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Archived: Fri, 01 Apr 2011 09:21:42 -0500  
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>Date: Thu, 31 Mar 2011 10:23:06 -0500  
>To: [ufo-updates-list.nul](mailto:ufo-updates-list.nul)  
>From: [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Recommendation? Why Delanoy's Paper?

>From: John Rimmer <[johnrimmer.nul](mailto:johnrimmer.nul)>  
>To: [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 31 Mar 2011 13:55:02 +0100 (BST)  
>Subject: Re: Recommendation? Why Delanoy's Paper?

>>From: Kathy Kasten <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
>>To: <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>>Date: Wed, 30 Mar 2011 20:15:44 +0000  
>>Subject: Recommendation? Why Delanoy's Paper?

>>Experimental Evidence Suggestive of Anomalous Consciousness  
>>Interactions by Deborah Delanoy

>>Recommended by John Rimmer(I think??)

>Nothing to do with me, Kathy. Never heard of the lady.

Sorry, John, but I thought I remembered your name in connection with the recommendation.

Doesn't look like anybody is going to own up to suggesting a read of this article.

KK

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## Priests Of High Strangeness - II

From: Carol Rainey <[csrainey2.nul](mailto:csrainey2.nul)>  
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Subject: Priests Of High Strangeness - II

Excerpt #2 from the rough cut of Priests Of High Strangeness has just been posted on YouTube. Producer/Director is Carol Rainey. The ongoing series of excerpts focuses on the controversial research techniques used by some well-known alien abduction investigators.

Their subjects certainly are having inexplicable and baffling experiences and the researchers do offer the therapeutic, healing benefits that come from any empathetic listener.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3t9-ORR3Yhw>

But what have we actually learned about the phenomenon? The how, the why, the who, the where, and the when of it all? Coming out of the humanities and the arts, the few researchers making the most lurid claims are simply extra-polating far beyond what their actual data or evidence can support. The tools used - primarily hypnotic memory retrieval - are also so unreliable that testimony based on hypnosis is not allowed in U.S. courts of law.

Linda Cortile, main subject of the book Witnessed, has stated on several occasions that 80-85% of her memories of alien abduction were retrieved during hypnosis sessions. Her interactions with investigator Budd Hopkins are at the heart of this 18 minute segment.

This segment looks at the obligation an abduction researcher has to ensure that his/her subject is trustworthy - starting with the factual details of his/her past and present life history as they are presented to the researcher over a period of many years.

It also suggests reasons why both researcher and subject, when their story is challenged, only redouble their efforts to speak with absolute authority about the soundness of the questioned case.

Carol Rainey  
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### NZ Defence Wants UFOs Off Its Radar

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Source: The Dominion Post - Auckland, New Zealand

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Defence Wants UFOs Off Its Radar

Michelle Duff

Spotted a bird, a plane or a UFO lately? Then the New Zealand Defence Force doesn't want to know about it.

The most recent instalment of previously classified UFO files were made public yesterday - and within the documents, former chief of defence Jerry Mateparae makes it quite clear the military has no time for little green men.

"The NZDF does not have any expertise or role in respect of... 'flying saucer' matters, nor is it qualified to address questions on the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial lifeforms", he writes in a staff guide from October 2009.

"The NZDF believes that rational explanations, just as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for [unusual aerial sightings] if resources were diverted for this purpose but... it would be inappropriate use of defence resources."

All UFO reports should be referred to police, he said.

Meanwhile, a blue-tinted light racing across the North Island's night sky on Tuesday was definitely not a UFO. It has been identified by the Carter Observatory as an exploding meteor - one that could have been as big as a desk.

Witnesses were treated to a dramatic light shower after the meteor exploded 80km above Auckland. Some described the light as "several times brighter than daylight with a definite blue tint", and "like a firework", while a Raglan resident reported a sonic boom that "awoke the dog and nearby birds".

This was not an unusual occurrence, the observatory said, estimating it happened once every three years.

More than 2000 pages of Defence Force files, containing every UFO report since the early 1950s - including the 1978 Kaikoura lights mystery - were made public in December. The most recent files, dating from 2009, contain news articles and Official Information Act requests from the public and media.

There is one reported sighting, of a wingless object appearing to have "magnetic media emitting from the ends", spotted flying over the Kapiti Coast last May. The Otaki witness informed the Defence Force he had submitted the photo to an expert analyst in the United States, and would keep it in the loop.

The files also show repeated requests by citizen investigators group UFOCUS for access to the Defence Force documents. In a 2009 letter, director Suzanne Hansen expresses her concern at the "marked increase" in UFO sightings around New Zealand.

Her organisation was receiving credible reports from farmers, hunters, logging contractors and scientists, which continued to "defy logical explanations" and fit with worldwide trends showing sightings were on the rise, she said.

Ms Hansen offered to meet the Defence Force to discuss UFO phenomena. This offer went unacknowledged by Lieutenant General Mateparae when he replied to Ms Hansen a year later, assuring her the files were being declassified.

Before their release last year, he wrote to alert many of the agencies that had dealt with UFO sightings over the years - such as Internal Affairs, the Civil Aviation Authority, MetService and Carter Observatory. "While most correspondents were remarkably restrained in their comments (given a degree of skepticism about the subject)", he warned that some material could still "give rise to minor embarrassment".

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## Pioneer Anomaly Solved

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<http://www.technologyreview.com/blog/axiv/26589/>

Date: Apr 1, 2011

Pioneer Anomaly Solved By 1970s Computer Graphics Technique

From Slashdot....

Pioneer Anomaly Solved By 1970s Computer Graphics Technique

A new computer model of the way heat is emitted by various parts of the Pioneer spacecraft, and reflected off others, finally solves one of the biggest mysteries in astrophysics.

During the last decade or so, the Pioneer Anomaly has become one of the great unsolved puzzles in astrophysics.

The problem is this. The Pioneer 10 and 11 spacecraft were launched towards Jupiter and Saturn in the early 1970s. After their respective flybys, they continued on escape trajectories out of the Solar System, both decelerating under the force of the Sun's gravity. But careful measurements show that the spacecraft are slowing faster than they ought to, as if being pulled by an extra unseen force towards the Sun.

[More at site...]

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>To: <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 31 Mar 2011 16:40:01 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Recommendation? Why Delanoy's Paper?

>>From: John Rimmer <[johnrimmer.nul](mailto:johnrimmer.nul)>  
>>To: [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
>>Date: Thu, 31 Mar 2011 13:55:02 +0100 (BST)  
>>Subject: Re: Recommendation? Why Delanoy's Paper?

>>Nothing to do with me, Kathy. Never heard of the lady.

>Sorry, John, but I thought I remembered your name in connection  
>with the recommendation.

>Doesn't look like anybody is going to own up to suggesting a  
>read of this article.

That's probably because a search of the UFO UpDates archives shows that the paper has never been discussed here. The only actual discussion of the paper anywhere that a Google turns up is a 117 word recap of it by Arnaud Leene, who refers to one of Delanoy's conclusions as "interesting."

Those who raise an eyebrow at the name, wondering if it is a pseudonym based on Arnold Layne, the transvestite in a Pink Floyd song who steals ladies' undergarments from clotheslines, can be assured that Mr. Leene appears to be a real person with degrees in astronomy, physics, and mathematics.

Carol Maltby

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## Re: Priests Of High Strangeness - II

From: **Kathy Kasten** <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 1 Apr 2011 19:26:06 +0000  
Archived: Sat, 02 Apr 2011 06:48:47 -0500  
Subject: Re: Priests Of High Strangeness - II

>From: Carol Rainey <[csrainey2.nul](mailto:csrainey2.nul)>  
>To: [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 31 Mar 2011 13:30:47 -0400  
>Subject: Priests Of High Strangeness - II

>Excerpt #2 from the rough cut of Priests Of High Strangeness  
>has just been posted on YouTube. Producer/Director is Carol  
>Rainey. The ongoing series of excerpts focuses on the  
>controversial research techniques used by some well-known alien  
>abduction investigators.

>Their subjects certainly are having inexplicable and baffling  
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>healing benefits that come from any empathetic listener.

><http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3t9-ORR3Yhw>

Carol:

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## Battle Of Los Angeles New Analysis

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 1 Apr 2011 23:27:08 -0400 (EDT)  
Archived: Sat, 02 Apr 2011 06:52:18 -0500  
Subject: Battle Of Los Angeles New Analysis

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See:

<http://www.brumac.8k.com/BATTLEOFLA/BOLA1.html>

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From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 2 Apr 2011 14:07:47 -0300  
Archived: Sat, 02 Apr 2011 13:23:48 -0500  
Subject: Re: Battle Of Los Angeles New Analysis

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Hi Bruce,

Very interesting event. I don't have the time right now to research the following, but if memory serves some people were killed as a result of the triple A and over 4,000 shells were fired at the object(s).

What is missing is the army documents that must have followed as a result of this event. Would this have been due to rank embarrassment over what would have to be perceived as a panicked response (no harm there considering the times and circumstances) and or the lack of any anti-aircraft fire effect on the invaders.

Frank Warren has been keeping this event alive. I wonder if he has been filing FOIAs in an attempt to find documents.

In any event I think that it should be noted that deaths did occur and that triple A was unleashed that would have done justice to that seen nightly over London during the Battle of Britain. This was an extremely serious event.

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From: **Giuliano Marinkovic** <[giuliano.marinkovic.nul](mailto:giuliano.marinkovic.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 2 Apr 2011 13:24:22 +0200  
Archived: Sun, 03 Apr 2011 08:24:10 -0500  
Subject: Re: Battle Of Los Angeles New Analysis

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<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fH2saswwWrw>

Battle of LA section is located from 3:29 min. to 5:28 min. and  
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Archived: Sun, 03 Apr 2011 08:27:05 -0500  
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accept them as they sit in front of me. This and even the way  
he/she moves or raises his/her hand belongs to him/her in their  
current state of being.

Be very careful in judging about others in the way you did

above.

Peace,

Joachim

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## Triangle Over Los Angeles?

From: Gregory Boone <[evolbaby.nul](mailto:evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 3 Apr 2011 03:12:32 -0400 (EDT)  
Archived: Sun, 03 Apr 2011 08:31:01 -0500  
Subject: Triangle Over Los Angeles?

I got a report from a young lady who says she saw one of the triangular UFOs over Los Angeles early last week. She tuned into C2C to find out if anyone else saw one.

Has anyone gotten any reports of sightings in Los Angeles over the past week? I'll be getting more data from my contact soon and send that over to Peter Davenport.

Best,

Greg  
ufomafia.com

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## Phenomena Magazine

From: Terry W. Colvin <[fortean1.nul](mailto:fortean1.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 3 Apr 2011 18:41:19 +0700 (GMT+07:00)  
Archived: Sun, 03 Apr 2011 08:33:31 -0500  
Subject: Phenomena Magazine

Phenomena Magazine: The Scientific Examination of the Unexplained

The UK's leading free Paranormal PDF magazine. Including many of the worlds leading writers as well as new material from new authors. Incorporating the producers - the UPIA and MAPITS latest information.

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<http://www.phenomenamagazine.co.uk/>

and contains a chapter re the Loch Watten monster from my latest book, Karl Shuker's Alien Zoo, which is also reviewed in it by Kirst D'Raven.

Terry W. Colvin  
Ladphrao (Bangkok), Thailand  
Pran Buri (Hua Hin), Thailand  
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From: John Rimmer <[johnrimmer.nul](mailto:johnrimmer.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 3 Apr 2011 13:50:35 +0100 (BST)  
Archived: Sun, 03 Apr 2011 09:15:28 -0500  
Subject: Re: Priests Of High Strangeness - II

>From: Joachim Koch <[lists.nul](mailto:lists.nul)>  
>To: [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
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Oh dear, I hope we're not in for another bout of ufological  
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## BUFORA Review Of UFO Matrix Magazine

From: Philip Mantle <[philip.mantle.nul](mailto:philip.mantle.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 02 Apr 2011 19:40:57 +0100  
Archived: Sun, 03 Apr 2011 09:17:26 -0500  
Subject: BUFORA Review Of UFO Matrix Magazine

British UFO Research Association

During 2010 two independent subscription magazines were closed down and this left a huge gap in the market for a magazine, which was dedicated to the UFO phenomenon.

There are other magazines out there in the U.K. which cover the UFO enigma but as part of a wider paranormal spectrum of subjects, whether it may be cryptozoology, ghosts or spirituality and many other subjects with unexplained elements to their study.

What is different about the launch of UFO Matrix is evident in the high street. This is the first magazine for a long time which can be purchased from the news stand and having done this myself, it has been a refreshing experience to be able to see a (specific) UFO dedicated magazine sitting proudly amongst established titles such Nexus and Fortean Times. There is now a paranormal cousin in the same publishing group in the form of =91Paranormal magazine: journey into the unknown=92.

In many respects, UFO Matrix has continued to produce an abundance of articles similar to its closest predecessor in the UFO Data magazine. Many of the contributors to this magazine have carried the torch forward into this new publication, with Philip Mantle and Malcolm Robinson at the fore of the new team, joined by Steve Johnson (Mercury Rapids author and forum management).

Many of the contributors have their own websites or have books published on the subject and this magazine also features many publications on offer from the Healings of Atlantis publishing group.

What do you get for your money? The editorial team have ensured that the views of all are represented by inviting articles from writers who can be both sceptic or highly supportive of the Extra Terrestrial Hypothesis theory. Whatever their own beliefs may be, UFO Matrix has ensured that the magazine can have two vastly differing opinions in articles about UFO philosophy. Sceptical opinions are as welcome as those who support the existence of an alien presence visiting this planet.

At the time of writing, UFO Matrix has published their fifth bi-monthly magazine and editions have special running themes, profiling some prominent cases from the around the world. Readers are also informed of various forthcoming events, documentaries and cases due for release. For example, Issue 4 has a running feature and this month has an interesting interview on the recent History channels =91Ancient Aliens=92 series, in addition to a conference review and two diverse and differing opinions on the Berwyn Mountain case. There are incidents and reports cases that have not been heard outside of their own countries appearing for the first time for readers in the U.K. and further afield.

Past issues have already taken a =91cold case=92 review at some of the classic UFO encounters. Taking a second look is important in this subject, as there are a new generation of readers who may

never have heard of the Rendlesham case or other famous incidents and for many people, this will be their first information on these incidents. This becomes more important as many of the earlier books on cases such as the =91Welsh Triangle=92 or Warminster Thing=92 can be out of print, with no chance of a new run on some very popular classic titles. Too often publishers do not reissue some of the most classic UFO literature and many of the earlier case studies are becoming increasingly difficult to find for the new enthusiast or researchers. Revisiting some of these classic UFO cases by UFO Matrix is most welcome, whether in case review or summary.

Articles in some issues addressing the use of hypnosis and witness support groups are in great conflict with BUFORA=92s moratorium on the use of hypnosis to elicit the truth of a high strangeness event due to the many problems involved with this method of investigation. In addition to this BUFORA=92s Code of Practice hold witness confidentiality in the highest priority. However, we certainly would not want to see any magazine that took the UFO enigma from one viewpoint and UFO Matrix produces articles where readers may disagree or wholly support the writer=92s specific hypothesis, views or theories. This approach is vital to this subject, as it creates an important balance of views and ensures that no one theory or opinion is allowed to take precedence over all the articles. The editorial team ensure there is something for everyone=92s view on the subject.

Offering well-balanced debate and differing viewpoints are crucial, to achieve balanced viewpoints within a magazine, by allowing writers to submit articles with the most diverse ranging theories and opinions within this subject. In my opinion, it is vital that a magazine offers a broad spectrum of cases from many perspectives, philosophical, scientific and with differing ideas and thoughts on the subject rather than using a narrow set of hypotheses within its articles.

UFO Matrix ticks all the right boxes and the contributors and editors are highly experienced in their fields and specialisms. The magazine also promotes and profiles activity in the conference and courses in the U.K. and further afield, promoting conferences and event listings, so readers can get out there to meet the speakers and authors at various venues around the regions. There are links to books, radio shows and all manner of UFO related items. The production quality of the magazine is extremely high and for =A35.99, this magazine is worth every penny. It=92s run by a group of researchers and investigators who have already achieved a long and experienced track record in books, special case studies, lectures and past magazine production.

The British UFO Research Association recommends you purchase the magazine at your local newsagent or buy on line. If you are interested in the subject, no matter what your views or perceptions of the UFO phenomenon, this magazine is the one for you.

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From: Kathy Kasten <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 3 Apr 2011 19:21:38 +0000  
Archived: Mon, 04 Apr 2011 07:06:36 -0500  
Subject: Re: Priests Of High Strangeness - II

>From: Joachim Koch <[lists.nul](mailto:lists.nul)>  
>To: [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
>Date: Sat, 02 Apr 2011 21:41:33 +0200  
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>>From: Kathy Kasten<[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
>>To:<[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>>Date: Fri, 1 Apr 2011 19:26:06 +0000  
>>Subject: Re: Priests Of High Strangeness - II

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>>As for myself and attempts to resolve highly strange events in  
>>my own life? Thank god I sought my own counsel and did my own  
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Perhaps, Joachim, if you live a long life you will be able to  
make judgments about people you interact with. Yes, I stand by  
my judgment and I get to judge people based on my experience.

Having dealt with serious medical practitioners, I know that  
most of them are caught up in diagnosing themselves while  
sitting listening abstractly to whoever is sitting in front of  
them. Most of them have a limited worldview that causes them to  
pretend an a attitude of superiority. I recommend you go back  
and read what I wrote.

Me? I am just street wise. Hard won and I refuse to back down  
from what i learned in the streets.

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Date: Sun, 3 Apr 2011 19:43:13 +0000  
Archived: Mon, 04 Apr 2011 07:08:59 -0500  
Subject: Re: Priests Of High Strangeness - II

>From: Gildas Bourdais <[bourdais.gildas.nul](mailto:bourdais.gildas.nul)>  
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Glidas:

It is apparent from your e-mail address that you live in France.

Linda lives in New York City.

I have to assume that Marie-Terese de Brosses, because she is a  
friend of yours, also lives in France.

Yet, you are claiming to know a friend of a friend who knows  
Linda Cortille.

I think you are attempting to do what you consider the  
gentlemanly thing to do. That would be to defend the honor of  
a woman.

However, a grifter is a grifter. It is my understanding that the  
personality trait assigned to a grifter is pathological liar.  
Making up a story, tailoring it to fit the audience with the  
objective of a financial reward is a grifter's talent.

I provided the traits of abductees that has been observed by  
medical professionals. Linda Cortille exhibits none of these  
traits. Ergo, I think your defending the lady's honor is  
misplaced.

KK

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## Question For Gene Steinberg

From: **Eleanor White** <[ewraven1.nul](mailto:ewraven1.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 3 Apr 2011 19:47:16 -0400  
Archived: Mon, 04 Apr 2011 07:09:53 -0500  
Subject: Question For Gene Steinberg

Gene -

Chris O'Brien is your co-host on the Paracast.

Do you know if his automatic multi-camera UFO detection system in the San Luis Valley is up and running yet? If not, is there anything happening of interest regarding that project?

Eleanor White

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## Mind Control

From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 4 Apr 2011 13:14:31 +0100  
Archived: Mon, 04 Apr 2011 08:49:05 -0500  
Subject: Mind Control

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## Afterlife Film Summary On-Line

From: Dave Haith <[visionsl.nul](mailto:visionsl.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 4 Apr 2011 16:46:42 +0100  
Archived: Mon, 04 Apr 2011 14:08:04 -0500  
Subject: Afterlife Film Summary On-Line

A short while ago in a discussion about the possible links between UFOs and psychic phenomena I posted a link for a new documentary called The Afterlife Investigations by film-maker Tom Coleman well known for his Out Of The Blue UFO Documentary.

Unfortunately the film was dropped from free showings soon afterward and some Listers were disappointed.

Now a 16 minute summary of The Afterlife Investigations is on line here for anybody interested:

<http://tinyurl.com/3rr9kwc>

Dave

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## Re: Mind Control

From: Rick Nielsen <[nilthchi.nul](mailto:nilthchi.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 4 Apr 2011 09:53:25 -0700 (PDT)  
Archived: Mon, 04 Apr 2011 14:10:18 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mind Control

>From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
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Better links with more reality are found here:

<http://www.webmd.com/baby/toxoplasmosis>

<http://tinyurl.com/3c8h7qp>

Alert readers of the above WebMD articles will see that "Because  
the majority of people with toxoplasmosis have no symptoms, it  
may be difficult to know if you have been infected. When  
symptoms do appear, they can resemble the flu and include fever,  
muscle aches, fatigue, and swollen lymph glands... A blood test  
is available that can show whether you currently have  
toxoplasmosis or if you have been infected in the past...  
[T]oxoplasmosis can be treated... with antibiotics."

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## Unidentified Furry Objects [was: Mind Control]

From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 5 Apr 2011 01:19:30 +0100  
Archived: Tue, 05 Apr 2011 07:45:51 -0500  
Subject: Unidentified Furry Objects [was: Mind Control]

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Hi Rick,

No alarmism, sadly.

All quoted or paraphrased from that large, comprehensive and  
continually updated Wiki page.

Do you have a cat, by any chance?

Cheers

Ray D

BTW - although this is anecdotal, in long retrospect have to  
agree with that Wiki page re: the effects in (young) women;  
observed around the world and most recently here in UK.

i) more 'sociable';

ii) more keenly 'intelligent';

iii) more interested in/amenable to non-infected males (i.e. non  
cat-lovers).

And that last seems to apply to their cats also: my most recent  
work (in IT) was with a largeish department of young females who  
would drag me round the nightclubs Friday +/- Saturday, which  
forced me to sleep over at the homes of two of them - places  
where I'd wake up with cats climbing all over me (one girl owned  
two tabby kittens, the other had five exotics).

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## Article Submitted To Science Magazine '74

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 4 Apr 2011 22:51:36 -0400 (EDT)  
Archived: Tue, 05 Apr 2011 07:49:26 -0500  
Subject: Article Submitted To Science Magazine '74

For the first time I am publishing an article I wrote and submitted to Science Magazine in 1974.

The response was quick.

It was gently suggested that I send it elsewhere. Did it deserve the boot? What do you think:

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

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## How Professor Maxwell Changed The World

From: Terry W. Colvin <[fortean1.nul](mailto:fortean1.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 5 Apr 2011 11:41:33 +0700 (GMT+07:00)  
Archived: Tue, 05 Apr 2011 07:54:17 -0500  
Subject: How Professor Maxwell Changed The World

Source: The Economist

<http://tinyurl.com/4y8ng68>

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Physics Anniversaries  
How Professor Maxwell Changed The World  
by J.P.

To much fanfare, Italy celebrated 150 years since its unification two weeks ago. Less exuberantly, America is commemorating the 150th anniversary of the outbreak of the civil war, a failed attempt to undo its union. Amid this flurry of historical fissions and fusions it is easy to overlook another, arguably more significant unification set in motion in spring 1861. In March of that year James Clerk Maxwell, a Scottish physicist (pictured above), published the first piece of a four-part paper entitled "On physical lines of force". Sprinkled amid the prose in the Philosophical Magazine were equations which revealed electricity, magnetism and light to be different manifestations of the same phenomenon.

By the mid-19th century scientists had a fair understanding of each of the three components of electromagnetism, as the phenomenon has come to be called. They knew, for instance, that the distribution of electric charges was linked to the pattern of electric fields and that magnetic poles cannot exist in isolation, in other words that there were no single magnetic charges. They also knew that a moving magnet generates an electric current in a wire coil, as demonstrated by Michael Faraday several decades earlier at the Royal Institution (a short walk from The Economist's offices in London). However, no one could explain precisely why that was.

Maxwell's aim was initially to forge a mathematical link between electricity and magnetism that would capture these experimental results. (The issue was a burning one for the Victorians who had just been spectacularly stymied in their efforts to get the trans-Atlantic telegraph connection to work. Understanding how electricity and magnetism interacted, it was thought, would help to overcome the problem of the delay and deterioration experienced by the signal as it travelled along the underwater cable.)

He also realised that varying the strength of an electric field would generate a changing magnetic field, even in empty space with no moving electric charges to speak of. A changing magnetic field, of course, gives rise to an electric field, as had been established by Faraday. Might the two fields nudge each other along in a self-perpetuating, wave-like manner? Maxwell's calculations made it clear= $E^2=80=94$ they could. And the speed at which such an electromagnetic wave would propagate through a medium was inherently linked to the medium's electrical and magnetic properties. When Maxwell plugged the relevant values, which had been obtained recently by experimenters in Germany, into his equations, out popped Fizeau's figure for the speed of light. Convinced that this was no accident, Maxwell went on to suggest

that light is, in fact, an electromagnetic wave. Physics had got its first unified theory.

2011 is awash with anniversaries of notable events from the annals of the physical sciences. Chemists will be celebrating 350 years since the publication of Robert Boyle's "Sceptical Chymist", a tract which marked the birth of their science, at least in its modern guise. One hundred years ago in April, meanwhile, Heike Kamerlingh Onnes, a Dutch physicist, discovered that some materials are superconductors as they are cooled towards absolute zero they allow electric charge to flow with no resistance. In May of the same year Ernest Rutherford, a New Zealand-born British boffin, put forward (also in the Philosophical Magazine) the familiar model of the atom as composed of a dense nucleus orbited by tiny electrons. Although physicists have since come up with more elaborate projections of the subatomic reality, the Rutherford model is, unlike the earlier plum-pudding version, basically right which is why it continues to be taught to school children the world over. And it has been 30 years since Alan Guth, an American particle physicist, published a paper suggesting that instants after the Big Bang the universe underwent a phase of rapid expansion; the inflationary theory has since become cosmological received wisdom and forced astrophysicists to take particle physics seriously.

Worthy intellectual accomplishments, all. Yet they pale in comparison with Maxwell's. This is not just because, unlike a lot of subsequent theoretical advances, his insight has already yielded a century's worth of tangible results, from radio to mobile phones. (Only a century because it took scientists several decades before they grasped the theory's full significance and put it into practice.) Nor is it because he championed the abstract idea of fields, a fecund notion that underpins much of modern physics. No, Maxwell's greatness lies elsewhere still. He showed that nature ought not to be taken at face value, and that she can be cajoled into revealing her hidden charms so long as the entreaties are whispered in mathematical verse. In doing so he paved the way for the pursuit of physicists' holy grail: the grand unified theory, a set of equations which would explain all there is to know about physical reality. As tends to be the case with grails, this one, too, may prove unattainable. Unless there are inherent limits on human understanding itself an unfathomable premise there will always be more apparently disparate phenomena to explain at one fell swoop.

Maxwell remains the great unsung hero of human progress, the physicist whose name means little to those without a scientific bent. His life's work, which also includes remarkable contributions to thermodynamics (not to mention taking the world's first colour photograph, also 150 years ago) is among the most enduring scientific legacies of all time, on a par with those of his more widely acclaimed peers, Isaac Newton and Albert Einstein. It deserves to be trumpeted.

