify, I have no objection to ufologists inquiring about my UFO investigations at the MoD. That's their right, under the Freedom of Information Act. But two or three ufologists in the UK have developed an unhealthy obsession with me. I m not comfortable with such individuals intruding into my private life by asking about my non-MoD work.

The argument that by virtue of being in the public eye I've somehow waived my right to privacy is absurd and sounds like the sort of thing a stalker would say to the police after being arrested.

I commentate in the media on a wide range of subjects, including the unexplained, conspiracy theories, fringe science, space, science fiction and defence.

However, with the possible exception of 9/11 - where I've taken part in TV and radio debates against those who believe it was an inside job - ufology is the only topic where I ve been the subject of obsessive behaviour and hatred as a result of my media activities.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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Reviewing The Reviewers [was: News Links -

From: John Rimmer <johnrimmer.nul>
Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2010 16:07:03 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Mon, 02 Aug 2010 08:21:04 -0400
Subject: Reviewing The Reviewers [was: News Links -

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2010 09:31:01 -0500
>Subject: Re: News Links - 31-07-10

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>Kaku, [Rudy] Schild, and the rest will be nowhere mentioned as
>poison pens fly across pages."

I know it's de rigeur for commentators on UpDates to criticise
books after just reading the reviews and before reading the
actual book, but now Jerry's even criticising the reviews before
the book or the reviews have been published!

Remarkable.

--
John Rimmer

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From: John Rimmer <johnrimmer.nul>
Date: Mon, 2 Aug 2010 06:13:08 -0700 (PDT)
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>under the Freedom of Information Act. But two or three
>ufologists in the UK have developed an unhealthy obsession with
>me. I m not comfortable with such individuals intruding into my
>private life by asking about my non-MoD work.

I'm sure many people would find your private life fascinating,
but surely it is not covered by the Freedom of Information Act?

I suppose these 'two or three' individuals include, amongst
others:

Me
Dave Clarke
Andy Roberts
Jenny Randles
Kevin McClure
John Harney
Joe McGonagle
Peter Brookesmith

>The argument that by virtue of being in the public eye I've
>somehow waived my right to privacy is absurd and sounds like the
>sort of thing a stalker would say to the police after being
>arrested.

Ah, so the people listed above are stalkers, are they?

>I commentate in the media on a wide range of subjects, including
>the unexplained, conspiracy theories, fringe science, space,
>science fiction and defence.

And sometimes people get a little bit annoyed when you avoid
giving credit for the information you have used.

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>part in TV and radio debates against those who believe it was an
>inside job - ufology is the only topic where I ve been the
>subject of obsessive behaviour and hatred as a result of my
>media activities.

'Hatred'! Really? I think most people, including those listed
above find your media commentaries a subject of amusement rather
than hatred!

Calm down, dear, it's only ufology.

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John Rimmer

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Re: Reviewing Thee Reviewers

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark.nul>
Date: Mon, 2 Aug 2010 08:47:26 -0500
Archived: Mon, 02 Aug 2010 10:57:54 -0400
Subject: Re: Reviewing Thee Reviewers

>From: John Rimmer <johnrimmer.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2010 16:07:03 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Reviewing Thee Reviewers [was: News Links - 31-07-10]

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2010 09:31:01 -0500
>>Subject: Re: News Links - 31-07-10

>>I wish I could say I must be psychic, but some things are so
>>dreadfully predictable that even fence posts would see them coming
>>through the dumbosphere. The quote below, referring to elite
>>media's certain reception of Leslie Kean's forthcoming book,
>>will appear shortly as part of my review in IUR:

>>"For reasons this book details, resistance to the UFO
>>phenomenon, especially in the United States, remains more
>>entrenched than ever, so much so that sober consideration may
>>not be possible for another generation or two. Meantime, we may
>>predict that hostile reviewers who will not bother to address
>>its evidence and arguments will savage UFOs in order to keep the
>>taboo well in place. We may be confident, too, that [Michio]
>>Kaku, [Rudy] Schild, and the rest will be nowhere mentioned as
>>poison pens fly across pages."

>I know it's de rigeur for commentators on UpDates to criticise
>books after just reading the reviews and before reading the
>actual book, but now Jerry's even criticising the reviews before
>the book or the reviews have been published!

>Remarkable.

Ordinarily, John, I have at least some broad understanding of what you're attempting to communicate even when I think you're being wrong-headed. This time, I'm afraid, I have not the faintest clue. Must be some Magonia thing to which lesser mortals are not privy. Or maybe you decided that your fingers needed exercising, and so you put them through their paces on the keyboard.

Of course, it might have helped if you'd actually read what Billy Cox wrote and thus what I was responding to. And no, though so far the taboo-carrying mainstream press has treated Leslie Kean's book exactly as I described and expected, one doesn't need psychic powers, sad to say, to make certain predictions.

It does seem curious, though, that somebody who hasn't read either the book or the commentary/reviews - e.g., the above-mentioned J. Rimmer - should be criticizing those who have. But then, Magonia is a strange land.

As the Magonian said: Remarkable.

Jerry Clark

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Re: MoD Blocks Release Of UFO Files

From: David Clarke <daveclarke292.nul>
Date: Mon, 2 Aug 2010 15:03:26 +0100
Archived: Mon, 02 Aug 2010 11:10:32 -0400
Subject: Re: MoD Blocks Release Of UFO Files

>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2010 23:48:17 +0200 (CEST)
>Subject: Re: MoD Blocks Release Of UFO Files

Quoting himself, Nick said:

>Some time ago a ufologist made a Freedom of Information Act
>request to the Ministry of Defence about my non-MoD work as an
>author, journalist and TV pundit.

I note from this response that by mentioning my name in any way
will in some mysterious way empower me. Either way, it is very
bizarre and abnormal behaviour.

>Just to clarify, I have no objection to ufologists inquiring
>about my UFO investigations at the MoD. That's their right,
>under the Freedom of Information Act. But two or three
>ufologists in the UK have developed an unhealthy obsession with
>me. I m not comfortable with such individuals intruding into my
>private life by asking about my non-MoD work.

Why don't you name these two or three individuals? Are you
frightened of empowering them too?

As is clear from my original request, a copy of which is
included in the Information Commissioner's notice, I did not
request any information about to your "private life". You flatter
yourself by suggesting that anyone would be in the remotest
way interested in your private life.

The request was made in the context of how the MoD developed
their policy as to how to respond to your very public (not
private) statements - addressed to the media and the wider
public.

Statements which contradicted Government policy on UFOs - a
subject that is of great interest to the readers of this List
and the wider public. You started the fire and now you want to
get out of the flames.

By any measure the contents of these documents, created by
public servants paid for by the public purse, is a matter of
public interest. They will remain so, no matter how you try to
dodge the issue.

>The argument that by virtue of being in the public eye I've
>somehow waived my right to privacy is absurd and sounds like the
>sort of thing a stalker would say to the police after being
>arrested.

See my comments above. As per usual your comments are misleading
and bear no relation to the facts.

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>part in TV and radio debates against those who believe it was an
>inside job - ufology is the only topic where I ve been the
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This is just a smokescreen to avoid answering perfectly reasonable questions, such as:

1. Do you know what is in the seven documents that you objected to the release of?
2. If you do know, what is the nature of the material that you consider private? Is it disciplinary or commercially sensitive, for instance?
3. If you don't know what the contents are then why are you objecting to their release?
4. How can you justify standing on a Disclosure platform whilst actively blocking the release of documents?

People will be able to judge for themselves your commitment to Freedom of Information by the detail of your response, or lack thereof, to these questions.

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Dr David Clarke

<http://drdavidclarke.blogspot.com/>
<http://www.drdavidclarke.co.uk/>

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Thirty Years Of Spielberg's UFO Views - Pt II

From: Giuliano Marinkovic <giuliano.marinkovic.nul>
Date: Mon, 2 Aug 2010 14:10:25 +0200
Archived: Mon, 02 Aug 2010 13:03:08 -0400
Subject: Thirty Years Of Spielberg's UFO Views - Pt II

>From: Jay Nelson <jnelson.nul>
>Date: Thu, 17 Dec 2009 17:56:21 -0700
>Archived: Fri, 18 Dec 2009 07:03:13 -0500
>Subject: Re: Thirty Years Of Spielberg's UFO Views

<snip>

>The movie, 1941, one of my guilty favorites ;-), concerning
>post-Pearl Harbor hysteria, was made in 1979. It was Spielberg's
>first (by comparison) flop, a comedy so expensive that it took
>two studios to produce.

>In a 1995 featurette, The Making Of 1941 included on the first
>DVD release, Spielberg says that he agreed to make the movie
>while he was working on Close Encounters. He, Bob Gale, and
>Robert Zemeckis, the writers, recounted how they re-worked the
>screenplay during the production of CE3K in an offic
>_in-the_very_hanger_ where Spielberg was then filming the
>climactic mothership scenes.

<snip>

This is the continuation of my posts in December 2009 titled:

Steven Spielberg And 3 Decades Of His Public UFO Views

Archived here:

<http://www.ufoupdateslist.com/2009/dec/m17-002.shtml>

I was curious about the comment made by Jay as I didn't know until that time that another Spielberg's movie had a partial UFO connection. As Jay stated, the movie 1941 was based on the famous Battle of Los Angeles incident. So I decided to check and thanks to Jay's references I was able to find those video comments by screenwriter Bob Gale and Steven Spielberg that 1941, the movie, is indeed connected with The Battle of Los Angeles.

As per my previous post I have extracted all the relevant video clips. Here they are together with download links:

VIDEO 1 - Bob Gale on 1941

Download link:

<http://tinyurl.com/3564sww>

Screenwriter Bob Gale speaks how he found historical reference about "air raid" in Los Angeles that happened in 1942 (Battle of Los Angeles incident) during the research for movie 1941. Bob Gale and Robert Zemeckis, screenwriters of the movie 1941 - (two Bob's) are of course mostly recognized as authors of great film trilogy "Back to the Future" (produced by Steven Spielberg too).

VIDEO 2 - Bob Gale comments Battle of Los Angeles

Download link:

<http://tinyurl.com/32ufx7h>

Bob Gale explains how he researched the historical material for movie 1941. There he mentions again Battle of Los Angeles where he calls it "false alarm air raid". He adds: "Nobody knows for sure to this day whether anything was up there or not. It certainly wasn't a Japanese plane. It may be a stray weather balloon... It may be nothing. It may be just somebody got nervous and shoot their anti-aircraft gun".

VIDEO 3 - Bob Gale on John Millius and Steven Spielberg

Download link:

<http://tinyurl.com/3aysmbv>

Short reference by Bob Gale where he talks how producer John Millius presented to Spielberg screenplay by two Bob's (Bob Gale & Robert Zemeckis) about air raid (Battle of Los Angeles).

VIDEO 4 - Bob Gale on Spielberg's decision to film 1941 and co-production

Download link:

<http://tinyurl.com/2vszb4c>

Short reference how Spielberg told to producer John Millius that he wants to film 1941 but first he has to complete film about UFOs (Close Encounters of the Third Kind).

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Best Wishes

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UFO Sighting In 1950 By Actor Deforest Kelley

From: **Giuliano Marinkovic** <giuliano.marinkovic.nul>
Date: Mon, 2 Aug 2010 14:14:57 +0200
Archived: Tue, 03 Aug 2010 07:45:37 -0400
Subject: UFO Sighting In 1950 By Actor Deforest Kelley

Dear Colleagues,

This is extended interview of actor DeForest Kelley (1920-1999 - Dr. McCoy from Star Trek - by Bill Jenkins broadcast back in 1986 on the radio show Open Mind With Bill Jenkins (KABC radio station in Los Angeles). Besides The Battle of Los Angeles in this extended complete clip of the interview you can hear how Kelley had finally decided to tell the story of a "long cigare shaped" UFO sighting witnessed by him, his wife and a friend in 1950. During the interview Kelley also mentioned that he heard that William Shatner also had a UFO Sighting.

Download link:

<http://tinyurl.com/327fy2c>

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Kelley & John Wayne Witnesses To Battle Of LA

From: **Giuliano Marinkovic** <giuliano.marinkovic.nul>
Date: Mon, 2 Aug 2010 14:14:57 +0200
Archived: Tue, 03 Aug 2010 08:00:12 -0400
Subject: Kelley & John Wayne Witnesses To Battle Of LA

Here's more historical material I was able to collect.

In 3 clips that I am offering you can hear first-hand accounts of The Battle of Los Angeles by actor DeForest Kelley, caller George and by John Wayne (second hand account told by Steven Spielberg).

In two audio clips (Kelley and George) I didn't have the exact year of the broadcast at first but I was able to nail it down because during the show actor DeForest Kelley mentioned the 20-year anniversary of Star Trek (so that makes it 1986 - the year of Star Trek IV cinema release).

The clips are from the radio show Open Mind With Bill Jenkins - a show similar to Art Bell's Coast to Coast aired during the 1980's on KABC Radio in Los Angeles. I was able to establish contact with Bill Jenkins last year - he still lives in Los Angeles by the way.

Those are two audio clips plus one video clip.

Links:

AUDIO CLIP 1 - DeForest Kelley on The Battle of Los Angeles - 1986 Actor DeForest Kelley (1920-1999 - Dr. McCoy of Star Trek - tells that he watched The Battle of Los Angeles incident back in 1942 from Long Beach. He describes it as "tiny little white lights way up in the sky that looked as the little formation of some sort but extremly on high altitude".

Download:

<http://tinyurl.com/397z87m>

AUDIO CLIP 2 - Caller George give his first-hand account on The Battle of Los Angeles - 1986

Caller George says - in the same show as DeForest Kelley - that he witnessed Battle of Los Angeles too. At the time he was a member of 94th Fight Squadron stationed in Long Beach.

History of the unit available here:

<http://gotips.net/history.html>

where it states "Expecting to see action in the Pacific the squadron readied for deployment in Long Beach in 1942".

George says that he saw the objects in question. He believed that they were airplanes although he adds that airplanes were not officialy in the air during that time. He saw objects flying overhead. He could see the "wing contour" of the objects thanks to ground lights and estimates they were 10-15.000 feet high flying from North-West to South-East. George adds that the only airplanes that had wing contours like that at the time were the Japanese Zero and P-43 airplanes. He didn't think that they were American planes. Bill Jenkins comments that the "Japanese had no way to get their air planes there".

Download link:

<http://tinyurl.com/33lhhtg>

VIDEO - John Wayne gives different view about The Battle of Los Angeles. Steven Spielberg speaks about this connection with John Wayne because he wanted to hire him for the role of General Stilwell in the movie 1941, based on The Battle of Los Angeles.

After John Wayne has read the script of the movie 1941 he was outraged. He told Spielberg "It's not even accurate. I was around when those fake bombs fall out of the sky. There was no panic in Los Angeles. There were some news reports on the radio and that was about it".

At:

<http://tinyurl.com/32eryyq>

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Re: MoD Blocks Release Of UFO Files

From: John Rimmer <johnrimmer.nul>
Date: Mon, 2 Aug 2010 22:46:01 +0000 (GMT)
Archived: Tue, 03 Aug 2010 08:15:21 -0400
Subject: Re: MoD Blocks Release Of UFO Files

>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2010 23:48:17 +0200 (CEST)
>Subject: Re: MoD Blocks Release Of UFO Files

>The argument that by virtue of being in the public eye I've
>somehow waived my right to privacy is absurd and sounds like the
>sort of thing a stalker would say to the police after being
>arrested.

I find this a particularly strange statement from someone who
has taken the Murdoch shilling and writes for a paper which
seems to regard intruding into the privacy of people 'in the
public eye' as its main raison d'etre!

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John Rimmer

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Re: Face On Mars Or Rocky Hill? New Photo

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Tue, 3 Aug 2010 00:05:48 +0000
Archived: Tue, 03 Aug 2010 08:16:59 -0400
Subject: Re: Face On Mars Or Rocky Hill? New Photo

>From: Paul Scott Anderson <paulscottanderson.nul>
>To: [post.nul](#)
>Date: Sun, 01 Aug 2010 10:50:32 -0700
>Subject: Re: Face On Mars Or Rocky Hill? New Photo

>>From: Joachim Koch <lists.nul>
>>To: [post.nul](#)
>>Date: Sun, 01 Aug 2010 16:50:01 +0200
>>Subject: Re: Face On Mars Or Rocky Hill? New Photo

>>What is shown in this "new" photograph is the central part of
>>the face at the terminator, e.g. the eye and the nostril
>>section.

>Correct, although actually the left "nostril" (upper left of
>image) and "mouth" area below that. I wish they mentioned that
>on the HiRISE page:

>http://hirise.lpl.arizona.edu/PSP_003234_2210

>but you can look at the various versions of the full face image
>listed, including clicking on the close-up image itself to see
>the wider-view version which pops up.

Dear List:

I have sent e-mail to Dr. Smith at the Lunar Planetary Lab at
the UofA. He is a very busy guy, but maybe he will respond to my
challenge/inquiry.

KK

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Face On Mars Picture - Smith Responds

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Tue, 3 Aug 2010 00:24:10 +0000
Archived: Tue, 03 Aug 2010 08:22:31 -0400
Subject: Face On Mars Picture - Smith Responds

On Aug 2, 2010, at 5:03 PM, Kathy Kasten wrote:

Dr. Smith:

I hope you are not the research scientist who picked the photo of Cydonia that was released to the public.

I am a long time subscriber to Sky & Telescope and was wowed by the photos of Mars released recently and published in S&T. The detail is remarkable. Clear and colorful.

What I can't understand is who and why the photo of Cydonia released doesn't come close to matching surface characteristics of Mars from previous photos.

Surely, there must be a better image of the Cydonia area. I would rather not believe that NASA deliberately chose a dark, murky, indistinct image of this famous area.

Come on LPL, show us what HiRISE can really do.

K.Kasten

Board Member of the Sonoran Astronomy Society of Green Valley,
AZ

Response from the famous Dr. Smith.

KK

From: psmith.nul
Subject: Re: Face On Mars Or Rocky Hill? New Photo
Date: Mon, 2 Aug 2010 17:21:33 -0700
To: catraja.nul

I have nothing to do with the HiRISE project, but before you judge harshly, you should look at the original image on their public website.

Click on the image and you will see the context. They have only shown a small portion of the feature. No, it has not been destroyed by H-bombs!?

http://hirise.lpl.arizona.edu/PSP_003234_2210

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From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Tue, 03 Aug 2010 13:02:51 +0100
Archived: Tue, 03 Aug 2010 08:26:06 -0400
Subject: Re: MoD Blocks Release Of UFO Files

>From: John Rimmer <johnrimmer.nul>
>To: [post.nul](#)
>Date: Mon, 2 Aug 2010 06:13:08 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: MoD Blocks Release Of UFO Files

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This 'unhealthy obsession' theme is not new. I am fully aware that behind the scenes, you have been suggesting that I might be suffering from Asperger's syndrome (not to mention your suggestion that I am anti-Semitic). This is the first time I am aware of that you have cast such aspersions publicly though. If you would care to lay out your evidence for these insinuations either to me in private or here on this List, I will be happy to address them, along with any other foundless rumours you have been circulating behind my back.

<snip>

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>others:

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>Dave Clarke
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>Peter Brookesmith

I can add at least another 3 names to the eight cited by John:

James Easton
Martin Redmond (MP, 1996)
Matthew Williams

No doubt there are others who have made enquiries about your role at Sec(AS)2 - is this some dastardly conspiracy, or just a long list of people who are trying to uncover the facts instead of accepting your fictitious and exaggerated image of your role at Sec(AS)2? The reason we all feel the need to check the facts is that you don't provide them.

>>The argument that by virtue of being in the public eye I've
>>somehow waived my right to privacy is absurd and sounds like the
>>sort of thing a stalker would say to the police after being

>>arrested.

>Ah, so the people listed above are stalkers, are they?

Yes, indeed - you flaunt Martin Redmond's parliamentary question like a badge of honour, yet get upset when 'enterprising members of the public' make similar enquiries, to the extent that you intervene to prevent the disclosure of information.

It wouldn't surprise me if you have made legal threats to the MoD about revealing information about you - oh wait, I feel another FoIA request in the making...must be that damned Asperger's..

<snip>

>>However, with the possible exception of 9/11 - where I've taken >>part in TV and radio debates against those who believe it was an >>inside job - ufology is the only topic where I've been the >>subject of obsessive behaviour and hatred as a result of my >>media activities.

If you lie with dogs, you get fleas. If you lie at all, expect to have the details scrutinised. Such is the nature of the beast.

Regards,

Joe

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From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Tue, 03 Aug 2010 10:26:13 -0400
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Can You Identify This UFO? - Photo
Bournemouth Echo
<http://tinyurl.com/25v2wcm>

Prepare For More UFO Sightings
China.org.cn
<http://tinyurl.com/3y5zrwk>

Ghost Of Flight 401
Tucson Citizen
<http://tinyurl.com/2d52ffm>

Unidentified Falling Objects
Greece Post
<http://tinyurl.com/38eonbn>

UFOs: China Researcher Sees A Pattern, Predicts More Sightings
Tucson Citizen
<http://tinyurl.com/2567bcv>

UFO Experts To Be Featured At Conference
Joplin Independent
<http://tinyurl.com/2g5qtry>

The Tug-of-War Of UFO Disclosure
<http://tinyurl.com/23ejw7t>

Five Awesome Alien Attack Battle: Los Angeles Viral Teaser
Posters
Fused Film
<http://tinyurl.com/242mued>

Large Hungry Crocodiles ('Lake Placid 3') And Heat Sucking
Aliens ('Frost Giant') Steam Up Syfy's August Saturday Original
Movies
<http://tinyurl.com/2g6tms3>

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From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Tue, 3 Aug 2010 11:42:36 -0300
Archived: Tue, 03 Aug 2010 10:52:55 -0400
Subject: Re: The Mirage Men

>From: John Rimmer <johnrimmer.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2010 17:08:35 +0000 (GMT)
>Subject: Re: The Mirage Men [was: Are UFOs Just A CIA Con-Trick?]

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 29 Jul 2010 13:54:44 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Are UFOs Just A CIA Con-Trick?

>>So in the end after now having read two reviews of this book,
>>for myself to read this book would be akin to reading another
>>book by either the Flat Earth or Hollow Earth societies. The
>>premise of this book is too lightweight in nature for me.

>Is this something like Stan Friedman's 'Rules for Debunkers':

- >1. What the readers don't know, I don't want to know either.
- >2. Don't bother me with the book, my mind is made up.
- >3. If you can't attack the book, attach the reviews
- >4. Do your reviews by proclamation - reading the book is
> too much trouble, and nobody will notice the difference anyway.

>Mark Pilkington is a British writer and journalist who has been
>in the UFO field for many years. He has done the leg-work and
>spoken to people involved. He's not claiming that the UFO
>mystery was dreamed up and created by the CIA or NSA, he is
>saying that government agencies have, from time to time, used it
>for their own agendas.

>You might not agree with the book, but it is not lightweight,
>and is not promoting 'Flat Earth' ideas. Reading some of the
>comments on UpDates, largely from people like yourself who have
>only read the reviews, that there's an element of "How dare
>these Limeys write about *our* UFOs!"

I've been away.

And of course I went with the reviews, John, that's why they are there are they not? If a movie gets bad reviews I don't go see it. Why would I waste my time, and more importantly, money on a book whose premise that is decades old? You yourself, as a reviewer of the book, dwelled more on the CIA nonsense above any other topic in the book so I drew my conclusions as to whether to invest or even bother with the book from that.

I've known about Mark Pilkington - probably even emailed with him - for years though I haven't seen much from him in the last few.

But you are right about my mind being made up re the CIA/UFO theory because I knew it to be nonsense when it was proposed years ago. Mind you I don't refute that the CIA attempted to make this claim for their own purposes; however other than that

brief period back in the early 1950s when both the United States and the Soviets considered that some other country other than their own was responsible for these anomalies the scenario just does not fly. Pilkington perhaps trusted in the age of the topic and the general public's ignorance of the topic and decided it was worth rehashing it in a book.

No one ever actually explains just how these aircraft could possibly be mistaken for something anomalous. They look like airplanes, they fly and behave like airplanes, are noisy like airplanes with jets- particularly the SR-71 whose sound signature is akin to a Concorde taking off, or in flight. Anyway I've posted my reasons why in another email.

I didn't attack the reviews, I took heed of them - yours primarily - and decided - on the basis of your review - that the subject was of no interest to me, so thanks for the tip. But I appreciate where you are coming from re your criticism of those who think the topic is rubbish and old hat. You must admit that your uncritical endorsement of the books topic and your own lack of resilience when it comes to the UFO phenomenon tends to color your judgment.

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Date: Tue, 3 Aug 2010 15:46:26 -0500
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Or, ludicrous, ridiculous, laughable, overweening, and even
preposterous, eh?

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From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
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Archived: Wed, 04 Aug 2010 06:26:39 -0400
Subject: Did A UFO Hit The 911 Tower?

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Subject: News Links - 03-08-10

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Triangle UFO Under 500 Feet At Farmington, New Mexico
Examiner.Com
<http://tinyurl.com/2vh9uwh>

UFO Spotted In Wilton?
Patch
<http://tinyurl.com/3a9d48r>

What Was The UFO? Here's The answer...
Bournemouth Echo
<http://tinyurl.com/2vqkum7>

Carl W. Feindt Releases New Publication Discussing The Physical
Effects Of UFOs On Water
<http://tinyurl.com/2whyblm>

UFOs And Water
Physical Effects of UFOs On Water Through Accounts By
Eyewitnesses
<http://tinyurl.com/2wyzo81>

UFOs And USOs - Observations By Gerald Hausman
Stay Thirsty Media
<http://tinyurl.com/2btuose>

Alien Base By Timothy Good - Book Review
UFODigest
<http://tinyurl.com/276jthq>

Trickster Figures & Unhinged Paranoia
<http://tinyurl.com/336nww7>

How Stuff Works Website Busily Updating 'UFOs And Aliens'
Library
Tucson Citizen
<http://tinyurl.com/2g7dvw5>

Film Inspired By 1942 Los Angeles 'UFO Battle' Coming In 2011
Tucson Citizen
<http://tinyurl.com/2dvr2vw>

Unsolved Mysteries - Allagash Abductions 1 of 2 =97 HD Video
<http://tinyurl.com/2vhndkx>

Chinese Astronomer Predicts Appearance Of UFO In 2011
Sify News
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From: Robert Powell <rpowell.nul>
Date: Wed, 04 Aug 2010 09:33:57 -0500
Archived: Wed, 04 Aug 2010 10:44:43 -0400
Subject: Re: Did A UFO Hit The 911 Tower?

>From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <post.nul>
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Re: Did A UFO Hit The 911 Tower?

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark.nul>
Date: Wed, 4 Aug 2010 10:16:59 -0500
Archived: Wed, 04 Aug 2010 11:31:34 -0400
Subject: Re: Did A UFO Hit The 911 Tower?

>From: Robert Powell <rpowell.nul>
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>Date: Wed, 04 Aug 2010 09:33:57 -0500
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Jerry Clark

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From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
Date: Wed, 04 Aug 2010 12:07:34 -0400
Archived: Wed, 04 Aug 2010 12:22:17 -0400
Subject: Re: Did A UFO Hit The 911 Tower?

>From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
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The analysis hinges entirely on the video evidence regarding the mysterious ball. It is seen in NBC's live footage only. It would be nice to know where the recording of the live footage came from, and how can we be sure it was not doctored. Aside from that, the analysis presented is persuasive. The following assumes that the new video evidence is legitimate.

The conclusion that the initial damage was caused by the ball in question makes subsequent controlled demolition even more likely. Dr. Judy Wood maintains there is considerable evidence that the buildings essentially drifted away in the air as powder as they fell. For example, a video of the 911 aftermath shows a vertical steel beam disintegrating into dust in less than a minute as it leaned over slightly. She suggests the buildings were demolished using some kind of directed energy weapon related to the Hutchison effect.

The ball-shaped vehicle and the Hutchison effect are related to suspected ET technology. The video suggests that the drone used anti-gravity technology, and Wilbert Smith heard from ETs back in the 1950's that aircraft too near the saucer's propulsion system would fall apart at the molecular level. I've commented in earlier posts that such technology might account for reported strange effects involving flying objects.

The video implies that these technologies are also made by humans. Specifically, it suggests that the rationale for the attack was to make it easier for the US to invade other countries. If this was the motive, the administration at the time must have had a relationship with a group controlling this novel technology.

On the other hand, if the technology was controlled only by ETs, then we have to reconsider the motive. Why would ETs want to make it easier for the US to invade other countries? One could speculate that such collaboration might be in their interest if it began the eventual failure of the world's financial system.

From our perspective today, that is a possible outcome.

William

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Archived: Wed, 04 Aug 2010 16:43:49 -0400
Subject: Re: Did A UFO Hit The 911 Tower?

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Wed, 4 Aug 2010 13:17:45 -0300
>Subject: Re: Did A UFO Hit The 911 Tower?

>>From: Robert Powell <rpowell.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Wed, 04 Aug 2010 09:33:57 -0500
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During the Clinton and early Bush II administrations, my cousin,
now retired, worked on the National Security Council out of the
White House on the anti-terrorism beat. He was scheduled to
attend a meeting in the Pentagon on the morning of September 11,
2001, when the hijacked airliner plowed into the building. He
and his colleagues ended up running into the building (to
retrieve classified materials) when everybody else was running
out.

If you ever meet him, ask him what he thinks about a related
conspiracy theory: that no plane crashed into the Pentagon, that
it was all a gummint inside job.

Sigh....

Jerry Clark

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average punter?

Do we refuse to publish or investigate all abductions because
the whole concept of folk being taken from their beds at night
by weird creatures with big heads, is completely over the top
and the sceptics might laugh?

Surely the only criteria should be based on evidence - which
includes experiential evidence - not whether the stories are too
tall or not for public acceptance.

After all a very high percentage of the public, especially in
the US, believes in virgin births, angels and an all-seeing God
who punishes wrong doers, so we can't be sure what they might
finally accept as truth!

Your excellent radar research work for instance over Stephenville will hopefully convince many but that shouldn't stop us considering other maybe less credible events for fear of ridicule.

On the case in question I agree with another poster William Treurniet that everything hinges on whether this alleged NBC ball footage is genuine or faked.

I don't know. But I was hoping that some of you guys closer to the action or skilled in photo analysis, might squash it flat or the opposite.

I didn't realise we were supposed to censor material like this with the question "Will this make us look silly?" or "Will the public buy this?"

Yes we've all seen these 911 UFO claims before and none of them hold water. But if this ball footage is new - what's so wrong in viewing and considering it?

I would far rather posters here dealt with the video linked, than grimacing 'Not this old chestnut again'...

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From: Robert Powell <rpowell.nul>
Date: Wed, 04 Aug 2010 12:20:46 -0500
Archived: Wed, 04 Aug 2010 16:47:50 -0400
Subject: Re: Did A UFO Hit The 911 Tower?

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Wed, 4 Aug 2010 10:16:59 -0500
>Subject: Re: Did A UFO Hit The 911 Tower?

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>Nah, let's not.

You're right Jerry. I screwed by even replying to that nonsense.

Robert

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From: Diana Cammack <cammack.nul>
Date: Wed, 4 Aug 2010 14:38:31 -0400
Archived: Wed, 04 Aug 2010 16:50:47 -0400
Subject: Re: Did A UFO Hit The 911 Tower?

>From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
>To: [post.nul](#)
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>The analysis hinges entirely on the video evidence regarding the
>mysterious ball. It is seen in NBC's live footage only. It would
>be nice to know where the recording of the live footage came
>from, and how can we be sure it was not doctored. Aside from
>that, the analysis presented is persuasive. The following
>assumes that the new video evidence is legitimate.

>The conclusion that the initial damage was caused by the ball in
>question makes subsequent controlled demolition even more
>likely. Dr. Judy Wood maintains there is considerable evidence
>that the buildings essentially drifted away in the air as powder
>as they fell. For example, a video of the 911 aftermath shows a
>vertical steel beam disintegrating into dust in less than a
>minute as it leaned over slightly. She suggests the buildings
>were demolished using some kind of directed energy weapon
>related to the Hutchison effect.

>The ball-shaped vehicle and the Hutchison effect are related to
>suspected ET technology. The video suggests that the drone used
>anti-gravity technology, and Wilbert Smith heard from ETs back
>in the 1950's that aircraft too near the saucer's propulsion
>system would fall apart at the molecular level. I've commented
>in earlier posts that such technology might account for reported
>strange effects involving flying objects.

>The video implies that these technologies are also made by
>humans. Specifically, it suggests that the rationale for the
>attack was to make it easier for the US to invade other
>countries. If this was the motive, the administration at the
>time must have had a relationship with a group controlling this
>novel technology.

>On the other hand, if the technology was controlled only by ETs,
>then we have to reconsider the motive. Why would ETs want to
>make it easier for the US to invade other countries? One could
>speculate that such collaboration might be in their interest if
>it began the eventual failure of the world's financial system.

>From our perspective today, that is a possible outcome.

List,

The twin-towers incident was just one of several that day. What's to explain the crash of a plane in Pennsylvania, and whatever happened to the passengers of the two flights that crashed into NY, if this scenario is true?

If one is to make a plausible case, then those events and the others that day must be explained too, and presumably all within the same paradigm.

Diana

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From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Wed, 4 Aug 2010 15:20:16 -0400
Archived: Wed, 04 Aug 2010 16:52:53 -0400
Subject: Re: Did A UFO Hit The 911 Tower?

>From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
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I believe you are referencing Richard D. Hall, who is easily
confused with the late Richard Hall (Formerly of NICAP, MUFON
and the Fund for UFO Research).

IMO, I would hate for the good work of one to be confused with
the other.

Steve Kaeser
[not the photography guy on the West Coast, either]

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At the risk of devaluing true UFO research even further by giving any more time to this oddball Richard Hall, I emailed him asking for more information on the newscast, suggesting that the UFO sequence itself could be hoaxed.

He responded by sending me this link:

<http://www.archive.org/details/nbc200109110831-0912>

where you can watch the entire streamed broadcast.

Fast forward to the 911 sequence and the 'UFO' can be seen at 31.45.

In his email Richard D Hall comments: "The presenter says "We just saw a plane circling the building" he is clearly a shill. There are no live images of any plane. The woman who calls in who is very excited is also an obvious shill: her acting is very poor."

Hall continues: "No planes are shown in the live footage from NBC. They then show an obvious composite a few minutes later."

Hall adds: "EVEN IF the ball footage is totally hoaxed, my video still proves that the Hezerkhani footage is faked. The flight path I have plotted, regardless of whether it is from a ball or not is an impossible flight path of the plane. This proves that the Hezerkhani footage cannot be real because the flight path is coming from a steep angle well above the towers."

"If the craft is an anti gravity vehicle this could also explain the "flash" which is seen before impact. AG vehicles are very highly electrically charged, that is how their propulsion works. The flash could be the vehicle's electric field discharging through the towers."

"One of these could also have been used on the Pentagon."

He concludes: "I am not finished (with) my analysis. I am going to compare the trajectory path with every single piece of amateur footage and see how many match the ball path. If they match the ball path they are clear fakes."

I make no comments or observations on the above - I am merely posting for the assessment purposes of those who might be interested.

Dave Haith

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From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
Date: Wed, 04 Aug 2010 16:05:30 -0400
Archived: Wed, 04 Aug 2010 16:56:31 -0400
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>From: Robert Powell <rpowell.nul>
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Which ufological claims do you consider at least possible,
then?

Can you name some?

(Note: I'm not saying anything about whether I believe the
three claims you list above are true, or not.)

Eleanor White

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From: **Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo** <sanchezocejo.v.nul>
Date: Wed, 4 Aug 2010 16:34:04 -0400
Archived: Wed, 04 Aug 2010 16:59:23 -0400
Subject: Re: Did A UFO Hit The 911 Tower?

>From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <post.nul>
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I would like to know how he can explain the other two commercial airplanes; the one against the Pentagon building and the one directed to, but never hit, the Capitol or the White House? Also, the names of the passengers, besides the ones that hit the 911 Towers, that died in the other two airplanes?

Best,

Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo
Miami UFO Center

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From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj.nul>
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Yes, Don, lay off. There are some who still believe the Meier
contactee case was/is a massive hoax.

Jim Deardorff

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UK National Archives' Release UFO Files #6

From: David Clarke <daveclarke292.nul>
Date: Thu, 5 Aug 2010 00:01:51 +0100
Archived: Thu, 05 Aug 2010 08:05:14 -0400
Subject: UK National Archives' Release UFO Files #6

Greetings List:

I'm pleased to announce the opening of the sixth collection of MoD UFO files by The UK National Archives.

18 files containing 5000 pages can be downloaded, free of charge for one month, from:

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

Most of these files deal with correspondence and Parliamentary business 1995-2000. The TNA UFO page also includes a highlights guide, podcast and background briefing. Further information can be found on my blog:

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

In total 90 files have now been released since 2008 and we are almost half way through the full disclosure programme.

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Dr David Clarke
UFO Consultant to The National Archives

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List,

So Richard D. Hall says the object that struck World Trade Center #2 was a 40 foot wide ovoid ball derived from USG anti-gravity research? Then how does he explain the exact bilateral, wing-shaped, narrow triangular holes surrounding the main hole caused by the impact of such an object? Well, he doesn't. No mention at all of this fact. If the object that hit WTC 2 was an ovoid ball, there would be no such physical evidence and visually obvious artifact. His contentions are provably false, and absurd.

His claims about a "ball" are belied by the actual original NBC footage he primarily derived his "analysis" from, available here:

<http://tinyurl.com/2e26s3j>

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Time to proceed on toward more serious discussion of actual UFO-related issues, IMHO.

Steve

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TNA Release 6th Batch Of MoD UFO Files

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Thu, 05 Aug 2010 00:29:15 +0100
Archived: Thu, 05 Aug 2010 08:08:16 -0400
Subject: TNA Release 6th Batch Of MoD UFO Files

The 6th batch comprising 18 files is now available for download from:

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

Downloads are free for one month, after which there will be a charge of =A33.50 per file.

There is also a podcast featuring Dave Clarke and 2 guides (a highlights guide and a research guide) available at the same link above.

Joe

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From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Thu, 05 Aug 2010 10:53:31 +0100
Archived: Thu, 05 Aug 2010 08:11:17 -0400
Subject: Re: TNA Release 6th batch Of MoD UFO Files

It looks as though the media have picked up on 2 main stories; the anecdotal report by an unknown scientist from Leicester that Churchill suppressed reports of UFOs during WWII and the reported film of a UFO at Woomera test range in Australia.

There's a lot of correspondence from British ufologists, notably Eric Morris, Matthew Williams, and some voluminous exchanges with Russ Kellett and Terry Hooper. Also correspondence with groups especially Quest, BUFORA, and HUFOS.

There is some correspondence with Dave Clarke, Andy Roberts, and my first correspondence with the MoD, one piece mentioning this list. Another item includes a screen dump from UFO UpDates.

For the UFO UpDates document, see DEFE24-2042 p.34:

<http://ufoupdateslist.com/2002/jul/m22-002.shtml>]

Something that is quite apparent is the emergence of the Internet in these documents.

Another thing I notice (though I should have noticed it before) was a reference to an aborted policy change in 1983 which would have led to much more information being made available from the MoD in 1983. That was related to the release of the Rendlesham file, and was the main reason they attempted to retain 3 documents until Eric Morris appealed to the Ombudsman.

A good mixed bag, one of the better releases in my opinion.

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Media Files On 6th Set Of UK UFO Documents

From: **Giuliano Marinkovic** <giuliano.marinkovic.nul>
Date: Thu, 5 Aug 2010 13:22:32 +0200
Archived: Thu, 05 Aug 2010 08:40:11 -0400
Subject: Media Files On 6th Set Of UK UFO Documents

Dear Colleagues,

The information has just started to spread over media. The 6th set of the UK UFO documents is released. I am just listening to the BBC World Service and they are broadcasting reports about news in this moment. I started to record - Nick Pope and David Clarke are interviewed considering this release as in previous releases.

Here are download links for audios:

BBC World Service

Audio 1 - 06:55 GMT:

<http://tinyurl.com/33uzubb>

Audio 2 - 07:05 GMT:

<http://tinyurl.com/3yk9ctx>

Radio - BBC:

Tony Livesey - Wed, 04 Aug 2010

http://www.bbc.co.uk/1/player/episode/b00t9s6y/Tony_Livesey_04_08_2010/

The Ministry of Defence has released many new documents detailing many reported UFO sightings - including a claim that Winston Churchill ordered a cover-up during the second world war.

Matthew Smith - Save Lyneham poster

BBC Wiltshire, 6:00am Thursday 5th August 2010

<http://tinyurl.com/2wf9s7d>

Also this morning: The UFO files handed to the National Archives by the Ministry of Defence, including a reported break-in at RAF Rudloe Manor near Corsham.

Videos:

Short piece broadcast on Sky News - on YouTube:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pGAOAFj3j8w>

This is extended Sky News Story on UK UFO release with comments by Timothy Good and Dr. David Clarke:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r20iXZD9Z60>

BBC News about UK UFO Release:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zPReVIvDek8>

Articles:

Churchill Ordered UFO Cover-Up, National Archives Show

<http://tinyurl.com/34w5yvu>

Files released on 1974 'Welsh Roswell':

<http://tinyurl.com/2uwjs2p>

British X-Files reveal secret UFO study:

<http://tinyurl.com/39ebabg>

Short chronology of previous releases:

May 2008 - 1st release
October 2008 - 2nd Release
March 2009 - 3rd Release
August 2009 4th Release
February 2010 - 5th Release

Best Wishes

Giuliano

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Death Of Brian Boldman?

From: **Greg Taylor** <greg.nul>
Date: Thu, 05 Aug 2010 23:23:14 +1000
Archived: Thu, 05 Aug 2010 17:28:46 -0400
Subject: Death Of Brian Boldman?

Hi list,

I was researching the topic of angel hair and the research of Brian Boldman this evening, and happened upon the following tragic news:

Just a few days ago in July 2010, I received the shocking news of Brian's sudden passing in a house fire at his home in North Carolina. I was extremely saddened to hear this awful news. Brian was such an exquisite researcher, and I would have to add that he was second to none!

Can any listers confirm/deny this news?

Kind regards,

Greg

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Re: Did A UFO Hit The 911 Tower?

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Thu, 5 Aug 2010 08:29:23 -0500
Archived: Thu, 05 Aug 2010 17:30:29 -0400
Subject: Re: Did A UFO Hit The 911 Tower?

>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj.nul>
>To: [post.nul](#)
>Date: Wed, 04 Aug 2010 14:24:24 -0700
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Feel better now, Jim?

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Re: Did A UFO Hit The 911 Tower?

From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
Date: Thu, 05 Aug 2010 09:36:37 -0400
Archived: Thu, 05 Aug 2010 17:31:40 -0400
Subject: Re: Did A UFO Hit The 911 Tower?

>From: Steve Sawyer <stevesaw.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Wed, 4 Aug 2010 16:14:25 -0700
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Maybe this theory doesn't answer all the questions, but neither does the official theory. The fact that the laws of physics are violated in the official explanation does not seem to bother a lot of people. But this is what prompts many others to look for alternative explanations.

Towers pancaking at freefall speed is not what I would expect to see. It takes energy to knock loose successive floors. This should slow the momentum of the collapse and lengthen the time to fall, should it not?

Photos of the immediate aftermath do not show much debris when there should be piles of it hundreds of feet deep. What happened to it?

Vehicles suffered unusual damage blocks away from the world trade center. Why?

Serious investigators of UFO cases, including some on this List, assume the laws of physics are always valid everywhere. Why in the case of the 911 disaster should we accept that politics should trump physics?

I remember when the US government went after Bin Laden in Afghanistan after 911. The Afghani government said show us your evidence and we will hand him over. Apparently there was no evidence, because the response was the invasion. This was my first inkling that everything was not as it seemed. The violation of physical law in the official story confirmed it.

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William

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Re: UK National Archives' Release UFO Files #6

From: **Stanton Friedman** <fsphys.nul>
Date: Thu, 5 Aug 2010 06:38:07 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Thu, 05 Aug 2010 17:33:35 -0400
Subject: Re: UK National Archives' Release UFO Files #6

>From: David Clarke <daveclarke292.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Thu, 5 Aug 2010 00:01:51 +0100
>Subject: UK National Archives' Release UFO Files #6

>I'm pleased to announce the opening of the sixth collection of
>MoD UFO files by The UK National Archives.

>18 files containing 5000 pages can be downloaded, free of charge
>for one month, from:

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

>Most of these files deal with correspondence and Parliamentary
>business 1995-2000. The TNA UFO page also includes a highlights
>guide, podcast and background briefing. Further information can
>be found on my blog:

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

>In total 90 files have now been released since 2008 and we are
>almost half way through the full disclosure programme.

Is there any information available as to how many, if any of
these released pages had been classified TOP SECRET or TOP
SECRET Code word?

Stan Friedman

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Also after the European wave, TV reports started to spread over the rest of the world. This is a report from CNN:

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Date: Thu, 5 Aug 2010 11:56:59 -0300
Archived: Thu, 05 Aug 2010 17:38:08 -0400
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Don Ledger

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Re: Did A UFO Hit The 911 Tower?

From: Jason Gammon <boyinthemachine.nul>
Date: Thu, 5 Aug 2010 12:02:53 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Thu, 05 Aug 2010 17:39:47 -0400
Subject: Re: Did A UFO Hit The 911 Tower?

>From: Steve Sawyer <stevesaw.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
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First of all Mr. Hall's conclusion is completely wacky. However,
don't assume there are no answers to your questions.

Hall recommends viewers watch the documentary, September Clues
for more information. The questions you ask above, and many more
are addressed in the documentary. You may also be interested in
the sequel to September Clues titled, 911 Amateur.

Before anybody attacks me I should state that I have no opinion
on this matter. I do not consider myself expert enough to be
able to conclude that such videos are indeed faked or not.

September Clues:

<http://tinyurl.com/26gqo2k>

911 Amateur:

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-Jason Gammon

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>directly toward WTC 2. While Hall continuously describes this as
>"a ball," there are frames in this segment of this video (and
>in his own version) where you can see the white glint of
>passenger jet aircraft wings. This is not mentioned in Hall's
>video either. I watched both Hall's video, and the NBC original
>video, and replayed critical segments of both repeatedly to try
>to determine what was actually shown.

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>- both untrue and a deliberate, intentional fabrication, fraud,
>hoax, or whatever you want to call it. While the majority of the
>video footage between 31:42 and 31:50 seems to appear to show
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>of which tend to obscure or not show detailed elements of the

>aircraft involved. The fact in turn that there are moments of
>what very briefly appear to be whitish glints bilaterally from
>the central grey and white blobby object shown are critical
>elements that, at least to my and most other objective minds and
>honest analysis, would be evidence of a large passenger jet's
>>wings briefly reflecting sunlight as the aircraft approached WTC
>2.

>There also is so much other evidence that jet passenger planes
>hit both WTC 1 and 2, such as the video taken from numerous
>angles and the resultant similar impact crater shapes on both
>buildings that to seriously even consider that such evidence is
>somehow caused by missiles, UFOs, or other esoteric means other
>than what virtually all the visual and other data shows is a
>genuine sign of psychological delusion and paranoid or
>conspiratorial thinking, which requires such contradictory proof
>to be ignored, just as Hall has done in his own video.

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>a snarky, sarcastic comment, but I think Haith deserves a serious
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the footage as it happened and then literally hundreds of times
that day. The thought that any of the networks had doctored ANY
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Date: Fri, 6 Aug 2010 10:42:08 +0100
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More British X-Files Released!
Fortean Times
<http://tinyurl.com/22ogkzo>

Britain Releases UFO Documents
UPI.com
<http://tinyurl.com/27use9g>

Did Churchill And Eisenhower Cover Up UFO Encounter?
Independent
<http://tinyurl.com/2ca669t>

Churchill And Eisenhower 'Agreed To Cover Up RAF Plane's UFO'
The Daily Mail
<http://tinyurl.com/32po7dx>

Did Churchill Hide A UFO Report?
AOL News
<http://tinyurl.com/28dj2s2>

UFO Files: Battle Of The RAF Versus The Flying Saucers
The Guardian
<http://tinyurl.com/3yw6yo7>

British X-Files Describe Secret UFO Encounters
Washington Post
<http://tinyurl.com/2bntudu>

Churchill 'Feared Panic Over UFOs'
Vancouver Sun
<http://tinyurl.com/29bnug5>

Winston Churchill May Have Ordered UFO Cover-Up, National
Archives...
The Australian
<http://tinyurl.com/23hp2j6>

UFO Files: Dozens Of Cold War Sightings 'Mainly Russian Jets' -
Video
Telegraph.co.uk
<http://tinyurl.com/277wyk5>

UFO Files And Their Flights Of Fancy
The Guardian
<http://tinyurl.com/36tdkfk>

Files Reveal Pilot's 'Near Miss' With UFO At Airport
BBC News
<http://tinyurl.com/244fe8r>

Declassified UFO Files Reveal Scottish Cases
stv.tv
<http://tinyurl.com/28goy3k>

A UFO Was Reported To Have Landed In A Derby Garden In 1996
Derby Evening Telegraph
<http://tinyurl.com/2ffa3aj>

UFO Files From National Archive Allow Believers To Revisit
'Welsh Roswell'
The Guardian
<http://tinyurl.com/36zgxfg>

UFO Files: Battle Of The RAF Versus The Flying Saucers
The Guardian
<http://tinyurl.com/3yw6yo7>

UFO Witness Contacted Tony Blair - Video
ITN
<http://tinyurl.com/32y2xek>

'Welsh Roswell' Finally Explained =3D Video
BBC News
<http://tinyurl.com/2uwjs2p>

Berwyn Mountains 'UFO' Incident: The Truth
Daily Post North Wales
<http://tinyurl.com/2v8zlus>

UFO Files: 'Welsh Roswell' Incident 'only A Landslide'
Telegraph.co.uk
<http://tinyurl.com/35jwrkw>

British X-Files Describe Secret UFO Study
msnbc.com
<http://tinyurl.com/2u2zylx>

Triangle UFO Cases: Simplicity In Detail And No Signs Of Letting Up
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/2a4u8jy>

'Suns' Hover Over Sichuan, Claimed As UFOs
China.org.cn
<http://tinyurl.com/2bvpbxq>

Three Suns In The Sky Or UFOs?
People's Daily Online
<http://tinyurl.com/272f4ln>

Two UFO Videos, Without Shakycam, Are Weirdly Convincing
io9 (blog)
<http://tinyurl.com/3axkydr>

Origins Of The Flying Saucer, Art By Danny Rogers
UFO Digest
<http://tinyurl.com/29wu29m>

UFO Fans Look Forward To Paranormal Gathering
Swindon Advertiser
<http://tinyurl.com/2dr8wf9>

=46rom George Filer:

Filer's Files #32 - 2010
<http://tinyurl.com/2dkqm9e>

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UFO Mystery: Did Churchill And Eisenhower Cover Up Sightings?
Belfast Telegraph
<http://tinyurl.com/26ohu7k>

Extraterrestrial & UFO Memes: The Pervasive Convergence Of
Britain=92S Mod X-Files =96 The Churchill And Eisenhower UFO Cover-
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I would simply refer to USAF General Carroll Bolender's memo of
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Janap 146 or Air Force Manual 55-11 and are not part of the Blue
Book System.I would have expected a similar approach in the UK.

Stan Friedman
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border from Canada; even as late as last year US senators were
still promoting that idea.

All of the terrorists flew into the US on American or foreign
airlines from overseas, were cleared through US customs and then
trained at US flying clubs. About a month before Canadian
Customs reported their suspicions to US Custom about one
individual crossing into Washington state and he was stopped and
arrested with explosives in the vehicle.

But the myths go on. The only thing that bothers me is how slack
Air Traffic Control was in the New York TRACON. But then after
all of that and the new TSA in the US one wonders how some guy
with explosives in his skivvies got on a US bound plane headed
into Detroit and set the thing off while in Canadian airspace.
And this was after his own father reported him to a US Embassy.

But they did manage to pull actor Michael Caine aside and search
and question him while he was heading back to England.
Apparently he fit the profile of a terrorist as it was explained
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David, have you or any of the others filed FOIAs with MI5 or MI6
seeking policy or any active investigations of UFO reports,
specifically RAF, RN, etc. personnel related reports?

If there was an active and ongoing investigation perhaps it was
dumped in their laps. After all investigating these reports
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Don Ledger

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[Current Encounters] James Brian Boldman

From: **Mary Castner** <m.castner.nul>
Date: Fri, 6 Aug 2010 15:38:16 -0500
Archived: Sat, 07 Aug 2010 07:50:24 -0400
Subject: [Current Encounters] James Brian Boldman

James Brian Boldman Angel Hair Researcher Dies

James Brain Boldman

Born: 27 Jul 1961
Died: 15 Jul 2010

I was asked today about a rumor that Boldman had been killed in a fire. I didn't know the man, but indeed he did pass away. There are a number of UFO articles in his name including publication in JUFOS and IUR. Someone posted on UFOUpdates they had heard this but wanted it verified. So for those who are interested or haven't heard about it. I checked the address and it's the correct person.

<http://www.cufos.org/boldman.pdf>

Source: Winston-Salem Journal, Massachusetts, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/33p8sfo>

July 20, 2010

Owner Of Belews Creek House Died In Fire

Authorities identified yesterday the person who was killed in a house fire last week.

James Boldman, 48, the house's owner, died when flames engulfed the structure at 7759 Carson Drive in the Belews Creek community, said Tom Whicker, the Forsyth County deputy fire marshal.

The fire occurred shortly after 2:15 p.m. Thursday, and destroyed the house.

Firefighters put out the fire in about 30 minutes as the house started to collapse, Whicker said.

When firefighters went inside the house, they found Boldman's body, which emergency workers then took to Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center.

The Forsyth County Fire Department is trying to determine how the fire started.

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Re: Did A UFO Hit The 911 Tower?

From: John Rimmer <johnrimmer.nul>
Date: Fri, 6 Aug 2010 17:26:26 +0000 (GMT)
Archived: Sat, 07 Aug 2010 08:17:53 -0400
Subject: Re: Did A UFO Hit The 911 Tower?

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Fri, 6 Aug 2010 11:02:10 -0300
>Subject: Re: Did A UFO Hit The 911 Tower?

>But they did manage to pull actor Michael Caine aside and search
>and question him while he was heading back to England.

>Apparently he fit the profile of a terrorist as it was explained
>to him.

This must be because of the famous line in 'The Italian Job':
"You're only meant to blow the bloody doors off!"

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From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
Date: Fri, 06 Aug 2010 15:20:07 -0400
Archived: Sat, 07 Aug 2010 08:19:08 -0400
Subject: Re: Did A UFO Hit The 911 Tower?

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
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Re: UK National Archives' Release UFO Files #6

From: David Clarke <daveclarke292.nul>
Date: Fri, 6 Aug 2010 20:39:34 +0100
Archived: Sat, 07 Aug 2010 08:20:15 -0400
Subject: Re: UK National Archives' Release UFO Files #6

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
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Hi Don - sadly MI5, MI6 and GCHQ are not subject to the UK
Freedom of Information Act. Despite having multi-million pound
budgets they are not recognised as public bodies within the
jurisdiction of the Act and are exempted from requests under
Section 23.

But really this is a false trail anyway, as UFOs are well
outside MI5's remit (combating subversion, espionage and
terrorism within the UK) and MI6 operate outside the UK.

The agency that was responsible 'investigations' of any UFO
reports in the manner you describe was the Defence Intelligence
Staff, specifically DI55. Their interest in the subject ended in
2000 with the completion of the 4-year study, Unidentified
Aerial Phenomena in the UK Air Defence Region (otherwise known
as the Condign report).

DIS as part of MoD is subject to FOIA and all their surviving
UFO files will be released as part of the ongoing TNA disclosure
programme.

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Re: UK National Archives' Release UFO Files #6

From: David Clarke <daveclarke292.nul>
Date: Fri, 6 Aug 2010 20:48:11 +0100
Archived: Sat, 07 Aug 2010 08:21:22 -0400
Subject: Re: UK National Archives' Release UFO Files #6

>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Fri, 6 Aug 2010 05:03:49 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: UK National Archives' Release UFO Files #6

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Well that may have been the case in the USA but the nearest UK equivalent was the 1953 order (re-issued in 1956 by the Air Ministry) that warned pilots not to discuss their sightings with the public/media.

But this order says such reports were regarded as "restricted" - not Top Secret or Secret. I have yet to find any UFO report by a pilot in the UK files that was classified as such. The nearest would be test pilot Stan Hubbard's close encounter at Farnborough in 1950, as this appeared in the Flying Saucer Working Party report, which was Secret/Discreet.

Furthermore, the 1953 order says such reports should go to DDI Tech, Air Ministry. The successors of DDI Tech, following reorganisation of the MoD in 1964, was the Defence Intelligence Staff, specifically DI55. Which neatly links me up with the response I gave to a separate question from Don (I really must be psychic).

bests
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Re: UK National Archives' Release UFO Files #6

From: Steve Sawyer <stevesaw.nul>
Date: Fri, 6 Aug 2010 22:30:44 -0700
Archived: Sat, 07 Aug 2010 08:27:39 -0400
Subject: Re: UK National Archives' Release UFO Files #6

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Fri, 6 Aug 2010 11:20:59 -0300
>Subject: Re: UK National Archives' Release UFO Files #6

>>From: David Clarke <daveclarke292.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Fri, 6 Aug 2010 10:42:08 +0100
>>Subject: Re: UK National Archives' Release UFO Files #6

>>And all the evidence I have seen, and had access to, suggests
>>there are no Top Secret documents held by the British
>>Government, that have not already been released, that prove the
>>existence of flying saucers.

>>But it is, as you know, impossible to prove a negative, so I'm
>>not going to try.

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Hi, Don, David & List

"...have you or any of the others filed FOIAs with MI5 or MI6
seeking policy or any active investigations of UFO reports,
specifically RAF, RN, etc. personnel related reports?"

Very interesting question, Don. David, in our country there are
at least 16 different intelligence agencies (or more, that might
be undisclosed, like the NSA a very long time ago, and the NRO
more recently, which in the NRO's case was supposed to not be
mentioned on the Congressional floor or in related documents up
until 1992, believe it or not), and myriad governmental sub-
groups and elements, plus government private, corporate con-
tractors, all of which have their own specialities and which
often involve overlapping areas of responsibility and
investigation / analysis, so Don's question is quite pertinent,
IMHO.

As a follow-up or supplementary questions, I'd also ask if you
have filed FOIA's under the British laws concerned, what if any
were the results, and in turn, if you haven't, why not? Are
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Finally, on a hypothetical basis at least, if there were evidence, in the form of documents, retrieved physical materials, sensor system recordings, etc., that actually did point to or establish that some form of advanced non-human intelligence [ANHI] might potentially be behind, represent, or be the cause of some I assume relatively rare UFO and/or non-human intelligent presence, either in the past or currently, that those elements of the British government that could be involved in such areas would actually release or reveal such data or evidence in the first place, given the potential impact in so many ways?

While you may not be able to, as is philosophically well known, disprove a negative, have all of the above questions or areas been investigated and explored by you, and if so, with what results, and if not, why not? I would much appreciate a full, detailed response.

In our country, via executive orders, PDD's, and other executive branch signings and directives, there is even an operational security provision or guidance that it is legal for certain SAP and or SCI operations, projects, and areas of both military and intelligence agency responsibility not only to be neither confirmed or denied, which is standard operating procedure, for example, in press inquiries about storage and transit to foreign countries, such as Japan, regarding things like nuclear weapons, but even more disturbing, the authorization and requirement in some cases (such as I would suspect would cover UFO incidents and documentary evidence) that active denial and misdirection cover stories and, like the case of the AFOSI in the Bennewitz case involving Doty and unnamed USAF and intelligence agency higher-ups, investigations and domestic mil/intell psyops and other directed efforts are conducted to throw anyone getting curious or close to such extraordinarily highly classified ops are promulgated in order to keep the operation, project, or development classified.

Do you know if there is any British equivalent to such an extreme regime of opsec and authorized, required "cover-up" security systems in place and use in your country, and if so, what might they be, and how would know if you aren't your-self cleared to know, which I presume as a journalism lecturer, you most likely would not be. So, your answer above, that one cannot disprove a negative, is a given, but my more specific interest and questions go to a possible system, such as Stan noted regarding the statements and implications of the 1969 Bolender memo about a separate system of both reporting, secrecy, and investigation by elements of our own government in reference to certain highly suggestive UFO case incidents.

I'm quite curious and intrigued by what your answers to this series of questions may be. Please let us know about these higher levels of security ops, if you know anything about them.

Thanks,

Steve

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Archived: Sat, 07 Aug 2010 19:56:01 -0400
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See my response to Don. Section 23 of the UK FOIA defines a number of 'bodies dealing with security matters' as being exempt from the Act. These include:

*the Security Service (MI5) and the Secret Intelligence Service (MI6), the latter being a UK equivalent of the CIA

*GCHQ - the producer of SIGINT product (UK equivalent of NSA)

*Special Forces (i.e. Special Air Service)

*Investigatory Powers Tribunal

*Security Commission and Security Vetting Appeals Panel

*Serious Organised Crime Agency (SOCAT).

As these are exempt from the Act there's no point making requests, as these will be refused under S23 exemption.

But I have obtained documents, declassified from secret level, produced by the Defence Intelligence staff. As I explained to Don, DIS were responsible for UFO reports that could not be explained and which might have national security implications.

This responsibility began in 1967 and ended in 2000. The documents make it clear that "no other intelligence agency" (i.e. MI6 or GCHQ) had any role or responsibility for the investigation of UFOs, although they may well have passed intelligence product to DIS for assessment.

In addition, I have obtained declassified files from the Metropolitan Police Special Branch (which works closely with MI5) that deal with:

*surveillance of UFOlogists suspected of involvement in communist activities during the 1950s (e.g. George King of the Aetherius Society)

*investigations of 'phantom helicopter' sightings over the north of England during 1973-74, due to suspected involvement by the IRA

*interest in 'New Religious Movements' and UFO cults around the Millennium

Of course I can't rule out the involvement of other agencies,

but all government agencies have to account to the Treasury for their activities. Given the current spending cuts and budget deficit, I find it difficult to believe that a super-secret UFO project could exist in the UK without the knowledge of the bean counters at the Treasury.

When savings had to be made last year, the 'UFO Hotline' was the first in line for closure. That speaks volumes for the level of priority this subject is given by UK plc!

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As far as I'm aware Top Secret is the highest level of classification used in the UK. The only UFO related documents classified at this level were the DSI/JTIC minutes of 1950-52. These concluded that UFOs (in terms of ET craft) did not exist. I have it on the record that no other material related to UFOs exists at this level. If that is a lie, they are taking a great risk given the risk of exposure in future.

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The author of the DIS study of UAPs, completed in 2000, concluded:

"No artefacts of unknown or unexplained origin have been reported or handed to the UK authorities, despite thousands of UAP reports. There are no SIGINT, ELINT or radiation measurements and little useful video or still IMINT, from often short-lived UAP events." (Executive Summary, p9)

"There is no evidence that any UAP, seen in UKADR, are incursions by air objects of any intelligent (extra-terrestrial or foreign) origin, or that they represent any hostile intent" (pg 10).

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See above. Remember we are only halfway through the full disclosure programme. Much of the DIS material referred to in this email will be released during the next 12-18 months.

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The nearest equivalent to JANAP 145/AFM 55-11 in the UK is the
Air Force Operations Room Standard Operating Procedure No. 502,
which is mentioned in several files and was the subject of an
FoIA request submitted by me some time ago.

One place it is mentioned in the mass release is in the first
batch of documents, DEFE31-173, pages 25-28. I have seen earlier
versions of this document, but was told in response to my FoIA
request that there was no equivalent document in use at the time
I made the request.

There is no mention of special handling or classification of UFO
reports, or distribution beyond the departments we already know
about, e.g. Sec(AS), DI55 and AEW/GE and their earlier and later
equivalents. Aside from department title changes and the
inclusion or dropping of departments from the distribution lists
(which we already know about) there were no substantial changes
to the way the RAF handled or distributed UFO reports from at
least 1967 until 1985, and no reason to think that things were
or are now substantially different (other than DI55 dropping off
the distribution in 2000 following production of the 'CONDIGN'
report). This approach has been entirely consistent throughout
all of the documents which I have seen, barring minor details.

Regards,

Joe

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Short List of Best Cases [was: Did A UFO Hit The 911 Tower?]

From: Robert Powell <rpowell.nul>
Date: Sat, 07 Aug 2010 12:49:55 -0500
Archived: Sat, 07 Aug 2010 19:59:06 -0400
Subject: Short List of Best Cases [was: Did A UFO Hit The 911 Tower?]

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Eleanor,

That is a good request and there probably will never be perfect consensus, but I'll give you my favorite list which will probably intersect with some of Brad's and others'. I think a top 10 list has been circulated on the ufoupdatelist before. (I changed the "subject" since this topic is no longer related to 9-11.) My favorites are:

1957 RB-47 case
1973 Mansfield, Ohio Army Reserve helicopter incident
1976 F-4 case near Tehran Iran
1980 Rendlesham Forest
1986 Japan Air over Alaska
2008 Stephenville Lights

All of these cases, and I think the Blue Book files in general, establish that the UFO phenomenon is real. The cause of the phenomenon are still just various hypotheses until more evidence is obtained. My personal opinion is that the ET hypothesis is the most likely, but I will change my opinion if evidence points to a better hypothesis.

Robert

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New Book By Leslie Kean

From: **Leslie Kean** <lkean.nul>
Date: Sun, 8 Aug 2010 13:30:56 -0400
Archived: Sun, 08 Aug 2010 14:59:36 -0400
Subject: New Book By Leslie Kean

Dear Friends,

My new book, UFOs: Generals, Pilots And Government Officials Go On The Record, will be launched this Tuesday, Aug. 10th! It's published by Harmony Books, an imprint of the Crown Publishing Group/Random House.

Visit

www.UFOsOnTheRecord.com

for information about the book, and for a link to Amazon and other booksellers.

On the site, you can also join the mailing list for announcements about media and other developments, and check out the blog, where I'll be posting regular updates with links to TV and radio coverage, press stories, reactions and answers to questions. We have a lot of media scheduled for next week.

I hope this book will make a difference, and thanks to all of you.

Leslie Kean

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Review Of Leslie Kean's New Book:

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A Kean Eye For UFOs

The new book by Leslie Kean about UFOs is a problem. It's quite unlike most other books about UFOs that have been published in recent memory, and it's very good. It's a problem because either every contributor to her edited collection of official testimonies and UFO case histories is a liar or completely misguided, or else she's on to something important. Something about which scientists and the general public should pay attention.

UFOs: Generals, Pilots, and Government Officials Go On the Record is a collection of essays, some penned by Kean herself, about officially-documented and investigated UFO cases that were considered unexplained by government and military investigators. And just as the longish title infers, testimony by well-placed individuals who are and were in positions to know the facts and details about significant UFO incidents show that there is something truly perplexing going on in the skies overhead.

This isn't a book about UFO crashes or Roswell (although it's mentioned in passing on a few pages) nor is it about abductions by aliens and implants surgically removed from toes and noses. Nor is it about messages imparted by aliens to selected individuals or psychic vectoring of lights by self-declared Terran emissaries.

Kean's book is about facts. She details what really happened in specific and noteworthy UFO cases that in some instances made worldwide headlines and others were never made public. She cites official documents (not disputed documents) and interviews the military or government officials involved.

Kean's capability as an investigative journalist is clearly evident throughout the book, and she has no interest in arm-waving exercises to dismiss witnesses' observations simply on the basis that flying saucers cannot be real. At the same time, she effectively and deliberately distances herself from "undiscriminating UFO groups" and "extremists" who "market themselves as scholars or activists" and who "compound the public relations nightmare that UFOs already face within public discourse."

In short, Kean's work is one of the most important works in ufology published in decades. Her background in journalism and

her passionate search for the truth has allowed her to seek out respected and staid individuals to tell the story behind what seems to be a most remarkable suppression of events and information.

She starts by introducing Major General Wilfrid de Brouwer, who was in charge of the military investigation of the Belgian UFO wave of 1989 and 1990. He effectively shoots down debunkers' suggestions that the wave was caused by mass hysteria, helicopters or secret military maneuvers. Then, Captain Julio Miguel Guerra of the Portuguese Air Force describes a UFO which flew circles around his plane in 1982. A team of scientists and military investigators could not explain his experience. Later, Captain Roy Bowyer gives testament to the cigar-shaped UFOs which flew past his commercial aircraft over the English Channel in 2007, and the associated puzzling radar returns.

And so on. Retired military personnel and advisors come forward with statements and new testimony that UFO reports have been filed and investigated by various world governments, long after Project Blue Book declared UFO research as without any merit. Brazil, Britain, Chile, France and other countries have all been relatively transparent when it comes to release of UFO files, and yet, as Kean notes, the United States seems not to have any interest in the matter. Why?

Kean and her contributors all argue that the prevailing attitude of debunking UFO reports, accelerated during the Condon fiasco, should come to an end. They dare scientists who believe the "party line" that there are no credible and well-investigated unexplained UFO cases to wake up and take a real look at the collection of factual reports described in detail in Kean's book.

If UFOs have no bearing on national security, Kean reasons, then why are military jets scrambled to chase seemingly solid radar returns? If there is no danger to aviation, why are pilots confounded by UFOs on routine flights across the country? Why does the FAA refer pilots to Peter Davenport's UFO Center? Why wouldn't the FAA prefer to thoroughly investigate their own pilots' sightings? In one chapter, new evidence provided by the head of accident investigation within the FAA even suggests that the oft-noted 1986 JAL incident over Alaska was not as easily dismissed as some writers insist. And that "punch-hole cloud formation" over O'Hare? Kean wonders why the FAA didn't investigate the incident in the name of transportation safety, and why won't a single witness go on record about it?

Beyond documentation of official military and government UFO case investigation, Kean seeks the root cause of cynicism and debunking of UFOs among journalists and academia. Detailed statements by the French COMETA investigators, for example, all scientists in their own right, are diametrically opposite to those made by debunkers. Official conclusions by military and government investigators in several countries collectively call for more serious and objective studies of UFO reports, especially in the light of a lack of explanations for some peculiar cases.

The simple way to debunk Kean's work is to challenge each and every contributor's official statements, insisting they are all in error or liars. But this in itself raises an important problem, too. Why would so many well-placed and qualified individuals, most with outstanding service records, make such statements? Not fame, surely. Not for monetary gain. Then why?

Kean carefully crafts her work in a logical and compelling manner, without wide-eyed believers' fanaticism but with a rational approach that challenges the reader and leads toward her thesis that it's time for a paradigm shift: a new Kuhnian "scientific revolution." She restates and improves upon the skeptics' rallying cry that "extraordinary claims demand extraordinary evidence" by making a sensible, subtle adjustment: "An extraordinary phenomenon demands an extraordinary investigation."

Kean argues that, like many other countries around the globe, the United States should create a small official department to investigate UFO sightings in a timely manner and inform the public of details regarding their actions. This would not be simply a "public relations exercise" as Blue Book and been, but

a way to reassure a frustrated public that its elected officials and taxpayer-funded military are actually doing their job at protecting American interests.

Kean presents the facts of many remarkable UFO cases, summarized in most instances by the witnesses themselves. Whereas some simply express their bewilderment at what they saw and the way in which official investigation transpired, because they are in positions to know the capabilities and limitations of terrestrial aircraft, they cannot contain themselves from concluding that they could have encountered an alien craft. It's duly noted throughout the book that only a small fraction of UFO reports are unexplained, and a smaller fraction are thoroughly investigated and studied.

The fact that a real phenomenon is manifesting in terrestrial skies is the main premise of each section of the book. Based on Kean's presentation, it is a logical and reasonable conclusion. And that's a problem, because UFOs aren't real, right?

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<http://tinyurl.com/2gyods6>

In Sunday, August 8, 2010's New York Times...

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I haven't seen this book, which may be very fine, but this is one case I happen to know a bit about and these "facts" are not accurate. Are they in the book, or are they slips by the reviewer?

First, it's Ray Bowyer, not "Roy". Second, the phenomena reported did not "fly past his aircraft" but remained apparently stationary or slow-moving, at an apparent distance of tens of miles ahead of the aircraft. Thirdly there is no good evidence of "associated puzzling radar returns".

One hopes that these statements are not in the book, because the reviewer applauds the author's call for "extraordinary investigation" of extraordinary phenomena. Speaking as one of a group who spent many months investigating this case 3 years ago with full the cooperation of Capt Bowyer and other witnesses, Channel Islands ATC controllers, radar technicians and other cognizant experts, it would be depressing to think that so much conscientious effort is wasted.

See:

<http://www.guernsey.uk-ufo.org/>

and a summary JSE paper at

<http://www.martinshough.com/aerialphenomena/jse.pdf>

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Re: Media Files On 6th Set Of UK UFO Documents

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Subject: Re: Media Files On 6th Set Of UK UFO Documents

Dear Colleagues,

After monitoring the first wave of media coverage of 6th UFO UK documentas release I have left now with raw data which include many hours of morning shows in the UK during August 4-5th. So there were many short news pieces inside large morning shows.

I have now processed the first 8 hours from where I have extracted relevant minutes only related to UFOs. They are carefully edited. There is more left to do. Stay tuned.

Radio show:

Breakfast With Matthew Smith
BBC Wiltshire, 6:00am Thursday 5th August 2010

Download link

<http://tinyurl.com/38ywdyg>

Featured in the show:

- Street Survey about UFOs
- Guest in the studio: Chris Williams, organiser of the upcoming Weird 10 - Paranormal & UFO Conference (21 to 22 August 2010 - Warminster, Wiltshire, United Kingdom)

More on the conference here: <http://www.weirdevents.co.uk/>

Featuring Nick Pope & Dr. David Clarke

So you don't have to listen the whole 174 minutes. Here is everything you will need boiled down to 17:32 minutes that counts.

Radio show:

Lunchtime with Stuart Linell
BBC Northampton, 12:00pm Thursday 5th August 2010

Download link

<http://tinyurl.com/3ax3wvr>

Featuring Dr. David Clarke

- Callers describing their own UFO sightings
- Mike Soper from "Contact International"

(<http://contactinternationalufo.homestead.com/>)

So you don't have to listen the whole 115 minutes. Here is everything you will need boiled down to 33,09 minutes that counts.

Radio show:

Newshour with Julian Marshall
BBC World Service, 2:05pm Thursday 5th August 2010

Download link:

<http://tinyurl.com/3x9txwy>

Featuring Nick Pope

So you don't have to listen the whole 50 minutes. Here is everything you will need boiled down to 4:49 minutes that counts.