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## Re: Priests Of High Strangeness - II

From: **Gildas Bourdais** <[bourdais.gildas.nul](mailto:bourdais.gildas.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 5 Apr 2011 11:27:49 +0200  
Archived: Tue, 05 Apr 2011 07:58:30 -0500  
Subject: Re: Priests Of High Strangeness - II

>From: Kathy Kasten <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
>To: <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 3 Apr 2011 19:43:13 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Priests Of High Strangeness - II

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <[bourdais.gildas.nul](mailto:bourdais.gildas.nul)>  
>>To: <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 3 Apr 2011 17:20:36 +0200  
>>Subject: Re: Priests Of High Strangeness - II

>>>From: Joachim Koch <[lists.nul](mailto:lists.nul)>  
>>>To: [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
>>>Date: Sat, 02 Apr 2011 21:41:33 +0200  
>>>Subject: Re: Priests Of High Strangeness - II

>>>Body language - hmm... what a proof! Not new to me as a man for  
>>>I was witness a few times when I was together with women and I  
>>>recognized that some of them couldn't cope with each other.  
>>>Maybe body language played a role?

>>>What I learned from the past debates from the threads here about  
>>>hypnosis and your statement above is that very often people put  
>>>people into boxes or categories and judge about them from their  
>>>point of view and understanding or education. Very often this is  
>>>very unfair.

>>>Haven't we learned - we should have - by the time we were  
>>>researching the UFO phenomenon that there is no category of  
>>>people who experience strange and unexplainable events. It can  
>>>happen to all of the human beings. And so is their behaviour in  
>>>front of cameras, in hearings, in front of commissions or while  
>>>giving a lecture. They behave as they are. Some cope better with  
>>>fear than others, some have suffered from psychic affections  
>>>subcutaneously and others don't. People are as they are and are  
>>>confronted with these phenomena in their current state of life.

>>>As a serious medical practitioner, I always have to research the  
>>>anamnesis of a patient to learn more about them and have to  
>>>accept them as they sit in front of me. This and even the way  
>>>he/she moves or raises his/her hand belongs to him/her in their  
>>>current state of being.

>>>Be very careful in judging about others in the way you did  
>>>above.

>>Joachim,

>>Thank you very much for sharing your medical experience with us.  
>>BTW, I just had lunch today with my friend Marie-Therese de  
>>Brosses, who knew Linda Cortile well and who told me again the  
>>very good opinion she has of Linda - as well as of Budd Hopkins.  
>>Her opinion, and yours, are much more valuable to me than the  
>>usual skeptical small talk.

>Gildas:

>It is apparent from your e-mail address that you live in France.

>Linda lives in New York City.



>I have to assume that Marie-Terese de Brosse, because she is a  
>friend of yours, also lives in France.

>Yet, you are claiming to know a friend of a friend who \_knows\_  
>Linda Cortille.

Kathy,

I did not claim to know "a friend of a friend". I said that my friend Marie-Th=E9r=E8se de Brosse knows Budd Hopkins and Linda Cortille (nor Cortille), because she lived in New York when she studied abductions for her book, and came to know them well. For my part, I don't know Linda but I have met Budd several times, in France, Italy and Brazil, and I regard him highly. And I know several people who know them both and have the same opinion.

>I think you are attempting to do what you consider the  
>gentlemanly thing to do. That would be to defend the \_honor\_ of  
>a woman.

Yes, we are trying to defend their honor against people of your kind who fling defamatory accusations against people you don't know, like these:

>However, a grifter is a grifter. It is my understanding that the  
>personality trait assigned to a grifter is pathological liar.  
>Making up a story, tailoring it to fit the audience with the  
>objective of a financial reward is a grifter's \_talent\_.

>I provided the traits of abductees that has been observed by  
>medical professionals. Linda Cortille exhibits none of these  
>traits. Ergo, I think your defending the \_lady's honor\_ is  
>misplaced.

Kathy, once more, you don't really know what you are talking about.

Gildas (not Glidas) Bourdais

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From: Carol Rainey <[csrainey2.nul](mailto:csrainey2.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 5 Apr 2011 11:23:51 -0400  
Archived: Tue, 05 Apr 2011 11:39:28 -0500  
Subject: Re: Priests Of High Strangeness - II

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <[bourdais.gildas.nul](mailto:bourdais.gildas.nul)>  
>>To: <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
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>>times, in France, Italy and Brazil, and I regard him highly.

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>>opinion.

Dear Gildas,

That certainly wraps it up, then. Case proven.

This is your implied summary of what it takes to do UFO  
abduction research: it's gotta feel good.

Let me paraphrase how you assess the validity of the Brooklyn  
Bridge Case (1989):

"I like Mr.X and I have warm fuzzies for Ms. Y. Therefore my  
gut feelings about these perfectly nice people makes me 100%  
convinced that their reports of an extravagant abduction story  
that goes on for 12 years, involves casts of hundreds, both in  
the skies and on the ground, secret service agents, bugged  
telephones, chases through Lower Manhattan, top international  
diplomats, extraterrestrials with intentions of making their  
presence known to the world, the oversight of George Bush I, the  
Pope, and the CIA and FBI, the principal character's ongoing  
romance with a shadowy, never-seen government agent named  
Richard-which romance began in childhood and continued through  
production of a child (possibly)-all this and more I am willing  
to accept as a given.

The only proof I require, the only evidence I need? I  
really, really like Mr. X and some people I know really, really  
like Ms. Y."

With this sort of thinking, Gildas, can you expect the larger  
society and interdisciplinary professionals desperately needed  
by this field to ever take it seriously?

Why aren't you calling for DNA testing in the Linda Cortile  
case? There are ample opportunities to have done such testing in  
the material objects given by the subject to the researcher. Why  
aren't you asking for blood types of the main characters and a  
cheek swab, at the very least?

That's just one real-world tool that could be used - that would  
be objective, testable, and capable of being confirmed by other  
researchers. A tool of research that the rest of the world would  
respect.

Your warm fuzzy feelings are precisely that - your very own.  
They inform no one else but you.

Regretfully,

Carol Rainey  
[www.carolrainey.com](http://www.carolrainey.com)

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Date: Tue, 5 Apr 2011 18:46:04 +0200  
Archived: Wed, 06 Apr 2011 07:26:48 -0500  
Subject: Alien Miners

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Diana

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## Types Of Civilization [was: Mind Control]

From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 5 Apr 2011 18:45:16 +0100  
Archived: Wed, 06 Apr 2011 07:28:43 -0500  
Subject: Types Of Civilization [was: Mind Control]

Hello List

This is to do with that last thread - hopefully aimed at estimating our ability to recognize and maybe communicate with real alien `intelligent' species.

You've probably read of Nikolai Kardashev's rating of possible civilizations -

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kardashev\\_scale](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kardashev_scale)

which is based on energy-control and range of influence: basically a Type I controls a planet's energy, Type II a solar system's (inc. the Sun) and Type III controls a galaxy's [some folk have added refinements or gone further - like one chap suggests a Type Omega which controls a Universe].

In view of Ray Kurzweil's expected or upcoming Singularity, which he seems to think will enable Transhumanism -

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

it would also seem necessary to rate civilizations on their ability to recognize, quantify and `control' (in the nicer sense) the content, motivations and workings of their own minds; otherwise that `singularity' could be a terrible no-way-back mistake.

More importantly maybe, a civilization fit and indeed able to contact and communicate with other intelligent species should at least qualify as a Type I - able to control their own minds.

As you've probably guessed, my view is that we don't yet qualify.

Cheers

Ray D

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From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 6 Apr 2011 12:37:32 -0300  
Archived: Wed, 06 Apr 2011 11:49:40 -0400  
Subject: Re: Alien Miners

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## Re: Battle Of Los Angeles New Analysis

From: William Treurniet <[wtreurniet.nul](mailto:wtreurniet.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 06 Apr 2011 12:36:49 -0400  
Archived: Wed, 06 Apr 2011 13:27:05 -0400  
Subject: Re: Battle Of Los Angeles New Analysis

>From: Bruce Maccabee<[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
>To: [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 1 Apr 2011 23:27:08 -0400 (EDT)  
>Subject: Battle Of Los Angeles New Analysis

>A new, unretouched version of the famous "wigwam" photo of beams  
>converging at an "object" above Los Angeles during an  
>antiaircraft operation has been published.

>New interest in the photo, published Feb 26, 1942, is a result  
>of the publicity surrounding the movie Battle: Los Angeles,  
>which has nothing to do with the actual "battle".

>Although the newly available version of the photo does not show  
>some features as distinctly as the previously known, retouched,  
>version, the analytical result is the same: seems difficult to  
>imagine that any known object or phenomenon could account for  
>the shape and opacity of the beam convergence region and also  
>not be wiped out by the intense AA fire.

>See:

><http://www.brumac.8k.com/BATTLEOFLA/BOLA1.html>

Thanks to Bruce for this analysis.

He observes that one of the beams of light in the photo appeared  
to have been reflected by the object. I suggest an alternative  
possibility that it may have been refracted by tori visible just  
above the object in the enhanced photo.

<http://www.treurniet.ca/tori/ufoindex.htm>

In the above link, select 1942LosAngeles at the bottom of the  
index column at the left.

In the enhanced image, the object approximates the common UFO  
disc shape and appears as if it were suspended from the exposed  
tori. Note that the tori are positioned very close to where the  
beam of light bends.

All this is consistent with the idea that the torus represents a  
region of space with different gravitational and optical  
properties. It is often seen beside a UFO in photographs,  
suggesting that it could be related to the propulsion system. A  
number of times it has also been observed to bend or refract  
light, which might mean that the permeability of space is  
different near the torus.

William

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From: Bruce Hutchinson <[bhutch.nul](mailto:bhutch.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 06 Apr 2011 12:44:11 -0400  
Archived: Wed, 06 Apr 2011 13:28:40 -0400  
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Regards,

Bruce Hutchinson

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## Re: Alien Miners

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 6 Apr 2011 16:14:51 -0300  
Archived: Thu, 07 Apr 2011 07:06:33 -0400  
Subject: Re: Alien Miners

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Actually the author is Dr. Norman Bergrun. Tibbles apparently  
owns the website.

Thanks for the link.

Don Ledger

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### Re: Article Submitted To Science Magazine '74

From: **Kathy Kasten** <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 6 Apr 2011 19:26:36 +0000  
Archived: Thu, 07 Apr 2011 07:13:58 -0400  
Subject: Re: Article Submitted To Science Magazine '74

>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
>To: [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 4 Apr 2011 22:51:36 -0400 (EDT)  
>Subject: Article Submitted To Science Magazine '74

>For the first time I am publishing an article I wrote and  
>submitted to Science Magazine in 1974.

>The response was quick.

>It was gently suggested that I send it elsewhere. Did it deserve  
>the boot? What do you think:

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

>  
Bruce:

I really liked what you had to say in your article. In my opinion,  
a very sane approach. I include my favorite section of  
the paper:

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The third choice is often used as an "ultimate resort" by those  
who are con terrestrial vinced that there are no unknown,  
macroscopic,physical phenomena left to discover. They would  
argue that if the phenomenon described in the report cannot be  
explained in terms of known phenomena, the report must be a  
fabrication, either intentional or unintentional, on the part of  
the person(s) making the report. An intentional fabrication  
would be a premeditated hoax (fraud); an unintentional  
fabrication would be a manifestation of physiological and/or  
psychological phenomena. Reasons for intentional fabrication  
could include the desire for monetary reward, the de sire for  
public notice, and, perhaps, "status inconsistency.43 Reasons  
for unintentional fabrication include mental distress, and/or  
hallucination (psychological), and incorrect sensory data  
(physiological). Since the report presented here was confirmed  
in part by at least one other reliable observer, it seems highly  
unlikely that it is an unintentional fabrication. Moreover, in  
view of the fact that the observers neither expected nor  
received either compensation or publicity, and, in fact, may  
have even placed their social and economic security in jeopardy,  
it seems extremely unlikely that the report is an intentional  
fabrication. The fourth choice, which is to adopt a "wait and  
see" attitude, is a legiti- mate choice for a scientist who is  
only marginally familiar with the literature on UFO phenomena.  
Whether this scientist eventually decides to accept an explana-  
tion in terms of known phenomena, or whether he decides to  
accept an explanation in terms of a new phenomenon would depend  
strongly upon his inner feelings toward "semi-scientific"  
subjects and upon whatever further studies he might make. The  
fifth choice is probably not a legitimate choice for a scientist  
to make based on the information contained in only a single  
report such as this one.

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## Discussion

The analysis of the previous report has been presented in detail to illustrate the sort of reasoning and argumentation (forensic physics) which is applied to well-documented UFO reports in order to determine whether or not they are indeed "truly puzzling." A scientist who applies this sort of analysis to a report, and who is unable to provide for himself a convincing explanation in terms of known phenomena, may decide that at least one UFO report contains information on a new phenomenon of some type, although he may not know how to categorize the phenomenon. The report and analysis have also been presented in detail to give the reader a feeling for what constitutes a puzzling report. (Basically, such a report should contain sufficient detail about a particular phenomenon so that identification in terms of known phenomena would seem possible.) However, whether or not the reader believes that the report contained herein is puzzling, it should be apparent that a report such as this, when supported by a detailed analysis, could convince a scientist to look further into the UFO situation and even to investigate UFO reports. Apparently, quite a few scientists over the last twenty-five years and particularly over the last ten years have independently concluded that UFO reports are worthy of study (thus, the "invisible college"). However, very few agree on the underlying nature of the phenomena. Typical UFO theories which have been advanced are so bizarre as to be rejected by the majority of the scientific community. Unfortunately, the nearly universal rejection of the theories has some times led to unwarranted rejections of reports of these phenomena and often to severe criticism, ' even vilification, of those who have argued that the phenomena deserve public scientific recognition.

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Although some scientists have become convinced that UFO phenomena should be investigated, most take the attitude that there is little or nothing new to be learned from such studies (it is not expected "that science will be advanced thereby")<sup>3</sup> However, this attitude should not be allowed to either restrict those scientists who are interested in conducting investigations of UFO phenomena or prevent publications of the results of such investigations in well known scientific journals (subject, of course, to standard review procedures). It is unlikely that the formal publication of papers related to UFO phenomena will "harm," or, in the words of astronomer Carl Sagan<sup>45</sup> (used in another context), "shred the fabric of" science.<sup>46</sup>

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KK

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## Re: Types Of Civilization

From: **Kathy Kasten** <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 6 Apr 2011 20:58:40 +0000  
Archived: Thu, 07 Apr 2011 07:16:06 -0400  
Subject: Re: Types Of Civilization

>Date: Wed, 6 Apr 2011 07:28:43 -0500  
>To: [ufo-updates-list.nul](mailto:ufo-updates-list.nul)  
>From: [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Types Of Civilization [was: Mind Control]

>From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 5 Apr 2011 18:45:16 +0100  
>Subject: Types Of Civilization [was: Mind Control]

<snip>

>More importantly maybe, a civilization fit and indeed able to  
>contact and communicate with other intelligent species should at  
>least qualify as a Type I - able to control their own minds.

>As you've probably guessed, my view is that we don't yet  
>qualify.

Ray:

On this one, you are going to have to speak only for yourself -  
and maybe your immediate circle of friends.

KK

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## Re: Priests Of High Strangeness - II

From: **Gildas Bourdais** <[bourdais.gildas.nul](mailto:bourdais.gildas.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 7 Apr 2011 10:53:22 +0200  
Archived: Thu, 07 Apr 2011 07:24:03 -0400  
Subject: Re: Priests Of High Strangeness - II

>From: Carol Rainey <[csrainey2.nul](mailto:csrainey2.nul)>  
>To: [post.nul](#)  
>Date: Tue, 5 Apr 2011 11:23:51 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Priests Of High Strangeness - II

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <[bourdais.gildas.nul](mailto:bourdais.gildas.nul)>  
>>To: <[post.nul](#)>  
>>Date: Tue, 5 Apr 2011 11:27:49 +0200  
>>Subject: Re: Priests Of High Strangeness - II

<snip>

>>I said that my friend Marie-Th=E9r=E8se de Brosse knows  
>>Budd Hopkins and Linda Cortile (nor Cortille), because  
>>she lived in New York when she studied abductions  
>>for her book, and came to know them well. For my part,  
>>I don't know Linda but I have met Budd several  
>>times, in France, Italy and Brazil, and I regard him highly.

>>And I know several people who know them both and have the same  
>>opinion.

>That certainly wraps it up, then. Case proven.

>This is your implied summary of what it takes to do UFO  
>abduction research: it's gotta feel good.

Carol

This is not what I wrote. The case is not wrapped up and proven,  
either way, it seems to me.

You say it is proven to be false and my opinion is you are  
wrong. You see, there is a lot of space between proven right or  
proven wrong. Is that too complex for you?

<snip>

>"Why aren't you calling for DNA testing in the Linda Cortile  
>case? There are ample opportunities to have done such testing in  
>the material objects given by the subject to the researcher. Why  
>aren't you asking for blood types of the main characters and a  
>cheek swab, at the very least?"

>That's just one real-world tool that could be used - that would  
>be objective, testable, and capable of being confirmed by other  
>researchers. A tool of research that the rest of the world would  
>respect.

>Your warm fuzzy feelings are precisely that - your very own.  
>They inform no one else but you.

Carol, when you get tired of demolishing your ex-husband, I  
suggest that you study your own cases and apply your high  
scientific standards to them.

Don't just talk about them. Like Jerry Rubin said, "Do it!"

Gildas Bourdais

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## Re: Alien Miners

From: Carol Maltby <[carolmaltby.nul](mailto:carolmaltby.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 7 Apr 2011 07:04:12 -0400  
Archived: Thu, 07 Apr 2011 07:32:31 -0400  
Subject: Re: Alien Miners

>From: Bruce Hutchinson <[bhutch.nul](mailto:bhutch.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 06 Apr 2011 12:44:11 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Alien Miners

>>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>>To: <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>>Date: Wed, 6 Apr 2011 12:37:32 -0300  
>>Subject: Re: Alien Miners

>>>From: Diana Cammack <[cammack.nul](mailto:cammack.nul)>  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>>>Date: Tue, 5 Apr 2011 18:46:04 +0200  
>>>Subject: Alien Miners

>>>Asteroid Forensics May Point To Alien Space Miners

>>>[news.discovery.com](http://news.discovery.com)

>>><http://tinyurl.com/43tceeg>

>>>I was reminded of the report years ago about a large ship in the  
>>>rings of Saturn, possibly mining its minerals.

>  
>>The Ring Masters of Saturn. I've forgotten the name of its  
>>author and I can't find it on Amazon or in Google.

>  
>Close... It is The Ringmakers Of Saturn by Gordon Tibbles

>  
><http://www.anomalog.com/saturnrings.html>

The book is The Ring-makers of Saturn, by Norman R. Bergrun, published by The Pentland Press in 1986. There appear to be only 3 copies of it in the used and rare marketplace at wistfully optimistic prices of \$360-811, though [ringmakersofsaturn.com/](http://ringmakersofsaturn.com/) offers it directly at \$89 and a PDF appears to be available online as well. WorldCat.org lists some 40 libraries where the book may be found.

The Anomalog article by Gordon Tibbles (formerly a staunch defender of Bergrun) says "We have now convincingly established the existing physical evidence does not support the existence of Ringmakers as has been theorized in Ringmakers of Saturn." Tibbles says there is something very wrong with the JPL imagery on which Bergrun based his conclusions.

While Bergrun styles himself "Dr. Bergrun," his doctorate is honorary, not an earned one. In his case, it means he paid \$275 to World University for it. World University is not accredited by any accepted educational body. It values its "Experiential Curriculum," which seems to use as a key text book "'The Lemurian Theo-Christic Conception," first released more than a half-century ago in 1936.

<http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/cydonia/message/2709>

Bergrun's LLB degree comes from LaSalle University Extension, a correspondence school that has no connection with La Salle University in Philadelphia.

Carol Maltby

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From: Kentaro Mori <[kentaro.mori.nul](mailto:kentaro.mori.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 6 Apr 2011 23:38:51 -0300  
Archived: Thu, 07 Apr 2011 08:39:33 -0400  
Subject: Re: Battle Of Los Angeles New Analysis

>From: William Treurniet <[wtreurniet.nul](mailto:wtreurniet.nul)>  
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Kentaro

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## Faked & Altered Documents?

From: Philip Mantle <[philip.mantle.nul](mailto:philip.mantle.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 07 Apr 2011 14:24:55 +0100  
Archived: Thu, 07 Apr 2011 10:40:46 -0400  
Subject: Faked & Altered Documents?

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From Scott L. Felton <[conwyufogroup.nul](mailto:conwyufogroup.nul)>  
Conwy UFO Group  
North Wales  
UK

I'd be grateful if you could forward this to your contacts as I'm trying to gather some information on a particular document which quite a few UFO enthusiasts out there have in their possession. Most if not all, will be in the possession of UK based enthusiasts or perhaps British enthusiasts living abroad. Copies however could be almost anywhere.

I have in my possession a copy of a document which is a Major Incident Log, set up to record events surrounding a suspected airplane crash on Cader Bronwen Mountain, North Wales on the night of 23rd January 1974. This is the same night as the infamous Berwyn Mountains UFO event which is often described as a crash.

The log was set up by Gwynedd Constabulary three months before it evolved into North Wales Police here in the UK. Many copies of the Log have been distributed to various persons over the years. I have made several Freedom of Information requests to North Wales Police for information relating to its role in events of that night in 1974 and I have been forced to file an official complaint regarding their handling and for obstruction each time.

North Wales Police has become aware that I'm privy to information which demonstrates categorically, that it has been involved in sending out altered documents, fake documents and other disinformation to various enquirers over the years - depending on who they are. I recently presented NWP with a copy of a faked Police document which it circulated for years. The Force then seized the document and tried to disrupt the FOI request. In a more sinister move regarding the aforementioned Log, the Force knows that I'm aware of at least one other Log which is different to the one I have. As such, in its response following an internal review of my request, it not only now claims not to possess any of Log, but claims to know nothing about it at all, despite my copy, those of others and, debunkers also openly referring to the document in their possession!!!!

How is that for a bit of corruption?

This is obviously going to appeal as I know NWP is painfully aware of the existence of the Log document and I know full well it possesses the originals still.

I might add, that my complaint about the handling of this particular complaint is also being dragged out. NWP is trying to buy time wondering how it can account for no less than two separate documents being fabricated/altered and originating from within the Force.

I am sending this communication out as an appeal, for anyone who possesses a copy of the Major Incident Log in relation to the



23rd of January 1974 and the Berwyn Mountains UFO Incident, to contact me via the email address below.

I wish to establish if more altered copies are out there and if so, establish how many different versions are in circulation and also, how recently those copies were requested.

I don't expect any debunkers to get in touch as that would be assisting perhaps a pro-alien scenario and for security of my appeal, I'll be unable to divulge any info' about the alterations etc, but if you've ever investigated in part or whole, the Berwyn UFO case, you may very well have a copy of that document and I'd appreciate a copy and the date it was acquired. Everything is confidential and anyone who knows me knows full well that confidential means confidential.

So if you have a copy plus other details, please get in touch. The email address is:

[conwyufogroup.nul](mailto:conwyufogroup.nul)

Please, do not just send details in text or attachments. Let me know first that you have such a document, etc., and I'll arrange with you to obtain the document copies etc.

Thanks for your time,

Scott L. Felton

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Date: Thu, 7 Apr 2011 16:01:51 +0100  
Archived: Thu, 07 Apr 2011 12:08:21 -0400  
Subject: Re: Faked & Altered Documents?

Hi,

I rarely post here these days but I am happy to comment on Phil Mantle's forwarding of Scott Felton's message.

Regarding the North Wales Police Major Incident Log for the night of 23 January 1974, Scott states:

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As I have told Scott numerous times over the years, North Wales Police destroyed their original of the log many years ago, in line with force policy destruction procedures.

In 1974, they lodged a copy of the original log with what was the IGS and which became the British Geological Survey. We must accept this is a copy of the original due when it was deposited. I obtained a photo copy of this log as long ago as 1998, so it is hardly secret. I have no knowledge of other versions of the log to which Scott refers. I have also on several occasions, offered Scott the opportunity to see my copy of this log, an offer he chooses to turn down, presumably because mystery is more exciting than fact.

The full story of the alleged Berwyn Mountain UFO crash can be found in my book UFO Down (available from Amazon).

Happy Trails

Andy

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Actually, for a night shot I think the image is pretty good. A  
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Perhaps there was only one because it was closer to the toroidal  
field generated by the object than the other beams. That was my  
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Since it wasn't included in Mr. Mori's reply, the torus seen in  
the enhanced photo was likely not considered meaningful. I think  
it's real because I've seen others in many other photos. Seeing  
a torus beside a disc-shaped object in the enhanced LA photo is  
evidence for me that there was a real UFO there and that the  
gunners were not shooting at nothing.

Images of searchlights aimed at a mirror ball, or unsupported  
suggestions that there may be an even less retouched photo do  
not help much. Scott Harrison's article in the Los Angeles Times  
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William

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## Re: Priests Of High Strangeness - II

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Date: Thu, 7 Apr 2011 12:54:44 -0400  
Archived: Fri, 08 Apr 2011 11:31:07 -0400  
Subject: Re: Priests Of High Strangeness - II

>From: Gildas Bourdais <[bourdais.gildas.nul](mailto:bourdais.gildas.nul)>  
>To: <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 7 Apr 2011 10:53:22 +0200  
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>>Date: Tue, 5 Apr 2011 11:23:51 -0400  
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>>This is your implied summary of what it takes to do UFO  
>>abduction research: it's gotta feel good.

>>Let me paraphrase how you assess the validity of the Brooklyn  
>>Bridge Case (1989):

>>"I like Mr.X and I have warm fuzzies for Ms. Y. Therefore my  
>>gut feelings about these perfectly nice people makes me 100%  
>>convinced that their reports of an extravagant abduction story  
>>that goes on for 12 years, involves casts of hundreds, both in  
>>the skies and on the ground, secret service agents, bugged  
>>telephones, chases through Lower Manhattan, top international  
>>diplomats, extraterrestrials with intentions of making their  
>>presence known to the world, the oversight of George Bush I, the  
>>Pope, and the CIA and FBI, the principal character's ongoing  
>>romance with a shadowy, never-seen government agent named  
>>Richard-which romance began in childhood and continued through  
>>production of a child (possibly)-all this and more I am willing  
>>to accept as a given.

Gildas,

Perhaps the mis-communication is due to your use of a non-native  
language. I was paraphrasing (interpreting) your argument to  
Kathy: you felt the Cortile case seemed valid because you liked  
the people involved in it.

And, please, point out exactly where I said that the case is  
proven to be false? I have never said that. My investigation  
of and film about the case are not completed yet. When they are,  
I'll let you know.

After my own independent investigation of the Linda Cortile  
case, I drew different conclusions than Hopkins and his faithful  
did about the trust- worthiness of the major subject. For which  
temerity, elements of the UFO community see fit to tar and  
feather me - you among them.

<snip>

>Carol, when you get tired of demolishing your ex-husband, I

>suggest that you study your own cases and apply your high  
>scientific standards to them.

I will continue posting rough cut video clips about the Cortile case - one for which I contracted with both Budd and Linda for the rights to investigate and document on video. They signed off on that.

My investigation was done independently of my former husband. Got it? It's my work, my findings, my conclusions about a highly controversial case.

A number of us have been laughing this morning at your response. I'd fully predicted that you (and others) would respond only with "the scorned ex- wife" argument. I'd called for bets that you would, but unfortunately, nobody would lay money on the fact that you wouldn't. This has become such the standard cliché response - totally ignoring any comment of substance that I make - that it's nothing but ludicrous at this point.

Over the years, I estimate that there have been at least two dozen critical articles or book chapters devoted specifically to the faulty research of this particular case, online and in print.

Yet not one of them was attacked for knowing too much, for being too close to the subjects, as I have been. No, Hopkins and the faithful tried to demolish all of those other commentators by saying they just didn't know enough. They were ignorant by virtue of being armchair analysts.

Clearly, I was close enough to see both the full picture and the details. I could see what was included in the official story and what was intentionally not included - one form of investigator dishonesty. That makes "the angry ex-wife" blustering attempt to discredit me the only argument you can muster.

It's getting a bit limp. Try out the substance. Who knows? You all might find it challenging.

Cordially,

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>>>Date: Tue, 5 Apr 2011 11:27:49 +0200  
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>>>I said that my friend Marie-Th=E9r=E8se de Brosse knows  
>>>Budd Hopkins and Linda Cortile (nor Cortille), because  
>>>she lived in New York when she studied abductions  
>>>for her book, and came to know them well. For my part,  
>>>I don't know Linda but I have met Budd several  
>>>times, in France, Italy and Brazil, and I regard him highly.

>>>And I know several people who know them both and have the same  
>>>opinion.

>>That certainly wraps it up, then. Case proven.

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>>abduction research: it's gotta feel good.

>Carol

>This is not what I wrote. The case is not wrapped up and proven,  
>either way, it seems to me.

>You say it is proven to be false and my opinion is you are  
>wrong. You see, there is a lot of space between proven right or  
>proven wrong. Is that too complex for you?

><snip>

>>"Why aren't you calling for DNA testing in the Linda Cortile  
>>case? There are ample opportunities to have done such testing in  
>>the material objects given by the subject to the researcher. Why  
>>aren't you asking for blood types of the main characters and a  
>>cheek swab, at the very least?"

>>That's just one real-world tool that could be used - that would  
>>be objective, testable, and capable of being confirmed by other  
>>researchers. A tool of research that the rest of the world would  
>>respect.

>>Your warm fuzzy feelings are precisely that - your very own.  
>>They inform no one else but you.

>Carol, when you get tired of demolishing your ex-husband, I  
>suggest that you study your own cases and apply your high



>scientific standards to them.

>Don't just talk about them. Like Jerry Rubin said, "Do it!"

Gildas:

I have got to wonder what horse you have in this particular race. Do what? You are the one focused on Hopkins and what you think is the destruction of his honor. So, the man made an error; he was manipulated by his desire to help a person. I can't understand why you feel that Rainey is attacking Hopkins. You need to go back and sit quietly while watching the film clip. I saw no attack on Hopkins. As a matter of fact, Hopkins was described as wondering himself about the validity of the case. Time to take a deep breath and use a little critical thinking, don't you think.

I am still wondering what your friend Marie has to do with anything. Did you want to brag about knowing her? Fine, but why connect her to Hopkins. The discussion is about Linda - which you now state you do not know. End of discussion.

KK

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## Re: Types Of Civilization

From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 7 Apr 2011 21:15:46 +0100  
Archived: Fri, 08 Apr 2011 11:35:10 -0400  
Subject: Re: Types Of Civilization

>From: Kathy Kasten <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
>To: <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 6 Apr 2011 20:58:40 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Types Of Civilization [was: Mind Control]

>>From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
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>>Date: Tue, 5 Apr 2011 18:45:16 +0100  
>>Subject: Types Of Civilization [was: Mind Control]

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>>More importantly maybe, a civilization fit and indeed able to  
>>contact and communicate with other intelligent species should  
>>at  
>>least qualify as a Type I - able to control their own minds.

>>As you've probably guessed, my view is that we don't yet  
>>qualify.

>Ray:

>On this one, you are going to have to speak only for yourself -  
>and maybe your immediate circle of friends.

Hi Kathy,

Scenarios:-

a huge hairy black spider scuttles close across the floor, then  
freezes -

hanging from a rafter/branch, a thick green `hawser' suddenly  
twitches and heaves towards you -

from the undergrowth, some large `rat' or coon-like thing (which  
usually avoid humans) suddenly turns and runs directly at you

you're swimming in deep ocean when something much bigger glides  
underneath

a really big bumblebee flies in a window of a moving bus,  
crowded with (frightened) people

reading late at night, a noise from the unused Rayburn stove by  
your left knee - inside, a long clawed `finger' is scratching at  
the window

[last one doesn't really fit - a bat had flown down the chimney,  
presumably following a moth attracted by stray light]

Those could've been merely primate `perceptions' of some entity  
near you. Something really `alien' would also be seen, by the  
primate brain, as such a threat, and likely more so. Are we  
evolved enough to relax, observe and then react rationally to a  
really `alien' being?

(And what if the `alien' was inorganic and therefore invisible,  
only able to attempt contact by putting `pictures' into your

mind, maybe as you start to fall asleep? Could we handle, then analyze, those perceived 'hallucinations'?)

Cheers

Ray D

[In most of those cases I just got out of the way, although I freed the bat, and have helped a few bumblebees (even managed to feed a couple of them) - and the big spiders in my rented chalet in the Italian hills learned to hide under the wall-benches when I shouted at them, and to stay hidden when I had company]

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>From: William Treurniet <[wtreurniet.nul](mailto:wtreurniet.nul)>  
>To: [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 07 Apr 2011 12:20:30 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Battle Of Los Angeles New Analysis

>>From: Kentaro Mori <[kentaro.mori.nul](mailto:kentaro.mori.nul)>  
>>To: [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
>>Date: Wed, 6 Apr 2011 23:38:51 -0300  
>>Subject: Re: Battle Of Los Angeles New Analysis

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>suggestions that there may be an even less retouched photo do  
>not help much. Scott Harrison's article in the Los Angeles Times  
>says "the non-retouched negative... definitely showed the  
>original scene before a print was retouched".

William:

After reading many of your e-mail posts where you declare your  
stance regarding \_torus\_ seen near an object, I am still  
wondering what you think we are looking at. I get that you think  
it is \_real\_ phenomena, but have never seen where you define  
\_real\_. Please, how about a definition.

KK

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>>I suggest the beam could possibly be just another searchlight  
>>located to the far right and behind the photographer. This would  
>>make it appear as the light beam was going downwards.

>I can't picture what you are suggesting. A light source to the  
>right would have to be at a higher elevation than the object no  
>matter where it was positioned.

Look at this photo of a cupola:

<http://tinyurl.com/67sj4q8>

None of the structural beams of the cupola actually point downwards. And yet, in the image, most of them seem to point downward, by simple perspective.

Similarly, if there was a searchlight located behind the photographer, and pointed to the convergence area, it would appear as a streak going from the top of the photo to the convergence area. If it was also located to the right of the photographer, then it's just conceivable it could appear exactly like the beam Maccabee suggested was a de/reflection.

You can also imagine that all the light beams of the searchlights are equivalent to the structural beams of a cupola, with the convergence area at the center, and this is the important part, the photographer would be \*inside\* this cupola of light. In fact, that would seem like Albert Speer's "Cathedral of Light". Even when the light beams were pointed directly to the sky, those inside the Light Cathedral saw as if the beams were going over them.

>>Or it could simply be that its source on the left was not  
>>recorded in the poor quality image.

>Actually, for a night shot I think the image is pretty good. A  
>beam from the source on the left should be more visible than the  
>residual on the right.

If you assume a homogeneous atmosphere and many other assumptions, yes, but it could simply be that the right part of the image had a more thick atmosphere than parts of the left.

Kentaro

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## "Embrace Skepticism; Don't Buy Into UFO Hype"

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Neil Tyson At Penn State: Embrace Skepticism; Don't Buy Into UFO Hype  
by Adam Smeltz

Neil deGrasse Tyson speaks with reporters Wednesday. Image by Curtis Chan provided via Penn State Live, <http://live.psu.edu.Astrophysicist> Neil deGrasse Tyson didn't come to Penn State to talk about astrophysics.

The university already has top-flight experts in that field, faculty members who can shed light on and talk about cosmic discovery any time, he said.

And so, Tyson - an Ivy League-educated author, researcher and television personality - delved instead into what he called his "brain droppings" Wednesday night at Eisenhower Auditorium.

He spoke for nearly two hours on "Brain Droppings of an Astrophysicist", a part-science, part-comedy presentation that emphasized the value of skepticism, critical thinking and scientific grounding from day-to-day life to society at large.

Early on, Tyson brought a rhetorical knife to cut down popular mythology over purported alien visits and unidentified flying objects.

Imagine, he said, if you see "lights in the sky and don't what they are."

"If you don't know what it is, you don't know know what it is. You don't make stuff up" just to support theories that lack evidence, Tyson said. "... The human brain is one of the most deceptive data-taking (devices) there is."

After all, it's designed primarily to keep us alive, not to run scientific analyses, he said.

One by one, he flayed subjects that have gained traction in popular culture: astrology, Swami levitation, aliens on Mars, the "supermoon" and conspiracy theories suggesting government cover-ups of alien activity.

Tyson, who has served on federal commissions studying the aerospace industry and space exploration, said he knows how the government works.

"The government is really bad at keeping secrets", he said, laughing off cover-up theories about alien activity. "... The government is not that organized. Look at how much we know about President Clinton's genitalia... Think about it."

As his comedic high notes began to wind down, Tyson waxed more philosophical. Humans aren't simply in the universe; the



universe is also "in us", he said.

"That fact alone - that fact alone - makes me feel large without the baggage of ego", he said.

Human ego, Tyson said, shows through in those who believe that we must be the only life form in the universe. He said stars in the observable universe number one sextillion - a figure involving no fewer than 37 digits.

An estimated 1,800 people attended and gave Tyson a standing ovation at the free event, part of the Penn State Distinguished Speaker Series and the Waynick Memorial Lecture Series. A native of New York City, Tyson grew up in the city and went on to earn degrees at Harvard and Columbia universities. His research has centered in part on the formation of stars, on dwarf galaxies and on the Milky Way. Tyson also has served on the NASA Advisory Council.

He may be best known for his nine books - including "The Sky Is Not the Limit: Adventures of an Urban Astrophysicist" - and for his work hosting "NOVA" and "NOVA scienceNOW" on PBS. Tyson is the director of the Hayden Planetarium in New York City, as well.

In an opening riff Wednesday night, he said he "knew (State College) was remote", but didn't realize exactly how remote until he saw a front-page Collegian headline about cockroaches having been found at University Park.

"I'm thinking: 'Why is this news?'" Tyson told the audience. "It may be that this 300-million-year-old species finally found this town."

Earlier, in a pre-talk visit with local reporters Wednesday, Tyson said he wanted his talk to illustrate the importance of skepticism, including skepticism of those who are not skeptical themselves. He lamented the relative lack of an information filter in the Information Age, which he said makes it easy to jump "into a sandbox with others who think exactly like you do."

"There's no way to provide assurance to know what you're looking at has validity - unless you're equipped" with a healthy dose of critical-thinking skills, Tyson said.

At the same time, he said, the Information Age provides people with remarkable tools to investigate the gigantic, overarching questions that people have pondered for centuries: What else is out there? What's the meaning of it all?

Asked what he believes to be "the meaning of it all", Tyson was thoughtful.

The people who've found the greatest meaning in life, he said, are those who've "created the meaning themselves."

And in his own life, he said, he finds meaning in spreading knowledge and insight to others.

"One of my great goals has always been to lessen the suffering of others", and that includes intellectual suffering, Tyson said. "... I find my meaning by creating it around me."

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>>says "the non-retouched negative... definitely showed the  
>>original scene before a print was retouched".

>After reading many of your e-mail posts where you declare your  
>stance regarding torus seen near an object, I am still  
>wondering what you think we are looking at. I get that you think  
>it is real phenomena, but have never seen where you define  
>real. Please, how about a definition.

Hi Kathy, in this case, I'll go with the dictionary definition.

"Actually existing as a thing or occurring in fact; not imagined  
or supposed"

I think the torus near a UFO is a physical phenomenon amenable  
to study with tools and concepts that physicists use.

I have already speculated on what it is at the end of my initial  
post to this thread. Briefly, I think it is the visual  
manifestation of a field generated by a saucer's propulsion  
system.

William

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## Re: Battle Of Los Angeles New Analysis

From: William Treurniet <[wtreurniet.nul](mailto:wtreurniet.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 08 Apr 2011 14:08:21 -0400  
Archived: Sat, 09 Apr 2011 12:50:29 -0400  
Subject: Re: Battle Of Los Angeles New Analysis

>From: Kentaro Mori<[kentaro.mori.nul](mailto:kentaro.mori.nul)>  
>To: [post.nul](#)  
>Date: Thu, 7 Apr 2011 19:59:15 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Battle Of Los Angeles New Analysis

>>From: William Treurniet<[wtreurniet.nul](mailto:wtreurniet.nul)>  
>>To: [post.nul](#)  
>>Date: Thu, 07 Apr 2011 12:20:30 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Battle Of Los Angeles New Analysis

>>>From: Kentaro Mori<[kentaro.mori.nul](mailto:kentaro.mori.nul)>  
>>>To: [post.nul](#)  
>>>Date: Wed, 6 Apr 2011 23:38:51 -0300  
>>>Subject: Re: Battle Of Los Angeles New Analysis

>>>I suggest the beam could possibly be just another searchlight  
>>>located to the far right and behind the photographer. This would  
>>>make it appear as the light beam was going downwards.

>>I can't picture what you are suggesting. A light source to the  
>>right would have to be at a higher elevation than the object no  
>>matter where it was positioned.

>Look at this photo of a cupola:

><http://tinyurl.com/67sj4q8>

>None of the structural beams of the cupola actually point  
>downwards. And yet, in the image, most of them seem to point  
>downward, by simple perspective.

>Similarly, if there was a searchlight located behind the  
>photographer, and pointed to the convergence area, it would  
>appear as a streak going from the top of the photo to the  
>convergence area. If it was also located to the right of the  
>photographer, then it's just conceivable it could appear exactly  
>like the beam Maccabee suggested was a de/reflection.

I think I understand what you are saying now. But if the beam in  
question originated behind and to the right of the camera, I  
would expect the nearer part of the beam to be brighter than the  
more distant part.

According to your suggestion, the nearer part would be towards  
the right side of the photo, farthest away from the convergence  
point of the beams. But the beam is clearly least bright on the  
right and becomes progressively brighter towards the center. I  
would say this argues against your proposal.

It is, however, consistent with the beam originating from the  
left and being deflected at the convergence point before  
continuing on to the right. The intensity would be expected to  
fall off as it continued to the right in the more-or-less  
frontal plane.

William

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From: Kay Wilson <[kaywilson.nul](mailto:kaywilson.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 08 Apr 2011 15:40:49 -0500  
Archived: Sat, 09 Apr 2011 12:52:33 -0400  
Subject: Linda Cortile's Open Letter To Carol Rainey

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Kay Wilson  
[www.alienjigsaw.com](http://www.alienjigsaw.com)  
[www.puzzlepublishing.com](http://www.puzzlepublishing.com)  
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## Re: "Embrace Skepticism; Don't Buy Into UFO Hype"

From: Rick Nielsen <[nilthchi.nul](mailto:nilthchi.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 8 Apr 2011 17:51:12 -0700 (PDT)  
Archived: Sat, 09 Apr 2011 12:53:27 -0400  
Subject: Re: "Embrace Skepticism; Don't Buy Into UFO Hype"

>From: Giuliano Marinkovic <[giuliano.marinkovic.nul](mailto:giuliano.marinkovic.nul)>  
>To: <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 8 Apr 2011 01:05:36 +0200  
>Subject: "Embrace Skepticism; Don't Buy Into UFO Hype"

>Source: Penn State College.Com

><http://tinyurl.com/6e873za>

>April 07, 2011

>Neil Tyson At Penn State: Embrace Skepticism; Don't Buy Into UFO  
>Hype  
>by Adam Smeltz

>Neil deGrasse Tyson speaks with reporters Wednesday. Image by  
>Curtis Chan provided via Penn State Live,  
><http://live.psu.edu.Astrophysicist> Neil deGrasse Tyson didn't  
>come to Penn State to talk about astrophysics.

<snip>

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## Re: Priests Of High Strangeness - II

From: Gildas Bourdais <[bourdais.gildas.nul](mailto:bourdais.gildas.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 9 Apr 2011 10:45:18 +0200  
Archived: Sat, 09 Apr 2011 12:55:04 -0400  
Subject: Re: Priests Of High Strangeness - II

>From: Carol Rainey <[csrainey2.nul](mailto:csrainey2.nul)>  
>To: [post.nul](#)  
>Date: Thu, 7 Apr 2011 12:54:44 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Priests Of High Strangeness - II

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <[bourdais.gildas.nul](mailto:bourdais.gildas.nul)>  
>>To: <[post.nul](#)>  
>>Date: Thu, 7 Apr 2011 10:53:22 +0200  
>>Subject: Re: Priests Of High Strangeness - II

>>This is not what I wrote. The case is not wrapped up and proven,  
>>either way, it seems to me.

>>You say it is proven to be false and my opinion is you are  
>>wrong.

>>>From: Carol Rainey <[csrainey2.nul](mailto:csrainey2.nul)>  
>>>To: [post.nul](#)  
>>>Date: Tue, 5 Apr 2011 11:23:51 -0400  
>>>Subject: Re: Priests Of High Strangeness - II

><snip>

>>>This is your implied summary of what it takes to do UFO  
>>>abduction research: it's gotta feel good.

>>>Let me paraphrase how you assess the validity of the Brooklyn  
>>>Bridge Case (1989):

>>>"I like Mr.X and I have warm fuzzies for Ms. Y. Therefore my  
>>>gut feelings about these perfectly nice people makes me 100%  
>>>convinced that their reports of an extravagant abduction story  
>>>that goes on for 12 years, involves casts of hundreds, both in  
>>>the skies and on the ground, secret service agents, bugged  
>>>telephones, chases through Lower Manhattan, top international  
>>>diplomats, extraterrestrials with intentions of making their  
>>>presence known to the world, the oversight of George Bush I, the  
>>>Pope, and the CIA and FBI, the principal character's ongoing  
>>>romance with a shadowy, never-seen government agent named  
>>>Richard-which romance began in childhood and continued through  
>>>production of a child (possibly)-all this and more I am willing  
>>>to accept as a given.

>Gildas,

>Perhaps the mis-communication is due to your use of a non-native  
>language. I was paraphrasing (interpreting) your argument to  
>Kathy: you felt the Cortile case seemed valid because you liked  
>the people involved in it.

Carol, Kathy and the List,

I understand you very well. You are the one who is caricaturing  
me.

>And, please, point out exactly where I said that the case is  
>proven to be false? I have never said that. My investigation  
>of and film about the case are not completed yet. When they are,  
>I'll let you know.

It's going to be a big surprise, no doubt.

BTW, Linda Cortile has written a letter to you, published on Kay Wilson's site:

<http://www.alienjigsaw.com/Whats New/Open Letter From Linda Cortile.html>

If you want to carry on with your campaign, it's your choice, but I see for myself how unfair you can be, so I stop the discussion here.

Gildas Bourdais

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## Re: Priests Of High Strangeness - II

From: **Franck Boitte** <[franckboitte.nul](mailto:franckboitte.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 09 Apr 2011 16:06:53 +0200  
Archived: Sat, 09 Apr 2011 12:57:26 -0400  
Subject: Re: Priests Of High Strangeness - II

>From: Kathy Kasten<[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
>To:<[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 7 Apr 2011 19:15:36 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Priests Of High Strangeness - II

>I am still wondering what your friend Marie has to do with  
>anything. Did you want to brag about knowing her? Fine, but why  
>connect her to Hopkins. The discussion is about Linda - which  
>you now state you do not know.

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Ms. Kasten, List,

Mrs Marie-Th=E9r=E8se de Brosse has to date authored the only existing documenting french book on abductions. That's why she is still regarded over here by people like Mr. Bourdais an a few others like him as some sort of "abductionist guru", "prophet" or if you like to callher like that, "[French] Priestress of High Strangness".

After reading her book, I contacted Mrs. de Brosse. I tolmd her I wanted to draw possible links with a RR4 case I was then investigating in France in hope to get factual info about a RR4 file she claimed to have investigated in Canada.

The case dealt about a visibly drug addicted and deranged woman who presented herself under the nickname of "Sarah (not, mind you, Elizabeth!) Smith" and my curiosity dealt about pictures that experiencer said to have made. I'm sorry to have to say Mrs. de Brosse proved herself less than cooperative and bluntly refused to answer my questions or even discuss the matter, even after repeated morte and more polite trials on my side, under the provision that "I'd been perversely and offensively attacking her".

That's why, Ms. Kasten, I completely agree with you. What has the sympathy credit Mr. G. Bourdais may, for whatever reason(s) he has regarding his old friend Mrs des Brosse, to do with the "Lina Cortile" affair and what Mrs. Rainey has to tell us about the bias and pre-conceptions of her former husband's so-called "scientific investigation"?

Best,

F. Boitte

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## Re: "Embrace Skepticism; Don't Buy Into UFO Hype"

From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 9 Apr 2011 18:27:53 +0100  
Archived: Sun, 10 Apr 2011 07:11:41 -0400  
Subject: Re: "Embrace Skepticism; Don't Buy Into UFO Hype"

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>To: [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
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>A little skepticism is still a good thing. Keep Stan's  
>grey-basket handy!

Fully agree Rick, in fact I try to achieve real, impartial  
scepticism on all subjects; although that's very difficult for  
us humans.

However, for the over-confident (and under-informed), must add a  
word of caution: here's a quote:

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"Categorizing is a useful tool - when used after the analysis  
phase of a scientific investigation.

However, folk who've gotten opinionated (by the apparent  
efficiency of categorizing) will often mistakenly categorize at  
the initial phase of data gathering. As a result they might  
declare 'That's impossible / a hoax!' before analysis of data.

Such fatal 'pre-judging' is a typical weakness of older, more  
dogmatic scientists - see Clarke's First Law

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Clarke's\\_three\\_laws](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Clarke's_three_laws)

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Cheers

Ray D

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>of Linda's character and motivations, and Budd Hopkins'  
>investigation of her case.

Isn't it funny that "open letters" are for one person, in this case Ms. Rainey, and not for me or anyone else?

But I still want to butt in.

Ms. Cortile would have done me good by making specific rebuttals to the points Ms. Rainey raised. But she didn't. Instead Ms. Cortile raved about herself and Mr. Hopkins, and ragged on Ms. Rainey.

That's understandable. But it's not as satisfying as Ms. Rainey's illumination of Hopkins' and Cortile's activities.

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## Pop Star Katy Perry Talks ETs

From: Gregory Boone <[evolbaby.nul](mailto:evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 9 Apr 2011 12:54:41 -0400 (EDT)  
Archived: Sun, 10 Apr 2011 07:14:57 -0400  
Subject: Pop Star Katy Perry Talks ETs

With Van Halen front man Sammy Hagar coming out about ET abductions, now pop star Katy Perry is chiming in. Also John Favreau who directs the new "Cowboys And Alens" movie, based on the comic book from my old comics company Malibu that brought "Men in Black" to the screen, is also talking about ETs.

<http://newsroom.mtv.com/2011/04/01/katy-perry-space-travel/>

Seems Hollywood and more are bringing the issue up and there may be more to come.

Best,

Greg  
ufomafia.com

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>investigation of her case.

You have got to be kidding. I just read the 'letter' from Linda Cortile. Nothing critical was addressed. Just the usual. Something about Carol trying to kill Hopkins by exposing the truth about Linda's abduction case.

Linda, naturally, with effort, attempts to shift the focus off Linda to Hopkins.

My, my, this is too obvious a ploy. I am sure most thinking people understand the need to expose the hoaxers of alien abductions. Linda Cortile is one of the more obvious hoaxers. Entertaining as hell. She provided quite a show. I congratulate her on her performance.

For Kate: Are sure you want to back this horse in this particular race? It might cast aspersions on your own assertions.

KK

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## Utah Newspaper Digs Up FBI UFO Files

From: Gregory Boone <[evolbaby.nul](mailto:evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 9 Apr 2011 21:56:16 -0400 (EDT)  
Archived: Sun, 10 Apr 2011 07:30:58 -0400  
Subject: Utah Newspaper Digs Up FBI UFO Files

Nice look at how one newspaper reporter does the homework looking into UFOs and the Flying Saucer phenom using the FBI's research database.

<http://tinyurl.com/3hwvya4>

<http://tinyurl.com/3u646sl>

It's not a hostile nor condescending look but just straight news.

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Greg  
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>To: [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
>Date: Sat, 9 Apr 2011 11:20:09 -0700 (PDT)  
>Subject: Re: Linda Cortile's Open Letter To Carol Rainey

>>From: Kay Wilson <[kaywilson.nul](mailto:kaywilson.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>>Date: Fri, 08 Apr 2011 15:40:49 -0500  
>>Subject: Linda Cortile's Open Letter To Carol Rainey

>>Linda Cortile, the primary subject of Witnessed: The True Story  
>>of the Brooklyn Bridge UFO Abductions, finally breaks her  
>>silence and addresses Carol Rainey regarding Rainey's criticisms  
>>of Linda's character and motivations, and Budd Hopkins'  
>>investigation of her case.

>Isn't it funny that "open letters" are for one person, in this  
>case Ms. Rainey, and not for me or anyone else?

>But I still want to butt in.

>Ms. Cortile would have done me good by making specific rebuttals  
>to the points Ms. Rainey raised. But she didn't. Instead Ms.  
>Cortile raved about herself and Mr. Hopkins, and ragged on Ms.  
>Rainey.

>That's understandable. But it's not as satisfying as Ms.  
>Rainey's illumination of Hopkins' and Cortile's activities.

I have made it a point to stay out of a business that is sick  
and sorry only when it isn't embarrassing and absurd, but:

<http://www.alienjigsaw.com/Whats New/Meers Critique Rejected.html>

Jerry Clark

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## Re: Priests Of High Strangeness - II

From: **Gildas Bourdais** <[bourdais.gildas.nul](mailto:bourdais.gildas.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 11 Apr 2011 10:44:49 +0200  
Archived: Mon, 11 Apr 2011 06:44:53 -0400  
Subject: Re: Priests Of High Strangeness - II

>From: Franck Boitte <[franckboitte.nul](mailto:franckboitte.nul)>  
>To: [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
>Date: Sat, 09 Apr 2011 16:06:53 +0200  
>Subject: Re: Priests Of High Strangeness - II

>>From: Kathy Kasten<[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
>>To:<[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 7 Apr 2011 19:15:36 +0000  
>>Subject: Re: Priests Of High Strangeness - II

>>I am still wondering what your friend Marie has to do with  
>>anything. Did you want to brag about knowing her? Fine, but why  
>>connect her to Hopkins. The discussion is about Linda - which  
>>you now state you do not know.

>Ms. Kasten, List,

>Mrs Marie-Therese de Brosse has to date authored the only  
>existing documenting french book on abductions. That's why she  
>is still regarded over here by people like Mr. Bourdais an a few  
>others like him as some sort of "abductionist guru", "prophet"  
>or if you like to call her like that, "[French] Priestess of  
>High Strangness".

>After reading her book, I contacted Mrs. de Brosse. I told her  
>I wanted to draw possible links with a RR4 case I was then  
>investigating in France in hope to get factual info about a RR4  
>file she claimed to have investigated in Canada.