Radio show:

Tony Livesey Show
Featuring Nick Pope
BBC Radio 5 Live, 10:30pm Wednesday 4th August 2010

Download link

<http://tinyurl.com/351zynj>

- Callers describing their own UFO sightings
So you don't have to listen the whole 150 minutes. Here is
everything you will need boiled down to 26:03 minutes that
counts.

plus one additional gem:

Radio New Zealand

Morning Report on 06 Aug 2010

Download link:

<http://tinyurl.com/364ocer>

Winston Churchill ordered UFO cover-up (duration: 3,29)

Featured in the show:

- Nick Pope

Also additional videos added to the batch:

DailyMail Report on 6th UK UFO Release

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1TtARDNhZkc>

Telegraph Video Report about 6th UK UFO release

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4lrmOXU-LY>

Itnews Report about 6th UK UFO Release

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BNzbi3WcfCk>

Independent - 6th UK UFO Release

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7p2oA9XjCv0>

Press Association UK - 6th UK UFO Release

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fh1Dakd0s-g>

BBC News Wales - Files released on 1974 "Welsh Roswell"

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WFhw5zOh19c>

BBC News Wales - MoD releases 1974 Welsh UFO files

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ULwNx9jBwj8>

ITN News - UFO witness contacted Tony Blair

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=31C7cWkD0vE>

Best Wishes

Giuliano

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UFO Traffic Report: August 6, 2010
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/337513w>

'Fuzzy' Feelings And Lost Time After 90-Minute Ufo Event In
Eastern Kentucky
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/3ydstxx>

Spate Of UFO Sightings In Town
Chelmsford Weekly News
<http://tinyurl.com/242h92m>

Ohio Weatherman Issues Call For 'Orange Sphere' UFO Witnesses
Tucson Citizen
<http://tinyurl.com/26tp444>

X-Files Revealed: Cornish Author Was Ahead Of Her Time On UFOs
Plymouth Herald
<http://tinyurl.com/2bhjxer>

Extraterrestrial & UFO Memes: The Pervasive Convergence Of
Britain'S Mod X-Files =96 The Churchill And Eisenhower UFO
Cover-Up?!
<http://tinyurl.com/38yjgk>

The Tin-Foil Hat Crowd: Daniel Pinchbeck, UFOs And The Evolver
Movement
The Independent
<http://tinyurl.com/24nfe9n>

The Devastating Flood From Cloudburst In Leh, Ladakh A Chinese
Experiment Of Weather Bomb Or An Effect Of The Undergroud Ufo
Bases In The Himalayas?
India Daily
<http://tinyurl.com/33h4fvh>

Misleading Radio Broadcasts, Mass Panic, Churchill and the
Flying Saucers...
<http://tinyurl.com/24vthof>

=46rom Frank Warren's UFO Chronicals:

UFO-Spin in the UK
<http://tinyurl.com/2877nrg>

The 'Real X-Files' Pt 6
<http://tinyurl.com/2571bok>

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Northwestern Argentina: Mercedes Casas
<http://tinyurl.com/2d8yhsl>

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Bucks County PA Police Officer Reports Star-Like UFO
Examiner.Com
<http://tinyurl.com/336govn>

Hawking To Human Race: Move To Outer Space Or Face Extinction -
Video
<http://tinyurl.com/38c5fzd>

NASA Photograph Of Colliding Galaxies
<http://tinyurl.com/2uduhlp>

The End Of Times: Do Scientists And Fundamentalists Concur?
<http://tinyurl.com/2bmftrw>

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>>To: [post.nul](#)
>>Date: Fri, 6 Aug 2010 05:03:49 -0700 (PDT)
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>>I would simply refer to USAF General Carroll Bolender's memo of
>>October 1969 withits shocking statement that Reports of UFOs
>>which could effect National Security are made in accordance with
>>Janap 146 or Air Force Manual 55-11 and are not part of the Blue
>>Book System.I would have expected a similar approach in the UK.

>Well that may have been the case in the USA but the nearest UK
>equivalent was the 1953 order (re-issued in 1956 by the Air
>Ministry) that warned pilots not to discuss their sightings with
>the public/media.

>But this order says such reports were regarded as "restricted" -
>not Top Secret or Secret. I have yet to find any UFO report by a
>pilot in the UK files that was classified as such. The nearest
>would be test pilot Stan Hubbard's close encounter at
>Farnborough in 1950, as this appeared in the Flying Saucer
>Working Party report, which was Secret/Discreet.

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Would a UK version of MJ-12 not be connected with those UK
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Stan Friedman
<http://www.stantonfriedman.com>

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I'm didn't say that evidence is absent. What I am saying is that
much of it is not as exciting and evidential as some believes it
to be, hence the disappointment about the "low-level content" of
the files disclosed so far. That explains why, prior to 1967,
most of the "evidence" was destroyed after five yearly
intervals.

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Stan, you are positing a hypothetical question, in this case
based upon documents of a highly dubious nature. All I can say
about that is that were such suspect documents to emerge under
similar circumstances in the UK, they would not hold much
credibility amongst serious British researchers. As an example,
look at those documents produced by APEN, and others relating to
the 'Caldbeck UFO crash' or the fake document relating to an OSI
investigation of the Rendlesham incident that made its way into
the MoD file on the case.

Earlier you asked if there were equivalent documents to JANAP
146 - Joe McGonagle directed you to SOP 502 - the definitive
document detailing how the (at the time) Air Force Operations
Room should handle reports of UFOs. AFOR was the department
which would have been responsible for ordering a QRA scramble,
amongst other things.

You seem to think that there was a duplicate (secret?) set of
SOPs at AFOR detailing secret instructions as to what to do in
the event of a UFO event. That idea is absurd.

The equally absurd alternative is that MI5/MI6/GCHQ or some

other secret squirrel branch maintained their own radar network separate from the RAF system, with their own QRA response force unknown to the RAF.

All of this operated alongside the UFO desk and Defence Intelligence Staff, without a hint of its existence being known to either.

Unlike the USA, the UK security services have narrowly defined areas of responsibility. Any of them found to be working outside those parameters (which might well have happened on occasion) would be censured, not least by the department which had appropriate jurisdiction. You just wouldn't get GCHQ chasing UFOs, just as you wouldn't get MI5 routinely conducting operations outside of the UK (at least not without the agreement of MI6).

Not a hint of such an organisation has emerged from tens of thousands of documents or from former members of staff or whistleblowers.

If such a secret organisation existed, the duplication of effort and cost would be enormous and would not have escaped the attention of the bean counters at HM Treasury.

This theory belongs to the world of James Bond, not the real world.

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Dr David Clarke

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><http://www.guernsey.uk-ufo.org/>

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><http://www.martinshough.com/aerialphenomena/jse.pdf>

Ray Bowyer was part of the National Press Club conference
Leslie and James Fox put on so I think it unlikely that Leslie got
those details mixed up. Ray's remarks are clear on the tape.

Don Ledger

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Re: UK National Archives' Release UFO Files #6

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Mon, 9 Aug 2010 13:38:34 -0300
Archived: Mon, 09 Aug 2010 13:13:13 -0400
Subject: Re: UK National Archives' Release UFO Files #6

>From: David Clarke <daveclarke292.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Fri, 6 Aug 2010 20:39:34 +0100
>Subject: Re: UK National Archives' Release UFO Files #6

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 6 Aug 2010 11:20:59 -0300
>>Subject: Re: UK National Archives' Release UFO Files #6

>>David, have you or any of the others filed FOIAs with MI5 or MI6
>>seeking policy or any active investigations of UFO reports,
>>specifically RAF, RN, etc. personnel related reports?

>>If there was an active and ongoing investigation perhaps it was
>>dumped in their laps. After all investigating these reports
>>would not lend itself to military expertise. It's not their bag.

>Hi Don - sadly MI5, MI6 and GCHQ are not subject to the UK
>Freedom of Information Act. Despite having multi-million pound
>budgets they are not recognised as public bodies within the
>jurisdiction of the Act and are exempted from requests under
>Section 23.

>But really this is a false trail anyway, as UFOs are well
>outside MI5's remit (combating subversion, espionage and
>terrorism within the UK) and MI6 operate outside the UK.

>The agency that was responsible 'investigations' of any UFO
>reports in the manner you describe was the Defence Intelligence
>Staff, specifically DI55. Their interest in the subject ended in
>2000 with the completion of the 4-year study, Unidentified
>Aerial Phenomena in the UK Air Defence Region (otherwise known
>as the Condign report).

>DIS as part of MoD is subject to FOIA and all their surviving
>UFO files will be released as part of the ongoing TNA disclosure
>programme.

Thanks, David.

One of the dis-advantages of living in countries with smaller
populations such as the UK or here in Canada is the lack of
budget and resources related to intelligence where as in the
United States the duplication and the inability of various
intelligence and military sources and the new TSA to come
together to counter threats to US security also results in a
morass of rabbit warrens that might have buried some interesting
information but also allows leaks on a large scale; the
Wikidocuments of late.

I've long suspected that leaner departments and pared down
funding makes for speedier response times.

One question I meant to ask was have you discovered files that
suggest any sharing of information with US military or
intelligence sources re the UFO phenomenon? One wonders if there
was an exchange of information regarding, particularly earlier

on.

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>>>From: David Clarke <daveclarke292.nul>
>>>To: post.nul
>>>Date: Fri, 6 Aug 2010 20:48:11 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: UK National Archives' Release UFO Files #6

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>world.

In my opinion both the UK and the US have maintained separate
reporting channels for UFO sightings. In the U.S. I suspect it
has been the National Security Agency. Perhaps the GCHQ in
England serves the same purpose.

For over a year now I have been going through the Project Blue
Book image files at:

www.footnote.com

These include overwhelmingly front channel (GENSER) messages.
However, I did find one back channel message (DSSCS). Also,
several GENSER messages include DSSCS plain language addresses.
For example, SPECIAL SECURITY OFFICE WIESBADEN AB GER is
normally the SIGAD in DSSCS messages of SSO WIESBADEN. Those
SIGADS with a recognizable geographic location (e.g., COS TEGUCI
for Chief of Station, Tegucigalpa - a CIA facility).

I disagree that the bean-counters are aware of highly secret and
compartmented agencies and programs. The UK must have an
equivalent to America's black operations budget. These costs are

known in the aggregate and not broken down by agency and program.

Terry

Terry W. Colvin
North Las Vegas, 7 June to 10 August 2010

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From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
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Archived: Mon, 09 Aug 2010 16:13:58 -0400
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>To: post.nul
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I think we are talking at cross-purposes here. I know hardly
anything about the way the USA agencies operate (does anyone?),
but in the UK it is pretty clear-cut.

If there was a secret reporting channel, it would have to be so
secret that no-one knew how to make a UFO report to it - a bit
self-defeating, isn't it?

Something that has been overlooked in this thread which might be
of some limited interest is where UK agencies could (and in some
cases did) take an interest in ufology. For instance, MI5
interest in the activities of quasi-terrorist organisations such
as the Animal Liberation Front and the National Front which were
(and may still be) embedded within UFO circles. Nick Redfern
would be better able to comment on that. Special Branch took an
interest in the 'phantom helicopters' in the north of England
because of a rumour that the IRA were moving personnel and
supplies around covertly as uncovered by Dave Clarke. I'm not
sure if Special Branch took an interest in Tim Good and Matthew
Williams for hanging around military establishments (just in
case the aliens landed there presumably). In these cases, the
interest fell within the scope of the relevant agency's remit,
but only because of incidental connections.

Similarly, it would be no surprise to me if GCHQ intercepted
Russian (or possibly even US) traffic relating to UFOs as part
of their remit. Such intelligence would I expect finish up on
DI55's desk, filed with all the other UFO material which they
had no expectation would see the light of day for at least 30
years. MI6 might have a file containing press cuttings or
perhaps more sensitive reports of Russian Migs being sent to
intercept UFOs.

All of these would be incidental to the department's role.

While I am on the keyboard, I think I can address Don's query
relating to US-UK co-operation. There has been some, but not in
an organised way. One member of the Flying Saucer Working Party
broached the subject with US intelligence on a routine trip to
the USA. The Air Ministry obtained a copy of Blue Book's
conclusions by requesting it via the British Embassy in
Washington. There is a mention of a possible informal group of
military people with an interest in UFOs in the Condign report,
IIRC due to an anecdotal reference picked up by the author of
Condign. There may well be other isolated examples of informal
co-operation, but no sniff of any formalised joint effort.

Regards,

Joe

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Re: Rutkowski Reviews Leslie Kean's New Book

From: Chris Rutkowski <canadianuforeport.nul>
Date: Mon, 9 Aug 2010 14:40:45 -0500
Archived: Mon, 09 Aug 2010 16:17:02 -0400
Subject: Re: Rutkowski Reviews Leslie Kean's New Book

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Mon, 9 Aug 2010 10:21:32 +0100
>Subject: Re: Rutkowski Reviews Leslie Kean's New Book

>>Review Of Leslie Kean's New Book:
>>UFOs: Generals, Pilots, And Government Officials Go On The
>>Record

>>Captain Roy Bowyer gives testament to the cigar-shaped UFOs
>>which flew past his commercial aircraft over the English
>>Channel in 2007, and the associated puzzling radar returns.

>I haven't seen this book, which may be very fine, but this is one
>case I happen to know a bit about and these "facts" are not
>accurate. Are they in the book, or are they slips by the
>reviewer?

>First, it's Ray Bowyer, not "Roy". Second, the phenomena
>reported did not "fly past his aircraft" but remained apparently
>stationary or slow-moving, at an apparent distance of tens of
>miles ahead of the aircraft. Thirdly there is no good evidence
>of "associated puzzling radar returns".

I went back to my notes and saw that Martin is indeed
right about the name. That was my typo. It's Ray, not Roy.

As for the "fly past" comment, I meant to say "fly near," even
though they were several miles in front of his aircraft, as that
be close enough for concern.

The cigar-shaped objects were moving according to Bowyer's
interpretation of information he received regarding the radar
returns, which I did get the impression were somewhat
mysterious. Bowyer did note he disagreed with the conclusions of
the group.

It's still a darned interesting book.

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UFOB/CIRVIS/American Airlines 470

From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
Date: Mon, 9 Aug 2010 14:36:12 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Mon, 09 Aug 2010 16:20:27 -0400
Subject: UFOB/CIRVIS/American Airlines 470

Project Blue Book - UFOB/CIRVIS/American Airlines 470/North Of
Tulsa, OK - 28 Oct 54

It is rare to see a DSSCS back channel address line (COMDR SSO
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addressees. Separate routing indicators are used to segregate
messages today. For example, the GENSER routing indicator at the
U.S. Southern Command, formerly at Quarry Heights, Panama; was
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Terry

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intelligence and military communities in the UK?

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technology which could threaten them. So why bother??

Also much less of a threat to carry nuclear weapons out there...

Stick to the big boys on the block!

Stan Friedman

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The Faith That Underpins Science

From: Steve Sawyer <stevesaw.nul>
Date: Tue, 10 Aug 2010 01:15:01 -0700
Archived: Tue, 10 Aug 2010 07:47:01 -0400
Subject: The Faith That Underpins Science

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Best,

Steve

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From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Tue, 10 Aug 2010 13:55:08 +0100
Archived: Tue, 10 Aug 2010 09:26:51 -0400
Subject: Re: The Faith That Underpins Science

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Nice article, and liked his closing paragraph - "World views are not founded on logic".

If he was completely truthful he'd admit that even basic science isn't founded on secure `knowledge. Although Darwin, and most others once thought that gravity - based on `gravitational mass' - ruled the universe, we now see that electromagnetism - based on `inertial mass' - is equally powerful, ruling structure and interactions down to the quantum level. And human science knows nothing about either of those mysteries (apart from trying to measure effects in ways that they hope have some relation to `reality').

As B.K Ridley writes - "We can describe what happens quite accurately and we think we understand. But really we do not. The invisible influences of gravitation and electromagnetic fields remain magic; describable, but nevertheless implacable, non-human, alien, magic."

And the fact that inertial mass just happens to be exactly equal to gravitational mass (so far as we can measure) for some totally unknown reason, just makes the situation of `scientists' more undignified.

Cheers

Ray D

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Surely, Stan, the UK's exalted status as Uncle Sam's largest and most dangerously equipped aircraft carrier would qualify it for more than its fair share of alien scrutiny?

Your argument is curiously unscientific. UFOs are nothing if not a global phenomenon. It is both anthropocentric and Columbiacentric to ascribe the motivation of the presumed cause of the phenomena to a mentality similar to that of the Pentagon's most paranoid 'strategists'.

Having said that, I must, however, agree that your genetically engineered potatoes are much larger than ours.

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Sorry Steve, but I beg to differ. I suspect that, as you put it, 'most scientists will not touch, let alone investigate or take seriously research regarding the UFO phenomenon', for a rather different and altogether more pragmatic reason. To do so would be career-limiting at best and professionally suicidal at worst.

Good scientists are driven by curiosity and scepticism (in the proper, non-dogmatic, sense of the term) and might welcome the opportunity to open up the phenomena to sustained scrutiny. But they won't do it because they believe (probably correctly) that the conventional wisdom of their trade would result in an implied slur on their scientific judgment. It's less a question of faith or philosophy and more a question of knee-jerk groupthink.

I may be wrong about this and would welcome the views of others, but I suspect that most of the (physical) scientists who have taken a serious and public interest in the phenomena have done so from a career position where they have not been hopeful of or financially dependent upon future promotion to academic posts in their respective fields.

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Re: UK National Archives' Release UFO Files #6

From: David Clarke <daveclarke292.nul>
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Subject: Re: UK National Archives' Release UFO Files #6

>From: Stanton T Friedman <fsphys.nul>
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>Date: Mon, 9 Aug 2010 19:21:20 -0300
>Subject: Re: UK National Archives' Release UFO Files #6

>Are there no 'Black Budgets' of activities within the
>intelligence and military communities in the UK?

Stan,

One potential UK black programme that seems to relate directly to UAPs was mentioned by the head of the UK's defence intelligence staff in his minute dated 4 December 2000 classified Secret/UK Eyes Only, announcing the completion of the Condign study:

"[MoD's Director General, Research and Technology] will be interested in those phenomena associated with plasma formations, which have potential applications to novel weapons technology."

The report's author, who worked for British Aerospace before his secondment as special advisor on UFOs to the Defence Intelligence Staff, revealed the following in his 'study recommendations':

"It is recommended that further investigation should be [carried out] into the applicability of various characteristics of plasmas in novel military applications [and] it is noted that the implications have already been briefed to the relevant MoD technology managers."

According to sections of his report, redacted from the original released by MoD, the 'novel military applications' of UAPs include:

- potential use as reflector antennas, 'stealth' absorbers and for aerodynamic drag reduction
- the shaping of aerosol/dusty plasmas by an airflow to produce 'saucer' shaped volumes
- use of UAP-type radiated fields to affect humans
- the possibility of producing and launching plasmas as [battlefield] decoys

Plasmas are not as sexy as aliens. Hence this intriguing little item has received zero attention.

>Perhaps aliens think the UK is small potatoes compared to the >USA... many fewer nuclear weapons and fewer systems for >delivering them and less work on the development of new far out >technology which could threaten them. So why bother??

>Also much less of a threat to carry nuclear weapons out there...

>Stick to the big boys on the block!

That assumes intelligent aliens exist, they are coming here and

they are primarily interested in the USA because of its nuclear capacity.

Big assumptions that, in my opinion, say more about human preoccupations in the 21st century than they do about what aliens - if they exist - may or may not think.

Back in the '60s some UFOlogists believed they came here to follow ley-lines or visit ancient monuments - again a reflection of preoccupations of humans at another period of our history.

By definition alien motivations remain just that, alien. Impossible to know or guess.

Dr David Clarke

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>New Scieantist

Steve may very well be correct in saying that most scientists believe 'they' cannot get here from there. Unfortunately this quaint notion is entirely based on faith and totally ignores the evidence readily available such as in an entire chapter in *Flying Saucers And Science*.

One would think they might still be stuck on the belief that Magellan showed that the time to circumnavigate the globe was 3 years or that Jules Verne showed it was 80 days.

The space station does it in 90 minutes.

Ignorance may be bliss, but it is a pain in the neck when such characters blissfully make false claims. More examples of "don't bother me with the facts, my mind is made up."

Stan Friedman

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How unfortunate, then, that so many are still willing to
pronounce, and with such confident sincerity, upon that which
they have not remotely investigated.

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>proper, non-dogmatic, sense of the term) and might welcome the
>opportunity to open up the phenomena to sustained scrutiny. But
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>the conventional wisdom of their trade would result in an
>implied slur on their scientific judgment. It's less a question
>of faith or philosophy and more a question of knee-jerk
>groupthink.

What can one say about the evolution, relevance, and
synergistics of a system that nurtures, facilitates, and rewards
such profoundly malfeasant intellectual cowardice?

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>but I suspect that most of the (physical) scientists who have
>taken a serious and public interest in the phenomena have done
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>their respective fields.

Who, or what, is the final arbiter of this conscious choice of
[one must believe] good women and men [in the aggregate] to
evade, dismiss, deride, discount, or attack the exploration of a
new idea with such seemingly unlimited potential? Where does
assessment, evaluation, and an always worshiped "critical
thinking" cross the line into self-serving pragmatism, knee-jerk
group think, and authoritarian threats with regard to future
promotions to more prestigious academic posts?

Yeah, yeah... Much to the horror and chagrin of friends and family I'm down about a quarter million large in a lost teacher's wages chasing this white rabbit, myself. Still, I sense an intuition that this white rabbit means a lot to all of us, is ultimately opposed [as it pertains to our clear hateful avarice and incipient sociopathic greed] to the worst things in our collective society, and it is the portal to novelty and a more open ended future. Sorry if it shuffles the party decks, you know, but where it's not rising and advancing of Humanity's spirit, it's base survival.

Science, forgetting the practitioners of same, needs to step up, square up, then spit and hit, eh?

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Brazilian AF Regulates Handling Of UFO Reports

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Date: Tue, 10 Aug 2010 16:03:38 -0300
Archived: Tue, 10 Aug 2010 18:14:25 -0400
Subject: Brazilian AF Regulates Handling Of UFO Reports

Dear Listers:

This is very fresh news, just published at G1 News Agency:

Brazilian Air Force Regulates What To Do With Reports Of UFOs In Brazil

<http://tinyurl.com/27r7x3c>

Amazing, Brazil must be the first country in the world to have such measure published in its Official Journal, which is public and reflects every and all acts by our administration. This is another great example of how a campaign such as UFOs: Freedom Of Information Now, conducted by the Brazilian Committee of UFO Researchers (CBU) through the Brazilian UFO Magazine, can make things happen! This measure, actually, is an indirect result of the campaign.

Here is a fast translation:

Brazilian Air Force Regulates What To Do With Reports Of UFOs In Brazil

According to the official release, military should just register and forward UFO occurrences. The final destination of UFO reports is the National Archives.

An official act published this Tuesday (10) in the Official Journal [AJ: the paper the carries on official all acts by the Brazilian Administration and its agencies and entities] regulates how the Air Force should handle reports of "unidentified flying objects (UFOs)" in Brazilian airspace. According to the document, the Air Force Command (COMAER) should restrict its activities in this field to record the occurrences and forward them records to the National Archives.

The official act, named Portaria 551/GC3, of August 9, 2010, also indicates the Brazilian Aerospace Defense Command (COMDABRA) as responsible for receiving and cataloging the occurrences of UFOs. The records - "reported by personnel from the air traffic control system" [AJ: according to the original text] - should be forwarded to the Aeronautics History Documentation Center (CENDOC), as determined by ordinance.

The CENDOC, in turn, is indicated as responsible for filing copies of records sent and send the originals to the National Archives.

[END]

Best regards!

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Mori Accuses Pope Of Hiding UFO Information?

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Archived: Tue, 10 Aug 2010 18:24:43 -0400
Subject: Mori Accuses Pope Of Hiding UFO Information?

Kentaro Mori,

I just read in your Brazilian website that you accused Nick Pope of covering-up UFO information. The title of your note is "Ufologist Nick Pope takes part in Government Coverup". You could publish it as if you wonder or question that he is covering UFO information, but instead you are clear in accusing him of that.

I was very surprised that I didn't find this note in your website in English, so all my colleagues here at UFO UpDates could access and read what you write about Nick.

Nick is a very respected person in the International UFO community and he is here to see your note. Do you really believe and confirm that Nick Pope is a UFO "cover-up" man? Do you have any idea that your article will harm the image of Nick Pope in Brazil , where he conquered the public through lectures, articles and very good books?

I will translate part of your text in Portuguese so our colleagues can read and give their opinion about what you wrote and claim. I wonder why haven't you written this also in English and post it here at UFO Updates, so everybody could see what you think of one of the greatest man in Ufology today.

The website is:

<http://tinyurl.com/365vsr6>.

Ufologist Nick Pope participates in Government Coverup

"One of the world's leading experts on UFOs, the unexplained and the conspiracy theories," announced on his personal website, the UFO researcher Nick Pope, that he had "led the British government's UFO Project." Pope actually served in the Ministry of Defence (MoD), and the story that counts and is repeated by newspapers and magazines is that "at first skeptical," would become a believer in investigating UFO cases.

If Pope was skeptical, the turned of his view really was remarkable. In his book published in 1996 after leaving the Department of Air Staff, Pope says have become "firmly believing in the reality of UFOs ... warned that alien spacecraft are visiting earth, and something must be done urgently."

It is with these titles and history that Pope said he is the biggest UFO expert, as the British tabloids took him seriously. Your opinions and evaluations, however, often result in great humiliation, as when he revealed to be "very excited" with planes at a military parade shown as UFOs last year.

In 2007, researcher David Clarke, responsible for most UFO files opened in the UK , wanted to come clean on this story: How the British Ministry of Defence saw one of its employees alleging to command a UFO project, making statements openly contrary to official recommendations about extraterrestrial spacecraft?

Three years and two appeals later, the MoD has refused to release seven documents containing internal communications about the public statements of Pope, in a confidential decision validated by the Information Commissioner, Christopher Graham. "This is a delicately balanced case and the Dr. Clarke provided very sensible arguments to support his request for the release of information of public interest", he said.

"But the delicate balance seems to have been broken by Nick Pope himself, according to the statement shows. He personally intervened to block the release of these documents," says Clarke. It means that, UFO researcher who says he commanded the "Project UFO" Britain, which says it has uncovered cases that convinced him of the extraterrestrial reality and called for governments to "put everything on the issue in the public domain," urged documents that related to its true role in the Defence Ministry and the official opinion of their claims were=E2=80=A6covered.

The MoD has already made clear that there is and never was a "Project UFO." Enthusiasts of conspiracy theories - including Pope - could face a negative elementary and irrelevant, but what is relevant is that according to the Commissioner, Pope "was never a senior public servant" and that his administrative lower position in MoD would already be public knowledge. The case recalls the humiliation even greater Exopolitics, who has just had one of its major sources and stories - a secret meeting in the UN about ETs - revealed as the product of a storyteller.

And the contents of secret documents? Conspiracy theorists might think that they might contain relevant information about extraterrestrials, but if this were the case, why Nick Pope directly asked to not released them, if he requires just the "truth" about UFOs?

The truth is that one need not speculate much about its content, because the documents are being kept secret because they reportedly would contain opinions of officers of ministries, "related to aspects of how [Nick Pope] was performing his public role." In other words, the documents "hidden" by the government, according to the request by UFO researcher, probably embarrass Nick and put him in check the various claims that Pope has been exploiting to their advantage for years.

As an example of what these documents contain, Clarke cites a document that "went by the official censor" in 2007, written by an officer of the Royal Air Force for the Defence Intelligence Staff.

Written in 1996, the official note as Nick seems to have happily accepted "the title of" senior MoD official "attributed to him by the media - which, as we saw, is not true. And opines about the book: "I do not want to ban a book that I didn't read, [but] I believe that will be based on assumption and technique ignorance. The truth rarely sells books".

Nick Pope himself recently commented on the case, claiming that "two or three ufologists in the United Kingdom have developed an unhealthy obsession with me. I'm not comfortable with such individuals intruding on my privacy to ask about my work outside the MoD, "he wrote in a discussion list.

Clarke, clearly the target of such a response, replied making it clear that his request for release of documents to be referred very clearly to the "very public statements" made by Pope. "From any point of view, the contents of these documents, created by public servants and paid by the public purse, are a subject of public interest. They will remain, no matter how you try to escape, "he added.

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Hi, Gerald & List

Oh, I don't disagree with you about the careerist impulses, fear of peer rejection, and probably lack of or reduction in grants, academic status, opprobrium from colleagues, etc., Gerald. But it is not a binary choice, or either/or issue; both the "world view" of the vast majority of scientists, as Davies notes in his book, and what you suggest play into the lack of scientific interest in the genuine UFO phenomenon, among many other factors, including ignorance of the best cases and authentic history and undeniable evidence suggested by same among academics of all stripes and persuasions, not just physical scientists who could contribute much more to this area of study, but don't,

In the main, or largest part, this is due to the initial exposure to their academic and careerist matrix of self-limiting mainstream standards, which they either consciously or unconsciously bring that into the question, prior to the factors you mention, & which I agree are the standard primary reasons why physical scientists in particular shy away from such "esoteric" areas of research and objective investigation, to their own detriment in terms of true science, empirical analysis, and open-minded, honest scientific principles, which is obviously counter-intuitive and counter-productive regarding the supposed objectives of science in the first place, & which is a true shame and constraint, but as Davies suggests, the philosophic and psychological mind set or as he terms it, "world view" precedes the later rejection of the UFO phenomenon as worthy of consideration due to the early education, conditioning, and perspective and general outlook about such "paranormal" issues that patterns limited understanding and interest in the phenomena concerned prior to the other considerations you cite.

I do find it rather ironic that scientists who could best contribute to some kind of multi-phasic, multi-disciplinary study and research of the phenomena involved, which I suspect involve both unknown or poorly understood and rare natural phenomena, and the UFO cases which would seem to indicate some real intent or motive, as substantiated by form, aerial motion and in some cases interactive or reactive behavior to both observation and attempts to track by military aircraft and other sensor system means, plus some close encounter cases of note, are essentially rejected on some level by these mainstream scientists for a whole host of both pragmatic and also irrational, fear-based reasoning, unfortunately.

It really is up to people like us, who can see these issues clearly enough to take the social and cultural risks involved, as cited above and many times elsewhere previously, to take the bull by the horns, damn the torpedoes, and go full steam ahead in continuing to do what we can to do the investigations and research required in an objective, scientific manner if any real progress is to be ever made in this difficult, but rewarding, field of endeavor.

As a side note, I tried to post a comment to this effect, covering much of these same points, on the comment thread following this brief article, and New Scientist's webmeisters, or whoever, have apparently decided not to publish my comment. Again, how ironic and oxymoronic that even a reader's comment to a brief article simplistically reviewing an intriguing book was too much for the generally objective censors of even "New" Scientist magazine. Go figure. Twas ever thus.

Best,

Steve

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To: nick.redfern.nul
Date: Tue, 10 Aug 2010 07:17:39 -0700
Subject: Review Of New UFO Book 'Mirage Men'

Hi

I'm BCC'ing this to my address book. It's my review of the new book from Mark Pilkington, Mirage Men.

The book is a study of how and why elements of the US Government, military and intelligence world have manipulated the UFO subject and the people in it.

Feel free to link to the review, and feel free to copy-paste the entire review, with the link included.

<http://forteanreviews.blogspot.com/2010/08/mirage-men.html>

Best,

Nick

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>isn't founded on secure `knowledge'. Although Darwin, and most
>others once thought that gravity - based on `gravitational
>mass' - ruled the universe

BTW - in case anyone's wondering about that apparently
incongruous mention of Darwin w.r.t physics; in the final
paragraphs of 'Origin of Species' he was a bit rhapsodic: "There
is grandeur in this view of life, with its several powers,
having been originally breathed by the Creator into a few forms
or into one; and that, whilst this planet has gone cycling on
according to the fixed law of gravity, from so simple a
beginning endless forms most beautiful and most wonderful have
been, and are being evolved."

Fairly obviously the earlier much-hyped 'discovery' of a "Law of
Gravity" still resonated for Darwin, although there is no such
'Law', merely a mathematical description which had been known
about well before Newton's claims. Inertia is equally mysterious
and still a no-go area for science.

"The reason why things coast for ever has never been found out.
The law of inertia has no known origin"
p. 19

"... but what is gravity?"
p. 33

"there is no model of the theory of gravitation today, other than
the mathematical form."
p. 39

Richard P. Feynman 'The Character of Physical Law'

Cheers

Ray D

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Eleanor White

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Re: Mori Accuses Pope Of Hiding UFO Information?

From: Kentaro Mori <kentaro.mori.nul>
Date: Wed, 11 Aug 2010 02:16:12 -0300
Archived: Wed, 11 Aug 2010 07:55:41 -0400
Subject: Re: Mori Accuses Pope Of Hiding UFO Information?

>From: Thiago Luiz Ticchetti <ticchetti.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Tue, 10 Aug 2010 12:23:30 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Mori Accuses Pope Of Hiding UFO Information?

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>"Ufologist Nick Pope takes part in Government Coverup". You
>could publish it as if you wonder or question that he is
>covering UFO information, but instead you are clear in accusing
>him of that.

I didn't claim Pope is covering-up *UFO* information. I published an article to the effect that he was part of a "Government Cover-Up". The expression "Government Cover-Up" ("encobrimento governamental" in Portuguese) was used mainly to emphasize the irony of the situation, it must be taken tongue-in-cheek, though I would seriously stand by my use of it.

>I was very surprised that I didn't find this note in your
>website in English, so all my colleagues here at UFO UpDates
>could access and read what you write about Nick.

That's because the article I wrote is basically just reporting in Portuguese the information publicized by Dr. David Clarke, a source that is clearly quoted and referenced. In fact, I don't think anyone would do a better job than Clarke at reporting the issue since he's both a qualified academic and the source itself that requested the denied files. I didn't think it would be necessary to republish this information in English, nor to publicize it on this List as it has already been publicized and discussed. But now that you called attention to it, I may post about it on my English website.

I have to say, I don't think Pope will appreciate very much you calling attention to this again. But then, I'm sure you had the best of intentions towards him.

>Nick is a very respected person in the International UFO
>community and he is here to see your note. Do you really believe
>and confirm that Nick Pope is a UFO "cover-up" man?

If he personally intervened not to have these classified documents openly released, what would you call him? The "total disclosure" man?

>Do you
>have any idea that your article will harm the image of Nick Pope
>in Brazil, where he conquered the public through lectures,
>articles and very good books?

I think Pope knows, and knew, full well what would be the consequences of his non-cooperation in having all MoD files, without exception, including those related to his public activity regarding his book, released for open evaluation. I'm only reporting this very relevant piece of information to our Brazilian fellows. I didn't make anything up. I did resort to sarcasm, and I did make it clear that this episode is ironic and a lesson that people should "trust no one, not Ufologists, not

Skeptics, not me". People should be skeptical with everyone and everything.

>I will translate part of your text in Portuguese so our
>colleagues can read and give their opinion about what you wrote
>and claim. I wonder why haven't you written this also in
>English and post it here at UFO Updates, so everybody could see
>what you think of one of the greatest man in Ufology today.

What I really wonder is why the Brazilian UFO mag reported the withholding of these files without any mention to the fact that Pope played a part in this. The article you published reported the case as if the British Government was solely responsible for this refusal, besides having many other factual errors. Were you the author of that article?

What I also wonder is why has this article just now was removed from the Brazilian UFO mag website? By removing it, are you recognizing it had serious problems? Will you publish another article correcting the information?

I will translate the full note published by the Brazilian UFO mag to inform our Brazilian fellows, attached at the end of this message. It has been removed from your website, but it's still available on Google's cache:

<http://migre.me/13S6o>

I stand by what I published. I may have made some errors, but you didn't point any. And I believe I have not exceeded my rights of expression. Also, I believe what I published is especially important since what the Brazilian UFO mag published leads the readers to a faulty conclusion due to the lack of a very relevant piece of information. That I emphasized.

"Release of information about Nick Pope blocked
August 2, 2010, by the Brazilian UFO Mag team

World-famous Nick Pope was a public servant at the British MoD from 1991 to 1994, cataloging and investigating sightings of UFOs. At first skeptical about the phenomenon, Pope became a researcher and one of the most requested Ufologists in the world. He published his findings during his time at MoD's service in his first book 'Open Skies, Closed Minds', and kept working there until November 2006. He kept publishing [his works] and taking part in TV shows, giving lectures all over the world, including Brazil.

In 2007, Ufologist David Clarke requested the release of documents related to Nick Pope, based on freedom of information laws. Only now, in 2010, the MoD answered, and with a negative. The justification for the withholding of these documents was that they contain personal information. Clarke asked about any information regarding Pope's conversion from skeptic to believer, his public statements about UFOs and his defense of the extraterrestrial origin of these visitors. He requested the release of documents regarding internal discussions on how to answer Pope's statements to the media in 1995 and 1996.

Clarke himself obtained a memorandum, written by a senior intelligence agent, which informed that the subject should be treated with extreme caution. However, the MoD refused to release more information, and replied that "the complainant has provided well reasoned arguments to support his case. However, in this particular case the commissioner does not believe that release of the information concerned would further the legitimate public interest in any significant way."

Trust no one,

Thiago

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Nice Article On UFOs From Malaysian News Site

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Wed, 11 Aug 2010 02:40:50 EDT
Archived: Wed, 11 Aug 2010 07:58:36 -0400
Subject: Nice Article On UFOs From Malaysian News Site

I was just chatting with a pal from Malaysia whose family is high ranking in their military. We discussed UFOs and sure enough he gave me some good leads on stories and data from that region.

Along comes this well done story from the Malaysian Digest website:

<http://tinyurl.com/3466uer>

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com/blog

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Re: Mori Accuses Pope Of Hiding UFO Information?

From: David Clarke <daveclarke292.nul>
Date: Wed, 11 Aug 2010 09:37:10 +0100
Archived: Wed, 11 Aug 2010 08:03:57 -0400
Subject: Re: Mori Accuses Pope Of Hiding UFO Information?

>From: Thiago Luiz Ticchetti <ticchetti.nul>
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Thiago,

Perhaps you are unaware of the source of Kentaro's story, which is
my investigation, published in clear English, on my blog here:

<http://tinyurl.com/2vkmur6>

Which is all very strange seeing as this matter was discussed
here on UFO UpDates, as recently as two weeks ago:

<http://ufoupdateslist.com/2010/aug/m01-003.shtml>

<http://ufoupdateslist.com/2010/aug/m01-004.shtml>

<http://ufoupdateslist.com/2010/aug/m01-008.shtml>

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Actions speak louder than words, Thiago. And the facts speak for
themselves.

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

from Para.26: "Furthermore, the MOD advised in its letter to the
Information Commissioner dated 6 January 2010 that the
individual concerned [Nick Pope] has written to the MOD and
asked for the information not to be released into the public
domain."

The facts remain that Nick personally intervened to block the
release of seven MoD documents that discuss his public
statements on UFOs in 1996-97.

For reasons he refuses to discuss, he is determined that the

public will never see these documents. As I point out in my blog, these will in effect be the only documents that continue to remain secret when all the other UFO records have been disclosed.

My dictionary defines cover-up as "an act of concealing circumstances". By any definition, this is a good example of a cover-up, the sort of thing that UFOlogists normally make a lot of noise about.

On this list at:

<http://ufoupdateslist.com/2010/aug/m02-006.shtml>

I challenged Nick Pope to answer these four perfectly reasonable and straightforward questions:

1. Do you know what is in the seven documents that you objected to the release of?
2. If you do know, what is the nature of the material that you consider private? Is it disciplinary or commercially sensitive, for instance?
3. If you don't know what the contents are then why are you objecting to their release?
4. How can you justify standing on a Disclosure platform whilst actively blocking the release of documents?

No answer has been made.

--

Dr David Clarke

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

<http://www.drdavidclarke.co.uk/>

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Re: Brazilian AF Regulates Handling Of UFO Reports

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Wed, 11 Aug 2010 11:35:42 +0100
Archived: Wed, 11 Aug 2010 08:05:23 -0400
Subject: Re: Brazilian AF Regulates Handling Of UFO Reports

>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <aj.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 10 Aug 2010 16:03:38 -0300
>Subject: Brazilian AF Regulates Handling Of UFO Reports

>Dear Listers:

>This is very fresh news, just published at G1 News Agency:

>Brazilian Air Force Regulates What To Do With Reports Of UFOs In
>Brazil

><http://tinyurl.com/27r7x3c>

>Amazing, Brazil must be the first country in the world to have
>such measure published in its Official Journal, which is public
>and reflects every and all acts by our administration. This is
>another great example of how a campaign such as UFOs: Freedom Of
>Information Now, conducted by the Brazilian Committee of UFO
>Researchers (CBU) through the Brazilian UFO Magazine, can make
>things happen! This measure, actually, is an indirect result of
>the campaign.

Hello AJ,

From what you have written, it appears to me that this may be a retrograde step - not unlike the closure of the UK's 'UFO desk'.

Reading between the lines, I would assume that in the past, some evaluation of UFO reports would have taken place, but the new policy is just to 'file and forget' (or more accurately, 'file and archive') without any evaluation.

May I suggest asking the following questions of the authorities;

- 1) What was the previous policy prior to this change?
- 2) What provoked this change of policy?

Depending on the response, it may open up new avenues of enquiry.

Regards,

Joe

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Re: The Faith That Underpins Science

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Wed, 11 Aug 2010 11:55:13 +0100
Archived: Wed, 11 Aug 2010 08:06:12 -0400
Subject: Re: The Faith That Underpins Science

Steve, Gerald, et al,

I think another aspect has been overlooked in this discussion.

The historical research on the topic of UFOs is tainted with poorly researched cases contaminating the historical data pool alongside well-researched cases, often treated as being of equal validity.

If all cases were as well researched as are the efforts of Martin Shough and his colleagues for instance with his Lakenheath, Guernsey, and Arnold analyses, I think science would take more interest in the topic.

As it is, the morass of historical data is so tainted that the effort of trying to filter it to extract the genuinely interesting events would be enormous. The cost/benefit equation naturally leans towards the result of disinterest.

An alternative might be to start afresh, ignoring historical cases and evaluating only new reports. The main obstacle with that is the scale and related cost of setting up a scientifically acceptable investigation network capable of handling the volume of reports. Another obstacle is what argument is there that could be used to justify such expenditure - what is the benefit to justify the cost?

Don't blame the scientists, blame ufology for historical negligence.

Regards,

Joe

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News Links - 10-08-10

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Wed, 11 Aug 2010 08:57:44 -0400
Archived: Wed, 11 Aug 2010 08:57:44 -0400
Subject: News Links - 10-08-10

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Couple Reports Seven Lights Circle Pennsylvania Home
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/2b5ygsr>

Four Sphere UFOs Reported Along Connecticut Coastline
Examiner.Com
<http://tinyurl.com/3xbgteh>

UFOs On The Record: Debunkers Beware
Billy Cox
<http://tinyurl.com/32pjkot>

Brazil Air Force Regulates How To Deal With UFOs
Latin American Herald Tribune
<http://tinyurl.com/2fh6vul>

St. Paul Gets Its Very Own UFO
Minnesota Public Radio
<http://tinyurl.com/28r8sa7>

Chinese UFOs With Illegal Aliens Cross The Arizona-Mexico Border
Violating SB 1070...
<http://tinyurl.com/36hshwj>

Another Week, Another UFO In Bracknell...
Get Bracknell
<http://tinyurl.com/2dzby3a>

More Sightings Of 'The Orange UFO'
Halifax Evening Courier
<http://tinyurl.com/2ffa268>

Walthamstow: Puzzlement Over Orange Orb 'UFO' Footage
Guardian Series
<http://tinyurl.com/2upkcv2>

The Truth About The Lies Behind UFO Cover-Ups And
Conspiracies... Friedman
<http://tinyurl.com/398cjhm>

Mirage Men: A Journey In Disinformation, Paranoia And UFOs
Fortean Times Review
<http://tinyurl.com/2axp2e5>

Recommended Books For Learning About UFOs
Helium
<http://tinyurl.com/36fggae>

5 UFO Sightings That Even Non-Crazy People Find Creepy
Huffington Post
<http://tinyurl.com/34acz56>

Ron Halliday's UFO Top Ten - The Top Five
stv.tv

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

Thinking Outside The Box
ESPN <http://tinyurl.com/3xxnho>

Rhiwbina Woman's Hunt For UFOs
WalesOnline
<http://tinyurl.com/35zklwn>

Willy Lay Interview - DVD
<http://tinyurl.com/3xjgfen>

Robbie Williams Proposed To Ayda Field On UFO-hunting Spot
Oneindia
<http://tinyurl.com/274mvqu>

From Frank Warren's UFO Chronicals:

UFO-Spin in the UK
<http://tinyurl.com/2877nrg>

The 'Real X-Files' Pt 6
<http://tinyurl.com/257lbok>

From Frank Warren's UFO Chronicals:

UFO-Nukes Connection Researcher Robert Hastings To
Appear On Coast To Coast AM August 15, 2010
<http://tinyurl.com/233evbq>

The Oregon Bob Case: We're Back, Alive And Well (Now The Real Work
Begins)
<http://tinyurl.com/22p5ul5>

UFO-Spin In The UK: David Clarke's Rebuttal
<http://tinyurl.com/2fs3fcf>

NEW BOOK - UFOs: Generals, Pilots And Government Officials Go On
the Record By Leslie Kean
<http://tinyurl.com/2fkabxx>

From 'The Norm':

Is There A Bull'S Eye On The Surface Of Mars?
<http://tinyurl.com/2ev5yra>

Rethinking Einstein: The End Of Space-Time
<http://tinyurl.com/2a2zrs3>

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Re: The Faith That Underpins Science

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Wed, 11 Aug 2010 07:29:47 -0500
Archived: Wed, 11 Aug 2010 09:02:46 -0400
Subject: Re: The Faith That Underpins Science

>From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Tue, 10 Aug 2010 18:06:48 -0400
>Subject: Re: The Faith That Underpins Science

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 10 Aug 2010 12:37:56 -0500
>>Subject: Re: The Faith That Underpins Science

><snip>

>>Science, forgetting the practitioners of same, needs to step up,
>>square up, then spit and hit, eh?

>I'd settle for scientists simply willing to admit "I could be
>wrong, of course" on the UFO issue.

Hey! "Reach exceeding grasp" expands both reach and grasp! <g>

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Re: Mori Accuses Pope Of Hiding UFO Information?

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Wed, 11 Aug 2010 15:54:46 +0200 (CEST)
Archived: Wed, 11 Aug 2010 11:55:08 -0400
Subject: Re: Mori Accuses Pope Of Hiding UFO Information?

>From: Thiago Luiz Ticchetti <ticchetti.nul>
>To: post.nul
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I suspect something has been lost in translation.

Two ufologists made FOI requests about my non-MoD work as an author, journalist and TV pundit. They're unhealthily obsessive about me and I declined to give access to documents about my private business. MoD and the Information Commissioner agreed that the papers should be withheld.

With regard to my role at the MoD, a couple of ufologists dishonestly tried to downplay the scope of my work by pretending it was clerical, not investigative. MoD nailed the lie some years ago - see here, on the UK parliament website:

<http://tinyurl.com/3a2rr7e>

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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Brazilian AF Regulates Handling Of UFO Reports -

From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <ajgevaerd.nul>
Date: Wed, 11 Aug 2010 10:56:07 -0300
Archived: Wed, 11 Aug 2010 11:59:23 -0400
Subject: Brazilian AF Regulates Handling Of UFO Reports -

Dear Colleagues:

I am back to report that there is a real commotion in the Brazilian UFO Community right now, as it has achieved much more than it could have dreamed in its most optimistic dreams. Even the over 300 members of the Brazilian UFO Magazine are completely surprised by what happened.

Brazilian Air Force Commander, Lieutenant-Brigadier (equivalent to 5-stars General) Juniti Saito, a man very well respected by the current administration, has just given a major step to openly recognize the UFO Phenomena as serious and worthy of serious actions.

By regulating the way that military should handle UFO reports, especially those coming from air traffic control and aviation personnel, the Brazilian Air Force practically RECOGNIZES the materiality of the UFO Phenomena, as it was already recently declared by a few other top ranking military, such as lieutenant-brigadiers Jos=E9 Carlos Pereira (former commander of the Brazilian Airspace Defense Command) and S=F3crates Monteiro (former minister of Air Force), among many others, in interviews given to the Brazilian UFO Magazine and reported here at UFO UpDates.

See the material here:

"All UFO Secrets Must Be Disclosed", Says Brazilian Top Military Part I and=II

<http://www.ufoupdateslist.com/2008/mar/m12-004.shtml>

<http://www.ufoupdateslist.com/2008/jul/m22-011.shtml>

Brazil's Former Air Force Minister Makes Astonishing Statements About UFOs

<http://www.ufoupdateslist.com/2009/oct/m27-014.shtml>

More sources of Brazilian UFO military information achieved by me:

Another Brazilian Military Officer Reveals UFO Investigation, Observation And Physical Evidence

<http://www.ufoupdateslist.com/2010/jul/m13-001.shtml>

Retired Lieutenant-Colonel discloses new revelations on Operation Saucer in=the Amazon, 1977

<http://www.ufoupdateslist.com/2007/oct/m28-027.shtml>

The materiality of the UFO Phenomena has also been clearly recognized in an official document just recently released to the UFO community through the efforts of the Brazilian UFO Magazine and reported here months ago, named 'Occurrence Report' and related to what we call 'Official UFO Night in Brazil', when 21 spherical objects, estimated 100 meters in diameter - according

to military sources - literally jammed air traffic over the major Brazilian Airports, when several Mirage and F5 jets were scrambled to pursue them for hours.

See the report here:

Brazilian Military Document Confirms UFOs "Solid" And Under "Intelligent Control"

<http://www.ufoupdateslist.com/2009/oct/m23-011.shtml>

This is a major breakthrough to all UFO researchers and specially to the Brazilian UFO Community, as it may open a precedent in the Continent and other areas of the planet to other countries do the same. I am very glad to say at this time that the official recognition of the seriousness of the UFO Phenomena and the need of proper handling the reports are direct and indirect results of the campaign UFOs: Freedom Of Information Now, that I started along with my co-editor Marco Petit back in 2004, immediately joined by all members of the Brazilian Committee of UFO Researchers (CBU) through the Brazilian UFO Magazine.

At this point, I don't think that there has been many countries in the world - if any at all - that have its military taken such a bold and unprecedented decision on a PUBLIC basis. It is always good to remember that Brazil was also the first country in the world to officially admit the UFO Phenomena, back in the 50s, when colonel Jo=E3o Adil de Oliveira made a clear statement at the Superior School of War, in Rio, assuming that the investigation of the nature of the UFOs should be of immediate concern of the Brazilian military.

Towards all these years, many Brazilian UFO researchers have done their best to make the UFO Phenomena worthy of credibility, and I am very glad to say that, despite the fact that there has never been such an empty and harmful skepticism in Brazilian Ufology as today, it was my generation of UFO researchers, inspired and following the example of our great pioneers, that are making things happen in this country.

Still there are voices here in there that refuse to listen to the news and specially can't minimally evaluate what these achievements mean to the future generations. It doesn't matter. What really matters is that a great job is being done.

Cheers and let's celebrate.

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Re: Brazilian AF Regulates Handling Of UFO Reports

From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <aj.nul>
Date: Wed, 11 Aug 2010 11:12:13 -0300
Archived: Thu, 12 Aug 2010 06:46:26 -0400
Subject: Re: Brazilian AF Regulates Handling Of UFO Reports

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Wed, 11 Aug 2010 11:35:42 +0100
>Subject: Re: Brazilian AF Regulates Handling Of UFO Reports

>>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <aj.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 10 Aug 2010 16:03:38 -0300
>>Subject: Brazilian AF Regulates Handling Of UFO Reports

>>This is very fresh news, just published at G1 News Agency:

>>Brazilian Air Force Regulates What To Do With Reports Of UFOs In
>>Brazil

>><http://tinyurl.com/27r7x3c>

>>Amazing, Brazil must be the first country in the world to have
>>such measure published in its Official Journal, which is public
>>and reflects every and all acts by our administration. This is
>>another great example of how a campaign such as UFOs: Freedom Of
>>Information Now, conducted by the Brazilian Committee of UFO
>>Researchers (CBU) through the Brazilian UFO Magazine, can make
>>things happen! This measure, actually, is an indirect result of
>>the campaign.

>From what you have written, it appears to me that this may be a
>retrograde step - not unlike the closure of the UK's 'UFO desk'.

A retrograde step? Not at all. By regulating the way that
military should handle UFO reports, especially those coming from
air traffic control and aviation personnel, the Brazilian Air
Force practically RECOGNIZES the materiality of the UFO
Phenomena. What could we want more ?

>Reading between the lines, I would assume that in the past, some
>evaluation of UFO reports would have taken place, but the new
>policy is just to 'file and forget' (or more accurately, 'file
>and archive') without any evaluation.

Well, not really, Joe. Actually, we know that there is a
continued line of investigation of the cases reported to the
military, and not only those coming from air traffic control and
aviation personnel, but also those coming from regular citizens,
as stated to me by Lieutenant-Brigadier Jose Carlos Pereira
(former commander of the Brazilian Airspace Defense Command). It
is, the reports that the military receive will continue to be
evaluated. Certainly.

Pereira told me personally that "no government today would
simply file cases without evaluation, specially those that are
significant". I understand that only those reports that mean no
'problem' to the military authorities will be sent to the
National Archives. However, and it is very significant, that by
recognizing what to do with UFO reports, the commander of
Brazilian Air Force gives us all a great message.

>May I suggest asking the following questions of the authorities;

>1) What was the previous policy prior to this change?

We know that from our investigations and interviews, and it is what I reported above: there is a procedure of investigation of the cases reported to the military, specially those coming from air traffic control and aviation personnel. It was Pereira, in 1999, who created a very comprehensive form to be filled and given to the military by all pilots on Brazilian Airspace who have seen UFOs in flights. And I was him that had all the previous forms already filled, along with the new ones, digitalized into a databank - now we want access to that databank

>2) What provoked this change of policy?

We know that as well, as I have just recently done a new interview with another top military in Brazil. There has been a growing atmosphere of recognition that the UFO Phenomena - always considered serious business here - be gradually admitted to the public. The ignition sparkle that started it all was the campaign UFOs: Freedom Of Information Now, promoted since 2004 by the Brazilian Committee of UFO Researchers and the Brazilian UFO Magazine

- A. J.

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Re: Mori Accuses Pope Of Hiding UFO Information?

From: **A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO** <aj.nul>
Date: Wed, 11 Aug 2010 11:20:24 -0300
Archived: Thu, 12 Aug 2010 06:50:25 -0400
Subject: Re: Mori Accuses Pope Of Hiding UFO Information?

>From: Kentaro Mori <kentaro.mori.nul>
>Date: Wed, 11 Aug 2010 02:16:12 -0300
>To: post.nul
>Subject: Re: Mori Accuses Pope Of Hiding UFO Information?

>>From: Thiago Luiz Ticchetti <ticchetti.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Tue, 10 Aug 2010 12:23:30 -0700 (PDT)
>>Subject: Mori Accuses Pope Of Hiding UFO Information?

>>I just read in your Brazilian website that you accused Nick Pope
>>of covering-up UFO information. The title of your note is
>>"Ufologist Nick Pope takes part in Government Coverup". You
>>could publish it as if you wonder or question that he is
>>covering UFO information, but instead you are clear in accusing
>>him of that.

>I didn't claim Pope is covering-up *UFO* information. I
>published an article to the effect that he was part of a
>"Government Cover-Up". The expression "Government Cover-Up"
>("encobrimento governamental" in Portuguese) was used mainly to
>emphasize the irony of the situation, it must be taken tongue-
>in-cheek, though I would seriously stand by my use of it.

>>I was very surprised that I didn't find this note in your
>>website in English, so all my colleagues here at UFO UpDates
>>could access and read what you write about Nick.

<snip>

>What I really wonder is why the Brazilian UFO mag reported the
>withholding of these files without any mention to the fact that
>Pope played a part in this. The article you published reported
>the case as if the British Government was solely responsible for
>this refusal, besides having many other factual errors. Were you
>the author of that article?

>What I also wonder is why has this article just now was
>removed from the Brazilian UFO mag website? By removing it, are
>you recognizing it had serious problems? Will you publish
>another article correcting the information?

<snip>

Kentaro:

I will handle your usual accusations against the Brazilian UFO
Magazine later, as I have much more important work to do now to
make the new military actions in Brazil known worldwide.

As a Brazilian - despite the fact that you are a skeptic
dedicated to debunk our best cases - you should recognize the
importance of this moment and do the same, instead of waisting
time and efforts accusing Nick Pope or anybody else of this or
that.

What counts it what we build.

A. J.

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A Nick Pope Response

From: **A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO** <aj.nul>
Date: Wed, 11 Aug 2010 11:23:17 -0300
Archived: Thu, 12 Aug 2010 06:53:18 -0400
Subject: A Nick Pope Response

For your information, I just got this from Nick Pope:

Hi AJ,

I don't usually respond to this sort of thing, but I offer the following:

Two British ufologists dishonestly tried to downplay the scope of my official UFO work. The Ministry of Defence released information that showed their allegations were false.

Nobody in the UK believes them, but I am sorry if anyone overseas has been fooled.

Because I investigated UFOs for the British government, the media described me as "the real Fox Mulder". This led to a few ufologists becoming obsessed with me and I did not want them having access to private information about my media work. The MoD agreed.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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Hawking's 'Move To Outer Space'

From: **Diana Cammack** <cammack.nul>
Date: Wed, 11 Aug 2010 11:40:55 -0400
Archived: Thu, 12 Aug 2010 06:56:02 -0400
Subject: Hawking's 'Move To Outer Space'

From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <post.nul>
Sent: Monday, August 09, 2010 8:07 AM
Subject: UFO UpDate: News Links - 08-08-10

News Links - 08-08-10

<snip>

Hawking To Human Race: Move To Outer Space Or Face Extinction -
Video
<http://tinyurl.com/38c5fzd>

List,

While this prediction may be true, I can see no clear way to get from where we are now, globally, to space colonies within 2-3 centuries.... We (as a planet) seem to be bogged down in first, a "simple" energy crisis - let alone finding the means to reach and colonize other planets, and second, in political conflicts and wars - let alone creating the type of long-term international coordination and cooperation needed to build up an advanced space programme....

So, Dr Hawking, give us a hint how we are to do this!

Diana

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Re: The Faith That Underpins Science

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Wed, 11 Aug 2010 16:54:48 +0000
Archived: Thu, 12 Aug 2010 06:58:06 -0400
Subject: Re: The Faith That Underpins Science

>Date: Wed, 11 Aug 2010 09:02:46 -0400
>To: ufo-updates-list.nul
>From: post.nul
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: The Faith That Underpins Science

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Wed, 11 Aug 2010 07:29:47 -0500
>Subject: Re: The Faith That Underpins Science

>>From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Tue, 10 Aug 2010 18:06:48 -0400
>>Subject: Re: The Faith That Underpins Science

>>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>>>To: <post.nul>
>>>Date: Tue, 10 Aug 2010 12:37:56 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: The Faith That Underpins Science

>><snip>

>>>Science, forgetting the practitioners of same, needs to step up,
>>>square up, then spit and hit, eh?

>>>I'd settle for scientists simply willing to admit "I could be
>>>wrong, of course" on the UFO issue.

>Hey! "Reach exceeding grasp" expands both reach and grasp! <g>

I would settle for a lot less smugness on both sides of the UFO
issue, and a lot more physical evidence from the UFO side.

As soon as there is physical evidence, science will have
something to research and react to.

Then, you all call argue over the tattered carcass of some ET
craft and not merely anecdotal 'lights in the sky' or 'possible
ghost radar return'.

KK

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Re: Brazilian AF Regulates Handling Of UFO Reports

From: Kentaro Mori <kentaro.mori.nul>
Date: Wed, 11 Aug 2010 13:49:29 -0300
Archived: Thu, 12 Aug 2010 07:01:32 -0400
Subject: Re: Brazilian AF Regulates Handling Of UFO Reports

>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <ajgevaerd.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Wed, 11 Aug 2010 10:56:07 -0300
>Subject: Brazilian AF Regulates Handling Of UFO Reports - Pt II

<snip>

>Brazilian Air Force Commander, Lieutenant-Brigadier (equivalent
>to 5-stars General) Juniti Saito, a man very well respected by
>the current administration, has just given a major step to
>openly recognize the UFO Phenomena as serious and worthy of
>serious actions.

The regulation actually makes it clear that the Brazilian Air Force takes no part in investigating UFO reports ("The activities of the Air Force Command regarding the subject of 'unidentified flying objects' (UFO) are restricted to recording occurrences and forwarding them to the National Archives"). If by "serious actions" you mean simply forwarding reports to be archived, then yes. As a matter of fact it's indeed "serious", sober and a good move by the Brazilian Air Force that they are forwarding reports to the National Archives to make them available for analysis by all those interested.

This is in line with the policy taken by many other countries which, and especially after the Cold War, realized the secrecy regarding the subject may only fuel wild speculation. It must be said the Air Force stated that almost all of the UFO files they had have already been released, and so far no bombshell has come. Just like in all the other countries that have been releasing their files. Even some relevant evidence that has still not been released - like the Operation Saucer films and photos - are almost certainly not a smoking gun evidence, since the officers themselves wrote in their conclusions that what they recorded unfortunately wasn't sufficient to support their belief that the UFOs were "intelligently driven".

>By regulating the way that military should handle UFO reports, >especially those coming from air traffic control and aviation >personnel, the Brazilian Air Force practically RECOGNIZES the >materiality of the UFO Phenomena, as it was already recently >declared by a few other top ranking military, such as >lieutenant-brigadiers Jose Carlos Pereira (former commander of >the Brazilian Airspace Defense Command) and S=F3crates Monteiro >(former minister of Air Force), among many others, in >interviews given to the Brazilian UFO Magazine and reported >here at UFO UpDates.

Mostly all of those long retired, and all of them - without exception - making clear those are just their personal opinions on the subject. And without presenting any physical evidence to support their beliefs. The Brazilian Air Force is very far from recognizing the "materiality of the UFO Phenomena", in fact, and especially in recent years, it has been taking very rational, pondered and even "skeptical" measures and positions.

For instance, making it clear that past projects of UFO investigation were the result of "personal interest" by some officials. This may not be the whole story - as those projects

ended up using public resources - but one can see that it's not an absurd claim when, for instance, whole archives of these projects ended up in the (private) hands of these officers, and not in some official archive. You know that very well, researcher Edison Boaventura donated to the National Archives the *original* files of UFO investigation he obtained from a military personal archive.

I feel awkward pointing this to you: it should be recognized that the release of these files, and even this recent regulation, is indeed consequence of the campaign leaded by you, Gevaerd, and the Brazilian UFO magazine. So, you, better than anyone, should be able to best inform the public and know very well what's actually happening.

But I have to tell you are presenting a somewhat inaccurate interpretation of the release of UFO files, the Brazilian Air Force position and this very recent regulation. Anyone who simply reads the regulation - as fellow McGonagle did - is able to have a glimpse of that.

Kentaro

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Re: Mori Accuses Pope Of Hiding UFO Information?

From: David Clarke <daveclarke292.nul>
Date: Wed, 11 Aug 2010 17:51:12 +0100
Archived: Thu, 12 Aug 2010 07:02:57 -0400
Subject: Re: Mori Accuses Pope Of Hiding UFO Information?

>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Wed, 11 Aug 2010 15:54:46 +0200 (CEST)
>Subject: Re: Mori Accuses Pope Of Hiding UFO Information?

>With regard to my role at the MoD, a couple of ufologists
>dishonestly tried to downplay the scope of my work by pretending
>it was clerical, not investigative. MoD nailed the lie some
>years ago - see here, on the UK parliament website:

><http://tinyurl.com/3a2rr7e>

Anyone can judge for themselves the level of 'investigation' MoD
invested on UFO reports, simply by perusing the files released
by The National Archives, here:

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

Nick also claims that he 'investigated' cases of alien
abduction, crop circles and animal mutilations as part of his
duties. Yet in the latest papers released by TNA Pope's
successor Gaynor South told a member of the public:

"MoD has not investigated a case of alien abduction, crop circle
formations or animal mutilation." (DEFE 24/1978/1)

MoD have also nailed the lie that Nick Pope ran "the British
Government's UFO Project" here:

<http://tinyurl.com/3xxjglv>

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Dr David Clarke

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Brazil Orders UFO Reports Made Public

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Wed, 11 Aug 2010 15:50:33 EDT
Archived: Thu, 12 Aug 2010 07:07:40 -0400
Subject: Brazil Orders UFO Reports Made Public

This Yahoo News ought to be interesting especially for the modern age of cell phone cameras and other recording devices:

<http://tinyurl.com/2ap9ob9>

With Brazil's cities having massive populations and little or no light pollution in the countryside, any new UFO sightings and encounters should hopefully glean clearer data.

There's no telling what's in their archives and what's about to shake loose.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com/blog

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Re: The Faith That Underpins Science

From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Wed, 11 Aug 2010 14:17:11 -0600
Archived: Thu, 12 Aug 2010 07:09:02 -0400
Subject: Re: The Faith That Underpins Science

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Wed, 11 Aug 2010 11:55:13 +0100
>Subject: Re: The Faith That Underpins Science

<snip>

>An alternative might be to start afresh, ignoring historical
>cases and evaluating only new reports. The main obstacle with
>that is the scale and related cost of setting up a
>scientifically acceptable investigation network capable of
>handling the volume of reports. Another obstacle is what
>argument is there that could be used to justify such expenditure
>- what is the benefit to justify the cost?

Joe,

I don't see much hope of starting afresh, as the cultural impact of the phenomenon itself (whatever its nature) has seriously polluted the investigative environment. Indeed, my inclination is to disregard new reports, barring the iconic White House lawn landing or something similarly dramatic, until the robustness of the prototypical early cases (e.g., Kenneth Arnold, et al) is well-established.

The motivation for such an early-cases-first approach is straightforward. Even if we rigorously chased down every new report and found absolutely nothing of interest or validity, there would remain the possibility that the early reports were the result of a real but transient phenomenon, perhaps peaking in the early 1950s and gradually disappearing thereafter.

On the other hand, if after thorough investigation of the classic early cases we were to come up similarly empty-handed, then we may well question the validity of the entire phenomenon, unless, as mentioned in the recent Kenneth Arnold thread, we are prepared to accept that the early witnesses either presciently hoaxed or serendipitously misidentified a phenomenon that soon thereafter became manifest as a genuine anomaly.

In that sense there is potentially a large payoff in dissection of the earlier cases that is not available from the new ones, even if that payoff effectively supports the null hypothesis (i.e., UFOs are prosaic).

Mike

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Re: Did A UFO Hit The 911 Tower?

From: Bert Reijersen van Buuren <bert.nul>
Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2010 04:05:13 +0200
Archived: Thu, 12 Aug 2010 08:03:36 -0400
Subject: Re: Did A UFO Hit The 911 Tower?

>From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <post.nul>
>Date: Wed, 4 Aug 2010 08:36:16 +0100
>Subject: Did A UFO Hit The 911 Tower?

>I have long been suspicious of the 911 events appearing like
>some kind of controlled demolitions.

>This latest analysis by Richard Hall of 911 TV broadcasts takes
>this to a frankly unbelievable level because it includes film of
>a mysterious UFO in alleged news footage which I for one have
>never seen before.

>Richard thinks this object is an anti-gravity drone developed
>secretly by the US Government.

>
>Below is the press release Richard is circulating:

>-----

>www.richplanet.net

>"We have just completed some analysis of 9/11 TV broadcasts and
>are releasing this analysis today, 3rd August 2010. It provides
>compelling evidence that advanced technology was used.

>
>We would like you to be first to view this newly published material
>and help up spread the information by forwarding it on to others.
>The film is 22 minutes long and puts forward a new answer which
>reconciles many 9/11 theories.

>Watch the film from the link below.

><http://www.richplanet.net/911.php>

>If you wish to use the film on your own website you can embed it
>with the code below the film.

<http://tinyurl.com/2v65vc3>

The 'ball' under the plane in this photo:

<http://tinyurl.com/2unjmk6>

is the shadow of the right engine. The right engine blocks the
sunlight and that is why there is a dark line.

The (light) ball in the film is caused by too much sunlight on
the plane. I film (on average once a week) planes, birds, bats
etc. By filming planes reflecting too much sunlight the only
thing what most of the time shows up on the film is a light
ball.

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Abduction Experiences: Some Clues

From: **Eustaquio Andrea Patounas** <socex.ufobras.nul>
Date: Wed, 11 Aug 2010 17:32:36 -0300
Archived: Thu, 12 Aug 2010 08:08:45 -0400
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Alien Abduction Experiences: Some Clues From Neuropsychology And
Neuropsychiatry

Katharine J. Holden; Christopher C. French

Many thousands of people around the world firmly believe that they have been abducted by alien beings and taken on board spaceships where they have been subjected to painful medical examination.

Method

Given that such accounts are almost certainly untrue, four areas of neuroscience are considered with respect to possible clues that may lead towards a fuller understanding of the alien abduction experience.

Results

First, it is argued that sleep paralysis may be implicated in many such claims.

Second, research into false memories is considered. It is argued that abductees may be more prone to false memories than the general population.

Third, evidence is considered relating to the mental health of abductees. It is concluded that there is currently no convincing evidence for higher rates of serious psychopathology amongst abductees compared to the general population.

However, abductees do seem to show higher levels on some potentially relevant measures (e.g., tendency to dissociate).

Finally, claims that alien abduction experiences may be linked to abnormal activity in the temporal lobes is considered.

Conclusion

Although the neurosciences provide many clues to the nature of this bizarre experience, further research is required before a full understanding will be attained.

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Re: The Faith That Underpins Science

From: **Gerald O'Connell** <goc.nul>
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>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Wed, 11 Aug 2010 11:55:13 +0100
>Subject: Re: The Faith That Underpins Science

>Steve, Gerald, et al,

>I think another aspect has been overlooked in this discussion.

>The historical research on the topic of UFOs is tainted with
>poorly researched cases contaminating the historical data pool
>alongside well-researched cases, often treated as being of equal
>validity.

>If all cases were as well researched as are the efforts of
>Martin Shough and his colleagues for instance with his
>Lakenheath, Guernsey, and Arnold analyses, I think science would
>take more interest in the topic.

>As it is, the morass of historical data is so tainted that the
>effort of trying to filter it to extract the genuinely
>interesting events would be enormous. The cost/benefit equation
>naturally leans towards the result of disinterest.

>An alternative might be to start afresh, ignoring historical
>cases and evaluating only new reports. The main obstacle with
>that is the scale and related cost of setting up a
>scientifically acceptable investigation network capable of
>handling the volume of reports. Another obstacle is what
>argument is there that could be used to justify such expenditure
>- what is the benefit to justify the cost?

>Don't blame the scientists, blame ufology for historical
>negligence.

True enough, Joe. And, ironically enough given your stance, you mention only half the shortfall! The type of study you mention is, indeed, absolutely essential, and should represent the starting point for discussion and investigation. It is equally the case, however, that there is a dearth of similarly high quality macro analysis - looking at the phenomenon globally and delivering a statistically sound 'big picture'.

Basically, 'stuff happens'. In addition to trying to dig into the issue of what that stuff actually is, I think it is just as important to understand things like exactly how much of it there is, where and when, and of what type.

There's just as much negligence involved in gathering and classifying the data as there is in analysing it properly.

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

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Re: News Links - 10-08-10

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>Date: Wed, 11 Aug 2010 08:57:44 -0400
>Subject: UFO UpDate: News Links - 10-08-10

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<snip>

>From 'The Norm':

<snip>

>Rethinking Einstein: The End Of Space-Time
><http://tinyurl.com/2a2zrs3>

Thanks to 'The Norm', whomever that is.

"So Horava did the unthinkable and amended Einstein's equations in a way that removed Lorentz symmetry. To his delight, this led to a set of equations that describe gravity in the same quantum framework as the other fundamental forces of nature: gravity emerges as the attractive force due to quantum particles called gravitons, in much the same way that the electromagnetic force is carried by photons. He also made another serious change to general relativity. Einstein's theory does not have a preferred direction for time, from the past to the future. But the universe as we observe it seems to evolve that way. So Horava gave time a preferred direction (Physical Review D, vol 79, p 084008).

"With these modifications in place, he found that quantum field theories could now describe gravity at microscopic scales without producing the nonsensical results that plagued earlier attempts. "All of a sudden, you have new ingredients for modifying the behaviour of gravity at very short distances," Horava says.

So what does this mean, and how is it important, you ask?

I'm sure Stan Friedman or Bruce Maccabee could explain it better.

But with Petr Horava's help, I see a kinder, and more elegant universe, which might turn out to respond in the good ways with which we're already familiar.

Like seedtime and harvest; there always seems to be those understandable patterns.

As with an onion, we peel away the mysteries of nature, and find sublime simplicity followed by even more sublime simplicity. At least of the kind our minds seem able to grasp.

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>>>>Science, forgetting the practitioners of same, needs to step up,
>>>>square up, then spit and hit, eh?

>>>>I'd settle for scientists simply willing to admit 'I could be
>>>>wrong, of course' on the UFO issue.

>>Hey! 'Reach exceeding grasp' expands both reach and grasp! <g>

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heretofore undiscovered terrestrial life form, or ever, even,
materialize as 'proof', at all? I submit there is no amount of
'proof' convincing a mind made-up, already.

For my part, I could use less smugness from those making the
same unsupported presumptions with regard to institution,
government, church, and agency you seem to, eh?

>As soon as there is physical evidence, science will have
>something to research and react to.

That is the well-rendered presumption, right there, which has no
basis in actual fact, forgetting it's not an abundantly
convinced science which needs any 'convincing', ma'am. Science,
personified by the persons practicing it, is conditioned with a
noticeably reptilian-like corporate prerequisite to discourage
doing the work of actual science, I submit, accommodating
instead the bottom-lines of nebulous 'stockholders'. The
presumption that intrepid scientists are 'standing by' ready to
'leap into action given an actual 'there' there', is naive where

it is not ludicrous, remembering that scientists are the ones to be initially looking for the 'there', there, at all.

Scientists 'readily researching and reacting to physical evidence'? Nonsense.

By way of example, in the 1800s there was 'physical evidence' that doctors, washing hands between autopsies performed and subsequent child delivery duties, dramatically improved the survival rate of women after childbirth. The 'establishment' fought that one tooth and nail, eh?

>Then, you all call argue over the tattered carcass of some ET
>craft and not merely anecdotal 'lights in the sky' or 'possible
>ghost radar return'.

In as much as this final presumption is based on the seeming errors of your preceding baseless presumptions', your point seems decidedly zero-sum, ma'am.