>The case dealt about a visibly drug addicted and deranged woman  
>who presented herself under the nickname of "Sarah (not, mind  
>you, Elizabeth!) Smith" and my curiosity dealt about pictures  
>that experiencer said to have made. I'm sorry to have to say  
>Mrs. de Brosse proved herself less than cooperative and bluntly  
>refused to answer my questions or even discuss the matter, even  
>after repeated more and more polite trials on my side, under  
>the provision that "I'd been perversely and offensively  
>attacking her".

>That's why, Ms. Kasten, I completely agree with you. What has  
>the sympathy credit Mr. G. Bourdais may, for whatever reason(s)  
>he has regarding his old friend Mrs des Brosse, to do with the  
>"Lina Cortile" affair and what Mrs. Rainey has to tell us about  
>the bias and pre-conceptions of her former husband's so-called  
>"scientific investigation"?

To Franck and the List

Here we go again, this time with Franck Boitte! I wanted to quit  
the debate but I cannot let this pass.

Mr Boitte: Marie-Therese was quite wise not to answer you, as  
everybody can see on reading you comical post.

Talking about "gurus", I recall that you once told me that  
Jacques Vallee was one of the ten greatest men of the 20th  
Century !! With worshipers like you, he is the one who deserves  
the titles of guru and "priest of high strangeness".

As for Marie-Therese, here is, again her message of support of Budd Hopkins:, at:

<http://tinyurl.com/3vhp49p>

"I have been deeply shocked by Carol Rainey's article and don't want to review it here in detail; however, what I can say is that I am an old friend of Budd's (since 1992). I have witnessed his work and I have been impressed by his behaviour, and I know that he is very careful when he works with abductees. This is not just a compliment from a friend: I have had the opportunity to validate this in many cases. I also say this as someone who has spent seven years studying at Paris University and who has also spent many years studying this disturbing phenomenon.

"Budd not only spent hours and hours discussing the subject with me, but he also allowed me to join him in his support group. He showed me videos of his regression sessions and I was able to see - firsthand -- how he carefully avoided leading questions. He also allowed me to speak directly with some of his abductees without being present so they were able to feel comfortable in their conversations with me.

"Budd is a very dedicated person whose aim is not to make money! I always saw him giving his time generously without ever asking for any payment. His goal was, and always has been, to understand the phenomenon and to try to help people.

"Budd had the courage to open this Pandora's box, and I am among those who want this important work continue."

-- Marie-Therese de Brosse, Author and Investigative Journalist

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## FBI: Roswell Memo '3 Bodies Of Human Shape'

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 11 Apr 2011 16:39:36 -0400  
Archived: Mon, 11 Apr 2011 16:39:36 -0400  
Subject: FBI: Roswell Memo '3 Bodies Of Human Shape'

Source: The Washington Post

<http://tinyurl.com/5vjrsb>

04/11/2011

FBI Releases Roswell Memo About Three Bodies Of Human Shape'  
By Melissa Bell

The FBI is stirring up conspiracy theorists and spy-minded folk across the Internet, with its new online reading room, The Vault. Just last week, it made headlines for crowd-sourcing a previously unbreakable code letter and posting files on the murder of the Notorious B.I.G.

Now, an even bigger scoop is rippling through the Web: the Vault has resurfaced a memo pertaining to one of the most mysterious moments in the annals of FBI history, Roswell, N.M., that seems to give some credence to the UFO researchers.

Roswell has been the ground zero of alien conspiracy theorists for decades, ever since a disc-like object crashed into a ranch in the Southwest in 1947. The military maintained it was a surveillance balloon, but UFO researchers claimed otherwise.

The memo making the rounds Monday is the Hottel memo, written March 22, 1950, by Guy Hottel, a special agent in the FBI's Washington Field Office. The memo was sent to J. Edgar Hoover, then the director of the FBI.

It reads: "An investigator for the Air Forces stated that three so-called flying saucers had been recovered in New Mexico. They were described as being circular in shape with raised centers, approximately 50 feet in diameter. Each one was occupied by three bodies of human shape but only 3 feet tall, dressed in metallic cloth of very fine texture. Each body was bandaged in a manner similar to the blackout suits used by speed flyers and test pilots.

According to Mr. [Redacted] informant, the saucers were found in New Mexico due to the fact that the Government has a very high-powered radar set-up in that area and it is believed the radar interferes with the controlling mechanism of the saucers."

Hottel never wrote that he was discussing Roswell, or even if the observations of the aforementioned informant turned out to be true. However, the description of the bodies calls to mind the infamous Roswell autopsy videos and the memo's mention of New Mexico is enough to set off a flurry of conspiracy theories.

"Creeped out? I am", writes Javier Ortega at the blog Ghosttheory.

The FBI told CBS that other than a surge in Internet traffic, there was no news in the news: "[The archive] contains information about the most frequently asked for files,"

according to FBI spokesman Bill Carter, who said the top two subjects of public interest were UFOs and Elvis Presley. "They've switched back and forth for No. 1 a few times."

The memo has been available, thanks to a Freedom of Information Act, for some time, but the Vault has made nearly 2,000 records all the more readable and searchable, so expect more conspiracies to bubble up in the future.

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## FBI Destroyed Thousands Of UFO Reports

From: **Eustaquio Andrea Patounas** <[socex.ufobras.nul](mailto:socex.ufobras.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 11 Apr 2011 16:22:21 -0300  
Archived: Tue, 12 Apr 2011 06:51:39 -0400  
Subject: FBI Destroyed Thousands Of UFO Reports

Source: The Guardian - UK

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2011/apr/11/fbi-destroys-ufo-reports>

Monday 11 April 2011

FBI Destroyed Thousands Of UFO Reports, 1949 Memo Reveals

Agents routinely destroyed reports containing 'nothing of FBI interest' due to lack of filing space

Ian Sample  
Science Correspondent

The FBI was so overwhelmed with sightings of flying saucers in the 1940s that agents routinely destroyed reports because of lack of filing space, according to documents released by the organisation.

The policy is outlined in a memo sent on 16 August 1949 to J Edgar Hoover, the director of the bureau, along with documents on UFOs compiled by agents after statements from witnesses.

The note, sent by an unnamed FBI agent in San Antonio, Texas, states that the office destroyed UFO reports on the grounds that they arrived "in great numbers" and contained "nothing of FBI interest".

"It is pointed out that the filing of these would result in the rapid accumulation of very bulky files," the memo continues.

The documents are among a batch of papers related to UFO sightings that has been made available through The Vault, the FBI's online records database.

In one intriguing note, sent on 22 March 1950, special agent Guy Hottel, head of the FBI's Washington field office, wrote to Hoover with information on three "so-called flying saucers" that a witness claimed had crash-landed in New Mexico.

According to the memo, an air force investigator stated that three flying saucers had been recovered in the area, along with the bodies of the alien crews. The memo goes on to add: "Each one was occupied by three bodies of human shape but only three feet tall, dressed in metallic cloth of a very fine texture. Each body was bandaged in a manner similar to the blackout suits used by speed flyers and test pilots." According to the witness, the saucers were brought down by a "high-powered government radar" in the area that interfered with the spaceships' controls. "No further evaluation was attempted," the memo concludes.

In 1947, an object that may have been a weather balloon crash-landed near Roswell, New Mexico, sparking an ongoing conspiracy that US officials captured an alien spacecraft.

In a separate incident, Hoover received an urgent teletype message from FBI agents in Salt Lake City, Utah, describing what

appeared to be an explosion in the sky that was followed by "the falling of a silver-coloured object."

The sighting, recorded on 5 April 1949 by a guard at the army general supply depot in Ogden, Utah, was reported independently by a military officer and also a highway patrolman, who claimed to see a silver object explode as it approached mountains at Sardine Canyon.

Later in the message, an assessment by the US air force office of special investigations linked the sightings to two B-29s that were practising extremely high-altitude bombing runs in the Utah desert.

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## Pine Bush UFO Festival 2011

From: Carol Maltby <[carolmaltby.nul](mailto:carolmaltby.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 11 Apr 2011 22:50:25 -0400  
Archived: Tue, 12 Apr 2011 07:24:30 -0400  
Subject: Pine Bush UFO Festival 2011

Pine Bush UFO Festival 2011

April 30  
Hours: 9:00am - 6:00pm

The Pine Bush UFO Festival is sponsored by the Pine Bush Lions Club and is supported by the town and community.

Schedule, times and locations are subject to change due to circumstances beyond our control -- we'll keep you posted

For more information, email [ufopinebush.nul](mailto:ufopinebush.nul)

Location of the Event:

Town of Crawford, Pine Bush, Orange County, NY 12566, USA

"Alfie" the Alien Hide & Seek. 9am - 6pm. "Alfie" is hiding in participating merchants all around town. Collect the right amount of tokens and receive a free ice cream cone from Stewart's.

Speakers. Town Hall, 121 Route 302. Ufologists will talk about the local lore and related topics.

At 9am, Greetings with Dr. Bill Wiand followed by his talk on "Contact, Capture, Abduction or Experiencer", 10am Robert Van Der Clock will speak on "UFOs: Acclamation, Disclosure & Contact". At 1pm our special guest speaker will be Peter Robbins who will tell us "Why We Should Take UFOs Seriously" followed at 3pm by Rick Mc Philips catching us up on "The Natural History of UFO Sightings". We end our day with Robert Oliveri at 4pm who will tell us about "Propulsion Mechanisms and Inter-Dimensional Travel".

Local student art show on display. 9am - 6pm in the Mitchell Performing Arts Center, Main St.

Music in the Main St. Gazebo. 9am - 6pm Showcasing our local talent.

Children's Activities. 9am - 6pm Several locations around town. Expected offerings include face painting, slime the alien, have your picture taken with an Alien, pony rides & more.

Relay for Life teams will be offering items of interest in support of the American Cancer Society located behind the cultural center on Main Street.

Enjoy the costume/theme parade. Step-Off is at 3pm. Main St. to Boniface Dr. Send an email for information. Pre-registered entries only.

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

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## Hastings On 'Roswell FBI Memo: Baloney Or Hogwash?'

From: Robert Hastings <[ufohastings.nul](mailto:ufohastings.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 12 Apr 2011 00:56:42 -0400 (EDT)  
Archived: Tue, 12 Apr 2011 07:32:37 -0400  
Subject: Hastings On 'Roswell FBI Memo: Baloney Or Hogwash?'

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Christian Scienc Monitor

<http://tinyurl.com/3pe98k3>

Yes, the recent furor over the March 22, 1950 FBI memo is almost certainly much ado about nothing. Ben Radford, the managing editor of Skeptical Inquirer, published by the Committee for Skeptical Inquiry, is correct about that much at least. However, over the years, CSI (and its earlier incarnation, CSICOP) has gotten almost everything they've published about UFOs wrong. (And those pesky, almost completely unpublicized links between some of its leading members and the U.S. government's nuclear weapons program are, uh, interesting.)

<http://tinyurl.com/3pe98k3>

Ironically, it was an article in the Christian Science Monitor, on Dec. 5, 1973, that provided one of the first glimpses into the UFO phenomenon's link with nuclear weapons. Raymond Fowler, a Minuteman missile project supervisor working for Sylvania Corporation, was the focus of the piece:

### Air Force Denies UFO Incident

A United States missile program supervisor claims that mysterious unidentified flying objects have seriously imperiled national security. The Air Force denies it. Raymond E. Fowler, project supervisor on a Minuteman missile program near Boston, asserts that [UFOs] have penetrated the restricted air space above America's missile sites, jamming vital electronic equipment. He also says the objects eluded fighter aircraft scrambled to intercept them...Specifically, Mr. Fowler says he talked with an Air Force officer who had been in one of the subterranean Launch Control Facilities [LCFs] of a North Dakota Minuteman site on August 24, 1966, when radar operators picked up a UFO maneuvering over the base at 100,000 feet. The officer declared that the LCF's sophisticated radio equipment, that enables it to receive firing instructions from coordinating centers and transmit them to the silo Launch Facilities [LFs] was blocked out by static when the UFO hovered directly over it. Mr. Fowler recalls the officer saying that he could conceive of "nothing on earth" that could caused the equipment to malfunction from such an altitude, emphasizing that it was working perfectly before the object appeared overhead and after it left.

Asked to comment on Mr. Fowler's allegations, an Air Force spokesman in Washington declared that SAC, that operates the site, "could find nothing in its unit histories to confirm the presence of unidentified flying objects over it or indeed malfunctions in its equipment on the date mentioned."

Despite the Air Force's denial Dr. [J. Allen] Hynek insists that the base was buzzed by a UFO. "I went there as the Air Force representative and talked to the people concerned after it happened," he says. Dr. Hynek was at that time acting as scientific consultant to Project Bluebook. Mr. Fowler says he was told that communications between land strike-teams [armed

jeep patrols] dispatched to a spot where the first UFO appeared to land and intercepting aircraft were completely jammed by strong radio interference. Moreover, he says, missile site control found intense static disrupting communications with its strike-teams.

After UFOs had streaked away, Mr. Fowler claims that Air Force Intelligence teams, descended on the base telling those who had seen or heard anything to keep quiet... He cites a Joint Chiefs of Staff regulation last updated in 1966, that establishes a system for reporting UFO sightings to the Aerospace Defense Command at Colorado Springs... and imposes penalties for the unauthorized disclosure of UFO information. But says an Air Force spokesman:

"We're out of the UFO business."

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On September 27, 2010, I co-sponsored the UFO-Nukes Connection press conference in Washington D.C., which CNN streamed live, at which seven former or retired USAF personnel discussed their direct or indirect involvement in UFO incidents at nuclear weapons sites. A video of the event, with subtitles, is at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3jUU4Z8OdHI>

The sworn affidavits of the participants, as well as a small cross-section of declassified documents relating to UFO incidents at nukes sites--including the one mentioned in the CSM article above--may be found at:

<http://tinyurl.com/23ydwac>

An article regarding certain key CSICOP/CSI members' professional links to the U.S. government's nuclear weapons program, titled Reporter Duped By UFO Debunkers, may be found at my website.

Things are not always as they seem folks. Do your homework.

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

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## Re: FBI: Roswell Memo '3 Bodies Of Human Shape'

From: Vincent Boudreau <[vincentboudreau.nul](mailto:vincentboudreau.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 12 Apr 2011 02:07:34 -0400  
Archived: Tue, 12 Apr 2011 07:33:43 -0400  
Subject: Re: FBI: Roswell Memo '3 Bodies Of Human Shape'

<snip>

>Source: The Washington Post

><http://tinyurl.com/5vjrpssb>

>04/11/2011

>FBI Releases Roswell Memo About Three Bodies Of Human Shape'  
>By Melissa Bell

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>Vault. Just last week, it made headlines for crowd-sourcing a  
>previously unbreakable code letter and posting files on the  
>murder of the Notorious B.I.G.

<snip>

Sorry, I can't help myself but to see the following pop up on my  
email client:

UFO UpDate: "Embrace UFOs; Don't Buy Into Skepticism Hype" was...  
FBI: Roswell Memo '3 Bodies Of Human Shape'

Vincent Boudreau

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## Maybe Bear This In Mind?

From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 12 Apr 2011 07:56:02 +0100  
Archived: Tue, 12 Apr 2011 07:36:26 -0400  
Subject: Maybe Bear This In Mind?

Hello List,

"FBI destroyed thousands of UFO reports, 1949 memo reveals Agents routinely destroyed reports containing 'nothing of FBI interest' due to lack of filing space"

[www.guardian.co.uk/world/2011/apr/11/fbi-destroys-ufo-reports](http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2011/apr/11/fbi-destroys-ufo-reports)

Maybe we should bear that in mind when anyone says that release of Gov't archives or F.o.I replies concerning UFOs (or anything thing else the establishment is sensitive about), are 'reliable' or 'significant' or even meaningful in any way.

The fact is, Gov't (including bureaucrats & 'security') will hide anything they want - because they can.

For instance, the incidence of corruption & criminality among police-chiefs and judges is routinely hidden - because they can.

So all statistics on those subjects are drastically skewed.

However Bayesian analysis -

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bayesian\\_average](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bayesian_average)

- shows a different picture (basically, say re: corrupt judges & police-chiefs, it allows you to posit "1 proven 'true' case represents c. 100 hidden 'true' cases", which is subjective yet more probably represents the reality).

Cheers

Ray D

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## Human Spaceflight - Reaching For The Stars

From: Terry W. Colvin <[fortean1.nul](mailto:fortean1.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 12 Apr 2011 17:31:01 +0700 (GMT+07:00)  
Archived: Tue, 12 Apr 2011 07:37:54 -0400  
Subject: Human Spaceflight - Reaching For The Stars

[http://www.economist.com/blogs/dailychart/2011/04/human\\_spaceflight](http://www.economist.com/blogs/dailychart/2011/04/human_spaceflight)

The slideshow is more interesting than the brief, brief history and chart.

Terry

For a slideshow of the space-age future that never happened, see our Babbage Blog

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## Mind Control - BBC Follow-Up

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Helo List,

Recall that Toxocara 'warning'?

<http://www.ufoupdateslist.com/2011/apr/m04-004.shtml>

The mental / psychological effects seem very close to 'brain-washing' and might have a bearing on altered behaviour of some experiencers.

Well, co-incidentally maybe (perhaps BBC producers are List members?) there was a prog about it this morning -

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b01061hk>

Next On: Thursday, 21:00 on BBC Radio 4

- and the implications of the Wiki page are confirmed, maybe more so - i.e. up to 60% of humans possibly infected.

Small rays of hope - i) some schizophrenia drugs also seem (surprise?) effective against infection; ii) the Czech professor who's done much investigation seemed to say that Rhesus positive folk might be protected to some extent.

So maybe don't be surprised if abductees - or witnesses thought to be 'too close' - are asked or required to take anti-schizo shots and blood tests pretty soon?

Cheers

Ray D

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>Subject: Linda Cortile's Open Letter To Carol Rainey

>Linda Cortile, the primary subject of Witnessed: The  
>True Story of the Brooklyn Bridge UFO Abductions,  
>finally breaks her silence and addresses Carol Rainey  
>regarding Rainey's criticisms of Linda's character and  
>motivations, and Budd Hopkins' investigation of her  
>case.

My first reaction on reading Linda Cortile's open letter to Carol Rainey was of surprise at how aggressive it was.

But it also had a familiar ring to it.

It reminded me of the defamatory statement about me that Elizabeth Smith posted on her blog site, until she removed it just before Dr. Jacobs published his own defamatory statement about me on his website.

Linda and Elizabeth are not just similar in that they have, in my opinion, perpetrated long term hoaxes. They appear similar in their reactions to those of us on the inside who saw through them and pointed out what they were doing.

Both Linda and Elizabeth have spun unbelievable tales of mind boggling events, but simultaneously say that they are just ordinary wives and mothers.

Linda: "As you know, I'm a simple woman who has tried to live an ordinary life... Most women and men around the world live a typical lifestyle like mine... Anyway, there isn't much left to say except that this American-Italian wife and mother will go now... There are sweet grandchildren to hug, home-cooked meals to prepare, and laundry to tend to."

Elizabeth: "I'm a pretty average person with a pretty average life, for the most part. I'm married with kids, have a dog, a mortgage, a car payment, numerous PTA meetings, and, in short, all the standard trappings of your typical middle class suburbia."

Both avoid addressing any of the substantive allegations against them.

Linda: "I've been quiet all of this time because my computer has been down - thankfully... Now - in response to your critiques: You have got to be kidding... I have nothing to defend... As for the Witnessed case - it stands on its own as it has for the past 20 years. And me? Quite frankly, it's none of my business what you think =80=93 nor do I care."

Elizabeth: "She continues to slander me to those who will listen, and she has now posted libelous comments publicly. I will not address the comments themselves at this time as blatant lies do not deserve the time or attention that would entail."

Linda and Elizabeth both try to shift the focus of attention off themselves and onto Budd Hopkins and David Jacobs respectively - as Kathy Kasten also noted:

<http://www.ufoupdateslist.com./2011/apr/m10-004.shtml>

Linda: "... after all, Budd's standing, and the decades of his investigations are impeccable. Whether you like it or not, nothing you say or do will ever change that, nor will anyone fill his shoes."

Elizabeth: "I do wish to state for the record, however, that Dr. Jacobs has always treated me with the utmost of respect and professionalism at all times. I do not agree with any of the libelous charges Ms. Woods has accused him of. I have never seen him act in any manner even remotely similar to the things she describes. He is a consummate professional who has worked with countless people, myself included, in order to help them."

Although Linda and Elizabeth have both, in my opinion, lied repeatedly, they have aggressively accused those of us who have tried to expose them (and provided evidence to substantiate our allegations) of dishonesty.

Linda: "Between your incoherent rants, and extremely embellished credentials, one has to say that you haven't done your credibility any favors. The truth could help, but then, honesty does not fit into your agenda."

Elizabeth: "...blatant lies do not deserve the time or attention... I have never seen him act in any manner even remotely similar to the things she describes... one might conclude many of the allegations and trauma have been invented after the fact.... She supports her facts by taking things severely out of context and disregarding damaging facts and events altogether."

Both Linda and Elizabeth try to portray those of us who exposed their frauds as unfulfilled/mentally ill people acting out of personal problems.

Linda: "I'm going to quickly break the facts down in basic terms. To sum it all up: You are a disgruntled ex-wife who refuses to let go. As one hand hangs on by its fingernails, the other uses people whom Budd cares about - as tools to hurt him - and that is the crux of the matter. Evidently, you have not gone on with your life.... Sadly, as it seems, the only light in your life has come from a computer screen in a small, darkened room - instead of family, friends or even a career."

Elizabeth: "I formed the opinion that Ms. Woods was most likely suffering from an as-yet undiagnosed mental condition.... In closing, I only wish to say that I hope Ms. Woods is able to move on and get the help she seems to need to live a fulfilling and happy life."

Both Linda and Elizabeth are aggressive, even though they are the ones who betrayed our trust.

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## Hastings: FBI's UFO File: Proof Of Roswell?

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<http://www.livescience.com/13653-ufo-alien-roswell-fbi-memo.html>

Yes, the March 22, 1950 FBI memo was first released to physicist Dr. Bruce Maccabee via the FOIA in 1977 and, no, it does not relate to Roswell but the so-called Aztec case which most researchers believe was a hoax. Ben Radford, the managing editor of Skeptical Inquirer, published by the Committee for Skeptical Inquiry (CSI), is correct about that much at least.

That said, investigators Scott and Suzanne Ramsey report that they are about to publish new information on Aztec which, they say, will raise serious doubts about the hoax theory. I am not endorsing their claim, merely reporting it here.

Furthermore, over the years, CSI (and its earlier incarnation, CSICOP) has gotten almost everything they've published about UFOs wrong. (And those pesky, almost completely unpublicized links between some of its leading members and the U.S. government's nuclear weapons program are, uh, interesting. Please read on.)

Re: Roswell proper, the most credible - if chiefly second-hand - information relating to it originated with the late USAF Brigadier General Arthur E. Exon. His published comments may be found at:

<http://roswellproof.homestead.com/exo=E2=80=8Bn.html>

Perhaps significantly, at the time of the alleged UFO recovery in July 1947, nearby Roswell Army Air Field was the only atomic bomber base in the world, hosting the 509th Bomb Group, the post-war iteration of the B-29 squadron that had destroyed Hiroshima and Nagasaki two years earlier.

Why is this significant? Declassified U.S. government documents, including some accessed by Dr. Maccabee himself, confirm the reality of ongoing UFO incursions at nuclear weapons sites as early as December 1948. A small cross-section of those documents may be found at [theufochronicles.com](http://theufochronicles.com):

<http://tinyurl.com/23ydwac>

The linked-article above also contains the legal affidavits of the seven former or retired USAF personnel who participated in my September 27, 2010 UFO-Nukes Connection press conference in Washington D.C. All of those individuals were directly or indirectly involved in still-classified UFO incidents at nuclear weapons sites. CNN streamed the event live and a video of it, with subtitles, is at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3D3jUU4Z=E2=80=8B8OdHI>

An article regarding certain key CSICOP/CSI members' professional links to the U.S. government's nuclear weapons program, titled "Reporter Duped by UFO Debunkers", may be found at my website.

Things are not always as they seem folks. Do your homework.

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

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<http://tinyurl.com/3q5yvmq>

April 14th, 2011

China Bans Time Travel For Television

"New guidelines issued on March 31 discourages plot lines that contain elements of 'fantasy, time-travel, random compilations of mythical stories, bizarre plots, absurd techniques, even propagating feudal superstitions, fatalism and reincarnation, ambiguous moral lessons and a lack of positive thinking'."

[More at site]

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How many scientists cut their teeth on sci-fi and other fantasy?  
This ought to slow down Chinese technology some.

Diana

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## UFO Sightings In Waikato Skies

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Archived: Thu, 14 Apr 2011 12:38:14 -0400  
Subject: UFO Sightings In Waikato Skies

Source: Waikato Times - NZ

<http://tinyurl.com/3wbd85a>

14/04/2011

UFO Sightings In Waikato Skies  
By Ben Stanley

Strange lights have been illuminating Waikato skies and some residents are pinning it on UFO activity. But astronomers say more mundane meteors or man-made objects are to blame.

North Hamilton man Adrian Kilpatrick is convinced he and his wife Kathryn saw a unidentified flying object above his Woodridge home last Saturday night.

When he first saw it, at around 6.30pm, Mr Kilpatrick, a long-time believer in UFOs, thought it was a light plane coming into land.

"But then it looked like the plane was on fire, like the engines were glowing orange," he said, adding that the object's absolute silence had made him wonder further of its origins.

He estimated the object was flying around the height a small aircraft might fly and appeared less than two kilometres north of their house.

It moved towards Hamilton from Ngaruawahia, before changing direction and zipping towards Morrinsville.

Mr Kilpatrick estimated it was visible for about three minutes.

"The people who are skeptical about UFOs haven't seen one yet. They are real," the Hamilton businessman said.

Suli Laomakei and Kelly Dixon have seen something too. The pair, employees at Te Rapa's Prolife Foods, were outside taking a cigarette break at around 11pm when they saw a "light the size of the moon" moving quickly across the night sky on March 29.

"It was very bright when it moved. Everything below it lit up," Ms Laomakei said. "It was huge, and looked like it had flames coming out of it."

Ms Laomakei, who estimated the object was only around 100m off the ground, said she was not a believer in UFOs before the sighting, but the strange light had her scratching her head. "Something was travelling through the sky that night," she said.

Hawera residents have also reported a flaming ball zig-zagging through the sky on Tuesday night. through the night sky.

Auckland Stardome Observatory astronomer Dr Grant Christie said a meteor entered the atmosphere over New Zealand around 11pm on the night of March 29, lighting up the night sky.

Dr Christie estimated the fireball to be travelling around 30 and 80km above the earth, describing as one of the brightest observed fireballs above New Zealand since 1999.

As for Mr Kilpatrick's travelling light? Observatory spokesperson Gina Dellabarca said it was likely caused by the International Space Station (ISS), which is currently manned by six people and orbiting around 350 km above Earth. with the last pass at around 6pm yesterday. It is expected over New Zealand again this Saturday at about 6.30pm.

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The 'similarity stuff' pointed out is intriguing and should not lie fallow. See, if others can talk about Woods 'sociopathy' and Rainey's 'mendaciousness' even when it seems discursive and foundationless, then Woods can point out the seeming clear intent and obvious results of her opponents curious literary mechanisms, as she has done: that at least two of her opponents very willing principal players seem to be getting 'marching orders' and are, it would further seem, controlled by a 'third party,' eh?