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BBC Article On UFOs

From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
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Archived: Thu, 12 Aug 2010 09:00:21 -0400
Subject: BBC Article On UFOs

Listers,

Having read this article on UFOs and the Rendelsham Forest incident I thought I should drop it on UpDates for your consumption:

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

The UK media never cease to amaze me with their official skepticism on the subject of UFOs and how this article only refers to the work of Mr. Ridpath on this case.

A quote from the article:

"Mystery explained. It was an easy mistake for young Americans a long way from home to make."

Roy

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Re: The Faith That Underpins Science

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My sentiments exactly, Alfred.

You're responding to a naive reading of the dynamics of the UFO
controversy, long deformed by a hostile ideological approach in
which meaningful discussion of actual evidence has been
effectively side-lined. (Ted Phillips? Who's he? That's sarcasm,
folks.)

Mostly recently, a telling dissection, written by two political
scientists, of the underpinnings of official UFOphobia appears
as a chapter in Leslie Kean's important new book, recommended to
all. Prior to this, a small library of scholarly literature -
from Ron Westrum, David Hufford, Peter Sturrock, Henry Bauer,
James McClenon, Marcello Truzzi, and well-informed others - has
examined and critiqued the dysfunctional response of official
culture to UFOs and other anomalies.

My pessimistic conclusion has been for some time that for
reasons having largely to do with the failure of will, courage,
and imagination (as opposed, say, to the quality of the
evidence), little further progress is possible in our lifetimes.

Re: The Faith That Underpins Science

It will be up to another generation to take up these matters and to grant them the un-blinkered attention they deserve.

Meantime, back to something important, such as lynching Nick Pope and other heretics....

Cheers,

Jerry Clark

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Re: A Nick Pope Response

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
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Archived: Thu, 12 Aug 2010 13:16:20 -0400
Subject: Re: A Nick Pope Response

>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <aj.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Wed, 11 Aug 2010 11:23:17 -0300
>Subject: A Nick Pope Response

>For your information, I just got this from Nick Pope:

Thanks, AJ, as usual Nick's response is vague and meaningless. He knows he is on a sticky wicket and won't commit anything meaningful to the discussion because he can't.

>-----

>Hi AJ,

>I don't usually respond to this sort of thing, but I offer the following:

Not exactly an enlightening response, is it Nick? Why not answer something substantial, for example the reasonable and easy to answer questions asked by Dave Clarke on UpDates at:

<http://www.ufoupdateslist.com/2010/aug/m02-006.shtml>

Perhaps you don't consider that UFO UpDates List members are worthy of a response from a deity such as yourself? As Dave wrote:

"People will be able to judge for themselves your commitment to Freedom of Information by the detail of your response, or lack thereof, to these questions."

In the absence of an answer, we are left to speculate. My speculation is that you are now in a mad panic trying to get copies of those documents from the MoD so that you can reply, giving the impression that you had the documents all along.

Speculating further, some of those documents will include a rebuke to you for misleading the public, and possibly warning you of detrimental effects on your career.

Others might speculate that the retained documents contain details of the nature of your undercover tasking to infiltrate ufology and feed disinformation into the field - which would explain why you are content not to answer the questions and allow speculation to continue.

>Two British ufologists dishonestly tried to downplay the scope of my official UFO work. The Ministry of Defence released information that showed their allegations were false.

Which two? If you know this to be the case, why don't you name them? John Rimmer and I have already listed 11 names, 10 of them British ufologists who do not believe your presentation of the role which you held. I haven't seen your list of those who totally accept your version.

>Nobody in the UK believes them, but I am sorry if anyone overseas has been fooled.

That is a complete falsehood. I struggle to find anyone in the UK who believes your version. Even amongst your psychophants, there is an acceptance that you have embellished the description of your role, but they don't care because they think you are a good entertainer. I don't dispute that you are a good entertainer, but you are a burden to serious ufology.

The only people who are fooled are those who close their ears to anything negative about you and are either too devoted to you or too lazy to check out the plentiful available evidence that you are not quite what you say you are. You are only too happy to manipulate the ignorant masses while they pay you to do so, using other people's research without giving them any recognition for it.

>Because I investigated UFOs for the British government, the >media described me as "the real Fox Mulder". This led to a few >ufologists becoming obsessed with me and I did not want them >having access to private information about my media work. The >MoD agreed.

What you like to call 'investigation' barely amounts to what real investigators would call 'initial evaluation'. This is evident throughout the released files covering your tenure as 'Head of the United Kingdom's UFO Project'. It is apparent that you had no authority and had to refer any substantial decisions 'up the tree'. In fact, you were really only in charge of your own waste paper basket as I think James Easton put it.

The evidence for all of this is already in the public domain. If anyone doubts it, take a look, and if you still can't find it feel free to contact me off list for some pointers. A good starting point would be to search for the names of those listed in the post referenced above together with Nick Pope's name. It is also worth looking at the MoD files produced during and shortly after Nick Pope's tenure as commander-in-chief of the waste paper basket.

The Truth is Out There - just don't expect to get it from Nick Pope.

Regards,

Joe

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Brazilian AF Regulates UFO Reports - Pt III

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Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2010 10:55:22 -0300
Archived: Thu, 12 Aug 2010 13:18:42 -0400
Subject: Brazilian AF Regulates UFO Reports - Pt III

Dear Listers:

I refer to Kentaro Mori's message trying to diminish the recent facts, again. I understand that he has a limited knowledge and understanding of the situation, being off all the recent moves, and as a self-declared skeptic. My responsibility here is to show what is really going on, on behalf of the Brazilian Committee of UFO Researchers (CBU), whose campaign UFOs: Freedom of Information Now has resulted in practically everything what is going on in Brazil in the last years in the UFO arena.

First, the allegation that Brazilian Air Force takes no part in investigating UFO reports, made by Mori, is not new at all and was several times personally given to me by a few sources while speaking *on behalf* of the Brazilian Air Force. Of course, what would one expect? Also it was declared and by Lieutenant-Brigadier Atheneu Azambuja, former COMDABRA commander, in a recorded official statement in the *very first* official meeting between UFO researchers and military in Brazil, that also resulted from our campaign and was intermediated by me. So, very obviously, this is the Brazilian Air Force official position, very well known by everyone.

(It is important to notice that the former COMDABRA commander, Lieutenant-Brigadier Azambuja, also said that "UFO investigation should be carried out by the civilian researchers", and that "it is the *responsibility* of the Brazilian Air Force to support them").

However, after interviewing *personally* and *thoroughly* top ranking military, my colleagues and I know that the Brazilian Air Force official and publicly expressed position is not the reality, and it is just because of that - the fact that it says one thing and does another - that I keep my pressure, so do my associates. It has worked very well so far, as Mori himself recognizes and anyone can see.

For instance:

<http://www.ufoupdateslist.com/2007/oct/m28-027.shtml>
<http://www.ufoupdateslist.com/2009/aug/m08-001.shtml>
<http://www.ufoupdateslist.com/2009/sep/m26-005.shtml>
<http://www.ufoupdateslist.com/2009/sep/m26-004.shtml>
<http://www.ufoupdateslist.com/2008/mar/ml2-004.shtml>
<http://www.ufoupdateslist.com/2009/oct/m27-014.shtml>
<http://www.ufoupdateslist.com/2009/oct/m23-011.shtml>
<http://www.ufoupdateslist.com/2010/jul/ml3-001.shtml>

Or does any serious UFO researcher in Brazil or anywhere else really believe that a case of an airliner with 200 people onboard pursued by a UFO at close range, with simultaneous detections by in-flight and ground radars - things that happen almost regularly, according to our sources -, will be simply sent to the National Archives *without* any official investigation? Come on!

Well, if that is the case, then we'd have another big reason to put more pressure over the Brazilian Air Force, this time for neglecting its duties to the aerial traffic control and aviation

safety in Brazil (in Brazil, these services are governmentally handled).

As for the Operation Saucer films and photos, whose information as to the amounts and conditions of them - and possible actual location - was received by me and my colleagues at the Brazilian Committee of UFO Researchers (CBU), and confirmed by several sources we found and interviewed, we have serious info that another set of photos will be soon officially released, as well as few minutes of the total 16 hours of film.

I regret to say to the world UFO community, however, that we are now almost certain that almost all of those footages, that are *extremelly more* significant than pointed out by Mori, according to several top military sources I spoke to and who saw the films, along with a few civilians, have been permanently destroyed due to improper handling and storage. But to me it is not reason at all to give up the fight. The films are in bad shape. Fine, give them to us anyway they are!

As for Mori's affirmation that the officers involved in the Operation Saucer wrote in their conclusions that what they recorded unfortunately wasn't sufficient to support their belief that the UFOs were intelligently driven, there is an evident distortion of facts here

After taking hundreds of hours locating, chasing, convincing and interviewing military directly or indirectly involved with Operation Saucer and other military mission, they *all* have sustained a strong, firm position and declared that the UFOs they've seen or been in contact to - or their men had seen or been in contact to, under *their* orders - where unquestionably *no terrestrial vehicles* and demonstrated *clear intelligent control*. But, of course that what they registered, and clearly shows that, photos and films, isn't available for us to determine. Of course!

See, for instance, former Air Force minister Socrates Monteiro's declarations to the Brazilian UFO Magazine. He clearly said to me: "They (UFOs) are not from this planet and I ordered my men not to shoot them (they were shooting), as we don't know how a more advanced species could react to it".

Read about it and the document 'Occurrence Report' in PDF file and in English here:

<http://www.ufoupdateslist.com/2009/oct/m23-011.shtml>

http://www.revistaufobrasil.com/ufo/public/noite/Occurrence_Report_Original.pdf

http://www.revistaufobrasil.com/ufo/public/noite/Occurrence_Report_Translated.pdf

Contrary to what Mori thinks, the Brazilian Air Force has never been so close to openly and publicly recognize the materiality of the UFO Phenomena. The rational steps he refers read to us very differently than his interpretations. A clever investigator must always read between the lines - especially when dealing with military affairs.

The Brazilian Air Force has *gradually* and *growingly* coming forward and admitting the seriousness of the situation, most of it - as Mori finally recognizes - due to the persistence of the members of the Brazilian Committee of UFO Researchers (CBU), that collectively or individually, even under criticism, have never given up. Even some of our past UFO researchers that have declared that our campaign was useless and our requests to the Brazilian Air Force were unachievable now recognize how wrong they were.

Finally, it is precisely because the recent Brazilian Air Force regulation is a consequence of the campaign I initiated and leaded, as Mori 'awkwardly' recognized (awkward, Mori? Come on! Be honest!), that I have the responsibility to make very clear every step that is been given in this 'chess game', so our international colleagues will know how we, the members of the Brazilian Committee of UFO Researchers (CBU) - in close contact with official and unofficial military sources -, understand and read each measure taken by the military in this arena.

Mori should also recognize that nobody else better than us, firmly attached to our campaign and chasing every move the

military do, could better read and describe the results so far. By presenting them to the world UFO community we offer *much more* than the official statements, that can be read anywhere, in any paper. We offer our point of view and interpretation of what is going on, being on a position of who knows what really is going on.

One have to understand that the campaign UFOs: Freedom of Information Now had several developments and is being played under several circumstances simultaneously. At same time that we have our public movement going on, we also have legal measures being taken and specific actions being played with the assistance of several congressmen in Brazil concerned with our cause. And above all, we are always approaching some top military in Brazil on duty or retired to have their assessment and support.

As Mori finally pointed out correctly, yes, I feel myself able to best inform the public what is actually happening. This is what I have been doing in this list since 1995, and from that time and on I believe that I have been responsible for telling my international colleagues what Brazil has to offer in the UFO arena.

Uyrange Hollanda, head of the Operation Saucer and a very brave man (whose photos Mori tried to discredit in the most absurd way, to diminish the significance of the Operation itself), colonels Antonio Celente, Gabriel Brasil, Julio Serra, Leo T=E9rcio Sperb, brigadier Jose Carlos Pereira and former state minister Socrates Monteiro are just a few of the men who have been courageous enough to say things like "UFOs are real, are extraterrestrial, the government knows it and should come clean about them". Perhaps the Brazilian Air Force is listening their men now.

Ah, at last, a few of these men also told us clearly: "An skeptic position against the extraterrestrial nature of the UFOs has no place these days".

One last word: Brazilian Ministry of Defense has been given a serious deadline by the Brazilian Congress to release all files related to UFOs being kept secret and referring to the decades 90s and 2000s - including Varginha Case. That deadline is August 31st.

Best regards!

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Re: A Nick Pope Response

From: **Gildas Bourdais** <bourdais.gildas.nul>
Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2010 17:17:01 +0200
Archived: Thu, 12 Aug 2010 13:22:50 -0400
Subject: Re: A Nick Pope Response

>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <aj.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Wed, 11 Aug 2010 11:23:17 -0300
>Subject: A Nick Pope Response

>For your information, I just got this from Nick Pope:

>-----

>Hi AJ,

>I don't usually respond to this sort of thing, but I offer the
>following:

>Two British ufologists dishonestly tried to downplay the scope
>of my official UFO work. The Ministry of Defence released
>information that showed their allegations were false.

>Nobody in the UK believes them, but I am sorry if anyone
>overseas has been fooled.

>Because I investigated UFOs for the British government, the
>media described me as "the real Fox Mulder". This led to a few
>ufologists becoming obsessed with me and I did not want them
>having access to private information about my media work. The
>MoD agreed.

>Best wishes,

>Nick Pope

Hello, Nick, AJ and the List,

You have my full support, Nick, from my side of the Channel.

BTW, I have just discovered the article Weapons Of Mass
Deception by Mark Pilkington in Fortean Times of August 2010. I
don't know this author but my own perception is that the title
Mass Deception applies well to him! I had not seen such a bag
of distorted facts for a long time.

What's going on? Could it be a pre-emptive strike against the
book of Leslie Kean, which may have a serious impact in the big
media? And the new declaration of the Air Force in Brazil?

Best wishes,

Gildas Bourdais

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Re: The Faith That Underpins Science

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2010 13:38:47 -0300
Archived: Thu, 12 Aug 2010 13:26:10 -0400
Subject: Re: The Faith That Underpins Science

>From: Gerald O'Connell <goc.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Wed, 11 Aug 2010 22:05:48 +0100
>Subject: Re: The Faith That Underpins Science

>>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Wed, 11 Aug 2010 11:55:13 +0100
>>Subject: Re: The Faith That Underpins Science

>>Steve, Gerald, et al,

>>I think another aspect has been overlooked in this discussion.

>>The historical research on the topic of UFOs is tainted with
>>poorly researched cases contaminating the historical data pool
>>alongside well-researched cases, often treated as being of equal
>>validity.

>>If all cases were as well researched as are the efforts of
>>Martin Shough and his colleagues for instance with his
>>Lakenheath, Guernsey, and Arnold analyses, I think science would
>>take more interest in the topic.

>>As it is, the morass of historical data is so tainted that the
>>effort of trying to filter it to extract the genuinely
>>interesting events would be enormous. The cost/benefit equation
>>naturally leans towards the result of disinterest.

>>An alternative might be to start afresh, ignoring historical
>>cases and evaluating only new reports. The main obstacle with
>>that is the scale and related cost of setting up a
>>scientifically acceptable investigation network capable of
>>handling the volume of reports. Another obstacle is what
>>argument is there that could be used to justify such expenditure
>>- what is the benefit to justify the cost?

>>Don't blame the scientists, blame ufology for historical
>>negligence.

I think the last sentence is nonsense. It's like blaming doctors for not curing cancer. Which doctors? You are painting a miniature portrait with a paint roller. You are blaming a blanket group delving into many different facets of this phenomenon which has the very least of resources/equipment/manpower and in many cases the expertise to take on the case.

The real blame here lies with government and whatever arm of the government is responsible for the security of the country it governs. Since these, for the most part, are flying objects that should fall on the shoulders of the affected air force buttressed by a well equipped investigative unit with access to scientific method, scientists and engineers. How in the hell could we even begin to match that.

You mentioned Martin Shough et al and their investigations of at least three cases. These were definitive in their exploration and offered conclusions which in each case still did not solve anything other than to support that in each case the anomaly

still held. The Howard/BOAC case came the closest to a solve (the ducted mirage which is actually more common in cold northern latitudes than in desert areas) but even that is a theory.

The O'Hare case was not mentioned but Dr. Clarke raised the Condrign Report as a possible 'Black Ops' (or as close as it gets with MoD) operation. It certainly didn't come up to the level of investigations done by Martin . The investigator was not even allowed to interview witnesses. Even the report's title is suspect.

There is a real side to this phenomenon. People have been killed by it. For that reason alone it makes it worthy of an ongoing investigation, particularly as targeted by NARCAP for instance.

Science is interested to a limited degree and there is a need to get them more interested and that falls on those in this field that are grounded and committed to keeping 'the flag of interest' flying.

Without good cases as defined by earlier investigators, some scientists now involved would not have had a basis on which to test.

The best that 'ufology' can do is keep the phenomenon visible; hold feet to the fire. In-fighting won't help and lets face it, to a large degree the community knows which trench soldiers are slogging along and they network off lists to try and accomplish something with next to no resources.

Constantly being bombarded with negativism doesn't help. You make gains where you can. And gains are made.

Don Ledger

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Re: BBC Article On UFOs

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2010 14:14:41 -0300
Archived: Thu, 12 Aug 2010 13:27:49 -0400
Subject: Re: BBC Article On UFOs

>From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <post.nul>
>Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2010 13:12:03 +0100
>Subject: BBC Article On UFOs

>Listers,
>

>Having read this article on UFOs and the Rendelsham Forest
>incident I thought I should drop it on UpDates for your
>consumption:

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

>The UK media never cease to amaze me with their official
>skepticism on the subject of UFOs and how this article only
>refers to the work of Mr. Ridpath on this case.

>A quote from the article:

>"Mystery explained. It was an easy mistake for young Americans a
>long way from home to make."

I re-read Ian Ridpath's paper yesterday.

Ridpath's explanation; the Orfordness* Lighthouse, relies on his claim of where Halt et al were positioned. The light is practically invisible from any position further to the northwest because of the shield which blocks the back light from the lighthouse never mind the forest. Halt discounts the lighthouse.

The route taken through the woods relies on Halt and the base police weaving their way carefully between the fenced off northern edge of RAF Woodridge and open spaces and roads along the way to thread their way through to the field where the Ridpath's farm is -east of RAF Woodridge- and where the lighthouse can be seen, if you are in just the right spot.

Halt and his security police were ranging over a wide area watching the phenomenon.

Ridpath ignores other farms and fields which could have been the farm and farmhouse that was seen. And Orfordness Lighthouse is southeast of Bentwater's east gate, not due east. I don't know if Ridpath had access to Google Earth or not but anyone can look at the topography now and see the problems arising from his claim of a light house. The flashing light of a lighthouse of which Halt at least was familiar doesn't come close to matching up with what the witnesses described.

Ridpath's explanation suffers from a common malady. It could not have happened 'there' so it must have happened 'here' so I can say this case is solved.

It doesn't work in police work and it won't work in this case either.

As to what the media will seize upon? That is a subject heatedly argued about for years. If you don't expect them to engage in

due diligence then you won't be disappointed. Reporting on the UFO phenomenon is too hard for most of them because of the history they have to research. Any of those that do usually find themselves in a morass and quagmire they didn't expect. Not worth the effort for 900 words in an article or 20 minutes of airtime.

Don Ledger

* Local spelling of the name.

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From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2010 10:29:52 -0400
Archived: Fri, 13 Aug 2010 10:29:52 -0400
Subject: News Links - 12-08-10

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Raw Video: Unidentified Flying Object Spotted In Twin Cities
KSTP-TV
<http://tinyurl.com/2cslhzo>

They're Back: 'UFOs' Return To Cleveland Skies
Examiner.Com
<http://tinyurl.com/2au9eur>

UFO In Lynn's Wootton Road
Lynn News
<http://tinyurl.com/388rmlly>

Ticino Tops Switzerland In UFO Sightings
World Radio Switzerland
<http://tinyurl.com/263xylp>

Spike In Unreported UFO Sightings In Parksville Alarming
BCLocalNews
<http://tinyurl.com/2bc3soa>

Brazil To Record UFO Sightings
Calgary Herald
<http://tinyurl.com/25ee4tm>

Journalist's New Book, Planned Movie Examine UFO Questions
Joint Recon Study Group
<http://tinyurl.com/28ywsro>

Author On UFO Phenomenon To Visit The Rabbit Hole
Leominster Champion
<http://tinyurl.com/2wa2fk9>

Pilots And Generals Go Public About UFOs
Straight.com
<http://tinyurl.com/236pxf7>

Filer's Files # 33 - 2010
<http://tinyurl.com/2darbgb>

Harry S. Truman Admits UFOs Are Real - Videos
UFO Search Online
<http://tinyurl.com/3y3eofu>

How To Host A Ufo Sky Watch
Helium
<http://tinyurl.com/34654oc>

The UFO Bonkers Brigade Tries To Scare Us Again
WalesOnline
<http://tinyurl.com/2efazs3>

Expert: UFO In Hangzhou Might Be Special Aircraft
People's Daily Online
[With "simulated diagram"!]]

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

From UFO*BC's Gord Heath:

Pilots And Generals Go Public About UFOs
Vancouver's Georgia Straight Weekly
<http://tinyurl.com/236pxf7>

From 'The Norm':

An Astronomer'S Bleak Prediction
Billy Cox
<http://tinyurl.com/2vo6xj8>

Video Of Witnesses Of 1974 'Welsh Roswell'
<http://tinyurl.com/2wb7wu8>

UFO Spotted Twice Over Pickering, North Yorkshire
<http://tinyurl.com/24xdjc8>

Search For Intelligent Aliens Takes Center Stage This Weekend At SETIcon
<http://tinyurl.com/2drecwm>

What's Missing In The Internet Kill-Switch Debate
<http://tinyurl.com/2fgboz4>

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New Book On Berwyn Mountain UFO Crash

From: **Andy Roberts** <meugher.nul>
Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2010 18:19:41 +0100
Archived: Fri, 13 Aug 2010 10:33:56 -0400
Subject: New Book On Berwyn Mountain UFO Crash

Hi,

Listfolk may find the following book interesting. It is the results of my research into the Berwyn Mountain UFO case, full of hitherto unknown information, photos etc.

UFO Down: The Berwyn Mountain UFO Crash

I have slightly altered my viewpoint on the Berwyn case over the years and as a result of information gleaned by the Firefly TV researchers in 2008 now believe there is still a core witness' sighting that remains unresolved (although not unresolvable, perhaps, if the people involved come forward).

The book: UFO Down! is published by Fortean Words and is available from Amazon.

Please feel free to spread this information to whatever lists, individuals or people you want to.

<http://tinyurl.com/38adquw>

Regards

Andy

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Re: Brazilian AF Regulates UFO Reports - Pt III

From: **Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos** <ballesterolmos.nul>
Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2010 17:43:49 +0000 (GMT)
Archived: Fri, 13 Aug 2010 10:38:17 -0400
Subject: Re: Brazilian AF Regulates UFO Reports - Pt III

>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <ajgevaerd.nul>
>De: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Fecha: jueves, 12 de agosto, 2010 19:18
>Asunto: UFO UpDate: Brazilian AF Regulates UFO Reports - Pt III

>I regret to say to the world UFO community, however, that
>we are now almost certain that almost all of those footages, that
>are *extremelly more* significant than pointed out by Mori,
>according to several top military sources I spoke to and
>who saw the films, along with a few civilians, have been
>permanently destroyed due to improper handling and storage.

>But to me it is not reason at all to give up the fight. The
>films are in bad shape. Fine, give them to us anyway they are!

Dear friend Ademar, and List:

For years I have read about the outstanding Project Saucer photo and film evidence, and as manager of FOTOCAT Project I have been eagerly awaiting when it could be fully consulted for analysis. Now I am dismayed to find out that most of this evidence seems to have been destroyed by "improper storage".

Frankly, how material evidence of something extraordinary could have been mismanaged so dramatically? Didn't the official owners know the significance of this? Why it was not submitted to the higher posts in the Air Force for proper filing, custody and study? Why the emeritus generals which you have interviewed lately do not account for this lack of responsibility? There is a real information gap between the Operation Saucer activities as told today and the final handling of their records: can you let us know about this and why it could happen? Noone is accountable for this miserable failure?

Very best regards,

Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos

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Re: Brazilian AF Regulates UFO Reports - Pt III

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2010 18:03:00 +0000
Archived: Fri, 13 Aug 2010 10:40:37 -0400
Subject: Re: Brazilian AF Regulates UFO Reports - Pt III

>>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <ajgevaerd.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2010 10:55:22 -0300
>Subject: Brazilian AF Regulates UFO Reports - Pt III

<snip>

>However, after interviewing *personally* and *thoroughfully* top
>ranking military, my colleagues and I know that the Brazilian
>Air Force official and publicly expressed position is not the
>reality, and it is just because of that - the fact that it says
>one thing and does another - that I keep my pressure, so do my
>associates. It has worked very well so far, as Mori himself
>recognizes and anyone can see.

<snip>

>One last word: Brazilian Ministry of Defense has been given a
>serious deadline by the Brazilian Congress to release all files
>related to UFOs being kept secret and referring to the decades
>90s and 2000s - including Varginha Case. That deadline is August
>31st.

A.J.:

The Huntington Post posted an article today regarding the
position of the Brazilian Ministry of Defense on the handling of
ufo reports.

I could only wish you would respond to that article. It is
unbelievable how gullible the American Press is. As if foreign
military agencies are not capable of deception and "speaking
with forked tongue."

KK

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Re: Brazilian AF Regulates UFO Reports - Pt III

From: Kentaro Mori <kentaro.mori.nul>
Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2010 15:11:49 -0300
Archived: Fri, 13 Aug 2010 12:46:45 -0400
Subject: Re: Brazilian AF Regulates UFO Reports - Pt III

>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <ajgevaerd.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2010 10:55:22 -0300
>Subject: Brazilian AF Regulates UFO Reports - Pt III

<snip>

>First, the allegation that Brazilian Air Force takes no part in
>investigating UFO reports, ... So, very
>obviously, this is the Brazilian Air Force official position,
>very well known by everyone.

And it still is. "Nothing has changed", as I spoke just now with two
sources directly in contact with high ranking officers _still in
service_, and also collaborators in the disclosure.

<snip>

>Or does any serious UFO researcher in Brazil or anywhere else
>really believe that a case of an airliner with 200 people
>onboard pursued by a UFO at close range, with simultaneous
>detections by in-flight and ground radars - things that happen
>almost regularly, according to our sources -, will be simply
>sent to the National Archives *without* any official
>investigation? Come on!

Of course one may question the official position. For my part, I
think the recent regulation is clever in the fact it doesn't
specify after what period of time UFO reports should be
forwarded to the National Archives. They may take as long as
they took with all previous reports they had, limited only by
the limit of time for classified documents. "Nothing has
changed". Also, I'm sure the regulation does not have priority
over other National Security regulations, and that the Air Force
would not adopt policies which would make our air space more
vulnerable just to please public UFO interest.

But if you are questioning the official position, then you are
recognizing the new regulation didn't change much, if anything
at all. I'm not "diminishing" the current events, I'm only
calling attention to what seems like an inaccurate presentation
of them.

This new regulation does clarify what was not exactly clear, but
in effect, and again, as two inside sources told me, "nothing
has changed".

<snip>

>As for Mori's affirmation that the officers involved in the
>Operation Saucer wrote in their conclusions that what they
>recorded unfortunately wasn't sufficient to support their belief
>that the UFOs were intelligently driven, there is an evident
>distortion of facts here.

>After taking hundreds of hours locating, chasing, convincing and
>interviewing military directly or indirectly involved with
>Operation Saucer and other military mission, they *all* have
>sustained a strong, firm position and declared that the UFOs

>they've seen or been in contact to - or their men had seen or
>been in contact to, under *their* orders - where unquestionably
>*no terrestrial vehicles* and demonstrated *clear intelligent
>control*. But, of course that what they registered, and clearly
>shows that, photos and films, isn't available for us to
>determine. Of course!

And yet, their final conclusion clearly states that all the evidence they got was not sufficient to support that belief. It's not that we don't have this evidence for our evaluation, those who captured this evidence admitted that. I translate below from the reports of Operation Saucer:

"Our film and photographic records do not reflect our firm belief [that the objects and lights are "intelligently driven"], because due to severe lack of technical, material and personal resources, they were not sufficient. Some other times we lost the chance, photographing with inappropriate material; we believe that with better resources we may get to the reasonably satisfactory".

And yet, they never came to that, or at least, there's no report, nor even later claim in any interview, that they were ever able to get to that. There are actually comments from them that they never got to that. They always make it clear that those were their personal beliefs.

<snip>

>Contrary to what Mori thinks, the Brazilian Air Force has never
>been so close to openly and publicly recognize the materiality
>of the UFO Phenomena. The rational steps he refers read to us
>very differently than his interpretations. A clever investigator
>must always read between the lines - especially when dealing
>with military affairs.

You are reading between the lines told by reformed officers speaking only in their personal behalf, expressing their personal beliefs. Anyone who studies the story of Brazilian ufology will find that the Brazilian Air Force was actually much more open to this subject in its early years, when many officers still in service openly claimed flying saucers were aliens and a group of officers even endorsed the Barra da Tijuca case, which turned out to be a crude hoax.

The official Air Force position, in my view and that of sources directly in contact with the current administration, has probably never been so down to earth. By releasing all files and now making it crystal clear they will just record and forward reports to the National Archives, the Brazilian Air Force goes in line with policies taken by countries like the US and the UK, exempting themselves from being directly entangled in the field.

<snip>

>As Mori finally pointed out correctly, yes, I feel myself able
>to best inform the public what is actually happening. This is
>what I have been doing in this list since 1995, and from that
>time and on I believe that I have been responsible for telling
>my international colleagues what Brazil has to offer in the UFO
>arena.

You are certainly able, but people should judge by themselves if you are effectively best informing the public and the international community.

They should ask why is the release of files in the UK (and France, Spain, etc) are seen with disappointment by those who believed they would contain bombshells, while those of Brazil are being promoted with great fanfare, when essentially they are not very different. And in fact, the release of files from Brazil may be even more damning to those who believe in Cosmic Conspiracies.

Because they reveal just how precarious was the "official UFO investigation" claimed by local ufologists, where the files end up stored in the house of interested officers, where "smoking gun proof" films end up rotting themselves, where official investigation reports on major UFO cases have several basic factual errors, and so on and on.

Again, as I repeat: the official Air Force position is that these investigation efforts were due to personal interest by some officers, and the evidence supports that claim, which even I as a "skeptic" find almost unbelievable. That far from being part of Galactic Treaties with aliens, the US and the Secret World Government, a country as large as Brazil and the fifth major economy in the world would deal with this subject with such "lack of technical, material and personal resources".

Again, people should judge from the evidence if you are best informing the public of what is actually happening.

Kentaro

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Re: The Faith That Underpins Science

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2010 19:21:19 +0100
Archived: Fri, 13 Aug 2010 12:48:04 -0400
Subject: Re: The Faith That Underpins Science

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2010 13:38:47 -0300
>Subject: Re: The Faith That Underpins Science

>>>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>>>To: post.nul
>>>Date: Wed, 11 Aug 2010 11:55:13 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: The Faith That Underpins Science

>>>Don't blame the scientists, blame ufology for historical
>>>negligence.

>I think the last sentence is nonsense. It's like blaming doctors
>for not curing cancer. Which doctors? You are painting a
>miniature portrait with a paint roller. You are blaming a
>blanket group delving into many different facets of this
>phenomenon which has the very least of resources/equipment/
>manpower and in many cases the expertize to take on the case.

<snip>

I think you missed the point I was making, Don.

Ufologists allowed the data to become contaminated, and they still do. Databases created and maintained by what are perceived by ufologists as 'reliable research organisations' include many 'cases' which are little more than newspaper reports - often uninvestigated, yet used to build up a so-called picture of a 'real global phenomena'. This corrupted data is then used to support 'campaigns for disclosure' which get laughed at or to build elaborate theories for instance to try and predict when and/or where the next UFO wave will occur.

That's easy, any summer weekend in the UK will generate reports of UFOs, since it is a popular time to release Chinese lanterns. Just look at the recent shock and surprise which was expressed on this List at increased reports on the 4th of July in the USA.

Ufologists have allowed new-agers, psychic seekers, fake documents and all sorts to further contaminate the data. Frauds and pseudo experts are tolerated without any criticism, or that criticism is ignored by the devout. When criticism is levelled, it is 'negative' or 'boring' instead of being used to drive out the con artists who find so many gullible fools in the field who they can manipulate because they know they will get away with it.

That is why ufologists and not scientists are responsible for the lack of active interest from science.

Regards,

Joe

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Re: Abduction Experiences: Some Clues

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2010 18:25:00 +0000
Archived: Fri, 13 Aug 2010 12:49:55 -0400
Subject: Re: Abduction Experiences: Some Clues

>From: Eustaquio Andrea Patounas <socex.ufobras.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Wed, 11 Aug 2010 17:32:36 -0300
>Subject: Abduction Experiences: Some Clues

>Source: Informaworld

><http://tinyurl.com/3932cqd>

>

>3 August 2002

>Alien Abduction Experiences: Some Clues From Neuropsychology And
>Neuropsychiatry

>Katharine J. Holden; Christopher C. French

>Many thousands of people around the world firmly believe that
>they have been abducted by alien beings and taken on board
>spaceships where they have been subjected to painful medical
>examination.

>Method

>Given that such accounts are almost certainly untrue, four areas
>of neuroscience are considered with respect to possible clues
>that may lead towards a fuller understanding of the alien
>abduction experience.

<snip>

Eustaquio:

I would have love to read the complete article. However, you failed to mention that it costs \$30.00 to access the article.

I might try to access the Journal through my local library.

KK

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Brazilian AF Confirms UFO Reports

From: A. J. Gevaerd<ajgevaerd.nul>
Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2010 14:49:01 -0400
Archived: Fri, 13 Aug 2010 13:22:59 -0400
Subject: Brazilian AF Confirms UFO Reports

Brazilian Air Force Confirms UFO Reports And Regulates How To Handle Them

Dear Colleagues,

The Brazilian Air Force commander, Lieutenant-Brigadier Juniti Saito (equivalent to 4-Star General), has just given a major step to openly recognize the UFO Phenomena as serious and worthy of immediate actions in Brazil. Saito, a very respected man by the current Federal Administration, issued a public statement regulating how UFO reports should be handled in Brazil, by whom and what destination should they have.

Brazil must be the first country in the world to have such measure published in its official journal, called Diario Oficial da Uniao, which is openly public and records every and all acts taken by our Administration, its agencies and entities. The document was published Tuesday, August 10 and can be read below translated into English.

This is a great example of how a public campaign such as UFOs: Freedom of Information Now, conducted by the Brazilian Committee of UFO Researchers (CBU) through the Brazilian UFO Magazine, can make things happen. The actual measure by Lieutenant-Brigadier Saito is a direct result of the campaign, following several others, such as the release of thousands of pages of UFO secret documents and hundreds of photos, including material of the Operation Saucer.

See more information here:

1,300 New pages of formerly secret UFO documents surface in Brazil

<http://www.ufoupdateslist.com/2009/aug/m08-001.shtml>

<http://www.ufoupdateslist.com/2009/sep/m26-005.shtml>

<http://www.ufoupdateslist.com/2009/sep/m26-004.shtml>

There is a real commotion in the Brazilian UFO Community at this moment, as it has achieved much more than it could expect in its most optimistic dreams. Even the over 300 members of the Brazilian UFO Magazine are completely surprised by what happened. According to the official release, military should register and forward UFO occurrences to the National Archives, the final destination of UFO.

Thousand Of Cases To Be Released

It is yet to be determined if the reports of UFO occurrences made all over the last three or four decades of Brazilian official involvement with the phenomena are included, or just the most recent ones. Also, if the reported cases that have been officially investigated by the Brazilian Air Force and its

agencies are also included, as well as the results of such investigations. It is widely known that the country had several departments at the Brazilian Air Force designed to document and research UFO activity, as reported by the Brazilian UFO Magazine.

Also, in a recent exclusive interview to the publication, Lieutenant-Brigadier Jose Carlos Pereira, former commander of the Brazilian Airspace Defense Command, has declared that there are tons of official documents produced by the Brazilian Air Force over the last decades, and that he determined that all data was digitalized and inserted in a huge databank. Pereira was also responsible for elaborating a complete new form to be filled by civilian and military pilots when they see UFOs in the country. "There are hundreds of such forms".

By regulating the way that military should handle UFO reports, especially those coming from air traffic control and aviation personnel, as stated in the official journal, the Brazilian Air Force practically recognizes the materiality of the UFO Phenomena, as it was recently declared by a few other top military, such as Lieutenant-Brigadier S=F3crates Monteiro, former minister of Air Force, and Pereira itself, among many others, in exclusive interviews given to the Brazilian UFO Magazine and reported worldwide.

Some of the astounding declarations made by these men can be read here:

"All UFO Secrets Must Be Disclosed", Says Brazilian Top Military
<http://www.ufoupdateslist.com/2008/mar/m12-004.shtml>

Brazil's Former Air Force Minister Makes Statements About UFOs
<http://www.ufoupdateslist.com/2009/oct/m27-014.shtml>

More sources of Brazilian military information achieved by the Brazilian UFO Magazine:

Another Brazilian Military Officer Reveals UFO Investigation, Observation And Physical Evidence
<http://www.ufoupdateslist.com/2010/jul/m13-001.shtml>

Retired Lieutenant-Colonel Discloses New Revelations On Operation Saucer In The Amazon, 1977
<http://www.ufoupdateslist.com/2007/oct/m28-027.shtml>

A Solid And Intelligent Phenomenon

The materiality of the UFO Phenomena by Brazilian military has also been clearly recognized in an official document just recently released to the UFO community through the efforts of the Brazilian UFO Magazine named 'Occurrence Report' and related to what is called 'Official UFO Night in Brazil', when 21 spherical objects, estimated 100 meters in diameter =96 according to military sources =96 literally jammed air traffic over the major Brazilian airports, when several Mirage and F5 jets scrambled to pursue them for hours.

In its Final Considerations section, the 'Occurrence Report' reads: "As a conclusion of the observed facts in almost all presentations, it is the opinion of this Command that the phenomenon is solid and reflects intelligence by its capacity to follow and sustain distance from the observers, as well as to fly in formation, and are not necessarily manned craft". Again, "the phenomenon is solid and reflects intelligence";

See the report here:

Brazilian military document confirms UFOs "Solid and Under Intelligent Control"

<http://www.ufoupdateslist.com/2009/oct/m23-011.shtml>

The document 'Occurrence Report' in PDF file and in English:

http://www.revistaufobrasil.com/ufo/public/noite/Occurrence_Report_Original.=pdf

http://www.revistaufobrasil.com/ufo/public/noite/Occurrence_Report_Translate=d.pdf

Setting A Precedent On The Continent

This is a major breakthrough to all UFO researchers and especially to the Brazilian UFO Community, as it may open a precedent in the Continent and other areas of the planet to other countries do the same. We at the Brazilian Committee of UFO Researchers (CBU) are all very glad to say that the official recognition of the seriousness of the UFO Phenomena and the need of proper handling the reports is a result of the campaign UFOs: Freedom Of Information Now, started in 2004 and widely announced both domestically and internationally.

There aren't many countries in the world today =96 if any =96 that had its military taken such a bold and unprecedented decision on a public basis, in a public record. It is always good to remember that Brazil was also the first country in the world to officially admit the UFO Phenomena, back in the 50s, when colonel Joao Adil de Oliveira made a clear statement at the Superior School of War, in Rio de Janeiro, assuming that the investigation of the nature and manifestation of UFOs should be of immediate concern of the Brazilian military.

Towards all these years, many Brazilian UFO researchers have done their best to make the UFO Phenomena worthy of public credibility and acknowledged by the authorities, and I am very pleased to say that it has just happened in a very solid way. This generation of UFO researchers, all belonging to the Brazilian Committee of UFO Researchers (CBU) and to the Brazilian UFO Magazine, inspired and following the example of our pioneers, are making things happen.

Let's celebrate.

This is the news spread all over the country by news agencies:

Brazilian Air Force Regulates What To Do With Reports Of Ufos In Brazil

According to the official release, military should just register and forward UFO occurrences. The final destination of UFO reports is the National Archives. An official act published this Tuesday (10) in the Official Journal regulates how the Air Force should handle reports of "unidentified flying objects (UFOs)" in Brazilian airspace. According to the document, the Air Force Command (COMAER) should concentrate its activities in this field to record the occurrences and forward them records to the National Archives.

The official act, named Portaria 551/GC3, of August 09, 2010, also indicates the Brazilian Aerospace Defense Command (COMDABRA) as responsible for receiving and cataloging the occurrences of UFOs. The records reported by personnel from the air traffic control system should be forwarded to the Aeronautics History Documentation Center (CENDOC), as determined by ordinance. The CENDOC, in turn, is indicated as responsible for filing copies of records sent and send the originals to the National Archives."

And this is the document Portaria 551/GC3, published in the Diario Oficial da Uniao, Brazilian official journal:

Regulation The Registration And Handling Of Material Related To 'Unidentified Flying Objects' Within The Sphere Of The Air Force Command

The Air Force commander, in accordance with the provisions of section XIV of art. 23 Regimental Structure of the Aeronautics Command, approved by Regulation No. 6834 of April 30, 2009, and considering the procedure set out in paragraph 67000.001974/2010-61, decides:

1. The activities of the Air Force Command (COMAER) related to the subject of "unidentified flying objects (UFO) are restricted to registering occurrences and sending them to the National

Archives.

2. The Brazilian Aerospace Defense Command (COMDABRA), as the central organ of the Brazilian Aerospace Defense System (SISDABRA), is the organization of the COMAER responsible for receiving and cataloging reports related to UFOs, in proper forms, originating from personnel from the air traffic control services, and route them regularly to CENDOC.

3. The Aeronautics History Documentation Center (CENDOC) is the organization of the COMAER responsible for the copying, binding, filing copies of the records forwarded by COMDABRA and send the originals, periodically, to the National Archive.

(signed)

Lieutenant-Brigadier Juniti Saito

A. J. Gevaerd
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From: John Velez <jvelez49.nul>
Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2010 16:30:48 -0400
Archived: Fri, 13 Aug 2010 13:24:11 -0400
Subject: Re: Abduction Experiences: Some Clues

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Wed, 11 Aug 2010 17:32:36 -0300
>Subject: Abduction Experiences: Some Clues

Correction: Abduction Experiences: Not A Clue!

At least that's a more honest title.

RGDS,

John Velez

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New Book 'Haunted Skies'

From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2010 08:05:53 +0100
Archived: Fri, 13 Aug 2010 13:27:53 -0400
Subject: New Book 'Haunted Skies'

I have received the below from John Hanson and pass it on to the List for information.

I wonder if I may bring your attention to the first in an expected six books entitled Haunted Skies the authors being John Hanson and Dawn Holloway who are based in the Worcestershire area.

The unique book (foreword by Tim Good) is jam-packed with sightings and information relating to all manner of strange things seen in British skies between the period 1940-1959, and is available at Amazon UK at the link below.

<http://www.amazon.co.uk/product-reviews/1905723466>

We can be contacted by email johnhdawn1.nul or by telephone mobile 07576880281

Regards

John and Dawn

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Alien Autopsy Casebook Ready For Pre-Order

From: Philip Mantle <philip.nul>
Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2010 10:38:15 +0100
Archived: Fri, 13 Aug 2010 13:57:37 -0400
Subject: Alien Autopsy Casebook Ready For Pre-Order

Alien Autopsy Casebook

The Full Facts Finally Revealed - by Philip Mantle

Foreword by Robert Kiviat, FOX TV, Executive Producer of Alien
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Afterword by Mark Center, leading American Alien Autopsy
researcher.

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There have been many UFO photographs and film/video submitted to
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Santilli launched this film on the TV viewing public in August
1995. Was it real or fake? Santilli claimed it showed the
autopsy of a dead alien recovered from a crashed flying saucer
found near Roswell, New Mexico in 1947. No one knew the facts.

The first recognised UFO researcher that Ray Santilli contacted
some eighteen months before the films TV broadcast was Philip
Mantle, the then Director of Investigations for the British UFO
Research Association. In one of their early meetings over lunch
Mantle looked Santilli in the eye and told him in no uncertain
words that he would get to the bottom of this film and its
origin. Santilli calmly smiled and stated that this was not a
problem as the film was authentic.

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Re: BBC Article On UFOs

From: Dave Haith <visionsl.nul>
Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2010 16:16:10 +0100
Archived: Fri, 13 Aug 2010 14:01:28 -0400
Subject: Re: BBC Article On UFOs

>From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <post.nul>
>Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2010 13:12:03 +0100
>Subject: BBC Article On UFOs

>Having read this article on UFOs and the Rendelsham Forest
>incident I thought I should drop it on UpDates for your
>consumption:

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

>The UK media never cease to amaze me with their official
>skepticism on the subject of UFOs and how this article only
>refers to the work of Mr. Ridpath on this case.

>A quote from the article:

>"Mystery explained. It was an easy mistake for young Americans a
>long way from home to make."

Roy,

This is a pathetic piece of journalism in which BBC anchor man
Evan Davis and the astronomer Ian Ridpath make complete arrogant
fools of themselves.

Davis is one of the leading lights on the BBC and it's totally
appalling that he and Ridpath dismiss the whole Rendlesham thing
as a lighthouse without a moment's acknowledgement or
consideration of the whole library of investigation of this
subject.

Mirage Men author Mark Pilkington, who knows the complexity of
this incident, simply pleases the empty-headed Davis by claiming
all UFOs are intelligence services propaganda.

I have been discussing this with Rendlesham participant James
Penniston on his Facebook page.

Remember he's the guy who claims to have actually touched the
landed craft.

See an interview with him about this here:

<http://www.hyper.net/ufo/vs/m18-020.html>

Commenting on the BBC program with David and Redpath on Facebook,
Jim says:

David, I will post what I posted on the Justice for Bentwaters
Site in response to this crazy thing.

Thanks for the info on the "fringe" Rendlesham debunkers. I am
not sure what the motivation is. Can't they get on TV or do a
radio show on anything other than Rendlesham. Well I believe
that they concentrate on Rendlesham, because after ...30 years

of scrutiny and debunking they still cant disprove it. You would think a debunker worth his salt, could put this to rest and disprove the evidence which has been released. Maybe they need more time, how about another thirty years!

Even the United State Air Force has not discredited or debunked this case, and people should ask why they haven't, they (the USAF) has readily gone after the rest, including Roswell, but, not Rendlesham. Why would that be?? Myself and the other witnesses have repeatedly offered to debate debunkers on television.

They all have responded with deaf ears and silence. After all it would be safe for them to do that, would it not? The burden of proof is on us, not them. With that said, I would have no problem going one on one with them. Or maybe it is just a waste of time to do even that.

I suggest, they can't handle the overwhelming evidence in that type of forum. Instead they have taken a sliver of information and have tailored it to meet their needs. If they only knew what those Top Secret United States documents said. Then that would be the end of that!

The answers to Rendlesham don't lay in the UK, they clearly lay in the United States. This is re-enforced since all the MOD documents have been released, none of them amounting much more than UK Secret, I might add. The US, treated the MOD with courtesy information only. After all they were the lease holders for the base. This according to the USAF was clearly an American issue, not British, the British did not think of it as a defense issue anyway, how wrong could you get. Some British military knew differently, such as Lord Hill-Norton. For every bit of information that was shared with the MOD, on a good day, this only amounted to 10 percent of the information about the incident (an estimate).

Rendlesham has always been an issue with the MOD, they did want to be in charge, and to their embarrassment to the rest of the world, they were not. Of course I am only basing this on the Top Secret information I was privy to in my classified meetings following the incident. Those meetings were only for US ears only.

I find it rather humorous that a grown man would spend so many of his nights in a forest. Do you suppose he secretly thinks they might come back? And if he does, why would he think that when he has made it clear, that it was all a mistake by young Americans, far, far, from home.

Additionally, I am also perplexed and am not sure why he thinks Rendlesham is about alien UFO's? Why would we call them a craft-of-unknown-origin?, that simply means we were unable to identify the craft based on our expertise with known aircraft at the time. So please debunkers, (I wonder what education and experience it takes to be a debunker) don't interject any false information, such as claiming these are alien UFO's, and in the same breath claim it was Orford Light house three miles away in the opposite direction. None of the witnesses who were in the know, have ever claimed that alien UFO's were landed in the forest adjacent the east gate.

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From: Diana Cammack <cammack.nul>
Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2010 11:16:57 -0400
Archived: Fri, 13 Aug 2010 14:03:22 -0400
Subject: Re: News Links - 12-08-10

From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <ufo-updates-list.nul>
Sent: Friday, August 13, 2010 10:29 AM
Subject: News Links - 12-08-10

>News Links - 12-08-10

<snip>

>Journalist's New Book, Planned Movie Examine UFO Questions
>Joint Recon Study Group
><http://tinyurl.com/28ywsro>

In case you didn't scan this piece, look again...

"The Majic Men film project is based on the lives of Stanton Friedman and Donald R. Schmitt and their years of research into the so-called Roswell incident and circumstances involved in UFOs..."

Diana

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>they can manipulate because they know they will get away with
>it.

>That is why ufologists and not scientists are responsible for
>the lack of active interest from science.

This is hogwash, otherwise known as a debunking talking point.
As one who has read a whole lot more of UFO literature than Joe
has, I am here to attest that ufology, for all its faults, has a
long, rich history of internal criticism and debate. I have
written a lot of it myself, and so has every colleague I
respect. The idea, by the way, that ufologists "allow" crazies
is predicated on the peculiar notion that ufologists run a
police state. In the real world they operate in, all they can do
is produce stinging criticism of the foolish, misguided, and
crooked, and they've been doing that for a very long time.

But then, of course, we all know what the game is. As social
deviants, ufologists get it coming or going. Here, they get it
for never disagreeing. In other places, they get it for
disagreeing all the time. Their critics don't even bother to get
their stereotypes straight. How convenient, and how
unfalsifiable, that makes the proposition that ufologists are
fools.

I'm reminded of an experience I had some years ago, while
wasting a lot of time debating debunkers through the U.S. mail.
A friend had written prominent UFOphobe Robert Sheaffer to
request examples of internal criticism within the UFO-debunking
literature. Sheaffer responded by characterizing the question as
"strange." (Not a scare quote, by the way.) He could not provide
a single example and found the whole concept difficult to grasp.
He did manage to complain that it sounded like something Jerry
Clark would say.

Subsequently, Philip J. Klass, with whom I was conducting a (to me) comical correspondence, accused ufologists of the same sins repeated in the talking point above. When I disputed that claim, Klass challenged me to produce a list of internally critical articles within the UFO literature. I responded by return mail with a number of citations, confining myself to those from recent months. I then challenged him to respond with a bibliography of internal criticism from his side. He quickly changed the subject, as Klass was wont to do when unable to conjure up even a feeble answer.

Joe transmits the debunker folk belief that scientists reject UFOs because ufologists are stupid, careless, credulous, or whatever (pick your unflattering adjective). In the real world, scientists are almost entirely unread in the UFO literature, thus do not base their views on what is in it, and cannot name a single ufologist, much less explain what his or her particular approach is and how he or she goes about the job. (The last time scientists in general could name a ufologist, it was Allen Hynek, and that was only because he was a prominent colleague.) I am flattered, though, by Joe's apparent conviction that we ufologists are so important that scientists scrutinize our views and analyze them meticulously. (Apparently, alas, they never get around to publishing the results.)

In fact, the small minority of scientists who do bother to read UFO literature, as I know from long experience with them, are perfectly able to separate sense from nonsense. That's because, contrary to what Joe would have you believe, they aren't stupid; to the contrary, they possess a keen critical intelligence. That's why scientists who actually know something about the subject often have an open-minded to favorable view of it. Those who know nothing subscribe in effect to the view that ignorance is strength. Joe would have us learn, apparently, from their wonderful example.

Reading Joe's occasional contributions to this List, I get the impression that he thinks he's addressing rubes who know no better than to swallow stale anti-UFO talking points. If that's his belief - certainly the evidence so suggests - maybe he should take his vaudeville show elsewhere.

Jerry Clark

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Re: The Faith That Underpins Science

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2010 14:51:48 -0300
Archived: Fri, 13 Aug 2010 14:15:16 -0400
Subject: Re: The Faith That Underpins Science

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2010 19:21:19 +0100
>Subject: Re: The Faith That Underpins Science

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2010 13:38:47 -0300
>>Subject: Re: The Faith That Underpins Science

>>>>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>>>>To: post.nul
>>>>Date: Wed, 11 Aug 2010 11:55:13 +0100
>>>>Subject: Re: The Faith That Underpins Science

>>>>Don't blame the scientists, blame ufology for historical
>>>>negligence.

>>I think the last sentence is nonsense. It's like blaming doctors
>>for not curing cancer. Which doctors? You are painting a
>>miniature portrait with a paint roller. You are blaming a
>>blanket group delving into many different facets of this
>>phenomenon which has the very least of resources/equipment/
>>manpower and in many cases the expertize to take on the case.

><snip>

>I think you missed the point I was making, Don.

>Ufologists allowed the data to become contaminated, and they
>still do. Databases created and maintained by what are perceived
>by ufologists as 'reliable research organisations' include many
>'cases' which are little more than newspaper reports - often
>uninvestigated, yet used to build up a so-called picture of a
>'real global phenomena'. This corrupted data is then used to
>support 'campaigns for disclosure' which get laughed at or to
>build elaborate theories for instance to try and predict when
>and/or where the next UFO wave will occur.

>That's easy, any summer weekend in the UK will generate reports
>of UFOs, since it is a popular time to release Chinese lanterns.
>Just look at the recent shock and surprise which was expressed
>on this List at increased reports on the 4th of July in the USA.

>Ufologists have allowed new-agers, psychic seekers, fake
>documents and all sorts to further contaminate the data. Frauds
>and pseudo experts are tolerated without any criticism, or that
>criticism is ignored by the devout. When criticism is levelled,
>it is 'negative' or 'boring' instead of being used to drive out
>the con artists who find so many gullible fools in the field who
>they can manipulate because they know they will get away with
>it.

>That is why ufologists and not scientists are responsible for
>the lack of active interest from science.

I'm just going away for a few days. Your message to the List to
me bounced apparently.

Re: The Faith That Underpins Science

I didn't miss the point, Joe.

But you did miss mine.

More when I get back.

Don Ledger

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Re: Brazilian AF Confirms UFO Reports

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2010 13:52:10 EDT
Archived: Fri, 13 Aug 2010 14:17:04 -0400
Subject: Re: Brazilian AF Confirms UFO Reports

>From: A. J. Gevaerd<ajgevaerd.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2010 14:49:01 -0400
>Subject: Brazilian AF Confirms UFO Reports

>Brazilian Air Force Confirms UFO Reports And Regulates How To
>Handle Them

>The Brazilian Air Force commander, Lieutenant-Brigadier Juniti
>Saito (equivalent to 4-Star General), has just given a major
>step to openly recognize the UFO Phenomena as serious and worthy
>of immediate actions in Brazil. Saito, a very respected man by
>the current Federal Administration, issued a public statement
>regulating how UFO reports should be handled in Brazil, by whom
>and what destination should they have.

<snip>

>A. J. Gevaerd
>Editor, Brazilian UFO Magazine

It is a turning point in history to say the least, A.J. and the
Brazilian Govt. should be applauded for their open policy.

Perhaps other countries will follow suit especially if it turns
into a politically popular movement and commercial success.
There's nothing like money to get the attention of a politician.

I must be related to half the people in Brazil and I remember
back in the '80s when Sao Paolo had tons of UFO sightings and
events. Folks there would be talking about it every day.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com

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Re: The Faith That Underpins Science

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2010 13:12:39 -0500
Archived: Sat, 14 Aug 2010 08:46:20 -0400
Subject: Re: The Faith That Underpins Science

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: [post.nul](#)
>Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2010 19:21:19 +0100
>Subject: Re: The Faith That Underpins Science

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
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>>>>To: [post.nul](#)
>>>>Date: Wed, 11 Aug 2010 11:55:13 +0100
>>>>Subject: Re: The Faith That Underpins Science

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>Ufologists have allowed new-agers, psychic seekers, fake documents and all sorts to further contaminate the data.

Such unilateral pronouncements are rarely constructive, seldom progressive, and invariably conflagratory. This is all before one presupposes the arrogance that they can always identify "new-agers", "psychic seekers", "fake documents" and all the other flotsam and jetsam sucked in by the official information void, not to further contaminate the data... official chicanery busily insures there is seldom any "data" there, but to provide for explanations of any type in the absence of official responsibility to provide same.

>Frauds
>and pseudo experts are tolerated without any criticism, or that
>criticism is ignored by the devout.

Here one presupposes that charlatans are tolerated without criticism, and that when criticism is offered it is, itself, presumed to be the default arbiter of what is true and correct, when many times its preemptive and dismissing assessment is in regard of what it has not looked at, at all.

>When criticism is leveled,
>it is 'negative' or 'boring' instead of being used to drive out
>the con artists who find so many gullible fools in the field who
>they can manipulate because they know they will get away with
>it.

Here one assumes that when some default superior criticism is tendered, it shall not be negative or boring [pedantic, presumptive, irrelevant, outdated, convenient, over-selective, self-serving, non-encompassing, or non-holistic], but instead a signal of the default master's one true guiding light. This may be too much of a debit on an overdrawn account at the rank individual's idiosyncratic bank, eh? "Scientists," verily, along with the agencies and institutions providing for their predilection and perquisites, have betrayed the trust too often for them to presume a support without any qualification.

>That is why ufologists and not scientists are responsible for
>the lack of active interest from science.

Mere canted presumption and self-interested proclamation shall not make the preceding point, Sir. It is; however, descriptive of a 'Science' coming in on the wrong end of this fight, tanking its case, and sullyng its credibility with its entirely inappropriate intransigence as regards UFOs. Hynek knew after a while he was on the wrong end of the fight, and he didn't want to go down in history that way. More might take that lesson.

Finally, piqued dismissal of UFOs for the lay person remotely interested seems only, unintelligent, unprogressive, and unbrave. We've had to learn to look for ourselves. Betrayed, apologies for that are inappropriate and not forthcoming.

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Re: BBC Article On UFOs

From: John Rimmer <johnrimmer.nul>
Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2010 19:06:24 +0000 (GMT)
Archived: Sat, 14 Aug 2010 08:47:26 -0400
Subject: Re: BBC Article On UFOs

>From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <post.nul>
>Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2010 16:16:10 +0100
>Subject: Re BBC Article On UFOs

>Commenting on the BBC program with David and Redpath on Facebook,
>Jim says:

>David, I will post what I posted on the Justice for Bentwaters
>Site in response to this crazy thing.

>Thanks for the info on the "fringe" Rendlesham debunkers. I am
>not sure what the motivation is. Can't they get on TV or do a
>radio show on anything other than Rendlesham. Well I believe
>that they concentrate on Rendlesham, because after ...30 years
>of scrutiny and debunking they still cant disprove it. You would
>think a debunker worth his salt, could put this to rest and
>disprove the evidence which has been released.

Could anybody explain to me what would be accepted as
'disproving' Rendlesham?

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John Rimmer

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Re: Alien Autopsy Casebook Ready For Pre-Order

From: John Rimmer <johnrimmer.nul>
Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2010 19:09:27 +0000 (GMT)
Archived: Sat, 14 Aug 2010 08:48:44 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy Casebook Ready For Pre-Order

>From: Philip Mantle <philip.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2010 10:38:15 +0100
>Subject: Alien Autopsy Casebook Ready For Pre-Order

>Alien Autopsy Casebook

>The Full Facts Finally Revealed - by Philip Mantle
>Foreword by Robert Kiviat, FOX TV, Executive Producer of Alien
>Autopsy Fact or Fiction?

>Afterword by Mark Center, leading American Alien Autopsy
>researcher.

>=A314.99

Gotta hand it to ya, Phil, you've spun this one out longer than I would have thought humanly possible.

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John Rimmer

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Re: Abduction Experiences: Some Clues

From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2010 12:31:14 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Sat, 14 Aug 2010 08:51:57 -0400
Subject: Re: Abduction Experiences: Some Clues

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: post to ufoupdates <post.nul>
>Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2010 18:25:00 +0000
>Subject: Re: Abduction Experiences: Some Clues

>>From: Eustaquio Andrea Patounas <socex.ufobras.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 11 Aug 2010 17:32:36 -0300
>>Subject: Abduction Experiences: Some Clues

>>Source: Informaworld

>><http://tinyurl.com/3932cgd>

>>3 August 2002

>>Alien Abduction Experiences: Some Clues From Neuropsychology And
>>Neuropsychiatry

>>Katharine J. Holden; Christopher C. French

>>Many thousands of people around the world firmly believe that
>>they have been abducted by alien beings and taken on board
>>spaceships where they have been subjected to painful medical
>>examination.

>>Method

>>Given that such accounts are almost certainly untrue, four areas
>>of neuroscience are considered with respect to possible clues
>>that may lead towards a fuller understanding of the alien
>>abduction experience.

><snip>

>I would have love to read the complete article. However, you
>failed to mention that it costs \$30.00 to access the article.

>I might try to access the Journal through my local library.

Do note that the article was published 8 years ago and contains
the very strange line "Given that such accounts are almost
certainly untrue." That is as biased as the work of Susan Clancy
who assumed that such memories could not be true. That's not
science, but _bias_.

Stan Friedman

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90s UFO Files Released By Brazilian AF

From: **A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO** <aj.nul>
Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2010 16:53:11 -0300
Archived: Sat, 14 Aug 2010 09:00:25 -0400
Subject: 90s UFO Files Released By Brazilian AF

Dear Listers:

It has been a very busy and yet a very happy week.

I am very glad to say that Brazilian Air Force has just declassified almost 800 pages of previously secret UFO documents related to the 90s.

As I have informed before, the government is declassifying by decades. We had the 50s, 60s, 70s and 80s released so far, and now it is the turn for the 90s. The Brazilian Air Force had August 31 as final deadline to do so, by 'mandatory' determination made by the Directive Board of the National Congress. But it decided to precipitate the release of the documents today. Perhaps because of the commotion going on in Brazil due to last Tuesday's regulation.

It is always good to remember that it is highly expected that at least some info about the Varginha Case, dated January 20th, 1996, will be released, although I still don't know if it really will be. The case consisted of the crash of a cylinder-like UFO near Varginha and the capture of at least two creatures still alive (but barely) by the local Fire Department and the Army. Tragically, one man of the Military Police, named Marco Eli Chereze (23) died after the capture of the second alien, on that night, with the complete failure of his immune system.

The 800 pages of new UFO documents of the 90s was sent to the National Archives and copies were addressed to the Brazilian Committee of UFO Researchers (CBU), as has happened since the declassifications started as a direct result of our campaign UFOs: Freedom of Information Now. I shall have them next Monday and I will publish them on our website for everyone to check for themselves.

I am very proud to announce what is going on. These are very exciting times.

Cheers!

A. J.

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Re: The Faith That Underpins Science

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2010 20:58:04 +0100
Archived: Sat, 14 Aug 2010 09:02:37 -0400
Subject: Re: The Faith That Underpins Science

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <[post.nul](#)>
>Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2010 12:25:02 -0500
>Subject: Re: The Faith That Underpins Science

<snip>

Well that was a wonderful rant from Jerry, his pacemaker must have been overloading!

Rather than try and disentangle his mat of words, I'll make a few observations and address some of the more pertinent points.

First, we see again Jerry's sweet-smelling, sanitised version of ufology. He likes to divide it up so that he can then cast away those parts of ufology he doesn't like, claiming that they aren't in fact anything to do with ufology.

On one extreme you have the celebrated contactees; on the other extreme, you have the filthy debunkers.

In an ideal world, you would be able to draw some lines and establish parameters as to what constitutes ufology, but that hasn't happened in ufology in spite of attempts to do so.

I class myself as a ufologist, yet others associate me with the filthy debunkers - why is that? I want to know what underlies the truly unusual UFO reports, and I would expect that I have that in common with all List-members except of course those who have already made up their minds and have resolved the phenomena to their own satisfaction.

The irony is that critics are to a large extent regarded as 'outside' ufology, yet con artists are warmly embraced or at least allowed to present their cases in the interests of 'free speech'. When a guru or tenet of the faith is criticised, his disciples scream 'blasphemer!' and cast the demons out. Unfortunately, the truth doesn't sell, which is why ufology has become a form of entertainment for so many.

That is not to say that there hasn't been any good work produced by ufologists, just that what there is is diluted with 'entertaining' stories, books, reports, magazines etc.

So who is responsible for that? The scientists? Well any scientist that has shown a level of curiosity gets bombarded by cranky 'ufologists' - I have seen this in the files at Jodrell Bank, and even cases in the MoD files where the desk officer has referred the obvious crank to named scientists or scientific establishment.

As for "addressing rubes", funnily enough I get the same impression when you go off on a rant, I suppose the difference is that I can't help laughing when a post provokes such condescension!

Anyway, carry on blaming the scientists if that makes you feel better.

Cheers,

Joe

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Re: Berwyns Mountains Cover-Up Continues

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2010 03:12:55 +0100
Archived: Sat, 14 Aug 2010 09:07:19 -0400
Subject: Re: Berwyns Mountains Cover-Up Continues

Hello List,

Some of you know I live fairly close to the Berwyn Mountains, and have kept an eye on developments, both in the ever-varying "official stories" and the slowly emerging testimonies given by Welsh-speaking residents of the area - which English 'ufologists', the BBC, the NW Police _and_ the M.o.D have notably ignored.

I think the best summary of those is given by Scott Felton - in a Radio Europe interview here:

<http://tinyurl.com/yahs9pw>

and in a letter (email) here:

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

N.b - Scott is a straight-talking ex-gamekeeper, and, as you can hear in the interview, maintains a sense of humor despite the hassle he's met from the authorities who seem intent an a cover-up.

What people also tend to forget about that night is the unlikely set of 'co-incidences' demanded for the official story (given here:

<http://tinyurl.com/2v8zlus>

by the North Wales Daily Post):

a) _Two_ separate and differently traveling "meteors" decided to meet over N Wales, one moving N-S, the other moving E-W; tracked by amateur astronomers (members of meteor 'swarms' travel on parallel tracks so this event is _very_ unlikely);

b) a "landslide" _and_ an "earth-tremor" at the same time - although the BGS have kept the details secret - (Scott has had problems with his F.o.I request to BGS);

c) a police search of a northern Berwyns mountain, refusing help from civilian mountain-rescue teams but calling in military team(s) - Why?

d) a district nurse who'd driven with her daughters to help (thinking there'd been an aircrash) was approaching the Berwyns from the SouthWest, and they saw a lit-up object resting on the flank of the most southerly Berwyns mountain, about four miles south of where the police, and later their military team were searching.

All things considered it looks like a classic case of official obfuscation and cover-up.

Cheers

Ray D

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Re: Abduction Experiences: Some Clues

From: Vincent Boudreau <vincentboudreau.nul>
Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2010 23:43:02 -0400
Archived: Sat, 14 Aug 2010 09:08:47 -0400
Subject: Re: Abduction Experiences: Some Clues

>From: Eustaquio Andrea Patounas <socex.ufobras.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Wed, 11 Aug 2010 17:32:36 -0300
>Subject: Abduction Experiences: Some Clues

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>Alien Abduction Experiences: Some Clues From Neuropsychology And
>Neuropsychiatry

>Katharine J. Holden; Christopher C. French

>Many thousands of people around the world firmly believe that
>they have been abducted by alien beings and taken on board
>spaceships where they have been subjected to painful medical
>examination.

>Method

>Given that such accounts are almost certainly untrue, four areas
>of neuroscience are considered with respect to possible clues
>that may lead towards a fuller understanding of the alien
>abduction experience.

<snip>

Hello Eustaquio and List,

I followed your link and it all made your post clearer.

Your link is a scientific abstract. It states:

"Abstract

Introduction. Many thousands of people around the world firmly believe that they have been abducted by alien beings and taken on board spaceships where they have been subjected to painful medical examination. Method. Given that such accounts are almost certainly untrue, four areas of neuroscience are considered..."

This could hardly be considered scientific.

I don't mind that the authors doubt the reality of alien abductions. We are all entitled to our opinions.

A small problem though: if you want to be scientific about it, and publish anything that deserves more than a "F", you must first test your hypothesis: "that such accounts are almost certainly untrue."

Does bias mean anything anymore?

Let us reformulate this:

"Abstract

IF alien abductions are untrue, here are four areas of neuroscience that could be considered [...]"

Which casts the proper light on your study and begs the question:

"What if alien abductions ARE true?"

Science is easy.

Faith is painful.

Vincent Boudreau

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Re: The Faith That Underpins Science

From: Vincent Boudreau <vincentboudreau.nul>
Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2010 00:12:00 -0400
Archived: Sat, 14 Aug 2010 09:38:45 -0400
Subject: Re: The Faith That Underpins Science

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: [post.nul](#)
>Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2010 19:21:19 +0100
>Subject: Re: The Faith That Underpins Science

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: <[post.nul](#)>
>>Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2010 13:38:47 -0300
>>Subject: Re: The Faith That Underpins Science

<snip>

>That is why ufologists and not scientists are responsible for
>the lack of active interest from science.

<snip>

Hello Joe, Don and List,

Joe, this is a typical straw-man.

Not 12 individuals in the world are able to actually have a
competent conversation about the String theory of the Universe.

And if you forget the cultural parroting of the scientific
milieu, I bet you can't find 12 people in the world able to have
a knowledgeable exchange about quasars or black holes.

Science is about knowing; I hope you understand that.

There are more astrologers in this world than astronomers.

BTW, what is your sign, Joe?

Do you know of any one - scientists and God included - who
doesn't know his/her astrological sign?

Does that make the world flat?

A typical straw-man.

I think we all know better.

In science, facts stand by themselves.

Everything else is a game one plays.

Science does not play games.

Scientists maybe... even most certainly. After all we are
talking about a church system aren't we, when it comes to party
lines and genuflections.

It has nothing to do with facts, though.

Waving, blankets, denials and straw-men.

Belief.

Yuk.

Vincent Boudreau

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Britain's First X-File?

From: David Clarke <daveclarke292.nul>
Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2010 13:54:38 +0100
Archived: Sat, 14 Aug 2010 09:42:41 -0400
Subject: Britain's First X-File?

Greetings:

Details of a 1865 British Government investigation of unexplained aerial phenomena which I discovered in a file at The National Archives last year:

<http://drdavidclarke.blogspot.com/2010/08/britains-first-x-file.html>

A full account of the 'false lights', blamed for a series of shipwrecks during the 1860s, can be found in the new (September) issue of Fortean Times.

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Dr David Clarke

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Re: Brazilian AF Regulates UFO Reports - Pt III

From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <aj.nul>
Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2010 11:12:32 -0300
Archived: Sat, 14 Aug 2010 10:48:43 -0400
Subject: Re: Brazilian AF Regulates UFO Reports - Pt III

>From: Kentaro Mori <kentaro.mori.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2010 15:11:49 -0300
>Subject: Re: Brazilian AF Regulates UFO Reports - Pt III

>>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <ajgevaerd.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2010 10:55:22 -0300
>>Subject: Brazilian AF Regulates UFO Reports - Pt III

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>>As Mori finally pointed out correctly, yes, I feel myself able
>>to best inform the public what is actually happening. This is
>>what I have been doing in this list since 1995, and from that
>>time and on I believe that I have been responsible for telling
>>my international colleagues what Brazil has to offer in the UFO
>>arena.

>You are certainly able, but people should judge by themselves if
>you are effectively best informing the public and the
>international community.

>They should ask why is the release of files in the UK (and
>France, Spain, etc) are seen with disappointment by those who
>believed they would contain bombshells, while those of Brazil
>are being promoted with great fanfare, when essentially they are
>not very different. And in fact, the release of files from
>Brazil may be even more damning to those who believe in Cosmic
>Conspiracies.

>Because they reveal just how precarious was the "official UFO
>investigation" claimed by local ufologists, where the files end
>up stored in the house of interested officers, where "smoking
>gun proof" films end up rotting themselves, where official
>investigation reports on major UFO cases have several basic
>factual errors, and so on and on.

>Again, as I repeat: the official Air Force position is that
>these investigation efforts were due to personal interest by
>some officers, and the evidence supports that claim, which even
>I as a "skeptical" find almost unbelievable. That far from being
>part of Galactic Treaties with aliens, the US and the Secret
>World Government, a country as large as Brazil and the fifth
>major economy in the world would deal with this subject with
>such "lack of technical, material and personal resources".

>Again, people should judge from the evidence if you are best
>informing the public of what is actually happening.

Kentaro Mori, you speak as if you really know what is going on
and know even more than the people directly involved in the
disclosure process in Brazil. People who actually made it
happen, even under your and a few other people's criticism or
total indifference to that work. Okay, no problem.

But you are right about one thing, at least, and it is your own
message, which at this point I don't feel the need to reply: you

are absolutely right to say that people should judge for themselves if I am best informing the public of what is actually happening.

And while you talk, my colleagues and I will keep working. For your information, while you describe - in many elaborate messages - how I am deceiving people via this List, I am glad to inform you that 800 new pages of previously classified UFO documents for the 90s have just been released at the National Archives as a direct result of our work.

Enjoy!

A. J. Gevaerd

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More News On Brazilian AF Decision

From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <aj.nul>
Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2010 11:34:57 -0300
Archived: Sat, 14 Aug 2010 10:57:20 -0400
Subject: More News On Brazilian AF Decision

Dear Listers,

This has just been published in O Dia, a major newspaper in Brazil and translated by Brazilian UFO Magazine's consultant Thiago Ticchetti.

I comment below...

New Directive Surprised Air Traffic Controllers, Says
Declarations

In an official note addressed to the O Dia, a Rio de Janeiro newspaper, the Brazilian Air Force (FAB) claimed that it will not look for UFOs in the skies of Brazil. "It is important to emphasize that the Air Command doesn't have a specialized structure to conduct scientific investigations about these aerial phenomena, and is focused only in the registration of the occurrences and handling them to the National Archives", informed the note sent by the Social Communication Center of FAB, adding that the objective is "to offer to the society access to the documentation registered by the FAB".

Such documentation must not be neglected and not even despised. The Brazilian Airspace Control System involved 12.800 people with their eyes in the skies of Brazil. Added to that there are pilots of commercial and military flights, the tests, personnel commissioned in launches of probes and rockets, and even military personnel engaged in training of anti-aircraft fire. The new directive surprised this contingent for giving transparency to the process of registration of UFOs and the compromise to make them available to the public and society.

A previous document restricted to the FAB already had the guidance for military personnel on how to register cases of sightings of unidentified flying objects, but didn't mention anything about sending reports to the National Archives," said a military stationed at air traffic control service. "Internally, there are reports of sightings from ministers and even from a president who saw a UFO," adds a civilian air traffic controller who works in Rio de Janeiro. "This new directive comes with a delay of six decades. Since the 50s, U. S. government's Project Blue Book had the same purpose: to record cases of flying saucers," says a top official of the FAB. "But here, as there, the mere fact of gathering records will not represent a proof of extraterrestrial existence," he adds.

My comments

1. The inexistence of a proper structure in Brazilian Air Force (FAB) to investigate UFOs has already been subject of discussions here at this List. It is not new, but the idea that FAB does not investigate UFOs isn't right at all. Of course isn't real. Nobody can be that naive and we discussed that as well.

2. The existence of serious UFO reports from ministers and even the president (that "must not be neglected and not even despised) have been informed here as well, as some of these cases have been detailedly presented to the readers of the Brazilian UFO Magazines. For the record: I have another interview already scheduled with a former top authority of the Brazilian Federal Administration, whose identity cannot be disclosed yet, who promised me to confirm what I have already knowledge of: there is a special databank with UFO cases coming only from civilian and military authorities, governors, senators, congressmen, secretaries, ministers etc. I am eager to put my hands of that info.

3. The previous document that the military refers to, that has guidance on how to register cases of sightings of unidentified flying objects, is called "Proceedings to be Adepted by ATS/ATC Organs in Cases os Sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects", issued by The Operational Division of the Rio de Janeiro's Regional Flight Protection Service of the Ministry of Aeronautics, dated August 20 and started effective September 09, 1990. The document substitutes a previous one named "Specif Guidance 04/89" and instructs how pilots and air traffic controller personal should report and register UFOs in Brazil. It was adopted with the assistance of another document, "Regulation for Safeguard of Secret Matters", RMA 205-1, issued by the Ministry of Aeronautics in January of 1977.

I offer you the documents here (unfortunatelly in Portuguese):

Specific Guidance 04/89

<http://tinyurl.com/346oadu>

Proceedings To Be Adopted By ATS/ATC Organs In Cases Of Sightings Of Unidentified Flying Objects

<http://tinyurl.com/3yrqwlc>

Regulation For Safety Of Secret Matters

<http://tinyurl.com/3x5byv7>

Perhaps Kentaro Mori could give his first contribution to the Brazilian disclosure process by translating such documents into English, for all the international UFO community. Just an idea...

Have a great weekend.

A. J.

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From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
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>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2010 20:58:04 +0100
>Subject: Re: The Faith That Underpins Science

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2010 12:25:02 -0500
>>Subject: Re: The Faith That Underpins Science

<snip>

>Well that was a wonderful rant from Jerry, his pacemaker must
>have been overloading!

Hey, good one, Joe, and that exclamation point is a neat extra touch. That's the one original ad hominem insult in your entire posting. Based on the evidence so far demonstrated, I would not have thought you capable of such creativity.

But let me ask all others whose eyes happen to fall upon these words: Does anybody know exactly what Joe McGonagle has ever contributed to UFO study? I mean, something of actual and enduring substance? I can't think of anything either. It's always possible, naturally, that I missed something.

>First, we see again Jerry's sweet-smelling, sanitised version
>of ufology. He likes to divide it up so that he can then cast
>away those parts of ufology he doesn't like, claiming that they
>aren't in fact anything to do with ufology.

Since probably nobody has spent more time in formal study of ufologists, in their innumerable shortcomings and strengths (and, incidentally, I am now giving serious thought to writing an academic history of ufology), I am disinclined to be lectured on the subject by somebody who has made no demonstrable contribution to it.

>On one extreme you have the celebrated contactees; on the other
>extreme, you have the filthy debunkers.

Interesting that in this formulation contactees and debunkers comprise bookends on the extremes of the UFO controversy. Even I wouldn't go quite that far, though I concede it's an interesting line of thought.

Unfortunately, tempting as it is to equate Donald Menzel with George Adamski, contactees predate the UFO era by many decades, arguably centuries. For specifics (yes, a shameless plug for which I make no apology), I refer readers to my most recent book, *Hidden Realms, Lost Continents, and Beings from Other Worlds*, for specifics.

As for "filthy debunkers," I confess I was unaware till now of their neglectful bathing habits.

>In an ideal world, you would be able to draw some lines and
>establish parameters as to what constitutes ufology, but that
>hasn't happened in ufology in spite of attempts to do so.

>I class myself as a ufologist, yet others associate me with the
>filthy debunkers - why is that?

Perhaps if you bathed once in a while....

>The irony is that critics are to a large extent regarded as
>'outside' ufology, yet con artists are warmly embraced or at
>least allowed to present their cases in the interests of 'free
>speech'.

McG is addicted to these broad, sweeping statements which pave over all kinds of contradictions and complicating factors. (I am reminded, I might note here, of what a friend once said about pornography and consenting adults: any sentence on that subject needs to be appended with an asterisk. Likewise, given its own dizzying complexities, the practice of ufology. Anybody who thinks something simple is going on here should just walk on.) In reality, as McG would know if he took the trouble to educate himself, critics - of whom I am prominently one (even to the degree of having been accused on at least a couple of occasions of being a CIA asset) - are an integral part of ufology, always have been. So was and is everybody I respect.

This raises an interesting question: Does McG even bother to read UFO Updates, where debates and criticisms among essentially pro-anomaly UFO people are literally an almost daily feature? I guess we're supposed to believe him as opposed to our lying eyes. That demand in itself makes for a good debunker credential, by the way.

>When a guru or tenet of the faith is criticised, his
>disciples scream 'blasphemer!' and cast the demons out.
>Unfortunately, the truth doesn't sell, which is why ufology has
>become a form of entertainment for so many.

When a debunker, recently exposed to soap or otherwise, is losing an argument, one can always depend upon him, face flushed, spittle spewing, to return to the well once again to draw up the usual thoroughly soaked insults: "guru," "tenet of the faith," "disciples," "blasphemer," et al. Zzzz....

(For a case history in what happens when a debunker dissents, incidentally, there's always Dennis Rawlins's delightful perennial "Starbaby," which confirms every dark suspicion and incriminates such anomalyphobe heroes as Klass, Randi, Gardner, Kurtz, and more. You can look it up on line if you're seeking a good laugh at the expense of the deserving.)

McG can't even manage to contribute anything original here. Of course I have, as noted, given him due credit for imagining, no doubt owing to yet another manifestation of wishful thinking, that I am in shaky health. (See above.) Which gives me the opportunity, Joe, to state that I sincerely hope you're in splendid health and remain so for many years to come. I wish you no personal ill - in physical well-being or life generally - whatever.

More to the point: reading McG polemics, I recall what Orwell once said of vacuous argument: it gives "an appearance of solidity to sheer wind."

>That is not to say that there hasn't been any good work
>produced by ufologists, just that what there is is diluted with
>'entertaining' stories, books, reports, magazines etc.

If McG had conceded as much in the first place, I would have let his polemic pass, though I guess I would have challenged his extraordinary claim - which I note that, to his credit, he does not attempt to defend in the current posting - that scientists as a whole actually read ufologists and the UFO literature and base their conclusions on same. (In the current version, less surprisingly, we learn that they base their conclusions on letters from random cranks.) Listfolk will remember that earlier, perhaps opting for rhetorical economy, McG had preferred to condemn ufologists, some of them very conscientious and astute indeed, without qualification.

>So who is responsible for that? The scientists? Well any
>scientist that has shown a level of curiosity gets bombarded by
>cranky 'ufologists' - I have seen this in the files at Jodrell

>Bank, and even cases in the MoD files where the desk officer has
>referred the obvious crank to named scientists or scientific
>establishment.

This gives me reason to entertain some small hope that McG and I are more in accord than I would have thought. He puts scare quotes around "ufologists" who are "cranky." I would have done the same, actually. Perhaps the miscommunication implied in McG's testimony concerning what he says he saw in the Jodrell Bank files owes to the fact that I was writing about serious ufologists, something else entirely, no scare quotes required. McG is honest enough to acknowledge, if only implicitly, that these cranky letter-writers need not necessarily have been participants in the active UFO movement.

Perhaps too optimistically, I would like to think that McG also agrees that in a controversy, it is the best advocates and the best evidence, not the worst, that ought to be at the core of the discussion.

>As for "addressing rubes", funnily enough I get the same
>impression when you go off on a rant, I suppose the difference
>is that I can't help laughing when a post provokes such
>condescension!

Literate writers who eschew ranting don't use exclamation points in anything except quoted material. The exclamation point at the end of that last sentence doesn't make it more persuasive or sensible, I'm afraid.

>Anyway, carry on blaming the scientists if that makes you feel
>better.

Clearly, if blaming ufologists makes you feel better, please be my guest. If nothing else, it's entertaining viewing for the rest of us.

Meantime, the rest of us - at least those of us who possess genuine intellectual curiosity about the complex (as opposed to, in the McG version, the cartoonish) dynamics that define scientists' historically difficult relationship with anomalous claims (prominently including, though hardly confined to, UFOs) - will turn to the relevant professional literature for education and enlightenment.

Jerry Clark

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>From: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos <ballesterolmos.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2010 17:43:49 +0000 (GMT)
>Subject: Re: Brazilian AF Regulates UFO Reports - Pt III

>>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <ajgevaerd.nul>
>>De: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>>Fecha: jueves, 12 de agosto, 2010 19:18
>>Asunto: UFO UpDate: Brazilian AF Regulates UFO Reports - Pt III

>>I regret to say to the world UFO community, however, that
>>we are now almost certain that almost all of those footages, that
>>are *extremelly more* significant than pointed out by Mori,
>>according to several top military sources I spoke to and
>>who saw the films, along with a few civilians, have been
>>permanently destroyed due to improper handling and storage.

>>But to me it is not reason at all to give up the fight. The
>>films are in bad shape. Fine, give them to us anyway they are!

>Dear friend Ademar, and List:

>For years I have read about the outstanding Project Saucer photo
>and film evidence, and as manager of FOTOCAT Project I have been
>eagerly awaiting when it could be fully consulted for analysis.
>Now I am dismayed to find out that most of this evidence seems
>to have been destroyed by "improper storage".

>Frankly, how material evidence of something extraordinary could
>have been mismanaged so dramatically? Didn't the official owners
>know the significance of this? Why it was not submitted to the
>higher posts in the Air Force for proper filing, custody and
>study? Why the emeritus generals which you have interviewed
>lately do not account for this lack of responsibility? There is
>a real information gap between the Operation Saucer activities
>as told today and the final handling of their records: can you
>let us know about this and why it could happen? Noone is
>accountable for this miserable failure?

Hi V-J,

How are you my friend?

I am sorry to see your disappointment with the fact that the 16
hours of super-8 and super-16 mm films produced by Operation
Saucer may be permanently damaged.

I can understand your frustration, as I am also extremely
frustrated, as anybody else at the Brazilian Committee of UFO
Researchers (CBU). Actually, I am the person who found out about
this material, who have been given the information about the
films and how they were obtained directly from captain (later
coronel) Uyrange Hollanda, Operation Saucer commander.

Believe me I have done all I could to locate where the footage
may be, to have it finally released as part of the campaign UFOs:
Freedom of Information Now. And I have even engaged a few people
in very specific places of our Federal Administration and Air

Force, people in position to know where the footage could possibly be, that have promised me to do their best to also locate them.

Until a few weeks ago we were working with two serious possibilities: (a) that the 16 hours of super-8 and super-16 mm films produced by Operation Saucer could either totally or partially been lost, and (b) that they, also totally or partially, could be in the hands of civilians, perhaps given to them by retired Air Force officers. Or both. Of course, the 3rd option was that they are still in possession of the Air Force, that still refuses to release them. Could be a combination of it all.

See, the second option is not impossible. In the early 2000, a retired Air Force officer gave over 1,100 *original* pages of very important UFO documents from the Unidentified Aerial Objects Investigation System (SIOANI), one of or first official UFO research entities, established in 1969, to a civilian UFO researcher, Edilson Boaventura Junior. Despite the fact that the documents -- again, very important -- were given to Boaventura with the specific determination that they should be handled to all Brazilian UFO Community, they were kept in his private files till a few months ago, for almost a decade. A wrote a serious piece about it to the Brazilian UFO Magazine.

It was only last year that Boaventura, after a serious talk with the Brazilian Committee of UFO Researchers (CBU) members, in Curitiba, was forced to realize that he should at once do what he was supposed to many years ago, and it was give all that material to the entire Brazilian UFO Community, and then he actually did so to the Brazilian UFO Magazine, who handles things of CBU, with copies to the National Archives, and in both cases the docs are now available to everyone.

Now, after the ending of the dictatorship period in Brazil, a few years after Operation Saucer was shut down (but it wasn't really), the films may have been taken, partially or entirely, by one of the Air Force members who had access to them and then could have been kept privately somewhere. Then lost forever.

According a central character in the military who have supported our campaign, that is a serious possibility, as well as that other info, that partially or entirely, what was keep the official records was damaged due to improper handling and storage after all these years

I am sorry, that is the fact I know. And I also feel frustrated by that.

Keep up the great work at FotoCat,

A. J.

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Re: Brazilian AF Regulates UFO Reports - Pt III

From: **Thiago Ticchetti** <ticchetti.nul>
Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2010 08:17:24 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Sat, 14 Aug 2010 12:50:31 -0400
Subject: Re: Brazilian AF Regulates UFO Reports - Pt III

>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <aj.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2010 11:12:32 -0300
>Subject: Re: Brazilian AF Regulates UFO Reports - Pt III

>>From: Kentaro Mori <kentaro.mori.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2010 15:11:49 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Brazilian AF Regulates UFO Reports - Pt III

>>>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <ajgevaerd.nul>
>>>To: <post.nul>
>>>Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2010 10:55:22 -0300
>>>Subject: Brazilian AF Regulates UFO Reports - Pt III

<snip>

>>Again, people should judge from the evidence if you are best
>>informing the public of what is actually happening.

>Kentaro Mori, you speak as if you really know what is going on
>and know even more than the people directly involved in the
>disclosure process in Brazil. People who actually made it
>happen, even under your and a few other people's criticism or
>total indifference to that work. Okay, no problem.

>But you are right about one thing, at least, and it is your own
>message, which at this point I don't feel the need to reply: you
>are absolutely right to say that people should judge for
>themselves if I am best informing the public of what is actually
>happening.

>And while you talk, my colleagues and I will keep working. For
>your information, while you describe - in many elaborate
>messages - how I am deceiving people via this List, I am
>glad to inform you that 800 new pages of previously classified
>UFO documents for the 90s have just been released at the
>National Archives as a direct result of our work.

>A. J. Gevaerd

It is amazing how Mr. Kentaro Mori doesn't do not accept or at least agree that something important is happening now! What the CBU reached is amazing! We gave, by legal means, a deadline to the Ministry of Defense of Brazil!! That's why we are getting these documents.

Mr. Mori, if you are a skeptic it is your choice, but at least try to challenge the news with scientific data, don't just sit comfortable in your chair. Work on scientifically dismissing us.

Thiago Luiz Ticchetti

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From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
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Archived: Sat, 14 Aug 2010 12:52:25 -0400
Subject: Re: Berwyns Mountains Cover-Up Continues

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2010 03:12:55 +0100
>Subject: Berwyns Mountains Cover-Up Continues

<snip>

>What people also tend to forget about that night is the unlikely
>set of `co-incidences' demanded for the official story (given
>here:

><http://tinyurl.com/2v8zlus>

>by the North Wales Daily Post):

>a) Two separate and differently traveling "meteors" decided to
>meet over N Wales, one moving N-S, the other moving E-W; tracked
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common radiant. So if (for example) the radiant is in the NE sky
it is quite possible for one meteor to appear to travel E-W
across the northern sky and another to travel N-S across the
eastern sky.

Actually the most intriguing thing to me about this whole case
is the recent announcement by Andy Roberts (Mr. Berwyn) that in
his new book he has "reversed completely my original position
that the entire case is easily explained". I might even read it.

Martin Shough

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From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2010 11:42:12 -0500
Archived: Sat, 14 Aug 2010 13:05:24 -0400
Subject: Re: The Faith That Underpins Science

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <[post.nul](#)>
>Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2010 09:59:48 -0500
>Subject: Re: The Faith That Underpins Science

>>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>>To: [post.nul](#)
>>Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2010 20:58:04 +0100
>>Subject: Re: The Faith That Underpins Science

>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>>To: <[post.nul](#)>
>>>Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2010 12:25:02 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: The Faith That Underpins Science

><snip>

>>Well that was a wonderful rant from Jerry, his pacemaker must
>>have been overloading!

>Hey, good one, Joe, and that exclamation point is a neat extra
>touch. That's the one original ad hominem insult in your
>entire posting. Based on the evidence so far demonstrated, I
>would not have thought you capable of such creativity.

Wondrous artful dodging! I'm compelled to golf clap! His
proponents cheer outright! Though it's an empty cheer, eh? The
tether on the supposed harpoon of a comment like that never has
enough line to reach its target one finds in retrospection.

Klasskurtxian proponents [the former invoking a huge glass urn
of hissing snakes dropped, crashed, and shattering in a
CSiCopian commissary] only see the launch of what proves to be
an impotent missile conceived in impotence and then launched in
that same impotence. Moreover, I suspect its position at the
start in his retort proves that the writer's only concern was
the missile launched, and he is oblivious to the fact that it
only explodes on the deck of his own ship: what we called in the
old days getting hoisted on one's own petard. Boom goes their
bulkhead.

>But let me ask all others whose eyes happen to fall upon these
>words: Does anybody know exactly what Joe McGonagle has ever
>contributed to UFO study? I mean, something of actual and
>enduring substance? I can't think of anything either. It's
>always possible, naturally, that I missed something.

On a good day it can be said that the proponents of Klasskurtxia
require the legitimately stalwart and ethical to keep their
sabers sharp. Too often; however, they contrive only to dull
those self-same sabers.

>>First, we see again Jerry's sweet-smelling, sanitised version
>>of ufology. He likes to divide it up so that he can then cast
>>away those parts of ufology he doesn't like, claiming that they
>>aren't in fact anything to do with ufology.

>Since probably nobody has spent more time in formal study of
>ufologists, in their innumerable shortcomings and strengths

>(and, incidentally, I am now giving serious thought to writing
>an academic history of ufology), I am disinclined to be lectured
>on the subject by somebody who has made no demonstrable
>contribution to it.

Yet he would throw himself before you, still, launching his
impotent missiles and facilitating his senseless saber dulling,
then, when batted casually out of the way as you do here,
proclaim a victory with your refusal to engage him, again with
no knowledge of how empty that "victory" proves to be.

>>On one extreme you have the celebrated contactees; on the other
>>extreme, you have the filthy debunkers.

>Interesting that in this formulation contactees and debunkers
>comprise bookends on the extremes of the UFO controversy. Even I
>wouldn't go quite that far, though I concede it's an interesting
>line of thought.

I love the way spring-butt klasskurtxians define uncomfortable
terms with unnecessary discomfort to frame a subject that they
so readily demonstrate they've no capacity to understand, no
aptitude to accept, no ability to incorporate, and no skill to
recognize. The prudent person, and a person with humility as
regards these things, must at least aspire to the capacity,
aptitude, ability, and skill alluded to, even as the four can
never be achieved or realized. It's never been the destination,
many fail to see, we're far from remotely understanding even an
intimation of that; it's ever been the trip to that
destination.

>Unfortunately, tempting as it is to equate Donald Menzel with
>George Adamski, contactees predate the UFO era by many decades,
>arguably centuries. For specifics (yes, a shameless plug for
>which I make no apology), I refer readers to my most recent
>book, Hidden Realms, Lost Continents, and Beings from Other
>Worlds, for specifics.

Appropriate product placement is always appreciated. We should
mention Mr. M's... oh, wait. He doesn't have one.

>As for "filthy debunkers," I confess I was unaware till now of
>their neglectful bathing habits.

I'm sure it's a "diet" thing.

>>In an ideal world, you would be able to draw some lines and
>>establish parameters as to what constitutes ufology, but that
>>hasn't happened in ufology in spite of attempts to do so.

>>I class myself as a ufologist, yet others associate me with the
>>filthy debunkers - why is that?

>Perhaps if you bathed once in a while....

<snip>

...Ate more fruits and vegetables...

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>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2010 16:26:34 +0100
>Subject: Re: Berwyns Mountains Cover-Up Continues

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>across the northern sky and another to travel N-S across the
>eastern sky.

Hello Martin,

Your wording is ambiguous. We all know that sunbeams emerging
from a break in clouds will appear fan-shaped, when they are
in fact parallel.

Identically, a meteor shower will appear to fan out as they
approach an observer, but that is the same optical illusion -
they are in fact travelling (roughly) parallel.

Therefore it is extremely unlikely that two members of a meteor
shower could end up travelling mutually at right angles. And for
those two paths to be able to converge and intersect (above a
simultaneous earthquake and UFO sighting) is astronomically,
ballistically, geometrically and statistically beyond belief.

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

Cheers

Ray D

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Re: BBC Article On UFOs

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2010 11:31:01 -0700
Archived: Sun, 15 Aug 2010 08:28:39 -0400
Subject: Re: BBC Article On UFOs

>From: John Rimmer <johnrimmer.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2010 19:06:24 +0000 (GMT)
>Subject: Re: BBC Article On UFOs

>>From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates <post.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2010 16:16:10 +0100
>>Subject: Re BBC Article On UFOs

>>Commenting on the BBC program with David and Redpath on
>>Facebook,
>>Jim says:

>>David, I will post what I posted on the Justice for Bentwaters
>>Site in response to this crazy thing.

>>Thanks for the info on the "fringe" Rendlesham debunkers. I am
>>not sure what the motivation is. Can't they get on TV or do a
>>radio show on anything other than Rendlesham. Well I believe
>>that they concentrate on Rendlesham, because after ...30 years
>>of scrutiny and debunking they still cant disprove it. You
>>would
>>think a debunker worth his salt, could put this to rest and
>>disprove the evidence which has been released.

>Could anybody explain to me what would be accepted as
>'disproving' Rendlesham?

Uhhh, perhaps something not totally idiotic, at least halfway
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witnesses - stuff like tht.

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David Rudiak

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Re: The Faith That Underpins Science

From: **Gerald O'Connell** <goc.nul>
Date: Sun, 15 Aug 2010 02:02:06 +0100
Archived: Sun, 15 Aug 2010 08:29:39 -0400
Subject: Re: The Faith That Underpins Science

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2010 12:25:02 -0500
>Subject: Re: The Faith That Underpins Science

<snip>

>Joe transmits the debunker folk belief that scientists reject
>UFOs because ufologists are stupid, careless, credulous, or
>whatever (pick your unflattering adjective). In the real world,
>scientists are almost entirely unread in the UFO literature,
>thus do not base their views on what is in it, and cannot name a
>single ufologist, much less explain what his or her particular
>approach is and how he or she goes about the job.

Isn't it the case that scientists 'almost entirely unread in the
UFO literature' will fall back upon the impressions conveyed
through popular culture to form their views (ignorance being no
more a barrier to the formation of opinion amongst scientists
that it is amongst the population at large) on the subject?

If this is the case, then they are likely to be aware of only
the most notoriously bizarre end of the UFO spectrum - the
screwball sensationalists who make good copy for publications
short of a celebrity murder or serial killer revelation that
day/week/month.

Sadly I suspect, therefore, that Joe's 'debunker folk belief' is
basically right - but for all the wrong reasons; certainly for
reasons very different from those that Joe puts forward.

--

Gerald O'Connell
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Tonight! Sunday Aug 15th

10p-12a:

Investigative reporter Leslie Kean joins George Knapp to lift the veil on decades of U.S. government misinformation regarding UFOs, and discuss her new book.

<http://ufosontherecord.com/>

12a-2a: UFO researcher Robert Hastings will discuss the implications of his upcoming press conference at the National Press Club in Washington, DC.

<http://ufohastings.com/PressPage.html>

Former Air Force officer Bruce Fenstermacher will join the conversation.

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Subject: Re: BBC Article On UFOs

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
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>radiation levels, and broken tree branches.

Have you been to Rendlesham to look for the lighthouse?

How do you know how much of its beam could be seen in the
forest.

How 'thick' is the forest (trees/square kilometer)

What density of trees is required to block a lighthouse beam?

Why should I believe Jim Penniston?

Why should I assume the 'soil impressions' were caused by some
exotic craft?

Lots of things break tree branches - prove that it was an exotic
craft that did it.

What are the exact fugures for these 'elevated radiation
levels'?

How do they compare with regular background radiation for this
location?

"Justice for Bentwaters". What on earth does this nonsensical
slogan mean?

>In order for a "lighthouse" to explain this, you need to add a
>lot of "skeptical" magic thinking or drugs, or both.

Hmm, that's a thought. Maybe there were some drugs floating
around that evening.

John Rimmer

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Brazilian AF Files - What They Don't Tell

From: Kentaro Mori <kentaro.mori.nul>
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Archived: Sun, 15 Aug 2010 09:16:18 -0400
Subject: Brazilian AF Files - What They Don't Tell

Brazilian Air Force X-Files? What They Didn't Tell You

<http://tinyurl.com/26cvxcr>

This last Tuesday (10), the Brazilian Air Force Command published a regulation about "the recording and treatment of subjects related to =91unidentified flying objects'".

Ufologists have been hailing the regulation as "a major step to openly recognize the UFO Phenomena as serious and worthy of immediate actions in Brazil", "a turning point in history to say the least", as discussed on UfoUpdates.

In fact, the regulation points to the exact opposite direction. A press release by the Air Force makes it clear:

"the Air Force Command doesn't have a specialized structure to conduct scientific investigations regarding these aerial phenomena. It restricts itself to recording these events and forwarding them to the National Archives".

According to the release, the aim is to make these documents available to society, as in effect, the Brazilian Air Force (BAF) takes no responsibility on the subject beyond that.

"The regulation isn't really anything new", says researcher Jeferson Martinho, responsible for Vig=EDlia, covering UFO information for more than a decade. "Even the press release is nothing new. In 2000, when former representative Joao Caldas tried to approve a project to end UFO secrecy, he received from the BAF the same reply".

- Open X-Files

Besides forwarding current and future UFO reports to the National Archives, the BAF has in fact already been releasing all past files to the same destination, in line with policies in the US, UK and other countries. As a matter of fact, the BAF just completed sending all UFO files it had until the end of the 1990s to open access at the National Archives, as Ademar Gevaerd confirms.

While in France and the UK the authorities went as far as making the files openly available for download through the Internet, in Brazil the files are just sent to the National Archives, as in the US, and private UFO groups are making them available electronically for easy access.

So, while the Americans have the "Project Blue Book Archive", the Brazilian groups CIPEX and CBPDV, from the local UFO magazine, have files available for download in sites like "Fenomenum". There anyone may download several folders and thousands of pages of documents.

This is an ongoing process developing for years, finally reaching a conclusion. Not much has changed. "As the secrecy policy hasn't changed, COMDABRA may classify a document and

there's nothing in the regulation that would undo that", evaluates Martinho. "I believe the transit of documents to the National Archive will keep following the same rules of limits and deadlines established by law".

- Air Force Minister falls for "Uranus" joke

So what is in those released files? Well, what one finds is actually extremely revealing, but not about aliens. It's revealing about humans. In particular, those working as military men in Brazil.

The recent regulation revokes two previous ones about UFOs, and one of them just shocked this author. It's note #C-002/MIN/ADM, April 13, 1978, signed by none other by then Air Force Minister Joelmir Campos de Araripe Macedo.

There, Minister Macedo recommends to the Higher Command the creation of a "secret UFO record, where phenomena would be archived chronologically =85 at the same time, an Evaluation Commission would give each record a grade of credibility".

Later records, which make reference to this note, suggest that the recommendation was put into effect. The damning thing is, to give support to this recommendation, the Minister wrote that:

"Though speculations about UFOs date as long before as the existence of the humankind, acquiring traces of pure fantasy, the truth is that in the last years of the Second World War, in 1944, the Luftwaffe High-Command created a specific control to investigate several reports made by war pilots about UFO sightings. Said control was denominated =91Sonder Buro Nr. 13', and the codename was =91Operation Uranus'."

I was shocked to read the terms "SonderBuro 13" and "Operation Uranus", as I had read Kevin McClure's work on the Nazi UFO Mythos. Quoting Andy Roberts:

"We have at least one outright hoax in foo-fighter lore. For years rumours had been flying round that the Germans had been fully aware of the foo-fighter phenomenon and that they had a special study group formed to look into the problem under the name of "Project Uranus", backed by a shadowy group by the name of Sonderburo 13. This was first detailed in La Livres Noir De Soucoupes Volantes (The Black Book of Flying Saucers -- 1970) by French ufologist Henry Durrant. =85 When I checked this out with Durrant he informed me that the whole "Project Uranus" affair was a hoax which he had inserted in his book precisely to see who would copy it without checking. The hoax apparently had been revealed in France some years before but hadn't percolated its way through to English speaking ufologists."

The hoax was revealed in English in Roberts book along with David Clarke, "Phantoms of the Sky" (1990). Clarke kindly confirmed the hoax and shared the letter Durrant addressed to Roberts:

"Here in France, when I informed [the] ufologists, by means of an ufological bulletin, that =91Sonderb=FCro Nr 13' was a trap, it was suddenly a real furor, and I was accused [of hiding] the truth and [of releasing] false information. =85 For me, it was very funny [and] very instructive, because I had there the [opportunity] to see where were the serious ufologists=85 and the others!".

It seems almost unbelievable, but a Brazilian Air Force Minister fell for an Uranus joke, going as far as using it to recommend to the Higher Command the creation of a UFO investigation record. He didn't check his source, a popular UFO book by Durrant, "and the fisherman has hooked his biggest fish", as Clarke pointed.

Could there be a Great Cosmic Conspiracy when a Minister during military dictatorship sends a secret recommendation to the Higher-Command based on a joke? And yet, there's more. Or less.

- Severe lack of resources

During the year of 1977, UFO reports in the Amazon sparked panic

among the locals, leading to the creation of the so-called "Operation Saucer" by the BAF. The Operation's aim was to investigate the nature of the events, but contrary to what one would imagine for such an investigation dealing with cosmic secrets, the operatives dealt with many basic problems.

The written documentation of the Operation has already been officially released, and one of the most relevant excerpts comes from the conclusion of a report from September 1977:

"Our film and photographic records do not portrait our certainty [that the objects and lights are "driven by an intelligence"], because we lacked much technical and material resources and personnel. On other times, we lost the chance, photographing useless material. We believe that with better resources we could get to the reasonably acceptable."

Why such a severe lack of resources? According to the Air Force Command, the operation was in fact the result of personal interest on the subject by some of its officers. That claim is supported by statements of the commander of the Operation, Uyrange Hollanda. He reminded that "it was very fortunate that at the COMAR I, at that time, in that region, there was an Air Force officer, a brigadier, who believed in flying saucers. Had it been another officer, another brigadier, maybe the Operation wouldn't have happened."

At the same interview Hollanda also complained that of four film rolls used to record UFOs, three were bought with his own pocket money but were nevertheless sent to the Air Force Minister. Later we revealed that many of the photos from this Operation were developed at one of the officer's house, by his son, who hoaxed some of them as he was then just a teenager. Just as he told, mostly all known photos are useless because they lack any point of reference, being just cropped blobs of light.

According to the Social Communication Center of the Brazilian Air Force,

"regarding the Operation Saucer, the Air Force has only the records based on the data given by one of the members of that activity. A report with many testimonies was produced, apparently with no scientific base".

Indeed, the available reports are just a compilation of reports. There's no scientific analysis of the cases. The Operation was cancelled soon afterwards.

- Personal interest

Not only has the BAF released mostly all of its UFO files. Most of them were already known, due to previous leaks. And the unimaginable, almost as incredible as the Uranus joke, also happened. One ufologist had UFO files that the military themselves didn't have.

The IV COMAR in Sao Paulo started a UFO investigation project called SIOANI in 1969, but it was later cancelled when a new brigadier "not very sympathetic with the subject" assumed the command. Like the comment by Hollanda of Operation Saucer, SIOANI was also related to personal interest by the local command.

But not only was SIOANI closed, its files would be lost due to lack of interest, and to avoid that an officer took them to his home. Secret UFO files held not in a Top Secret Archive, but an officer's house. Later, ufologist Edison Boaventura managed to contact this officer, who donated them to him, and recently, Boaventura finally donated them to the National Archives.

The story of SIOANI was published here in 2008: "SIOANI": How the Brazilian Air Force Investigated UFOs Officially

=46rom Operation Uranus to UFO investigation projects relying in UFO believers at the command, to UFO files held at ufologists' hands -- and not the military -- the story is very different from what one would expect of a Great Cosmic Conspiracy.

- "The phenomena are solid and reflect a certain intelligence"

Of all the thousands of released pages so far the only document of greater interest involving aliens is an Event Report dated June 2, 1986. It's interesting to note this report refers to the Minister recommendation involving Uranus, an indication that the UFO record and investigation measures were put into effect.

Authored by Air Brigadier Jose Pessoa Cavalcanti de Albuquerque, then temporary commander of COMDABRA, this report deals with a famous UFO event days before, involving several anomalous radar plots and scrambling of jet fighters, popularly known as the "Official UFO Night", as the authorities later went on television admitting they scrambled after UFOs.

After a description of the events, the report's conclusion is surprising:

"As a conclusion of the observed facts, in almost all events, this Command evaluation is that the phenomena are solid and reflect a certain intelligence, by its ability to follow and keep distance from observers, as well as flying in formation, not necessarily manned".

Is this the smoking gun evidence the military recognize flying saucers?

"This document, publicized with great fanfare by ufologists at the time it was released, does not represent the official nor the final position of the Air Force", answers researcher Rogerio Chola, Brazilian Representative of NARCAP. "It's simply an Event Report, in which the 'conclusion' was that of Brigadier Jose Pessoa. It's not even a conclusion, it's an opinion".

Chola calls attention to the introduction of the report, which makes it clear that:

"Due to restrictions in time and specialized knowledge regarding facts of this nature, this Command decided to limit itself, within the operational sphere, to a simple narration of the facts, in a way not to give margin to speculations involving the Air Force Ministry."

In a letter in 1991 to ufologist Rafael Cury, the BAF officially states that the actual conclusions, with

"all the technical treatment available 'pointed to magnetic anomalies which became 'plots' (points in the control radar screens). In the case in question, all the military air defense apparatus was mobilized without a visual contact that justified the presence of such 'plots'."

The case is actually very interesting, and Chola himself considers it one of the most intriguing UFO cases in Brazil. But Albuquerque's report mentioning "solid" and "intelligent" phenomena is far from being the BAF final evaluation of the events, being written only around a week afterwards, clearly stating in its introduction its own restrictions.

If one will believe what the BAF publicly replied five years later regarding "magnetic anomalies", is subject to another discussion. But in short, no smoking gun here, far from it.

- The Public Deceived

If there's something that could be called a conspiracy, perhaps its the omission of important information and context by media outlets when dealing with the subject. The public may reach the exact opposite conclusion regarding what is actually happening. The Brazilian Air Force is not involving itself in the UFO subject, it's not leading credibility to the subject. It's the exact opposite.

While the BAF states very clearly it won't investigate UFO reports and mostly all previous documents have already been released, with no extraterrestrial bombshell, what they actually reveal is that indeed there's evidence to support the official position that there's no "specialized structure to conduct scientific investigations regarding these aerial phenomena", and past projects dealt with lack of resources, depending mainly on personal interest by local commanders.

When the commanders changed, not only did these UFO projects end, even their files were not properly preserved. In a recent message, Gevaerd himself writes that the Operation Saucer film records may have been lost, and in fact, that he doesn't know where they are.

"There's this false idea that if something is military, then it's immune to error. I don't think that's right", says Chola. "The Barra da Tijuca case, for example, where many Ufologists claim the Air Force investigated the case, in fact they didn't. Who investigated it were some military officers who had an interest in the subject, leaded by cornel Joao Adil de Oliveira. And even being qualified officers, they managed to reach erroneous conclusions regarding this case".

The officers actually endorsed the crude hoax, where even the shadows are not right.

Military officers are as prone to error as the rest of the population, and they may just as well believe in aliens and flying saucers. This is not limited to Brazil: to those laughing about an Air Force Minister and the Uranus hoax, not very different examples of gullibility can be found in France, where David Rossoni, =C9ric Maillot and =C9ric D=E9guillaume analyzed 30 years of official studies with very critical conclusions.

Even in the US, the first UFO investigation efforts such as Project SIGN were very similar to some of the Brazilian efforts, with its first conclusions favoring the idea of an extraterrestrial origin for UFOs. Similar examples can be found in some British cases. There are believers in the military, all over the world, but so far they seem as distant as the rest of us to any actual evidence of their beliefs.

As a Brazilian, I must remark that the recent BAF regulation revoked the Uranus recommendation, along with another note which also had a gullible tone, and now Brazil may be as good -- or as bad -- as other countries in the relationship between UFOs and authorities.

Not much has changed, not much has been revealed, apart from a few new interesting stories.

With thanks to David Clarke, Andy Roberts, Rog=E9rio Chola and Jeferson Martinho

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>Your wording is ambiguous. We all know that sunbeams emerging
>from a break in clouds will appear fan-shaped, when they are
>in fact parallel.

>Identically, a meteor shower will appear to fan out as they
>approach an observer, but that is the same optical illusion -
>they are in fact travelling (roughly) parallel.

>Therefore it is extremely unlikely that two members of a meteor
>shower could end up travelling mutually at right angles. And for
>those two paths to be able to converge and intersect (above a
>simultaneous earthquake and UFO sighting) is astronomically,
>ballistically, geometrically and statistically beyond belief.

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

No, Ray, Martin is right. What the paths won't appear to do is
to converge. They will always appear to diverge. That is the
drum you need to be banging if you want to rule out a meteor
shower.

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Gerald O'Connell
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>Hello Martin,

>Your wording is ambiguous.

No, my wording is plain and explicit - at least to anyone with a
basic grasp of celestial mechanics and optical perspective. Your
reading of it is, on the other hand, confused, and the
motivation for your objection obscure. I should have expected
it.

>We all know that sunbeams emerging
>from a break in clouds will appear fan-shaped, when they are
>in fact parallel.

Then we all know what a meteor radiant is, why what I said is
true, and why the scenario I described is perfectly possible.

The question of whether or not your two meteor-like objects
could have been meteors from the same shower radiant is entirely
governed by the reported positions, lengths and angles of their
tracks upon the celestial sphere..You could immediately
illuminate the problem by supplying this information. But no,
instead we get peculiar and irrelevant remarks about ballistics.
If you are not interested in giving us good reasons to take
these UFOs seriously, why bother giving us any? But it's up to
you, of course.

Martin Shough

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>Brazilian Air Force X-Files? What They Didn't Tell You
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Well, I guess there will always be those who prefer to see the glass half empty.

Despite the many distortions and odd mix-up of totally unrelated facts in this piece, which I definitely don't feel like fixing, a couple of questions that surface here are:

(a) what have these people really done to contribute to the results achieved so far, doesn't matter how big or small they are?

And (b), would the other people, those really involved in these achievements, gone this far if they had such a pessimistic point of view?

Have you all a great day.

A. J.

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To the List,

Although fast reading messages recently, I came across this statement, which I consider to be preposterous.

I know at least Maillot and D=E9guillaume to be arch-skeptics bent on denying everything in ufology. The French "official" files are, of course, their favorite target.

For instance, they reduce the very strong case of Trans-en-Provence to a trace made by a passing truck.

This explanation was served again recently at a French TV show, skeptically oriented, where the old witness Renato Nicolai gently admitted that, well, it might be the case. But he was the man who had seen the ufo land in his garden and had left the round trace! Never mind : it was a truck, I tell you. He must have dreamed.

There is something worth noting there : there are now more and more official people who admit the reality of ufos and become therefore the targets of the skeptics.

BTW, I apologize for having missed, in my previous message, the debate on the recent book Mirage Men by Mark Pilkington. I just reacted to the most dubious article of the Fortean Times which is based on that book.

Gildas Bourdais

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Mr. Mori, you wrote, wrote, wrote, but didn't say anything.

Is this your idea of what is happening now? I guess not!

Please, stand back a little and learn a little bit from more experienced people.

Thiago

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Hello Gerald & Martin,

I'm not concerned with making a case, not even for this List.

What I want is for my own conclusions to be based on facts and
on earliest (uncontaminated) reports - not on later propaganda.
Here's my sitrep so far:-

For some weeks before the Berwyn event there were various
sightings in that area of North Wales and Merseyside, with much
involvement of military, including apparent RAF attempts at
interception. Resident ufologists and forteans were reported as
saying there was 'something going on' and that the military
seemed 'jumpy' or 'expectant'.

On the night of the event it was reported that a bright object
was tracked travelling south from Scotland towards North Wales
and to the Berwyns. At the same time another bright object was
seen approaching and crossing the east coast of England; it was
logged by two amateur astronomers (in contact by phone across
England) and their extended track of it extended westward to
North Wales, i.e. to the Berwyns.

All the above was known at the time and much was even reported,
including a BBC account of the two bright objects and of their
tracking by amateur astronomers.

On the night of the event the police reactions seemed way 'over
the top', including the fact that non-local police (said to be
from Barmouth, about an hour's drive to the west) were on the
scene immediately. How did they know something would happen in
an hour's time?

The police refusal of civilian mountain-rescue help (immediately
available) and the subsequent (next 24 hours) arrival of
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Cheers

Ray D

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For years we have been investigating the Trindade Island case, and the results confirm this hoax -- even though the detail of the use of spoons against a fridge door surprised us just as anyone else.

In 2003 we publicized some initial analysis of the photos:

<http://www.ceticismoaberto.com/research/trindade/trind.htm>

And since then, we have only found further, and damning, evidence of hoax. The claim of dozens of witnesses is not true, and recently we also publicized how Barauna had previously hoaxed a series of treasure chest photos:

<http://tinyurl.com/3yuqs5t>

That, besides the How To Fake UFO Photos article he also collaborated with. We will publish all our findings soon, but again, and in short, the Trindade Island case was a hoax. One of the biggest hoaxes in UFO history, especially because the evidence has always been so flimsy and yet, endorsed by so many.

Kentaro

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New DUFOR Blog

From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
Date: Mon, 16 Aug 2010 12:40:25 +0100
Archived: Mon, 16 Aug 2010 08:22:16 -0400
Subject: New DUFOR Blog

Listers,

As it seem to be the case that UFOs are being seen in the skies over Essex, UK - more than we could have imagined - I have now created a new Blog for my investigations into the local phenomena.

You can read my weekly blog here:

<http://tinyurl.com/2wcugg4>

I shall be updating the Blog on a weekly basis with UFO news and sightings from London and Essex. If you wish to exchange UFO data of any kind then you can use the relevant contacts on my Blogs.

Regards,

Roy Hale
Editor Down To Earth Magazine & Head of D.U.F.O.R.
<http://www.thelosthaven.co.uk/UFOIndex.shtml>

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From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Mon, 16 Aug 2010 07:35:10 -0500
Archived: Mon, 16 Aug 2010 08:41:43 -0400
Subject: Re: Trindade Photographer Admits Hoax

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If it's a hoax, it's a hoax, and "don't let the screen door
hit'cha where the good lord split'cha..." but does this explain
multiple-witnesses and vetted Naval involvement? Bluebook?
Hynek?

http://www.cohenufo.org/Trindade_Hynek.html

Seems a little pat...

alienview.nul
www.AlienView.net
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From: **Thiago Luiz Ticchetti** <ticchetti.nul>
Date: Mon, 16 Aug 2010 05:49:28 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Mon, 16 Aug 2010 09:03:42 -0400
Subject: Re: Trindade Photographer Admits Hoax

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Please, it is just one part of the story.

How many cases do you know where some appears and say that
everything was a hoax?

The Fantastico TV show showed only one part of the case. The
program didn't look for another witnesses. Remember that Mr.
Barauna wasn't the only one in the deck of the ship that day.
There were more people, as navy personel.

So, let's take it easy. There is much more to come, being a hoax
or not.

Regards,

Thiago Luiz Ticchetti

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Re: Berwyns Mountains Cover-Up Continues

From: **Andy Roberts** <meugher.nul>
Date: Mon, 16 Aug 2010 13:50:57 +0100
Archived: Mon, 16 Aug 2010 09:07:17 -0400
Subject: Re: Berwyns Mountains Cover-Up Continues

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Mon, 16 Aug 2010 01:19:32 +0100
>Subject: Re: Berwyns Mountains Cover-Up Continues

Hi,

Ray wrote:

>For some weeks before the Berwyn event there were various
>sightings in that area of North Wales and Merseyside, with much
>involvement of military, including apparent RAF attempts at
>interception.

The 'Phantom Helicopter' as it was known. But there were no sightings near the Berwyns, as I discuss in the book, although there were some in Cheshire.

If you have evidence- other than the anecdotal- of attempted RAF interception Ray, I'd love to see it.

>Resident ufologists and forteans were reported as
>saying there was 'something going on' and that the military
>seemed 'jumpy' or 'expectant'.

Exactly which ufologists and forteans - please name names Ray. How has it been evidenced that the military were 'jumpy'? Which branch of the military?

>On the night of the event it was reported that a bright object
>was tracked travelling south from Scotland towards North Wales
>and to the Berwyns. At the same time another bright object was
>seen approaching and crossing the east coast of England; it was
>logged by two amateur astronomers (in contact by phone across
>England) and their extended track of it extended westward to
>>North Wales, i.e. to the Berwyns.

And in fact out to the Irish sea, if you take into account the coastguard logs and other documented evidence. There were at least three meteors that evening at various times, as evidenced by astronomers, the MOD and various witnesses.

>On the night of the event the police reactions seemed way 'over
>the top', including the fact that non-local police (said to be
>from Barmouth, about an hour's drive to the west) were on the
>scene immediately. How did they know something would happen in
>an hour's time?

You're getting your timeline confused, Ray. Read UFO Down and you will see exactly who was where and doing what, pieced together from a combination of witness and official documentation. Nor were they there 'immediately'. We know exactly what the witness whose landrover the police commandeered was watching on TV when they called and from that, coupled with police and other statements know that the time was at least 9.20 pm and probably much later- almost an hour from the initial explosion and sightings. The identity and origin of the police from 'Barmouth' (they weren't) is also explained in some detail in UFO Down.

>The police refusal of civilian mountain-rescue help (immediately
>available)

None asked, and were thus not refused. The RAF Valley Mountain
Rescue Team attended, as is evidenced by their log and their
appearance on TV at the scene the following morning.

>and the subsequent (next 24 hours) arrival of
>military team(s) seems downright irresponsible if an aircrash
>had been suspected.

The only military teams were various elements of the Territorial
Army (based in Wrexham but identified because some of their
number were local to Llandrillo). Planes from RAF Valley
overflew the area to take photographs at the behest of Dr Ron
Maddison and numerous media helicopters were also there. But no
military other than the RAF Valley mtn Rescue Team, who left at
about midday on the 24th after a fruitless search.

>In addition the police weren't interested in
>the offer of help (by phone) from the district nurse - she had
>to make her own way, by car, towards the Berwyns from the south-
>west, not knowing where to go or where to look.

Pat Evans' - the nurse - sighting is the central element of the
Berwyn case and as yet genuinely unexplained (I have completely
reversed my theories about what she saw), and her sighting,
based on the only taped interview carried out with her, along
with information she gave to researchers from the British
Geological Survey is dealt with in two chapters of UFO Down.

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They released information the day after the event, both to the
papers and to the TV stations. The written information is and
always has been available from the BGS in Edinburgh, if you ask
in a reasonable manner. It is reproduced in UFO Down.

>available. [Scott Felton has tried F.o.I requests to find out
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Neither has kept anything 'secret'. The police file on the
subject was destroyed in line with force policy at the
appropriate time but a copy survived at the BGS, where I sourced
and copied it in 1998.

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Those who aren't dead will speak to you Ray. You have to do a bit
of leg work rather than just sit back and make sweeping and
unsupported statements you know!

>For the events 'on the ground' of that night you can't do better
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That will certainly give you one version of events, based
largely on anecdote and wishful thinking. Or, you can go for a
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The topography of the area is not quite as simple as that and
anyone wishing to fully understand the case needs- besides
buying UFO Down- to look at detailed maps of the area and to
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Again, it's not that simple. I'm lucky enough to live less than
30 miles from the Berwyns and spend a lot of time there. You can
see the summits from some areas of the valley to the north. It
depends where you are, what the weather is like and what you
think you might have seen!

Happy Trails

Andy

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Obvious question: Is there anything yet but second- and third-hand anecdotal testimony bearing on the claim? That's not a rhetorical question, by the way, but an actual one. No pro-UFO claim would be so uncritically embraced - at least by any sensible person - with the evidence this thin, at least at the moment, on the ground. I have plenty of counterexamples at hand, by the way.

In short, let's keep critical faculties in full working order and sit tight for further evidence if it exists. Based on what I've read so far, I see no basis for any opinion whatever; all I have is a so far unsatisfied curiosity, plus an intense desire to know whether this is a huge development or yet another bogus breakthrough. Of course, if the hoax allegation ultimately is validated, that's a thrilling development and a step forward. So far, though, it's a tad soon to hope.

Indeed, why, at this early juncture, anyone whose primary interest is in truth-seeking - as opposed, say, to point-making - would feel differently?

Jerry Clark

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Date: Mon, 16 Aug 2010 14:53:47 +0100
Archived: Mon, 16 Aug 2010 11:16:21 -0400
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Hi Kentaro,

Many thanks for this "revelation". I do have a few questions:

I notice that you seem to have omitted the word "publicit=Elria"
from your translation of the phrase "revelou a publicit=Elria
Em=EDlia Bittencourt". Is there a reason for this? I would
translate this as "publicist" or "promoter" or "advertiser". Is
this correct? If so, what might this person be publicising or
promoting?

I ask because of your understandable insistence that Barauna's
credibility has to be judged in light of his occupation as a
professional photographer, and occasionally a trick-
photographer. Have you considered how Bittencourt's background
and intentions might be relevant to this "revelation" a quarter
of a century after Barauna's death?

I did find one source where one Em=EDlia Bittencourt gets a
mention for a Brazilian media award:

<http://www.colunistas.com/propaganda/prnn34ata2009.html>

34=BA North and Northeast Columnists Awards
Trial Date: August 8, 2009
AREA: Television and Film
CATEGORY: Miscellaneous Products & Services
BRONZE: "Cards" for the ENGENHONOVO ADVB / Marketing and
Services. Creative Director: Luiz Antonio Nile. Copywriter: Guga
Days. Art Director: Pat Lucas. Production RTVC: Paulo Tavares.
Film Production: Films Malagueta. Media: Eduardo Fonseca.
Attendance: Emilia Bittencourt.

Your translation of the article says Barauna's niece "confirms the hoax" - which appears to enlist her as confirming Bittencourt's story. But wouldn't "the fraud" be "das fraude"? As I read it (admittedly my Portuguese is very shaky to say the least!) , "que n=E3o quis gravar entrevista, mas confirma a fraude" means "who declined to be recorded, but confirmed fraud". That is, some unspecified fraud. Is this correct?

If so this tells us only that Barauna's niece allegedly told Fantastico that she doesn't believe in her uncle's UFO. (Is this news? I am not sure I recall confidently - can you tell us?) It does not say that she specifically confirmed "the fraud", meaning the "cooking spoons by the fridge" story about which Emilia Bittencourt claims Barauna "laughed a lot".

Evidently Barauna selected this one "family friend" as a unique confidant with whom to "laugh a lot" about his hoax, although he appears to have maintained his story steadfastly in every other arena. This is interesting. Do we know why? What is the history of Emilia Bittencourt? Was he close to Barauna - even though it seems unlikely they can have been close in age?

Unless we can be sure they were intimate and personally discussed matters in such detail as to leave no room for ambiguity, how can we be sure that this publicist is not merely recalling some decades-old meeting - perhaps even when the claimant was a child? - at which Barauna spoke about his photos for Vinicius Lima in O Mundo Ilustrado, for example, or just generally boasted about how he would do it if he wanted to?

I look forward to the full story!

Best regards,

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Date: Mon, 16 Aug 2010 09:35:09 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Tue, 17 Aug 2010 20:02:47 -0400
Subject: Re: Trindade Photographer Admits Hoax

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>indicates that he supervised the development of the film and saw
>the shape of the object in the negatives.

That's what I am talking about!

Let's see all the faces and aspects of it.

It is too easy simply throw the words to the wind.

As I said, let's hear the other part of the story. The coin has
two faces.

Thiago

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From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
Date: Mon, 16 Aug 2010 16:35:41 +0000
Archived: Tue, 17 Aug 2010 20:05:19 -0400
Subject: Re: Abduction Experiences: Some Clues

>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2010 12:31:14 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: Abduction Experiences: Some Clues

>>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>>To: post to ufoupdates <post.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2010 18:25:00 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Abduction Experiences: Some Clues

>>>From: Eustaquio Andrea Patounas <socex.ufobras.nul>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>>>Date: Wed, 11 Aug 2010 17:32:36 -0300
>>>Subject: Abduction Experiences: Some Clues

>>>Source: Informaworld

>>><http://tinyurl.com/3932cqd>

>>>3 August 2002

>>>Alien Abduction Experiences: Some Clues From Neuropsychology And
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>>>of neuroscience are considered with respect to possible clues
>>>that may lead towards a fuller understanding of the alien
>>>abduction experience.

>><snip>

>>I would have love to read the complete article. However, you
>>failed to mention that it costs \$30.00 to access the article.

>>I might try to access the Journal through my local library.

>Do note that the article was published 8 years ago and contains
>the very strange line "Given that such accounts are almost
>certainly untrue." That is as biased as the work of Susan Clancy
>who assumed that such memories could not be true. That's not
>science, but _bias_.

Stan:

Have you read the article? I have. Yes, I finally found
it on-line.

Nowhere in the article is Susan Clancy quoted.

Holden and French do quote a ton of people.

Who is quoted?

Rutkowski, Randle, Mack, Jacobs, Strieber. etc.etc on the side of the ufo researchers.

Loftus and many, many academians I never heard of on the psychological/neuropsychological side are quoted.

Klass the anti-everything alien is quoted sparingly. Geez, Stan, why is necessary to be so flip in tossing out your opinion without reading the material? I am afraid it is positions like this one that threaten your credibility with me.

KK

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Re: Alien Autopsy Casebook Ready For Pre-Order

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Mon, 16 Aug 2010 16:39:28 +0000
Archived: Tue, 17 Aug 2010 20:07:20 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy Casebook Ready For Pre-Order

>From: John Rimmer <johnrimmer.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2010 19:09:27 +0000 (GMT)
>Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy Casebook Ready For Pre-Order

>>From: Philip Mantle <philip.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2010 10:38:15 +0100
>>Subject: Alien Autopsy Casebook Ready For Pre-Order

>>Alien Autopsy Casebook

>>The Full Facts Finally Revealed - by Philip Mantle
>>Foreword by Robert Kiviat, FOX TV, Executive Producer of Alien
>>Autopsy Fact or Fiction?

>>Afterword by Mark Center, leading American Alien Autopsy
>>researcher.

>>=A314.99

>Gotta hand it to ya, Phil, you've spun this one out longer than
>I would have thought humanly possible.

Because I really like Phil, I chalked up this latest round of
pushing the distribution of the book to the fact it generates an
income for Phil.

Full disclosure: Phil sent me an autographed copy of the book.

KK

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Re: Abduction Experiences: Some Clues

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Mon, 16 Aug 2010 17:00:02 +0000
Archived: Tue, 17 Aug 2010 20:10:10 -0400
Subject: Re: Abduction Experiences: Some Clues

>Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2010 09:08:47 -0400
>To: ufo-updates-list.nul
>From: post.nul
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Abduction Experiences: Some Clues

>From: Vincent Boudreau <vincentboudreau.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2010 23:43:02 -0400
>Subject: Re: Abduction Experiences: Some Clues

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><snip>

>I followed your link and it all made your post clearer.

>

>Your link is a scientific abstract. It states:

>

>"Abstract

>

>Introduction. Many thousands of people around the world firmly
>believe that they have been abducted by alien beings and taken
>on board spaceships where they have been subjected to painful
>medical examination. Method. Given that such accounts are almost
>certainly untrue, four areas of neuroscience are considered..."

>This could hardly be considered scientific.

>I don't mind that the authors doubt the reality of alien
>abductions. We are all entitled to our opinions.

>A small problem though: if you want to be scientific about it,
>and publish anything that deserves more than a "F", you must
>first test your hypothesis: "that such accounts are almost
>certainly untrue."

>Does bias mean anything anymore?

>Let us reformulate this:

>"Abstract

>IF alien abductions are untrue, here are four areas of
>neuroscience that could be considered [...]"

>Which casts the proper light on your study and begs the
>question:

>"What if alien abductions ARE true?"

>Science is easy.

>Faith is painful.

Ah, yes, another reader of the "summary" and not the article. I
can only shake my head in disbelief.

The actual article was 17 pages long and quoted many, many
academicians attempting to present both sides of the issue.

And, yes, even faith was considered as one of the issues of
alien abduction.

And, yes, the article is 8 years old and was published when
academia thought it was time to look at alien abductions.

Whether Holden/French came before Clancy I have no idea. But, in
the sciences, studies are replicated to discover whether many
researchers came to the same conclusion.
That is called "good" science.

KK

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Re: News Links - 14-08-10

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Mon, 16 Aug 2010 17:12:18 +0000
Archived: Tue, 17 Aug 2010 20:12:12 -0400
Subject: Re: News Links - 14-08-10

>Date: Sun, 15 Aug 2010 10:16:49 -0400
>To: ufo-updates-list.nul
>From: post.nul
>Subject: UFO UpDate: News Links - 14-08-10

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>Starchild Skull 2010 DNA Result
><http://tinyurl.com/37g9flj>

New press release from Pye states the same old thing - claims he found somebody who can retrieve DNA from skull. Says nothing about testing the DNA sample, just that "they" are talking about beginning the process.

KK

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From: John Rimmer <johnrimmer.nul>
Date: Mon, 16 Aug 2010 17:52:15 +0000 (GMT)
Archived: Tue, 17 Aug 2010 20:14:04 -0400
Subject: Re: Trindade Photographer Admits Hoax

>From: Robert Powell <rpowell.nul>
>To: [post.nul](#)
>Date: Mon, 16 Aug 2010 09:06:46 -0500
>Subject: Re: Trindade Photographer Admits Hoax

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
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>>>From: Kentaro Mori <kentaro.mori.nul>
>>>To: [post.nul](#)
>>>Date: Sun, 15 Aug 2010 21:27:22 -0300
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>>>was the case. This is what is known as hearsay. If there is
>>>more so far unrevealed, let's see it so that we can make our own
>>>judgments.

>>>This is my same thought. As best as I can understand the article
>>>states that a friend of the family is making the hoax claims.

>>>Here's a cold splash of devil's advocacy to cool premature
>>>believers:

>>>This is an allegation of confession, not the thing itself.
>>>Claimed confessions, in any event, are not automatically
>>>credible, as anybody who's ever studied the dynamics of hoaxing
>>>is aware. For a short course in the matter of hoaxed hoax
>>>confessions, see the relevant section of the late Gordon Stein's
>>>Encyclopedia of Hoaxes (1993, pp. 95-104; quite an eye-opening
>>>list, by the way). Till we know more - at least more than has so
>>>far made it into English translation from Brazilian ufologists
>>>and debunkers - we must remain content with ambiguity, tolerance
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>>>ideologues with something to prove.

Jerry, I presume that by "ideologues with something to prove" you
are not referring solely to sceptical ufologists who have
doubted the case from the beginning, but also those ufologists
who have accepted the reality of Trindade despite the absence of
any confirmatory evidence (vide infra). In particular I refer to
those 'ideologues' who assert that a UFO claim cannot be
disproven unless we have witnesses who are prepared to go on
record that they did not see it!

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>>moment, on the ground. I have plenty of counterexamples at hand,
>>by the way.

I quite agree, I would certainly not accept the reality of a UFO report under similar circumstances, however I would be prepared, as with this case, to add it to a cumulative body of evidence which supports such an interpretation.

>>In short, let's keep critical faculties in full working order
>>and sit tight for further evidence if it exists. Based on what
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>>breakthrough. Of course, if the hoax allegation ultimately is
>>validated, that's a thrilling development and a step forward. So
>>far, though, it's a tad soon to hope.

Would you really regard it as 'thrilling', Jerry, or would a slight shadow of disappointment cross your features as you realised that one of your main pieces of evidence for 'structured craft' had sunk somewhere in mid-ocean?

>>Indeed, why, at this early juncture, anyone whose primary
>>interest is in truth-seeking - as opposed, say, to point-making
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Oh, absolutely!

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>see any clear evidence of this yet.

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>he saw Barauna photograph it.

Mr Powell, I wouldn't wish to re-open the various long and tedious Trindade threads that have graced UpDates, but one of the main sources of doubt from the critics point of view is that Viegas was a friend and collaborator of Barauna and cannot be truly regarded as an independent witness.

>The Navy Ministry of Brazil says there were many other
>witnesses, although we don't have any details.

Indeed!

>And then there is Captain Bacellar, the captain of the
>Oceanographic Station, who indicates that he supervised
>the development of the film and saw the shape of the
>object in the negatives.

This would be a tiny image, in negative, viewed under the most unsuitable conditions. I do not doubt he saw something on the negatives, but it would have been impossible for him to make any judgement as to its nature.

Having said all this, I must add that like Kentaro I find the idea of two spoons photographed against a fridge door not an altogether satisfactory explanation of the Trindade image. However this still seems to be just one more nail in an already well-sealed coffin.

--

John Rimmer

<http://magonia.haaan.com/>

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

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New French Aerospace Report Endorses Reality Of

From: **Alejandro Rojas** <alejandro.nul>
Date: Mon, 16 Aug 2010 14:53:31 -0700
Archived: Tue, 17 Aug 2010 20:15:45 -0400
Subject: New French Aerospace Report Endorses Reality Of

New French Aerospace Report Endorses Reality Of UFOs

A new French report released on May 31, 2010 concluded that UFOs are definitely real and possibly of extraterrestrial origin. While not an official government study, the Progress Report of the Sigma/3AF Commission comes from a highly credible source, the Aeronautical & Astronomical Association of France, known as the 3AF, which established a Commission on Unidentified Aerial Phenomena back in May 2008. The Commission's President is Alain Boudier, a former French Defense attach=E9, and one of its key members is Jean-Gabriel Gresl=E9, a former fighter pilot who studied at the U.S. Air Force Academy and later became an airliner pilot with Air France, where he experienced a couple of UFO sightings. Gresl=E9 has published three UFO books in France, including Unidentified Flying Objects: An Airline Pilot Talks (Guy Tr=E9daniel, 1993).

The Sigma/3AF is not a final report but just a work in progress document; nevertheless, it provides good background material on the history of official UFO research in France, a balance of Sigma's work during the last two years, a brief description of the most significant French cases, and some comments and conclusions. The report begins with a brief history of French official UFO research, which is quite extensive: "France is the only country where the collection of Unidentified Aerospace Phenomena (PAN in French) and its scientific study have been assigned since 1977 to a civilian official organization, the CNES (National Center for Space Studies, the French space agency) through the GEPAN study group." After a short description of this unit, now known as GEIPAN (Study and Information Group on Aerospace Unidentified Phenomena), the report outlines other official or quasi-official French studies, including the famous COMETA (Committee for In-Depth Studies) Report of 1999, issued by a group of high-ranking retired French military and intelligence officers, which concluded that UFOs were real and probably extraterrestrial.

You can download the original document and an English translation By Antonio Huneus here:

<http://www.openminds.tv/french-ufo-report-081610/>

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Date: Tue, 17 Aug 2010 02:10:24 -0300
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>more so far unrevealed, let's see it so that we can make our own
>judgments.

Jerry, the TV show aired the claim by a close friend of the
family, who claimed she heard from the photographer himself how
he hoaxed the photos. And the photographer's niece, the one who
is now responsible for all his remaining memorabilia -- she may
even have the original negatives, though she has never been
clear about that --, confirmed this hoax.

<snip>

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Indeed. That's exactly what I sent to the List. "Almiro Barauna
allegedly confessed he hoaxed the photos." It may not be very
clear because my English is broken, but that was what I meant,
this is an allegation of confession.

True, the subject I chose for the message was somewhat
different, but it did call you attention, right? ;-)

<snip>

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>by the way.

No, so far only second-hand anecdotal testimony, indeed. In my
message I did call attention to one hoax Barauna confessed in
video, the treasure chest hoax. This is different from the Mundo
Ilustrado one, which was clearly presented as a trick. The
treasure chest hoax involved him creating fake photos, profiting
with them and even vehemently denying they were hoaxed when he
was exposed. He only admitted the hoax in 1997, decades later.

So, he admitted at least one hoax, that's for sure.

>In short, let's keep critical faculties in full working order
>and sit tight for further evidence if it exists.

Oh, it does exist. But, and I'm not being sarcastical or anything, you are right in being skeptical about this new "revelation". We will evaluate it further. I beg your pardon, you all, sincerely, because I was very excited yesterday.

Some people may remember we are researching (and discussing) Trindade since 2003. There is much more evidence that he hoaxed the photos, so this "revelation" kept me very excited, as I think it got many other people too, for different reasons.

Cheers,

Kentaro

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Re: Trindade Photographer Admits Hoax

From: Kentaro Mori <kentaro.mori.nul>
Date: Tue, 17 Aug 2010 02:37:57 -0300
Archived: Tue, 17 Aug 2010 20:19:14 -0400
Subject: Re: Trindade Photographer Admits Hoax

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Mon, 16 Aug 2010 14:53:47 +0100
>Subject: Re: Trindade Photographer Admits Hoax

<snip>

>I notice that you seem to have omitted the word "publicit=Elria"
>from your translation of the phrase "revelou a publicit=Elria"
>Em=EDlia Bittencourt". Is there a reason for this? I would
>translate this as "publicist" or "promoter" or "advertiser". Is
>this correct? If so, what might this person be publicising or
>promoting?

Hello Martin,

I think "works in the advertising industry" would be more appropriate as a translation... there's no particular reason I omitted the word, besides me not finding a good translation for it, judging it not relevant, and being excited to share the new information.

>I ask because of your understandable insistence that Barauna's
>credibility has to be judged in light of his occupation as a
>professional photographer, and occasionally a trick-
>photographer. Have you considered how Bittencourt's background
>and intentions might be relevant to this "revelation" a quarter
>of a century after Barauna's death?

Honestly, no. Now that you called attention to it, yes, perhaps it could be relevant, but even thinking about it, I don't think it really is.

Barauna was not only a trick-photographer, well known for it, in the message I sent I recalled how he actually hoaxed a series of treasure chest photos, and confessed the hoax only decades later. I think his credibility has to be affected by something like that. Again, people should read about:

- Almiro Barauna=92s many hoaxes
<http://forgetomori.com/2010/ufos/ufo-photos/almiro-baraunas-many-hoaxes/>

<snip>

>Your translation of the article says Barauna's niece "confirms
>the hoax" - which appears to enlist her as confirming
>Bittencourt's story. But wouldn't "the fraud" be "das fraude"?

The original in Portuguese is "confirma a fraude". The article "a" may cause confusion to English speaking fellows, but in Portuguese it's a *definite* article. An indefinite article would be "confirma uma fraude".

>As I read it (admittedly my Portuguese is very shaky to say the
>least!) , "que n=E3o quis gravar entrevista, mas confirma a
>fraude" means "who declined to be recorded, but confirmed
>fraud". That is, some unspecified fraud. Is this correct?

No.

>If so this tells us only that Barauna's niece allegedly told
>Fantastico that she doesn't believe in her uncle's UFO. (Is this
>news? I am not sure I recall confidently - can you tell us?) It
>does not say that she specifically confirmed "the fraud",
>meaning the "cooking spoons by the fridge" story about which
>Emilia Bittencourt claims Barauna "laughed a lot".

Again, no. She confirms THE hoax. Or at least, that's what was reported by the TV show. If the TV show is accurate is another question whatsoever. But it reported she confirmed THE hoax in question.

>Evidently Barauna selected this one "family friend" as a unique
>confidant with whom to "laugh a lot" about his hoax, although he
>appears to have maintained his story steadfastly in every other
>arena.

He didn't maintain his story steadfastly. We know he changed many details of his story as the years passed by. Indeed he didn't admit the Trindade as a hoax publicly, that's true.

But nowhere in the news report does it say that Barauna confessed only to one family friend, in fact, it's assumed he told his family about it *and* his friend. He confessed the hoax to at least two people.

<snip>

>Unless we can be sure they were intimate and personally
>discussed matters in such detail as to leave no room for
>ambiguity, how can we be sure that this publicist is not merely
>recalling some decades-old meeting - perhaps even when the
>claimant was a child? - at which Barauna spoke about his photos
>for Vinicius Lima in O Mundo Ilustrado, for example, or just
>generally boasted about how he would do it if he wanted to?

This suggestion that she could have mistaken the Mundo Ilustrado trick with the Trindade photos is very interesting. She would have to mistake carioca fleet tips for two spoons, and a black background with a white fridge door, but I see your point, given the clear difference in age between them. But then, if she could have been mistaken, Barauna's niece could hardly be so, we know for sure she is aware of what the Trindade case represents. And yet, according to the news report, she finally "confirmed the hoax".

>I look forward to the full story!

If things go well I will have more news on this in the next few days. That, besides all the previous findings of our ongoing investigation on this case, of which I'm only part of. There's much that has been found that has still not been publicized, as you know, Martin -- though we may disagree on their significance. I think there's much more to support the hoax hypothesis here, which will be publicized in due time.

We also await the results of the "Trindade Project" that another group of fellows were conducting.

Regards,

Kentaro

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Re: Media Files On 6th Set Of UK UFO Documents

From: **Giuliano Marinkovic** <giuliano.marinkovic.nul>
Date: Tue, 17 Aug 2010 09:12:07 +0200
Archived: Tue, 17 Aug 2010 21:40:55 -0400
Subject: Re: Media Files On 6th Set Of UK UFO Documents

Dear colleagues.

I have processed an additional 3 hours of the UK radio shows where the 6th release of UK UFO documents have been covered. This is the probably the last part of the media coverage batch about the documents release as it seems that the initial media wave has passed.

Radio show:

Late Show with Keith Middleton
BBC Coventry & Warwickshire, 10:00pm Sunday 8th August 2010
Edited to 11:56
Featuring Nick Pope:

<http://tinyurl.com/2vbp43e>

Also during the show host Keith Middleton mentioned that he will devote a bigger portion of his show to UFOs at November 28th, 2010. where he will also talk with Nick Pope again about the Cosford incident:

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

Best Wishes

Giuliano

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Kentaro Mori On Roswell

From: **Thiago Luiz Ticchetti** <ticchetti.nul>
Date: Tue, 17 Aug 2010 12:46:39 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Tue, 17 Aug 2010 21:49:27 -0400
Subject: Kentaro Mori On Roswell

Roswell was really true?

I have to ask this question because I got a message sent by Mr. Kentaro Mori to the UFO Portugal List where he referred to an article about Roswell.

I've translated his words, but include the Portuguese so you can read and see if I miss some information. The link:

http://br.groups.yahoo.com/group/UFO_PORTUGAL/message/58589

In English:

"Thiago, any serious UFO researcher has Roswell in very high regard. This includes researchers like Jacques Vallee, who does not consider the case worthy of attention. Or even Nuno Silveira, SPO. But of course I'm talking about real ufologists. Many others consider sacred event. Needless to post about it in the UpDates, the case was discussed at length. You seem to not read the List in question, otherwise would've noticed."

In Portuguese:

Thiago, nenhum uf= C3= B3logo s= C3= A9rio tem Roswell em muita alta conta. A= C3= -- se incluem pesquisadores como Jacques Vallee, que n= C3= A3o considera o caso merecedor de muita aten= C3= A7= C3= A3o. Ou mesmo o Nuno Silveira, da SPO. Mas, claro, estou falando de uf= C3= B3logos de verdade. Muitos outros consideram o caso sagrado. = C3= 89 desnecess= C3= A1rio postar sobre isso na UpDates, o caso j= C3= A1 foi discutido = C3= exhaust= C3= A3o. Voc= C3= AA parece n= C3= A3o saber ler a lista em= quest= C3= A3o, do contr= C3= A1rio j= C3= A1 teria percebido.

Well, considering his words Kevin Randle, Stanton Friedman, Jesse Marcel Junior, Timothy Good, all the witnesses of the case and many more, are "not serious people".

The person who claims that, Mr. Kentaro Mori, is the same person that claims that the new directive of the FAB (Brazilian Air Force) is a retrograde step, that the Trindade Island is a fake (friends, wait because we have good stuff about it), that the Plate Operation is a fake (even with so much information, photos, witnesses, films, documents), that Nick Pope is a government collaborator and much more.

Mr. Kentaro is the best debunker of all time, because he can prove all of it! Just give him 7 years of research (years that he claim to be studying the Trindade Case). We will wait for it.

Please Mr. Kentaro, just answer my question, simply and straight: All the UFO researches are not serious if they believe in the Roswell Crash? Make it clear for us.

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Kentaro Mori & The Trindade Case

From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <aj.nul>
Date: Tue, 17 Aug 2010 17:02:08 -0300
Archived: Tue, 17 Aug 2010 22:19:38 -0400
Subject: Kentaro Mori & The Trindade Case

>From: Kentaro Mori <kentaro.mori.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Sun, 15 Aug 2010 21:27:22 -0300
>Subject: Trindade Photographer Admits Hoax

>The major TV network show in Brazil, Fantastico, has just
>aired a bombshell: Almiro Barauna allegedly confessed he hoaxed
>the photos. Both a friend and his niece confirm the hoax.

>Below, a translation of the revelation at:

><http://tinyurl.com/32c7r52>

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>"This Sunday (15), for the first time, Fantastico reveals the
>truth about the Trindade Island UFO. A friend of the family told
>what she heard from the photographer himself [Almiro Barauna]:
>he hoaxed the images, it was a montage. 'He got two kitchen
>spoons, joined them and improvised a spaceship, using as a
>background his fridge. He photographed the fridge door with the
>object in a perfect illumination. He laughed a lot about it",
>revealed Emilia Bittencourt. Barauna's files are in possession
>of his niece, who didn't want to record an interview, but
>confirms the hoax".

>---
>For years we have been investigating the Trindade Island case,
>and the results confirm this hoax - even though the detail of
>the use of spoons against a fridge door surprised us just as
>anyone else.

>In 2003 we publicized some initial analysis of the photos:

><http://www.ceticismoaberto.com/research/trindade/trind.htm>

>And since then, we have only found further, and damning,
>evidence of hoax. The claim of dozens of witnesses is not true,
>and recently we also publicized how Barauna had previously
>hoaxed a series of treasure chest photos:

><http://tinyurl.com/3yuqs5t>

>That, besides the How To Fake UFO Photos article he also
>collaborated with. We will publish all our findings soon, but
>again, and in short, the Trindade Island case was a hoax. One of
>the biggest hoaxes in UFO history, especially because the
>evidence has always been so flimsy and yet, endorsed by so many.