Too, in as much as 'Elizabeth' is also a cover name employed for similar purposes, perhaps we might consider gravy for the goose as gravy for the adjacent goose, too?

Be that as it may... something smells here, and ignoring that, however it falls out in the end, is not in the best interests of anything or anyone.

It's really too bad for all concerned that Ms. 'Woods' won't just give it all up and let bygones be bygones... but why should she with things smelling as bad as is indicated. She is egregiously betrayed on tape by an alleged 'care-giver', after all. Betrayed!

In a similar situation myself, by way of example, I will continue punching Rich Reynolds in the literary throat with every opportunity presenting itself until I get profuse apologies and damages for his libelous utterances.

<http://alienviewgroup.blogspot.com/2005/11/smoke-and-fire.html>

<http://www.alienview.net/news5.html#rrrstart>

So I applaud the activities of Ms. 'Woods'. Why? Frankly, because it puts the subsequent psychopath on notice that there are consequences for scurrilous behavior. Reynolds never again pulled his particular brand of slanderous nonsense with anyone that I am aware of, eh? It seems I saved a lot of potential

folks significant aggravation with \_my\_ protests.

So! You go 'Emma'!

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Don:

Yes, there are allegations supported by documents suggesting that the Cortile Case was a hoax perpetrated by Linda Cortile. Apparently, you have not been following the release of the documents and Rainey's videos. I don't blame you as alien abductions are very messy and are recognized as dealing with human emotions. Unlike, the nuts & bolts approach where human emotions are discounted and denied to exist as far as the reports from witnesses are concerned.

BTW: one of the unsung heroes/investigators into so-called alien abduction is Anne Strieber - who for years has quietly been reading and responding to experiencers concerns. She has never written a book nor been on the lecture circuit - and, yes, the word is from the Latin word for circus which sometimes happens in the UFO world of conferences.

KK

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These documents you speak of; these are court documents or  
police documents, or sworn affidavits are they?

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I've seen one which didn't make its case. When I questioned it I  
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Once again, yet another person - who has not viewed Rainey's  
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Budd Hopkins was deceived by a grifter. Not the first time a  
researcher was lead a stray by a \_volunteer\_.

How many times have you been deceived, Glidas, because you were  
so focused on \_getting at the truth\_? Is that what is going on  
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From: Dave Haith <[visions1.nul](mailto:visions1.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 16 Apr 2011 08:57:33 +0100  
Archived: Sat, 16 Apr 2011 09:36:25 -0400  
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Kathy,

Do I take it you mean any observer labelled by the media as a  
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>I am only anonymous in public, like many other experiencers.

I have no problem with anonymity, I've written about abductees in one of my books and protected their names as well. The problem I have in your case is we know the accused's name as Dave Jacobs while the person who is making the accusations remains anonymous.

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Don Ledger

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Archived: Sat, 16 Apr 2011 14:06:20 -0400  
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>To: <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 14 Apr 2011 11:57:47 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Linda Cortile's Open Letter To Carol Rainey

>>From: Jason Gammon <[boyinthemachine.nul](mailto:boyinthemachine.nul)>  
>>To: [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
>>Date: Thu, 14 Apr 2011 11:34:08 -0400 (EDT)  
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>>>this have a similar modus operandi. It would be interesting to  
>>>work out what the patterns are.

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>>refrain from sneakily trying to insert them in a reply for  
>>another subject.

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>lie fallow.

Correction to the link below:

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## Re: UFO Sightings In Waikato Skies

From: **Kathy Kasten** <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 16 Apr 2011 19:50:26 +0000  
Archived: Sun, 17 Apr 2011 07:29:12 -0400  
Subject: Re: UFO Sightings In Waikato Skies

>From: William Sawers <[orkal.nul](mailto:orkal.nul)>  
>To: <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 16 Apr 2011 13:28:20 +1000  
>Subject: Re: UFO Sightings In Waikato Skies

>>From: Kathy Kasten <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
>>To: <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 14 Apr 2011 18:42:54 +0000  
>>Subject: Re: UFO Sightings In Waikato Skies

>>>From: Geoff Blackmore <[geoff\\_184.nul](mailto:geoff_184.nul)>  
>>>To: [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
>>>Date: Fri, 15 Apr 2011 01:53:30 +1200  
>>>Subject: UFO Sightings In Waikato Skies

>>>Source: Waikato Times - NZ

>>><http://tinyurl.com/3wbd85a>

>>>14/04/2011

>>>UFO Sightings In Waikato Skies  
>>>By Ben Stanley

>>>Strange lights have been illuminating Waikato skies and some  
>>>residents are pinning it on UFO activity. But astronomers say  
>>>more mundane meteors or man-made objects are to blame.

>>>North Hamilton man Adrian Kilpatrick is convinced he and his  
>>>wife Kathryn saw a unidentified flying object above his  
>>>Woodridge home last Saturday night.

>>>When he first saw it, at around 6.30pm, Mr Kilpatrick, a long-  
>>>time believer in UFOs, thought it was a light plane coming into  
>>>land.

>>I am glad that some background information on the observer of  
>>this event is provided by the news report. The case reported  
>>above shows that the observer had a predisposition to calling  
>>anything he can't identify under the misnomer \_UFO\_, in this  
>>case meaning an ET craft. Maybe its time to lose the category  
>>\_UFO\_ with its totally loaded meaning and opt for something that  
>>really means the observer cannot identify what they are seeing.

>Do I take it you mean any observer labelled by the media as a  
>"long time believer," brings you to the conclusion the term  
>"UFO" should become superfluous because it had the innuendo of,  
>"Flying Saucer" or "ET"?

Yes.

>I felt Mr Kilpatrick's explanation, reported, was quite adequate.

I was not questioning the reporter's term.

>It gave the object he saw, height >and direction and description,  
>which is somewhat more than many >other "Sky Things" (STs)  
>the media report.

I am stating that everybody now thinks in terms of ET craft whenever the term UFO is stated. I am simply saying UFO no longer means Unidentified Flying Object but ET craft. So, I think it is time to say what is meant.

>It more than likely has a natural explanation, but I think there >are many other acronyms for "stuff in the sky" (S.I.T.S.), like >U.A.P.s and RUFOs even.

\_Stuff in the the sky\_ would end up having the the same meaning as UFOs. I like unidentified air planes (UAP).

>I'll leave it to others more enlightened than I to give us some >more appropriate terms so we can categorise what we do or do not >see in the sky.

Ah, but William, we get to define what we mean because we are the ones discussing the subject.

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Date: Sat, 16 Apr 2011 17:36:15 -0400  
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witness in many states, in over 80 cases in a 23 year career. He  
has also written over 2200 opinions about medical insurance  
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organizations of forensic document examiners.

He states clearly in another segment not yet posted that

handwriting analysis is a highly trained skill (looking at specific characteristics of the writing too detailed to go into here)--that it is not, by itself, absolutely definitive evidence.

Someone very experienced in the field--not a lay person with no knowledge of the elements to be studied--can state that the two samples are written by the same person with 1) a high degree of certainty; 2) a reasonable degree of certainty; or 3) inconclusive.

Rubin concluded that he had enough Cortile handwriting samples to say with a high degree of certainty that she was also the author of the addressed manila envelope, which supposedly came with drawings from (another pseudonym!) "Janet Kimball."

Which then, of course, would lead us to question the actual relationship of the witness on the bridge to Linda Cortile. But before concluding that, it would be good to have another such analyst evaluate the same materials.

So that was one set of documents offered to help viewers begin to draw their own conclusions about the case and about the way that abduction research is currently practiced. A second set have so far only been glimpsed--the drawings from Linda herself, agent Richard, and witness Janet Kimball. A third set of documents were in a later excerpt -- parts of the contract between researcher and subject which clearly specifies the degree of profit-sharing between them and which establishes a fair amount of dishonesty and dissembling on the part of Cortile about her lack of interest in profits from the book and/or movie. Those documents also establish a possible motive for her to report an escalating series of Hollywood-ready events. Not proof, mind you, but possible motive.

<http://www.youtube.com/user/Dali27?feature=mhum#p/a/u/0/3t9-ORR3Yhw>

The third sort of documentation of the case are the videotaped interactions between Hopkins and Cortile. I leave that to the viewer to determine both credibility and degree of credulousness that they choose to attribute to the subjects of the documentary.

I don't think we could call this a "he said/she said" kind of film. Cumulatively, the segments will offer substantial evidence about the validity of the case.

Will it be definitive and absolutely convince the entire UFO community one way or another? Nope! That I'm quite sure of. People do tend to hold onto their articles of faith in this field.

<snip>

>Don't you find it odd that Jacobs has not revealed your real >name despite your public accusations? If he has, I'm not aware >of it.

Actually, it's fairly apparent that Jacobs has revealed Emma's name to at least one individual, who posted under a pseudonym (here we go again!) on the Paracast forum with veiled comments that suggested he could reveal her identity. The fact that Jacobs has not himself done so is the sole honor left in his research with this subject. Breaching the confidentiality of the research subject's information would be a major ethical violation on the researcher's part.

Hope I responded to the right question from you, however belated!

Take care,

Carol Rainey  
[www.carolrainey.com](http://www.carolrainey.com)

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Apparently you love it because it hasn't stopped you.

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I asked for documents proving that the Cortile case was a hoax.

How specific do you want me to be?

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## FBI: Roswell Memo '3 Bodies Of Human Shape'

From: Isaac Koi <[isaackoi.nul](mailto:isaackoi.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 17 Apr 2011 17:32:54 +0100  
Archived: Mon, 18 Apr 2011 07:17:25 -0400  
Subject: FBI: Roswell Memo '3 Bodies Of Human Shape'

On Mon, Apr 11, 2011 at 9:39 PM, UFO UpDates - Toronto  
<[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)> posted:

>Source: The Washington Post

><http://tinyurl.com/5vjrp5b>

>04/11/2011

>FBI Releases Roswell Memo About Three Bodies Of Human Shape'  
>By Melissa Bell

Hi All,

I think that the UFO Updates List has been spared most of the more misleading articles published by various British newspapers and others during the last week about this memo (i.e. Guy Hottel's memo dated 22 March 1950). Several articles have stated that this memo has just been released, is about Roswell and/or is confirmation by the FBI that alien bodies were recovered at Roswell.

Anyway, I took advantage of a sleepless night a few days ago to pull together some material about Guy Hottel's memo (including some redacted and unredacted Air Force documents which I haven't seen on any UFO website in connection with Hottel's memo).

I know a few of you have seen this item already, but I thought it worth mentioning on UpDates in case more of you were interested:

<http://www.abovetopsecret.com/forum/thread689049/pg1>

I doubt many members of this particular List were unaware of the basic points I had been making on a few discussion forums prior to writing this detailed item. (My shorter earlier posts on those forums had generated some fairly hostile responses). The basic points I had been making were that:

- (1) The memo is NOT a new release.
- (2) The memo relates to a HOAX exposed DECADES ago by a convicted con-man - Silas Newton.
- (3) The memo does NOT relate to Roswell.

(Before sceptics get too smug about all the points made in that article, I should mention that a fair proportion of the comments about Hottel's memo made by them fail to give credit to prior researchers, give incomplete references and/or repeat rather misleading statements by William Moore without checking the source material).

All the best,

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>to say with a high degree of certainty that she was also the  
>author of the addressed manila envelope, which supposedly came  
>with drawings from (another pseudonym!) "Janet Kimball."

>Which then, of course, would lead us to question the actual  
>relationship of the witness on the bridge to Linda Cortile. But  
>before concluding that, it would be good to have another such  
>analyst evaluate the same materials.

>So that was one set of documents offered to help viewers begin  
>to draw their own conclusions about the case and about the way  
>that abduction research is currently practiced. A second set  
>have so far only been glimpsed--the drawings from Linda herself,  
>agent Richard, and witness Janet Kimball. A third set of  
>documents were in a later excerpt -- parts of the contract  
>between researcher and subject which clearly specifies the  
>degree of profit-sharing between them and which establishes a  
>fair amount of dishonesty and dissembling on the part of Cortile  
>about her lack of interest in profits from the book and/or  
>movie. Those documents also establish a possible motive for her  
>to report an esca- lating series of Hollywood-ready events. Not  
>proof, mind you, but possible motive.

But this is not new evidence. If memory serves Budd states this  
in the book witnessed? Or it was admitted back in the late 90s  
sometime. I knew about this and I'm sure most of those  
interested did too.

I once was invited to do a documentary re the Shag Harbour  
Incident-one of a couple dozen at least. In this case though it  
was going to eat up a lot of my time. I wasn't retired then. It  
was an American production and I would have had to go to the  
states, blah blah, blah. For once I dug in my heels and said I  
want this and I want that. "Oh, we don't pay our witnesses."

"But you don't turn down the profit and good salaries you make  
at my expense, do you? Without me or my co-author Chris Styles  
you don't have a documentary other than what you can steal from  
the book." That one never came off but there are no end of  
documentary film makers who make money off the testimony of the  
same witnesses who get villified whether they get paid or not.

Your expert handwriting witness gets paid for his testimony in  
court. That doesn't lessen the impact of of his testimony in  
court.

If Cortile got a lump of money for putting up with the crap that  
most witnesses have to put up with (in her case a heck of a lot  
more) more power to her.

><http://www.youtube.com/user/Dali27?feature=mhum#p/a/u/0/3t9-ORR3Yhw>

>The third sort of documentation of the case are the videotaped  
>interactions between Hopkins and Cortile. I leave that to the  
>viewer to determine both credibility and degree of credulousness  
>that they choose to attribute to the subjects of the  
>documentary.

Again, this is subjective, not documentation.

>I don't think we could call this a "he said/she said" kind of  
>film. Cumulatively, the segments will offer substantial evidence

>about the validity of the case.

>Will it be definitive and absolutely convince the entire UFO  
>community one way or another? Nope! That I'm quite sure of.  
>People do tend to hold onto their articles of faith in this  
>field.

You would be better to leave the former sentence out of the argument. Making this statement suggests desperation. In other words "f you don't believe what I have told you then you are not to be convinced because you will believe regardless what evidence is presented." This makes some religious kind of association to the word 'believe'.

I could say that you are putting your faith in a non-science. Handwriting expertize is in the same genre as psychiatric experts. They are not even soft science. I know the legal professions have leaned on this type of evidence for years but more exact forensic sciences (note the word sciences) have tended to throw out a lot of what was once considered evidence.

The FBI perpetrated an outright lie that got people convicted using lead bullets (just the lead portion, not the copper, brass or chrome jackets) and the 'different' types of lead. What a surprise to find that the lead in the gun of whatever suspect the police were favoring matched the lead bullets found in the body of the murdered person. The fact is, everyone's lead bullets did. The FBI has since circulated statements to police organizations world wide advising them that comparing lead bullets has no validity in forensic science.

But in any case. I looked at the document comparisons and frankly a couple of curls in documents filled with other non-comparable letters does not proof make. In two letters written by two different people with hundreds if not thousands of characters in each the odds are that a few will look the same. An infinite number of mokeys and ...typewriters....

><snip>

>>Don't you find it odd that Jacobs has not revealed your real  
>>name despite your public accusations? If he has, I'm not aware  
>>of it.

>Actually, it's fairly apparent that Jacobs \_has\_ revealed Emma's  
>name to at least one individual, who posted under a pseudonym  
>(here we go again!) on the Paracast forum with veiled comments  
>that suggested he \_could\_ reveal her identity. The fact that  
>Jacobs has not himself done so is the sole honor left in his  
>research with this subject.

Damned with faint praise, huh?

> Breaching the confidentiality of the research subject's  
>information would be a major ethical violation on the  
>researcher's part.

But he didn't; that was my point.

>Hope I responded to the right question from you, however  
>belated!

Yes, thanks, but I have to go and look at the other URLs you sent. I don't have much time at present.

Don Ledger

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## Re: Linda Cortile's Open Letter To Carol Rainey

From: **Kathy Kasten** <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 17 Apr 2011 18:28:33 +0000  
Archived: Mon, 18 Apr 2011 07:23:03 -0400  
Subject: Re: Linda Cortile's Open Letter To Carol Rainey

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>To: <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 17 Apr 2011 12:30:54 -0300  
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>>From: Kathy Kasten <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
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>>Date: Sat, 16 Apr 2011 19:40:11 +0000  
>>Subject: Re: Linda Cortile's Open Letter To Carol Rainey

>>>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>>>To: <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>>>Date: Fri, 15 Apr 2011 11:25:09 -0300  
>>>Subject: Re: Linda Cortile's Open Letter To Carol Rainey

>>>>From: Kathy Kasten <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
>>>>To: <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>>>>Date: Thu, 14 Apr 2011 18:37:06 +0000  
>>>>Subject: Re: Linda Cortile's Open Letter To Carol Rainey

>>>>>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>>>>>To: <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>>>>>Date: Thu, 14 Apr 2011 13:47:18 -0300  
>>>>>Subject: Re: Linda Cortile's Open Letter To Carol Rainey

>>><snip>

>>>>>Additionally to the last, since when has it been proven that the  
>>>>>Cortile Case was a hoax? Is this just a proclamation or is there  
>>>>>some proof of a hoax other than Fake Emma just saying so?

>>>>Don:

>>>>>Yes, there are allegations supported by documents suggesting  
>>>>>that the Cortile Case was a hoax perpetrated by Linda Cortile.

>>>>These documents you speak of; these are court documents or  
>>>>police documents, or sworn affidavits are they?

>>>>>Apparently, you have not been following the release of the  
>>>>>documents and Rainey's videos.

>>>>I've seen one which didn't make its case. When I questioned it I  
>>>>got no response.

>>Don:

>>Which document? I am referring to the documents Rainey shows in  
>>her film clip. And, yes, because they are contracts I get to  
>>assume they are legal - in the way that term is normally used -  
>>documents. It appears you never looked at the clip.

>I saw the handwriting expert clip. But that's it.

>>Don't you just love it when people have an opinion involving  
>>something they know nothing about?

>Apparently you love it because it hasn't stopped you.

Excuse me. Disagreement between us really doesn't mean you get to call my opinions uninformed. Now does it.

>>I am sorry but you will need to be more specific when you throw  
>>a dart at the board.

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There are various documents provided by Rainey in her film clip. Surely, you don't want me to believe you are simply flipping off some verbiage just because you don't like the subject. (I remember the go around with Raytheon where you pretended to know all aspects of their research and production - even though you have no direct access to their facility in either California or Arizona.)

KK

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>all aspects of their research and production - even though you  
>have no direct access to their facility in either California or  
>Arizona.)

You still trying to fly that old heifer? Raytheon didn't then  
and still does not build their own aircraft other than model  
airplane type, surveillance - one or two prototypes weighing  
about 50 pounds. That doesn't make them an aircraft  
manufacturering company.

Don Ledger

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## Symbols Revealed As Evidence Of Alien Abduction

From: Carol Rainey <[csrainey2.nul](mailto:csrainey2.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 19 Apr 2011 14:32:12 -0400  
Archived: Wed, 20 Apr 2011 06:33:39 -0400  
Subject: Symbols Revealed As Evidence Of Alien Abduction

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This segment shows Budd Hopkins revealing, for the first time, strikingly similar symbols that numerous abductees have reported seeing aboard alien spacecraft. But in the process of shooting the claims made by the world's best-known abduction researcher, the filmmaker begins to question Hopkins' confident assertions.

In this ongoing series, producer/director Carol Rainey looks at how the collection of "alien" symbols came into being and asks whether faulty research methods may have invalidated the use of these abductee drawings as evidence for the phenomenon.

<http://www.youtube.com/user/Dali27?feature=mhsn#p/a/u/0/MqjcmTDhqE>

Enjoy!

Carol Rainey  
[www.carolrainey.com](http://www.carolrainey.com)

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## Dreams & Reality: How Do They Relate To Alien

From: Rick Nielsen <[nilthchi.nul](mailto:nilthchi.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 19 Apr 2011 19:17:10 -0700 (PDT)  
Archived: Wed, 20 Apr 2011 06:36:12 -0400  
Subject: Dreams & Reality: How Do They Relate To Alien

Yoko Ono said something that John Lennon quoted:

"A dream you dream alone is only a dream. A dream you dream together is reality."

(A line written by Ono many years before, and quoted by Lennon in December 1980, as quoted in 'All We Are Saying: The Last Major Interview With John Lennon And Yoko Ono' (2000) by John Lennon, Yoko Ono, David Sheff, p. 16.)

How do dreams and reality relate to alien abductions?

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## News Links - 19-04-11

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 20 Apr 2011 08:14:38 -0400  
Archived: Wed, 20 Apr 2011 08:14:38 -0400  
Subject: News Links - 19-04-11

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Newly-Discovered FBI Memo And The Roswell UFO Crash  
Examiner.com  
<http://tinyurl.com/3q8sjux>

Bruce Maccabee And Others: FBI Vault 1950 UFO Memo Based On Hoax  
Suite101.com  
<http://tinyurl.com/3htatpy>

UFOs Reported In Inland Valley Day Before Roswell  
Contra Costa Times  
<http://tinyurl.com/3z15vv5>

Body Of 'dead Alien' Is Found In Russia After Claims Of UFO  
Hurtling To Earth... But Is It An Elaborate Hoax? Pictures & Video  
Daily Mail  
<http://tinyurl.com/6z4tddv>

The JFK UFO Connection: Bogus Documents Or Unanswered Questions?  
AOL News  
<http://tinyurl.com/3spx8yh>

Military Jets Follow Virginia UFO  
Examiner.com  
<http://tinyurl.com/42aj8qd>

Witnesses In Two States Report UFOs With Contrails  
Examiner.com  
<http://tinyurl.com/43xoc7x>

Triangle UFO At 150 Feet 'Surprises' New Jersey couple  
Examiner.com  
<http://tinyurl.com/6kswyz9>

Triangle UFO Reports Popular With NUFORC Witness Database  
Examiner.com  
<http://tinyurl.com/6l7jueh>

Disc UFO hovered over Georgia family's swimming pool  
Examiner.com  
<http://tinyurl.com/3ekxmov>

Ohio Witness Considers Alien Abduction After Triangle UFO  
Encounter  
Examiner.com  
<http://tinyurl.com/3np4gnk>

UFOs In The Bay  
Hawke's Bay Today  
<http://tinyurl.com/3elf76g>

UFOs In The Bay: The Files  
Hawke's Bay Today  
<http://tinyurl.com/3c6semt>

Strange Sightings In Bay Skies - UFOs?  
The Bay of Plenty Times  
<http://tinyurl.com/3btm7xa>

Chinese Lantern Theory Can't Explain Hawera UFO  
Stuff.co.nz  
<http://tinyurl.com/6ga75sa>

Police Release Details Of Welsh UFO Sightings  
WalesOnline  
<http://tinyurl.com/3mddp24>

Multiple UFOs Sighted In Japan The Past Month  
The Epoch Times  
<http://tinyurl.com/3co49n7>

'What Just Happened Up There?': UFO Sighted In Shalimar - Video  
The Northwest Florida Daily News  
<http://tinyurl.com/3jtfrlw>

Dancing Light UFO, Ghana April 16, 2011 =96 Video  
DBKP - Death By 1000 Papercuts  
<http://tinyurl.com/3zh7mrk>

UFO Lights In The Sky? Did You See Them?  
This Is Hampshire.net  
<http://tinyurl.com/3gbspqjo>

Hundreds Gather For State's 1st UFO Conference  
WAPT Jackson  
<http://tinyurl.com/4ytzb2h>

Congressional Hearing Needed On UFO Sightings  
Columbia Missourian  
<http://tinyurl.com/3jutha6>

Close Encounter At Byron Bay UFO Group With Glennys Mackay  
The International News Magazine  
<http://tinyurl.com/3hna441>

Movie Star's UFO Trip With Former Lover And Australian Politician  
The Daily Telegraph  
<http://tinyurl.com/3j8ymdg>

Actor Shirley MacLaine's Red Hot Gossip On Andrew Peacock  
Sydney Herald Sun  
<http://tinyurl.com/3qam2d6>

'The Vault' Offers A Look At FBI Investigations  
Fox 13 Now - Salt Lake City  
<http://tinyurl.com/3obq4we>

UFO Digest Launches Canada Edition April 18!  
UFODigest  
<http://tinyurl.com/3b6frjy>

Brooklyn Man Starts UFO Hotline  
New York's PIX11/WPIX-TV  
<http://tinyurl.com/3j2mpvc>

=46rom Frank Warren's The UFO Chronicals:

The March 22, 1950 FBI Memo On Crashed Flying Saucers:  
Livescience.com Spins the Facts  
<http://tinyurl.com/3q9aooz>

Dr Bruce Maccabee Decodes The FBI 'X -Files' - Video  
<http://tinyurl.com/6gcby7>

Project Sign UFO Report - 'Flying Triangle' Reported Over  
Vicksburg, Mississippi - 3-22-1949  
<http://tinyurl.com/66h8qzy>

New Trailer For Cowboys And Aliens - Video  
<http://tinyurl.com/44nmxtw>

MUFON Star Team Experiences Close Encounter 3rd Kind During  
Investigation - Update  
<http://tinyurl.com/3euvouo>

Frank Warren On The Dave Scott Show - Video

<http://tinyurl.com/42tjfdw>

UFOs - Nice Houseguests

Seth Shostak

<http://tinyurl.com/3vffh2v>

=46rom 'The Norm':

Reassessing Wilburt Smith

Paul Kimball

<http://tinyurl.com/3r3hp34>

Falling Brains Dept:

Roswell Author & Historian John LeMay To Appear On Jeff Rense  
Program

American Banking News

<http://tinyurl.com/5we6reg>

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From: **Jerome Clark** <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 20 Apr 2011 07:19:07 -0500  
Archived: Wed, 20 Apr 2011 08:58:45 -0400  
Subject: Re: Symbols Revealed As Evidence Of Alien Abduction

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Falls asleep in front of screen as he waits for next reality  
show starring embittered ex-spouse.

Jerry Clark

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From: Kentaro Mori <[kentaro.mori.nul](mailto:kentaro.mori.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 20 Apr 2011 10:30:51 -0300  
Archived: Wed, 20 Apr 2011 11:09:51 -0400  
Subject: Trindade 'Negative Witness' Found

In the end of 2009, from the ship's log obtained by friend and collaborator Rodrigo Moura Visoni at the Navy Documentation Service in Rio de Janeiro, we located several of the names of the people aboard the Almirante Saldanha ship at the moment of the alleged sighting.

From there and a little research, we obtained the contact information for most of them. Unfortunately most of the ones we succeeded to find were already deceased. Fortunately, we found one surviving eyewitness.

Edson Jansen Ferreira, who spent six months in Trindade Island helping to build the Oceanographic Post, and who embarked in his return trip home in the Almirante Saldanha in January 15, 1958, therefore before the famous UFO event. From the ship's log we can establish he was definitely onboard -- all those embarking and disembarking were recorded in the log.

75 years-old at the time we interviewed him several times, 23 at the time of the alleged UFO event, he was still very lucid and confirmed, from his own personal diary, details of how he was indeed there. On the beginning of December I recorded one of the interviews I did with him. We also shared this discovery with other researchers and collaborators, including Jeferson Martinho, who also managed to record an interview with him.