Dear Listers:

It is a complete absurdity, the worst thing Kentaro Mori could possibly do to hurt the image of the Brazilian Ufology, that he seems to despise for years, as anyone can easily conclude by his regular messages to domestic and international forums, always trying to debunk something.

On this occasion, to begin with, I refer to the terrible title of the message sent to the List, "Trindade Photographer Admits Hoax", which is nothing but a cruel, regrettable and twisted way to put the alleged - nothing more than alleged - new developments.

"Woman claims that Trindade Photographer Admits Hoax", at least, would be a decent example of good intentions to have the case and its supposedly illegitimate nature discussed here or anywhere else.

However, by using "Trindade Photographer Admits Hoax" in his message, Kentaro Mori knows very well that this title will be linked and referred over and over to by robots and Internet mechanisms, such as Google, and echoed eternally as simple and true fact. And that fact will be connected to his name. I cannot recollect another case of character assassination attempt in Ufology as despicable as this.

It is not even an example of bad Ufology, because it is not Ufology at all, but a terrible example of bad intentions, to put it politely. Kentaro Mori is so blinded by his skepticism that he didn't realize that he is not only trying to kill a case, but someone's name: "Trindade Photographer Admits Hoax". And who says so? Someone who came out of nowhere claiming to be family? Is she really family? Did Kentaro Mori check, directly, with her what she claims? Or did he only trust in a popular program such as Fantastico? Is that your "Ufology", or your "skepticism", Kentaro Mori?

How easy it is to destroy a case and a name by Kentaro Mori's rules. Amazing! I recollect Stanton Friedman's : "Facts? Don't bother me with facts. I already made up my mind". "Say what you want and that is fine", I would add.

If Kentaro Mori had really good intentions of cleaning Ufology of hoaxes and hoaxers, as a few people here could speculate in good faith, giving him that, he would at least use the proper words and tell the story straight.

First, the program in question, Fantastico, is popular, designed most of the time as a sensationalistic magazine that has had that same bad attitude towards Ufology on many occasions.

Second, who is that niece to say such a thing? What is her real background? Was she really close to Barauna? What are her intentions? Can she prove what she says? Or, on other hand, was she accurately quoted by Fantastico? Are those words aired actually her? Yeah, talk is cheap - but listening is not.

And what makes Kentaro Mori's impulsive attitude even worst and more damaging is that Barauna's niece completely denied having said that the photos are fake to Fantastico, just less that 48 hours after the program was aired.

On the contrary, Mara Barauna has issued a serious note saying that she - who's responsible for Almiro Barauna's archives - never ever said that at all and was misquoted. If intentionally or not, it is yet to be determined, and we will. She just added that she is terribly saddened, disappointed and angry about it, and she is now consulting a lawyer to decide what legal act to take.

How could you do such a think Kentaro Mori, without even taking the time to substantiate your claims? Yes, because now "Trindade Photographer Admits Hoax" becomes your claim. It was you who put that title in your message and so eagerly have tried to prove the case is a hoax.

Kentaro Mori seems to specialize in having people destroying their good ones' names. A few years ago, shooting his own foot, he presented a hilarious interview with the son of a member of the Operation Saucer who claimed - claimed, and again, didn't prove anything, and also felt in several obvious discrepancies - that he faked photos of the military mission.

I had to fix that story of the son by telling how wrong and deceiving he was about his father and his father's activities.

His claims were as valid as a 3 dollar bill.

The man said that he faked photos of UFOs using his father's negatives, that the father used to give him to develop during Operation Saucer. Not only this is completely absurd, as what the man also claimed, that in the 70s and 80s he laughed with his mates when saw the photos he allegedly faked published in books as real UFOs. That was Kentaro Mori's 'great story' to debunk and try to destroy Operation Saucer, a monumental military mission to really investigate UFOs, admitted like that by top military in Brazil.

Kentaro Mori's research was so inaccurate and thin that he even neglected checking out how many books were published about Operation Saucer in the 70s and 80s, that carried such photos:

It was only one, Kentaro: *Vampiros Extraterrestres na Amazonia* (Extraterrestrial Vampires at the Amazon), from Daniel Rebisso Giese, my friend. And that single book had only a few photos published, some erroneously credited to the Operation Saucer but that weren't Operation Saucer at all.

In his blind rush to destroy one of the Brazilian best cases - which he repeats now with the Trindade Island Case - Kentaro Mori didn't do the basics, and that was talking to the people who knew the facts.

If he have done so, he would find - as I did and I published in Brazilian UFO Magazine, after really talking to people - that most of the photos published in the 70s and 80s and even in the 90s, credited to Operation Saucer, were not Operation Saucer at all, but confiscated by Brazilian Air Force from the newspaper photographers that covered a few Operation Saucer procedures and given as obtained by military. Brazil was under dictatorship and that did actually happen. Some of the best known photos credited to Operation Saucer, instead of what Kentaro Mori and his "hot source" believed, were obtained by Jose Ribamar do Prazeres, a award winning photographer from Para State who had many of his photos confiscated by Hollanda's men and Hollanda himself.

Well, now, if for no other reason that could be remembered by Kentaro Mori, he could at least try to respect Barauna's and Barauna family's name from the label that they will possibly carry from now on until the vicious damage he created is removed, or the fraud - as he so impatiently claims - if given as certain by a team of experts from several fields. Definitely not at all someone like him alone, whose investigation is so weak and in this case was conducted over the Internet, translating other foreign authors who had attempted to debunk Barauna in the past.

Kentaro Mori can't reasonably believe that he is contributing to Ufology by doing this thing to Barauna. Neither can he be that naive not to see how much he is damaging Ufology by doing so.

The effort and energy he expends to try to destroy cases could much better be used to assist Ufology by investigating other cases - not that hoaxes and hoaxers shouldn't be exposed, but those acts should be done in a reasonable, respectable, grounded way.

Almiro Barauna is not a name only. He was a person - real flesh and blood. Someone whose name is tightly connected to the past of the Brazilian Ufology. Those are things to respect, Kentaro Mori.

However, if it is his personal choice to follow this sordid performance, we, the Brazilian Committee of UFO Researchers (CBU), 15 people from several professions ranging from lawyers to a Brigadier and a Colonel, from engineers to Federal public servants, from journalists to a Federal Congressmen, definitely and energetically revile, reject and condemn Kentaro Mori's act to destroy the image of one of the best Brazilian cases.

At this point I can say that it seems that many other UFO entities will join this complaint.

Now, after many of us have personally met and investigated the Trindade Island Case (actually, not like Kentaro Mori) and even did the most lengthy and detailed interviews with Barauna available, as well as several people directly and indirectly involved in the obtaining the photos, we will certainly review

our position if and when honest evidence is gathered and properly analyzed by real UFO researchers and suitably presented to the International UFO Community, and definitely not by someone trying for the gold medal.

Until then, I humbly ask all of you, dear Listers and members of the International UFO Community, to wait for real further developments and do as we, the Brazilian researchers do, to completely reject the attempt of debunking the Trindade Island Case without a real and solid basis for it.

As for Kentaro Mori, if he is in possession of information that can be honestly used to locate and interview people alleging that Barauna is a fake, and/or information of any kind that could be properly used to analyze the new developments, he should present those to the entire Brazilian UFO Community, not partially, not biasedly, not distortedly, but entirely, immediately and unconditionally.

Until then, in respect of the same International UFO Community, the good image of Brazilian Ufology, Barauna's name and his family's names, and also all the previous UFO researchers, Brazilian or foreign, that did their best to investigate the case honestly and in real conditions over the last 4-5 decades, he should refrain from such attitude.

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Archived: Tue, 17 Aug 2010 23:01:21 -0400
Subject: News Links - 16-08-10

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Playful UFOs And An All-Seeing Eye - The Truth Is Out Near Southam
Warwick Courier
<http://tinyurl.com/25gamfx>

UFO Spotted Underwater?
Popular Fidelity
<http://tinyurl.com/2uo5egb>

Illegal Flights Cause Confusion In China's Skies
TIME Magazine
<http://tinyurl.com/2ape829>

Journalist Finds Credibility In Stories About UFOs
Arizona Republic
<http://tinyurl.com/25ud8a2>

Believers Gather To Talk UFOs, Paranormal
Columbia Daily Tribune
<http://tinyurl.com/2fxdpey>

Sir Patrick Moore's Irish UFO Film Finally Lands
BBC News
<http://tinyurl.com/2bfqo48>

A Not-So-Suspicious Mind: Elvis Was Obsessed With UFOs
AOL News
<http://tinyurl.com/2dsl4mw>

What Has The Government Not Been Telling Us About UFOs
Blogging Away
<http://tinyurl.com/3x3j5tb>

The Top 10 Best Selling UFO Books Reviewed
UFO's =96 Flying Saucers
<http://tinyurl.com/28hswgv>

=46rom 'The Norm':

If Aliens Exist, They Will Probably Love Bach
<http://tinyurl.com/2bvysu>

Science And Superstition
Magonia Book Review
<http://tinyurl.com/3xey9vc>

50 Years of Listening For Aliens:
Q & A With SETI Pioneer Jill Tarter
<http://tinyurl.com/2ds6fgm>

Father of SETI Honored 50 Years After First Search for Alien Life
<http://tinyurl.com/25y66nr>

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Re: BBC Article On UFOs

From: **Giuliano Marinkovic** <giuliano.marinkovic.nul>
Date: Tue, 17 Aug 2010 09:20:19 +0200
Archived: Wed, 18 Aug 2010 12:06:36 -0400
Subject: Re: BBC Article On UFOs

>From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
>Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2010 13:12:03 +0100
>Archived: Thu, 12 Aug 2010 09:00:21 -0400
>Subject: BBC Article On UFOs

>Listers,

>Having read this article on UFOs and the Rendelsham Forest
>incident I thought I should drop it on UpDates for your
>consumption:

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

<snip>

The BBC Article is in fact a companion piece of the BBC radio show
Today from August 11th.

I have processed 3 hours from the complete show to find possible more
references and comments about that piece directly from the studio-I was
interested to see how it will be announced. Here is the extraction -
carefully edited with great care.

Radio show:

Today with Evan Davis & John Humphrys - Edit 10:49
BBC Radio 4, 06:00am Sunday 11th Wednesday 2010
- Besides Rendlesham piece and comments from the studio included also is a
meteor shower piece so you could compare different approaches between those
two stories:

<http://tinyurl.com/2u3l6gc>

With the connection of Rendlesham BBC Piece and UFO News from UK and Brazil
they have even opened possibility for comments here:

Should We Take UFO Sightings Seriously:

<http://tinyurl.com/3344lz5>

And the best gem for the end.

Interview with James Penniston & John Burroughs in response to BBC Piece on
Bentwaters - check here:

<http://theparanormalcafe.podomatic.com/>

<http://tinyurl.com/35rbyfs>

Download link for Audio Here:

<http://tinyurl.com/2wfb7z5>

Host Robert Simcox tried also to get amateur astronomer Ian
Ridpath for the show (involved in the BBC piece) where he
received this response from him: "Thank you for the invitation
but this isn't my constituency, I'm afraid".

He also tried to get Mark Pilkington (author of a new book
Mirage Men - also involved in the BBC piece) who suggested to
Rob to contact Ridpath :) A must listen :)

Best Wishes

Giuliano

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Re: New French Report Endorses Reality Of UFOs

From: **Giuliano Marinkovic** <giuliano.marinkovic.nul>
Date: Tue, 17 Aug 2010 15:21:00 +0200
Archived: Wed, 18 Aug 2010 12:53:14 -0400
Subject: Re: New French Report Endorses Reality Of UFOs

Dear Colleagues,

Just received this from a colleague so I am forwarding this Open Minds Production article FYI without comment in this stage.

Original message and links in the text below:

--- start of quote ---

From: rwa100
Sent: Tuesday, August 17, 2010 2:37 PM
To: TruthSeekerNews
Subject: New French aerospace report endorses reality of UFOs

For complete details visit here:
<http://www.openminds.tv/french-ufo-report-081610/>

Snippet:

A new French report released on May 31, 2010 concluded that UFOs are definitely real and possibly of extraterrestrial origin. While not an official government study, the Progress Report of the Sigma/3AF Commission comes from a highly credible source, the Aeronautical & Astronomical Association of France, known as the 3AF, which established a Commission on Unidentified Aerial Phenomena back in May 2008. The Commission's President is Alain Boudier, a former French Defense attach=E9, and one of its key members is Jean-Gabriel Gresl=E9, a former fighter pilot who studied at the U.S. Air Force Academy and later became an airliner pilot with Air France, where he experienced a couple of UFO sightings. Gresl=E9 has published three UFO books in France, including Unidentified Flying Objects: An Airline Pilot Talks (Guy Tr=E9daniel, 1993).

The Sigma/3AF is not a final report but just a work in progress document; nevertheless, it provides good background material on the history of official UFO research in France, a balance of Sigma's work during the last two years, a brief description of the most significant French cases, and some comments and conclusions. The report begins with a brief history of French official UFO research, which is quite extensive: "France is the only country where the collection of Unidentified Aerospace Phenomena (PAN in French) and its scientific study have been assigned since 1977 to a civilian official organization, the CNES (National Center for Space Studies, the French space agency) through the GEPAN study group." After a short description of this unit, now known as GEIPAN (Study and Information Group on Aerospace Unidentified Phenomena), the report outlines other official or quasi-official French studies, including the famous COMETA (Committee for In-Depth Studies) Report of 1999, issued by a group of high-ranking retired French military and intelligence officers, which concluded that UFOs were real and probably extraterrestrial.

The English translation .pdf of the full Sigma/3AF report:

<http://tinyurl.com/28t2yee>

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Ronnie Million Warning

From: Philip Mantle <philip.nul>
Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2010 12:41:12 +0100
Archived: Wed, 18 Aug 2010 16:11:20 -0400
Subject: Ronnie Million Warning

List Members,

Could I please make everyone aware that know document fraudster Ronnie Million seems to have raised his ugly head again. I see that he is on the list of speakers at the Exeter UFO Festival on September 4th. If anyone knows who the organisers are could you warn them please. He faked lab reports from the a Dr Rau at Brookhaven. I have all the info if required. Dr Rau had nothing to do with him or any lab reports of course, they were all fake.

See:

<http://newsblaze.com/story/20081012091522zzzz.nb/topstory.html>

Here's the full story on Ronnie Million:

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

Many thanks,

Philip Mantle

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Interesting Berwyns 'UFO Event' Coincidence

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2010 14:05:37 +0100
Archived: Wed, 18 Aug 2010 16:13:42 -0400
Subject: Interesting Berwyns 'UFO Event' Coincidence

Hello List,

Just accidentally found (unchecked) UFO chronology pages -
extract below

Nb. From the Berwyns, Oswestry (& Gobowen) are c. 20 miles SE;
Holyhead is c. 40 miles NW (on coast).

<http://www.ufodna.com/chrono/chrono/1974.htm>

23 January 1974 20:30 - Cader Bronwen [sic - the Berwyns] Mtn,
UK - A mysterious explosion was reported. One object, about 300
feet across, was observed by numerous witnesses at a mountain
very briefly.

23 January 1974 Before 2100 - Oswestry, UK - Unidentified
objects were sighted, ... More than one object was observed by
more than one male witness.

23 January 1974 After 2100 - Holyhead, UK - One object was
observed by more than one witness on the ocean.

24 January 1974 19:20 Gobowen, UK - Instrumented observation A
hovering flying disc was observed using optical instruments. One
disc was observed by three witnesses in a residential area for
11 minutes (Upton). [UFO comes within 500 feet of the witness,
but no after effects are suffered by the witness or the
surrounding area.]

24 January 1974 20:40 - Caen Nw, France - Independent witnesses.
Viewed through binoculars. Fast moving brilliant white disc,
made no sound. rapidly to the north. An object was observed.
Multiple independent witnesses. One white disc was observed by
more than two witnesses in a city. No sound was heard.

BTW - 23rd was a dark night (New Moon) and Venus was not
visible, being at `conjunction'.

Cheers

Ray D

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Re: Abduction Experiences: Some Clues

From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2010 06:08:14 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Wed, 18 Aug 2010 16:17:15 -0400
Subject: Re: Abduction Experiences: Some Clues

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: post to ufoupdates <post.nul>
>Date: Mon, 16 Aug 2010 16:35:41 +0000
>Subject: Re: Abduction Experiences: Some Clues

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>>>To: post to ufoupdates <post.nul>
>>>Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2010 18:25:00 +0000
>>>Subject: Re: Abduction Experiences: Some Clues

>>>>From: Eustaquio Andrea Patounas <socex.ufobras.nul>
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>>>>Date: Wed, 11 Aug 2010 17:32:36 -0300
>>>>Subject: Abduction Experiences: Some Clues

>>>>Source: Informaworld

>>>><http://tinyurl.com/3932cgd>

>>>>3 August 2002

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>>>>Katharine J. Holden; Christopher C. French

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>Loftus and many, many academians I never heard of on the
>psychological/neuropsychological side are quoted.

>Klass the anti-everything alien is quoted sparingly. Geez, Stan,
>why is necessary to be so flip in tossing out your opinion
>without reading the material? I am afraid it is positions like
>this one that threaten your credibility with me.

I said the work was a biased as that of Susan Clancy. I did not
say it was based upon the work of Clancy. I did meet French and
was not impressed.

Stan Friedman

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Re: News Links - 14-08-10

From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2010 09:14:13 -0400
Archived: Wed, 18 Aug 2010 16:18:57 -0400
Subject: Re: News Links - 14-08-10

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Mon, 16 Aug 2010 17:12:18 +0000
>Subject: Re: News Links - 14-08-10

>>Date: Sun, 15 Aug 2010 10:16:49 -0400
>>To: ufo-updates-list.nul
>>From: post.nul
>>Subject: UFO UpDate: News Links - 14-08-10

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>>Starchild Skull 2010 DNA Result
>><http://tinyurl.com/37g9flj>

>New press release from Pye states the same old thing - claims he
>found somebody who can retrieve DNA from skull. Says nothing
>about testing the DNA sample, just that "they" are talking about
>beginning the process.

Actually, not true. Pye says in the video (5:45) a 342 base-pair
sequence was not found in the NIH database. This means the skull
is not entirely human. He says the next step is to sequence the
whole genome to get an accurate picture of the relative amounts
of human vs alien DNA.

William

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Re: Trindade Photographer Admits Hoax

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark.nul>
Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2010 08:25:55 -0500
Archived: Wed, 18 Aug 2010 16:20:45 -0400
Subject: Re: Trindade Photographer Admits Hoax

>From: John Rimmer <johnrimmer.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Mon, 16 Aug 2010 17:52:15 +0000 (GMT)
>Subject: Re: Trindade Photographer Admits Hoax

<snip>

>Jerry, I presume that by "ideologues with something to prove" you
>are not referring solely to sceptical ufologists who have
>doubted the case from the beginning, but also those ufologists
>who have accepted the reality of Trindade despite the absence of
<any confirmatory evidence (vide infra). In particular I refer to
>those 'ideologues' who assert that a UFO claim cannot be
>disproven unless we have witnesses who are prepared to go on
>record that they did not see it!

Hey, you have an exclamation point on your keyboard. Is this
required on all debunker keyboards?

By "ideologues," of course, I meant those whose overriding
interest in the UFO phenomenon is in discrediting it, not in
uncovering inconvenient truths and facts (or, sometimes, in
making up their own). Having a debunker's claim validated, in
short, is the equivalent of having somebody who throws vast
quantities of mud at a wall hit it once in a while.

>>>Obvious question: Is there anything yet but second - and third -
>>>hand anecdotal testimony bearing on the claim? That's not a
>>>rhetorical question, by the way, but an actual one. No pro-UFO
>>>claim would be so uncritically embraced - at least by any
>>>sensible person - with the evidence this thin, at least at the
>>>moment, on the ground. I have plenty of counterexamples at hand,
>>>by the way.

>I quite agree, I would certainly not accept the reality of a UFO
>report under similar circumstances, however I would be prepared,
>as with this case, to add it to a cumulative body of evidence
>which supports such an interpretation.

Thanks, John. I was hoping you'd say that. A supporter of the
Roswell case could say precisely the same.

>>>In short, let's keep critical faculties in full working order
>>>and sit tight for further evidence if it exists. Based on what
>>>I've read so far, I see no basis for any opinion whatever; all I
>>>have is a so far unsatisfied curiosity, plus an intense desire
>>>to know whether this is a huge development or yet another bogus
>>>breakthrough. Of course, if the hoax allegation ultimately is
>>>validated, that's a thrilling development and a step forward. So
>>>far, though, it's a tad soon to hope.

>Would you really regard it as 'thrilling', Jerry, or would a
>slight shadow of disappointment cross your features as you
>realised that one of your main pieces of evidence for
>'structured craft' had sunk somewhere in mid-ocean?

As an ideologue, you would have a hard time understanding
this, wouldn't you?

Jerry Clark

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Re: Trindade Photographer Admits Hoax

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2010 14:50:33 +0100
Archived: Wed, 18 Aug 2010 16:23:09 -0400
Subject: Re: Trindade Photographer Admits Hoax

>From: Kentaro Mori <kentaro.mori.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Tue, 17 Aug 2010 02:37:57 -0300
>Subject: Re: Trindade Photographer Admits Hoax

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 16 Aug 2010 14:53:47 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Trindade Photographer Admits Hoax

<snip>

Dear Kentaro

Thanks for correcting my misapprehension re the definite/indefinite article.

I agree, for the other reasons I mentioned, that it's right to stay sceptical of this hearsay until something more solid is known about exactly who this person is, what her relation (if any) to the long-dead Barauna may have been, and what the origins of the anecdote really are.

>Your suggestion that Bittencourt could have mistaken the >Mundo Ilustrado hoax for Trindade is very interesting, >but then, she would have to mistake Carioca fleet chips >for spoons, and a black background with a fridge"

I was not suggesting at all that Bittencourt was mistaking the details of the Mundo Ilustrado article for details of the Trindade photos, but making a more general point. Back in 1958 Barauna was well known as a person who knew his way around a camera, and was asked then by the Navy to describe how he would go about hoaxing the photos if he had to (a cunning question!). We know Barauna made those (crude) demonstration fakes for the Lima magazine article, too. It was both the sort of thing he was naturally interested in and the sort of thing that would naturally have interested other people after the Trindade affair. He would have been asked about it constantly: "Come on, Almirio, how did you do it?" or "If you had to fake them, could you have done it?" People he talked to on unknown dates may then have told other unknown people, and we don't know where, or when, or in what context Bittencourt heard her anecdote about using spoons to simulate a saucer.

>Also, if she could have been mistaken, Barauna's niece >could hardly be so, she knows very well what Trindade is.

We don't (or I don't) know what Barauna's niece may or may not know about Bittencourt's story, or what she may or may not have thought she was confirming to Fantastico. The only information given is one phrase saying that she "confirma a fraude". How? When? And in what terms? A written statement? Recorded interview? Someone's interpretation of a rushed 'phone call? What did the questioner ask? Do we know?

We also don't (or I don't) have any idea what she may or may not know, or care, about her late uncle's activities, what she may or may not know about the still-hidden contents (if any) of his

inherited effects, or what motivations she may have for (perhaps) wanting to forget about having a saucer nut for an uncle or to get rid of the family curse once and for all.

>>Evidently Barauna selected this one "family friend" as a unique >>confidant with whom to "laugh a lot" about his hoax, although he >>appears to have maintained his story steadfastly in every other >>arena.

>He didn't maintain his story steadfastly.

Yes, he did. You know exactly what I mean. ;-)

>Indeed he didn't admit the Trindade as a hoax publicly, that's >>true.

Thankyou - as neither did the only surviving named "witness", the CACEX banker Amilar, whom you interviewed not long before his death, who I believe impressed you as apparently sincere, and who also remained steadfast in insisting that the object was in the sky. Here also is a snippet of Alexandre Borges' interview where Borges says that Barauna has been suspected of faking:

Amilar: It could be, but that object was really in the sky. I can assure that because I saw it and I'm saying that I'm sure!

Alexandre: What do you mean with "it could be"? Do you mean he could have played any tricks?

Amilar: No, I don't know! I don't know if he played some kind of trick as you say, what I'm saying is that the object was really in the sky. If he did anything it was from what was seen in the sky. But as everyone else is dead, I'm the only one to tell the story and I'm telling what I saw. I have no doubt that what I saw was not any illusion.

Alexandre: OK! I'm asking you about this because the possibility of a fraud was very much commented even among photographers that were his friends at that time.

Amilar: I have never taken part in UFO subjects, but it was not that I am a skeptic. My wife, for example, believes in UFOs. I saw a very strange object with her in Niteroi, but I'm not going to say that it was a flying saucer, I can only say that was an unidentified flying object. I don't like to talk about it, but since you called me I'm being kind to tell you what I saw. I've already told what I saw, an object did appear in the sky. . . . So, it could have been a fraud, but it could be such a well done... But the object was really in the sky, nobody can deny it. I saw that, then went to my cabin because it is very annoying having people asking about that, I never liked it. I have no interest in discussing if there was a fraud or not. I'm just saying that this was my observation, I saw the object and I will never deny it!

And until now, AFAIK, there has been no hint that Barauna or anyone else confessed a hoax privately either. Hence your "excitement", of course, about this "revelation".

>But nowhere in the news report does it say that Barauna >confessed only to one family friend, in fact, it's assumed he >told his family about it *and* his friend. He confessed the hoax >to at least two people.

It is indeed "assumed" but I don't see anything yet to give us confidence in the assumption. Not too long ago there was a Brazilian TV person claiming to have been shown the original negatives, and a few of us scurried after that rumour until evaporated into the usual mist. If you can get some testable information from Bittencourt and/or the niece about the "spoon" story it would be very helpful.

Kind regards

Martin

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Mack, Jacobs and particularly Strieber aren't - or weren't in Mack's case - UFO researchers. I've known Dave Jacobs for some years and he would be the first to admit that he doesn't research unidentified flying objects. He researches abductions.

Clancy begins her book with reference to the Arnold sighting explaining how he observed objects near Mount Rainier while flying his private jet - in 1947. That pretty much set the tone for her accuracy and credibility.

Don Ledger

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Re: Kentaro Mori & The Trindade Case

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2010 15:59:57 +0100
Archived: Wed, 18 Aug 2010 16:26:25 -0400
Subject: Re: Kentaro Mori & The Trindade Case

>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <aj.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 17 Aug 2010 17:02:08 -0300
>Subject: Kentaro Mori & The Trindade Case

<snip>

>However, if it is his personal choice to follow this sordid
>performance, we, the Brazilian Committee of UFO Researchers
>(CBU), 15 people from several professions ranging from lawyers
>to a Brigadier and a Colonel, from engineers to Federal public
>servants, from journalists to a Federal Congressmen,
>_definitely_ and _energetically_ revile, reject and condemn
>Kentaro Mori's act to destroy the image of one of the best
>Brazilian cases.

Stone the heretic! Stop his filthy blasphemy!

This is very reminiscent of a scene from Monty Python's 'Life of Brian', and also the reaction to that film by elements of the so called Christian church.

And they say that ufology is not a religion?

Keep the faith, Love and Light, etc.

Joe

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Re: Kentaro Mori & The Trindade Case

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac.nul>
Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2010 11:06:48 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Wed, 18 Aug 2010 16:29:36 -0400
Subject: Re: Kentaro Mori & The Trindade Case

>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <aj.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 17 Aug 2010 17:02:08 -0300
>Subject: Kentaro Mori & The Trindade Case

Mori says he was surprised by the "spoons" explanation for the photos. His surprise is not surprising since spoons against a white background wouldn't look like the 'Saturn-shaped' object in Baruna's photo.

Baruna admitted to faking some UFO photos. I wonder if the new 'witness' might have mixed up Baruna's story of hoaxing with his story (backed by other witnesses on the ship!) that he took photos of a 'real UFO'.

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Re: Kentaro Mori & The Trindade Case

From: **Gerald O'Connell** <goc.nul>
Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2010 16:24:34 +0100
Archived: Wed, 18 Aug 2010 16:31:25 -0400
Subject: Re: Kentaro Mori & The Trindade Case

>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <aj.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 17 Aug 2010 17:02:08 -0300
>Subject: Kentaro Mori & The Trindade Case

<snip>

>And what makes Kentaro Mori's impulsive attitude even worst and
>more damaging is that Barauna's niece completely denied having
>said that the photos are fake to Fantastico, just less that 48
>hours after the program was aired.

>On the contrary, Mara Barauna has issued a serious note saying
>that she - who's responsible for Almiro Barauna's archives -
>never ever said that at all and was misquoted. If intentionally
>or not, it is yet to be determined, and we will. She just added
>that she is terribly saddened, disappointed and angry about it,
>and she is now consulting a lawyer to decide what legal act to
>take.

<snip>

This is an interesting development Ademar. I'm sure many on the
List would be grateful if you could provide some reference
points for this information so that it could be followed up.

Thanks.

--

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

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Re: Kentaro Mori On Roswell

From: **Kentaro Mori** <kentaro.mori.nul>
Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2010 13:19:53 -0300
Archived: Wed, 18 Aug 2010 16:34:22 -0400
Subject: Re: Kentaro Mori On Roswell

>From: Thiago Luiz Ticchetti <ticchetti.nul>
>To: ufo update <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 17 Aug 2010 12:46:39 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Kentaro Mori On Roswell

<snip>

>http://br.groups.yahoo.com/group/UFO_PORTUGAL/message/58589

>Please Mr. Kentaro, just answer my question, simply and
>straight: All the UFO researches are not serious if they believe
>in the Roswell Crash? Make it clear for us.

I wrote that:

"no serious ufologist has Roswell in that much of a high regard. That includes researchers like Jacques Vallee, who doesn't think it worth of much attention. ... But of course, I'm talking about real ufologists. Many other consider the case sacred. It's not necessary for me to post about it on Updates [as you, Thiago, have demanded], as the case has already been discussed ad nauseam. You seem not very able to read the referred list, otherwise you would have noticed that."

I think what I originally wrote more than answers your question about my own personal opinion. I stand by it, including the part about not being necessary to drag this to Updates, but if you insisted, well, there you have it.

I really think our international fellows may be bored with all of this, and if your actual intention is to divert from actual, relevant issues being discussed, then I think you are succeeding by bringing things like this up.

By the way, you originally included Wendelle Stevens in your list of "serious ufologists", I wonder why you didn't mention him here.

Kentaro

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Re: Trindade Photographer Admits Hoax

From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2010 10:39:38 -0600
Archived: Wed, 18 Aug 2010 16:36:32 -0400
Subject: Re: Trindade Photographer Admits Hoax

>From: Kentaro Mori <kentaro.mori.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Sun, 15 Aug 2010 21:27:22 -0300
>Subject: Trindade Photographer Admits Hoax

>The major TV network show in Brazil, Fantastico, has just
>aired a bombshell: Almiro Barauna allegedly confessed he hoaxed
>the photos. Both a friend and his niece confirm the hoax.

>Below, a translation of the revelation at:

><http://tinyurl.com/32c7r52>

><snip>

>That, besides the How To Fake UFO Photos article he also
>collaborated with. We will publish all our findings soon, but
>again, and in short, the Trindade Island case was a hoax. One of
>the biggest hoaxes in UFO history, especially because the
>evidence has always been so flimsy and yet, endorsed by so many.

Kentaro,

I presume by this point you're probably having second thoughts
about your subject line, which does not follow at all from the
material presented.

I'm very much reminded of Tony Bragalia's recent 'bombshell'
revelation exposing the Socorro case as a student prank, on the
strength of a similarly ephemeral third-hand allegation.

My hope is you've not become equally overzealous, or, for that
matter, are being unnecessarily coy. If you've got solid
evidence of a hoax, by all means let's hear it. If what you've
referenced here is the bulk of it, then I'm somewhat puzzled by
your level of excitement.

You may also be over-estimating how desperately people are
clinging to this case, or how foundational it is to the broader
phenomenon. In my opinion, the O Mundo Ilustrado affair had
already pretty well killed the credibility of this case, even
though I've not encountered a single plausible account of how it
could have been hoaxed, specifically including cooking spoons
photographed against a refrigerator door.

Best regards-

Mike

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Truth-Finding Not Point-Making [was: Trindade]

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2010 11:44:15 -0500
Archived: Wed, 18 Aug 2010 16:41:52 -0400
Subject: Truth-Finding Not Point-Making [was: Trindade]

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2010 08:25:55 -0500
>Subject: Re: Trindade Photographer Admits Hoax

>>From: John Rimmer <johnrimmer.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Mon, 16 Aug 2010 17:52:15 +0000 (GMT)
>>Subject: Re: Trindade Photographer Admits Hoax

>>>From: Robert Powell <rpowell.nul>
>>>To: post.nul
>>>Date: Mon, 16 Aug 2010 09:06:46 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Trindade Photographer Admits Hoax

>>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>>>To: <post.nul>
>>>>Date: Mon, 16 Aug 2010 08:03:41 -0500
>>>>Subject: Re: Trindade Photographer Admits Hoax

>>>>>From: Kentaro Mori <kentaro.mori.nul>
>>>>>To: post.nul
>>>>>Date: Sun, 15 Aug 2010 21:27:22 -0300
>>>>>Subject: Trindade Photographer Admits Hoax

>By "ideologues," of course, I meant those whose overriding
>interest in the UFO phenomenon is in discrediting it, not in
>uncovering inconvenient truths and facts (or, sometimes, in
>making up their own). Having a debunker's claim validated, in
>short, is the equivalent of having somebody who throws vast
>quantities of mud at a wall hit it once in a while.

I am taking the liberty of another shot at the above paragraph,
written before I'd had my first jolt of morning coffee and thus
not representing my clearest prose. In what follows, though he
is mentioned, I am not addressing my old friend John Rimmer, who
just happens to have occasioned these words, in particular. He
is simply a representative carrier of an ideological tradition
which has helped shape the discussion from its early years.
Consider the following a kind of mini-essay:

By its nature the debunking ideology is a totalist belief. It
derives from a fundamental assumption: that there are no UFOs -
at least in the usually conceived sense, i.e., significant,
intelligence-based anomalies - and therefore all research and
analysis must be directed toward unearthing the more or less
prosaic cause that is believed to underlie every report without
exception. Thus, any details that don't serve the ideology have
to be discarded. If all else fails to shut up the discordant
testimony, there's always ridicule of or slanderous speculation
about the witnesses' character and/or sanity (e.g., the recent
suggestion on this List that drugs fueled the Rendlesham
testimony).

On the other extreme would be somebody who held a totalistic
belief in the opposite. Thus, every case this individual
"investigated," however inconsequential or dubious, would have
to be resolved in the direction of a fantastic anomaly such as
an extraterrestrial spacecraft.

To my knowledge, no such pro-UFO ideologue exists - though some silly and gullible people in this field have come pretty close - in good part because such totalism is unnecessary. To any reasonable (which is to say non-ideological) observer, an explained case does not negate a separate, unrelated unexplained one. John Rimmer, interestingly, tries to square that circle with his words on structured craft, whose existence he implies is somehow now in doubt because the Trindade images allegedly are.

Of course, as we all know, anomalous structured craft are incompatible with debunking ideology. One infers that explains why John apparently discerns a link, even if invisible to the rest of us, between Trindade - about which, token throat-clearing aside, he has already leaped to a necessarily negative conclusion (really, for him, could there be any other?) - and uncountable numbers of other reports of anomalous aerial structures by individuals who have otherwise no association with Trindade whatever.

A non-debunker has, should have, certainly need have, no investment in any particular case; thus, all aspects of a report, both those that seem anomalous and those that seem potentially amenable to conventional accounting, can be collected and analyzed with reasonable objectivity. As is not the case with debunking ideologues, reports do not have predetermined solutions. Those solutions, whatever they are, follow organically from the available evidence, as opposed to ideologically from the operating premise.

The prosaic laying to rest of a case is as much to be celebrated as its being relegated to the unexplained category. After all, the goal is truth-finding, not point-making, which is to say the desire to have one's opinions aligned as much as possible with fact as opposed to error. I'm afraid it's no wonder debunkers find non-ideological approaches so perplexing.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Kentaro Mori & The Trindade Case

From: Kentaro Mori <kentaro.mori.nul>
Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2010 14:07:41 -0300
Archived: Wed, 18 Aug 2010 16:45:15 -0400
Subject: Re: Kentaro Mori & The Trindade Case

>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <aj.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 17 Aug 2010 17:02:08 -0300
>Subject: Kentaro Mori & The Trindade Case

Dear fellows,

As for the title of the message I wrote, "Trindade Photographer Admits Hoax", mea culpa. The first thing one reads in the actual message, though, states the situation clearly and accurately - but in a much longer statement.

Gevaerd questions if I even knew who Barauna's niece was, if she was indeed a relative of Barauna. Well, I am aware of this niece and her possession of Barauna's files for a few years already. I'm aware and tried to cooperate into having these files available for open analysis. Unfortunately, she has not been forthcoming in this effort. She doesn't even answer simple questions such as if those files contain the original negatives.

Gevaerd also directs his attacks to the TV show, "Fantastico", as a "sensacionalistic magazine that has had that same bad attitude towards Ufology on many occasions". This is a big surprise, as anyone who searches the Brazilian UFO mag website for "Fantastico" will find many references to its role in most developments in the field - it was by seeing the TV show that the Operation Saucer commander decided to give an interview to Gevaerd, for instance.

Barauna's niece now denies having confirmed the hoax to the TV show. This is *very* relevant. But I spoke at length with the responsible for the program, Luiz Petry, - again, this is the most viewed TV show on Sunday's prime night, of the major TV network - and he stands firmly by what was aired. She didn't want to give a recorded interview, but she originally confirmed the hoax to those professionals. If she takes this to court, the results could be interesting.

The issue of Fernando Costa's statements about another case altogether, the Operation Saucer, is also put into question. Anyone willing to evaluate the issue should read the actual interview I, along with researcher Jeferson Martinho, conducted and published three years ago:

<http://tinyurl.com/2ssyk2>

Contrary to what is claimed, this interview wasn't intended to "destroy Operation Saucer". Let me be clear: Operation Saucer was not a hoax. There's much unexplained in those events. In fact, Fernando Costa himself claims that:

"The occurrence of a strange phenomenon is undeniable. It affected a portion of the population of Amazon. Even knowing that our natives are very prone to myths and legends, it is difficult to deny the bizarre occurrences."

Again, the full interview can be seen in the link above, so anyone can judge by themselves if Gevaerd's criticism is justified or simply a strawman argument. His refutation about a

book or several books as claimed by Fernando Costa, is flimsy, as nowhere did Costa say that the books he saw were in the 70s and 80s. And Fernando was only referring to the photos he himself hoaxed, so the fact other photos got mixed up is completely irrelevant.

Now, Fernando Costa's statements should be taken with a grain of salt. As those of Emilia Bittencourt. As those of Barauna's niece, confirming or denying she confirmed the hoax. Several fellows, many on this List, are aware of the efforts we have been conducting off-List to further investigate the Trindade case. Some know the new evidence we have dug up. It's only a mass of evidence, inter-related and analyzed, which will allow us to deal with all aspects of this case and reach an eventual conclusion.

Claiming my work is a "sordid performance" won't help anyone, I think, but if one "committe" of 15 people, the same committee who sent a manifesto to the President of the Republic claiming it's a known fact we are visited by alien civilizations (talk about being bold on their beliefs), thinks such a complaint will be productive, you are of course free to do it. I fail to see what this helps in understanding anything at all rather than standing between an open critical analysis of a case.

So, let me end by stating clearly: one friend of Barauna stated in national TV she heard directly from him how he hoaxed the Trindade photos. This major TV show also claims, and maintains, that Barauna's niece, in possession of his files, confirmed the hoax, though she is rejecting that claim.

Operation Saucer was not a hoax, though Fernando Costa's statements are one of several pieces of evidence that show the Operation itself was a precarious effort which unfortunately didn't manage to accumulate any solid evidence, as the officers themselves wrote in one report.

Also, returning to Trindade, I just published a video excerpt of Almiro Barauna admitting a hoax, but not Trindade, instead a treasure chest hoax he laughs a lot about:

<http://tinyurl.com/2d7ybco>

So, people should not be shocked with a title such as that he admitted a hoax. He has admitted at least one hoax, that's for sure.

Everyone reading these exchanges will be able to judge by themselves what is and what is not relevant. If Gevaerd or anyone else, including me, has something new to show up, great.

Beware of people saying you should not listen to this or that, that is the thing I would warn about. Ironically, those are the same ones who tlak a lot about government conspiracies.

Kentaro

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Archived: Wed, 18 Aug 2010 16:53:46 -0400
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>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2010 15:59:57 +0100
>Subject: Re: Kentaro Mori & The Trindade Case

>>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <aj.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 17 Aug 2010 17:02:08 -0300
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>And they say that ufology is not a religion?

And UFO debunking not a rigid ideology?

>Keep the faith, Love and Light, etc.

You keep doing the same, guy.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Abduction Experiences: Some Clues

From: Jason Gammon <boyinthemachine.nul>
Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2010 16:36:53 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Wed, 18 Aug 2010 16:54:54 -0400
Subject: Re: Abduction Experiences: Some Clues

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2010 11:24:13 -0300
>Subject: Re: Abduction Experiences: Some Clues

<snip>

>Mack, Jacobs and particularly Strieber aren't - or weren't in
>Mack's case - UFO researchers. I've known Dave Jacobs for some
>years and he would be the first to admit that he doesn't
>research unidentified flying objects. He researches abductions.

>Clancy begins her book with reference to the Arnold sighting
>explaining how he observed objects near Mount Rainier while
>flying his private jet - in 1947. That pretty much set the tone
>for her accuracy and credibility.

>Don Ledger

Just to clarify, Jacobs was a UFO researcher prior to his
involvement in Abduction work. Reference his book, The UFO
Controversy In America.

-Jason Gammon

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Re: Truth-Finding Not Point-Making

From: Kentaro Mori <kentaro.mori.nul>
Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2010 18:12:40 -0300
Archived: Wed, 18 Aug 2010 17:32:16 -0400
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>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2010 11:44:15 -0500
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>follow organically from the available evidence, as opposed to
>ideologically from the operating premise.

I think anyone would agree an ideological motivation is not a good thing since it tends to distort one's view. It's certainly something that should be avoided.

On the other hand, it's a very naive view of even the established scientific method to think that the fact one adheres to some ideology would mean he's not doing proper research. Not necessarily so. Newton believed God put the planets in motion. And in fact, especially in a fringe field such as Ufology, my opinion is that a strong preconceived belief is an almost unavoidable thing we all have to deal with.

The sociological aspects of the scientific process are already old news. In fringe fields, again, those must be even more relevant. And while this is far from the ideal situation, what else would make someone invest time and money in such enterprise?

Sure, one could claim their own personal, strong motivation is "truth-seeking", without bias, without any kind of ideology. Well, that in itself is a kind of ideology. And I seriously doubt any one person can be truly said to adhere to that kind of ideal and pure endeavour. It's much more probable he's exactly so imbued in his own ideology and beliefs he fails to see it.

We all have our biases. All we can hope is that our biases cancel each other and in the end, as a whole, we make some advances. To that effect an open interchange, a "peer review", is fundamental, and UFO Updates is one of the few venues where this happens.

>The prosaic laying to rest of a case is as much to be celebrated >as its being relegated to the unexplained category.

I disagree. Paraphrasing a debunker, I love mysteries, but I much prefer solutions. Because some day, one of these solutions will actually prove something new. My ideology is not totalist, I think there may be some signal, though it's mostly lost in a sea of noise.

But if we celebrate an unsolved case just as well as a solved one, I think that won't happen too soon.

This is my ideology speaking, my philosophical views on the question. Stating the opposite, that an unexplained case is as much reason for celebration as a solved one, is also a strong ideological statement.

Regards,

Kentaro

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Looking For ET Using Laser Light

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
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Subject: Looking For ET Using Laser Light

Looking For ET Using Laser Light
by Bruce Betts
The Planetary Report
Volume XXX No. 4 July/August 2010
Pages 8-11

http://www.planetary.org/programs/projects/seti_optical_searches/
http://www.planetary.org/special/oseti_telescope/

Partial citation from article:

Many light-years away, on an alien planet, a powerful pulsed laser is hooked to an optical telescope-like system. Brilliant nanosecond flashes are directed at the cosmos, including Earth. An intelligent civilization is sending a beacon to announce its presence, to invite communication. For fractions of a second, its laser pulses far outshine its planet's parent star.

Is this just science fiction? We don't know... yet. But thanks to Planetary Society Members, we are on the quest to find out. Working with researchers at Harvard University, The Planetary Society is continuing to improve our ability to watch the skies, sifting through more than a terabit of data per second, and there is a big improvement on the horizon to help us sort exotic upper-atmosphere phenomena from extra-terrestrial signals and to improve sensitivity.

The article goes on to provide a brief description of The Planetary Society's Optical SETI Telescope operated by Harvard University on a hilltop west of Boston. They had to deal with false triggers to the system from Cherenkov Radiation. This solved the problem by creating a new processing board (FPGAs). The up graded board will allow greater sensitivity to weaker ET signals from scanning the skies.

KK

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Re: Trindade Photographer Admits Hoax

From: John Rimmer <johnrimmer.nul>
Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2010 22:07:54 +0000 (GMT)
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Subject: Re: Trindade Photographer Admits Hoax

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2010 08:25:55 -0500
>Subject: Re: Trindade Photographer Admits Hoax

>>From: John Rimmer <johnrimmer.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Mon, 16 Aug 2010 17:52:15 +0000 (GMT)
>>Subject: Re: Trindade Photographer Admits Hoax

<snip>

>>Jerry, I presume that by "ideologues with something to prove" you
>>are not referring solely to sceptical ufologists who have
>>doubted the case from the beginning, but also those ufologists
>>who have accepted the reality of Trindade despite the absence of
>>any confirmatory evidence (vide infra). In particular I refer to
>>those 'ideologues' who assert that a UFO claim cannot be
>>disproven unless we have witnesses who are prepared to go on
>>record that they did not see it!

>Hey, you have an exclamation point on your keyboard. Is this
>required on all debunker keyboards?

Yes, but where do I get one of those [sic] keys, which seems to
be the most used character on your keyboard?

>By "ideologues," of course, I meant those whose overriding
>interest in the UFO phenomenon is in discrediting it, not in
>uncovering inconvenient truths and facts (or, sometimes, in
>making up their own).

So presumably you do not think that there are people whose
overriding interest in the UFO phenomenon is in promoting it
despite the inconvenient truths that are being discovered. Or
maybe you think such people are not 'ideologues' because by-and-
large they agree with you?

>Having a debunker's claim validated, in
>short, is the equivalent of having somebody who throws vast
>quantities of mud at a wall hit it once in a while.

Is this supposed to mean anything?

>>>>Obvious question: Is there anything yet but second - and third -
>>>>hand anecdotal testimony bearing on the claim?

<snip>

>>I quite agree, I would certainly not accept the reality of a UFO
>>report under similar circumstances, however I would be prepared,
>>as with this case, to add it to a cumulative body of evidence
>>which supports such an interpretation.

>Thanks, John. I was hoping you'd say that. A supporter of the
>Roswell case could say precisely the same.

Of course they would. Your point is...?

<snip>

>>>Of course, if the hoax allegation ultimately is
>>>validated, that's a thrilling development and a step forward. So
>>>far, though, it's a tad soon to hope.

>>Would you really regard it as 'thrilling', Jerry, or would a
>>slight shadow of disappointment cross your features as you
>>realised that one of your main pieces of evidence for
>>'structured craft' had sunk somewhere in mid-ocean?

>As an ideologue, you would have a hard time understanding
>this, wouldn't you?

Oh, I perfectly understand what you mean, but I still think a
slight expression of disappointment would cross the Clarkian
visage under such circumstances; just as it would mine if you
ever managed to trace any of the 47 (or is it 147) missing
Trindade witnesses, and found a contemporary statement from
them.

John Rimmer

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Roger Marsh
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To Write Essay
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Examiner.com
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Examiner.com
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Time Magazine Reinforces China UFO Theory: "It Was Just A Plane"
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Second Annual Exeter UFO Festival Attracts TV Producers
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Cyprus Mail

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Time Traveler Caught In Museum Photo?

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>From: Kentaro Mori <kentaro.mori.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2010 14:07:41 -0300
>Subject: Re: Kentaro Mori & The Trindade Case

>>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <aj.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 17 Aug 2010 17:02:08 -0300
>>Subject: Kentaro Mori & The Trindade Case

>As for the title of the message I wrote, "Trindade Photographer
>Admits Hoax", mea culpa. The first thing one reads in the actual
>message, though, states the situation clearly and accurately -
>but in a much longer statement.

Well, it is not so simple. A mea culpa is fine, but there are
other things to be fixed. And I will.

>Gevaerd questions if I even knew who Barauna's niece was, if she was
>indeed a relative of Barauna. Well, I am aware of this niece and her
>possession of Barauna's files for a few years already. I'm aware and
>tried to cooperate into having these files available for open
>analysis. Unfortunately, she has not been forthcoming in this effort.
>She doesn't even answer simple questions such as if those files
>contain the original negatives.

You are not sincere here, Kentaro. I am in contact with Mara
Barauna, Almiro's niece, and I have her fresh e-mails where
she completely denies that she was ever contacted by you or
anyone else, except Claudeir Covo, who happens to be the co-
editor of the Brazilian UFO Magazine. Besides, you were also
not sincere in Brazilian UFO lists when you said that "you are
negotiating with the niece to get the negatives analyzed", as
she just told me that it never happened. Kentaro, you should
stop right here with your invented allegations. I will rest if
you stop.

>Gevaerd also directs his attacks to the TV show, "Fantastico",
>as a "sensacionalistic magazine that has had that same bad
>attitude towards ufology on many occasions". This is a big
>surprise, as anyone who searches the Brazilian UFO mag website
>for "Fantastico" will find many references to its role in most
>developments in the field - it was by seeing the TV show that
>the Operation Saucer commander decided to give an interview to
>Gevaerd, for instance.

I knew you would do that mistake, and you did. I never
attacked Fantastico, I simply described what Fantastico is, in
which I am followed by at least 50 million viewers in Brazil,
all of them who have the clear idea that Fantastico is a
sensacionalistic magazine. It doesn't make Fantastico smaller or
a bad program, it only says what it is. But your really
biggest mistake is to compare what happened last Sunday, a
demolition of cases with no basis in anything whatsoever - only
pure hear-say now being questioned even legally - with previous
ufologists' appearances in that show, including me - 15 times! -
always constructing good facts, always revealing good info to
the entire Brazilian population. Curious that you've used the
example of Operation Saucer, whose commander Uyrang=EA Hollanda

gave an interview to Fantastico indicated and suggested by me, in 1997. How could you possibly compare Hollanda's participation in that show, making the greatest revelation of all times in the Brazilian Ufology, with the tragedy we all saw last Sunday? Kentaro, you simply keep blinded by your ignorance of the facts.

>Barauna's niece now denies having confirmed the hoax to the TV >show. This is *very* relevant. But I spoke at length with the >responsible for the program, Luiz Petry, - again, this is the >most viewed TV show on Sunday's prime night, of the major TV >network - and he stands firmly by what was aired. She didn't >want to give a recorded interview, but she originally confirmed >the hoax to those professionals. If she takes this to court, the >results could be interesting.

For your knowledge, Kentaro, Mara Barauna just sent me an e-mail where she clearly said that she never spoke with Petry, who, by the way, was my friend for over 15 years. She said to me: "Eu nunca falei com Petry, apenas com uma produtora, Mariana, que me telefonou ontem, dia 17, para perguntar o que eu achei da mat=E9ria! Eu disse o que achei, e de maneira bastante exasperada. Ela insistiu que eu, ao dizer para a Sra. Em=EDlia se sentir =E0 vontade para fazer o que bem entendesse, estaria de acordo e confirmando as palavras dela, veja voc=EA!". I translate: "I never spoke with Petry, only with a producer, Mariana, who called me yesterday, 17, to ask me what I thought of the show! I said what I thought of it in a very stressed way. She insisted that after having said to Emilia to feel free to say (to Fantastico) what she wanted, I would have agreed with that and confirming her words, imagine that!" Now, Kentaro, how does that sound to you? Mara Barauna is so angry with all that that she is seeing her lawyer about it. Be careful, your websites in Portuguese and in English made that big mistake as well, and it seems that she has it documented, too.

>The issue of Fernando Costa's statements about another case >altogether, the Operation Saucer, is also put into question. >Anyone willing to evaluate the issue should read the actual >interview I, along with researcher Jeferson Martinho, conducted >and published three years ago:

><http://tinyurl.com/2ssyk2>

>Contrary to what is claimed, this interview wasn't intended to >"destroy Operation Saucer". Let me be clear: Operation Saucer >was not a hoax. There's much unexplained in those events. In >fact, Fernando Costa himself claims that:

Not to destroy the Operation Saucer, of course, Kentaro, as not even you with could possible think that could happen by Fernando's hand. Or yours! But to destroy Operation Saucer results or to diminish its very important results. Or do you really think that anyone here would be that naive to believe that your moves (yes, you took part in the interview. Be honest again!) in having a man, that was not more than a teenage at the time of Operation Saucer, saying that he was responsible for faking the photos wouldn't hurt the case?! Kentaro, sincerity is a very serious issue. You should be at least sincere and tell what your intentions really were.

>"The occurrence of a strange phenomenon is undeniable. It >affected a portion of the population of Amazon. Even knowing >that our natives are very prone to myths and legends, it is >difficult to deny the bizarre occurrences."

"Native very prone to myths and legends". You don't exist, Kentaro! Have you any reasonable knowledge of the Operation Saucer, perhaps going to the affected areas like I did many times, instead of seating all day long behind your computer and writing about things you barely know, you would know that very educated people also witnessed and were attacked the phenomena, including doctors, engineers, artists, journalists and, of course, military.

>Again, the full interview can be seen in the link above, so >anyone can judge by themselves if Gevaerd's criticism is >justified or simply a strawman argument. His refutation about a >book or several books as claimed by Fernando Costa, is flimsy, >as nowhere did Costa say that the books he saw were in the 70s >and 80s. And Fernando was only referring to the photos he >himself hoaxed, so the fact other photos got mixed up is

>completely irrelevant.

No, no, no. Unless you now edited that, Fernando said very clearly that he used to laugh a lot with his mates just after faking the photos and he then saw them published in books. Do your math here, Kentaro. But let's give you that and he wasn't referring to the 70s and 80s, do the math here again and you will be surprised - maybe not - to see that (a) still there are very few books about or discussing Operation Saucer, and (b) they all carry almost the same photos. So, again, Fernando is not sincere and either you are not sincere either or you simply don't know the difference.

>Now, Fernando Costa's statements should be taken with a grain of >salt. As those of Emilia Bittencourt. As those of Barauna's >niece, confirming or denying she confirmed the hoax. Several >fellows, many on this List, are aware of the efforts we have >been conducting off-List to further investigate the Trindade >case. Some know the new evidence we have dug up. It's only a >mass of evidence, inter-related and analyzed, which will allow >us to deal with all aspects of this case and reach an eventual >conclusion.

Yeah, we can see your efforts to "investigate" the case. Or could we say in better terms, your "relentlessly attempt to prove a point you've made up about the case"? And it is strange that you claim so much and your acts show so little. Maybe you should give up Trindade Case and focus on something else, as in the same 7 years that you claim you've dedicated to Trindade, getting practically no where, a lot of real good Ufology was done all over the world. But, keep digging what you call "new evidences", it is, the statements of Emilia Bittencourt, a friend of the family whose life we don't know nothing about and who was completely disauthorised by the real person here, Mara Barauna.

>Claiming my work is a "sordid performance" won't help anyone, I >think, but if one "committe" of 15 people, the same committee >who sent a manifesto to the President of the Republic claiming >it's a known fact we are visited by alien civilizations (talk >about being bold on their beliefs), thinks such a complaint will >be productive, you are of course free to do it. I fail to see >what this helps in understanding anything at all rather than >standing between an open critical analysis of a case.

And yet, Kentaro Mori, it was that "committe of 15 people" that had produced the most sucessfull UFO disclosure in the world as a result of a popular campaign_. You should think again if you are in a position to judge our manifesto to the President of the Republic, because what we claimed was good enough for our military and civilian top authorities to come up with thousand of previously classified documents from the 50s to the 90s. But, well, I kinda expected that you, in your empty reply to me, would try to diminished our work. It is getting clear that it is your style.

>So, let me end by stating clearly: one friend of Barauna stated >in national TV she heard directly from him how he hoaxed the >Trindade photos. This major TV show also claims, and maintains, >that Barauna's niece, in possession of his files, confirmed the >hoax, though she is rejecting that claim.

No, wrong again. Try "one person who claims she was a friend of Barauna stated in national TV she heard directly from him how he hoaxed the Trindade photos". Can you see the difference now?

>Operation Saucer was not a hoax, though Fernando Costa's >statements are one of several pieces of evidence that show the >Operation itself was a precarious effort which unfortunately >didn't manage to accumulate any solid evidence, as the officers >themselves wrote in one report.

Yeah, again. I believe that you would consider "solid evidence" having a UFO over your lap, right? The many hours of detailed interview given to me and then to others by Uyrange Hollanda isn't good enough for you, right? Not the almost 500 pages of previousy classified documents and the almost 200 photos released, right? Well, Kentaro, these items were considered not only good enough but extremely significant to people like former Air Force minister lieutenant-brigadier Socrates Monteiro and lieutenant-brigadier Jose Carlos Pereira, former commander

of the all-mighty Brazilian Airspace Defense Command. I guess your standards are higher than theirs.

>Also, returning to Trindade, I just published a video excerpt of >Almiro Barauna admitting a hoax, but not Trindade, instead a >treasure chest hoax he laughs a lot about:

><http://tinyurl.com/2d7ybco>

>So, people should not be shocked with a title such as that he >admitted a hoax. He has admitted at least one hoax, that's for >sure.

Be careful again. Shouldn't you be a little more respectfull to other's people work and mention who's done that interview with Barauna? And it was Marco A. Petit, another great UFO researcher in Brazill, another co-editor of the Brazilian UFO Magazine, and another researcher among so many who condenm your methods. Also, don't you think that it would me more honest to translate the whole interview so people here can understand precisely in which context Barauna said that?

>Everyone reading these exchanges will be able to judge by >themselves what is and what is not relevant. If Gevaerd or >anyone eles, including me, has something new to show up, great.

Just did!

>Beware of people saying you should not listen to this or that, >that is the thing I would warn about. Ironically, those are the >same ones who tlak a lot about government conspiracies.

Indeed. And also it is very important to beware of people who tells us something meaning other things, or who are not straight with their "facts". Or worse, people whose facts are intended always to destroy something, not to build anything.

A. J. Gevaerd,
Editor, Brazilian UFO Magazine

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>From: Gerald O'Connell <goc.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2010 16:24:34 +0100
>Subject: Re: Kentaro Mori & The Trindade Case

>>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <aj.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
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>>And what makes Kentaro Mori's impulsive attitude even worst and
>>more damaging is that Barauna's niece completely denied having
>>said that the photos are fake to Fantastico, just less that 48
>>hours after the program was aired.

>>On the contrary, Mara Barauna has issued a serious note saying
>>that she - who's responsible for Almiro Barauna's archives -
>>never ever said that at all and was misquoted. If intentionally
>>or not, it is yet to be determined, and we will. She just added
>>that she is terribly saddened, disappointed and angry about it,
>>and she is now consulting a lawyer to decide what legal act to
>>take.

><snip>

>This is an interesting development Ademar. I'm sure many on the
>List would be grateful if you could provide some reference
>points for this information so that it could be followed up.

Hi Gerald,

I will get that info real soon, as I have all info I need from
Mara and other people. Thanks.

A. J.

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>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2010 11:06:48 -0400 (EDT)
>Subject: Re: Kentaro Mori & The Trindade Case

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>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 17 Aug 2010 17:02:08 -0300
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>Mori says he was surprised by the "spoons" explanation for the
>photos. His surprise is not surprising since spoons against a
>white background wouldn't look like the 'Saturn-shaped' object
>in Baruna's photo.

>Baruna admitted to faking some UFO photos. I wonder if the new
>'witness' might have mixed up Baruna's story of hoaxing with his
>story (backed by other witnesses on the ship!) that he took
>photos of a 'real UFO'.

That is a possibility, Bruce.

However, there are other to consider, and one of them is the
improper quoting of Mara by Fantastico. We will find out more
about Emilia and get Mara's statements pretty soon here.

A. J.

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Re: Abduction Experiences: Some Clues

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>To: post.nul
>Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2010 16:36:53 -0400 (EDT)
>Subject: Re: Abduction Experiences: Some Clues

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2010 11:24:13 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Abduction Experiences: Some Clues

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>>Mack, Jacobs and particularly Strieber aren't - or weren't in
>>Mack's case - UFO researchers. I've known Dave Jacobs for some
>>years and he would be the first to admit that he doesn't
>>research unidentified flying objects. He researches abductions.

>>Clancy begins her book with reference to the Arnold sighting
>>explaining how he observed objects near Mount Rainier while
>>flying his private jet - in 1947. That pretty much set the tone
>>for her accuracy and credibility.

>Just to clarify, Jacobs was a UFO researcher prior to his
>involvement in Abduction work. Reference his book, The UFO
>Controversy In America.

There is a detailed review of Clancy's almost completely
un-scientific book at my website:

<http://tinyurl.com/24p5hyg>

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>>If this is truly a hoax, then I would like to know. But I do not
>>see any clear evidence of this yet.

>>Counterbalancing these claims are the statements from Captain J.
>>Teobaldo Viegas who says that he saw the object and he says that
>>he saw Barauna photograph it.

>Mr Powell, I wouldn't wish to re-open the various long and
>tedious Trindade threads that have graced UpDates, but one of
>the main sources of doubt from the critics point of view is that
>Viegas was a friend and collaborator of Barauna and cannot be
>truly regarded as an independent witness.

Senor Rimmer, I certainly would not want you to open the long
and "tedious" threads but perhaps you could show the evidence
you have to support your insinuation that Captain Viegas was
willing to support a hoax while enlisted in the Brazilian Navy.
That should be a very short thread.

>>The Navy Ministry of Brazil says there were many other
>>witnesses, although we don't have any details.

>Indeed!

>>And then there is Captain Bacellar, the captain of the
>>Oceanographic Station, who indicates that he supervised
>>the development of the film and saw the shape of the
>>object in the negatives.

>This would be a tiny image, in negative, viewed under the most
>unsuitable conditions. I do not doubt he saw something on the
>negatives, but it would have been impossible for him to make any
>judgement as to its nature.

A few insinuations again need to be proved. You say the image
was tiny and you imply that Captain Bacellar could not make out
what he was looking at. Are you saying that Captain Bacellar was
incorrect when he said he saw the "shape" of the object? How do
you know that? You said that Bacellar viewed the negative under
the most unsuitable conditions. I don't know because I wasn't
there. But how do you know this? I would like to know what
evidence you have to make the extreme statement "most
unsuitable" conditions.

>Having said all this, I must add that like Kentaro I find the
>idea of two spoons photographed against a fridge door not an
>altogether satisfactory explanation of the Trindade image.

>However this still seems to be just one more nail in an already
>well-sealed coffin.

I do not know if this coffin is well-sealed or not. I have not seen satisfactory evidence to convince me either way. But you and Kentaro seem to have 'confirmation bias' as extreme as someone who sees aliens under every rock. You have decided the outcome beforehand and you have a need to confirm that the gray areas of information fit your own bias rather than to remain open-minded.

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Re: Kentaro Mori On Roswell

From: **Thiago Luiz Ticchetti** <ticchetti.nul>
Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2010 05:48:15 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Thu, 19 Aug 2010 12:22:01 -0400
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>From: Kentaro Mori <kentaro.mori.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2010 13:19:53 -0300
>Subject: Re: Kentaro Mori On Roswell

>>From: Thiago Luiz Ticchetti <ticchetti.nul>
>>To: ufo update <post.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 17 Aug 2010 12:46:39 -0700 (PDT)
>>Subject: Kentaro Mori On Roswell

><snip>

>>http://br.groups.yahoo.com/group/UFO_PORTUGAL/message/58589

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>relevant issues being discussed, then I think you are succeeding
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>By the way, you originally included Wendelle Stevens in your
>list of "serious ufologists", I wonder why you didn't mention
>him here.

Kentaro, I am not worried about your opinion. You have the right
to think as you want. I'm not concerned if you believe in
Roswell or not. What gives me nausea is your claim that all the
researchers who spent more than thirty years studying and
unveiling the Roswell Crash are not serious ufologists, nor real
ufologists.

That's what surprises me.

You're judging people without ever having met them and clearly
never read about their works. Why don't you try to solve the
Roswell case sitting in front your computer, since doing a
search by yourself would be very heavy.

I'll quote a mail from Stanton Friedman. He sent to me after

read your claims. Stanton Friedman, who in his opinion is serious UFO researcher and even is a UFO researcher...

Thiago:

I am not impressed with Mori. How can he say any serious researcher has Roswell in High Regard and then Jacques Vallee does not consider the case worthy of attention. That is a contradiction.

I have been checking on it for 32 years and have co-authored a book and written many papers and of course talked to the important witnesses.

I have exposed a number of frauds such as Frank Kaufmann What has he done besides repeating the views of other debunkers who also have done no serious investigation?

Stan

Kentaro, you sent me an email saying that my message was so unimportant that no person of UFO Updates had opined. It's true. Maybe because they are sick of it, as you wrote, but also because you're so insignificant before researchers like Stanton Friedman, Jerome Clark, Kevin Randle, Wendelle Stevens (you love him!) that they didn't bother to answer you. You should have more respect for the years of study of these people and keep such personal opinions that blur people somehow to yourself.

And yes, I believe, in my opinion, the Wendelle Stevens a serious researcher. If he was charged or convicted, as you said, for pedophilia, and, as you also said, he sells all sorts of fraud, that justice be done and he pays if convicted. But even with all this, his work will be much better than yours.

I will end this matter here.

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From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2010 08:50:23 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Thu, 19 Aug 2010 12:27:29 -0400
Subject: Re: Kentaro Mori On Roswell

>From: Kentaro Mori <kentaro.mori.nul>
>To: post.nul
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>list of "serious ufologists", I wonder why you didn't mention
>him here.

Surely, Sir, you can't be serious...

Don Schmitt, Thomas Carey, Dr. Kevin Randle, Dr. David Rudiak,
Dennis Balthaser, and myself are all serious ufologists and take
Roswellll very seriously.

Primarily we have done a great deal of first-hand investigation,
found witnesses,checked records, etc.

Just what have you contributed to research re Roswell besides
making claims from your armchair?

How about a list of books and papers you have written about the
case, including all your on site witnesses?

Research by proclamation is not the same as research by

investigation.

I was there 6 weeks ago. When was your last visit?

Stan Friedman

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Re: Kentaro Mori & The Trindade Case

From: **Kentaro Mori** <kentaro.mori.nul>
Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2010 13:08:14 -0300
Archived: Thu, 19 Aug 2010 12:30:24 -0400
Subject: Re: Kentaro Mori & The Trindade Case

>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <aj.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2010 19:36:15 -0300
>Subject: Re: Kentaro Mori & The Trindade Case

>>From: Kentaro Mori <kentaro.mori.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2010 14:07:41 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Kentaro Mori & The Trindade Case

>>Well, I am aware of this niece and her
>>possession of Barauna's files for a few years already. I'm aware and
>>tried to cooperate into having these files available for open
>>analysis. Unfortunately, she has not been forthcoming in this effort.
>>She doesn't even answer simple questions such as if those files
>>contain the original negatives.

>You are not sincere here, Kentaro. I am in contact with Mara
>Barauna, Almiro's niece, and I have her fresh e-mails where
>she completely denies that she was ever contacted by you or
>anyone else, except Claudeir Covo, who happens to be the co-
>editor of the Brazilian UFO Magazine.

She is not correct, or at least, your presentation of her reply
must not be accurate.

I have here the emails sent to her by Jose Americo Medeiros,
with whom I collaborated in our ongoing research, and her
replies. We were trying to get her to allow access to the
archives. She has been contacted directly by other researchers,
from Brazil and abroad, as I'm also aware of that. I have her
home number for a long time already. Ask Medeiros if he wasn't
collaborating with me, or ask her if she wasn't in direct
contact with Medeiros, contrary to what you informed.

Ask her if she didn't say, a couple of years ago, that she was
still not certain if the files contained the original negatives.
That's fine, but what was absurd was that at one point she
claimed she had an envelope with a label to the effect of the
Trindade negatives inside... but she allegedly didn't open nor
looked inside, so she was not able to say whether or not she had
the negatives! Almost all her replies to simple, direct
questions were similar. We were patient, and as I repeat, tried
to get her to cooperate for a few years already, but she only
gave ambiguous and insatisfactory answers.

Around a year or so ago I gave up trying to get anything useful
from her, either directly or indirectly. She may have been busy,
and of course no one has the right to demand anything from her.
But, fact is, many researchers contacted her, through Medeiros
we repeatedly tried to get access -- paying for that -- to the
files, but negotiations, if one could call them that, didn't
advance as she never gave clear answers.

>Besides, you were also
>not sincere in Brazilian UFO lists when you said that "you are
>negotiating with the niece to get the negatives analyzed", as
>she just told me that it never happened. Kentaro, you should
>stop right here with your invented allegations. I will rest if

>you stop.

Again, either she is not telling everything or you are not telling everything. I have here messages to prove it. You must not "rest", if I ever publish a lie, you must expose it. Just as I would expose you in any lie.

But in this case, either she is not informing you fully or you are not presenting correctly what she informed you.

<snip>

>But your really
>_biggest_ mistake is to compare what happened last Sunday, a
>demolition os cases with no basis in anything whatsoever - only
>pure hear-say now being questioned even legally - with previous
>ufologists' appearances in that show, including me - 15 times! -
>always constructing good facts, always revealing good info to
>the entire Brazilian population.

So, when the program airs something convenient for you, it's good. When it doesn't, it's "sensationalistic", but no, you are not making any statements as to the a priori credibility of the program.

If the program is indeed being questioned legally on what was aired, I repeat: this will be interesting.

<snip>

>Now, Kentaro, how does that sound to you?
>Mara Barauna is so angry with all that that she is seeing her
>lawyer about it. Be careful, your websites in Portuguese and in
>English made that big mistake as well, and it seems that she has
>it documented, too.

The TV show stands by what was aired. I stand by what I published, based on the sources and evidence I have. If this goes to court, it will be interesting.

<snip>

>"Native very prone to myths and legends". You don't exist,
>Kentaro! Have you any reasonable knowledge of the Operation
>Saucer, perhaps going to the affected areas like I did many
>times, instead of seating all day long behing your computer and
>writting abot things you barely know, you would know that very
>educated people also witnessed ans were attacked the phenomena,
>including doctors, engineers, artists, journalists and, of
>course, military.

These words, quoted, were spoken by Fernando Costa, himself living in the Amazon since he was a kid. There is no prejudice in them. You seem not to have read Fernando Costa's interview even to this date, as you mistake what he claims for what I claim.

<snip>

>No, no, no. Unless you now edited that, Fernando said very
>clearly that he used to laugh a lot with his mates just after
>faking the photos and he then saw them published in books.

If you think I edited something, prove it. I think it was your magazine that removed the news item about Nick Pope's files being kept secret after I published an article which exposed, in Portuguese, how Pope himself was part of that.

The interview I and Martinho conducted and published in 2007 has been online without modification in Portuguese in my website and Martinho's, as well as in English in my website since then.

<snip>

>And yet, Kentaro Mori, it was that "committe of 15 people" that
>had produced the most sucessfull UFO disclosure in the world _as
>a result of a popular campaign_.

If you think this committee was solely responsible for the "most sucessfull UFO disclosure in the world", good for you.

<snip>

>Yeah, again. I believe that you would consider "solid evidence"
>having a UFO over your lap, right? The many hours of detailed
>interview given to me and then to others by Uyrange Hollanda
>isn't good enough for you, right? Not the almost 500 pages of
>previously classified documents and the almost 200 photos
>released, right? Well, Kentaro, these items were considered not
>only good enough but extremely significant to people like
>former Air Force minister lieutenant-brigadier Socrates Monteiro
>and lieutenant-brigadier Jose Carlos Pereira, former commander
>of the all-mighty Brazilian Airspace Defense Command. I guess
>your standards are higher than theirs.

Testimonial evidence is important. Documentary evidence too,
though again, the Operation Saucer reports make it clear that
they didn't conduct actual scientific investigations and that
they weren't able to record "satisfactory evidence".

The fact even Air Force Ministers considered this kind of
evidence sufficient for them to form a personal belief on the
subject does not make the evidence any more solid, as I just
published how an Air Force Minister fell for an "Uranus" hoax,
and in fact, used it to recommend the creation of a secret UFO
record, a recommendation that was apparently put into practice.

<snip>

>Be careful again. Shouldn't you be a little more respectfull to
>other's people work and mention who's done that interview with
>Barauna?

Anyone following the link will see that I fully credited Marco
Petit as well as Rodolpho Gauthier who obtained the hoaxed
photos. And I asked people to see the link.

<http://tinyurl.com/2d7ybco>

>And it was Marco A. Petit, another great UFO researcher
>in Brazill, another co-editor of the Brazilian UFO Magazine, and
>another researcher among so many who condemn your methods. Also,
>don't you think that it would be more honest to translate the
>whole interview so people here can understand precisely in which
>context Barauna said that?

I only posted a small excerpt because the rights for the video
belong to Petit, and the excerpt I publicized was believed to be
in fair use. But if Petit authorizes, I would be more than glad
to make the whole interview openly available.

<snip>

>Indeed. And also it is very important to beware of people who
>tells us something meaning other things, or who are not straight
>with their "facts". Or worse, people whose facts are intended
>always to destroy something, not to build anything.

I hope to have clarified the accusations that I have lied or
distorted anything. I may be wrong, I may have my own bias, but
I'm not lying. If this goes to court, these messages will be
used.

Kentaro

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Randle On Trindade

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
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Subject: Randle On Trindade

Source: Kevin Randle's Different Perspective Blog

<http://kevinrandle.blogspot.com>

Tuesday, August 17, 2010

Trindade Island Revisited

Back on January 1, 1958, a photographer on the Brazilian ship, Almirante Saldanha, took four pictures of a "Saturn-shaped" object as flew over the island of Trindade off the coast of Brazil. Almiro Barauna developed the film about an hour later. He and Captain Viegas entered the ship's darkroom together. After developing the negatives, Barauna at first, thought that no image had been picked up, but Viegas, looking carefully, spotted the UFO. (One of the photos seen here and another below.)