I'm still to publish my interview, and many other details and findings of Trindade case, but as you can see it's been over a year since we made this find. Friend Jeferson Martinho then has kindly publicized today a summary of most of our findings, including details and an audio of his own interview with Jansen.

The information can be read on Martinho's "Vigilia" UFO website:

<http://vigilia.com.br/sessao.php?categ=0&id=1119>

And now, to the information most will be probably anxious to read: Jansen was very clear in that he didn't see a thing. As Martinho was talking with Jansen for the n-th time -- before it Visoni and I had talked with him almost a dozen times -- when he asked again if Jansen was actually on deck at the moment of the sighting, Jansen answers that he doesn't know, but from the context, he was actually referring to the fact he didn't know exactly at what time did the commotion occur.

In Martinho's own interview, later on, one can hear Jansen refer to the fact he did see the commotion of people pointing to the sky, and the fact that he, despite having perfect vision, couldn't see a thing.

In my own recorded interview before that, I asked Jansen where he was at the moment of the sighting: if on the deck, on the cabins or anywhere else. He answered:

"Well, everyone while in the sea doing nothing, usually rests, lying in the deck's floor... at the time there was no air conditioner [laughs]. Then they started to say they were seeing [something], as I told [your researcher friend] Rodrigo [Visoni]. Everyone saw it. But my vision was 20/20. I could see

everything. And I didn't see anything. 'It's there!' [they said]. 'But where?' [I asked]. I didn't see a thing. I didn't see nothing. Nobody could have seen something if I didn't see it. Look, to me this is bollocks ["conversa fiada"]."

I asked if those who claimed to see something were civilians or if there was some officer among them:

"No, no, there were only sailors. And some civilian that was there, you know, returning home, photographers. And that's it. I never saw it."

Asked how many people were there, if fifty, a hundred, perhaps less...

"No, no, what, fifty! No, there were around 13, 15, people that strolls around [the deck], you know?"

Note that Commander Paulo de Castro Moreira e Silva, when asked how many people saw the UFO, answered that "perhaps eight". All very different from the numbers quoted among Ufologists, of 48 or even 150, all of which have as their source none other than Barauna himself.

Jansen also added:

"That's why I tell you: I don't know what made everyone see -- or better yet, [not everyone], because I was part of everyone [there], and I didn't see. The guys called attention to something, blah, blah, blah... I think all were induced. (...) They were induced to see something. But I wasn't."

When I told him that the photographer claimed that 150 people saw the UFO, Jansen was firm:

"Lie. That's a lie. [laughs] I say that's a lie. There. It's my word against his".

Jansen clarified he didn't know Almiro Barauna. He also didn't know that Barauna had passed away since. Unfortunately, all the people he knew on Trindade and on the ship have also already passed away. But fortunately, more than five decades after the event, we could record his story to help consider the Trindade Island UFO case.

It's an important testimonial evidence, but there's also a lot of clear evidence on the photos themselves that they were hoaxed. There's also plenty of evidence to put in question many of the other tenets of the case that have been repeated by Ufologists without proper research for more than half a century, which in sum present strong evidence that the case was a hoax that lasted for so long because of an initial struck of luck by the hoaxer, and then improper research, that actually was never conducted.

The audio interview I recorded with Jansen, along with more evidence and findings, will be published soon, but for now, and again, I recommend the excellent reference provided by Jeferson Martinho, one of the researchers who collaborated with us in this almost decade-long effort to finally investigate this famous Brazilian case:

<http://vigilia.com.br/sessao.php?categ=0&id=1119>

I must also note, as Martinho also emphasized, that when last year, the Fantastico TV show aired the interview with Barauna's friend, Emilia Bittencourt, claiming to have heard from him that he did hoax the photos, the show's producers were aware of our findings, and that they have also collaborated with our efforts to investigate this case. This is one of the reasons we so eagerly considered Bittencourt's claims. They were only part of a mountain of independent evidence pointing to one clear direction. More recently, through Alexandre Borge's efforts, Barauna's nephew also claimed that Barauna admitted the hoax to him.

The direction is clear.

Sincerely,

Kentaro Mori

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>>>Phenomenon."

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Even presuming this touted embitteredness, the question is  
begged with regard to a reason for it eh? It remains that it's  
not 'He said/ She said', so much as, 'He said/She provides  
citation, an audit path, expert witnesses, and \_video\_.'

"I want to stack the deck..." - Budd Hopkins. What is that but a  
questionable fidelity.

Kevin Randle erodes "Dora" effectively... Rainey de-  
substantiates "Cortile"... and I make short work of  
"Mortellaro," myself. Jacobs invalidates himself handily. It's  
all gone... Stir the ashes to make sure the fire's gone out, and  
decamp. No one is more revolted than myself.

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<snip>

>No one is more revolted than myself.

In that case, given the link between emotion and digestion, I encourage you to stay away from the popcorn.

Cheers,

Jerry Clark

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>From: Kentaro Mori <[kentaro.mori.nul](mailto:kentaro.mori.nul)>  
>To: [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 20 Apr 2011 10:30:51 -0300  
>Subject: Trindade 'Negative Witness' Found

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And not the only thing, John.

Jerry Clark

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>To: [post.nul](#)  
>Date: Wed, 20 Apr 2011 16:34:55 +0100 (BST)  
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>>From: Kentaro Mori <[kentaro.mori.nul](mailto:kentaro.mori.nul)>  
>>To: [post.nul](#)  
>>Date: Wed, 20 Apr 2011 10:30:51 -0300  
>>Subject: Trindade 'Negative Witness' Found

>Game, set and match.

Really?! You spout facile nonsense and know same. One, even in your plus column, is not a sample as you know. See, pretend it's 2025 and one still lucid old man comes forward who can prove he was in Dallas, November 22, 1963. He testifies that he saw JFK shoot himself. See the problem?

You're a canted 'Nibbler' Mr. Rimmer. Well, nibble at seven categories of compelling evidence that what you find most 'unsettling' is more obviously true than not.

Yes! Wholly unconsidered and even ignored by these you, and inexplicably duped to insentience, apparently, by "fringe morons and intellectual lightweights," is a massive evidentiary pathway known across seven categories to include (1) the Historical textual documents glyphed in soot and cut into stone or otherwise writ in ancient inks on cracking vellum, (2) the extant Artistic Historical from primitives on the walls of their caves, through Middle-Age wood-cuts, to the masterpieces of the masters on rough canvas and slick gesso later on (3) the quality Anecdotal reports backed up by multiple vetted witnesses and corresponding radar (4) genuine Photographic efforts prior to digital photography provided by Dr. Bruce Maccabee, et sig al (5) extant Physical Traces of landing UFOs as laboriously outlined by Ted Phillips and others (6) the "wholly Personal" evidence, if you have any as I do and (7) even the Mathematical, Mr. Rimmer, as it is described in modern physics regarding the consequences of satisfying requirements accounting for "the formality of the actual occurrence" of something 'physical' in this not understood multi-verse (humanity 'happened' so "others" must similarly have 'happened') but, specifically, as it is described in Probability One by Amir D. Aczel, PhD. Alien intelligence, Mr. Rimmer, is a certainty! Moreover, the evidence-entirely if ironically in concert with Fermi-is that they are here.

Your yet inconclusive sample of "one" is entirely overshadowed, Sir. It is you ignoring the 500 pound gorilla in the room, Mr. Rimmer. I do 3500 words in an upcoming UFO Magazine on this subject. Stay tuned.

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>To: <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
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>You're a canted 'Nibbler' Mr. Rimmer. Well, nibble at seven  
>categories of compelling evidence that what you find most  
>'unsettling' is more obviously true than not.

Oh, Alfred, and we were getting on so well with the Budd Hopkins  
business! My comment was actually aimed at Jerry Clark, who's  
been asking for a 'negative witness' - just one! - for what  
seems like years.

Oh, hang on, it has been for years!

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John Rimmer

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>Game, set and match.

John,

Do you mean that the question of whether any Navy crew witnesses saw the object, apart from Barauna and his civilian companions, has at last been answered - in the negative? And is it your conclusion that, therefore, an object allegedly seen only by Barauna and those often charmingly referred to as his "cronies" never existed?

A 1958 Brazilian Navy intelligence evaluation stating not only that there were Navy witnesses, but that it had indeed been they in the bow and stern of the ship who raised the initial alarm on deck, was never considered by you as bearing on the answer to that question, because after all everyone is fallible, even Navy intelligence captains and their Navy sources (in particular the Navy's designated cognizant technical investigator on the spot, Capt Bacellar), and there's always room for doubt, right?

Similarly the fact that the Captain of the Almirante Saldanha told the US Assistant Naval Attache in 1958 that his own Executive Assistant, a Navy Commander, had himself seen it (the officer in question did not deny it when questioned), was I suspect considered by you a wholly negligible fact, presumably for similar reasons.

1958 statements by another officer on the ship, Capt Paulo de Castro Moreira da Silva, attested to at least five Navy witnesses in addition to the three civilians. I expect you can articulate good reasons why this has never seemed to have any weight.

One of those civilians, govt banker Amilar Vieira, was from the start a reluctant witness who, AFAICS, earned the somewhat baffled respect of sceptics who interviewed him recently before his death by insisting clearly and firmly that he saw an object, that this was the simple fact and that he would never deny it, whatever may be said about Barauna and his photos. I don't recall that discussion of these interviews on this list excited you to comment.

Even the recent "hoax" claimant, Barauna's nephew Marcelo Ribeiro who said (unintelligibly as it happens) that his uncle opportunistically faked the photos using Carioca bus tokens (bluntly, impossible), said Barauna privately assured him that "in reality, people saw something", but he dismissed it as a strange "cloud phenomenon" or something else.

Having been singularly unimpressed by any testimony old or new tending to indicate the existence of Navy witnesses, could you explain why now, without even the ghost of a question, you wholeheartedly - not to say recklessly - embrace the 50-year-old memory-based opinion of one Edson Jansen Ferreira that there was nothing there?

OK, let's suppose Jansen's headline claim can be regarded as clear and unquestionable evidence that we don't need to filter or interpret, it is still mysterious to me that you deduce the non-existence of crew witnesses from the fact that Jansen himself, giving evidence against the interest of own his scepticism of Barauna (combatively expressed), tells us that he saw something being excitedly pointed at by some number of "sailors", in addition to "some civilian that was there, you know, returning home". Wondering "what made everyone [except me] see - and I didn't see" he suggests that these crewmen and civilians "all were induced", i.e. convinced each other by suggestion that they could see something, whilst Edson Jansen Ferreira alone could see that the emperor had no clothes.

This is an interesting opinion and a claim worth considering. It undoubtedly has some weight that the only surviving located crewman said he saw nothing (Kentaro refers to some ambiguity in his assurance that he was on deck at the right time, which may be clarified when the full interview is made available - and why not now, BTW?). Just as it has some weight that the only surviving "crony" reaffirmed, rather credibly IMO, that he saw something. It ought also to have some weight that Jansen himself, whilst saying that he was not himself a crewman who believed he saw something, confirms that there were crewmen who did.

Martin Shough

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## Starchild Skull 2010 DNA Result

From: Vincent Boudreau <[vincentboudreau.nul](mailto:vincentboudreau.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 20 Apr 2011 13:21:18 -0400  
Archived: Thu, 21 Apr 2011 07:15:03 -0400  
Subject: Starchild Skull 2010 DNA Result

Most have probably seen this.

I hadn't.

The Starchild Skull 2010 DNA result at:

<http://www.wimp.com/starchildskull/>

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## Re: Trindade 'Negative Witness' Found

From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 20 Apr 2011 12:57:40 -0500  
Archived: Thu, 21 Apr 2011 07:16:57 -0400  
Subject: Re: Trindade 'Negative Witness' Found

>From: John Rimmer <[johnrimmer.nul](mailto:johnrimmer.nul)>  
>To: [post.nul](#)  
>Date: Wed, 20 Apr 2011 18:44:22 +0100 (BST)  
>Subject: Re: Trindade 'Negative Witness' Found

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
>>To: <[post.nul](#)>  
>>Date: Wed, 20 Apr 2011 11:51:39 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Trindade 'Negative Witness' Found

>>>From: John Rimmer <[johnrimmer.nul](mailto:johnrimmer.nul)>  
>>>To: [post.nul](#)  
>>>Date: Wed, 20 Apr 2011 16:34:55 +0100 (BST)  
>>>Subject: Re: Trindade 'Negative Witness' Found

>>>>From: Kentaro Mori <[kentaro.mori.nul](mailto:kentaro.mori.nul)>  
>>>>To: [post.nul](#)  
>>>>Date: Wed, 20 Apr 2011 10:30:51 -0300  
>>>>Subject: Trindade 'Negative Witness' Found

<snip">

>Oh, Alffed, and we were getting on so well with the Budd Hoplins  
>business! My comment was actually aimed at Jerry Clark, who's  
>been asking for a 'negative witness' - just one! - for what  
>seems like years.

While, of course, you have been deriding the very concept.

Whether this is the long-awaited "negative witness" remains to be seen. After reading the original post three times, I see holes big enough to drive a Mack truck through. On the other hand, perhaps the post was written hastily, and more substantive information awaits.

Unlike you, I am interested in potential negative witnesses, and I look forward, as always, to further developments.

Meanwhile, back to my book in progress...

Cheers to all,

Jerry Clark

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## Re: Symbols Revealed As Evidence Of Alien Abduction

From: Carol Rainey <[csrainey2.nul](mailto:csrainey2.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 20 Apr 2011 14:12:29 -0400  
Archived: Thu, 21 Apr 2011 07:18:27 -0400  
Subject: Re: Symbols Revealed As Evidence Of Alien Abduction

>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>To: <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 20 Apr 2011 11:14:55 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Symbols Revealed As Evidence Of Alien Abduction

<snip>

>Falls asleep in front of screen as he waits for next reality  
>show starring embittered ex-spouse.

I guess the handicapped need to employ a projector when they watch television.

Carol

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### Re: Trindade 'Negative Witness' Found

From: Kentaro Mori <[kentaro.mori.nul](mailto:kentaro.mori.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 20 Apr 2011 17:33:33 -0300  
Archived: Thu, 21 Apr 2011 07:20:22 -0400  
Subject: Re: Trindade 'Negative Witness' Found

>From: Martin Shough <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
>To: <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 20 Apr 2011 18:45:41 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Trindade 'Negative Witness' Found  
<snip>

>A 1958 Brazilian Navy intelligence evaluation stating not only  
>that there were Navy witnesses, but that it had indeed been  
>they in the bow and stern of the ship who raised the initial  
>alarm on deck, was never considered by you as bearing on the  
>answer to that question, because after all everyone is fallible,  
>even Navy intelligence captains and their Navy sources (in  
>particular the Navy's designated cognizant technical  
>investigator on the spot, Capt Bacellar), and there's always  
>room for doubt, right?

This is the intelligence evaluation that failed to evaluate that Barauna was very well-known in his home-town (a few miles from where the Navy Intelligence was located) for being a hoaxer, and for having conned a newspaper before. A single journalist visiting the place and making a few questions managed to find these things. Barauna himself bragged about being a hoaxer, not only to the often quoted Joaquim Simoes, but to several of his fellows.

This is the intelligence evaluation that, as far as we know, didn't get any written statements from any witness with the exception of Barauna himself. The only two other known witnesses, Amilar Vieira and Jose Viegas, were not even asked to testify. If, as stated in the report, the Navy witnesses besides Barauna didn't give a coherent testimony, why didn't they ask for the civilians, well-educated persons who actually gave statements to the press, to testify for them?

But Amilar was *\*never\** asked to testify in any investigation of any sort, besides those of contemporary newspapers, and then decades later, when Alexandre Borges located him again.

This is the intelligence report that has been trusted as the final evaluation of the case, when from the beginning its shortcomings were exposed by the press.

>Similarly the fact that the Captain of the Almirante Saldanha  
>told the US Assistant Naval Attache in 1958 that his own  
>Executive Assistant, a Navy Commander, had himself seen it (the  
>officer in question did not deny it when questioned), was I  
>suspect considered by you a wholly negligible fact, presumably  
>for similar reasons.

This is the Captain that later on published a book where he mentions the Bermuda Triangle as a great mystery. He believed in the sighting. If his Executive Assistant did not actually see anything, one assumes he would feel embarrassed to contradict his superior. Furthermore, the same Intelligence Report you trust states no officer saw anything.

>1958 statements by another officer on the ship, Capt Paulo de  
>Castro Moreira da Silva, attested to at least five Navy  
>witnesses in addition to the three civilians. I expect you can

>articulate good reasons why this has never seemed to have any  
>weight.

Those who understand Portuguese know that "umas oito", an indefinite article in the plural form, means there's much uncertainty as to the given number. Assuming "at least eight" is not very appropriate. It could have been even less, it could have been more. But certainly one would not refer to "umas oito" if there were something like 48 witnesses.

>One of those civilians, govt banker Amilar Vieira, was from the  
>start a reluctant witness who, AFAICS, earned the somewhat  
>baffled respect of sceptics who interviewed him recently before  
>his death by insisting clearly and firmly that he saw an object,  
>that this was the simple fact and that he would never deny it,  
>whatever may be said about Barauna and his photos. I don't  
>recall that discussion of these interviews on this list excited  
>you to comment.

I respect his testimony just as much as I respect Jansen's testimony. Both may be correct, both may not be. Certainly none of them can be taken as the Revealed Message of Truth. The only person we know for sure has lied in this story is Almiro Barauna.

>Even the recent "hoax" claimant, Barauna's nephew Marcelo  
>Ribeiro who said (unintelligibly as it happens) that his uncle  
>opportunistically faked the photos using Carioca bus tokens  
>(bluntly, impossible), said Barauna privately assured him that  
>"in reality, people saw something", but he dismissed it as a  
>strange "cloud phenomenon" or something else.

I don't think it's unintelligible. Also, I disagree tokens would be impossible. I suspect we will never be able to determine what was the original image used for the hoax, but there's no reason why the "Carioca fleet chips" couldn't have been the original source. That the same image was reused in at least two of the four photos in the series is quite evident, and it was since the original ATIC evaluation. Again, already in 1958 vital pieces of information were already there, but were ignored by Ufologists, and ignored to this day.

>Having been singularly unimpressed by any testimony old or new  
>tending to indicate the existence of Navy witnesses, could you  
>explain why now, without even the ghost of a question, you  
>wholeheartedly - not to say recklessly - embrace the 50-year-old  
>memory-based opinion of one Edson Jansen Ferreira that there was  
>nothing there?

If you search for the long debate on this case I think you will find that it has been claimed that the absence of a single "negative eyewitness" was clear evidence in favor of the case, even in the absence of confirmation for more than three eyewitnesses, all friends and civilians, two of which gave confirmation to the press but were never directly pressured by the Navy or any authority. In my understanding of Rimmer's short comment, and from the subject I chose for my message, we are refuting this specific argument. This so far single "negative eyewitness" who claims he was on deck and didn't see anything has been found. From there it doesn't automatically follow the case is a hoax, that his word is Revelation. But it simply follows that there's at least one person who claims he was there and didn't see anything. The proposed scenario that there was nothing in the sky and from many people a handful was "induced" to see, or mistake something for a flying saucer becomes more plausible.

There may be more people, outside Barauna's circle of friends, who may claim to have seen something. This would be very important. Jansen himself states that several other people pointed to the sky claiming to see something, as our interviews portrait. But, as Jansen's testimony doesn't prove there was nothing, it wouldn't prove there was actually something in the sky.

The most relevant point here is: there were only a few people who believed they saw something, and at least one who didn't. Barauna lied when he claimed everyone saw it, or most importantly when he mentioned dozens of people saw something. Even Amilar was dismissive when I asked him if there were dozens of people who also saw something.

<snip>

>(Kentaro refers to some ambiguity in  
>his assurance that he was on deck at the right time, which may  
>be clarified when the full interview is made available - and why  
>not now, BTW?).

There's a lot for me to publish, as you know, Martin. This is not the only new piece of evidence or even testimony we have found. Martinho published almost his whole unedited interview already - he even published some saucy parts, those who understand Portuguese will listen to very personal details of Jansen's adventures as a sailor at the time. He only cut what just \*had\* to be cut. If anyone wants they can ask him for the whole unedited recording. I can share mine, as I have shared mine, with other researchers, including Martinho, who listened to my interview before he conducted his.

>Just as it has some weight that the only  
>surviving "crony" reaffirmed, rather credibly IMO, that he saw  
>something. It ought also to have some weight that Jansen  
>himself, whilst saying that he was not himself a crewman who  
>believed he saw something, confirms that there were crewmen who  
>did.

I agree. No single piece of evidence, isolated, allows us to draw any conclusions. But together, they point to a very clear direction.

There's much to discuss, and I have to publish what I have to publish. I think the case has so many details, and people revert so often to the same old points, that it's better to publish an analysis online and then have them reviewed by peers - as you know, Martin - instead of discussing it back and forth. But I thought these points should be made here for the time being.

Cheers,

Kentaro

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## Re: Trindade 'Negative Witness' Found

From: **Gerald O'Connell** <[goc.nul](mailto:goc.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 20 Apr 2011 22:26:37 +0100  
Archived: Thu, 21 Apr 2011 07:21:18 -0400  
Subject: Re: Trindade 'Negative Witness' Found

>From: John Rimmer <[johnrimmer.nul](mailto:johnrimmer.nul)>  
>To: [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 20 Apr 2011 16:34:55 +0100 (BST)  
>Subject: Re: Trindade 'Negative Witness' Found

>>From: Kentaro Mori <[kentaro.mori.nul](mailto:kentaro.mori.nul)>  
>>To: [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
>>Date: Wed, 20 Apr 2011 10:30:51 -0300  
>>Subject: Trindade 'Negative Witness' Found

>Game, set and match.

I agree with you John.

We have a witness to the effect that crewmen and others saw something, and they didn't know what it was. They became excited. There was a commotion. So even if the photographs were fabricated as an opportunistic response to the sighting, there was a sighting. A sighting of a flying object that could not be identified.

Game set and match indeed!

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

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From: John Rimmer <[johnrimmer.nul](mailto:johnrimmer.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 20 Apr 2011 23:34:42 +0100 (BST)  
Archived: Thu, 21 Apr 2011 07:22:36 -0400  
Subject: Re: Trindade 'Negative Witness' Found

>From: Martin Shough <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
>To: <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
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>>Game, set and match.

>John,

>Do you mean that the question of whether any Navy crew witnesses  
>saw the object, apart from Barauna and his civilian companions,  
>has at last been answered - in the negative? And is it your  
>conclusion that, therefore, an object allegedly seen only by  
>Barauna and those often charmingly referred to as his "cronies"  
>never existed?

<lots snipped>

Gosh, what a long question Martin. As you might have guessed by  
now, and from my response to dear Alfredo, my comment was  
largely aimed at Jerry Clark who, for what seems like a hundred  
years, has been droning on about the necessity of finding a  
'negative' witness.

I of course have been claiming for about the same length of time  
that there are unlikely ever to be any, because who would  
particularly be bothered making a big point of not seeing  
anything.

But it seems I was wrong - I'll repeat that for the benefit of  
some of my many critics - I was wrong! After a lot of dilligent  
detective work, Kentaro Mori has actually tracked down a  
negative witness!

But now we've got one, it seems some people are never satisfied,  
so let's start the hunt for Negative Witness No. 2, but I think  
you'll have to be quick, as they're all pretty old by now.

I don't know who's been 'charmingly' referring to Barauna's  
friends as 'cronies'. I don't think I ever have. I once got told  
off by the Cunning Canbyite for referring to them as 'friends',  
but even he had to admit in the end that they were actually,  
well, friends.

But for the moment the legendary negative witness has actually  
turned up. Rejoice!

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John Rimmer

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Date: Thu, 21 Apr 2011 00:11:12 -0400  
Archived: Thu, 21 Apr 2011 07:29:42 -0400  
Subject: Re: Symbols Revealed As Evidence Of Alien Abduction

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
>To: <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 20 Apr 2011 09:27:51 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Symbols Revealed As Evidence Of Alien Abduction

>>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>>To: <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>>Date: Wed, 20 Apr 2011 07:19:07 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Symbols Revealed As Evidence Of Alien Abduction

>>>From: John Rimmer <[johnrimmer.nul](mailto:johnrimmer.nul)>  
>>>To: [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
>>>Date: Wed, 20 Apr 2011 12:38:01 +0100 (BST)  
>>>Subject: Re: Symbols Revealed As Evidence Of Alien Abduction

>>>>From: Carol Rainey <[csrainey2.nul](mailto:csrainey2.nul)>  
>>>>To: [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
>>>>Date: Tue, 19 Apr 2011 14:32:12 -0400  
>>>>Subject: New Video: Symbols Revealed As Evidence Of Alien Abduction

>>>>Just posted a new 12 minute video on April 19th:

>>>>Symbols Revealed By Budd Hopkins As Evidence Of Alien  
>>>>Abduction

>>>>The newest (#4) in a series of excerpts from the documentary  
>>>>"Priests of High Strangeness: Co-Creation of the Alien Abduction  
>>>>Phenomenon."

>>>Gets popcorn and waits for show to begin.

Hello Alfred, Jerry, All,

I have been trying real hard to stay out of this disgusting thread. I'm responding only because I've just about had it with a discussion that the participants should be embarrassed about being a part of.

Need to clear the air if I may:

Jerry wrote:

>>Falls asleep in front of screen as he waits for next reality  
>>show starring embittered ex-spouse.

That comment is as gut-level honest and accurate a depiction of this entire affair as can be offered by anyone. I got called a "sexist" for making the exact same observation and arriving at the same conclusion earlier on in the proceedings. Mind you, of all the very vocal participants in this thread, it is only Jerry (and myself) who actually know Budd and Carol and for many years.

How well do you know either of these individuals? I don't know about you, but it might be wise to at least lend a little weight/credence to comments/observations being made by people who are speaking from long-term first hand knowledge of both parties involved.

Alfred asks:

>Even presuming this touted embitteredness, the question is  
>begged with regard to a reason for it eh?

You're kidding, right?

Let me see now, reasons why divorced spouses may be embittered and vengeful... do we have enough bandwidth for me to list all of the possible reasons?

None of us will ever know for sure what the reasons may be simply because we were not privy to goings on in the private marital relationship between Budd and Carol. But if guesses are on the menu I can proffer several reasons that are all based on past history and what we know of human nature.

How about 'revenge' for some unknown, unspoken personal violation.

How about plain vanilla 'mean-spiritedness.' There are some angry, frustrated campers out there who are not beyond petty vindictive acts and even sabotage of another person's life.

It's been known to happen.

And you're an intelligent enough man to have sussed out the two explanations I provided on your own. I'm surprised you even asked.

>Kevin Randle erodes "Dora" effectively... Rainey de-  
>substantiates "Cortile"... and I make \_short\_ work of  
>"Mortellaro," myself.

Oh Alfred, why do you go there?

1. You - more than most - bought Mortellaro's line of BS hook, line and sinker. I tried to warn you about him. You made your choice at the time and you backed that horse with everything in your purse. You were as certain and energetic in your defense of Mortellaro then - someone I knew better than you and tried to warn you about - as you are about Carol Rainey now. Well, you don't know her either and again, I do!

You don't want to lose this bet too do you?

I already wrote to you privately. I know you're a champion of the weak and downtrodden, but you really need to make a little room for what, Johnny and Uncle Jerry are saying about all this nasty business.