That, in a nutshell, is the story. There are, according to some sources, many witnesses to the craft. Skeptics suggest that few others saw anything at all. That is a matter for another time.

What brings all this up is that a Brazilian TV network, Fantastico, just broadcast a story that suggests, finally, an answer about authenticity of the pictures has been found. According to Fantastico, "This Sunday (August 15), for the first time Fantastico reveals the truth about the Trindade Island UFO. A friend of the family told what she heard from the photographer himself [Almiro Barauna] he had hoaxed the images, it was a montage.' He got two kitchen spoons, joined them and improvised a spaceship, using as a background his fridge. He photographed the fridge door with the object in perfect illumination. He laughed a lot about it,' revealed Emilia Bittencourt. Barauna's files are in possession of his niece, who didn't want to record an interview, but confirms the hoax".

The idea that the pictures were faked has been around almost from the moment they were taken. Donald Menzel, the Harvard astronomer who never met a UFO case he liked, claimed, at first, that an aircraft, "flying through humid but apparently super-cooled atmosphere", could become so completely enveloped in fog that it could take on the appearance of a Saturn-shaped object.

Okay, but I'm not buying this.

And apparently Menzel wasn't either because later, in his book The World Of Flying Saucers, he wrote that the case was a hoax. He said that Barauna had faked the pictures with a double-exposure.

More likely than the fog-shrouded airplane but a statement without a fact to back it up. You can't just declare something a hoax because you don't like it and have no other evidence except your opinion that it is a hoax.

My first thought on reading this latest revelation from

Fantastico was that the explained the case.

My second thought was, "Not so fast".

Yes, I'm aware of work done by many researchers in their analyses of the pictures and that some have said they found evidence of fraud in the photographs. Some of it is impressive work.

But I'm also aware of the claim that there were many witnesses to the object's flight, and it would mean that a couple of dozen were in on the hoax and never breathed a word about it... until now.

But the person making this new claim of hoax is not a relative, or a witness for that matter, but a neighbor and she has no evidence to back up her accusation. There is also a niece, unidentified other than as a niece, who says she has Barauna's files and she confirms it is a hoax.

Here's the deal... and I'm sure even the skeptics will agree with this. Let's wait on the final pronouncement until the files surface and prove the hoax. In the last few years, we've had several people come forward explaining that their UFO photographs, none quite as famous as these, were faked. I have no problem with the photographer telling me he or she faked the pictures. That seems to be solid evidence.

In this case, however, we don't have the photographer, but a neighbor. And the niece who has the files. Let the documentation from the files be reviewed before we completely close the case.

If it is a hoax, so be it, but let's wait until we have the absolute proof before we label it. That might be coming soon.

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Re: Interesting Berwyns 'UFO Event' Coincidence

From: **Andy Roberts** <meugher.nul>
Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2010 08:04:48 +0100
Archived: Thu, 19 Aug 2010 12:41:33 -0400
Subject: Re: Interesting Berwyns 'UFO Event' Coincidence

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2010 14:05:37 +0100
>Subject: Interesting Berwyns 'UFO Event' Coincidence

Hi,

Ray wrote:

>23 January 1974 20:30 - Cader Bronwen [sic - the Berwyns] Mtn,
>UK - A mysterious explosion was reported. One object, about 300
>feet across, was observed by numerous witnesses at a mountain
>very briefly.

I'd like the name of just one of the those witnesses, Ray. The only people who observed anything large on the mountain (and she could give no size for it) was Pat Evans and her two daughters. So just one name of a real, checkeable person would be good, eh?

>23 January 1974 Before 2100 - Oswestry, UK - Unidentified
>objects were sighted, ... More than one object was observed by
>more than one male witness.

That was the meteor which was coincidental with the earthquake.

>23 January 1974 After 2100 - Holyhead, UK - One object was
>observed by more than one witness on the ocean.

One of the other exploding meteors that night. This was witnessed by the police search party on the Berwyns as it 'lit up the landscape'.

>24 January 1974 19:20 Gobowen, UK - Instrumented observation A
>hovering flying disc was observed using optical instruments. One
>disc was observed by three witnesses in a residential area for
>11 minutes (Upton). [UFO comes within 500 feet of the witness,
>but no after effects are suffered by the witness or the
>surrounding area.]

A grand name for a pair of binoculars! I will have to check the source newspapers for this Ray but I am 99.99% certain the light - whatever it was - was seen in the far distance. In any case it was observed a day after the Berwyn events and has nothing whatsoever to do with them.

>24 January 1974 20:40 - Caen Nw, France - Independent witnesses.
>Viewed through binoculars. Fast moving brilliant white disc,
>made no sound. rapidly to the north. An object was observed.
>Multiple independent witnesses. One white disc was observed by
>.more than two witnesses in a city. No sound was heard.

I was unaware of this, Ray. Most likley one of the many meteors seen that night.

And before you witter about the amazing 'coincidence' of a meteor and an earthquake happening at the same time:

- There are numerous well attested cases of this in the newspaper

files

- Ditto, and referenced, in the works of Charles Fort
- But most obviously a) we know earthquakes take place b) we know meteors exist c) time is long. It would be odd if they didn't occur at the same time occasionally!

You need angst no further over Berwyn, Ray. UFO Down is just a click away via Amazon.

Happy Trails

Andy

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Air & Space Smithsonian On UFOs

From: David Clarke <daveclarke292.nul>
Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2010 11:59:48 +0100
Archived: Thu, 19 Aug 2010 12:44:16 -0400
Subject: Air & Space Smithsonian On UFOs

Greetings List:

The September 2010 issue of Air & Space Smithsonian contains a very timely feature article covering government UFO investigations:

<http://tinyurl.com/2395uc9>

Craig Mellow's feature 'Department of Flying Saucers' contains an informative and sometimes entertaining interview with Yvan Blanc, head of the French space agency's UFO office, outlining the work of GEIPAN, the last government sponsored centre of its kind in Europe.

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Dr David Clarke

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From: **A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO** <aj.nul>
Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2010 13:53:58 -0300
Archived: Fri, 20 Aug 2010 07:55:08 -0400
Subject: Re: Kentaro Mori On Roswell

>From: Thiago Luiz Ticchetti <ticchetti.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2010 05:48:15 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: Kentaro Mori On Roswell

>>From: Kentaro Mori <kentaro.mori.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2010 13:19:53 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Kentaro Mori On Roswell

<snip>

>Kentaro, you sent me an email saying that my message was so
>unimportant that no person of UFO Updates had opined. It's true.
>Maybe because they are sick of it, as you wrote, but also
>because you're so insignificant before researchers like Stanton
>Friedman, Jerome Clark, Kevin Randle, Wendelle Stevens (you love
>him!) that they didn't bother to answer you. You should have
>more respect for the years of study of these people and keep
>such personal opinions that blur people somehow to yourself.

<snip>

Now it is you, Thiago. Come on! You want Kentaro Mori to respect
researchers in the United States? He doesn't even respect most
of his colleagues in Brazil, like the members of the Brazilian
Committee of UFO Researchers. Those in a message he sent
yesterday who he disqualified with a vicious and sad comment.

A. J.

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Re: News Links - 14-08-10

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2010 17:04:05 +0000
Archived: Fri, 20 Aug 2010 07:56:48 -0400
Subject: Re: News Links - 14-08-10

>Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2010 16:18:57 -0400
>To: ufo-updates-list.nul
>From: post.nul
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: News Links - 14-08-10

>From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2010 09:14:13 -0400
>Subject: Re: News Links - 14-08-10

>>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 16 Aug 2010 17:12:18 +0000
>>Subject: Re: News Links - 14-08-10

>>>Date: Sun, 15 Aug 2010 10:16:49 -0400
>>>To: ufo-updates-list.nul
>>>From: post.nul
>>>Subject: UFO UpDate: News Links - 14-08-10

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>>>Starchild Skull 2010 DNA Result
>>><http://tinyurl.com/37g9flj>

>>New press release from Pye states the same old thing - claims he
>>found somebody who can retrieve DNA from skull. Says nothing
>>about testing the DNA sample, just that "they" are talking about
>>beginning the process.

>Actually, not true. Pye says in the video (5:45) a 342 base-pair
>sequence was not found in the NIH database. This means the skull
>is not entirely human. He says the next step is to sequence the
>whole genome to get an accurate picture of the relative amounts
>of human vs alien DNA.

As I said, William, same old same old from Pye. There is no new
news. Pye stated last year that the skull is not entirely human
and - as stated last year - DNA testing needed to be done. Plus,
his usual plea for money to do testing.

KK

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Re: Truth-Finding Not Point-Making

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2010 12:08:15 -0500
Archived: Fri, 20 Aug 2010 07:57:57 -0400
Subject: Re: Truth-Finding Not Point-Making

>From: Kentaro Mori <kentaro.mori.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2010 18:12:40 -0300
>Subject: Re: Truth-Finding Not Point-Making

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2010 11:44:15 -0500
>>Subject: Truth-Finding Not Point-Making

>>A non-debunker has, should have, certainly need have, no
>>investment in any particular case; thus, all aspects of a
>>report, both those that seem anomalous and those that seem
>>potentially amenable to conventional accounting, can be
>>collected and analyzed with reasonable objectivity. As is not
>>the case with debunking ideologues, reports do not have
>>predetermined solutions. Those solutions, whatever they are,
>>follow organically from the available evidence, as opposed to
>>ideologically from the operating premise.

>I think anyone would agree an ideological motivation is not a
>good thing since it tends to distort one's view. It's certainly
>something that should be avoided.

>On the other hand, it's a very naive view of even the
>established scientific method to think that the fact one adheres
>to some ideology would mean he's not doing proper research. Not
>necessarily so. Newton believed God put the planets in motion.
>And in fact, especially in a fringe field such as Ufology, my
>opinion is that a strong preconceived belief is an almost
>unavoidable thing we all have to deal with.

David Hufford wittily called this ideology the "tradition of
disbelief," which he defined as the unexamined certainty that
all anomalous testimony arises from error, delusion, or deceit.
There is no reason to confuse it - unless one is na=EFve - with
scientific analysis, though as you indicate it is also true that
science sometimes gets done inside a dubious ideological
framework.

It's just that we shouldn't count on it. Moreover, the
consequences are all too apparent, and their effect on the
accumulation of knowledge is not a good one. The disbelief
tradition has been devastating to the realistic assessment of
UFO data.

Jerry Clark

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>To: post.nul
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>Subject: Re: Kentaro Mori On Roswell

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>>Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2010 13:19:53 -0300
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>>"no serious Ufologist has Roswell in that much of a high regard.
>>That includes researchers like Jacques Vallee, who doesn't think
>>it worth of much attention. ... But of course, I'm talking about
>>real ufologists. Many other consider the case sacred.

>Just what have you contributed to research re Roswell besides
>making claims from your armchair?

Nothing. I didn't even make any particular claim. It's simply my
personal opinion on the subject of Roswell.

Kentaro

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From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2010 12:27:50 -0500
Archived: Fri, 20 Aug 2010 08:00:25 -0400
Subject: Re: Trindade Photographer Admits Hoax

>From: John Rimmer <johnrimmer.nul>
>To: [post.nul](#)
>Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2010 22:07:54 +0000 (GMT)
>Subject: Re: Trindade Photographer Admits Hoax

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <[post.nul](#)>
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>Of course they would. Your point is...?

I suspect everybody else got it. Actually, I suspect you did, too, which is why you didn't even attempt a response.

Meantime, I urge all those curious about the hypocrisy and double standards of debunkers to read, for example, Carey & Schmitt's witness to Roswell, which documents instances of long-standing testimony kept within families passing on a member's reported interactions with wreckage and bodies in New Mexico in the summer of 1947. At least, unlike with the supposed Trindade confession, in C&S' meticulously detailed accounts there is no question about who said what.

<snip>

>Oh, I perfectly understand what you mean, but I still think a
>slight expression of disappointment would cross the Clarkian
>visage under such circumstances; just as it would mine if you
>ever managed to trace any of the 47 (or is it 147) missing
>Trindade witnesses, and found a contemporary statement from
>them.

Or trying to find a single ship-board witness - after decades and decades' worth of publicity and more opportunities than are countable - to step forward and declare the photos a hoax. Maybe all those whistle-blowers vanished into the Bermuda triangle. You'd better pray, if that's the case, that one day they return with the mothership. Oh, wait....

Anyway, as usual, nice try, John. I assume I'm not the only one to notice the mind-reading to which debunking ideologues are so helplessly addicted.

I imagine you must be disappointed that the current developments in the case are proving rather more elusive and ambiguous (which may be charitable adjectives) than you had hoped. I don't claim to know that, however, only to surmise it from your, er, enthusiastic early postings. In any event, unlike you, I am not a telepath.

At any rate, as a non-ideologue, I am perfectly content to let the latest round of Trindade developments run their course without surrendering to Rimmerian precognitive visions of where they end.

Jerry Clark

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From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2010 18:35:46 +0100
Archived: Fri, 20 Aug 2010 08:01:33 -0400
Subject: Re: Air & Space Smithsonian On UFOs

>From: David Clarke <daveclarke292.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2010 11:59:48 +0100
>Subject: Air & Space Smithsonian On UFOs

>Greetings List:

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Thanks Dave. This is quite good. A few howlers of course.

Ken Arnold "a hobbyist pilot"? Certainly not. He was a very experienced and skilful mountain pilot who flew up to 100 hrs a month all over the Pacific Northwest on business.

Dave Clarke a "UFO obsessive"? Surely not ;-)

"in March 1993 more than 30 separate observers reported an object akin to 'two Concordes flying side by side and joined together' flying at a leisurely pace across England for six hours"? Er, no they didn't.

Etc. But on the whole a fair survey.

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Interesting retrospective from Bill Scott about a man convinced, by "credible" witnesses and plausible rumours, of the existence of amazing flying machines that officially don't exist - another "obsessive" often to be found camped out in deserts skywatching, listening to whistleblowers, or poring over a few clips of blurry video in the endless search for "confirmation" which he ruefully admits does not exist.

Now why does that sound familiar....?

MS

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From: **Stanton Friedman** <fsphys.nul>
Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2010 11:23:20 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Fri, 20 Aug 2010 08:03:47 -0400
Subject: Re: Air & Space Smithsonian On UFOs

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Thanks, David, for calling attention to this article.

I did have to comment about the Bolender memo proving that
reports which could affect national security were not part of
the Blue Book system.

Stan Friedman

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Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2010 15:40:13 -0300
Archived: Fri, 20 Aug 2010 08:08:37 -0400
Subject: Re: Kentaro Mori & The Trindade Case

>From: Kentaro Mori <kentaro.mori.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2010 13:08:14 -0300
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>>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <aj.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
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>>And also it is very important to beware of people who
>>tells us something meaning other things, or who are not straight
>>with their "facts". Or worse, people whose facts are intended
>>always to destroy something, not to build anything.

>I hope to have clarified the accusations that I have lied or
>distorted anything. I may be wrong, I may have my own bias, but
>I'm not lying. If this goes to court, these messages will be
>used.

Hummm... I don't feel like replying to you anymore, Kentaro. It
gets me nowhere to try to tell you anything. Besides, other
people here also tried to tell you things, here and in other
lists, with no success. What a pity.

I had some fun, though. I have always had good laughs watching
your moves. Right now, however, I believe that you should relax
and meditate on everything you've heard, every beat you've
taken, here and in Brazil.

I understand your situation and I am completely sorry for your
kind of skepticism, but that is what you can do, right? As I
said to you on a List in Portugal, if the Brazilian skeptic
community would depend on you to be successful, it would be a
tragedy (for the skeptics).

However, again, I believe that you feel very bad about it all.
You are flesh and blood, too. Yes, it must be really hard on you
not to have enough balls to accept even the most common ground
evidence of the UFO existence, and at same time not to have
enough background to do real, good quality skepticism.

I will rest and leave you alone.

Peace and light to you!

A. J. Gevaerd

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>To: 'post.nul'
>Subject: RE: UFO UpDate: Re: Trindade Photographer Admits Hoax

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>confession, in C&S' meticulously detailed accounts there is no
>question about who said what.

Perhaps I'm being overly sensitive here, but I don't want John
or anyone else to take this in too strictly a personal a sense.
I actually like John, whom I've known a long time, and rather
enjoy sparring with him. I certainly respect him as a colleague
even if I think some of his views are... well, let's just call
them misguided.

My problem is that hypocrisy and double standards, which are
hardly unique to John, are inherent in ideological approaches,
where matters like anecdotal testimony from dead informants are
rejected derisively if they affirm an undesired conclusion
(e.g., crash and bodies at Roswell) but are embraced happily if
they allege a desired outcome (Trindade photos as hoax).

Actually, the Roswell testimony - I say this, I wish to stress,
as a Roswell agnostic who holds that the evidence on either side
has failed to make a convincing case - is larger, more
interlocking, and more mutually confirmatory than anything we've

heard so far regarding the alleged Trindade confession.

What's disturbing in John's particular instance is his disingenuous response when the double standard is highlighted and criticized. I'm afraid it only serves, again, to validate my point about what happens when one puts desired conclusions before evidence.

I am reminded of a prominent American debunker who many years ago wrote a book in which he bloviated about how memory is such an unreliable instrument that it begins to delude us _within minutes_; thus, no UFO testimony that depends upon it (pretty much all, I should think) need be taken seriously. He'd barely paused to catch his breath before he was braying merrily about my exposure of an 1897 case based on testimony (which reported that the story had its origins in a prank among friends) that was collected _decades after_ the initial claim.

So ingrained was his adherence to disbelief-tradition ideology that the author had no clue to how ridiculous and self-serving he looked.

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From: Jason Gammon <boyinthemachine.nul>
Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2010 14:51:07 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Fri, 20 Aug 2010 08:13:23 -0400
Subject: Re: Abduction Experiences: Some Clues

>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2010 16:54:51 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: Abduction Experiences: Some Clues

>>From: boyinthemachine.nul
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2010 16:36:53 -0400 (EDT)
>>Subject: Re: Abduction Experiences: Some Clues

>>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>>To: <post.nul>
>>>Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2010 11:24:13 -0300
>>>Subject: Re: Abduction Experiences: Some Clues

>><snip>

>>>Mack, Jacobs and particularly Strieber aren't - or weren't in
>>>Mack's case - UFO researchers. I've known Dave Jacobs for some
>>>years and he would be the first to admit that he doesn't
>>>research unidentified flying objects. He researches abductions.

>>>Clancy begins her book with reference to the Arnold sighting
>>>explaining how he observed objects near Mount Rainier while
>>>flying his private jet - in 1947. That pretty much set the tone
>>>for her accuracy and credibility.

>>Just to clarify, Jacobs was a UFO researcher prior to his
>>involvement in Abduction work. Reference his book, The UFO
>>Controversy In America.

>There is a detailed review of Clancy's almost completely
>un-scientific book at my website:

><http://tinyurl.com/24p5hyg>

>Stan Friedman

Thanks Mr. Friedman, I'm not sure if I've read your review or
not but I am very familiar with the controversy surrounding her
book and the "classified ad" approach to her research.

-Jason Gammon

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From: **Giuliano Marinkovic** <giuliano.marinkovic.nul>
Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2010 22:17:11 +0000 (GMT)
Archived: Fri, 20 Aug 2010 09:16:20 -0400
Subject: Leslie Kean To Take On Stephen Colbert

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From: Bill Weber <wweber1.nul>
Date: Fri, 20 Aug 2010 06:36:31 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Fri, 20 Aug 2010 10:01:57 -0400
Subject: Re: Leslie Kean To Take On Stephen Colbert

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List,

I wonder what perspective the Colbert writers will take on this?

Will a pro-UFO book be interpreted as similar to global warming - something Colbert would support through supercilious ridicule, or will it be perceived as a slice of right-wing paranoia 'Obama is a secret Muslim Kenyan terrorist' - something he'd ridicule through exaggerated support? I've noticed he actually reads a surprising number of the books by the authors he interviews.

Bill

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From: **Kentaro Mori** <kentaro.mori.nul>
Date: Fri, 20 Aug 2010 10:08:54 -0300
Archived: Fri, 20 Aug 2010 10:03:29 -0400
Subject: Re: Kentaro Mori & The Trindade Case

>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <aj.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2010 15:40:13 -0300
>Subject: Re: Kentaro Mori & The Trindade Case

>Hummm... I don't feel like replying to you anymore, Kentaro. It
>gets me nowhere to try to tell you anything. Besides, other
>people here also tried to tell you things, here and in other
>lists, with no success. What a pity.

This is appalling. You openly and repeatedly accused me of being "insincere", that is, of lying when I informed that I was part of negotiations with Barauna's niece since long ago to, among other things, obtain the original negatives. You claimed she denied this ever happened, as the only researcher she had been in contact with was Claudeir Covo.

I replied that this was not correct, that either you or her were not right because I **have** been part of negotiations with her, can promptly prove it, and that you yourself could confirm this by simply asking a fellow who was and is in contact with her, but was not mentioned. Besides, he was not the only researcher whom I am aware was in contact with her and with whom I collaborated.

Instead of admitting you made a mistake, or perhaps more important, and extremely relevant, that she made a mistake, you once again resort to vitriol to simply run away from answering questions. Listers must also remember you ran away from answering why did you remove the news item about Nick Pope which portrayed the withholding of files regarding him as being solely due to the MoD, omitting the extremely relevant detail that Pope himself requested that these files should be kept from the public eye.

If not for a basic standard of respect and dignity, you should reply fully to my message because, as I once again emphasize, if it was not your own fault for falsely accusing me, than it could be Barauna's niece's fault. And if she denies having been in negotiations with anyone besides Covo - which I know is not correct, and can prove is not correct - perhaps this should be relevant when judging if she actually confirmed the hoax to the TV show, which assures me she did? Do you know if the TV program can prove she confirmed the hoax?

Also, now that you are finally in contact with Barauna's niece, can you answer if she has or if she hasn't the original negatives? Because as I told, she never gave a clear answer to us. If she does finally give a clear answer for you, it would be great, but I wouldn't hold my breath. Again, if you - or her - don't come up with a clear answer to this simple question, I think people should also consider this when judging if she did or if she did not confirm the hoax to the TV show.

Since things are so absurd, I think this is also opportunity to mention that many years ago, when we first discussed Trindade on this List, you allowed an error and injustice to go on without informing anyone. We were dealing with scans of first prints from Trindade, which I and many credited to you, Ademar Gevaerd.

But you knew full well those scans were not yours, they were actually from Claudeir Covo, who had sent them to you. Later I contacted Covo and he promptly helped me in everything I asked, including better quality scans of his prints.

Not only did you allow yourself to be wrongly credited for someone else's work and property. The case is even more bizarre because you told me you actually had your own set of first prints of Trindade photos, also given to you directly by Barauna, but that you didn't know where they were, because they were lost somewhere in your files!

And yet, you sent a message to Updates speaking of how you cherished the prints you had and kept them as "a real treasure"!

<http://ufoupdateslist.com/2002/apr/m30-002.shtml>

Indeed, perhaps a buried priate treasure, like the one Barauna hoaxed and admitted on video? Everyone must have assumed the prints you were referring to were the ones you were sharing scans of, when those prints and scans were from Covo, which you didn't inform anyone as far as I know, and all the while you replied to me you didn't know where your own prints were!

And, to this day, many years later, I still have not seen your prints nor scans of your first prints. Have you found them yet? Would you make the favour to the international community of finding and scanning them in high resolution for analysis?

Kentaro

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Re: Leslie Kean To Take On Stephen Colbert

From: **Terry Groff** <terry.nul>
Date: Fri, 20 Aug 2010 08:32:10 -0500
Archived: Fri, 20 Aug 2010 10:05:21 -0400
Subject: Re: Leslie Kean To Take On Stephen Colbert

>From: Giuliano Marinkovic <giuliano.marinkovic.nul>
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This should be interesting considering Colbert's questions are rarely serious and usually intentionally off-track.

Don't be looking for hard-core journalism. You won't find it.
:-)

BTW, that would be 11:30 pm EST

Terry Groff

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Re: Kentaro Mori On Roswell

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Fri, 20 Aug 2010 08:09:01 -0500
Archived: Fri, 20 Aug 2010 12:02:32 -0400
Subject: Re: Kentaro Mori On Roswell

>From: Kentaro Mori <kentaro.mori.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2010 13:52:40 -0300
>Subject: Re: Kentaro Mori On Roswell

>>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2010 08:50:23 -0700 (PDT)
>>Subject: Re: Kentaro Mori On Roswell

>>>From: Kentaro Mori <kentaro.mori.nul>
>>>To: post.nul
>>>Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2010 13:19:53 -0300
>>>Subject: Re: Kentaro Mori On Roswell

>>>"no serious ufologist has Roswell in that much of a high regard.
>>>That includes researchers like Jacques Vallee, who doesn't think
>>>it worth of much attention. ... But of course, I'm talking about
>>>real ufologists. Many other consider the case sacred.

>>Just what have you contributed to research re Roswell besides
>>making claims from your armchair?

>Nothing. I didn't even make any particular claim. It's simply my
>personal opinion on the subject of Roswell.

No one would contest your right to one of those, eh? Moreover,
it's those persons without opinions who might be deserving of
the most criticism and the even some suspicion with regard to
their very humanity.

Though, is it an informed opinion? Does that opinion have a
veritas? Is that opinion deserving of being reported in a manner
most declaratory on a named list as something close to
established and incontrovertible fact? No, you had to run too
far with your petard and are now, I suspect, to be hoisted on
same.

See, as a result of your 'report', and suspiciously on the heels
of a current international effort regarding the release of UFO
files heretofore unreleased, you have a class of individuals
typified by that inconsistent and obstreperous bastion of busy
sociopathy, unctuous weirdness, and denialist narcissism, Rich
Reynolds [The poor man's Glenn Beck of Ufology] holding forth
with his usual officious sneer that "still another classic UFO
case has been shot down in righteous flames." I paraphrase.

Well I should say it's there now. It'll disappear if the wind
changes as that's his style. Just like Glenn Beck, on
reflection.

Back at the ranch, and while sneering yourself at men of honor
who have done real work in the subjects concerned and who have
developed informed opinions where they have not erected solid
evidential positions, you rush to seeming judgment exhibiting a
certain glee and excited gladness with the veiled message that
"another" bad apple "has been found" in the barrel, so the whole
container ship of "apples" reflected in centuries untold of
written, painted, photographed, anecdoted, quantified, and

personalized evidence... must be moot. It's "science" and "logic"!

You know, you ought to check in with Reynolds, he may have a position for you in RRR group as another in his murder of inconstant crows.

[alienview.nul](#)

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Re: Truth-Finding Not Point-Making

From: John Rimmer <johnrimmer.nul>
Date: Fri, 20 Aug 2010 15:24:30 +0000 (GMT)
Archived: Fri, 20 Aug 2010 12:04:32 -0400
Subject: Re: Truth-Finding Not Point-Making

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <[post.nul](#)>
>Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2010 12:08:15 -0500
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Where do I collect my decorated Roswell commemorative mug?

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Re: Trindade Photographer Admits Hoax

From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
Date: Fri, 20 Aug 2010 16:33:51 +0100
Archived: Fri, 20 Aug 2010 12:05:35 -0400
Subject: Re: Trindade Photographer Admits Hoax

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2010 12:27:50 -0500
>Subject: Re: Trindade Photographer Admits Hoax

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>bodies in >New Mexico in the summer of 1947. At least, unlike with the
>supposed Trindade confession, in C&S' meticulously >detailed accounts
>there is no question about who said what.

Really, Jerry, I'm surprised that even you take this book seriously. My review of it can be found in the Magonia review archives at:

<http://mrobsr.blogspot.com/2010/01/witness-to-roswell.html>

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From: John Rimmer <johnrimmer.nul>
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>Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2010 12:27:50 -0500
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>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>>To: <post.nul>
>>>Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2010 08:25:55 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Trindade Photographer Admits Hoax

>>>Having a debunker's claim validated, in
>>>short, is the equivalent of having somebody who throws vast
>>>quantities of mud at a wall hit it once in a while.

>>Is this supposed to mean anything?

No answer, so presumably not.

>>>Thanks, John. I was hoping you'd say that. A supporter of the
>>>Roswell case could say precisely the same.

>>Of course they would. Your point is...?

>I suspect everybody else got it. Actually, I suspect you did, too, which is
>why you didn't even attempt a response.

Well, if everyone else did, perhaps they could explain it to me.

A supporter of any hypothesis will examine any piece of evidence
or report and add it to the pro or con argument. Police
investigating a crime will note if a particular individual is
rumoured to be around the crime scene at the time of the crime.
This may not in itself be something that turns out to be
germaine to the case but it a piece of information that needs to
be noted. That's all I'm doing here.

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>Mexico in the summer of 1947. At least, unlike with the supposed Trindade
>confession, in C&S' meticulously detailed accounts there is no question
>about who said what.

Any careful reader of the above paragraph can only conclude that you
are now of the opinion that wreckage and bodies were found at Roswell.
If not, you must accept that "long standing testimony kept within
families" must be flawed as evidence for a real-world event. Really
all this amounts to is 'passing on what granddad said', which is really
what we're talking about with Barauna -- family stories.

As for 'hypocrisy and double standards' readers might wonder
what the author of this piece would say about family stories
relating to Roswell:

<http://magonia.haaan.com/1983/confessions-of-a-for-tean-sceptic/>

<snip>

>>Oh, I perfectly understand what you mean, but I still think a
>>slight expression of disappointment would cross the Clarkian
>>visage under such circumstances; just as it would mine if you
>>ever managed to trace any of the 47 (or is it 147) misisng
>>Trindade witnesses, and found a contemporary statement from
>>them.

Or trying to find a single ship-board witness - after decades
and decades' worth of publicity and more opportunities than are
countable - to step forward and declare the photos a hoax. Maybe
all those whistle-blowers vanished into the Bermuda triangle.
You'd better pray, if that's the case, that one day they return
with the mothership. Oh, wait...

Jerry, you've been plugging this line for, what, five, six years?
Can you not yet see how stupid it is?

Anyway, as usual, nice try, John. I assume I'm not the only one
to notice the mind-reading to which debunking ideologues are so
helplessly addicted.

>I imagine you must be disappointed that the current developments
>in the case are proving rather more elusive and ambiguous (which
>may be charitable adjectives) than you had hoped. I don't claim
>to know that, however, only to surmise it from your, er,
>enthusiastic early postings. In any event, unlike you, I am not
>a telepath.

Which "enthusiastic early postings" would these be, then?

>At any rate, as a non-ideologue, I am perfectly content to let
>the latest round of Trindade developments run their course
>without surrendering to Rimmerian precognitive visions of where
>they end.

Jerry, if I had any precognitive visions I would be using them
on the winner of the 4.40 at York. 'Plymouth Rock' at 11-2
sounds a safe bet for or ASmerican cousins!

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I confess it. I love to bring up both in your presence. It's like pressing the John Rimmer button. One knows exactly what will be on the ejected card, which comes shooting out so fast that burn marks from the flames are all but visible. And there's a reason for that: Hufford's observations are intensely subversive to what Magonians and other heresy-hunters are up to. Better, no doubt, to complain about one who mentions the actual issues than to address them.

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Hmmm ... as I recall, Hufford's name came up in the context of disbelief-tradition ideology generally, not Trindade specifically, in a polite exchange with a Brazilian colleague.

As I have stated often and happily do so once more, Hufford's *The Terror That Comes in the Night* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 1984) is arguably the single finest academic treatment of science and anomalies. Everybody ought to read it (Listfolk can find it for sale on line), and maybe if everybody read it and understood it, we'd be spared a whole lot of tedious illogic, reflexive rejection, and pious chest-thumping passing itself off as "skepticism."

As long as you keep insisting on disbelief in response to every single significant UFO case - one might say, in fact, "you've been pushing this line for years now" - I will continue to cite Hufford's seminal work, the disbelief tradition, and the ideological (not to mention psychosocial) foundation of debunking.

Really, one who's been to the well as often as you have with debunking claims - which is to say every time you feel compelled to address an ostensibly puzzling UFO case or heterodox

interpretation of its potential meaning - has no grounds whatever on which to criticize others for repeating themselves. Well, that is, unless the critic happens to be a shameless champion of double standards.

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Yes, we can certainly agree on the lamentable extremes of believers. I just wish we also agreed on the lamentable extremes of disbelievers. I guess, however, that would be wishing for way too much.

As you know, we've been on the same side on threads when we were debating uncritical souls. I even took note of gullible enthusiasts in an earlier posting on this thread, as evidently has slipped your attention or recall.

Anyway, it's good to be reminded once in a while that we aren't at odds about everything.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Trindade Photographer Admits Hoax

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Fri, 20 Aug 2010 11:51:47 -0500
Archived: Fri, 20 Aug 2010 15:51:08 -0400
Subject: Re: Trindade Photographer Admits Hoax

>From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Fri, 20 Aug 2010 16:33:51 +0100
>Subject: Re: Trindade Photographer Admits Hoax

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2010 12:27:50 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Trindade Photographer Admits Hoax

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>>Schmitt's witness to Roswell, which documents instances
>>of long-standing testimony kept within families passing on a
>>of long-standing testimony member's reported interactions with
>>wreckage and bodies in New Mexico in the summer of 1947. At
>>least, unlike with the supposed Trindade confession, in C&S'
>>meticulously detailed accounts there is no question about who
>>said what.

>Really, Jerry, I'm surprised that even you take this book
>seriously. My review of it can be found in the Magonia review
>archives at:

><http://mrobsr.blogspot.com/2010/01/witness-to-roswell.html>

Really, John, this is an argument? Your review simply reaffirms
a phobia (hostility to Roswell) without offering evidence or
argument, beyond some nasty comments about the authors. One
would have liked, at the very least, to have evidence that even
a few of the many sources whom Carey & Schmitt name and quote
have risen up to protest that they said no such thing. Guess
what? Nothing.

I leave it to those who have read the book - which Harney seems
to have scanned if that - to decide whether it even begins to
address the issues raised by Carey & Schmitt, who after all have
actually spent years investigating the case (which I guess in
Magonia country, where such details are eschewed, makes them
suspect). I can't imagine that even an agnostic on Roswell would
see this "review" as anything but a reaffirmation of hostility
to the very idea of a crash at Roswell.

All I've learned from reading this piece is that nobody is going
to tell John Harney what he doesn't want to hear.

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Re: News Links - 14-08-10

From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
Date: Fri, 20 Aug 2010 13:04:02 -0400
Archived: Fri, 20 Aug 2010 15:52:07 -0400
Subject: Re: News Links - 14-08-10

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: post to ufoupdates <post.nul>
>Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2010 17:04:05 +0000
>Subject: Re: News Links - 14-08-10

>>Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2010 16:18:57 -0400
>>To: ufo-updates-list.nul
>>From: post.nul
>>Subject: Re: News Links - 14-08-10

>>From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2010 09:14:13 -0400
>>Subject: Re: News Links - 14-08-10

>>>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>>>To: <post.nul>
>>>Date: Mon, 16 Aug 2010 17:12:18 +0000
>>>Subject: Re: News Links - 14-08-10

>>>>Date: Sun, 15 Aug 2010 10:16:49 -0400
>>>>To: ufo-updates-list.nul
>>>>From: post.nul
>>>>Subject: UFO Update: News Links - 14-08-10

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>>>>Starchild Skull 2010 DNA Result
>>>><http://tinyurl.com/37g9flj>

>>>>New press release from Pye states the same old thing - claims he
>>>>found somebody who can retrieve DNA from skull. Says nothing
>>>>about testing the DNA sample, just that "they" are talking about
>>>>beginning the process.

>>>>Actually, not true. Pye says in the video (5:45) a 342 base-pair
>>>>sequence was not found in the NIH database. This means the skull
>>>>is not entirely human. He says the next step is to sequence the
>>>>whole genome to get an accurate picture of the relative amounts
>>>>of human vs alien DNA.

>>>>As I said, William, same old same old from Pye. There is no new
>>>>news. Pye stated last year that the skull is not entirely human
>>>>and - as stated last year - DNA testing needed to be done. Plus,
>>>>his usual plea for money to do testing.

DNA testing was not yet done last year, but a preliminary
version is done now. On the basis of this latest DNA test, he
says that the skull is definitely not completely human. So that
seems like news to me. Definitely not "same old".

wct

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From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <aj.nul>
Date: Fri, 20 Aug 2010 14:17:17 -0300
Archived: Fri, 20 Aug 2010 15:54:57 -0400
Subject: Re: Kentaro Mori & The Trindade Case

>From: Kentaro Mori <kentaro.mori.nul>
>Date: Fri, 20 Aug 2010 10:08:54 -0300
>To: post.nul
>Subject: Re: Kentaro Mori & The Trindade Case

>>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <aj.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2010 15:40:13 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Kentaro Mori & The Trindade Case

>>Hummm... I don't feel like replying to you anymore, Kentaro. It
>>gets me nowhere to try to tell you anything. Besides, other
>>people here also tried to tell you things, here and in other
>>lists, with no success. What a pity.

>This is appalling. You openly and repeatedly accused me of being
>"insincere", that is, of lying when I informed that I was part
>of negotiations with Barauna's niece since long ago to, among
>other things, obtain the original negatives. You claimed she
>denied this ever happened, as the only researcher she had been
>in contact with was Claudeir Covo.

>I replied that this was not correct, that either you or her were
>not right because I *have* been part of negotiations with her,
>can promptly prove it, and that you yourself could confirm this
>by simply asking a fellow who was and is in contact with her,
>but was not mentioned. Besides, he was not the only researcher
>whom I am aware was in contact with her and with whom I
>collaborated.

>Instead of admitting you made a mistake, or perhaps more
>important, and extremely relevant, that she made a mistake, you
>once again resort to vitriol to simply run away from answering
>questions. Listers must also remember you ran away from
>answering why did you remove the news item about Nick Pope which
>portrayed the withholding of files regarding him as being solely
>due to the MoD, omitting the extremely relevant detail that Pope
>himself requested that these files should be kept from the
>public eye.

>If not for a basic standard of respect and dignity, you should
>reply fully to my message because, as I once again emphasize, if
>it was not your own fault for falsely accusing me, than it could
>be Barauna's niece's fault. And if she denies having been in
>negotiations with anyone besides Covo - which I know is not
>correct, and can prove is not correct - perhaps this should be
>relevant when judging if she actually confirmed the hoax to the
>TV show, which assures me she did? Do you know if the TV program
>can prove she confirmed the hoax?

>Also, now that you are finally in contact with Barauna's niece,
>can you answer if she has or if she hasn't the original
>negatives? Because as I told, she never gave a clear answer to
>us. If she does finally give a clear answer for you, it would be
>great, but I wouldn't hold my breath. Again, if you - or her -
>don't come up with a clear answer to this simple question, I
>think people should also consider this when judging if she did
>or if she did not confirm the hoax to the TV show.

>Since things are so absurd, I think this is also opportunity to
>mention that many years ago, when we first discussed Trindade on
>this List, you allowed an error and injustice to go on without
>informing anyone. We were dealing with scans of first prints
>from Trindade, which I and many credited to you, Ademar Gevaerd.
>But you knew full well those scans were not yours, they were
>actually from Claudeir Covo, who had sent them to you. Later I
>contacted Covo and he promptly helped me in everything I asked,
>including better quality scans of his prints.

>Not only did you allow yourself to be wrongly credited for
>someone else's work and property. The case is even more bizarre
>because you told me you actually had your own set of first
>prints of Trindade photos, also given to you directly by
>Barauna, but that you didn't know where they were, because they
>were lost somewhere in your files!

>And yet, you sent a message to Updates speaking of how you
>cherished the prints you had and kept them as "a real treasure"!

><http://ufoupdateslist.com/2002/apr/m30-002.shtml>

>Indeed, perhaps a buried private treasure, like the one Barauna
>hoaxed and admitted on video? Everyone must have assumed the
>prints you were referring to were the ones you were sharing
>scans of, when those prints and scans were from Covo, which you
>didn't inform anyone as far as I know, and all the while you
>replied to me you didn't know where your own prints were!

>And, to this day, many years later, I still have not seen your
>prints nor scans of your first prints. Have you found them yet?
>Would you make the favour to the international community of
>finding and scanning them in high resolution for analysis?

Kentaro, reading your e-mails I see nothing but your own beliefs
blinding you. You are getting paranoid and obsessed.

You believe Barauna is a crook who hoaxed the photos. You
believe Mara is lying. You believe Emilia is telling the truth.
I guess that nothing can change that - and this is the only
reason I decided to live you alone, no more replies. Get
serious, man.

Your desperate attempt to make Barauna the biggest bandit in
Ufology's history is what is appalling and is becoming a disease
- and I don't want to get contaminated by that.

See, you claim that you've spent 7 years "researching" the case
(from behind your computer, I guess), and yet you have nothing
solid to convince us of your claims - or your dreams. Only
talk, talk, talk.

You just said in a Portuguese list that you have "an unrevealed
witness to show, still alive and recorded directly". Oh, wait a
minute, unrevealed for so many years? Come on! You must think we
are school boys here, right? Kentaro, you have nothing. Or, if
you do, show the alleged source and end this thing. Simple
isn't it?

But the proof that you have nothing is that you bring absolutely
irrelevant and totally old stuff in this new discussion. For
What? To fill up a few more lines of talk, talk, talk? Stop this
nonsense and show us some real research about Trindade. Not the
content of a TV magazine, please!

See this thing about to who belong or not the credit of Barauna
photos used in articles in 2002, it is just another example.
Ops, did you say 2002? Did you say eight years ago? I don't
remember much of what happened then, Kentaro, because I must have
written some 200 articles since that time, and published some
800-1,000 in the Brazilian UFO Magazine and our website. I have
been busy...

But ok, if you don't have anything better to say and need to
bring it up to see to whom the credits of the Barauna photos
should given to eight years ago, either to me, to Claudeir or
to Saint Claus, I tell you: they should be credited only to the
photographer himself, Barauna. Dead or alive, the credits belong
to the photographer.

Or in your world the word "work" that you are referring to means

the scanning the photos? By "work" you mean the taking some of the most important UFO photos in history or using a U\$ 100 dollar to have them scanned? In this case, my secretary should have been credited for thousand of photos!

As for Barauna photos, doesn't matter if they are in my files, in Claudeir files, in your files or in Obama files. And for the record, "I didn't allow an error and injustice to go on without informing anyone". Stop being paranoid. The photos are all over the net.

And I offer everybody here theses scans, which are very good, actually:

www.ufo.com.br/public/barauna

I can't recollect who scanned and sent me those. It could be anybody or anybody's secretary, and yet the credits are Barauna's. Also, Kentaro, it is not because they are in my website that they are mine, ok? And when you publish them in your website they won't become yours. Understood?

Again, I don't have to tell you that, ok?, but both Claudeir and I, along with many UFO researchers and even Dr. J. Allen Hynek were given sets of all the Trindade photos by Barauna himself during the 2nd International UFO Congress in Brasilia, 1983. Is that so bizarre to you? Only to you, man! Where I keep my set and Claudeir keeps his set is totally irrelevant, it is our problem. Don't be paranoid.

Actually, Kentaro, I suppose that there are many other people who have them. Try Vicente-Juan, at Fotocat, and stop filling us up these "you should find and scan them in high resolution for analysis". Don't you already have Claudeir's? Aren't them enough? You want two copies of each photo so you can debunk them twice? Keep you busy.

And for the sake of truth, the Nick Pope story that you so obsessedly said that I published "omitting extremely relevant detail" - oh boy! - for your knowledge, my website only republished a note that was spread and published everywhere else in the world. Nothing added, nothing taken off from the original article, as you believe with your distorted ideas. I didn't have to tell you that, but even what is a common procedure in editorial circles become a conspiracy to you.

And Mara Barauna has never ever heard of you. Or "negotiating with her the release of the negatives" is how you describe asking someone to do that for you? Then, probably you are right. She has, however, information of what you published in your website accusing her family member of liar. I would be more concerned with that than with an article from 2002

Man, get a life.

A. J.

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>From: John Rimmer <johnrimmer.nul>
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>Date: Fri, 20 Aug 2010 15:57:55 +0000 (GMT)
>Subject: Re: Trindade Photographer Admits Hoax

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <[post.nul](#)>
>>Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2010 12:27:50 -0500
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>>>From: John Rimmer <johnrimmer.nul>
>>>To: [post.nul](#)
>>>Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2010 22:07:54 +0000 (GMT)
>>>Subject: Re: Trindade Photographer Admits Hoax

>>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>>>To: <[post.nul](#)>
>>>>Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2010 08:25:55 -0500
>>>>Subject: Re: Trindade Photographer Admits Hoax

>>>>Having a debunker's claim validated, in
>>>>short, is the equivalent of having somebody who throws vast
>>>>quantities of mud at a wall hit it once in a while.

>>>>Is this supposed to mean anything?

>>>>No answer, so presumably not.

No, it means that it didn't deserve an answer. In other words, that since you were being disingenuous once again, an answer just didn't seem worth the bother. (Nor did the one I just gave you.)

There is not a lot of substance in John's current posting. Because I have a life and real work to do, I'll snip all but the following which requires some acknowledgement. Otherwise, John has been reduced to repeatedly whining that I've used an argument before, while failing to add that he didn't answer it before either.

Here we go, for I hope the last round this time:

>>Meantime, I urge all those curious about the hypocrisy and double standards >>of debunkers to read, for example, Carey & Schmitt's witness to Roswell, >>which documents instances of long-standing testimony kept within families >>passing on a member's reported interactions with wreckage and bodies in New >>Mexico in the summer of 1947. At least, unlike with the supposed Trindade >>confession, in C&S' meticulously detailed accounts there is no question >>about who said what.

>>Any careful reader of the above paragraph can only conclude that you >>are now of the opinion that wreckage and bodies were found at Roswell. >>If not, you must accept that "long standing testimony kept within >>families" must be flawed as evidence for a real-world event. Really >>all this amounts to is 'passing on what granddad said', which is really >>what we're talking about with Barauna - family stories.

I'm delighted that I have finally persuaded John. Thus, at the moment, as we await further developments if any, we concur that

Trindade remains where it was before the current hoopla: a case on which people disagree and, in the absence of new evidence of substance, continue to argue - necessarily - by recycling the same issues. Basically, like Roswell.

My point, which John missed by a mile (or at least pretended to), is that testimony passed through a family may or may not be accurate*, but it must be judged always with caution. The issue cannot be settled without the infusion of other, better outside evidence. Now I see John is piously lecturing me on what I just got through saying to him.

That's why, John, I am an agnostic about both the Roswell event generally and about the current Trindade claim. In neither case, at the moment, is the evidence, while surely intriguing and suggestive, sufficient to lead us to conclusive determination one way or another. Consequently, we have no choice but to be provisionally skeptical. Now, really, is that so hard?

In the meantime, maybe we all ought to cool out on these August dog days. What's wrong with waiting to see how the new developments play out and saving comments and debates for later?

Jerry Clark

*An example of a family's oral tradition ultimately validated by other evidence is the remarkable case of Thomas Jefferson and his slave Sally Hemings. For generations Hemings's descendants insisted that Jefferson had fathered children by her, while Jefferson's defenders, who included eminent historians and biographers, disputed the claim, on at least one occasion (Virginus Dabney, which sounds almost like a made-up name) at book length. Eventually, as DNA technology was developed late in the last century, tests on living relatives proved that Jefferson had indeed sired children by Hemings. One hopes that Roswell and Trindade one day will be as conclusively settled one way or another.

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>>scientific analysis, though as you indicate it is also true that
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>>framework.

>David Hufford -- Bingo!

>You talk about the 'tradition of disbelief' without noting that
>there is an equally strong 'tradition of belief' which insists
>that no UFO case must ever be explained once it has entered the
>UFIO canon.

Naw (jumping in here-John), I disagree - not equally as
strong. Sure we have some softies on here but for the most part
the majority don't think that way-listwise. But I can't say that
holds true across the broad spectrum of those interested in the
UFO phenomenon.

I'm as ticked off with the fringe as you are but then again I
don't agree with the term ufologist in the first place. It's a
bum word most often used to denigrate across the board tarring
with the same brush both the discriminating and
non-discriminating researcher and or investigator with one broad
stroke.

It wastes a lot of time in self defence.

Don Ledger

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>Where do I collect my decorated Roswell commemorative mug?

>Jerry, you've pushing this line for years now. Is there
>something in the Minnesota State Charter that says you have

Minnesota! Bingo!

I really have to butt in here, but just what is your fixation with Minnesota all about? I've been reading this List for 12 years? - 15 years? - who knows how long? - and God and EBK willing, I'd love to read it another 15. Over that time, and call it further evidence of Stockholm syndrome if you must, I've really come to enjoy, admire and look forward to your posts. I truly missed them during your absence from the List. (Someone around here has to have a twirlable mustache). But this thing you have with Minnesota is inexplicable.

If it was a cultural tradition that the way to begin an argument was to insult every opponent's birthplace, then yeah, I'd get it. But you only do it when it's Minnesota. I'm just surprised you didn't throw in Canby as an even bigger knee-slapper. It's like you picked up a morning DJ's joke book and read that a sure-fire way to get guffaws from your audience and win every argument is to mention funny words - words that just sound funny - words like fiizzlewitz=E2=80=A6and Minnesota. "Say Minnesota and say no more. Instant laughs. Ratings will skyrocket."

I just don't get it. Yes, Minnesota has had some moments (present governor, former governor, and the fact that Sarah Palin's accent is all too similar), but to keep that going as a running joke for 15 years? Someday - someday all too soon - we'll be sitting in a senior care facility in our wheel chairs all strapped up to our oxygen tanks, and you'll want to regale the troops with amusing words - words like Minnesota, Minnesota State Charter, and Canby, Minnesota - except by then people will just call it Alzheimer's. Right now, it's simply a mystery. (Well, maybe it's already Alzheimer's for all I know. And how many years have I been reading this List?) C'mon, let us all in

on the joke so _we_ can enjoy it as well. Sorry for the interruption.

Best,

Bill

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Well, as final proof of my non-precognitive powers, Plymouth
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a handy 8-1

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Re: Trindade Photographer Admits Hoax

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Fri, 20 Aug 2010 12:20:53 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Fri, 20 Aug 2010 16:10:02 -0400
Subject: Re: Trindade Photographer Admits Hoax

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2010 12:27:50 -0500
>Subject: Re: Trindade Photographer Admits Hoax

>>From: John Rimmer <johnrimmer.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2010 22:07:54 +0000 (GMT)
>>Subject: Re: Trindade Photographer Admits Hoax

>Meantime, I urge all those curious about the hypocrisy and
>double standards of debunkers to read, for example, Carey &
>Schmitt's witness to Roswell, which documents instances of
>long-standing testimony kept within families passing on a
>member's reported interactions with wreckage and bodies in New
>Mexico in the summer of 1947. At least, unlike with the
>supposed Trindade confession, in C&S' meticulously detailed
>accounts here is no question about who said what.

><snip>

>>Oh, I perfectly understand what you mean, but I still think a
>>slight expression of disappointment would cross the Clarkian
>>visage under such circumstances; just as it would mine if you
>>ever managed to trace any of the 47 (or is it 147) missing
>>Trindade witnesses, and found a contemporary statement from
>>them.

>Or trying to find a single ship-board witness - after decades
>and decades' worth of publicity and more opportunities than are
>countable - to step forward and declare the photos a hoax. Maybe
>all those whistle-blowers vanished into the Bermuda triangle.
>You'd better pray, if that's the case, that one day they return
>with the mothership. Oh, wait....

To further the Roswell analogy, the whole debunker Mogul case
basically rests on the testimony of only two witnesses decades
after the fact, Bessie Brazel Schreiber, daughter of the rancher
Mack Brazel, and Mogul engineer Charles Moore. Mack Brazel in
his 1947 newspaper interview (in which we have about a dozen
witnesses saying he was in military custody at the time,
therefore his testimony is suspect to say the least), stated he
found tape with flower patterns amongst the wreckage.

30+ years later in Berlitz & Moore's "The Roswell Incident" and
then in a 1993 affidavit, Bessie Brazel talks about tape with
flower patterns. Charles Moore 40+ years later claims he
remembers the tape with flower patterns on the radar targets
kites they used on Mogul.

And finally, a few hours before Brazel was to give his press
interview, Gen. Roger Ramey in Fort Worth displayed a broken-up
radar target, said this was what was found at Roswell, and it
was all a case of mistaken identity.

That's basically the whole "proof" of the Mogul theory right
there - alleged flower tape. Quite unlike the dozens and dozens
of "pro-Roswell" witnesses telling stories of bodies or very
strange debris or witness intimidation, the handful of "pro-

Mogul" witnesses are always immune to memory deterioration/distortion or lying or contamination from other sources, the old Debunker Double Standard at work.

Never mind that Bessie Brazel later recanted her story, saying she thought she was probably confusing it with another event (which agreed with others like her brother Bill that she was never there), or that Charles Moore got caught clearly confabulating or confusing a few "facts" - never mind all that. There is actually a very simple and objective way to test for the existence of the alleged "Mogul" "flower tape" in the "Roswell" debris that doesn't depend on witness memory.

How do you do that? Why look at the still-surviving photos of the radar target in Gen. Ramey's office, in which the debris can be viewed in very high detail. Nobody who has spent any time examining these (including the USAF counterintelligence debunkers and their unnamed high-level government photoanalysis lab back in 1994) can find the "flower tape" in this "Roswell" wreckage. Oops!

When I challenge debunkers to find the flower tape in the photos, they always have an excuse why they can't be bothered, or change the subject, or they don't bother to respond at all, an example of Karl Pflock's "Inconvenient Facts and the Will to (Dis)Believe" at work.

Never mind the conflicting forensic evidence. Decade's old memories are now perfectly adequate, thank you.

David Rudiak

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Disney's Video 'Alien Encounters'

From: Lyle Michel <ljm1915.nul>
Date: Fri, 20 Aug 2010 12:46:24 -0700
Archived: Fri, 20 Aug 2010 16:12:58 -0400
Subject: Disney's Video 'Alien Encounters'

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From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark.nul>
Date: Fri, 20 Aug 2010 15:10:14 -0500
Archived: Fri, 20 Aug 2010 16:19:58 -0400
Subject: Re: Trindade Photographer Admits Hoax

>From: John Rimmer <johnrimmer.nul>
>To: [post.nul](#)
>Date: Fri, 20 Aug 2010 18:24:45 +0000 (GMT)
>Subject: Re: Trindade Photographer Admits Hoax

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Rimmer and Clark, united in being as psychic as fenceposts.

Sigh,

Jerry Clark

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Archived: Sat, 21 Aug 2010 08:00:47 -0400
Subject: News Links - 20-08-10

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UFO Sightings On The Rise
Halifax Evening Courier
<http://tinyurl.com/2wdwouy>

UFO Sightings Once Common In Rural Kansas
Naples Daily News
<http://tinyurl.com/25ycclh>

Nick Pope For Warminster UFO Conference
BBC News
<http://tinyurl.com/2vngndg>

UFO Conference Coming To Bay Area
NBC Bay Area
<http://tinyurl.com/3549zm9>

St. Paul UFO Mystery Solved?
Pioneer Press
<http://tinyurl.com/2388vuk>

Where Are All the UFO Photos?
Politics Daily
<http://tinyurl.com/2czt3sa>

UFO Sightings...
Helium
<http://tinyurl.com/3xstrvg>

Elvis' UFO Sightings
Himalayan Times
<http://tinyurl.com/2vzfhh2>

The Truth Is Not Out There
BBC News - Today
<http://tinyurl.com/2dclwby>

Reward For Physical Evidence Of Intelligent Alien Life
Above Top Secret
<http://tinyurl.com/22kef2f>

UFOs and Evolution =96 Is There a Connection?
UFO's =96 Flying Saucers
<http://tinyurl.com/2dgenao>

Do We Prefer Dreams To Reality? Dreams, UFOs, And
Extraterrestrials
Psychology Today
<http://tinyurl.com/29bzzgs>

Scenes We Love: Close Encounters Of The Third Kind
Cinematical
<http://tinyurl.com/27z2od4>

The British UFO Files - 2004 Documentary

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

=46rom Scott Corrales' Inexplicata:

Argentina: The Pros And Cons Of Alien Visitation

<http://tinyurl.com/24p3pgr>

Salvador Freixedo - Reflections On The State of Ufology (2001)

<http://tinyurl.com/28hr8mz>

=46rom Philip Mantle:

Roswell Alien Autopsy A 'Money-Making Scam'

Daily Star

<http://tinyurl.com/38sjthu>

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Mind-Controlling Parasites

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Re: Kentaro Mori & The Trindade Case

From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <aj.nul>
Date: Fri, 20 Aug 2010 17:29:37 -0300
Archived: Sat, 21 Aug 2010 08:05:24 -0400
Subject: Re: Kentaro Mori & The Trindade Case

>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <aj.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Fri, 20 Aug 2010 14:17:17 -0300
>Subject: Re: Kentaro Mori & The Trindade Case

>>From: Kentaro Mori <kentaro.mori.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 20 Aug 2010 10:08:54 -0300
>>To: post.nul
>>Subject: Re: Kentaro Mori & The Trindade Case

<snip>

>Or in your world the word "work" that you are referring to means
>the scanning the photos? By "work" you mean the taking some of
>the most important UFO photos in history or using a U\$ 100
>dollar to have them scanned? In this case, my secretary should
>have been credited for thousand of photos!

<snip>

I intended to say "using a U\$ 100 scanner"...

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From: **Kentaro Mori** <kentaro.mori.nul>
Date: Fri, 20 Aug 2010 18:34:45 -0300
Archived: Sat, 21 Aug 2010 08:07:33 -0400
Subject: Re: Kentaro Mori & The Trindade Case

>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <aj.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Fri, 20 Aug 2010 14:17:17 -0300
>Subject: Re: Kentaro Mori & The Trindade Case

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>As for Barauna photos, doesn't matter if they are in my files,
>in Claudeir files, in your files or in Obama files. (...)

>I can't recollect who scanned and sent me those. It could be
>anybody or anybody's secretary, and yet the credits are
>Barauna's. Also, Kentaro, it is not because they are in my
>website that they are mine, ok? And when you publish them in
>your website they won't become yours. Understood?

The photos are in the public domain, Barauna himself mentioned that, and that even if they weren't, he had sold the rights long ago so they belonged to O Cruzeiro, which has long since gone bankrupt.

There are only a handful of sets of first prints available, and in the absence of the original negatives, comparing and analyzing as much first prints as possible is all that we have, so any and every set of first prints given by the original photographer is valuable.

The scans you are sharing, without crediting the original owner of the prints and the one who scanned them, are from Claudeir Covo.

<snip>

>Where I keep my set
>and Claudeir keeps his set is totally irrelevant, it is our
>problem. Don't be paranoid.

I know that Claudeir Covo really keeps his prints in a safe place and that he promptly scanned them in higher resolution when I asked him, as I think he does with anyone who asks for them. If you don't know where are your first prints, then this just shows how much you really care about research. As you even now insist any one set of first prints would not be of much difference. In 2002 you said they were "a real treasure".

<http://ufoupdateslist.com/2002/apr/m30-002.shtml>

I do have scans from other sets of first prints, graciously sent to me by their owners, to which I'm very grateful and always credit. That includes the Olmos' prints. This is not simply basic courtesy, it's important for serious analysis to enable independent review of the work. Saying you don't know where the scans you are using came from is simply ridiculous.

This conversation really leads to nowhere besides you insulting and accusing me, without any basis, then running away when confronted. I should indeed best dedicate my time into publishing as soon as possible what I have on the case.

I'm doing that now.

Apologies to all for any inconvenience. Again, mea culpa, for the title I chose for the original message. There's more than the testimony from Barauna's friend, or what his niece may or may not have said or have. Several researchers are already aware of what I have, especially because it's not "mine", nor was it solely uncovered by myself. It will be publicized soon.

Kentaro
<http://forgetomori.com/>

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Where Are All The UFO Photos?

From: Jason Gammon <boyinthemachine.nul>
Date: Fri, 20 Aug 2010 18:16:29 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Sat, 21 Aug 2010 08:09:24 -0400
Subject: Where Are All The UFO Photos?

David Corn appears to think he's the first person to ask this question. I just hope that he is smart enough not to fall into the trap that such question isn't answerable or that the UFO community cannot address such.

<http://tinyurl.com/2czt3sa>

-Jason Gammon

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From: Jason Gammon <boyinthemachine.nul>
Date: Fri, 20 Aug 2010 18:23:04 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Sat, 21 Aug 2010 08:11:02 -0400
Subject: Re: Disney's Video 'Alien Encounters'

>From: Lyle Michel <ljm1915.nul>
>To: UFO Updates Post <post.nul>
>Date: Fri, 20 Aug 2010 12:46:24 -0700
>Subject: Disney's Video 'Alien Encounters'

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I don't consider it to be the best UFO documentary. Instead, I view it as a novelty, especially since it was made by Disney and only aired once, at midnight and in select areas.

After all, it's a promotion for the opening of their then Alien Encounters ride.

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From: John Rimmer <johnrimmer.nul>
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Archived: Sat, 21 Aug 2010 08:12:56 -0400
Subject: Re: Truth-Finding Not Point-Making

>From: Bill Weber <wweber1.nul>
>To: [post.nul](#)
>Date: Fri, 20 Aug 2010 10:44:21 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: Truth-Finding Not Point-Making

>>From: John Rimmer <johnrimmer.nul>
>>To: [post.nul](#)
>>Date: Fri, 20 Aug 2010 15:24:30 +0000 (GMT)
>>Subject: Re: Truth-Finding Not Point-Making

>>David Hufford -- Bingo!
>Tradition of Disbelief -- Bingo

>>Where do I collect my decorated Roswell commemorative mug?

>>Jerry, you've pushing this line for years now. Is there
>>something in the Minnesota State Charter that says you have

>Minnesota! Bingo!

>I really have to butt in here, but just what is your fixation
>with Minnesota all about? I've been reading this List for 12
>years? - 15 years? - who knows how long? - and God and EBK
>willing, I'd love to read it another 15. Over that time, and
>call it further evidence of Stockholm syndrome if you must, I've
>really come to enjoy, admire and look forward to your posts. I
>truly missed them during your absence from the List. (Someone
>around here has to have a twirlable mustache). But this thing
>you have with Minnesota is inexplicable.

Bill, I'm sure your bafflement is shared by many on this List,
including myself.

I'm not sure how this began, I think at one time Jerry made some
mildly amusing comment about my old house name ('John Dee
Cottage') and I made some mildly disobliging remark about Canby
Minnesota.

I think I've kept it on because I have an unrequited love affair
for this location, which I see (rightly or wrongly) as the
epitome of small-town America, with neat houses, well groomed
yards, rocking chairs on porches (or is that further South?),
and all the Middle America clich=E9s that television and films
convey to us on this side of the Atlantic.

Now that it is possible to see much of this town on Google Earth
I am pleased to see that my image of a small piece of America
seems to be confirmed as the reality. It is truly the epitome of
decent, small-town America.

No doubt Jerry will ruin my dreams by telling us of Canby's
tough dockside neighbourhood, but, quite frankly, I won't
believe him.

Canby, Minnesota, twinned with Mortlake, England. How I would
like to see this on the county line!

--
John Rimmer

Mustache twirler extraordinaire.

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Subject: Re: Truth-Finding Not Point-Making

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Fri, 20 Aug 2010 14:25:25 -0300
>Subject: Re: Truth-Finding Not Point-Making

>>From: John Rimmer <johnrimmer.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Fri, 20 Aug 2010 15:24:30 +0000 (GMT)
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>>You talk about the 'tradition of disbelief' without noting that
>>there is an equally strong 'tradition of belief' which insists
>>that no UFO case must ever be explained once it has entered the
>>UFIO canon.

>Naw (jumping in here - John), I disagree - not equally as
>strong. Sure we have some softies on here but for the most part
>the majority don't think that way-listwise. But I can't say that
>holds true across the broad spectrum of those interested in the
>UFO phenomenon.

>I'm as ticked off with the fringe as you are but then again I
>don't agree with the term ufologist in the first place. It's a
>bum word most often used to denigrate across the board tarring
>with the same brush both the descriminating and
>non-descriminating researcher and or investigator with one broad
>stroke.

>It wastes a lot of time in self defence.

I couldn't agree more, Don, and there are quite a few skeptics
I'm 'ticked off' with as well. You're also probably right about
the word 'ufologist', but it's hard to see how at this stage you
could start using another.

The problem is that all terminology in, let's admit it, 'fringe'
topics like ufology is used as a weapon. 'UFO buffs', 'saucer
spotters', 'pelicanists', 'skeptibunkers', etc., are all used a
methods of closing down debate. We're probably stuck with
'ufologist', but let's try to give the others a miss, eh?

(Airborne porcine alert)

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>>Tradition of Disbelief -- Bingo

>>>Where do I collect my decorated Roswell commemorative mug?

>>>Jerry, you've pushing this line for years now. Is there
>>>something in the Minnesota State Charter that says you have

>>Minnesota! Bingo!

>>I really have to butt in here, but just what is your fixation
>>with Minnesota all about? I've been reading this List for 12
>>years? - 15 years? - who knows how long? - and God and EBK
>>willing, I'd love to read it another 15. Over that time, and
>>call it further evidence of Stockholm syndrome if you must, I've
>>really come to enjoy, admire and look forward to your posts. I
>>truly missed them during your absence from the List. (Someone
>>around here has to have a twirlable mustache). But this thing
>>you have with Minnesota is inexplicable.

>Bill, I'm sure your bafflement is shared by many on this List,
>including myself.

>I'm not sure how this began, I think at one time Jerry made some
>mildly amusing comment about my old house name ('John Dee
>Cottage') and I made some mildly disobliging remark about Canby
>Minnesota.

>I think I've kept it on because I have an unrequited love affair
>for this location, which I see (rightly or wrongly) as the
>epitome of small-town America, with neat houses, well groomed
>yards, rocking chairs on porches (or is that further South?),
>and all the Middle America clichés that television and films
>convey to us on this side of the Atlantic.

>Now that it is possible to see much of this town on Google Earth
>I am pleased to see that my image of a small piece of America
>seems to be confirmed as the reality. It is truly the epitome of
>decent, small-town America.

>No doubt Jerry will ruin my dreams by telling us of Canby's
>tough dockside neighbourhood, but, quite frankly, I won't
>believe him.

>Canby, Minnesota, twinned with Mortlake, England. How I would
>like to see this on the county line!

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From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
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>From: John Rimmer <johnrimmer.nul>
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>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 20 Aug 2010 14:25:25 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Truth-Finding Not Point-Making

>>>From: John Rimmer <johnrimmer.nul>
>>>To: post.nul
>>>Date: Fri, 20 Aug 2010 15:24:30 +0000 (GMT)
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>>>You talk about the 'tradition of disbelief' without noting that
>>>there is an equally strong 'tradition of belief' which insists
>>>that no UFO case must ever be explained once it has entered the
>>>UFIO canon.

>>Naw (jumping in here - John), I disagree - not equally as
>>strong. Sure we have some softies on here but for the most part
>>the majority don't think that way-listwise. But I can't say that
>>holds true across the broad spectrum of those interested in the
>>UFO phenomenon.

>>I'm as ticked off with the fringe as you are but then again I
>>don't agree with the term ufologist in the first place. It's a
>>bum word most often used to denigrate across the board tarring
>>with the same brush both the discriminating and
>>non-discriminating researcher and or investigator with one broad
>>stroke.

>>It wastes a lot of time in self defence.

>I couldn't agree more, Don, and there are quite a few skeptics
>I'm 'ticked off' with as well. You're also probably right about
>the word 'ufologist', but it's hard to see how at this stage you
>could start using another.

>The problem is that all terminology in, let's admit it, 'fringe'
>topics like ufology is used as a weapon. 'UFO buffs', 'saucer
>spotters', 'pelicanists', 'skeptibunkers', etc., are all used a
>methods of closing down debate. We're probably stuck with
>'ufologist', but let's try to give the others a miss, eh?

>(Airborne porcine alert)

The problem, John, is that replacing ufologist/ufology with
anything else necessitates a long sentence - an explanatory note
replete with caveats and denials where as the word pelicanists
and skeptibunkers have their own built in, colorful, mind
triggering and pre-conceived impressions that are difficult to
resist and tightly packaged in the one word.

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I was surprised to discover that Morgan was the editor of the UK's leading and most prestigious newspaper The Sun - the largest newspaper in the world. Its in-depth reporting on many UFO reports in the UK ranks right up there with the Smithsonian's Air&Space rag maintaining the same unbiased reporting standards evident on Fox News. Wonder if Rupert Murdoch has a piece of the Smithsonian?

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That's really and truly creepy, Don.

Of living in a small, remote rural town, I offer this short anecdote:

More than two decades ago, when I moved back with a now ex-wife
- I'd left here in 1964, when I was 17 years old - I encountered
a fellow urban refugee. I asked him what it's like to live here.
"At first it feels like vacation," he replied. "Then it feels
like life." Which proved precisely to be the case.

Of living in a small, remote rural town, I'd add that everything
you could ever say about it, the opposite is likely to be just
as true, too.

In other words, wherever you may dwell, we all live uneasily in
the world.

Jerry Clark

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>Subject: Re: Kentaro Mori & The Trindade Case

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>>Subject: Re: Kentaro Mori & The Trindade Case

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>>As for Barauna photos, doesn't matter if they are in my files,
>>in Claudeir files, in your files or in Obama files. (...)

>>I can't recollect who scanned and sent me those. It could be
>>anybody or anybody's secretary, and yet the credits are
>>Barauna's. Also, Kentaro, it is not because they are in my
>>website that they are mine, ok? And when you publish them in
>>your website they won't become yours. Understood?

>The photos are in the public domain, Barauna himself mentioned
>that, and that even if they weren't, he had sold the rights long
>ago so they belonged to O Cruzeiro, which has long since gone
>bankrupt.

>There are only a handful of sets of first prints available, and
>in the absence of the original negatives, comparing and
>analyzing as much first prints as possible is all that we have,
>so any and every set of first prints given by the original
>photographer is valuable.

>The scans you are sharing, without crediting the original owner
>of the prints and the one who scanned them, are from Claudeir
>Covo.

><snip>

>>Where I keep my set
>>and Claudeir keeps his set is totally irrelevant, it is our
>>problem. Don't be paranoid.

>I know that Claudeir Covo really keeps his prints in a safe
>place and that he promptly scanned them in higher resolution
>when I asked him, as I think he does with anyone who asks for
>them. If you don't know where are your first prints, then this
>just shows how much you really care about research. As you even
>now insist any one set of first prints would not be of much
>difference. In 2002 you said they were "a real treasure".

><http://ufoupdateslist.com/2002/apr/m30-002.shtml>

>I do have scans from other sets of first prints, graciously sent
>to me by their owners, to which I'm very grateful and always
>credit. That includes the Olmos' prints. This is not simply
>basic courtesy, it's important for serious analysis to enable
>independent review of the work. Saying you don't know where the
>scans you are using came from is simply ridiculous.

>This conversation really leads to nowhere besides you insulting
>and accusing me, without any basis, then running away when
>confronted. I should indeed best dedicate my time into
>publishing as soon as possible what I have on the case.

>I'm doing that now.

>Apologies to all for any inconvenience. Again, mea culpa, for
>the title I chose for the original message. There's more than
>the testimony from Barauna's friend, or what his niece may or
>may not have said or have. Several researchers are already aware
>of what I have, especially because it's not "mine", nor was it
>solely uncovered by myself. It will be publicized soon.

At last, Kentaro, you realized that your talk, talk, talk is
empty and takes us nowhere.

It is good that you have decided to write what you have
announced and publicized so much.

Let see what you have to offer, instead of your habitual nonsense.

PS.: As for the scans I offered in my last e-mail, they are not
from Claudeir, you are wrong again. Again!

www.ufo.com.br/public/barauna

A. J.

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John,

This was a great example of why I look forward to your posts.

Best,

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Brazilian UFO Magazine On Nick Pope

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
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Subject: Brazilian UFO Magazine On Nick Pope

I see that Brazilian UFO Magazine has posted an article on its web site about Nick Pope. There are some statements in there which deserve comment. The relevant link is:

<http://tinyurl.com/35awvlw>

and the Google translation into (very poor) English can be found at:

<http://tinyurl.com/3xahhov>

There is no date for the interview, but it appears that the article is from before December last year, as Pope relates that the UFO desk gives precedence to FoIA requests over UFO investigation, when in fact we know that the UFO-handling aspect of their work ceased on 1st December 2009 (as Nick astutely predicted it would do, although he thought it would happen once the scheduled release was completed).

The article suggests incorrectly that I was/am an advisor to the National Archives (TNA), that is most certainly not the case although of course Dave Clarke is. I am honest enough to try and clear that point up, but I see Nick Pope is trying to give the impression that he was more involved in the release than he actually was. Not only was he in charge of "The UK UFO Project", but he now seems to also have been "In charge of opening UFO in this country"? He played a minor part in the release of the first batch, but he has had no direct connection with the TNA release since then.

On the subject of his having been "in charge of the British Government's UFO Project", he mentions that on occasion, his superiors intervened to stop his investigations. If he was in charge, who were these powerful 'superiors' who gave him orders? (Google mangles the relevant text to suggest that Pope gave the order).

Pope intimates that he was sought out for the role at the UFO desk; "They asked me if after completing my work in the Joint Operations Centre if I wanted to occupy the [UFO Project]" - who are these mysterious "they"? In previous interviews, Nick said that one person he worked with in the Gulf suggested he might want to apply for the role.

Pope lists the release of the French documents as a contributory factor in the decision to release the UK files. I asked the MoD about this specific point in May 2008 and received the following response:

"I am aware that there has been a considerable degree of speculation that the French release of their own files played a part in our decision to release our own files. Other than noting it increased media and internet speculation on the subject of UFOs, this is simply not the case."

So what makes Nick think otherwise? Does he have some information to the contrary which is being withheld from the public?

Pope is quoted as having said that he "had access to UFO files earlier, some of which have been classified as top secret". Well, no files with that classification have been released, so does Pope think that the government are covering something up? No doubt Stan Friedman will be interested in an answer to that.

Pope's description of how he went about his daily work is belied by the actual files which he worked on that have now been released. Only on very rare occasions (perhaps twice in his entire time in post) did he request radar tapes for instance. The daily routine was much more mundane - take a look at the files covering his tenure at the desk and see for yourself;

UFO sighting report files:

DEFE24-1953
DEFE24-1954
DEFE24-1959
DEFE24-1960

UFO Correspondence files:

DEFE24-1955
DEFE24-1956
DEFE24-1957
DEFE24-1962
DEFE24-1963
DEFE24-1964
DEFE24-1965
DEFE24-1966
DEFE24-1967
DEFE24-1968

Parliamentary questions:

DEFE24-1971

The Cosford Incident:

DEFE24-2086

I will make these files available to individuals who don't already have them for a limited period, please email me directly if you want any or all of them.