A man should be allowed/granted his privacy and dignity at the end of his days. I'm really surprised that I even have to state this simple thing. I just can't begin to express how very sad, embarrassing and distasteful this entire affair is. It pains me greatly to read the running dialog in these threads.

>No one is more revolted than myself.

That's not true, Alfred. No one is as revolted and saddened as myself. Mine is for the aforementioned reasons. In the name of common decency, let this awful thread die.

Regarding the 'Alien' writing samples:

I don't care how much video Ms. Rainey may have, I was one of about a dozen abductees that provided Budd with the writing samples he had acquired over 20 years.

When I produced those characters/glyphs for him, I didn't know that any others existed. I drew the glyphs for him and it was only afterwards that he told me of the existence of the other samples. I was reduced to tears when he showed me some of the others. There were symbols on those pages that were identical to the ones I had just drawn. Some of those samples had been produced years before I did mine. Yet they were identical. It was one of many such discoveries that I made along the way that served to reinforce the reality of what me and my family were experiencing.

Say what you will. I'm a part of that evidence... And I don't

care what kind of 'spin' Carol wants to put on it. I knew nothing about the existance of alien writing samples that Budd had in his possession before it came up in my own recollections.

I've said all I have to say. I'm out. Hopefully for good this time. I really don't need the grief ufology and many of the people in it these days makes me feel. Gives me agida... burp!

Most sincerely,

John Velez  
Former Webmaster  
Intruders Foundation (8 years!)

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Date: Thu, 21 Apr 2011 07:52:07 -0500  
Archived: Thu, 21 Apr 2011 10:02:24 -0400  
Subject: Re: Symbols Revealed As Evidence Of Alien Abduction

>From: Carol Rainey <[csrainey2.nul](mailto:csrainey2.nul)>  
>To: [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 20 Apr 2011 14:12:29 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Symbols Revealed As Evidence Of Alien Abduction

>>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>>To: <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>>Date: Wed, 20 Apr 2011 11:14:55 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Symbols Revealed As Evidence Of Alien Abduction

<snip>

>>Falls asleep in front of screen as he waits for next reality  
>>show starring embittered ex-spouse.

>I guess the handicapped need to employ a projector when they  
>watch television.

It's called the Carol Rainey Reality Show.

Jerry Clark

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>From: John Rimmer <[johnrimmer.nul](mailto:johnrimmer.nul)>  
>To: [post.nul](#)  
>Date: Wed, 20 Apr 2011 23:34:42 +0100 (BST)  
>subject: Re: Trindade 'Negative Witness' Found

>>From: Martin Shough <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
>>To: <[post.nul](#)>  
>>Date: Wed, 20 Apr 2011 18:45:41 +0100  
>>Subject: Re: Trindade 'Negative Witness' Found

>>>From: John Rimmer <[johnrimmer.nul](mailto:johnrimmer.nul)>  
>>>To: [post.nul](#)  
>>>Date: Wed, 20 Apr 2011 16:34:55 +0100 (BST)  
>>>Subject: Re: Trindade 'Negative Witness' Found

>>>>From: Kentaro Mori <[kentaro.mori.nul](mailto:kentaro.mori.nul)>  
>>>>To: [post.nul](#)  
>>>>Date: Wed, 20 Apr 2011 10:30:51 -0300  
>>>>Subject: Trindade 'Negative Witness' Found

>>>>Game, set and match.

>>>>John,

>>>>Do you mean that the question of whether any Navy crew witnesses  
>>>>saw the object, apart from Barauna and his civilian companions,  
>>>>has at last been answered - in the negative? And is it your  
>>>>conclusion that, therefore, an object allegedly seen only by  
>>>>Barauna and those often charmingly referred to as his "cronies"  
>>>>never existed?

<snip>

>Gosh, what a long question[,] Martin.

In other words, you're not even going to try to argue with  
somebody who knows what he's talking about.

>As you might have guessed by  
>now, and from my response to dear Alfredo, my comment was  
>largely aimed at Jerry Clark who, for what seems like a hundred  
>years, has been droning on about the necessity of finding a  
>'negative' witness.

And I guess I will have to continue to do so, after it turns out  
that the current informant doesn't qualify. It would have  
helped, John, if you'd actually read what he was saying.

>I of course have been claiming for about the same length of time  
>that there are unlikely ever to be any, because who would  
>particularly be bothered making a big point of not seeing  
>anything.

Which wildly misrepresents what I was saying, what you said, and  
what the discussion was about. Let us take a refresher course in  
the memory you apparently have lost:

In fact, I argued that given the intense publicity the Trindade  
case got in Brazil, not to mention around the world, it was

indeed strange, perhaps even telling, that in all those years nobody on the ship had come forward to validate the hoax theory - which has always been that nothing happened, nobody had seen what he believed to be a UFO, that the photographer fixed it up and made up a story to fit.

If that was the case, any number of people who were there could have blown the whistle. One can imagine how much a Brazilian newspaper or television show would have loved to shoot down the biggest UFO story in the nation's history. The informant could have even sold his tale and received a nice check for his efforts. Instead, silence.

For many years afterwards, as the story continued to be publicized, those whistle-blowers, alive and well, could have stepped forward. John knew better than to argue that they were surely all dead, because they weren't.

Now, somebody steps forward to acknowledge that people on the ship believed they had seen something and were quite excited about it. He just didn't see it himself and speaks only for himself. Okay, he didn't see it, but something - not nothing - happened, in the way that some of us miss seeing something, apparent to others, against the sky. No big thing, except to eager debunkers a flea has become an elephant.

Incidentally, can you imagine how debunkers would have reacted to the testimony of an old man decades after the fact if he had made a positive pro-UFO claim?

That's a rhetorical question.

Jerry Clark

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Archived: Thu, 21 Apr 2011 10:33:43 -0400  
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>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>To: <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 20 Apr 2011 12:57:40 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Trindade 'Negative Witness' Found

>>From: John Rimmer <[johnrimmer.nul](mailto:johnrimmer.nul)>  
>>To: [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
>>Date: Wed, 20 Apr 2011 18:44:22 +0100 (BST)  
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>>business! My comment was actually aimed at Jerry Clark, who's  
>>been asking for a 'negative witness' - just one! - for what  
>>seems like years.

>While, of course, you have been deriding the very concept.

>Whether this is the long-awaited "negative witness" remains to  
>be seen. After reading the original post three times, I see  
>holes big enough to drive a Mack truck through. On the other  
>hand, perhaps the post was written hastily, and more substantive  
>information awaits.

>Unlike you, I am interested in potential negative witnesses, and  
>I look forward, as always, to further developments.  
>  
>Meanwhile, back to my book in progress...

Dear Jerry and Listers:

All this new stuff was long-awaited and adds nearly nothing  
concrete to this debate. I was expecting something much stronger  
than this, as repeatedly promised that we would have. A  
'negative witness'? Skeptics always claim that witness' reports  
aren't good enough as evidence, and now they take into  
consideration a 'negative witness' report.

Well, all the holes that you mention, Jerry, also clearly  
noticed by several colleagues here in Brazil, are being  
addressed this right minute by the only UFO researcher in my  
country that really investigated the Trindade Case in full, not

superficially, not over the internet, not several decades after it happened.

I am referring to veteran researcher Marco Antonio Petit, co-editor of the Brazilian UFO Magazine, an investigator who spent some 30 years devoting to the Trindade Case, and many others. He interviewed Barauna personally a few times, spoke with many other witnesses, went deep into the documentation and have been examining all info available about the episode since the 80s.

Petit has easily broken all info published against Trindade Case's validity, including the most recent one, by Barauna's own nephew, published in the magazine's website.

It will be interesting to see again that the new 'evidences' and 'testimonies' in this new attempt to discredit one of the most serious Brazilian UFO cases feel down as easily as they are so eagerly brought up. In a couple of week.

A. J.

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>To: <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
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>>>>Game, set and match.

>>You're a canted 'Nibbler' Mr. Rimmer. Well, nibble at seven  
>>categories of compelling evidence that what you find most  
>>'unsettling' is more obviously true than not.

>Oh, Alfred, and we were getting on so well with the Budd Hoplins  
>business!

For all the wrong reasons, your own, I point out.

>My comment was actually aimed at Jerry Clark, who's  
>been asking for a 'negative witness' - just one! - for what  
>seems like years.

I submit, Sir, for reasons you ignore, that you don't know you  
have one, yet!

>Oh, hang on, it has been for years!

Again, not yet by any means. The pretense is all yours.  
Moreover, you betray yourself by too readily accepting what  
agrees with your own personal paradigm!

Take a lesson from me then, Sir, vis a vis the Hopkins/Jacobs  
fiasco. I was a card carrying Hopkins/Jacobs booster! Hard  
evidence is hard evidence; however, and I must study a different  
tune.

I suspect you lack the capability to even consider such and if  
the inevitable and undeniable 'other' landed out in front of  
your thatch-roofed home you'd only write it off, neatly, as  
something Jerry Clark contrived himself to rattle your cage.  
Your music, though, is contrived, out of tune, and derivative of  
narrow beamed anthropomorphism. The new music says we're not  
'first,' and may be dumb as the thatch on your roof. It's  
twelve-toned. Get used to it.

Closing, you want old men giving compelling testimony? Check

with Art Campbell and his collection of audio with regard Dwight Eisenhower and UFOs in 1955. That'll curl your short hairs. It's opposed to you, so you'll dismiss it, out of hand, I predict.

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>nobody on the ship had come forward to validate the hoax theory  
>- which has always been that nothing happened, nobody had seen  
>what he believed to be a UFO, that the photographer fixed it up  
>and made up a story to fit.

But they did! Several newspapers exposed the fact Barauna had  
hoaxed before, that there were 'negative witnesses', that no  
officer saw anything, that the photos were hoaxed. Of all the  
people they asked directly if they saw something, none that  
could be named confirmed seeing the UFO, with the exception of  
friends Amilar, Viegas and Barauna. Even friend Mauro Andrade  
denied seeing something when directly questioned. The head of  
Servico Aerofotogrametrico Cruzeiro do Sul stepped forward to  
state his company had nothing to do with analyzing the  
negatives. The House representative, Magalhaes, was appaled by  
the fact the Navy didn't get written statements from the  
witnesses even weeks after the event.

The problem is, mostly only the news clippings supporting the  
case have circulated since. Nobody properly investigated this  
case in half  
a century afterwards.

>If that was the case, any number of people who were there could  
>have blown the whistle. One can imagine how much a Brazilian  
>newspaper or television show would have loved to shoot down the  
>biggest UFO story in the nation's history. The informant could  
>have even sold his tale and received a nice check for his  
>efforts. Instead, silence.

The press did shoot down the story. The embarassment of having  
Navy authorities endorsing the case, and even the President,  
when in a matter of days the press exposed the backstory of  
Barauna and the giant holes in the event was one of the reasons  
that all suggests an actual follow-up investigation was not  
conducted by the Navy. At the time there were rumours from the  
Navy that - after the hoax was exposed - they were thinking  
about starting a criminal investigation against Barauna. But all  
suggests this was never conducted.

It was an embarassment to the Navy authorities, and a delicate  
point in the tension between the military and the President -  
who released  
the photos without consulting the Navy Command.

But there was no silence. For months the press profited from the  
photos, both promoting the case as real or exposing them as a  
hoax. Also, both Amilar and Jansen confirmed to us that there  
was no order of silence, to them, at least. It's just that they

were never asked to testify, and in the case of Jansen, nobody asked them about the case.

>For many years afterwards, as the story continued to be  
>publicized, those whistle-blowers, alive and well, could have  
>stepped forward. John knew better than to argue that they were  
>surely all dead, because they weren't.

Again, the whistle-blowers, stating Barauna was a competent hoaxer who had hoaxed before, or stating they had seen nothing, or that their company had not analyzed anything, did show up.

>Now, somebody steps forward to acknowledge that people on the  
>ship believed they had seen something and were quite excited  
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And to believers, even this stating he was actually there on deck and had seen nothing at all is once again ignored as 'a flea'. You see, of all the known names in this story, all of them denied seeing something when directly questioned, with the exception of friends Barauna, Amilar and Viegas.

Bacellar denied. Saldanha denied. Moreira denied. Andrade denied. Azevedo denied. Almeida denied. And now, Jansen denied.

And this is just the testimonial evidence. Even if by a miracle one, two or perhaps all the around eight, 13 or 15 witnesses do show up and some or even most of them do claim to have seen something, the fact is, their testimonies are contradictory - Barauna, Amilar and Viegas contradict themselves in very important points - including at least one witness who claims he saw nothing at all and who suggests the others could have been "induced".

The testimonial evidence is extremely dubious. So, if one sticks to the physical evidence, as they should, well, there are also giant holes there, so much so that many who defended all the details of Barauna story now concede that the photos could have been hoaxed. But a sighting happened.

Well, a sighting happened indeed, but one so ordinary that we can only come to the conclusion that Trindade is indeed one of the biggest fiascos in Ufology.

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>>Subject: Re: Trindade 'Negative Witness' Found

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>In fact, I argued that given the intense publicity the Trindade  
>case got in Brazil, not to mention around the world, it was  
>indeed strange, perhaps even telling, that in all those years  
>nobody on the ship had come forward to validate the hoax theory  
>- which has always been that nothing happened, nobody had seen  
>what he believed to be a UFO, that the photographer fixed it up  
>and made up a story to fit.

>But they did! Several newspapers exposed the fact Barauna had  
>hoaxed before, that there were 'negative witnesses', that no  
>officer saw anything, that the photos were hoaxed. Of all the  
>people they asked directly if they saw something, none that  
>could be named confirmed seeing the UFO, with the exception of  
>friends Amilar, Viegas and Barauna. Even friend Mauro Andrade  
>denied seeing something when directly questioned. The head of  
>Servico Aerofotogrametrico Cruzeiro do Sul stepped forward to  
>state his company had nothing to do with analyzing the  
>negatives. The House representative, Magalhaes, was appaled by  
>the fact the Navy didn't get written statements from the  
>witnesses even weeks after the event.

After the way you treated this latest development, making claims  
for it that the informant's words didn't match, you will have to  
excuse me for not automatically believing you.

Let's see the clips so that we can judge for ourselves.

Jerry Clark

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## Carol Rainey's Hopkins Vendetta

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
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Archived: Fri, 22 Apr 2011 07:26:03 -0400  
Subject: Carol Rainey's Hopkins Vendetta

As John Velez pointed out in his post of Thu, 21 Apr 2011... "I just can't begin to express how very sad, embarrassing and distasteful this entire affair is...". Sentiments supported by many subscribers/readers.

The discussions here have continued to this point only for the 'information' they've contained - however inaccurate its proving to be.

For instance:

Budd Hopkins sent Carol Rainey an email about 2 years ago explaining why symbols were his most important discovery in all of his research, that he had been keeping them confidential for very good reasons and asked her to please not reveal this information. She did - doing a terrible dis-service to the research, while claiming she is trying to fix it... She has offered no constructive suggestions as to how to improve the research that she pretends to care so much about, and has no expertise in the field.

Carol Rainey has claimed on this List - despite having no recent knowledge of Budd Hopkins' medical condition - that he wasn't really sick and was lying about it. In fact Budd Hopkins has multiple, life-threatening illnesses and has spent much time in hospital emergency rooms of late.

Carol Rainey's vendetta against Budd Hopkins - on this List - now ends, as do the threads discussing her 'research'. Her subscription to this List is revoked.

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From: Kentaro Mori <[kentaro.mori.nul](mailto:kentaro.mori.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 21 Apr 2011 12:17:02 -0300  
Archived: Fri, 22 Apr 2011 07:36:29 -0400  
Subject: Re: Trindade 'Negative Witness' Found

>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>To: <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 21 Apr 2011 09:50:42 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Trindade 'Negative Witness' Found

>After the way you treated this latest development, making claims  
>for it that the informant's words didn't match, you will have to  
>excuse me for not automatically believing you.

Excuse me? Oh, you must be referring to the fact in my message I  
quoted my own interview with Jansen. The clip you listened to in  
Jeferson Martinho's 'Vigilia' was Martinho's interview with  
Jansen.

I think I stated clearly that there were different recorded  
interviews, that I recorded mine, that Martinho recorded his  
afterwards, and that my recording, along with all the evidence  
we have, is still to be published.

If I wasn't very clear, please to read again my message, as  
English is not my mother tongue.

>Let's see the clips so that we can judge for ourselves.

Yes, I am guilty until I can prove I am innocent.

I can understand my words are not be "automatically believed",  
none are, but you seem to assume I'm lying and then use that  
unjustified assumption to simply ignore my points.

This is not very intellectually honest. But in any event,  
discussing back and forth is indeed useless and I should publish  
the things we have.

Regards,

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From: John Rimmer <[johnrimmer.nul](mailto:johnrimmer.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 21 Apr 2011 19:31:23 +0100 (BST)  
Archived: Fri, 22 Apr 2011 07:37:44 -0400  
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>From: Gerald O'Connell <[goc.nul](mailto:goc.nul)>  
>To: [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 20 Apr 2011 22:26:37 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Trindade 'Negative Witness' Found

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>>To: [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
>>Date: Wed, 20 Apr 2011 16:34:55 +0100 (BST)  
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>>>Game, set and match.

>I agree with you John.

>We have a witness to the effect that crewmen and others saw  
>something, and they didn't know what it was. They became  
>excited. There was a commotion. So even if the photographs were  
>fabricated as an opportunistic response to the sighting, there  
>was a sighting. A sighting of a flying object that could not be  
>identified.

I was wondering when you'd pop up here, Gerald. Hello.

You claim: "We have a witness to the effect that crewmen and  
others saw something, and they didn't know what it was."

In fact we have no such thing. We have a witness saying that  
people were looking into the sky and trying to see something. We  
have no statement from anyone (other than the famous trio of  
Barauna and his mates) saying that they saw anything. We have  
several statements from people claiming other people might have  
seen something, which is not exactly the same thing, is it?

Further you aver: "There was a commotion. So even if the  
photographs were fabricated as an opportunistic response to the  
sighting, there was a sighting. A sighting of a flying object  
that could not be identified."

Nonsense. There is no evidence of an sighting. Just because  
there was a bit of a commotion is not an indication of anything,  
as anyone who has done a bit of skywatching can tell you.

Try a little experiment. Go out into a busy street with a video  
camera and a couple of mates. Point the camera into the sky and  
start saying in a loud voice, "Wow, look at that, did you see  
that, what was it, I think I've got it on camera!" If they then  
join in: "Yes, I saw it, amazing, do you think it was a UFO ....  
" etc., etc., etc. I bet you'll cause a bit of a commotion!

>Game set and match indeed!

Indeed

>Gerald O'Connell

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From: **Jerome Clark** <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 21 Apr 2011 16:37:30 -0500  
Archived: Fri, 22 Apr 2011 07:42:22 -0400  
Subject: Re: Trindade 'Negative Witness' Found

>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <[aj.nul](mailto:aj.nul)>  
>To: <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 21 Apr 2011 10:55:29 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Trindade 'Negative Witness' Found

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This latest revelation, I'm afraid, pretty much defines "fiasco".

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>Petit has easily broken all info published against Trindade  
>Case's validity, including the most recent one, by Barauna's own  
>nephew, published in the magazine's website.

>It will be interesting to see again that the new 'evidences' and  
>'testimonies' in this new attempt to discredit one of the most  
>serious Brazilian UFO cases feel down as easily as they are so  
>eagerly brought up. In a couple of week.

I take this to mean, A. J., that Petit's research will be posted  
on this List within the next couple of weeks. I'm not entirely  
sure of your meaning here. If you would so be kind as to  
clarify, I'd appreciate it.

I hope so. What we've been getting from Brazil on this List is  
one-sided and subject to some unsettlingly blatant biases. We  
need to hear both sides so that we can judge from actual  
evidence, not ideological agenda.

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## CIA Cover-Up Alleged In JFK's 'Secret UFO Inquiry'

From: Terry W. Colvin <[fortean1.nul](mailto:fortean1.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 21 Apr 2011 23:49:29 -0500 (GMT-05:00)  
Archived: Fri, 22 Apr 2011 07:47:40 -0400  
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Source: Fox News

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Air & Space  
CIA Cover-Up Alleged In JFK's 'Secret UFO Inquiry'  
By Natalie Wolchover

A story that combines UFO cover-ups with the assassination of John F. Kennedy is a gold mine for conspiracy theorists. And that's just what author William Lester says he uncovered while conducting research for a new book on Kennedy: a memo written by JFK and addressed to the CIA in which the president requests confidential information about UFOs.

In the never-before-seen, top secret memo supposedly written on Nov. 12, 1963, the president ordered the CIA director to organize the agency's intelligence files relating to UFOs, and to debrief him on all "unknowns" by the following February. Ten days later, Kennedy was assassinated.

The newly surfaced document is bound to add fuel to the undying fire surrounding the president's death. But first things first: Is the document authentic? [Top 10 Conspiracy Theories]

'Something odd about it' Lester, a paranormal researcher and author of the new book "A Celebration of Freedom: JFK and the New Frontier" (Wasteland Press, 2010), said he obtained the memo along with two others from the CIA under the Freedom of Information Act.

"The government regularly declassifies documents after a certain amount of time goes by, and then you have to file a request for those documents," Lester told Life's Little Mysteries. "When I was in the process of filing, those letters had just become declassified and released to the public." This happened in 2006 or 2007, Lester said. "At the time, I think other people were getting them too."

The top secret memo hasn't turned up anywhere else besides Lester's book, however, and some archivists question its authenticity. A research technician at the JFK Library in Boston, who asked not to be named, was unable to find a carbon copy of it in its presidential archive, which holds copies of all of JFK's letters.

"We did some research into the presidential papers to try to find any evidence of the Nov. 12, 1963 letter to the director of the CIA, John McCone," the technician told Life's Little Mysteries, a sister site of SPACE.com. Despite the fact that JFK kept carbon copies of all his letters, even the classified ones, "in searching through the president's office files - CIA, NASA and National Security files - we could find no evidence of this memo or anything like it." [Ten Alien Encounters Debunked]

Furthermore, it doesn't look like other the top secret memos Kennedy wrote during his presidency. "Something is a little odd

about it," the technician said. "It is sanitized in very odd places: the director's name, the top heading of the document (which usually distinguishes which agency is generating it) and then the tiny "top secret" print at the top of letter. Top secret items are usually stamped in large dark ink on the letter."

The missing link? Lester claims that the new declassified memo is thus the missing link in a conspiracy theory surrounding another document that many conspiracy theorists think indicates that the CIA killed Kennedy to prevent his involvement in a UFO cover-up. However, this second document, and thus the conclusion, is also suspect.

This document, called the "burned memo," was passed to the fringe media in 1999 by an anonymous source claiming to be a former CIA operative. The alleged leaker said he worked for the CIA between 1960 and 1974 and pulled the memo - which experts have never verified as authentic - from a fire when the agency was burning some of its most sensitive files.

In the "burned memo," the CIA director at the time (his name is blacked out) allegedly wrote: "Lancer [the CIA's codename for JFK] has made some inquiries regarding our activities, which we cannot allow. Please submit your views no later than October. Your action to this matter is critical to the continuance of the group."

The new memo, Lester said, proves JFK really was probing the CIA about UFO intelligence, and that the CIA might have taken steps to prevent this. "If Kennedy had gotten some level of control of this issue from NASA or the CIA, who's to say he wouldn't have disclosed that information to the American public? Who knows where that would have led?" Lester commented.

Given that most historians believe the "burned memo" is a fake, however, the connection to the CIA's secret plot to assassinate JFK doesn't stick. Alternatively, even if the burned memo is fake but the newly surfaced memo is real, there are several perfectly logical reasons why Kennedy might have written it. Lester believes the president was interested in UFO intelligence for three reasons.

First, Lester said, Kennedy was concerned that UFOs seen by the Soviets would be misinterpreted by them as being U.S. aircraft behaving provocatively. This may be what Kennedy implied when he (allegedly) wrote, "It is important that we make a distinction between known and unknowns in the event the Soviets try to mistake our extended cooperation as a cover for intelligence gathering of their defense or space programs."

The second reason for Kennedy's inquiry could have been his obvious interest in space travel; at the time of his (alleged) writing, NASA was a new agency, Lester explained, and "the whole question of outer space and life in outer space was at the forefront of everybody's thinking." Third, there was a natural concern about UFOs at the time due to a spurt of incidents thought to be sightings.

In the 1960s, nearly everyone was interested in UFOs - JFK, NASA, the CIA and citizens alike.

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>>To: [post.nul](#)  
>>Date: Wed, 20 Apr 2011 22:26:37 +0100  
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>>>To: [post.nul](#)  
>>>Date: Wed, 20 Apr 2011 16:34:55 +0100 (BST)  
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>You claim: "We have a witness to the effect that crewmen and  
>others saw something, and they didn't know what it was."

<snip>

This, I surmise, is what may have happened in reality:

The Negative Witness (hereafter NW) had/has no interest in UFOs, or even held/holds the subject in something bordering on contempt (explaining his bizarre ignorance of the persistence of this deeply and repeatedly publicized case). When alerted that something was being seen, he briefly appeared on the scene, confident that he would see nothing, and made no effort to make out the small image against the big sky. Those of us who, because we live in a rural area, have an uncluttered aerial view - something a native of a huge metropolis would know nothing about, though it wouldn't stop him from pontificating as if he did - know how hard it can be sometimes to discern a passing aircraft against a broad sky.

All that NW has succeeded in doing in confirming that something, as opposed to nothing (the standard debunker narrative), happened that day, it got people excited, it had something to do with a perceived UFO, and it conforms in broad outline to the standard picture.

All that debunkers have left from the testimony is the number of alleged witnesses. In memory NW has narrowed them to a handful. A good dose of skepticism should be applied here, of course. As debunkers often remind us, memory can play tricks and cause us to 'remember' details that suit our convenience. It suited NW's convenience, unconsciously or consciously, to recall as few onlookers as possible, thus to reduce his cognitive dissonance.

NW, who probably should be called PW (Positive Witness), undercuts the beloved debunker belief that nothing happened on the ship, where in fact, apparently, people were excited about the presence of something. This won't stop debunkers from frantic revisionist rationalizations (e.g., the dependable Rimmer).

Listfolk will be amused to learn that debunkers have abruptly



revised something else: their sudden conversion to the belief that memory continues to reliable not just over days or weeks or months or years but decades (50+ in the current instance). Let's make a point of reminding them of that every time they try to destroy witness testimony by hauling in the vagaries of memory. And they will try again, we may be sure. Their beliefs are enormously elastic.

Meantime, the rest of us are where we always were: awaiting developments which, we hope, will settle the matter one way or another. In common with other non-ideologues on this List, I don't know where the truth lies, except that it's somewhere in the evidence. Maybe when it's all - or as much of it as is recoverable - available, the picture, literal and figurative, will be clearer.

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## Second Trindade 'Negative Witness' Found

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Date: Fri, 22 Apr 2011 16:27:09 -0300  
Archived: Sat, 23 Apr 2011 06:44:19 -0400  
Subject: Second Trindade 'Negative Witness' Found

Dear Listers,

Fellow Brazilian researcher Alexandre Borges has just disclosed he located in January of this year another surviving witness, Jose Carlos Rigueira de Brito, whom like Edson Jansen Ferreira, was a sailor aboard the Almirante Saldanha ship during the famous Trindade Island alleged UFO sighting in January 16, 1958.