In the past, Pope has regaled us with hints about radar confirmed reports, aircraft scrambles, and pilot sightings in the files which were 'very interesting', but he was unable to talk about them because the information was not yet in the public domain. Well now the files have been released, and I have found very little which approaches what he claimed. Perhaps he could identify which reports he meant which he couldn't discuss before?

In an interview with the UK UFO Magazine in 1996, he said:

UFO: Do you believe that some UFOs are extraterrestrial?

Nick Pope: Yes.

UFO: Is there any evidence at Whitehall which could confirm this?

Nick Pope: No... I think that within Whitehall - if you just look at all the files end-to-end - it builds up to a very convincing case that some UFOs are of an extraterrestrial nature.

Well, we now have those files which Pope had access to pretty well end-to-end but we still don't see the evidence that some UFOs are of an extraterrestrial nature. Perhaps he can direct us to it in the files? Or have these wonderful reports which no-one has heard of before been concealed by the powers that be?

The interview at the Brazilian UFO Magazine web site goes on to quote Pope as saying that there was a system in place for Police and the airports to forward reports on to him, yet in the 1996

UK UFO Magazine interview is the following:

UFO: How many military reports did you handle?

Nick Pope: ...The national reporting system had broken down; in theory any reports that were military based or presented to civil airports or police, those reports should have been filtered to Sec(AS)2a. That was happening in some areas but in others it was not, simply because people are posted in and out quite rapidly, and in the 'hand-over' various things get lost....

Not exactly at the top of the Defence agenda then, was it Nick?

From the Brazilian UFO Magazine web site:

In the [UK] media, it has been speculated about the interest of the British [Royal Family] in the UFO phenomenon. Was the Royal Household kept informed on the topic?

Some members of the royal family have shown some interest in the subject, but this is a touchy subject with politicians and I can't go into too much detail.

Why not? There is nothing in the released files indicating that the MoD informed the royal family about UFOs (though I have found a couple of reports involving royals, one was a royal flight carrying the Prince of Wales which reported a UFO that IIRC was a satellite re-entry, the other was from a member of the Royal Protection Squad reporting what appears to have been aircraft activity near a royal estate). I have a letter from the Duke of Edinburgh's office confirming that he has a casual interest in UFOs. What is the big secret which Pope couldn't possibly comment on, especially since he is now 'The man who left the MoD' (was there ever only one)?

From the web site:

Of all the experiences that have accumulated over the years, what was most confusing?

The area which aroused the most interest in me is aviation safety. Both the MoD and the Civil Aviation Authority has in its archives several cases of incidents in which UFOs were about to collide with commercial aircraft. This is one of the reasons I struggled in researching the sightings in a scientific manner. And I have also fought for this kind of event to reach the public through the media.

Ah yes, Pope's scientific research and the media. That perhaps came together in a Sun article with the headline UFO Hits Wind Turbine at:

www.thesun.co.uk/sol/homepage/news/ufos/article2108149.ece

The one featuring an image of a wind farm with Elliot and ET flying over it on a bicycle, where Pope is quoted as saying "This could be one of the most significant UFO incidents for years". in fact, it turned out to have been caused by metal fatigue in one of the blade assemblies. On the subject of the media, Pope didn't seem to be so keen on it in 1996 when in the UK UFO magazine article referred to earlier, he is quoted as saying:

"...I felt it [his book, Open Skies, Closed Minds] was a way of pushing the subject into the public domain. A way perhaps of telling the public, 'look it's not just a silly headline in the Sunday Sport'...."

Pope's interview published on the Brazilian UFO Magazine goes on to say that I [Joe McGonagle] don't know how the MoD worked. In fact I do and so does Nick Pope, it is just that Pope prefers to exaggerate aspects of his work to fool gullible people into thinking his role was more important than it was. The documents specified above clearly demonstrate the exact nature of 'how the MoD worked'. If anyone thinks that Pope's account is accurate, don't take my word for it that it isn't, read them for yourself and let's see what conclusion you draw.

Asked to comment on Dave Clarke (amusingly translated into 'Clak' which I initially thought might be an abbreviation of the Yorkshire slang term 'clacker'), Pope is at pains to suggest that Clarke was a mere ufologist. In fact, Clarke got the job which Pope desperately wanted as consultant to TNA on the merit of his academic credentials and his knowledge and experience of the MoD files. In case anyone is unaware, Dr. Clarke lectures in journalism at Sheffield Hallam University in the UK and is an acknowledged expert in folklore. He also holds degrees in history and archaeology. Pope then devotes the rest of the paragraph to talking about himself which he likes to do at every opportunity, building what was a junior administrative role he held for only three years sixteen years ago into something which it wasn't.

It seems that AJ and the Brazilian UFO Magazine have been convinced by Pope's easily checkable exaggerations, just like many other media outlets have. Perhaps it is time that you checked the facts about Mr. Pope, AJ, and not just accept what he tells you as fact? Perhaps you could start by examining the files I listed then conducting your own, more detailed interview with Pope, putting some of the difficult questions above to him - the responses should be very interesting if he doesn't evade them as usual.

Regards,

Joe

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>Smithsonian's Air&Space rag maintaining the same unbiased
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ROTFLMFAO, or whatever it is the young people say.

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>'Pierce' Morgan. I like that; there are plenty of people who
>would like to 'pierce' Morgan, particullry with a sharp object!

>>I was surprised to discover that Morgan was the editor of the
>>UK's leading and most prestigious newspaper The Sun - the
>>largest newspaper in the world. Its in-depth reporting on many
>>UFO reports in the UK ranks right up there with the
>>Smithsonian's Air&Space rag maintaining the same unbiased
>>reporting standars evident on Fox News. Wonder if Rupert Murdoch
>>has a piece of the Smithsonian?

>ROTFLMFAO, or whatever it is the young people say.

Good to see you aren't that jadded and that you did get that
one. But it was with chagrin that I read the Air&Space piece.

Don Ledger

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Re: Brazilian UFO Magazine On Nick Pope

From: **A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO** <aj.nul>
Date: Sun, 22 Aug 2010 11:29:26 -0300
Archived: Mon, 23 Aug 2010 08:26:38 -0400
Subject: Re: Brazilian UFO Magazine On Nick Pope

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Sun, 22 Aug 2010 03:03:57 +0100
>Subject: Brazilian UFO Magazine On Nick Pope

>I see that Brazilian UFO Magazine has posted an article on its
>web site about Nick Pope. There are some statements in there
>which deserve comment. The relevant link is:

><http://tinyurl.com/35awvlw>

Hi Joe,

That is a translation of an article by David Benito Del Olmo,
published in the Spanish magazine M=El's All=El (de La Ciencia)
edition 254.

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

This material was recently spread all over the net and got
translated and published in many websites, as we did in ours, as
part of our regular procedures. Nothing added, nothing taken
from. So, actually, neither I nor the rest of the Brazilian UFO
Magazine had anything to say about these particular Nick's
claims.

I spent almost 5 hours in a flight from Sao Paulo, Brazil, to
Santiago, Chile, with Nick just a couple of months ago and spoke
a lot about his role in MoD.

Nick is my friend and a good friend, but we are also preparing
our own interview with him for the Brazilian UFO Magazine. It is
going to be very detailed and I will take your questions into
consideration when doing so, thanks! If you have other
questions, just send them over and I will include them.

Thanks for your visit to our website. I hope you have enjoyed.

A. J.

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Rendlesham Secret Documents Revealed This Year?

From: Dave Haith <visionsl.nul>
Date: Sun, 22 Aug 2010 16:43:04 +0100
Archived: Mon, 23 Aug 2010 08:29:46 -0400
Subject: Rendlesham Secret Documents Revealed This Year?

As all of you know Jim Penniston is the former retired USAF sergeant who claims to have walked round a landed UFO at Rendlesham for 45 minutes, touched it and made sketches.

He and others will be meeting at the site this coming Christmas and some expect new information from him and his buddy John Burroughs.

They say that sceptic Ian Ridpath who was recently featured in the recent controversial BBC so called 'hitpiece' on Rendlesham had agreed to meet them there but is now reported to have backed out after hearing it was to be an open meeting with the public also invited.

Reading Jim's Facebook page I note that there is now also speculation whether there will be new information released by the US government on this case.

But Jim predicts it won't happen. (see below)

A poster on his page asked him: "I don't understand - what is the military's stance on this story then? I thought they took your statements and then did nothing. What am I missing?"

Penniston replied:

"It has various stages. The USAF installation initiated an investigation, it was then on the Monday following the two landings and take offs, Air Force Office Of Special Investigations (AFOSI) headed the formal investigation which was not... under anyone's control at the bases.

AFOSI, in the UK worked directly for the US State Department out of the London Embassy. They did involve DS-8 from the UK and other US agencies.

These files/debriefs/point-papers/statements ect., remain classified to date as I write this. The AF last statement under the freedom of information act, was, "Nothing occurred on the dates in question" verses a freedom of information request in 1994 by myself was, "An possible aircraft downing was reported, and nothing of defense significance was determined" . It has a lot more detail and twists than I can explain here.

But, rest assured, the answers lay within the depository archives of the United States. This year happens to be the 30 year review of the Top Secret documents. They have three choices. To keep it classified as TS for another 30 years, Downgrade it to US Secret for 10 more years, or to declassify it! What choice do you think they will take? I am betting on keep it TS."

I would be interested if Listers who are experts on this case have any views on the question of new disclosures.

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Leslie Kean C2C Interview On YouTube

From: Dave Haith <visionsl.nul>
Date: Mon, 23 Aug 2010 00:11:46 +0100
Archived: Mon, 23 Aug 2010 08:33:21 -0400
Subject: Leslie Kean C2C Interview On YouTube

If you didn't catch George Knapp's great interview on Coast To Coast the other night with Leslie Kean about her new book, it is now up on YouTube in about ten parts and well worth hearing.

Here's a link to the first part:

<http://tinyurl.com/27hnlyv>

[Next part link pops in player, with new YouTube format]

In the second segment of that same Coast to Coast show George's guest was Robert Hastings talking about his forthcoming press conference on UFOs and Nukes.

Robert's professionalism and his fluid way of speaking, stock full of hard facts and names, always blows me away.

I hope somebody can also put that on You Tube.

Otherwise I have the full two hours on mp3. So if anybody can work out how I can post it here - let me know.

Or maybe I can figure out one of those sharing sites that Giuliano uses... If I send it to you Giuliano can you post it for me?

Dave Haith

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News Links - 22-08-10

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Mon, 23 Aug 2010 09:22:40 -0400
Archived: Mon, 23 Aug 2010 09:22:40 -0400
Subject: News Links - 22-08-10

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Nurses's UFO 'Fright' Quashed By MoD
WalesOnline
<http://tinyurl.com/27mmygw>

St. Paul UFO Sightings Traced To Man's Kites
WCCO
<http://tinyurl.com/29dhznk>

New UFO Sightings In Belleville Wisconsin
OfficialWire
<http://tinyurl.com/2dafq5v>

Prominent Journalist Not Up To Speed On UFO Situation?
Joint Recon Study Group
<http://tinyurl.com/ceteku>

John Lennon Said, "There's UFOs Over New York" - Remembering His
UFO Experience On August 23, 1974
Examiner,Com
<http://tinyurl.com/25tsfg7>

UFOs Fact Or Fiction Are We Closer To Full Disclosure?
UFOs - Fling Saucers
<http://tinyurl.com/36scdtb>

It Came From Outer Space...
Irish Independent
<http://tinyurl.com/3azltlw>

Roswell 1947 Flying Saucer Crash
UFO Digest Provides Video 'Proof'...
<http://tinyurl.com/27x4kdo>

Debunking Ten Alien Encounter Myths
The Archaeology News Network
<http://tinyurl.com/34rmuuz>

Louisiana Lore Reveals 1923 UFO
UFODigest
<http://tinyurl.com/3742ynu>

Bill Uhouse Area 51 Alien Underground Base From Bases 2
UFO Spy
<http://tinyurl.com/2wvqu85>

Swastika-Touting UFO Cult Plans Topless Protest
NBC Miami
<http://tinyurl.com/39uc6se>

Wayward Weather Balloons: Threat Or Menace?
TheReporter.com
<http://tinyurl.com/2uyxrxs>

=46rom Frank Warren's UFO Chronicles:

UFO-Spin in the UK
Hastings=92 Response to Clarke =97 Part Two
<http://tinyurl.com/2v9hr79>

My Evidence: The Account of Minute-Man Missiles Being Disabled,
While UFOs Hovered Over The Launch Facilities
<http://tinyurl.com/25mc4j6>

California=92s 'Deep Underground Military Base=94' - 144th FW (ANGB)
<http://tinyurl.com/26b89s6>

My UFO Experience: Topanga Canyon UFOs are Back!
<http://tinyurl.com/343jsol>

Investigative Reporter Leslie Kean Interviewed By MSM
<http://tinyurl.com/34dpdsg>

=46rom 'The Norm':

Stan Romanek Equation: Good Or Bad Math?
by Joseph Capp
<http://tinyurl.com/2fugvtb>

Layered Hills In Arabia Terra On Mars
<http://tinyurl.com/26bcxah>

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Aliens May Be Thinking Machines

From: Jason Gammon <boyinthemachine.nul>
Date: Mon, 23 Aug 2010 14:21:33 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Tue, 24 Aug 2010 07:59:33 -0400
Subject: Aliens May Be Thinking Machines

>Aliens May Be Thinking Machines
><http://tinyurl.com/34obuge>

I and several others have been saying just this for several years now. Good to see Shostak broadening his horizons.

-Jason Gammon

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Smithsonian Air & Space Roswell Article [Was:

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Mon, 23 Aug 2010 12:39:05 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Tue, 24 Aug 2010 08:04:30 -0400
Subject: Smithsonian Air & Space Roswell Article [Was:

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Sun, 22 Aug 2010 11:08:23 -0300
>Subject: Re: Truth-Finding Not Point-Making

>>From: John Rimmer <johnrimmer.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Sun, 22 Aug 2010 07:09:00 +0000 (GMT)
>>Subject: Re: Truth-Finding Not Point-Making

>>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>>To: <post.nul>
>>>Date: Sat, 21 Aug 2010 10:53:38 -0300
>>>Subject: Re: Truth-Finding Not Point-Making

>>>"Pelicanist" however will have to be carefully explained to
>>>Pierce Morgan when he takes over from Larry King...
>>>I was surprised to discover that Morgan was the editor of the
>>>UK's leading and most prestigious newspaper The Sun - the
>>>largest newspaper in the world. Its in-depth reporting on many
>>>UFO reports in the UK ranks right up there with the
>>>Smithsonian's Air&Space rag maintaining the same unbiased
>>>reporting standars evident on Fox News. Wonder if Rupert Murdoch
>>>has a piece of the Smithsonian?

>it was with chagrin that I read the Air&Space piece.

Me too Don. Perhaps a little better than the average media
"little green men" coverage, but still full of inaccuracies and
bias. You would think something like the Smithsonian would use
writers that are better able to check their biases at the door
and also do a better job of fact checking, like good journalists
are supposed to do.

Which brings me to my topic of the day. The same issue of
Smithsonian A&S also has an article on aviation mysteries
supposedly explained, with a section by Perry Turner discussing
a little bit about the Roswell incident. No surprises here - it
was a Mogul balloon - but Turner does briefly mention some of my
research for some balance. See:

<http://tiny.cc/ya5z1>

However, there are again several serious factual inaccuracies in
this piece, discussed below:

TURNER: "In 1994, Congressman Steven Schiff of New Mexico, after
repeated inquiries from his constituents, commissioned a General
Accounting Office study to try to hash it all out. The
conclusion: The culprit was Project Mogul, a then-secret program
in which balloons sent up to 40,000 feet used sonobuoys to
listen for evidence of Soviet nuclear tests."

Reality Check #1: False! The GAO never concluded the "culprit
was Project Mogul". The GAO never concluded anything about what
happened. Instead the Project Mogul hypothesis was pushed by a
completely separate team of USAF "investigators", really AFOSI
counterintelligence people from the Pentagon, headed by Col.
Richard Weaver, a person already with a history of UFO

disinformation, a teacher of propaganda courses for AFOSI, and the head of security for SAPs or Special Access Programs, more commonly called Black Projects - in other words, the fox guarding the chicken coop.

The AFOSI people violated standard Washington protocol by calling a press conference 9 months before the GAO had concluded its investigation, announcing that it was nothing but a Project Mogul balloon, and released an "executive summary" written by propagandist Weaver. Newsweek Magazine at the time discerningly labeled it a "preemptive strike" by the AF.

Just before the GAO finally released their report in June 1995, columnist Jack Anderson of the Washington Post on June 1 wrote that GAO investigators told him the USAF had been uncooperative, deliberately misleading them, and in fact was still covering up something, though they didn't know what, maybe a nuclear accident. So in reality, the GAO was indirectly saying it was NOT a Mogul balloon, but something much more serious with possibly sinister overtones.

Minor point: The Mogul balloons were actually intended to get up into the stratosphere, around 50,000 to 60,000 feet (the sound channel where distant A-bomb explosions might be heard), not 40,000 feet. Again, not a big deal, but still this is supposed to be a factual "air and space" magazine, yet they can't even get some non-controversial fact correct - sloppy, sloppy, sloppy.

TURNER: "The explanation got a boost in 1997 from the book UFO Crash at Roswell: Genesis of a Modern Myth (Smithsonian Institution Press); in it, Mogul scientist Charles Moore lays out detailed weather data he says shows how one balloon could have left the debris."

COMMENTS: Basically correct, and note who the publisher is=97Smithsonian. The book was little more than debunkery rolled out just in time for Roswell's 50th anniversary when one would expect a lot of press about Roswell. Another diversionary "pre-emptive strike" by a government printing house bearing the prestigious "scientific" Smithsonian title? Besides the usual psycho-social debunking mumbo-jumbo of book co-authors and academics Benson Saler and Charles Ziegler, we were treated to Charles Moore's Mogul balloon trajectory hoax, the "detailed weather data" that supposedly showed how a balloon got to the crash site. Brad Sparks and I first exposed it as a hoax in 2002:

http://www.roswellproof.com/flight4_trajectory.html

http://www.roswellproof.com/Mogul_hoax_FAO.html

(Simultaneously with the "Myth" debunkery book, the Air Force put out a second "Case Closed" Roswell report, the ridiculous crash- dummies-from-the-future explanation for the reports of bodies. This they dutifully announced at a press conference on June 24, 1997. Perhaps some of you may have noticed the "coincidence" of this being on the 50th anniversary of Kenneth Arnold's famous flying saucer sighting that got the ball rolling to begin with, something that was sure again to gain some media publicity. So another diversionary preemptive strike perhaps?)

You would think Smithsonian press would be mortified that they had been used to promote a hoax, but they haven't said a word about it until now. Which brings us to the following, where my claims are finally mentioned (as a "saucerologist"), perhaps a sort of weak mea culpa by Smithsonian:

TURNER: "The Mogul explanation isn't universally satisfying. Saucerologist David Rudiak claims Moore cooked his meteorology. (Moore, who died in March, would not debate Rudiak's challenges.)"

COMMENT: Indeed, Moore refused to debate, comment, or apologize since he had no defense. Instead he let debunking lackeys and propagandists defend him, such as Tim Printy and Dave Thomas, the latter of whom wrote a hit piece against me in the Skeptical Inquirer March/April 2003. When I submitted a rebuttal letter to editor Kendrick Frazier, a buddy of Thomas' (and also in his day job a public relations specialist for Sandia National Labs, something that he deliberately omits from his public resume),

the letter was never acknowledged much less published. So much for "science and reason" and presenting a rebuttal for balance, as a REAL science journal would have done. Frazier may have censored any rebuttal, but you can read the letter on my website:

http://www.roswellproof.com/Skeptical_Inquirer_response.html

Some of you may remember I also had debates with Printy and Thomas afterward here on Updates. (Both lost=97badly. Unfortunately, some of these debates are now missing in the Updates archives.)

Moore didn't exactly cook his meteorology but did cook numbers derived from the wind data he used through improper calculation and hidden, questionable assumptions at odds with his stated ones. Then he claimed the winds were "exactly right" to take the alleged balloon "exactly" to the Foster Ranch crash site. A proper calculation actually places any such hypothetical balloon 70 to 100 miles past the Foster Ranch to the NE, since the winds were blowing too hard to the east to actually end up anywhere near the crash site.

It is also a fact, not reported by Turner, that many of us, not just "saucerologist" David Rudiak, believe Moore's Mogul balloon is almost certainly imaginary. But then you can claim whatever you want with something that never existed. The one and only reference to the alleged flight instead states that the planned flight was "canceled" AGAIN because of cloudy weather. Instead they may have used some of the already-filled helium weather balloons to loft a sonobuoy to test its reception on the ground and in the air, one of the so-called "service flights".

But this was not a true constant-altitude, tracked Mogul flight, as Moore and the Air Force claim, and such a flight is absolutely necessary to Moore's calculation as well as the Air Force Mogul claims. If there had been such a flight, it would necessarily have been recorded as such, instead of being a hole in the numbered sequence of Mogul flights (like Flights #3 and #9). Instead Flight #5 the next day was recorded as being the first "successful" New Mexico Mogul flight in Mogul records and official flight histories of the Air Force and NASA. It ended up about 16 miles east of Roswell base, not 65 miles to the NE at the Foster Ranch crash site. And all other real, not imaginary, Mogul flights in that time period are also fully accounted for and ended up nowhere near the crash site.

TURNER: Rudiak also examined a photograph of General Ramey taken the day he issued his saucer denial: Ramey holds a piece of paper, and Rudiak, having blown the picture up, insists the paper bears the words "victims of the wreck." The GAO counters that a "national level organization" examining the photo found nothing of the kind, and that Roswell is, and always has been, a saucer-free zone.

REALITY CHECK #2: Turner is again falsely claiming the GAO made the claim rather than the AFOSI counterintelligence debunkers, primarily Col. Richard Weaver in his "executive summary". Weaver then and afterward refused to identify who the "national level organization" photoanalysis lab was, despite also claiming that nothing was being held back. And no report was published from this lab to back up Weaver's claim that literally nothing could be read because allegedly the image was too poor.

Oddly the average Joe can certainly make out at least a few words that everybody agrees on, despite presumably the civilian community having fewer resources to draw on. So either Weaver told a big fat lie or this national level lab was staffed by incompetents.

I am also not the only "saucerologist" to see "victims" or the "the victims of the wreck" in the message. For comparison reads and others who concur:

http://www.roswellproof.com/Ramey_memo_compare.html

For the alleged "unreadable" "victim" word and phrase:

http://www.roswellproof.com/Victim_compare.html

http://www.roswellproof.com/Critical_Phrases.html

Note also the reader poll (over 2000 have participated) on the last page where 72-79% agree that words like "the victims" and "in the 'disc'" probably or are definitely there, whereas only 8-10% disagree, and even more (85%) agree the Air Force lied when they said nothing could be read.

Finally, given clearly visible letters, why "victims" is the only word out of all other possible English words with those letters (other words result in nonsense):

http://www.roswellproof.com/Word_Search.html

Last point, "saucerologist" Dennis Balthausen has tried in vain, starting in 1999, to get the Air Force to produce documentation that the national level lab claimed nothing could be read, as Weaver claimed. Starting with a Pentagon FOIA request (remember, the AFOSI team was based out of the Pentagon), Balthausen got the standard AF talking point that they were not a repository for UFO information and referred him instead to Blue Book microfilm at the National Archives. This is the exact same runaround that so infuriated Congressman Schiff to begin with and launched the GAO investigation. In a follow-up FOIA, Balthausen noted he wasn't requesting UFO information but documentation of a statement in an official Air Force government report that had been published only a few years before. Then Balthausen got another runaround, being referred to AF archives in Maxwell AFB in Alabama, who continued to stall and dodge his inquiries. Dennis provides the correspondence at his website:

http://www.truthseekeratroswell.com/foia_requests_and_responses.html

Although not documented here, Dennis has told me he eventually got referred back to the National Archives. Over 10 years later the AF still cannot produce any report from the unnamable lab to back up Weaver's non-readability claim.

When the AF team did publish their full 1000 page Roswell disinfo tome in 1995, one of the documents included was a photoanalysis of the radar target sticks in the Gen. Ramey Fort Worth photos from the same lab that allegedly claimed nothing could be read in the Ramey memo (but for which there is no supporting report). Not surprisingly, they concluded the stick lengths were consistent with a radar target. But the analysis was incomplete. Had they carried it all the way through, as I have, they would have found only one radar target there, which by "coincidence" is exactly what Gen. Ramey and his weather officer Irving Newton were saying back in 1947 when Ramey put out the weather balloon story. What happened to Weaver's multi-target Mogul balloon?

It is also interesting that Weaver noted that they had the lab also looking for the alleged "flower tape", supposedly the clear tie-in with Mogul. But Weaver reported they couldn't find it, and neither can anybody else, despite having several hi-res pictures that have been examined to death. The flower tape also seems to be missing in action along with the other radar targets (not to mention the hundreds of yards of Mogul balloon cord that seemingly evaporated, specifically denied as being found by none other than Mack Brazel).

The logical conclusion is the radar target on display had nothing to do with any alleged Mogul, but skeptibunkers don't like to be confused by facts and logic. The Mogul balloon that never was explains all.

David Rudiak

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Kaku On UFOs & Kean's Book

From: **Giuliano Marinkovic** <giuliano.marinkovic.nul>
Date: Mon, 23 Aug 2010 21:41:20 +0000 (GMT)
Archived: Tue, 24 Aug 2010 08:07:24 -0400
Subject: Kaku On UFOs & Kean's Book

Dear Colleagues,

Michio Kaku On UFOs and Kean's Book On Dylan Ratigan Show

Michio Kaku was a guest today on MSNBC's on Dylan Ratigan show where he commented UFOs and Leslie Kean's book "UFOs: Generals, Pilots and Government Officials Go On the Record".

Here is the recording:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wD08DoGPUHs>

Giuliano

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Canton Ohio's Ties To The Roswell Incident

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Mon, 23 Aug 2010 17:54:41 EDT
Archived: Tue, 24 Aug 2010 08:09:37 -0400
Subject: Canton Ohio's Ties To The Roswell Incident

Here's an update on a story regarding Canton, Ohio's relationship to the Roswell Incident:

<http://tinyurl.com/34kkjem>

Retired truck driver details to his family and then to researchers that he'd been part of a project to haul crashed saucer debris from Roswell to Ohio.

I thought I would find something of interest in this story but it just meanders around and around and comes out nowhere.

Good commentary though from UFOlogists, skeptics, debunkers, and the curious.

Another [I_had_it_in_my_hands](#) story.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com

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Beer Microbes Live 553 Days In Space

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Mon, 23 Aug 2010 18:44:53 EDT
Archived: Tue, 24 Aug 2010 08:10:52 -0400
Subject: Beer Microbes Live 553 Days In Space

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-11039206>

So we now know that some forms of life can survive in the hostile environment of outer space. If I recall correctly other instances of such discoveries have been made.

Maybe space isn't as hostile an environment for the smallest of us creatures.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com/blog

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Video: Leslie Kean On Colbert Report

From: **Giuliano Marinkovic** <giuliano.marinkovic.nul>
Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2010 06:37:35 +0000 (GMT)
Archived: Tue, 24 Aug 2010 08:14:40 -0400
Subject: Video: Leslie Kean On Colbert Report

Dear Colleagues,

I have extracted only the Leslie Kean's interview from The Colbert Report, aired last night (August 23, 2010).

Here you can watch the video:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Coi-R83rqms>

For hard drive buffs and archivists, (like me, I have also uploaded backup copy of the complete show - this is the download link:

<http://www.adrive.com/public/12d020e42e7f6df52dcfebd07c0a4e850e5dc6bc8cc7f79975c666b92bc7e2a8.html>

or:

<http://tinyurl.com/35smfbz>

I have also uploaded a better quality of Michio Kaku interview - August 23, 2010 - where he comments on Leslie Kean's book on the Dylan Ratigan show:

http://www.youtube.com/user/uforadio#p/a/u/1/x_v04FC9pTU

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Video: Leslie Kean On Colbert Report [Correction]

From: **Giuliano Marinkovic** <giuliano.marinkovic.nul>
Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2010 11:29:21 +0000 (GMT)
Archived: Tue, 24 Aug 2010 08:18:36 -0400
Subject: Video: Leslie Kean On Colbert Report [Correction]

Dear Colleagues,

Youtube has already removed the link but video is now officialy uploaded so you can now use this link at Colbert's site instead:

<http://tinyurl.com/32dwstr>

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Leslie Kean & Charles Halt On Radio

From: **Giuliano Marinkovic** <giuliano.marinkovic.nul>
Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2010 13:00:59 +0200
Archived: Tue, 24 Aug 2010 08:32:05 -0400
Subject: Leslie Kean & Charles Halt On Radio

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Here you go:

Radio Station: 92KQRS

August 11th

Interview with Leslie Kean together with Col. Charles Halt

<http://tinyurl.com/3xoklh5>

August 12th

Short comments about Leslie's interview the previous day.

<http://tinyurl.com/34zmcyu>

August 13th

Host reads news about Brazilian decision on how to handle UFO reports. After that he reads news about recent release of the UK UFO documents. I love when he shouts "What?!" when he reads portion of alleged Churchill coverup: :)

<http://tinyurl.com/38pbpnr>

Enjoy :)

Best Wishes,

Giuliano

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NASA's Big News About Planet Hunting

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2010 09:41:55 EDT
Archived: Tue, 24 Aug 2010 19:44:17 -0400
Subject: NASA's Big News About Planet Hunting

NASA To Reveal Big News About Kepler Planet Hunting Spacecraft
On Thursday

Well, I hope this new NASA event will be more than just a bunch of guys excited over some technical detail no one else on Earth could care about and is actually some news the average Joe and Jane can chew on and want a second helping.

<http://tinyurl.com/254dvkr>

The Kepler craft only cost \$600 million but it's showing some results that so far are edge_of_the_seat cool.

So let's see what Thursday reveals.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com/blog

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Mysteries Solved Secrets Revealed

From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2010 09:08:56 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Wed, 25 Aug 2010 07:48:52 -0400
Subject: Mysteries Solved Secrets Revealed

History Of Flight: Case Closed - Mysteries Solved, Secrets Revealed, And Questions Finally Answered

Includes missing B-24D Liberator from WW II found in Libya, Roswell and the Bermuda Triangle.

<http://tiny.cc/ya5zl>

Terry

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Re: Aliens May Be Thinking Machines

From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2010 10:41:43 -0400
Archived: Wed, 25 Aug 2010 07:50:07 -0400
Subject: Re: Aliens May Be Thinking Machines

>From: Jason Gammon <boyinthemachine.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Mon, 23 Aug 2010 14:21:33 -0400 (EDT)
>Subject: Aliens May Be Thinking Machines

>>Aliens May Be Thinking Machines
>><http://tinyurl.com/34obuge>

>I and several others have been saying just this for several
>years now. Good to see Shostak broadening his horizons.

To quote the article:

"Dr Shostak says that artificially intelligent alien life would be likely to migrate to places where both matter and energy - the only things he says would be of interest to the machines - would be in plentiful supply. That means the Seti hunt may need to focus its attentions near hot, young stars or even near the centres of galaxies."

Did he really say this? Will the AI's that others might have built be interested only in their own survival? What's the point of making the artificial equivalent of maggots?

Of course, he implies that we need not worry. No alien AI would have high-level goals nor, even if they did, would they be interested in the small cold Earth. Surprising implication given no knowledge of the originating civilizations and what they thought was important.

But this implication does seem consistent with the objective of not upsetting the masses. The same objective would also explain why he prefers to ignore the possibility of an alien presence on earth already. Perhaps the overriding motivation behind his public comments is becoming clearer.

William

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Re: Leslie Kean & Charles Halt On Radio

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2010 12:28:42 -0300
Archived: Wed, 25 Aug 2010 07:52:05 -0400
Subject: Re: Leslie Kean & Charles Halt On Radio

>From: Giuliano Marinkovic <giuliano.marinkovic.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2010 13:00:59 +0200
>Subject: Leslie Kean & Charles Halt - August 11, 2010

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><http://tinyurl.com/3xoklh5>

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>August 12th

>Short comments about Leslie's interview the previous day.

><http://tinyurl.com/34zmcyu>

I don't know why Leslie bothered with Colbert. It's a satirical program. Nothing good will come of any interview with him though she might sell some books. Colbert asked questions but then wouldn't shut up long enough for Leslie to get an answer out.

The comments below were harsh to Colbert and the previous day remarks were inane and pointless.; mostly just to two idiots overtalking one another.

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Milk Hill Ball Of Light Video

From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2010 11:48:37 -0400
Archived: Wed, 25 Aug 2010 07:53:40 -0400
Subject: Milk Hill Ball Of Light Video

There is an infrared video of a ball of light being pursued by two helicopters near Silbury Hill in an area of England where many crop formations are found. The ball was not visible to the naked eye. The video and discussion are under Mysterious Lights And Helicopters near the bottom of the page at the following link.

<http://www.earthfiles.com/news.php?ID=1756&category=Environment>

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Colbert Report And Leslie Kean

From: William Sawers <wrsawers.nul>
Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2010 20:15:06 +1000
Archived: Wed, 25 Aug 2010 07:55:46 -0400
Subject: Colbert Report And Leslie Kean

List,

I've just watched the Colbert Report with Leslie Kean.

Colbert gave the impression he was interested in the UFO subject, in that he usually tries to satirize, if not demean every guest on his show, often to their detriment.

I feel he had a genuine interest and didn't demolish Kean as he often does of his guests.

Although a short interview with lots of audience chuckles it will imo probably add to the popularity of her new book and I think she held up her end of a difficult interview very well.

William

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Leslie Kean On Radio WNCY NY NPR

From: **Giuliano Marinkovic** <giuliano.marinkovic.nul>
Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2010 16:14:11 +0000 (GMT)
Archived: Wed, 25 Aug 2010 08:01:06 -0400
Subject: Leslie Kean On Radio WNCY NY NPR

Dear colleagues.

Leslie Kean was just interviewed on WNYC Brian Lehrer Show about her book UFOs: Generals, Pilots, And Government Officials Go On The Record.

Recording at:

<http://tinyurl.com/363rlxa>

Length: 12:23 minutes

Best Wishes

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Crop Circle Experts Lock Horns

From: Dave Haith <visionsl.nul>
Date: Wed, 25 Aug 2010 00:00:04 +0100
Archived: Wed, 25 Aug 2010 08:04:18 -0400
Subject: Crop Circle Experts Lock Horns

The crop circle world awaits with bated breath the next move in a controversy which has arisen between two top researchers of the phenomena, Nancy Talbott of the BLT group and Colin Andrews.

Colin says some of the conclusions of BLT biophysicist researcher William Levengood are plain wrong and the group should admit the mistake.

He claims to have filmed proof that circle plants Levengood said showed good evidence of the genuine "crop circle making energy" were in fact from a fake circle made by Nancy's own plant samplers.

Nancy sparked the dispute in a piece she wrote for the Report a Crop Circle Facebook page responding to questions about published papers by her BLT group.

She suggested "No reputable professional scientist would challenge already published work without having carried out research replicating the research they are challenging"

She adds: "And if some of the lay-people involved in the crop circle situation are themselves raising questions about the scientific work, such questions are basically insignificant...precisely because these lay-people do not have the academic or scientific training needed to correctly understand what the published material actually says."

But weighing in with his own statement headed: "BLT got it wrong and should admit it and move on", Colin argues: "It does not always necessitate replication of a finding to prove the scientist is heading down the wrong road".

He claims he filmed Nancy's crop circle samplers making a circle, sending samples to her from it and then finally viewing Levengood's findings sent back to them.

Writes Colin: "Mr. Levengood concluded that the plants from this circle were among the best examples of the real phenomenon and showed the highest crop circle making energy. But the team and I knew differently. Whatever the science and protocols, whatever his findings, the plants came from a man made crop circle. The results showed whatever they showed, but the interpretation was wrong".

He adds that downed plants from wind and rain in the same field were also judged by Levengood to show a "very high level" of the mysterious energy.

In an email exchange, I asked Colin why Nancy's team were making their own crop circle.

Colin responded: "It was a legitimate blind test of BLT analysis. I asked the sampling team to join me to blind test Levengood. BLT received samples as normal as they would from any other crop circle. I have it all on video and sent Nancy a copy. I've not wanted to make it bad for Levengood but it's important to get some balance back into this."

I have forwarded Colin's Facebook statement to Nancy and will report further her reaction if she chooses to respond.

The full text of Nancy's statement is here:

<http://tiny.cc/dts6b>

The full text of Colin's statement is here:

<http://tiny.cc/97umy>

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Re: Smithsonian Air & Space Roswell Article

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2010 20:03:53 -0300
Archived: Wed, 25 Aug 2010 08:08:20 -0400
Subject: Re: Smithsonian Air & Space Roswell Article

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Mon, 23 Aug 2010 12:39:05 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Smithsonian Air & Space Roswell Article [Was: Truth-Finding Not Point-Making]

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 22 Aug 2010 11:08:23 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Truth-Finding Not Point-Making

<snip>

>>it was with chagrin that I read the Air&Space piece.

>Me too Don. Perhaps a little better than the average media
>"little green men" coverage, but still full of inaccuracies and
>bias. You would think something like the Smithsonian would use
>writers that are better able to check their biases at the door
>and also do a better job of fact checking, like good journalists
>are supposed to do.

<snip>

Sorry David I had to snip the rest because it wasn't the thrust of my few words re the Smithsonian's Air&Space article though I will say that the media bought into the Mogul balloon nonsense without troubling to check it out.

I think what's happening with most of these pieces is that reporters are falling back on other reporter's poorly researched pieces. We've seen this happen with researchers of the phenomenon who don't check facts for themselves and perpetuate as good cases those we know to have been vetted for years.

So the Air&Space article isn't much of a surprise though better than the crock posted in the New York Times a couple of months ago.

Don Ledger

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Leslie Kean On Dylan Ratigan Show

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Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2010 23:43:47 +0000 (GMT)
Archived: Wed, 25 Aug 2010 08:10:07 -0400
Subject: Leslie Kean On Dylan Ratigan Show

Dear Colleagues,

Leslie Kean was interviewed on Dylan Ratigan Show - where Michio Kaku was interviewed yesterday). You can watch it here:

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/31510813/#38838198>

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Chicago Tribune Revisits O'Hare UFO

From: **Jeri Jahnke** <jeri.nul>
Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2010 20:35:35 -0500
Archived: Wed, 25 Aug 2010 08:16:39 -0400
Subject: Chicago Tribune Revisits O'Hare UFO

Currently in a box on the front page:

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

with:

Jon Hilkevitch,
Tribune's regular transportation reporter

<http://tinyurl.com/26pk3zs>

Jon Hilkevitch: O'Hare UFO story keeps flying
August 24, 2010 5:21 PM | No Comments

The purported UFO that pilots and other eagle-eyed professionals reported seeing almost four years ago, hovering in place above Gate C-17 at O'Hare International Airport, never went away.

Don't get me wrong. The aviators, United Airlines ramp workers, managers and aircraft mechanics all said they witnessed the dark grey metallic disk-shaped UFO leave the restricted airspace over O'Hare with such tremendous force and velocity on Nov. 7, 2006, that it pierced a hole of crisp blue air in the cloud-covered sky.

Although there have been no sightings at O'Hare since then from the likes of these serious and credible observers, hardly a day goes by that I don't receive e-mails or phone calls from UFO enthusiasts and researchers asking for an update to my exclusive Chicago Tribune story on New Year's Day 2007.

The article was breaking news of a possible (or impossible) visit by extraterrestrials. It also disclosed efforts by the Federal Aviation Administration and United officials to claim that they knew nothing about the UFO reports, despite the witness accounts.

So I wasn't surprised Tuesday when my old story was Googled widely after an appearance Monday night on Comedy Central's The Colbert Report by Leslie Kean, author of a new book on UFO sightings.

Kean interviewed me several times for her book, UFOs: Generals, Pilots And Government Officials Go On The Record, which is about UFOs reported by highly respected, reputable witnesses.

To find details of the incident online, Kean told Colbert, one need simply Google "Chicago O'Hare UFO," which enough people did to send those words vaulting up the list of Google's most searched terms.

Back on the UFO beat - my gig at the Tribune is transportation - my day became more bizarre Tuesday, and somewhat annoying, when the online Weekly World News, linked to a video of me discussing the incident.

The video is an off-air chat I had back in 2007 with television anchorman Jim Wagner of Tribune-owned CLTV while Wagner and I prepared to tape an interview on the O'Hare event.

Conspiracy theorists certain that the government routinely covers up evidence supporting real UFO sightings viewed the off-air banter as proof enough. Never mind that I hadn't provided any confirmed information to Wagner in our recorded off-air exchange that I hadn't already reported.

Yet to this day on YouTube, that video is still presented under the headline, "O'Hare UFO leaked news footage seconds before broadcast," purporting to somehow confirm what had happened.

Monday night with Colbert, Kean mentioned the original Tribune story, which with 1.6 million page views to date remains the single most popular story or column in the history of chicagotribune.com.

The FAA subsequently explained away the UFO spotting as a "weather phenomenon."

"This thing was hovering over Chicago O'Hare Airport at rush hour," Kean said. "Lots of people saw it, (but) the U.S. government never said a word."

-Jon Hilkevitch

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From: **Giuliano Marinkovic** <giuliano.marinkovic.nul>
Date: Wed, 25 Aug 2010 07:38:14 +0000 (GMT)
Archived: Wed, 25 Aug 2010 08:35:30 -0400
Subject: Hilkevitch Video On Kean Colbert & O'Hare

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Video posted August 24, 2010:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3TVF4c90xGA&feature=player_embedded

Best Wishes

Giuliano

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More On Hilkevitch Kean Colbert & O'Hare

From: **Giuliano Marinkovic** <giuliano.marinkovic.nul>
Date: Wed, 25 Aug 2010 08:16:04 +0000 (GMT)
Archived: Wed, 25 Aug 2010 08:44:36 -0400
Subject: More On Hilkevitch Kean Colbert & O'Hare

Jon Hilkevitch mentioned in yestrerday's interview that he was called by WGN Radio station about this whole affair so I went on their site to find more.

There they've opened a section for the O'Hare UFO which includes a new article by Hilkevitch himself with more comments about the new interest in the case.

There are also others:

Reprint of Chicago Tribune Jan. 1, 2007 Graphic On Who Saw What At O'Hare:

<http://www.wgnradio.com/news/ct-ufo-map.eps-20100824,0,7755947.graphic>

Colbert Report Interview Re-Sparks Interest In 2006 O'Hare UFO Sighting:

<http://tinyurl.com/2a6tuyo>

Behind Covering The Chicago O'Hare UFO

<http://tinyurl.com/2c4a8t5>

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Re: Aliens May Be Thinking Machines

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Wed, 25 Aug 2010 13:30:38 +0100
Archived: Wed, 25 Aug 2010 08:46:22 -0400
Subject: Re: Aliens May Be Thinking Machines

>From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2010 10:41:43 -0400
>Subject: Re: Aliens May Be Thinking Machines

<snip>

>>><http://tinyurl.com/34obuge>

>To quote the article:

>"Dr Shostak says that artificially intelligent alien life would
>be likely to migrate to places where both matter and energy -
>the only things he says would be of interest to the machines -
>would be in plentiful supply. That means the Seti hunt may need
>to focus its attentions near hot, young stars or even near the
>centres of galaxies."

<snip>

A late realization for Shostak:

Isaac Asimov calculated - "It is nine times to eighty one times
more likely that intelligence has arisen earlier in the central
region of our galaxy" - basically because the class II stars of
the central region are composed of older, recycled matter
necessary for organic life.

To confirm that, Hyron Spinrad found the metal content of stars
- which indicates age of star generation - increases towards
galactic centers. See 'Supermetallicity in nearby Galaxies' 1970
QrtlyJrnl of Royal Astronomical Society.

Nb. 'Metal' to astronomers is anything heavier than hydrogen and
helium - i.e stuff that has been manufactured inside stars.

Possible reasons for that long delay by SETI? Maybe try UFO
Updates posts on "SETI's real objectives?"

www.ufoupdateslist.com/2008/may/m01-002.shtml

and

www.ufoupdateslist.com/2008/may/m06-001.shtml

Cheers,

Ray D

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From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Wed, 25 Aug 2010 12:08:55 -0300
Archived: Wed, 25 Aug 2010 11:27:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Hilkevitch Video On Kean Colbert & O'Hare

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O'Hare On Strange Days... Indeed

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Wed, 25 Aug 2010 11:31:08 -0400
Archived: Wed, 25 Aug 2010 11:31:08 -0400
Subject: O'Hare On Strange Days... Indeed

With the renewed public interest in the O'Hare UFO case, perhaps the reader might like to hear the Strange Days... Indeed coverage, from back in the day, featuring Dave Furlotte, Peter Davenport - who originally reported the case at his NUFORC website - NARCAP's Don Ledger, Alfred Lehmborg & The Chicago Tribune's Jon Hilkevitch, who broke the sighting to the world...

Go to:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/sdi/podcasts/>

and scroll down to program 431 - a compilation of two previous SDI programs - and click either the

Hi-Speed
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links...

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Crop Circles Are Hoaxes Says UK's Telegraph

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Wed, 25 Aug 2010 11:31:59 EDT
Archived: Wed, 25 Aug 2010 14:55:52 -0400
Subject: Crop Circles Are Hoaxes Says UK's Telegraph

It confounds me that with the size and the amount of crop circles reported each year that no one it seems, has video and pictures of people creating the massive sized ones. What's up with that?

Have there been sentry devices posted to catch the culprits or does no one really care?

The Telegraph here says they're all hoaxes and if so that should put an end to this anomaly:

<http://tinyurl.com/2aos6s4>

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com

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Re: Hilkevitch Video On Kean Colbert & O'Hare

From: **Giuliano Marinkovic** <giuliano.marinkovic.nul>
Date: Wed, 25 Aug 2010 19:03:10 +0200
Archived: Wed, 25 Aug 2010 15:00:25 -0400
Subject: Re: Hilkevitch Video On Kean Colbert & O'Hare

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Wed, 25 Aug 2010 12:08:55 -0300
>Subject: Re: Hilkevitch Video On Kean Colbert & O'Hare

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Absolutely.

As a companion piece I can also recommend FAA tapes (if there is anyone on the list who maybe haven't read the original NARCAP report so far during the original release). They can be downloaded here:

<http://tinyurl.com/39eqmp3>

<http://tinyurl.com/2umsp9z>

Best Wishes,

Giuliano

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Re: Crop Circle Experts Lock Horns

From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
Date: Wed, 25 Aug 2010 14:00:10 -0400
Archived: Wed, 25 Aug 2010 15:03:54 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circle Experts Lock Horns

>From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <post.nul>
>Date: Wed, 25 Aug 2010 00:00:04 +0100
>Subject: Crop Circle Experts Lock Horns

>The crop circle world awaits with bated breath the next move in
>a controversy which has arisen between two top researchers of
>the phenomena, Nancy Talbott of the BLT group and Colin Andrews.

>Colin says some of the conclusions of BLT biophysicist
>researcher William Levensgood are plain wrong and the group
>should admit the mistake.

>He claims to have filmed proof that circle plants Levensgood said
>showed good evidence of the genuine "crop circle making energy"
>were in fact from a fake circle made by Nancy's own plant
>samplers.

>Nancy sparked the dispute in a piece she wrote for the Report a
>Crop Circle Facebook page responding to questions about
>published papers by her BLT group.

>She suggested "No reputable professional scientist would
>challenge already published work without having carried out
>research replicating the research they are challenging"

>She adds: "And if some of the lay-people involved in the crop
>circle situation are themselves raising questions about the
>scientific work, such questions are basically
>insignificant...precisely because these lay-people do not have
>the academic or scientific training needed to correctly

>But weighing in with his own statement headed: "BLT got it wrong
>and should admit it and move on", Colin argues: "It does not
>always necessitate replication of a finding to prove the
>scientist is heading down the wrong road".

>He claims he filmed Nancy's crop circle samplers making a
>circle, sending samples to her from it and then finally viewing
>Levensgood's findings sent back to them.

>Writes Colin: "Mr. Levensgood concluded that the plants from this
>circle were among the best examples of the real phenomenon and
>showed the highest crop circle making energy. But the team and
>I knew differently. Whatever the science and protocols,
>whatever his findings, the plants came from a man made crop
>circle. The results showed whatever they showed, but the
>interpretation was wrong".

>He adds that downed plants from wind and rain in the same field
>were also judged by Levensgood to show a "very high level" of the
>mysterious energy.

>In an email exchange, I asked Colin why Nancy's team were making
>their own crop circle.

>Colin responded: "It was a legitimate blind test of BLT
>analysis. I asked the sampling team to join me to blind test
>Levensgood. BLT received samples as normal as they would from

>any other crop circle. I have it all on video and sent Nancy a
>copy. I've not wanted to make it bad for Levensgood but it's
>important to get some balance back into this."

>I have forwarded Colin's Facebook statement to Nancy and will
>report further her reaction if she chooses to respond.

>The full text of Nancy's statement is here:

><http://tiny.cc/dts6b>

>The full text of Colin's statement is here:

><http://tiny.cc/97umy>

Andrews is vague about which of Levensgood's publications are now in question. Should entire papers be considered suspect now, or just parts? The journal publications are based on more than the sample set cited.

See a list of some of Levensgood's publications at:

<http://www.iccra.org/levengood/ccpub.htm>

The first paper in the list says that sample sets came from formations in Canada, UK, USA and Australia. Andrews could have, at least, given us the date and locations of the particular formations in question.

Andrews also says that Nancy Talbot is fully aware of the incorrect interpretation of the data. To quote, "None of the above is news to Nancy, she has had the tapes showing all of this since shortly after those events occurred." An allegation this serious needs to be supported with facts.

Exactly which published conclusions should BLT have retracted? In particular, in which publication does Levensgood conclude "that the plants from this circle were among the best examples of the real phenomenon and showed the highest crop circle making energy"? Assuming Levensgood did say that at some point, where is Andrews' evidence that he did not treat this sample set as a control after he was so informed? Experimental and control data distributions often overlap, so his view of this particular sample set may not have been inconsistent with the statistical significance of the overall analysis.

Andrews case is not helped by his poorly substantiated public statements in the past that 80 percent of crop formations are man-made. This seems like more of the same.

William

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Re: Leslie Kean & Charles Halt On Radio

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Wed, 25 Aug 2010 15:37:57 -0300
Archived: Wed, 25 Aug 2010 15:07:15 -0400
Subject: Re: Leslie Kean & Charles Halt On Radio

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2010 12:28:42 -0300
>Subject: Re: Leslie Kean & Charles Halt On Radio

>>From: Giuliano Marinkovic <giuliano.marinkovic.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2010 13:00:59 +0200
>>Subject: Leslie Kean & Charles Halt - August 11, 2010

<snip>

>The comments below were harsh to Colbert and the previous day
>remarks were inane and pointless.; mostly just to two idiots
>overtalking one another.

>Don Ledger

Just to clarify, re the partial sentence above:

"the previous day remarks were inane and pointless"

The sentence above was in reference to two anchors babbling on
about something they know nothing about. I wasn't referring to
Colbert or Leslie although I reserve judgement about Colbert.

Don Ledger

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From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2010 08:29:41 -0400
Archived: Thu, 26 Aug 2010 08:29:41 -0400
Subject: News Links - 25-08-10

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Four-In-Ten Brits Have Seen A Ghost Or UFO
NewsLite
<http://tinyurl.com/2vjmq6s>

UFOs Seen In Alabama
DesPardes.com
<http://despardes.com/?p=17963>

'UFO' Appears Over Newmarket
Newmarket Journal
<http://tinyurl.com/32yrofu>

Pictures Show UFO Hovering Over Archer City, Texas Ranch
Gather.com
<http://tinyurl.com/3ad3vhp>

Eerie UFO Sightings Reported Over B.C. Lake: Photo Gallery, Story
Calgary Herald
<http://tinyurl.com/32d6ydw>

Woman's Close Encounter With UFO Near Rugby
Coventry Telegraph
<http://tinyurl.com/358ene3>

UFO, Crop Circles Photographed By Google Earth Satellite
Vancouver Sun
<http://tinyurl.com/3xc6b7v>

Former BBC Economics Editor Weighs In On Bentwaters UFO
Technorati
<http://tinyurl.com/2wpl7zt>

The Truth Is Out There, But Not Everywhere
Jon Hilkevitch, Chicago Tribune
<http://tinyurl.com/2f7gwdh>

UFOs 'On The Record': Generals, Pilots And Government Officials
Talk About...
Huffington Post
<http://tinyurl.com/23lynrp>

Chicago O'Hare UFO: Leslie Kean Revisits 2006 'Sighting' On
'Colbert Report ...'
Huffington Post
<http://tinyurl.com/2epu58z>

Filer's Files #35 - 2010
<http://tinyurl.com/25jt4ya>

Roswell's UFO Fest Receives \$150000 In City Funds
KOB.com
<http://tinyurl.com/27mk388>

A UFO Picture Worth More Than 1000 Words

AOL News

<http://tinyurl.com/2dyab6r>

Canton's Close Encounter With Roswell UFO

Canton Repository

<http://tinyurl.com/34kkjem>

UFO Detective Looks For West Texas Leads

San Angelo Standard Times

<http://tinyurl.com/2633sq2>

Almirante Saldhana - Or the Ship That Saw Aliens

Buzzle.Com

<http://tinyurl.com/2fnx9c9>

Mike Conley's Tales Of The Weird: Ozark Farmer Claimed To Have...

McDowell News

<http://tinyurl.com/3xdgty8>

"National Go Topless Day" A Rousing Success

Opposing Views

<http://tinyurl.com/2ww62ee>

From Diana Cammack:

Alien Hunters 'Should Look For Artificial Intelligence'

<http://tinyurl.com/34obuge>

From Greg Boone:

Star With 5 Planets Detected

<http://tinyurl.com/2fjn632>

From 'The Norm':

Witness Describes UFO 'Dogfight' Over New Jersey

Examiner.Com

<http://tinyurl.com/2eyvfv8>

Bell-Shaped UFO MOves Toward Witness Just 80 Feet Off Ground

Examiner.Com

<http://tinyurl.com/274k78m>

The Endless Memory-Metal Intrigues

By Billy Cox

<http://tinyurl.com/23w83nv>

Mac Tonnies Crater on Mars?

UFOMystic.Com

<http://tinyurl.com/27ybfv2>

To Hear ET, Tune In To Alien Artificial Intelligence

<http://tinyurl.com/39ebmud>

SETI May Be Looking In The Wrong Places: Astronomer

<http://tinyurl.com/27jj8d2>

What ET will look like and why should we care

by Seth Shostak

<http://tinyurl.com/2v759d3>

Alien Solar System Is Like Ours, But Weirder

<http://tinyurl.com/2cpo5oa>

Homo Floresiensis - Hobbits - Confirmed To Be Normal Humans

<http://tinyurl.com/27p74fg>

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Paramormal Case Files Of Great Britain Book

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Date: Wed, 25 Aug 2010 15:59:01 +0000 (GMT)
Archived: Thu, 26 Aug 2010 08:46:04 -0400
Subject: Paramormal Case Files Of Great Britain Book

Paramormal Case Files of Great Britain -
Malcolm Robinson Investigates

Dear All,

This e-mail is to inform you all about my new book which has just been released.

Paranormal Case Files of Great Britain, Volume 1, (Malcolm Robinson Investigates) =A314:99

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Malcolm Robinson will be available to interview about the contents of this book at:

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Speculative Analysis Of Flying Disc Propulsion

From: J. Maynard Gelinas <j.maynard.gelinas.nul>
Date: Wed, 25 Aug 2010 15:48:35 -0400
Archived: Thu, 26 Aug 2010 08:49:23 -0400
Subject: Speculative Analysis Of Flying Disc Propulsion

A Speculative Analysis Of Flying Disc Propulsion And Operation
Using Prosaic Physics

Hello List,

While most UFO researchers have consigned themselves to speculating about possible propulsion effects through unknown exotic "unified field theory" physics - anti-gravity - I would like to offer one possible approach that both fits observed operational characteristics while limiting the analysis to known EM effects. This idea came to me based on a combined reading of Paul Hills' "Unconventional Flying Objects" with some quoted material in the more recent "UFOs and the National Security State" by Richard Dolan. Unfortunately, I don't have my copy of Hills' book on hand as I'm away from my home at the moment. But I do remember the material well enough to summarize.

I will break this into three sections: Propulsion, Directional Movement Control, and Manipulating Air Resistance:

Propulsion:

There are three observed characteristics to a disc shaped UFO to which any analysis and proposed explanation must conform:

- 1) Omni-directional maneuverability similar to a helicopter.
- 2) The capability of extremely high velocities and accelerations.
- 3) Apparent neon effects around the surface and leading edge of the object leading to extreme light output.

Paul Hill suggested that the only propulsion mechanism that could explain the first two observations was a form of gravity manipulation, and - further - speculated that the third observation might be relevant such that light and color output was in some way proportional to energy input and thus operational performance. He argued that the observed sharp turns and high accelerations could not be survived by any beings - life forms - inside the craft, and thus normal "reaction mass" propulsion was simply not possible. Thus, Dr. Hill not only claimed that these objects used some form of "field propulsion" to move about, but - further - that the manipulated field is gravitational in nature.

This presumes that:

- A) Gravitational manipulation by some electromagnetic means (anti-gravity) is possible, which is by no means accepted by mainstream science and physics.
- B) That such objects are - in fact - engineered craft inhabited by life forms and not controlled remotely.

But if one throws away "anti-gravity" as an explanation, there is one other possible form of field propulsion that might explain observed effects. Let's start with the many seemingly

kook amateur anti-gravity researchers in the "electrogravitaics" and "anti-gravity lifter" world, of which there are many web pages. Here is one that shows how to build an "anti-gravity" model using aluminum foil and balsa-wood:

http://www.antigravitytechnology.net/current_anti_gravity4.html

While the device shown is triangular in shape, not disc shaped, it is still suitable by analogy. When a high electric potential is induced in the object, typically from an outside high voltage source attached by wires, the object lifts with enough propulsion to support its own weight; though not the combined weight of itself and the power source. The amateur experimenter then proclaims that he or she has discovered a new form of gravity manipulation!

It actually does work, but NOT how the amateur experimenter believes. It is NOT acting through some sort of "anti-gravity". Instead, the method of propulsion is electrostatic ionization and repulsion of nearby air molecules at its edges. When real physicists view these web pages they rightly take the claims of gravity manipulation with a great deal of skepticism and scoff at the amateur in derision. Unfortunately, in so doing they also ignore the potential utility of this mechanism as a form of real field propulsion.

The trick is to view this experiment instead from the perspective of proportional overall mass, leading edge size, and energy output in generating enough lift to sustain power generation and the electronics for maneuverability. There may also be the need for enough interior room and potential lift to hold passengers. This is akin to the Bernoulli equation for describing lift over and below an airfoil. That is, lift with the Bernoulli principle is proportional to the airspeed flow past a wing, the total surface area of the wing, the relative shape differential of the leading and trailing edges of the wing, and the wing's angle of attack. Wikipedia has a more detailed and accurate description of Bernoulli's Principle:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bernoulli%27s_principle

Thus a relatively slow velocity and low mass large wing can generate enough lift to support itself and a person while being powered by simple human locomotion like a bicycle:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Human-powered_aircraft

Conversely, a small wing at high velocity - such as a jet aircraft - will also fly.

Electrostatic ion propulsion should work in the same way. That is, there must exist an equation which shows the proportion of leading edge to energy input to overall vehicle mass that could sustain powered flight. The larger the leading edge of the craft at a given mass, the less proportional energy input needed for self sustained hovering, accounting for electrical resistance losses. One might imagine a disc shaped object formed of two identical domes: a top and bottom saucers. In between the top and bottom and joining at its leading edge would be an insulator, while in the interior would be an electric power source. The positive terminal would then be joined to the top while the negative terminal joined to the bottom. The saucer would then act as a large capacitor, storing up a huge electric potential. If the leading edge of the saucer has a large enough surface area, while the craft's mass is low enough, and enough energy is input to the system, it ought to fly. Just like those balsa wood and aluminum foil models those anti-gravity amateur researchers claim it would - though not by gravity manipulation but by simple electrostatic ion propulsion; just like how a helicopter's high speed rotors provide enough air propulsion to sustain its lift.

The beauty of this system is that - like an airplane or helicopter - it doesn't require storing its own reaction mass. Just like a rotating propeller or jet engine, the ambient atmosphere is its reaction mass. However, unlike with propellers and jet engines, a high voltage potential ionizes and then accelerates ambient air for propulsion instead. Of course, also like an airplane or helicopter, this means that the device is limited to operation within the envelope of an atmosphere - unless one includes within the craft a store of reaction mass

for propulsion in a vacuum; perhaps a bottle of compressed air or xenon. In that sense, this type of system would be an analogue to current ion engines being tested by NASA today. Such engines have already been used on space probes at very low voltages with very low acceleration rates to gain significant velocities in a vacuum. They work by accelerating stored xenon as a reaction mass:

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

Which brings about the question, where does one find enough energy to power such a craft? Yet that is not the important question! The real question is, with any given power output what must be the proportionate mass and leading edge size to generate a desired lift and acceleration? It may well be possible with a large enough craft using very light weight high strength materials to build such a device today using simply petrochemical energy, perhaps even using just a simple piston engine connected to a generator; though a hydrogen fuel cell would be more efficient. Of course, the greater the energy output the smaller the leading edge (and thus smaller the total volume) of a craft. If one speculates about the potential of nuclear power, or even fusion, one could conceive of very high mass or very small craft.

While not promoting a belief in the story and mythology surrounding the supposed 1947 Roswell crash, I find it particularly interesting that reports of its debris field consisted of extremely light "balsa wood like" structural material combined with "foil like" metal. Exactly what one might expect with a very low mass very high energy ion propulsion device in saucer shape.

Directional Movement Control

Unlike an airplane, a helicopter has full omni-directional maneuverability. The helicopter sustains lift by downward thrust with its main rotor. It attains maneuverability by dynamically tilting the craft forward, backward, left, or right relative to its cockpit. When I witnessed a saucer shaped object in 1994 I noticed immediately that this was how it appeared to control its maneuverability. That is, it appeared to tilt slightly in the direction of movement. Interestingly, after having witnessed that object I read Paul Hills' book and he wrote of much the same observation.

Unfortunately, this is not a very stable mechanism for directional control. However, it should be noted that so called "falling leaf" or "pendulum" pattern of descent many (including me) have witnessed fits in perfectly with such poor stability. Just like a helicopter, the most dangerous aspect of flying such a device ought to be descent and landing. I have since read such accounts in many of the more serious UFO books. This suggests a functional constraints and operational limits, not joyriding games.

Manipulating Air Resistance

Though I think Paul Hill may have been wrong about so-called "anti-gravity" propulsion, his observation and speculation about air resistance control across the surface of these crafts I believe to be prescient. He argued that with enough energy output a saucer might "push" air molecules away from the surface of the craft, leading to a type of "artificial vacuum" effect. However, he was vague about just how such a device might work.

While I am unable to find a source via google, I have read about military research using microwaves to "push" air away from the leading edge of a wing in order to reduce air drag and heat buildup. Such an effect is similar to electrostatic propulsion, except that the goal is not to generate high velocity reaction mass, but to create a thin vacuum layer around the surface and edge of the craft such that air flows around the disc without ever touching it. Again, this is Paul Hills' idea used in the leading edge of a wing.

Thus, I was astonished to read in Richard Dolan's book "UFOs and the National Security State" this quoted passage by Mr. Wilbert Smith relating to a supposed piece of metal shot off from a flying disc UFO:

"I showed it to [Rear Navy Admiral H. B. Knowles]. It was a piece of metal about twice the size of your thumb which had been loaned to me for a very short time by your air force.... As a general thing they differ only in that they are much harder than out materials. [It was] in reality a matrix of magnesium orthosilicate. The matrix had great numbers - thousands - of 15 micron spheres scattered throughout it." - Page 107, paperback edition by Keyhole Publishing, Copyright 2002

I believe this to be not a propulsion mechanism, but a means to limit air resistance. These "15 micron spheres" could be antenna which output electromagnetic radiation at a fixed frequency such that the EM waves resonate with air to push the molecules away from the surface of the craft. Such an 'artificial vacuum' might need to extend only a few centimeters from the surface of the craft to fully remove the problems of air resistance drag at high velocities, as well as any resulting heat buildup from air resistance. Air would flow around the craft rather than bump into it, the result being that a craft could accelerate to arbitrary velocities without heat or drag effects. In fact, it should be possible to accelerate even to escape velocity into orbit or decelerate back down from orbit without ever needing a heat shield. As noted, once in orbit a craft would require stored reaction mass to maintain propulsion. This could be by onboard chemical rockets, but more likely - like with NASA tested ion engines - a saucer of this design would contain its own electrostatic ion engine and need only eject a stream of stored reaction mass at its trailing edge.

Interestingly, such a device ionizing air around the craft should create a sort of "neon effect" whereby the excited air molecules emit photons as they drop down from their high energy states. Further, assuming that energy output from each "bubble" could be controlled, any the color of that "neon effect" of any arbitrary surface point on the craft could be controllable. Higher light output around the craft would then imply not greater propulsion performance, but higher EM output for air resistance control. Such a device might even be able to manipulate bounced RADAR waves such that it could show some type of "stealth effect". It might also have noticeable effects on nearby electronics. And if the EM output could be tunable per "bubble" - such as potentially with the combination of an array of quantum dot lasers and light sensors - it might even be able to match light input from one side of the craft to light output on the other - thus creating a sort of "invisibility illusion"; no gravitational manipulation of light around the craft would be necessary.

CONCLUSION AND FINAL OBSERVATION

Regardless of whether this is how so-called "flying saucers" actually work, I believe such a description to fit within current human technology today. That is, electrostatic air propulsion combined with an array of microwave (or other EM emitters) to control air resistance should be technically possible to engineer using current human knowledge of physics today. There is no need to pose exotic unified field theories of gravity manipulation to obtain the witnessed effects of saucer shaped UFOs. About the only serious constraint, once throwing out so-called "anti-gravity", would be the G forces an occupant might experience with extremely short turns and high accelerations. Yet Air Force pilots routinely pull very short bursts of nine to twelve Gs on tight turns and four to six Gs sustained for short durations. Currently astronauts face an indefinitely sustained duration of two to three Gs to build up escape velocity with the space shuttle and rockets. Given this, there is no reason to assume the need for gravitational control to avoid crushing any occupants in order to meet the constraints of observed UFO phenomena. And an automated remote controlled system with sufficient energy output should be able to sustain extremely high acceleration rates without risk to any occupants. The issue - as always - is energy output to propulsive output to overall system mass.

Please note that I am not a professional physicist, being but an interested layperson, and simply pose this material to the list as discussion fodder. I look forward to list input over these ideas.

Thank you for your time,
--M

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Archived: Thu, 26 Aug 2010 08:50:21 -0400
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>From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <post.nul>
>Date: Wed, 25 Aug 2010 00:00:04 +0100
>Subject: Crop Circle Experts Lock Horns

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Eleanor White

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Re: MoD Blocks Release Of UFO Files

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Wed, 25 Aug 2010 23:24:13 +0100
Archived: Thu, 26 Aug 2010 08:51:18 -0400
Subject: Re: MoD Blocks Release Of UFO Files

>From: David Clarke <daveclarke292.nul>
>To: [post.nul](#)
>Date: Mon, 2 Aug 2010 15:03:26 +0100
>Subject: Re: MoD Blocks Release Of UFO Files

>>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>>To: [post.nul](#)
>>Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2010 23:48:17 +0200 (CEST)
>>Subject: Re: MoD Blocks Release Of UFO Files

<snip>

>This is just a smokescreen to avoid answering perfectly
>reasonable questions, such as:

>1. Do you know what is in the seven documents that you objected
>to the release of?

>2. If you do know, what is the nature of the material that you
>consider private? Is it disciplinary or commercially sensitive,
>for instance?

>3. If you don't know what the contents are then why are you
>objecting to their release?

>4. How can you justify standing on a Disclosure platform whilst
>actively blocking the release of documents?

Well, it appears that Nick Pope has answered questions 1 and 2
above at:

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

where he describes those papers as simply him notifying his
seniors about his upcoming participation in television
programmes.

If that is true, then what is the answer to question 4?

Regards,

Joe

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Re: Smithsonian Air & Space Roswell Article

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Wed, 25 Aug 2010 22:55:29 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Thu, 26 Aug 2010 08:54:08 -0400
Subject: Re: Smithsonian Air & Space Roswell Article

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Mon, 23 Aug 2010 12:39:05 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Smithsonian Air & Space Roswell Article [Was: Truth-
Finding Not Point-Making]

>The same issue of
>Smithsonian A&S also has an article on aviation mysteries
>supposedly explained, with a section by Perry Turner discussing
>a little bit about the Roswell incident. No surprises here - it
>was a Mogul balloon - but Turner does briefly mention some of my
>research for some balance. See:

><http://tiny.cc/ya5zl>

>However, there are again several serious factual inaccuracies in
>this piece, discussed below:

I just sent off the following comments to Smithsonian A & S,
pointing out the more serious mistakes. I couldn't get into
everything because of a 2000 character limit. It also has to
pass through an editorial review before it will appear on the
Net, if it appears at all. We'll see if they publish it as is
or whether it gets censored.

David Rudiak

Perry Turner's article on Roswell has many factual mistakes. The
worst are attributing conclusions to GAO investigators that were
really those of a separate Pentagon AFOSI counterintel team that
did a parallel investigation, headed by Col. Richard Weaver, a
teacher of propaganda courses and listed as "director security
and special program oversight." Thus Weaver was in charge of
security for highly classified Special Access Programs, AKA
black projects. Talk about the fox guarding the chicken coop!

It was Weaver/AFOSI that said Roswell was a Project Mogul
balloon, NOT the GAO. Violating protocol, the AF presented their
Mogul conclusions at a press conference 9 months before the GAO
had concluded its investigation. Newsweek Magazine called it a
"preemptive strike".

Jack Anderson (Washington Post) wrote the GAO complained the AF
was uncooperative, misleading them, and still covering up
something. Thus the GAO did NOT believe Mogul explained what
happened, but something far more secretive and important.

Regarding private work on the Roswell message photographed in
the hand of Gen. Ramey, there are indeed words that many agree
on, including "victims" and "disc". But Turner writes, "The GAO
counters that a 'national level organization' examining the
photo found nothing of the kind."

Again he is confusing the GAO with Weaver/AFOSI, the ones
employing the photoanalysis lab. The actual claim was that
nothing could be read because of "insufficient quality". Also
claiming the AF had no secrets, Weaver refused to reveal the

name of the organization that allegedly concluded this, nor have repeated FOIA requests to the AF turned up any lab report that would document it.

Finally, the AF's alleged Mogul balloon culprit has no documentation in Mogul records and only a private diary mentions a planned flight that was instead "canceled" because of clouds. Roswell is anything but "Case Closed", especially by a phantom balloon that nobody can document as ever existing.

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Re: Crop Circles Are Hoaxes Says UK's Telegraph

From: Sean Jones <Sean.Jones.nul>
Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2010 08:00:42 +0100
Archived: Thu, 26 Aug 2010 08:56:03 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles Are Hoaxes Says UK's Telegraph

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: post.nul,
>Date: Wed, 25 Aug 2010 11:31:59 EDT
>Subject: Crop Circles Are Hoaxes Says UK's Telegraph

>It confounds me that with the size and the amount of crop
>circles reported each year that no one it seems, has video and
>pictures of people creating the massive sized ones. What's up
>with that?

I have seen a group of eight people mock up a Julia set of
significant size in around fifteen minutes, in full daylight,
with people filming it... Have you tried looking on Youtube?

>Have there been sentry devices posted to catch the culprits or
>does no one really care?

I suspect most, if not nearly all researchers have written off
crop circles as hoaxes for the vast majority of them. I spent a
number of years going through them, several crop watches in
Wiltshire & etc spoke to a number of crop circle makers, and
croppies alike.

The conclusion that I came to was that all of the fancy
patterns are fake, and the basic patterns were pretty much wind
created. I found no evidence for some "special force" or extra
terrestrial involvement.

Something which Nancy Talbot of Bacon, Lettuce & Tomato research
didn't like one iota because it didn't fit in with their
"conclusive" research that there was some greater force at work.

>The Telegraph here says they're all hoaxes and if so that should
>put an end to this anomaly:

Since other sweeping statements are made for other things in
this field (i.e. the AA) why not this one??

><http://tinyurl.com/2aos6s4>

All the best

Sean

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>From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Wed, 25 Aug 2010 14:00:10 -0400
>Subject: Re: Crop Circle Experts Lock Horns

>>From: Dave Haith <visionsl.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates <post.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 25 Aug 2010 00:00:04 +0100
>>Subject: Crop Circle Experts Lock Horns

>>The crop circle world awaits with bated breath the next move in
>>a controversy which has arisen between two top researchers of
>>the phenomena, Nancy Talbott of the BLT group and Colin Andrews.

>>Colin says some of the conclusions of BLT biophysicist
>>researcher William Levengood are plain wrong and the group
>>should admit the mistake.

<snip>

>Andrews is vague about which of Levengood's publications are now
>in question. Should entire papers be considered suspect now, or
>just parts? The journal publications are based on more than the
>sample set cited.

<snip>

>Andrews also says that Nancy Talbott is fully aware of the incorrect
>interpretation of the data. To quote, "None of the above is news to
>Nancy, she has had the tapes showing all of this since shortly after
>those events occurred." An allegation this serious needs to be
>supported with facts.

<snip>

William

I see now that Colin Andrews has put this whole issue on his
site along with photos of the alleged blind test sampling and
documents.

<http://www.colinandrews.net/Crop-Circles-BLT-Wrong.html>

I haven't examined them in any detail but they are up there for
all to see.

Meanwhile Nancy Talbott has written to me saying that she will
make no public statement but will reply to individuals who
contact her via her website.

Dave Haith

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Sorry but that just sounds like newage huff.

You will be telling us next that the "circle making energy"
guided the circle makers.

Excuse me if I laugh uncontrollably.

Regards

Sean

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If by 'circle making energy' you are referring to whatever
causes the so-called blown nodes etc, then it would seem that
this 'energy' doesn't 'care' how the circles are made.

Similarly there has been 'weird stuff' going on - cameras
falling, balls of light photographed etc - in human made
circles.

Some human circlemakers say that's one reason they make them!

So if you are looking for a theory it might be that phenomena
is somehow attracted to the shapes or maybe the whole emotional
drama and ritual around the crop fields rather like poltergeist
events are thought to feed on the emotion of pubescent
youngsters.

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Re: Speculative Analysis Of Flying Disc Propulsion

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Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2010 11:48:44 -0400
Archived: Thu, 26 Aug 2010 12:10:44 -0400
Subject: Re: Speculative Analysis Of Flying Disc Propulsion

>From: J. Maynard Gelinas <j.maynard.gelinas.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Wed, 25 Aug 2010 15:48:35 -0400
>Subject: Speculative Analysis Of Flying Disc Propulsion

[CONTEXT: on electrostatic propulsion as an alternative explanation for observed disc shaped UFO effects]

Hello List,

I think I have an idea for how to generate a relatively large electrostatic potential using a relatively low energy input. When I was a kid I built many small science projects. One of them was a Van de Graaff generator by kit from (I think) Edmund Scientific. Here is a Wikipedia entry on the subject:

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

Please look closely at this image:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Van_de_graaf_generator.svg

Each of the two metal balls store one polarity of an electric potential. The larger ball stores the positive while the smaller ball stores the negative. A dielectric belt is then spun like a pulley between two wheels connected to metal spikes which collect the generated charge.

Now think about this. If one were to flatten the positive ball like a saucer, move the pulley system inside the positive ball, and then place the negative ball below, around the leading edge of the positive ball one could build a metal mesh ring - like the image of Saturn - around the ball to attract ionized air and then pull it down like a propulsive force.

Most Van de Graff generators are designed to store up charge until a nifty and spectacular coronal discharge occurs between the positive and negative ball terminals. Most people call that "lightning". The Museum of Science has a large one of this which they use to scare the bejesus out of kids and adults alike. But an ionizing propulsion device would NOT want coronal discharges. Instead, it should discharge slowly by attracting ions - that's work! - for propulsive force.

A small motor could generate the rotational movement necessary for static buildup. The rest is handled by the smooth shapes of each spheres and the pointed shapes of the attractors on the outside ring.

Any thoughts? Am I off in lala land?

Best,

-M

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Re: Crop Circles Are Hoaxes Says UK's Telegraph

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Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2010 12:29:11 -0400
Archived: Thu, 26 Aug 2010 12:35:11 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles Are Hoaxes Says UK's Telegraph

>From: Sean Jones <Sean.Jones.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2010 08:00:42 +0100
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles Are Hoaxes Says UK's Telegraph

>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>To: post.nul,
>>Date: Wed, 25 Aug 2010 11:31:59 EDT
>>Subject: Crop Circles Are Hoaxes Says UK's Telegraph

>>It confounds me that with the size and the amount of crop
>>circles reported each year that no one it seems, has video and
>>pictures of people creating the massive sized ones. What's up
>>with that?

>I have seen a group of eight people mock up a Julia set of
>significant size in around fifteen minutes, in full daylight,
>with people filming it... Have you tried looking on Youtube?

>>Have there been sentry devices posted to catch the culprits or
>>does no one really care?

>I suspect most, if not nearly all researchers have written off
>crop circles as hoaxes for the vast majority of them. I spent a
>number of years going through them, several crop watches in
>Wiltshire & etc spoke to a number of crop circle makers, and
>croppies alike.

>The conclusion that I came to was that all of the fancy
>patterns are fake, and the basic patterns were pretty much wind
>created. I found no evidence for some "special force" or extra
>terrestrial involvement.

>Something which Nancy Talbot of Bacon, Lettuce & Tomato research
>didn't like one iota because it didn't fit in with their
>"conclusive" research that there was some greater force at work.

>>The Telegraph here says they're all hoaxes and if so that should
>>put an end to this anomaly:

>Since other sweeping statements are made for other things in
>this field (i.e. the AA) why not this one??

>><http://tinyurl.com/2aos6s4>

With both UFOs and crop formations, people make up their own
minds based on their prior beliefs and anecdotal observations,
even when there is contrary scientific evidence.

I had the opportunity to visit some formations in England this
summer. On the basis of visual inspection, I could not say that
the formations were not man-made. But then, after I returned
home, I looked at a couple of infrared pictures I took of one
formation, and saw anomalies, presumably infrared sources, that
I could not explain.

<http://www.treurniet.ca/CropForms/phys/infrared.htm>

Based on the research, there seems to be technology employed at

times that most of us don't know about. This means that not all formations have been made by average crop artists using GPS, laser pointers, and stomping devices. It does mean that some makers, whoever they are, have access to unusual, probably expensive, resources.

William

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Leslie Kean On Wisconsin Public Radio

From: **Giuliano Marinkovic** <giuliano.marinkovic.nul>
Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2010 19:16:41 +0200
Archived: Thu, 26 Aug 2010 13:57:49 -0400
Subject: Leslie Kean On Wisconsin Public Radio

Dear Colleagues,

Leslie Kean was interviewed today Wisconsin Public Radio.

I have archived it at:

<http://tinyurl.com/3yk7nuz>

Length: 52:50

Listeners were also able to call and ask questions during the show.

Besides her book UFOs: Generals, Pilots and Government Officials Go On the Record some of the subjects covered during the show were:

- Leslie's comments her appearance on The Colbert Report
- The COMETA Report
- Belgian UFO Wave 1989-1990
- O'Hare incident, FAA tapes & Air Safety issues (as I mentioned in my previous post on UFO Updates tapes can be downloaded here: <http://tinyurl.com/2umsp9z>)
- GEIPAN & CEFAA
- Cash-Landrum Incident
- Project Blue Book
- Ray Bowyer - Channel Islands Sighting
- Parviz Jafari - Iran UFO Incident - 1976
- National Press Club Conference on UFOs - November 12, 2007
etc...

Best Wishes

Giuliano

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From: J. Maynard Gelinas <j.maynard.gelinas.nul>
Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2010 13:39:35 -0400
Archived: Thu, 26 Aug 2010 13:59:31 -0400
Subject: Re: Speculative Analysis Of Flying Disc Propulsion

List members,

A kind UFO Updates List member forwarded my suggestion to Professor Jack Sarfatti who quickly debunked it.

Professor Sarfatti is well known for proposing speculative physics and thus was a good choice to contact as he has an open mind on such matters.

I consider this idea now dead.

There is no shame in being wrong, only shame in defending the indefensible.

On to something else! :)

Thank you all for your attention and input,

-M

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Re: Speculative Analysis Of Flying Disc Propulsion

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2010 13:05:52 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Fri, 27 Aug 2010 07:48:06 -0400
Subject: Re: Speculative Analysis Of Flying Disc Propulsion

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Don't be too hard on yourself. No less than physicist Dr. Michio Kaku also proposed that lifter technology might be used to build a flying saucer, as he discussed on his program "Sci Fi Science: Physics of the Impossible--How to Build a Flying Saucer":

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iwpu7d5doko>

However, Kaku only proposed using lifters to enable a saucer to hover. As for propulsion, he instead proposed using magnetic monopoles to get a free lunch (no expenditure of energy to move) out of existing magnetic fields. E.g., if you had a "north" magnetic monopole, it would be repelled by the north magnetic pole of earth and attracted to the south pole, thus accelerating to the south, and vice versa for traveling north. To go east or west, Kaku suggested the saucers could zig-zag, going towards one pole, then reversing and heading to the other, just like sailboats tack into the wind.

The problem is, although magnetic monopoles are predicted by quantum theory to exist, nobody has yet been able to lasso one and prove they exist, despite over 60 years of looking (same with gravitons, the predicted quantum carriers of the gravitational force). (By skeptibunker logic, this therefore proves they don't exist, just like absence of unambiguous physical evidence of flying saucers in the civilian community after 60 years is supposed to prove they don't exist.)

So unless someone can find a monopole mine somewhere, Kaku's ideas are unlikely to come to fruition.

David Rudiak

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Re: Crop Circle Experts Lock Horns

From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2010 18:44:49 -0400
Archived: Fri, 27 Aug 2010 12:16:54 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circle Experts Lock Horns

>From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
>To: UFO UpdAtes <post.nul>
>Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2010 14:40:22 +0100
>Subject: Re: Crop Circle Experts Lock Horns

>>From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Wed, 25 Aug 2010 15:24:30 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Crop Circle Experts Lock Horns

>>>From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
>>>To: UFO UpDates <post.nul>
>>>Date: Wed, 25 Aug 2010 00:00:04 +0100
>>>Subject: Crop Circle Experts Lock Horns

><snip>

>>>He claims to have filmed proof that circle plants Levensood said
>>>showed good evidence of the genuine "crop circle making energy"
>>>were in fact from a fake circle made by Nancy's own plant
>>>samplers.

>>Just one little item may need to be considered here. That is,
>>those 'circles' made by hoaxers which appear to have attracted
>>the attention of lots of anomalous lights. Is it just possible
>>that the 'circle making energy' could have operated in tandem
>>with Nancy's own plant samplers?

>If by 'circle making energy' you are referring to whatever
>causes the so-called blown nodes etc, then it would seem that
>this 'energy' doesn't 'care' how the circles are made.

>Similarly there has been 'weird stuff' going on - cameras
>failing, balls of light photographed etc - in human made
>circles.

>Some human circlemakers say that's one reason they make them!

>So if you are looking for a theory it might be that phenomena
>is somehow attracted to the shapes or maybe the whole emotional
>drama and ritual around the crop fields rather like poltergeist
>events are thought to feed on the emotion of pubescent
>youngsters.

Or, considering that the science of the alleged hi-tech circle
makers is magic or paranormal to us, maybe they like to tease
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Re: Crop Circles Are Hoaxes Says UK's Telegraph

From: Paul Scott Anderson <paulscottanderson.nul>
Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2010 23:14:16 -0700
Archived: Fri, 27 Aug 2010 12:19:52 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles Are Hoaxes Says UK's Telegraph

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: post.nul,
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Actually, the hoaxing teams in the UK have been caught in the act on occasion, including this summer, where they were witnessed making one of the large formations in East Field by people camped out nearby. Also later at Lurkley Hill this summer. There have been lengthy discussions about this on the Circle Chasers and Report a Crop Circle Formation pages on Facebook.

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=122251217802800>

<http://tinyurl.com/29krbs5>

<http://tinyurl.com/2db27w3>

They have also done demonstrations of their work, which in some cases has been impressive, albeit in daylight or at night with floodlights.

Most researchers agree now that they do make formations every year, and in other nearby European countries as well, the question is how many.

Canadian Crop Circle Research Network
investigating the phenomenon in the prairies and across the country
Blog: cccrn.ca
Facebook: facebook.com/cccrn
Twitter: twitter.com/cccrn

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PRG Press Release - 8/27/10 - EWN Cities Initiative

From: **Stephen Bassett** <PRG.nul>
Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2010 13:03:43 +0200
Archived: Fri, 27 Aug 2010 12:22:50 -0400
Subject: PRG Press Release - 8/27/10 - EWN Cities Initiative

August 27, 2010

Press Release

Exopolitics World Network Cities Initiative

Budapest - Paradigm Researched Group (PRG) today announced the launching of a new project - the Exopolitics World Network Cities Initiative - the goal of which is to help form 1000 exopolitics groups in cities around the world over the next twelve months. The website is: www.exopoliticsworld.net

The Exopolitics World Network (EWN) is made up of portal web sites, one per country, which provide information about exopolitical developments to that country and build connections between nations as part of a growing international truth movement.

Exopolitics (exopolitical science) is a developing field of study addressing the totality of the historical, social and political implications of extraterrestrial related phenomena. The most important exopolitical issue at present is the Disclosure Movement, an international effort to bring about formal acknowledgment by world governments of an extraterrestrial presence engaging the human race.

PRG executive director Stephen Bassett stated, "The reason for launching the Initiative in the international city of Budapest is its location at the center of Western Europe, Eastern Europe and the Near East. Draw a line between Madrid and Kiev, Paris and Tehran, London and Ankara, Berlin and Athens, Stockholm and Sarajevo, and Moscow and Rome. Where these lines intersect is a small triangle and there you find Budapest."

The structure for the Cities Initiative is pure grassroots activism. Anyone hosting a regular meeting to discuss and engage exopolitical matters can register their group with the EWN. Simple instructions are found at the EWN web site.

Added Bassett, "the government imposed truth embargo regarding an extraterrestrial engagement of the planet is falling apart. It is important for people to start talking to each other about this unfolding reality and begin preparing for the post-Disclosure world.

Contact info: 202-215-8344

prg.nul

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Re: Crop Circle Experts Lock Horns

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Archived: Fri, 27 Aug 2010 14:12:22 -0400
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Don't you think that the people who are clever enough to make
elaborate crop circles might be clever enough to throw in the
occasional odd light to tease the eager-believers?

--

John Rimmer

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Chinese Astronomer Claims Some UFOs Of ET Origin

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Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2010 14:04:59 -0300
Archived: Fri, 27 Aug 2010 14:16:36 -0400
Subject: Chinese Astronomer Claims Some UFOs Of ET Origin

Source: Technorati

<http://tinyurl.com/35uubov>

August 27, 2010

Chinese Astronomer Claims Some UFOs Are Of Extraterrestrial Origin
by Tim Brosnan

A veteran Chinese planetary astronomer has announced his conclusion that some UFOs are of extraterrestrial origin.

Professor Wang Sichao, of the Purple Mountain Observatory (Zijinshan Astronomical Observatory in Nanjing, China) of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, delivered a speech on August 23 in the city of Guangzhou, during which he stated that some UFOs appear to be extraterrestrial spacecraft that demonstrate anti-gravity capability and may be engaged in research activities.

This follows China Daily's August 2 report that Sichao has predicted that UFOs might appear in 2011 or 2012. His prediction, made on the Yangcheng Evening News, referenced "the possible existence of 2.5 billion planets with possible civilization and advanced technology in the Milky Way Galaxy, among which the earth and its civilization are merely at a primary evolution stage."

In September 2009, scientists at the Purple Mountain Observatory reported that they'd filmed a UFO for 40 minutes during the July 22 solar eclipse. Observatory director Ji Hai-sheng said, "Currently manpower is being organized to deal with this data, complete the data analysis and reveal the scientific results and this will take at least one year's time to finalize."

During his August 23 speech in Guangzhou, Sichao stated that UFOs have been observed by astronomers traveling as fast as 80 percent of the speed of light at distances of between 150 and 1,500 km from Earth.

"If they are friendly to us," Sichao said, "we can promote the human beings' civilization through exchange and cooperation with them. If they are not, as long as we prepared for their invasion, we can beat them back on their weaknesses."

This outlook is at variance with theoretical physicist Stephen Hawking's prediction earlier this year that mankind likely would suffer from any contact with extraterrestrial civilizations.

Is Great Wall of UFO Secrecy crumbling in China?

It's notable that Sichao's statements were published in China's People's Daily, because that newspaper is the official news agency of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC).

Internet talkshow host Kevin Smith called the People's Daily coverage of Sichao's statements "earth-shaking."

"By China reporting in the People's Daily on the statements of

their astronomer at their observatory," Smith said during his August 26 broadcast, "and by doing so without ridicule, without refuting, without making any kind of negative remarks ... I think that means disclosure. That is a government scientist stepping forward, apparently with the blessings of the government."

Exopolitical activist Michael Salla writes, "This suggests that Wang has tacit official approval to disseminate his views to the media, and for the Chinese media to report on his conclusions, thereby generating an exopolitics debate between scientists over the motivations of extraterrestrial life."

Two mass UFO sightings in China gained international attention this year. On July 7, Xiaoshan Airport in Hangzhou rerouted traffic for several hours after detecting a UFO. Then, on July 15, "four lantern-like objects forming a diamond shape" reportedly hovered over Chongqing's Shaping park for over an hour.

Time magazine has theorized that recent UFO sightings in China may be attributed to misidentification of private planes flying without flight plans. Others have attributed at least one of the sightings to malfunctioning military missiles.

Sichao has suggested that the Xiaoshan UFO might have been a "special purpose aircraft" of terrestrial origin, but he dismisses both the private airplane and missile explanations.

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Rare Document On The Trindade UFO Case

From: **Alejandro R** <alejandro.nul>
Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2010 17:09:12 +0000
Archived: Fri, 27 Aug 2010 14:18:43 -0400
Subject: Rare Document On The Trindade UFO Case

Antonio Huneeus found a typewritten statement dated January 30 1967, from Barauna explaining the Trindade sightings in his own words.

We had it translated and posted it with a story on the case along with more information on some of the alleged evidence that the case was a hoax at:

<http://www.openminds.tv/trindade-ufo-case-205/>

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The Forgotten Man Of Roswell?

From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2010 19:10:29 +0100
Archived: Fri, 27 Aug 2010 14:21:49 -0400
Subject: The Forgotten Man Of Roswell?

I find this story all over the web but the report itself suggests that Ralph Multer has never been mentioned in a book.

<http://tiny.cc/kkpy3>

Can this be true?

I searched the UpDates archives but found no match for Multer.

May I ask the Roswell experts on this List - is this just a tall story or does it have any substance?

Thanks

Dave Haith

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Re: Crop Circle Experts Lock Horns

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark.nul>
Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2010 13:17:34 -0500
Archived: Fri, 27 Aug 2010 14:33:46 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circle Experts Lock Horns

>From: John Rimmer <johnrimmer.nul>
>To: [post.nul](#)
>Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2010 16:53:35 +0000 (GMT)
>Subject: Re: Crop Circle Experts Lock Horns

>>From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
>>To: [post.nul](#)
>>Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2010 18:44:49 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Crop Circle Experts Lock Horns

>>Or, considering that the science of the alleged hi-tech circle
>>makers is magic or paranormal to us, maybe they like to tease
>>the primitives out in the field secretly stomping the crop. It's
>>probably no trouble at all to send out a little ball of light to
>>add a little mystery.

>Don't you think that the people who are clever enough to make
>elaborate crop circles might be clever enough to throw in the
>occasional odd light to tease the eager-believers?

I have precisely zero interest in crop circles, beyond the
occasional reflection to this effect:

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Leslie Kean on Fox News

From: **Giuliano Marinkovic** <giuliano.marinkovic.nul>
Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2010 21:22:26 +0200
Archived: Sat, 28 Aug 2010 07:19:56 -0400
Subject: Leslie Kean on Fox News

Leslie Kean was interviewed today on Fox News show, Happening Now.

You can watch the video here:

<http://tinyurl.com/3xhvet8>

Best Wishes

Giuliano

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Forgotten Man Of Roswell? - Correction

From: Dave Haith <visionsl.nul>
Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2010 21:11:36 +0100
Archived: Sat, 28 Aug 2010 07:23:08 -0400
Subject: Forgotten Man Of Roswell? - Correction

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>story or does it have any substance?

Sorry List - I somehow got the wrong 'tiny' link. Now the right one!

<http://tiny.cc/squj7>

Thanks

Dave Haith

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Re: Speculative Analysis Of Flying Disc Propulsion

From: J. Maynard Gelinas <j.maynard.gelinas.nul>
Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2010 16:28:13 -0400
Archived: Sat, 28 Aug 2010 07:46:52 -0400
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>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: [post.nul](#)
>Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2010 13:05:52 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: Speculative Analysis Of Flying Disc Propulsion

>>From: J. Maynard Gelinas <j.maynard.gelinas.nul>
>>To: [post.nul](#)
>>Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2010 13:39:35 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Speculative Analysis Of Flying Disc Propulsion

>>A kind UFO Updates List member forwarded my suggestion to
>>Professor Jack Sarfatti who quickly debunked it.

>Don't be too hard on yourself. No less than physicist Dr.
>Michio Kaku also proposed that lifter technology might be used
>to build a flying >saucer, as he discussed on his program "Sci
>Fi Science: Physics of the Impossible- How to Build a Flying
>Saucer":

Hi David,

Thank you for your reply.

Interesting that you should mention that. Here is a link I saw
on Reddit which quotes Professor Kaku on a radio interview as
having said that Ms. Kean's recent book is "as close as you are
going to get to a smoking gun."

<http://tinyurl.com/2u8y7br>

As for magnetic monopoles, here is a recent finding you may
think interesting:

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2009/09/090903163725.htm>

"Researchers from the Helmholtz-Zentrum Berlin f=FCr Materialien
und Energie have, in cooperation with colleagues from Dresden,
St. Andrews, La Plata and Oxford, for the first time observed
magnetic monopoles and how they emerge in a real material."

Best,

-M

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Re: Speculative Analysis Of Flying Disc Propulsion

From: J. Maynard Gelinas <j.maynard.gelinas.nul>
Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2010 16:46:58 -0400
Archived: Sat, 28 Aug 2010 07:49:59 -0400
Subject: Re: Speculative Analysis Of Flying Disc Propulsion

List members,

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>To: [post.nul](#)
>Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2010 13:39:35 -0400
>Subject: Re: Speculative Analysis Of Flying Disc Propulsion

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>Professor Jack Sarfatti who quickly debunked it.
>I consider this idea now dead.

I've changed my mind. If others are interested in continuing this discussion, I would like to as well. I exchanged a few emails with Professor Sarfatti on the subject and I think I understand his position a bit better now - though he was cryptic in his responses.

His position is that nothing but "anti-grav warp drive" will explain the maneuverability of flying disc and other UFO propulsion. When I asked him point blank if he thought it might be possible to generate positive lift (on Earth and in the atmosphere) via ion propulsion, he didn't really answer the question with a declarative statement beyond saying that ion propulsion is great in the vacuum of space.

I interpret that to mean that ion propulsion thrust could - in fact - potentially generate positive lift. However, he just doesn't think it's either viable technically, nor relevant to the UFO phenomena.

I have a great deal of respect for Professor Sarfatti, academic physicists in general, and the professional physics community. When a pro has crunched the numbers and says, 'no - that won't work,' or, 'that's probably not an efficient approach,' one is wise to listen with full attention to the argument presented. Thus, if Professor Sarfatti thinks ion propulsion is the wrong path, that is an important data point to recognize and state clearly.

However, I say that even if he is right - which he probably is - it's still good list fodder for discussion.

Best,

-M

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Re: The Forgotten Man Of Roswell?

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2010 18:27:38 -0300
Archived: Sat, 28 Aug 2010 07:51:08 -0400
Subject: Re: The Forgotten Man Of Roswell?

>From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
>To: UFO UpDate"s <post.nul>
>Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2010 19:10:29 +0100
>Subject: The Forgotten Man Of Roswell?

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><http://tiny.cc/kkpy3>

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I didn't see anything about Roswell in there Dave. Seemed more
like a religious message.

Don Ledger

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From: J. Maynard Gelinas <j.maynard.gelinas.nul>
Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2010 18:17:58 -0400
Archived: Sat, 28 Aug 2010 07:52:50 -0400
Subject: Re: Speculative Analysis Of Flying Disc Propulsion

[CONTEXT: Van de Graaff generator for electrostatic ion propulsion]

I don't think this will work for the same reason that a regular bi-polar magnet wouldn't work for magnetic propulsion against the Earth's magnetic field either. Actually, it's rather 'duh'. I should have seen it immediately. However, it may not be a bad idea as *part* of a slightly different kind of ion propulsion system: magneto-hydrodynamic propulsion.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Magneto-hydrodynamic_drive

Such drives are currently used to propel boats through seawater. It's thought that the military *might* use them for some submarine propulsion, as unlike propeller driven propulsion it ought to be extremely quiet. The idea is to ionize an ambient working fluid - in this case seawater - and then use high powered electromagnets to expel the working fluid out behind the ship as reaction mass. This is remarkably similar to how a linear particle accelerator works. However, I have never heard of anyone successfully using an MHD drive with ionized air as the working fluid. But I can envision a potential approach:

Take a hollow conductive tube of length X and wrap a coil around it. Ionize the air in front of the tube with a charge. Apply a current across the coil and point the hollow oppositely charged tube at the cloud of ions. Opposite poles attract, same poles repel, so the cloud of ions would be sucked into the opposite electromagnetically charged tube and then repelled and ejected out the back.

Nifty idea. But to really make this efficient one needs a matrix of MHD electromagnetic tubes tuned to the molecular size of the working ionic fluid. Real MHD thrusters which accelerate and expel seawater typically use superconducting magnets at very high current to achieve rather anemic propulsive results. To do this right with ionized air would require a level of nanotechnology that is beyond human technical capacity at present. But perhaps not for long.

This is just a guess, but I'd think something like a matrix of millimeter sized electromagnetic accelerator tubes might be something achievable in the near term; with openings on the order of window screen or mosquito netting hole size per electromagnet, perhaps. The smaller the better, I'd guess - until one gets the opening down to below the size of air molecules themselves, which would require a level of robot nano assembly as envisioned by K. Eric Drexler (Nanotechnology Guru) that is just not a near term possibility. For efficiency, the electromagnets ought to be superconducting. I can't imagine manufacturing something like that using a Type-II ceramic high temperature superconductor due to their brittle nature as materials. So I guess Niobium-titanium or Niobium-tin would probably be the best coil material for the wire. Then it would have to be bathed in liquid helium to reach the critical state for transition to a superconductor.

If one could make a ring of thousands - perhaps millions - of these electromagnetic accelerator tubes in a matrix, craft

within and throughout the ring a second matrix of fluid channels - with each fluid channel next to and in between each electromagnetic accelerator - pump liquid helium through these channels, attach this propulsive ring to a metal conductive ball such that the craft would look like Saturn (or at the leading edge of a saucer shaped craft), then somehow fit a Van de Graaff generator inside the ball (or saucer) such that it ionizes the outside nearby air as I suggested previously, it *might* create the combination of a good working ionized air fluid for MHD propulsion along with enough thrust for positive lift and flight. Maybe.

I have no idea as the math is way beyond me and there are no real world working analogues like with electrostatic ion lifters to use as working case examples. I suppose what I really should be doing with ideas like this is writing science fiction. It *seems* plausible enough at least. :)

-M

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Re: Crop Circle Experts Lock Horns

From: John Rimmer <johnrimmer.nul>
Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2010 00:02:42 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Sat, 28 Aug 2010 07:57:13 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circle Experts Lock Horns

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2010 13:17:34 -0500
>Subject: Re: Crop Circle Experts Lock Horns

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>effort into something constructive, like charitable work.

Jerry, my interest in crop circles is now purely aesthetic, and I think most crop circle makers now consider themselves to be conceptual landscape artists. As such I regard them as superior to, say, pickled sharks or unmade beds.

I believe that some crop circles have been made as part of charitable campaigns, and quite a few are sponsored commercially. I don't know about in the US, but in Britain they quite often appear in TV and press advertisements, and have been used to promote TV shows, pop festivals, etc.

I know some crop circle makers, and can assure you they very much do "have a life", including charitable work.

--
John Rimmer

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Re: Colbert Report And Leslie Kean

From: **Gildas Bourdais** <bourdais.gildas.nul>
Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2010 11:18:55 +0200
Archived: Sat, 28 Aug 2010 07:59:24 -0400
Subject: Re: Colbert Report And Leslie Kean

>From: William Sawers <wrsawers.nul>
>To: UFO Updates - Toront" <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2010 20:15:06 +1000
>Subject: Colbert Report And Leslie Kean

>I've just watched the Colbert Report with Leslie Kean.

>Colbert gave the impression he was interested in the UFO
>subject, in that he usually tries to satirize, if not demean
>every guest on his show, often to their detriment.

>I feel he had a genuine interest and didn't demolish Kean as he
>often does of his guests.

>Although a short interview with lots of audience chuckles it
>will imo probably add to the popularity of her new book and I
>think she held up her end of a difficult interview very well.

I agree with you. I missed some words, being not completely fluent in English, but I got the impression that Leslie Kean did quite well in that difficult exercise. She remained calm, and it appeared that Colbert was in fact interested. Was it wise to accept such a risky invitation? I think so, because many listeners must be able to perceive that, in spite of the jokes, and the silly laughter added artificially, as usual, on the sound track.

I have just received Leslie Kean's book and I salute the excellence of her work. Among other things, I am glad to see that the role of French experts is well presented, from Cometa to Geipan. Its good to see that, from a French viewpoint, these people having been so often criticized, from all sides, in my country. Yves Sillard has confirmed to me that he finds it excellent.

I am sure that this book is a strong step in the right direction, in spite of the inevitable critiques of the skeptics, such as James Oberg and others.

Thank you, Leslie, for the good work! I am glad to have helped you a bit to make your first contact with Cometa at the end of 1999.

Gildas Bourdais

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Re: Rare Document On The Trindade UFO Case

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2010 12:05:35 +0100
Archived: Sat, 28 Aug 2010 08:01:51 -0400
Subject: Re: Rare Document On The Trindade UFO Case

>From: Alejandro R <alejandro.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2010 17:09:12 +0000
>Subject: Rare Document On The Trindade UFO Case

>Antonio Huneeus found a typewritten statement dated January 30
>1967, from Barauna explaining the Trindade sightings in his
>own words.

>We had it translated and posted it with a story on the case
>along with more information on some of the alleged evidence
>that the case was a hoax at:

><http://www.openminds.tv/trindade-ufo-case-205/>

Hi Alejandro

This is an interesting document and thankyou for uploading it,
but one problem with the translation needs to be addressed. You
have the following:

[BEGIN QUOTE]

Almost all the ship crew saw the film and they were unanimous in
their reports to the Brazilian Navy Secret Service.

These were the members of the ship crew:

Chief: Amilar Vieira Filho, banker, diver and athlete
Deputy Chief: Brazilian Air Force Retired Capitain Aviator Jose
Viegas
Divers: Aluizio and Mauro
Photographer: Almiro Barauna

[END QUOTE]

This appears to identify the "ship's crew" with the members of
the Icarai diving club, and could be a gift to an over-eager
critic. Some might jump to the conclusion that Barauna is
claiming only the Icarai members inspected the photos. This
would fit certain sceptics' presumptions. But there is a
sentence missing. The passage should (if I am not mistaken) read
somewhat as follows:

[QUOTE]

The negatives were seen by nearly all the crew, and all were
unanimous in confirming it to the Navy Secret Service. It should
be made clear that the group of civilians was on board at the
Navy's invitation for submarine research and to take photographs
of underwater fauna of the island.

The group consisted of the following:

[then follow the names of the Icarai club members]

All these were members of the Submarine Spearfishing Group
Icarai. Among the five, only Mauro and Aluizio did not see the
object, since staying in the refectory of the ship, and when

they came attracted by the shouting, the object had already disappeared.

[END QUOTE]

On another point, I am interested to see that Barauna was already by 1967 referring to "rumours" he had heard to the effect that there was a power failure at the sighting.time.

As students of the case know, there appears to be no contemporary evidence (for example, in the ship's log) that such a thing actually occurred, but Barauna's recollection of this story in a casual discussion with Hynes, Sprinkle and others in 1983 has hitherto been treated by critics as having the status of a "report", having a weight comparable to that of statements made in 1958, and therefore meriting forensic dissection in search of damning contradictions.

Asked in 1983 the naive question "did the ship's radar detect the object?" (as though he ought to know) Barauna recalled that the radar wasn't working because the power had failed. I've repeatedly cautioned that this appears to reflect newspaper stories from the time. Evidently the radar was not operating at the time, and no one ever claimed at the time that it was, but the papers reported that an odd blip had been detected on _the previous day_ which the operators believed to have been merely a noise glitch. Barauna knew of these stories, and also no doubt knew what the Navy Intelligence Dept had confidentially required to be reported from Trindade personnel in connection with its 1958 investigation into UFO sightings at the island:- Any signs of interference with engines and electrical equipment.

All of this could easily have added up to the 25-year-old "memory" that there had been a power failure, and would have fit his recollection that the boat winching operation underway at the time had stopped when the UFO was seen, because the electric winch could have failed. Of course there can be other, simpler explanations of why the winchman stopped winching when people shouted there was a flying saucer approaching the ship.

This 1967 document is interesting because it is intermediate in time between 1958 and 1983 and it shows us Barauna incorporating the "power failure" story into his narrative, but still being explicit that it was based on "rumour". Furthermore he tells us one personal reason why he took the rumour seriously:

"what I can confirm is that after the ship left the island it stopped three times and the officials didn't have a firm explanation about what was happening."

Notice that Barauna is saying that he can _not_ confirm personally this rumour that power failed at the sighting time. He can only confirm that the ship's engine (and, he says, generator power) stopped for unknown reasons at several _other_ times.

And this tends to fit the ship's log, which does indeed record that after departing the island the ship's "machinery" was stopped for unspecified repairs at 1635, restarted at 1655, then stopped again at 1818, and repaired again at 1933.

Martin Shough

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From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
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Archived: Sat, 28 Aug 2010 09:40:01 -0400
Subject: Re: Speculative Analysis Of Flying Disc Propulsion

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>To: [post.nul](#)
>Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2010 16:46:58 -0400
>Subject: Re: Speculative Analysis Of Flying Disc Propulsion

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>His position is that nothing but "anti-grav warp drive" will
>explain the maneuverability of flying disc and other UFO
>propulsion.

Hello Maynard

We might quibble about the word 'propulsion'. As Prof. Sarfatti is maybe hinting, human craft do indeed rely on 'propulsion' by thrust (like props/jets/rockets) and also on 'lift' from interaction with the atmosphere.

Whereas, of the three types of UFO, "none show any signs of significant interaction with atmosphere - their movements are not aerodynamic or even ballistic. That is, they seem to be able to choose their position and velocity in space with impunity, and are able to disregard the rules of human 'flight' - which is dependent on directed thrust and/or lift."

And the most commonly observed type (that seen in the atmosphere or near ground level), at slow speeds almost always displays a 'falling-leaf' or rocking motion. That is typical, not of 'propulsion' but of an inertial-drive when used as 'anti-gravity' of a sort.

"The sort of 'anti-gravity' produced by a single inertial drive will always give that 'falling-leaf' effect visible at slower speeds. The craft's position is balanced by arcs of repulsion from above and below, with repulsion from below being slightly less in the center. [Because Earth is thickest directly downwards, less so at an angle] That results in a constant self-correcting rocking movement for a moving craft."

[Larger craft, those big spheres and giant triangles, most probably have multiple drives - three or more would cancel-out rocking motions.]

Those speculations, and a few more are at:

www.perceptions.couk.com/ufo-uap.html

along with links to these

helpful reviews of information to-date.

<http://www.hyper.net/ufo/physics.html>

<http://www.hyper.net/ufo/overview.html>

Best regards

Ray D

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Re: Crop Circle Experts Lock Horns

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark.nul>
Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2010 08:25:44 -0500
Archived: Sat, 28 Aug 2010 09:41:10 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circle Experts Lock Horns

>From: John Rimmer <johnrimmer.nul>
>To: [post.nul](#)
>Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2010 00:02:42 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: Crop Circle Experts Lock Horns

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <[post.nul](#)>
>>Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2010 13:17:34 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Crop Circle Experts Lock Horns

>>I have precisely zero interest in crop circles, beyond the
>>occasional reflection to this effect:

>>Isn't it well past time for those to continue to make them, year
>>and after, decade after decade, to, you know, get a life?

>>Just imagine what they could have done if they had put all that
>>effort into something constructive, like charitable work.

>Jerry, my interest in crop circles is now purely aesthetic, and
>I think most crop circle makers now consider themselves to be
>conceptual landscape artists. As such I regard them as superior
>to, say, pickled sharks or unmade beds.

>I believe that some crop circles have been made as part of
>charitable campaigns, and quite a few are sponsored
>commercially. I don't know about in the US, but in Britain they
>quite often appear in TV and press advertisements, and have been
>used to promote TV shows, pop festivals, etc.

>I know some crop circle makers, and can assure you they very
>much do "have a life", including charitable work.

Okay, John, good to know.

I now return to my usual comatose state whenever the words "crop
circles" pass my eyes or ears.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Chinese Astronomer Claims Some UFOs Of ET

From: J. Maynard Gelinas <j.maynard.gelinas.nul>
Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2010 09:29:59 -0400
Archived: Sat, 28 Aug 2010 09:42:45 -0400
Subject: Re: Chinese Astronomer Claims Some UFOs Of ET

>From: Eustaquio Andrea Patounas <socex.ufobras.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2010 14:04:59 -0300
>Subject: Chinese Astronomer Claims Some UFOs Of ET Origin

>A veteran Chinese planetary astronomer has announced his
>conclusion that some UFOs are of extraterrestrial origin.

>During his August 23 speech in Guangzhou, Sichao stated that
>UFOs have been observed by astronomers traveling as fast as 80
>percent of the speed of light at distances of between 150 and
>1,500 km from Earth.

Hello List,

I'd like to offer some speculative thoughts based on this news
report:

Without accepting on faith the factual nature of the Roswell
stories, as I do not think the current collection of witness
testimony accounts as a smoking gun (but I do thank those such
as Stan Friedman who engaged in the hard work of FOIA requests
and testimony collection), it occurs to me that were it the case
- that it actually happened - the summer of 1952 UFO flap over
Washington DC and the Presidential White House may have been a
response by ET to the US government having kept the wreckage and
perhaps a prisoner from the craft.

Assuming that was true, it would likely have been an
incredibly stupid move on the part of the Truman Administration.
That might explain the many repeated stories of UFO overflights
above many nuclear military installations: intimidation. Warning
human governments that they act with impunity in "our" skies.

However, I quote Professor Wang's statement about recording a
ship traveling at 80% the speed of light for a reason. For the
time between Roswell and the '52 flap was about five years. The
distance from the nearest star to Sol, Alpha Centauri, is about
4.3 light years. 80% light speed would take a bit more than five
years observer time one way. Due to time dilation effects the
occupants might experience some number of weeks or months of
travel time.

Assuming Einstein is right, and there is no faster than light
(FTL) travel and assuming the '52 flap was a response to
Roswell, the time difference between Roswell and the '52 flap at
80% light speed should give a calculable distance shell around
our sun showing the furthest round trip distance that could
have been traveled. And that distance is not to any nearby
star. Meaning that five years is not long enough to travel to
even Alpha Centauri and back to decide upon and organize a
response like the '52 UFO flap. This means they may have a base
somewhere nearby.

Further, assuming FTL communication is impossible as well (which
is probably a good assumption), they could not have communicated
with any nearby star as their homeworld due to the same limits
of lightspeed. That implies a hierarchical command center

whereby local commanders have the authority to act on their own.

Any thoughts in reply?

Best,

-M

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Re: Crop Circle Experts Lock Horns

From: **Eleanor White** <ewraven1.nul>
Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2010 12:20:14 -0400
Archived: Sun, 29 Aug 2010 08:02:01 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circle Experts Lock Horns

>From: John Rimmer <johnrimmer.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2010 16:53:35 +0000 (GMT)
>Subject: Re: Crop Circle Experts Lock Horns

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From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
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Archived: Sun, 29 Aug 2010 08:03:01 -0400
Subject: Re: Chinese Astronomer Claims Some UFOs Of ET

>From: J. Maynard Gelinias <j.maynard.gelinias.nul>
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>Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2010 09:29:59 -0400
>Subject: Re: Chinese Astronomer Claims Some UFOs Of ET Origin

<snip>

>However, I quote Professor Wang's statement about recording a
>ship traveling at 80% the speed of light for a reason.

<snip>

>Any thoughts in reply?

Yes. I think the idea of a craft travelling at 80% of the speed of light, or even a lot slower, like 10% of the speed of light, is nonsense in the real physical universe.

A planet 4 light years away is statistically sure, and that is my personal guess, to have at least a little debris floating in the path of such a craft. At such high speeds, it wouldn't take much debris to obliterate a physical craft.

My guess is that interstellar travel is done by way of parallel dimensions, which to me is also the simplest explanation.

Eleanor White

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Re: Speculative Analysis Of Flying Disc Propulsion

From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2010 17:30:15 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Sun, 29 Aug 2010 08:08:21 -0400
Subject: Re: Speculative Analysis Of Flying Disc Propulsion

>From: J. Maynard Gelinas <j.maynard.gelinas.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2010 18:17:58 -0400
>Subject: Re: Speculative Analysis Of Flying Disc Propulsion

>[CONTEXT: Van de Graaff generator for electrostatic ion
>propulsion]

>I don't think this will work for the same reason that a regular
>bi-polar magnet wouldn't work for magnetic propulsion against
>the Earth's magnetic field either. Actually, it's rather 'duh'.
>I should have seen it immediately. However, it may not be a bad
>idea as *part* of a slightly different kind of ion propulsion
>system: magneto-hydrodynamic propulsion.
>
>http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Magneto-hydrodynamic_drive

>Such drives are currently used to propel boats through seawater.
>It's thought that the military *might* use them for some
>submarine propulsion, as unlike propeller driven propulsion it
>ought to be extremely quiet. The idea is to ionize an ambient
>working fluid - in this case seawater - and then use high
>powered electromagnets to expel the working fluid out behind the
>ship as reaction mass. This is remarkably similar to how a
>linear particle accelerator works. However, I have never heard
>of anyone successfully using an MHD drive with ionized air as
>the working fluid. But I can envision a potential approach:

>Take a hollow conductive tube of length X and wrap a coil around
>it. Ionize the air in front of the tube with a charge. Apply a
>current across the coil and point the hollow oppositely charged
>tube at the cloud of ions. Opposite poles attract, same poles
>repel, so the cloud of ions would be sucked into the opposite
>electromagnetically charged tube and then repelled and ejected
>out the back.

>Nifty idea. But to really make this efficient one needs a matrix
>of MHD electromagnetic tubes tuned to the molecular size of the
>working ionic fluid. Real MHD thrusters which accelerate and
>expel seawater typically use superconducting magnets at very
>high current to achieve rather anemic propulsive results. To do
>this right with ionized air would require a level of
>nanotechnology that is beyond human technical capacity at
>present. But perhaps not for long.

>This is just a guess, but I'd think something like a matrix of
>millimeter sized electromagnetic accelerator tubes might be
>something achievable in the near term; with openings on the
>order of window screen or mosquito netting hole size per
>electromagnet, perhaps. The smaller the better, I'd guess -
>until one gets the opening down to below the size of air
>molecules themselves, which would require a level of robot nano
>assembly as envisioned by K. Eric Drexler (Nanotechnology Guru)
>that is just not a near term possibility. For efficiency, the
>electromagnets ought to be superconducting. I can't imagine
>manufacturing something like that using a Type-II ceramic high
>temperature superconductor due to their brittle nature as
>materials. So I guess Niobium-titanium or Niobium-tin would
>probably be the best coil material for the wire. Then it would

>have to be bathed in liquid helium to reach the critical state
>for transition to a superconductor.

>If one could make a ring of thousands - perhaps millions - of
>these electromagnetic accelerator tubes in a matrix, craft
>within and throughout the ring a second matrix of fluid channels
>- with each fluid channel next to and in between each
>electromagnetic accelerator - pump liquid helium through these
>channels, attach this propulsive ring to a metal conductive ball
>such that the craft would look like Saturn (or at the leading
>edge of a saucer shaped craft), then somehow fit a Van de Graaff
>generator inside the ball (or saucer) such that it ionizes the
>outside nearby air as I suggested previously, it *might* create
>the combination of a good working ionized air fluid for MHD
>propulsion along with enough thrust for positive lift and
>flight. Maybe.

>I have no idea as the math is way beyond me and there are no
>real world working analogues like with electrostatic ion lifters
>to use as working case examples. I suppose what I really should
>be doing with ideas like this is writing science fiction. It
>*seems* plausible
>enough at least. :)

Sorry, but there are some errors here.

The Yamato accelerates electrically conducting seawater through
a channel and out the back end. It does not ionize the seawater.

Stuart Way's submarine used the Lorentz force between electrical
and Magnetic fields external to the sub. Drag is an important
consideration here.

There is a picture of Way's sub and a diagram showing how it
works in my 2008 book Flying Saucers And Science.

The analog for airborne propulsion is a magneto-aero-dynamic
system. By controlling the boundary layer one can control lift,
drag, heating, sonic boom production, and radar profile.

I had a literature search conducted of Government Technical
report literature back in 1970. There were 900 references. 90%
were classified. The key word was magnetoaerodynamics.

I also discussed both airborne and sea propulsion in my
congressional testimony at the symposium on July 29, 1968. It is
on the web, with a number of references being included.

The Yamato is not an ion propulsion system. It is an MHD
system.

Stan Friedman

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'UFO' Interested In Moldova

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2010 21:54:57 EDT
Archived: Sun, 29 Aug 2010 08:11:42 -0400
Subject: 'UFO' Interested In Moldova

This story is important in that it emphasizes to me at least that the ETH isn't the only thing interesting regarding why we should keep our heads to the skies and check out every UFO report a level head.

<http://tinyurl.com/2g5vpqd>

The issue of using planes and other aerial technologies to smuggle people and material of an illegal nature is important to all of us. There's no telling what contraptions have been stolen from the military or used by intelligence operatives or just plain resourceful criminals to compromise the safety of the public.

As people tinker away in their garages and the ingenious of our collective come up with new ways to use the air to travel and transport material, we need to keep a weather eye out for things should some mishap threaten a body and his slumbering four footed companion on a lazy, hot Summer's evening.

Not to mention threaten his better half and her new flung hairdo.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com/blog

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News Links - 27-08-10

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2010 11:46:26 -0400
Archived: Sat, 28 Aug 2010 11:46:26 -0400
Subject: News Links - 27-08-10

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Was UFO Really A Spycraft?
Halifax Evening Courier
<http://tinyurl.com/22ssojf>

MUFON In On Sightings Near Isles Of Capri
WTSP-TV
<http://tinyurl.com/33bj4gu>

Did Hunter's Infrared Camera Capture Images Of UFO?
Los Angeles Times
<http://tinyurl.com/2fxcng2>

UFOs And Utah Homes
Salt Lake Magazine
<http://tinyurl.com/39dkk3z>

How Tall Is That UFO? - Google Earth Analasiys
ScienceBlogs
<http://tinyurl.com/36dhrd7>

[Kean's] UFO Book Based On Questionable Foundation
James Oberg
<http://tinyurl.com/254cca9>

Celebrating Close Encounters At UFO Day In Alabama And Other
Alien Fests
USA Today
<http://tinyurl.com/35uwxmq>

Chinese Astronomer Claims Some UFOs Are Of Extraterrestrial Origin
Technorati
<http://tinyurl.com/35uubov>

MUFON State Director Compares Alien Abductions With CIA
Renditions, MKULTRA...
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/25lwzny>

God And Flying Saucers
By Samuel
<http://tinyurl.com/2fj5cgh>

From 'The Norm':

UFOs Over Texas? Camera Captures Strange, Hovering Lights
In The Sky
<http://tinyurl.com/2g3kd79>

Talk With The Aliens: Robert Sawyer At SETI-Con
<http://tinyurl.com/38o9fte>

Mars' Mysterious Elongated Crater
<http://tinyurl.com/277an4y>

Anti-Universe Could Be Found By Giant Particle Detector Headed
To Space

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BBC Article On UFOs - BBC Response

From: Dave Haith <visionsl.nul>
Date: Mon, 30 Aug 2010 11:44:42 +0100
Archived: Mon, 30 Aug 2010 12:37:11 -0400
Subject: BBC Article On UFOs - BBC Response

Back to that controversial BBC 'hitpiece' program we were all discussing on here a while ago.

Like many I wrote complaining how it was utterly biased and made no effort to contact people actually involved in the Rendlesham incident.

I have just received the following reply saying in effect 'Yes it was meant to... be biased.'

Here's the BBC response:

Thank you for your e-mail regarding the 'Today' programme broadcast on 11 August.

We forwarded complaints on this issue to Dominic Groves, one of the output Editors for the 'Today' programme. He explained in response that this was meant to be an impressionistic piece describing how an avowed sceptic on these issues reacted when placed at the scene of a well-known incident such as the one in Rendlesham Forest.

He further added that: "This was not intended to be, not did it claim to be, an in-depth analysis of the rights and wrongs of that particular case."

Please be assured we've registered your complaint on our audience log. This is a daily report of audience feedback that's circulated to many BBC staff, including members of the BBC Executive Board, channel controllers and other senior managers.

Thank you once again for taking the trouble to share your views with us.

Kind Regards

BBC Audience Services

So there we have it. The show was meant to "describe how a sceptic reacted" when placed in the Forest along with two other sceptics....

Surprise, surprise... he reacted... sceptically!

How fortunate we are to have the BBC to enlighten us in this way.

I would be interested in feedback from other people who complained as to whether my reply from the BBC was a 'round robin' or whether we all got individual responses.

Dave Haith

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Date: Mon, 30 Aug 2010 14:11:19 +0000 (GMT)
Archived: Mon, 30 Aug 2010 12:38:10 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circle Experts Lock Horns

>From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
>To: [post.nul](#)
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>And how does one "throw in the occasional odd light," given
>that the balls of light reported zip around as independent self-
>luminous entities in 3D space, and not projected on something?

Who's talking about 'projections'? 'Independent self-luminous
entities' are pretty easy to produce, zipping about or not. I
give you two words: 'kites', 'lights'. You should try it
sometime, you might be surprised at what effects you can
produce. Of course, there's lots of other ways of making
interesting looking lights.

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John Rimmer

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NASA Internet Archive & Flickr Launch Image

From: NASA News <hqnews.nul>
Date: Mon, 30 Aug 2010 09:05:13 -0600
Archived: Mon, 30 Aug 2010 12:40:54 -0400
Subject: NASA Internet Archive & Flickr Launch Image

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NASA, Internet Archive And Flickr Launch Historic Image
Collection

WASHINGTON -- Three compilations of images from more than half a century of NASA history are available for comment on a section of the photo-sharing site Flickr known as The Commons.

Visitors to NASA on The Commons can help tell the photos' story by adding tags, or keywords, to the images to identify objects and people. In addition, viewers can communicate with other visitors by sharing comments. These contributions will help make the images easier to find online and add insight about NASA's history.

The capability to interact with these already-public photos is the result of a partnership between NASA, Flickr from Yahoo! in Sunnyvale, Calif., and Internet Archive, a non-profit digital library based in San Francisco.

Three sets of photos share a common theme of NASA beginnings. The "Launch and Takeoff" set captures iconic spacecraft and aircraft taking flight. "Building NASA" spotlights ground-breaking events and the construction of some of NASA's one-of-a-kind facilities. The "Center Namesakes" set features photos of the founders and figureheads of NASA's 10 field centers. To view NASA on The Commons images, visit:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/nasacommons>

"NASA's long-standing partnership with Internet Archive and this new one with Yahoo!'s Flickr provides an opportunity for the public to participate in the process of discovery," said Debbie Rivera, lead for the NASA Images project at the agency's headquarters in Washington. "In addition, the public can help the agency capture historical knowledge about missions and programs through this new resource and make it available for future generations."

The Commons was launched with the Library of Congress to

increase access to publicly-held photography collections and provide a way for the public to contribute information and knowledge.

"NASA on The Commons is bringing literally out-of-these-world images to Flickr," said Douglas Alexander, general manager of Flickr. "We are thrilled to be working with NASA to offer such a rich archive and provide amazing insight into this country's space program and its early beginnings."

As the project leader, the New Media Innovation Team at NASA's Ames Research Center in Moffett Field, Calif., enlisted the help of NASA photography and history experts to compile the three image sets for The Commons. The group will continue to create and release new photo sets that highlight different elements, themes or achievements.

Through a competitive process, NASA selected the Internet Archive in 2007 to organize a comprehensive online compilation of the agency's vast collection of photographs, historic film and video on the NASA Images website. Launched in 2008, NASAimages.org provides hundreds of thousands of images and thousands of hours of video, HD video and audio content available free to the public for download.

"Sharing important assets like NASA photography is the core mission of the Internet Archive. Through this partnership with NASA and Flickr, NASA on The Commons is bringing these images to a vast audience and providing an opportunity for the public to give fresh insight and increase our shared knowledge of NASA in all its varied activities," said Jon Hornstein, director of the NASA Images Project at the Internet Archive in San Francisco.

For more information and to see the image collection, visit:

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From: **Joe Merrell** <joe.nul>
Date: Mon, 30 Aug 2010 08:56:38 -0700
Archived: Mon, 30 Aug 2010 13:37:26 -0400
Subject: Dirpy App To Archive YouTube Files

Hi there:

I stumbled across this new web application that allows you to archive YouTube audio and video to your own computer. Thought some of the people on the List would find it useful.

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

Joe Merrell

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From: David Haith <visions1.nul>
Date: Mon, 30 Aug 2010 18:26:30 +0100
Archived: Mon, 30 Aug 2010 13:41:25 -0400
Subject: Bentwaters & 'Secret' Documents - Hastings Vs Clarke

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<http://tiny.cc/mcaf1>

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<http://tiny.cc/4lwgf>

Hastings begins his second article:

A few days ago, I posted a short article at The UFO Chronicles titled UFO-Spin In The UK in which I questioned British journalism professor Dr. David Clarke's opinion on the significance of recent UFO document releases by his government.

Clarke believes that this voluntary action is indicative of a policy of complete candor regarding UFOs on the part of the Ministry of Defence (MoD).

I begged to differ, noting that at least one highly-sensitive case involving a UFO hovering near a nuclear weapons storage facility at the American-run RAF Bentwaters airbase, in December 1980 has yet to be acknowledged by the British government.

See links above for full report...

David Haith

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Cheers

Ray D

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Re: Bentwaters & 'Secret' Documents - Hastings Vs

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
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Archived: Mon, 30 Aug 2010 14:18:34 -0400
Subject: Re: Bentwaters & 'Secret' Documents - Hastings Vs

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I am less than convinced by Hastings' objectivity. This is perhaps best characterised by his distortion of the circumstances concerning the rejection of his post to the ufologyinuk mail List, which he implied was a 'cover-up' by me!

In fact as he was informed in the rejection message, it was rejected for his apparent incapability to remove superfluous text from his post, a running theme which has caused many rejections on the List, including some of those sent by my perceived 'favourites'.

If he can publicly misrepresent something so innocuous, what else has he misrepresented? I note that he still hasn't commented in response to my similar remark in the comments section of the first link above. A clarification and apology would have gone a long way.

Joe

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Re: Smithsonian Air & Space Roswell Article

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Mon, 30 Aug 2010 12:19:59 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Mon, 30 Aug 2010 17:46:41 -0400
Subject: Re: Smithsonian Air & Space Roswell Article

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>Date: Wed, 25 Aug 2010 22:55:29 -0700 (PDT)
>Archived: Thu, 26 Aug 2010 08:54:08 -0400
>Subject: Re: Smithsonian Air & Space Roswell Article

>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Mon, 23 Aug 2010 12:39:05 -0700 (PDT)
>>Subject: Smithsonian Air & Space Roswell Article [Was: Truth- Finding Not Point-Making]

>>The same issue of
>>Smithsonian A&S also has an article on aviation mysteries
>>supposedly explained, with a section by Perry Turner discussing
>>a little bit about the Roswell incident. No surprises here - it
>>was a Mogul balloon - but Turner does briefly mention some of my
>>research for some balance. See:

>><http://tiny.cc/ya5zl>

>>However, there are again several serious factual inaccuracies in
>>this piece, discussed below:

>I just sent off the following comments to Smithsonian A & S,
>pointing out the more serious mistakes. I couldn't get into
>everything because of a 2000 character limit. It also has to
>pass through an editorial review before it will appear on the
>Net, if it appears at all. We'll see if they publish it as is
>or whether it gets censored.

>Perry Turner's article on Roswell has many factual mistakes. The
>worst are attributing conclusions to GAO investigators that were
>really those of a separate Pentagon AFOSI counterintel team that
>did a parallel investigation, headed by Col. Richard Weaver, a
>teacher of propaganda courses and listed as "director security
>and special program oversight." Thus Weaver was in charge of
>security for highly classified Special Access Programs, AKA
>black projects. Talk about the fox guarding the chicken coop!

<snip>

>Finally, the AF's alleged Mogul balloon culprit has no
>documentation in Mogul records and only a private diary mentions
>a planned flight that was instead "canceled" because of clouds.
>Roswell is anything but "Case Closed", especially by a phantom
>balloon that nobody can document as ever existing.

The answer as to whether Smithsonian A & S would publish any
criticism or corrections to their article is, no, they will not.
In other words censorship is the order of the day. There wasn't
even a courtesy email to acknowledge receipt nor has there been
any explanation as to why the comments were not acceptable.

I also sent off a follow-up email two days ago asking why they
won't publish and reiterated the more serious mistakes. Again no
response and no publication of comments. Here is the follow-up
email:

August 28, 2010

I would like to know why A & S will not publish my comments about Perry Turner's article on Roswell submitted 3 days ago, with some factual corrections to serious mistakes therein. You provide a long list of reasons for not publishing comments, but I fail to see any violations in my comments, unless one of your unstated policies is not allowing perhaps embarrassing corrections to articles that weren't properly fact-checked according to standard journalistic practices.

In two cases, Turner stated the Congressional General Accounting Office drew mundane or negative conclusions about Roswell, when instead these were unsupported statements by Air Force OSI agents (Pentagon counter-intelligence branch) doing a separate investigation. E.g., there is no official documentation to support the claim that a Project Mogul balloon caused Roswell, since the alleged balloon launch never happened. (Not in Mogul records and mentioned only as "canceled" in a private diary.)

The GAO actually drew no official conclusions about what happened, but privately told columnist Jack Anderson they felt the AF was deceiving them and engaged in a cover-up of something big. So did Congressman Steven Schiff who ordered the GAO investigation. This is all documented in the public record.

There were also lesser mistakes that space limitations prevented me from getting into, including the claim that Project Mogul balloons went to 40,000 feet to listen for distant Soviet nuclear tests. No, they were designed to float in the lower stratosphere between 50,000-60,000 feet, where the theoretical sound channel was believed to be. These are not the sort of factual mistakes that an air and space magazine of Smithsonian caliber should be making. And if made, they should be corrected.

I had hoped to also to thank Perry Turner for at least noting another side to the story, but again space limitations prevented that.

So what's up with Smithsonian Press? Smithsonian is supposed to me the nation's premier science museum, but it seems whenever the subject turns to UFOs and Roswell, their publications become propaganda filled with ridicule, inaccuracies and even a hoax. Smithsonian also published the 1997 Roswell debunkery book, "UFO Crash at Roswell: Genesis of a Modern Myth" by academic psychosocial anthropologists Benson Saler & Charles Ziegler, and Mogul engineer Charles Moore. Moore did a trajectory calculation of his "canceled" balloon to supposedly prove that winds would have taken it to the Foster Ranch crash site. But Brad Sparks and I in 2002 found to be fraudulent.

I would think Smithsonian Press would be appalled they had been victims of a scientific fraud, but no correction or apology has ever been issued. And their cover-your-ass mentality seems to be alive and well in 2010, judging by their refusal to publish my rather innocuous criticisms pointing out simple factual mistakes.

David Rudiak

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From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
Date: Mon, 30 Aug 2010 16:26:18 -0400
Archived: Tue, 31 Aug 2010 11:23:44 -0400
Subject: Re: Infrared Cameras & UFOs

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Mon, 30 Aug 2010 18:47:13 +0100
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Here again is a recently posted URL to a report of a ball of
light that is visible in infrared but not the naked eye. Video
is included.

<http://www.earthfiles.com/news.php?ID=1756&category=Environment>

There is also the UFOs visible on infrared video taken by the
Mexican air force.

<http://www.ufoevidence.org/news/article87.htm>

For what it's worth, also see picture at:

<http://tinyurl.com/36174xd>

and a ufodigest article on invisible UFOs sensed on radar:

<http://tinyurl.com/wm953>

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Re: Crop Circle Experts Lock Horns

From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
Date: Mon, 30 Aug 2010 17:09:00 -0400
Archived: Tue, 31 Aug 2010 11:25:31 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circle Experts Lock Horns

>From: John Rimmer <johnrimmer.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Mon, 30 Aug 2010 14:11:19 +0000 (GMT)
>Subject: Re: Crop Circle Experts Lock Horns

<snip>

>Who's talking about 'projections'? 'Independent self-luminous
>entities' are pretty easy to produce, zipping about or not. I
>give you two words: 'kites', 'lights'. You should try it
>sometime, you might be surprised at what effects you can
>produce. Of course, there's lots of other ways of making
>interesting looking lights.

The reports of 'lights' I've read about move in ways that show awareness of witnesses, under intelligent control, and just above the crop.

Any artificial lights I would see, I would try to get close to and grab, to find out what they are. I'm sure most others would do the same. I don't think any artificially created moving lights are going to fool most people. Maybe at some distance, but at least some glyph 'lights' are reported very close to the glyph.

Can you provide a description of how to make an array of moving lights which would not be detectable as hoaxed by someone intent on getting close enough to find out what they were? I can't think of any such ways.

Eleanor White

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Re: Speculative Analysis Of Flying Disc Propulsion

From: J. Maynard Gelinas <j.maynard.gelinas.nul>
Date: Mon, 30 Aug 2010 19:04:07 -0400
Archived: Tue, 31 Aug 2010 11:31:18 -0400
Subject: Re: Speculative Analysis Of Flying Disc Propulsion

>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2010 17:30:15 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: Speculative Analysis Of Flying Disc Propulsion

>>From: J. Maynard Gelinas <j.maynard.gelinas.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2010 18:17:58 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Speculative Analysis Of Flying Disc Propulsion

>>[CONTEXT: Magneto-Hydrodynamic ion propulsion in the atmosphere]

>Sorry, but there are some errors here.

Mr Friedman,

Thank you very much for reading and responding with your corrections. As I have stated before in prior posts, I am not a professional physicist but am simply a layperson trying to understand a UFO event I witnessed some sixteen years ago. No doubt I have made errors in the prior post and will continue to make errors in the future. However, I do have some responses I would like to make with all due respect to your more advanced skill-set.

>The Yamato accelerates electrically conducting seawater through a channel and out the back end. It does not ionize the seawater.

Yes. Seawater is already conductive as it has metallic and other ionized minerals suspended in a solution (the water); tap water also. Highly distilled water does not and as such is not a conductor.

>Stuart Way's submarine used the Lorentz force between electrical and Magnetic fields external to the sub. Drag is an important consideration here.

>There is a picture of Way's sub and a diagram showing how it works in my 2008 book Flying Saucers And Science.

>The analog for airborne propulsion is a magneto-aero-dynamic system. By controlling the boundary layer one can control lift, drag, heating, sonic boom production, and radar profile.

First of all, I'm sorry to say, but I think this is minor quibbling over terminology. in this circumstance, I believe both gases and liquids are handled under the discipline of fluid-dynamics. However, I accept that it was - perhaps - a minor improper use of terminology.

However, your point about controlling drag and heating is critical as it relates to a prior post of mine regarding government research of the use of microwaves on the leading edge of a wing to push air away from its surface to reduce drag and friction heating. I speculated that "bubbles" reportedly

Second of all of all, just to offer some quick links for list readers:

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

Related, the Hall Effect: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hall_effect

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

>I had a literature search conducted of Government Technical
>report literature back in 1970. There were 900 references. 90%
>were classified. The key word was magnetoaerodynamics.

Yeah. The US Government definitely considers MHD propulsion to be highly sensitive. For good reason. It is currently the only theoretically accepted field propulsion system discussed by mainstream scientists. At least that I am aware of.

>I also discussed both airborne and sea propulsion in my
>congressional testimony at the symposium on July 29, 1968. It is
>on the web, with a number of references being included.

A quick google search shows that you are correct. There are many hits which include your name in the references, both to speculative UFO material and some testimony. I would be extremely pleased if you would kindly be willing to answer a few questions for me off-list as a favor.

>The Yamato is not an ion propulsion system. It is an MHD
>system.

Well... here we're quibbling again because the ions are suspended in a fluid (water). It is the ions that move by the lorentz force, however that ejected water as reaction mass is just dragged along for the ride.

The real question is: could one ionize the entire reaction mass?

-M

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>To: [post.nul](#)
>Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2010 15:16:42 -0400
>Subject: Re: Chinese Astronomer Claims Some UFOs Of ET Origin

>>From: J. Maynard Gelinas <j.maynard.gelinas.nul>
>>To: [post.nul](#)
>>Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2010 09:29:59 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Chinese Astronomer Claims Some UFOs Of ET Origin

><snip>

Hello Ms. White. Thank you for your response.

>>However, I quote Professor Wang's statement about recording a
>>ship traveling at 80% the speed of light for a reason.

><snip>

>>Any thoughts in reply?

>Yes. I think the idea of a craft travelling at 80% of the speed
>of light, or even a lot slower, like 10% of the speed of light,
>is nonsense in the real physical universe.

Yet Professor Wang reported that this was what his instruments
recorded.

>A planet 4 light years away is statistically sure, and that is
>my personal guess, to have at least a little debris floating
>in the path of such a craft. At such high speeds, it wouldn't
>take much debris to obliterate a physical craft.

That is absolutely true. And it wouldn't take even a grain of
sand at 18.6K miles / second (10% c) to completely obliterate
any large object. That's a lot of kinetic energy! My
recollection is that space typically has a density of one
hydrogen atom per cubic centimeter(1), which is the basis of
Bussard's speculative ramjet interstellar fusion drive idea came
from(2):

(1) <http://hypertextbook.com/facts/2000/DaWeiCai.shtml>

(2) http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bussard_ramjet

Which in no way implies that you are wrong about the risk of
slamming into even small amounts of suspended mass at such
velocities.

>My guess is that interstellar travel is done by way of parallel
>dimensions, which to me is also the simplest explanation.

Here I must disagree with you, Ms. White. Already discussed is
the speculative approach to use microwaves to push air molecules
away from the leading edge of wings and the surface of craft in
an atmosphere. That is the same problem writ small. Which means
that even assuming *no* unknown so-called anti-gravity drive it
is potentially possible to expel enough electromagnetic energy
to push objects away from oncoming craft.

But the source, Professor Wang, speculated that whoever he witnessed was using some kind of "anti-gravity" drive to reach such speeds. Assuming that the technological manipulation of gravity to accelerate up to relativistic speeds is possible, the ability to use such a technology to push oncoming objects away in order to prevent collision seems at least speculatively possible. I mean, it's a second order speculation - but it seemingly fits.

However, I simply don't know what "interstellar travel... by way of parallel dimensions" even means outside of popular science fiction. I've never heard of such a thing. I'd love to read something about that, though. I have heard speculation about using extreme densities of electromagnetic energy to "open up wormholes". I believe Professor Michio Kaku discussed some of these ideas in a few of his books for the general public, like Hyperspace as well as Professor Lisa Randall. But the energy densities required would appear to make this approach impractical.

There has also been a great deal of discussion about a potential so-called faster than light "warp drive", the Alcubierre drive.

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

But the energy required for this approach would also appear to be impractical. Sadly, I think it's a very good assumption to stick with Einstein. For now at least.

-M

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Bentwaters & 'Secret' Documents - Hastings Vs

From: Vincent Boudreau <vincentboudreau.nul>
Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2010 00:14:49 -0400
Archived: Tue, 31 Aug 2010 11:39:38 -0400
Subject: Bentwaters & 'Secret' Documents - Hastings Vs

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: [post.nul](#)
>Date: Mon, 30 Aug 2010 19:06:01 +0100
>Subject: Re: Bentwaters & 'Secret' Documents - Hastings Vs Clarke

>>From: David Haith <visions1.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates <[post.nul](#)>
>>Date: Mon, 30 Aug 2010 18:26:30 +0100
>>Subject: Bentwaters & 'Secret' Documents - Hastings Vs Clarke

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>>Robert Hastings.

>>The first part of Hastings' article challenging Clarke is here:

>><http://tiny.cc/mcaf1>

>>The second part of his article is here:

>><http://tiny.cc/4lwgf>

><snip>

>I am less than convinced by Hastings' objectivity. This is
>perhaps best characterised by his distortion of the
>circumstances concerning the rejection of his post to the
>ufologyinuk mail List, which he implied was a 'cover-up' by me!

>In fact as he was informed in the rejection message, it was
>rejected for his apparent incapability to remove superfluous
>text from his post, a running theme which has caused many
>rejections on the List, including some of those sent by my
>perceived 'favourites'.

>If he can publicly misrepresent something so innocuous, what
>else has he misrepresented? I note that he still hasn't
>commented in response to my similar remark in the comments
>section of the first link above. A clarification and apology
>would have gone a long way.

<snip>

Hello Joe, David, Mr. Hastings and List,

So we should turn our backs on Hastings?

Should we ever give credit to any discredit one manifests
towards people he/she has problems with, I think we would still
be throwing stones and clubbing each others.

At the end of the day, the best thing to do might be to judge
arguments on their face value.

You may have a problem with Hastings, but I think you should
look at what he has to say.

Unless, of course, your real problem relies in the nature of his discourse, ufologically-wise.

I do not think Hasting is in the business of misrepresentation.

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The guy has a point.

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Re: Speculative Analysis Of Flying Disc Propulsion

From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Mon, 30 Aug 2010 22:40:32 -0600
Archived: Tue, 31 Aug 2010 11:45:08 -0400
Subject: Re: Speculative Analysis Of Flying Disc Propulsion

>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2010 17:30:15 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: Speculative Analysis Of Flying Disc Propulsion

<snip>

>The analog for airborne propulsion is a magneto-aero-dynamic
>system. By controlling the boundary layer one can control lift,
>drag, heating, sonic boom production, and radar profile.

>I had a literature search conducted of Government Technical
>report literature back in 1970. There were 900 references. 90%
>were classified. The key word was magnetoaerodynamics.

An interesting and early unclassified reference, by one of the
ground-floor investigators, is:

Meyer, R. X., "Magnetohydrodynamics and Aerodynamic Heating",
Ramo-Wooldridge Corp., 1958

available from the Defense Technical Information Center
(subscription required), or I can scan my hard copy for a
sufficiently interested Lister.

It is not light reading, and does not illuminate any associated
mechanisms for control of sonic booms, radar profiles, etc., if
such exist.

Mike

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Re: Britain's First X-File?

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Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2010 11:42:36 +0100
Archived: Tue, 31 Aug 2010 11:49:20 -0400
Subject: Re: Britain's First X-File?

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Re: Crop Circle Experts Lock Horns

From: John Rimmer <johnrimmer.nul>
Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2010 16:02:12 +0000 (GMT)
Archived: Tue, 31 Aug 2010 12:21:22 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circle Experts Lock Horns

>From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
>To: [post.nul](#)
>Date: Mon, 30 Aug 2010 17:09:00 -0400
>Subject: Re: Crop Circle Experts Lock Horns

>>From: John Rimmer <johnrimmer.nul>
>>To: [post.nul](#)
>>Date: Mon, 30 Aug 2010 14:11:19 +0000 (GMT)
>>Subject: Re: Crop Circle Experts Lock Horns

<snip>

>>Who's talking about 'projections'? 'Independent self-luminous
>>entities' are pretty easy to produce, zipping about or not. I
>>give you two words: 'kites', 'lights'. You should try it
>>sometime, you might be surprised at what effects you can
>>produce. Of course, there's lots of other ways of making
>>interesting looking lights.

>The reports of 'lights' I've read about move in ways that show
>awareness of witnesses, under intelligent control, and just
>above the crop.

Well they would do, wouldn't they, if they were being produced
by the circle-makers themselves.

>Any artificial lights I would see, I would try to get close to
>and grab, to find out what they are. I'm sure most others would
>do the same. I don't think any artificially created moving
>lights are going to fool most people. Maybe at some distance,
>but at least some glyph 'lights' are reported very close to the
>glyph.

So, presumably we have lots of reports of observers diving into
the crop circle and making a grab at the lights do we? Perhaps
you could refer me to such a case.

>Can you provide a description of how to make an array of moving
>lights which would not be detectable as hoaxed by someone intent
>on getting close enough to find out what they were? I can't
>think of any such ways.

I think that most, if not all, of these lights are observed from
a distance. If anyone got too close I think the 'hoaxers' would
probably just switch off the light and make themselves scarce.

Can I ask, have you ever tried any experimental hoaxing with
lights, kites and the like? It's not as hard as you might think
to produce effects which would fool even the legendary 'trained
observers'.

John Rimmer

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From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2010 11:04:43 -0500
Archived: Tue, 31 Aug 2010 12:23:06 -0400
Subject: Re: Bentwaters & 'Secret' Documents - Hastings Vs

>From: Vincent Boudreau <vincentboudreau.nul>
>To: post.nul: Tue, 31 Aug 2010 00:14:49 -0400
>Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2010 00:14:49 -0400
>Subject: Re: Bentwaters & 'Secret' Documents - Hastings Vs Clarke

>>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Mon, 30 Aug 2010 19:06:01 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Bentwaters & 'Secret' Documents - Hastings Vs Clarke

>>>From: David Haith <visions1.nul>
>>>To: UFO UpDates <post.nul>
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More than mere point, eh? Moreover, how is this mechanism of
Hastings detraction somehow the preferred and considered correct
behavior?

Genuinely, in an examination of both, where the arguments of
each camp are weighed and sifted, which shows more depth? Which
proves to be more inclusive? Which demonstrates more
intellectual bravery? Which uses more science of best practice?
Which is more consistent, reliable, and dependable?

Contrarily, which one uses mockery, ad hominem, character
assassination, intellectual fallacy, smirking banter and bald
obfuscation? Which is the dimensionless and dogmatic ideologue,
and which is the inspired idealist? Which hounds and which is
hounded?

Further, which is deliberately abusive and which is

realistically accusative? Which won't address the points already made, and which will concede the point well made? Which one follows the data and which one cherry-picks it? In the view of the observer: Hastings or McGonagle?

The individuals observing fall on either side of this cowardly divide while the difference between them, on reflection, is like the difference between sulfurous yellow clouds and clear blue sky.

Hastings has been a true stalwart for me since 1995... the other fellow not so much. It seems that those who can, do, those who can't trifle those who can, eh?

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Re: Infrared Cameras & UFOs

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2010 17:35:27 +0100
Archived: Tue, 31 Aug 2010 12:49:25 -0400
Subject: Re: Infrared Cameras & UFOs

>From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Mon, 30 Aug 2010 16:26:18 -0400
>Subject: Re: Infrared Cameras & UFOs

<snip>

Thanks for those links William.

Just found a clip of Jaime Maussan presenting that young guy's I-R footage.

Apparently he's disabled by M-S and had only one small window to look out of, so maybe he wanted to make a worthwhile experiment.

Jaime Maussan - UFO Conference 2005 Part-3:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ClnClyfrs0>

Cheers

Ray D

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Re: Britain's First X-File?

From: David Haith <visions1.nul>
Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2010 18:20:50 +0100
Archived: Tue, 31 Aug 2010 13:51:16 -0400
Subject: Re: Britain's First X-File?

>From: David Clarke <daveclarke292.nul>
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>Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2010 11:42:36 +0100
>Subject: Re: Britain's First X-File?

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Dr Clarke thinks a lighthouse may have been the root cause of
the Rendlesham lights UFO scare.

Now he's the guy who uncovers an odd story of lighted 'UFOs'
which even he will admit were definitely nothing to do with a
lighthouse.

But the whole affair led to a lighthouse being built!

How bizarre and how odd!

It's almost as if Charlie Fort is having a laugh from beyond the
grave...

Dave Haith

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Re: Are UFOs Real? Maybe, Says Historian

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2010 17:56:24 EDT
Archived: Tue, 31 Aug 2010 18:45:13 -0400
Subject: Re: Are UFOs Real? Maybe, Says Historian

This is a nice and tight article looking at the history of the UFO Phenoma:

<http://tinyurl.com/3546je3>

It covers a lot of ground and doesn't meander into the realm of absurdity nor invalidation of witnesses and researchers.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com

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