The transcription of Borges' interview with Brito can be read, in Portuguese, on his website:

<http://tinyurl.com/3gbf6ym>

Brito is very clear:

"Actually, nobody saw anything, because nothing happened. What actually happened was collective hysteria. I was in [sala de armas] when Admiral Saldanha da Gama personally ordered me to go to the deck to help calm down the shouting. I was the [SP] in charge at the referred time. I saw nothing, only people pointing to the sky. All set up. Bacellar could not have seen anything, as a hoax was very crude."

Asked by Borges if, when he arrived on deck, he remembered if any military fellow told him personally having seen the flying saucer, Brito answered:

"Honestly? Nobody saw anything. People talked things like, 'Have you seen something?', then another said 'I didn't, I was fooling around, pointing upwards'. It's like that story where someone stops in the street, along with another person, and points to the sky, 'Look! Over there! Look!'. Soon, there are a dozen of people looking upwards and saying they saw something, when they actually have seen nothing. It's a kind of mass hysteria, that's what happened. They said 'Look over there! It's there! Now it's there!', but, it wasn't. I was talk with friends and I say that guy [Barauna] was a big hoaxer. Actually, he had luck, because Saldanha da Gama was a very strict man".

Brito's testimony has a lot of other bombastic claims - including that lieutenant Homero, even if he claimed he saw something, was an alcoholic, that people used to smoke marijuana onboard the ship, that the cameras were confiscated afterwards - - but not Barauna's - or that there were 30, 40 people on deck at the time (but only around 8, 9 people joined Barauna in what he says was a hoax planned and set up).

As all the other testimonial evidence in the Trindade case, it cannot be accepted prima facie. But it's a second military witness, who wasn't a personal friend of Barauna, who directly states that people couldn't have seen anything because there was nothing in the sky.

The testimonial evidence, taken together, is extremely dubious to provide any kind of support to the case. It cannot prove there was indeed nothing in the sky, but it cannot be assumed, as it has been for over half a century, as supporting the sighting.

And, once again, the physical evidence, independently, also puts the case in serious question.

The evidence in the Trindade Island case points to a clear direction. One of the biggest fiascos in the history of Ufology, never properly investigated. Proper investigation was bound to evidence a hoax, but it took more than 50 years for that to happen.

Congratulations to fellow Alexandre Borges for the find.

Sincerely,

Kentaro

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>I was wondering when you'd pop up here, Gerald. Hello.

>You claim: "We have a witness to the effect that crewmen and  
>others saw something, and they didn't know what it was."

>In fact we have no such thing. We have a witness saying that  
>people were looking into the sky and trying to see something.

No. Not True. I was responding to this quotation in Kentaro's  
original post:

'Then they started to say they were seeing  
[something], '

Not 'trying', but 'seeing'.

All you are doing is mis-reading in a way that suits your  
particular agenda.

>We  
>have no statement from anyone (other than the famous trio of  
>Barauna and his mates) saying that they saw anything. We have  
>several statements from people claiming other people might have  
>seen something, which is not exactly the same thing, is it?

It's not the same, but then nor is it the same as there being  
nobody to claim that anybody saw anything is it?

>Further you aver: "There was a commotion. So even if the  
>photographs were fabricated as an opportunistic response to the  
>sighting, there was a sighting. A sighting of a flying object  
>that could not be identified."

>Nonsense. There is no evidence of an sighting.

But there is, and you just don't like that fact so you refuse to accept it. It's not great evidence, but it is evidence.

>Just because

>there was a bit of a commotion is not an indication of anything,  
>as anyone who has done a bit of skywatching can tell you.

>Try a little experiment. Go out into a busy street with a video  
>camera and a couple of mates. Point the camera into the sky and  
>start saying in a loud voice, "Wow, look at that, did you see  
>that, what was it, I think I've got it on camera!" If they then  
>join in: "Yes, I saw it, amazing, do you think it was a UFO ....  
>" etc., etc., etc. I bet you'll cause a bit of a commotion!

Nonsense. There is no evidence to suggest that the people on that ship were conducting such an experiment or were skywatching and the commotion was what resulted. That being so, your comment is rather pointless.

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Gerald O'Connell  
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### Re: Trindade 'Negative Witness' Found

From: Michael Tarbell <[mtarbell.nul](mailto:mtarbell.nul)>  
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>From: Kentaro Mori <[kentaro.mori.nul](mailto:kentaro.mori.nul)>  
>To: [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 21 Apr 2011 11:42:24 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Trindade 'Negative Witness' Found

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>The testimonial evidence is extremely dubious. So, if one sticks  
>to the physical evidence, as they should, well, there are also  
>giant holes there, so much so that many who defended all the  
>details of Barauna story now concede that the photos could have  
>been hoaxed. But a sighting happened.

>Well, a sighting happened indeed, but one so ordinary that we  
>can only come to the conclusion that Trindade is indeed one of  
>the biggest fiascos in Ufology.

Hello Kentaro,

I generally find us in agreement, but as with the other recent  
'developments' in this case, i.e., the 50+ year delayed (and  
contradictory) revelations from nephew Ribiero and 'family  
friend' Bittencourt, I'm somewhat surprised at the level of  
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Jansen has ever since resented the fact that he never saw the  
object, and now that there's no one left to contradict him, he's  
claiming that the deckhands were all manipulated into a group  
hallucination.

I agree that the testimonial evidence in this case is dubious,  
including Jansen's. New revelations from individuals coming out  
of decades-long hibernation are particularly so. Not to

trivialize or discourage your research, I think the only testimony that would significantly sway opinion at this point would be from a co-conspirator with an airtight account of how the hoax was executed.

That all said, I concede that for my own part I also suspect a hoax, if not for very good reasons, and indeed not for any of the reasons you've proposed, aside from the observation that Barauna had (and even demonstrated) both the skill and inclination to perpetrate one.

As you suggest above, I'm trying to stick to the physical evidence, and I think the clues are in the photos themselves, although as yet I'm unable to quantify what troubles me about them. In the meantime I note, with interest but not undue excitement, this latest input from Jansen. I look forward to whatever additional material you may present.

BTW, in your post you say that Barauna claimed 150 people saw the object. What is the source for this? In a written statement he made in January 1967, Barauna estimated that "around 50 people" were on deck.

Regards

Mike

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## Velez On 'Alien' Symbols

From: John Velez <[jvelez49.nul](mailto:jvelez49.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 22 Apr 2011 19:50:37 -0400  
Archived: Sat, 23 Apr 2011 06:49:13 -0400  
Subject: Velez On 'Alien' Symbols

Hello All,

A little 'disclaimer' up front if I may...

This missive is not a response or a rebuttal of any previous iterations of this thread/subject. It has been fifteen years since this subject was openly discussed on this List and I think that because of the amount of time that has passed, a little historical recap is called for. I write this for the benefit of those for whom the subject of alleged 'alien' writing samples is a new one. Allow me, as someone who contributed to the data and who worked very closely with Budd Hopkins for almost a decade, to add some of my own recollections of him and my time with him, into the mix.

I'd also like to apologize for the length of this post and one more which will follow shortly. As long as this one is, it's only part one! LOL

Consider yourselves properly warned. We're off...

'How I got involved.'

In 1995, during a hypnosis session with Budd, I told him that I was seeing what looked like 'writing' that was stamped or embossed onto a wall onboard a craft. Budd asked me to make a mental note of what I was seeing and that I would be able to remember it after the session. Immediately upon waking up, Budd placed a yellow legal pad and a pencil in my lap and asked me if I could reproduce whatever it was I saw on that wall. I told him, no problem - I being a graphic artist - and the symbols were pretty simple and straight forward in terms of line and overall structural/thematic construction. The symbols have internal stylistic integrity. I carefully jotted down for him as accurately as I could, about 8 or 10 of the symbols/ glyphs.

A little personal observation here...

It's not often that you get to witness the blood draining out of a mans face, it's a pretty dramatic thing to see. But that's exactly what happened to Budd when he looked at what I had drawn. He went chalky-white right before my eyes. It was more than a little startling to see it. Budd stood right up and asked me to rest a moment and he'd be right back. There was something he wanted me to see.

Those who know Budd personally also know that he walks with a pronounced limp due to a childhood illness. Judging by the pace and the clip-clop sound of his uneven footsteps disappearing down the long hallway, Budd must have been running back to the office to fetch whatever it was he wanted me to see.

He returned quickly and near breathless. He was clutching a purple, plastic file folder to his chest with both hands. He deposited the folder on the couch in front of me and as he sat down to observe my reaction, he gently opened it up without saying a word. When I looked at what was inside, I swear, I didn't know whether to s\*\*t or go blind.



Sorry, it's the only way I can best describe my initial reaction. Excuse my French, I'm a native New Yorker along with all the rough-edges it implies. But I digress...

Inside the folder were about a dozen or more - at the time - pieces of paper, random, different kinds of paper, some torn from notebooks, as if gathered from many different people who had simply used whatever was on-hand at the time. The pages contained hand-written names and dates at the top of each one. Some even had the signature of the person who wrote it. But what absolutely floored me immediately was the fact that all of them had one or more of the very symbols I had just drawn. And many others that I had never seen but which fitted stylistically with all the other symbols.

The dates at the top of the pages scattered their acquisition by Budd over an approximately fifteen year time-line. Mine, now becoming the most recent addition to 'the purple file folder'.

I asked Budd; How is this possible? How could we have all drawn the exact same characters/symbols, we didn't know each other. There was simply no way we could have 'contaminated' each other. And scattered over such a long period of time to boot.

Budd didn't respond to my inquiry. He opted to let me figure it out for myself. Which was the best/wisest thing. Let me work it out and arrive at my own conclusions. It was this kind of treatment that I received consistently from him that allowed me to feel some confidence and trust in, Budd. He earned my trust over 9 years of close association.

To be honest, even left to my own filters and devices, I wasn't left with many palatable options. This symbol business was either; evidence of some kind of psychic phenomena between the contributors, or maybe even evidence of a 'collective consciousness', with ourselves manifesting primal, archaic patterns or constructs from deep within our subconscious.

Or...

it was evidence that we had all seen and accurately recorded the same thing(s). It would also imply that we all saw the symbols precisely where and under the exact conditions that we were reporting. We all simply and honestly reported that; we saw the same thing under very similar conditions. During an abduction event.

That one terrible possibility now existed as a reality. When taken in conjunction with other equally consistent bits of evidence, the alien abduction scenario as a reality, as an explanation, can become quite compelling.

I signed and dated the page I had written the symbols on and I watched Budd add it to the purple folder. I'm not sure if he was having me on and mimicking, Richard Dryfus in Close Encounters or if the phrase simply fit, but as he closed the folder, he tapped it with his finger and said; "This is important!"

Part 2 (For whoever can stand it,) will follow along shortly.

Regards,

John

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## Re: UFO Sightings In Waikato Skies

From: William Sawers <[orkal.nul](mailto:orkal.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 23 Apr 2011 10:23:04 +1000  
Archived: Sat, 23 Apr 2011 06:58:07 -0400  
Subject: Re: UFO Sightings In Waikato Skies

>From: Gerald O'Connell <[goc.nul](mailto:goc.nul)>  
>To: [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 21 Apr 2011 15:09:29 +0100  
>Subject: Re: UFO Sightings In Waikato Skies

>>From: Kathy Kasten <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
>>To: <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 14 Apr 2011 18:42:54 +0000  
>>subject: Re: UFO Sightings In Waikato Skies

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>>maybe its time to lose the category  
>>UFO\_ with its totally loaded meaning and opt for something that  
>>really means the observer cannot identify what they are seeing.

>But that's exactly what 'UFO', loaded or not, means. The problem  
>with this idea is that it addresses a symptom rather than a  
>cause and leads to a linguistic game of chase.

>It's rather like having to abandon a term like 'Afro-American'  
>(perfectly good piece of English) because the 'Afro' component  
>develops negative connotations. Eventually the replacement term,  
>'African American' will have to be abandoned when black  
>Americans (who used to be 'negroes' until that word didn't work  
>too well) decide that 'African' has too many negative  
>connotations of its own. If American news media focused more on  
>foreign reporting, they would probably already have decided that  
>the term was synonymous with grinding poverty, violence and  
>corruption.

>The aims are laudable but the solution is flawed. The problem  
>isn't the word, the problem is the attitude.

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

Hi Kathy, Gerald,

Yes Gerald this was what I was alluding to in my tic way when offering up (S.I.T.S) "Stuff in the Sky" as a substitute to UFO. Losing UFO as an acronym is going to be difficult because of those problems you mention especially, "attitude and apathy." It's a big ask to try and lose UFO. It does strike that emotive headline the media so love. Not only the media but the general public is now partially corrupted into UFO meaning ET or Spaceship and most of us would cringe every time we see it.

How do we go about changing an acronym so deeply imbedded? We changed Negro, to a large per cent, and even the other obnoxious "N" word so "whites" as a whole don't use them. I'd rather not go into why Afro-Americans" still insist on using the "N..." word to each other in Music and speech, but probably for another "list"

It was relatively easy to educate to Afro-American because it wasn't a big step to see the alternatives were Politically Incorrect and offensive. To try educate UFO away from ET, Flying Saucer, Aliens etc. apart from apathy from Media and Public, to

get any sort of consensus across our own also would be a huge step indeed. Especially as UFO is not really offensive or even Politically Incorrect. How do we convince the mainstream away from the virtual Sci Fi meaning of UFO?

Best

William

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## Re: Trindade 'Negative Witness' Found

From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <[aj.nul](mailto:aj.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 23 Apr 2011 10:16:07 -0300  
Archived: Sun, 24 Apr 2011 07:26:53 -0400  
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>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>To: <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 21 Apr 2011 16:37:30 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Trindade 'Negative Witness' Found

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>>To: <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 21 Apr 2011 10:55:29 -0300  
>>Subject: Re: Trindade 'Negative Witness' Found

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>This latest revelation, I'm afraid, pretty much defines "fiasco".

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>>Petit has easily broken all info published against Trindade  
>>Case's validity, including the most recent one, by Barauna's own  
>>nephew, published in the magazine's website.

>>It will be interesting to see again that the new 'evidences' and  
>>'testimonies' in this new attempt to discredit one of the most  
>>serious Brazilian UFO cases feel down as easily as they are so  
>>eagerly brought up. In a couple of week.

>I take this to mean, A. J., that Petit's research will be posted  
>on this List within the next couple of weeks. I'm not entirely  
>sure of your meaning here. If you would so be kind as to  
>clarify, I'd appreciate it.

>I hope so. What we've been getting from Brazil on this List is  
>one-sided and subject to some unsettlingly blatant biases. We  
>need to hear both sides so that we can judge from actual  
>evidence, not ideological agenda.

Yes, Jerry. Petit's investigation will be fully translated into English and posted here. Unfortunately, our main UFO researcher, Marco Antonio Petit, a disciple of Irene Granchi and a veteran with almost 40 years of investigations, doesn't speak English and cannot interact with this List.

I have, from time to time, translated a few parts of what the Brazilian skeptics publish here to his knowledge. I have also asked Thiago Ticchetti, who is in this List and also a member of my team, to do the same. So far, Petit has many serious corrections to make to the posts being published in the List, as the ones referring to the real involvement of the Brazilian Navy and the former president Juscelino Kubitschek with Trindade photos, which are very far away from what the detractors of the Trindade case think and publish.

I won't get involved in this debate at this time, as I have very little time left while conducting some new projects (new trips to the Amazon to investigate new cases, to start next May 11th), and also because I understand what the reasons for such debunking are - and they aren't worth of time consuming for me. There is much better things to do.

Petit wouldn't want get involved in that to, as he also knows

what fuels such 10-year effort in having this case down - actually, everyone in Brazil sees that. But he has agreed to do so when I asked because he also realizes that nobody else knows so much about the case as him. In a few weeks he will come up with all the necessary corrections to this new attempt and simply break the new "facts" as he has done before. It will be interesting to see how weak some skeptic assumptions are.

It would be tragic, if it wasn't funny, to see what sort of information skeptics consider "evidence" and what type of witness testimonies they consider "legitimate" in their effort to destroy a case. For much less than that they have danced on other people's investigations.

However, it is very important to say, at this point, that Brazilian Ufology is much, much more than what has circulated in some circles. While some people have spend 10 years relentlessly trying to destroy a case, even though using the weakest testimonies and information, many other productive and positive UFO researchers spent that same amount of time to investigate new great cases. There is a growing number of good investigations of great cases down here, and that is what counts.

Lots have been achieved in Brazil and even the Brazilian Government and the Air Force acknowledged UFOs when they opened some 5,000 pages of amazing documents - and yet, this doesn't seem to change some people views. Right now, these 5,000 pages and hundreds of pictures are at the National Archives in Brasilia for anyone to see. They reveal information that is much beyond any type of debunking. This is positive Ufology, Jerry, as you know it. Actually, it was this kind of Ufology in my country who made these files to be opened, as I published here in the past.

I wish you all a happy Easter!

A. J.

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Hi Mike,

The level of significance to me is that the testimonial evidence is extremely dubious. And it has been for over half a century a staple of the case, as it has been assumed without proper research that dozens of military witnesses saw the flying saucer and confirmed it in the still wet negatives.

In fact, the number of actual eyewitnesses is very probably less than a dozen; the number of known, confirmed eyewitnesses, is still limited, despite thorough search, to three (3) friends and then civilians Barauna, Amilar and Viegas; and all the other known witnesses, when asked if they saw anything, denied having seeing anything at all.

Once again: Bacellar denied. Saldanha denied. Moreira denied. Andrade denied. Azevedo denied. Almeida denied. Jansen denied. And now, we add Brito. Brito denied.

So, we have three friends claiming to having seen something, against eight others, including three officers, two sailors, one scientist, one other photographer and even another friend of Barauna (!) stating they saw nothing.

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I could concede all testimonial claims have equal weight, but one just have to notice that all those that claim to have seen something were the three friends, and even at the time their testimony was contradictory - for instance, they couldn't even agree between the three of them who was first to see the flying saucer.

Jansen's word is in agreement with Brito's now, and with six others. The difference is that the six others believed there was something in the sky but they couldn't see it because they "didn't arrive in time" to see it. Jansen and Brito thought different: they claim they were there, they saw people still pointing to the sky and claiming to still see something, but themselves, they saw nothing.

Actually, I'm surprised that no believer has yet come with the interpretation that the easiest and less "damaging" way to interpret Jansen's and Brito's testimony is simply to claim they, like all the six other negative witnesses, didn't arrive in time. As they arrived late on deck, there was still a commotion, but by that time the commotion was indeed just hysteria. It doesn't mean the commotion wasn't started by an actual sighting.

And indeed, it doesn't mean that. What it means is that the testimony as a whole is extremely dubious, and established facts about it have been evidenced as false. We can't assume eight eyewitnesses were all simply late arriving on deck unless we're working with the assumption the sighting was real. One has to concede it's possible, even probable, that at least one of these eight witnesses should have arrived in time - two of them claim they were there in time and should see something - but they saw nothing. So, the testimonial evidence is extremely dubious in providing support for the case.

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>clowns from the diving club?

I already wrote to Shough in the List pointing to the serious problems in the known Intelligence Report - which, also for the sake of the believers, we assume is real, but which is only known in full as a translation to English given to APRO, where the sender asked the original to be destroyed. Fellow Mary Castner has the fac-simile of that which is the most reliable source - an English translation given to the Lorenzens. The Portuguese versions circulating are actually translations of the English version back to Spanish, and then back to Portuguese. Shough himself found that out and corrected me.

So, even assuming this English translation and the short snippets that leaked to the press at the time are indeed accurate, we still have the problems with it I listed to Shough again. For decades this Report has been assumed as a thorough investigation, when its shortcomings were clear from the beginning.

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>co-conspirators (which I do not rule out).

Of the only three known 'positive' witnesses, Barauna, Viegas and Amilar, one of them, Amilar, never saw the negatives. So we don't know who or even how many were those that claimed to have seen something and confirmed it afterwards in the negatives besides Barauna himself and Viegas. Even Barauna is said not to have seen the object in the negatives at first.

I agree it would be plausible to think they should be co-conspirators, but then, one has to notice that according to Barauna's account, it was Bacellar himself that noticed the UFO did appear in the images. You see, an officer. And if Bacellar, who had seen nothing, could think there was an UFO in the negatives, perhaps other sailors could have been "induced" here too.

In any event, and again, we don't know who or even how many saw something and confirmed it in the "still wet" negatives. We know any object the size that would later appear in prints would be around a millimeter or less in the negatives, we know that Barauna himself stated that in the original roll the object had very little contrast, and that he had to treat the negatives, and the prints we know, where the object is already fuzzy in comparison with the Island, are the already treated ones.

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>Jansen has ever since resented the fact that he never saw the



>object, and now that there's no one left to contradict him, he's  
>claiming that the deckhands were all manipulated into a group  
>hallucination.

Yes, that's a possible speculation, but now we have Brito to  
lend support to Jansen, and as far as I know they were from  
different groups.

>I agree that the testimonial evidence in this case is dubious,  
>including Jansen's. New revelations from individuals coming out  
>of decades-long hibernation are particularly so. Not to  
>trivialize or discourage your research, I think the only  
>testimony that would significantly sway opinion at this point  
>would be from a co-conspirator with an airtight account of how  
>the hoax was executed.

They are all dead now. Proper research should have been  
conducted in the years after the event. Unfortunately, it  
wasn't. And there's reason to suggest that the exact details of  
how Barauna created the photos will never be known, as he worked  
alone in his lab and gave contradictory versions to different  
people even when confessing the hoax.

You see, this was a man who spontaneously told contactee Marco  
Petit - because Petit didn't ask him about it at all - that he  
had indeed hoaxed, that is, sold to a newspaper a completely  
false story and photos of a treasure chest. In the photos, he  
appears besides the hoaxed chest. One would think any normal  
person would not spontaneously admit a hoax unless pressured  
into it. One would think that a hoaxer would not have his own  
face appearing in the hoaxed photos. But Barauna did that, and  
he told the story with visible joy.

He was trickster, and the interpretation that even when he  
confessed, he may have given contradictory and even absurd  
accounts of what happened is not far-fetched. He gave  
contradictory and absurd accounts from the start. His niece  
seems to think the negatives were analyzed by NASA. He claimed  
they were analyzed by Kodak. He said the ship's radar picked the  
UFO.

>That all said, I concede that for my own part I also suspect a  
>hoax, if not for very good reasons, and indeed not for any of  
>the reasons you've proposed, aside from the observation that  
>Barauna had (and even demonstrated) both the skill and  
>inclination to perpetrate one.

Yes, that is the most important thing that the Intelligence  
Evaluation failed to evaluate, and that was exposed in the press  
in a matter of hours after the story exploded. But it has since  
been downplayed by believers. You should add that Barauna had  
also demonstrated he was capable of profiting from a hoax  
(treasure chest), that he was capable of lying about it to the  
press (when the press exposed it, he denied the chest story was  
a hoax), and that he found it very amusing (in 1997, he  
spontaneously told the story while laughing about it).

>As you suggest above, I'm trying to stick to the physical  
>evidence, and I think the clues are in the photos themselves,  
>although as yet I'm unable to quantify what troubles me about  
>them. In the meantime I note, with interest but not undue  
>excitement, this latest input from Jansen. I look forward to  
>whatever additional material you may present.

I will try to publish it in the next couple of weeks.

>BTW, in your post you say that Barauna claimed 150 people saw  
>the object. What is the source for this? In a written statement  
>he made in January 1967, Barauna estimated that "around 50  
>people" were on deck.

It's in the news clippings. I will share what we got.

Regards,

Kentaro

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### Re: Second Trindade 'Negative Witness' Found

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>Subject: Second Trindade 'Negative Witness' Found

>Fellow Brazilian researcher Alexandre Borges has just disclosed  
>he located in January of this year another surviving witness,  
>Jose Carlos Rigueira de Brito, who like Edson Jansen Ferreira,  
>was a sailor aboard the Almirante Saldanha ship during the  
>famous Trindade Island alleged UFO sighting in January 16, 1958.

<snip>

>"Actually, nobody saw anything, because nothing happened. What  
>actually happened was collective hysteria. I was in [sala de  
>armas] when Admiral Saldanha da Gama personally ordered me to go  
>to the deck to help calm down the shouting. I was the [SP] in  
>charge at the referred time. I saw nothing, only people pointing  
>to the sky. All set up. Bacellar could not have seen anything,  
>as a hoax was very crude."

>Asked by Borges if, when he arrived on deck, he remembered if  
>any military fellow told him personally having seen the flying  
>uicer, Brito answered:

>"Honestly? Nobody saw anything. People talked things like, 'Have  
>you seen something?', then another said 'I didn't, I was fooling  
>around, pointing upwards'. It's like that story where someone  
>stops in the street, along with another person, and points to  
>the sky, 'Look! Over there! Look!'. Soon, there are a dozen of  
>people looking upwards and saying they saw something, when they  
>actually have seen nothing. It's a kind of mass hysteria, that's  
>what happened. They said 'Look over there! It's there! Now it's  
>there!', but, it wasn't. I was talk with friends and I say that  
>guy [Barauna] was a big hoaxer. Actually, he had luck, because  
>Saldanha da Gama was a very strict man".

>Brito's testimony has a lot of other bombastic claims -  
>including that lieutenant Homero, even if he claimed he saw  
>something, was an alcoholic, that people used to smoke marijuana  
>onboard the ship, that the cameras were confiscated afterwards -  
>- but not Barauna's - or that there were 30, 40 people on deck  
>at the time (but only around 8, 9 people joined Barauna in what  
>he says was a hoax planned and set up).

>As all the other testimonial evidence in the Trindade case, it  
>cannot be accepted prima facie.

I certainly agree with this last. We have retrospective  
testimony appearing more than five decades after the fact from  
informants who may or may not be grinding axes. Of course, as  
I've noted elsewhere, debunkers would reject that testimony out  
of hand as the product of self-serving memory tricks if the  
informant were making a pro-UFO claim. And we can imagine what  
they would make of what are here called "other bombastic  
claims." They would render the informant non-credible on the  
spot.

That said, I think this discussion has been profoundly good for

everybody. I look forward to what A. J.'s colleague has to say, and perhaps by then we can all draw some reasonable conclusion about what may or may not have happened that day long ago.

Jerry Clark

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## Re: Velez On 'Alien' Symbols

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>Date: Fri, 22 Apr 2011 19:50:37 -0400  
>Subject: Velez On 'Alien' Symbols

<snip>

>In 1995, during a hypnosis session with Budd, I told him that I  
>was seeing what looked like 'writing' that was stamped or  
>embossed onto a wall onboard a craft. Budd asked me to make a  
>mental note of what I was seeing and that I would be able to  
>remember it after the session. Immediately upon waking up, Budd  
>placed a yellow legal pad and a pencil in my lap and asked me if  
>I could reproduce whatever it was I saw on that wall. I told  
>him, no problem - I being a graphic artist - and the symbols  
>were pretty simple and straight forward in terms of line and  
>overall structural/thematic construction. The symbols have  
>internal stylistic integrity. I carefully jotted down for him as  
>accurately as I could, about 8 or 10 of the symbols/ glyphs.

<snip>

>Budd stood right up and asked  
>me to rest a moment and he'd be right back. There was something  
>he wanted me to see.

<snip>

>He returned quickly and near breathless. He was clutching a  
>purple, plastic file folder to his chest with both hands. He  
>deposited the folder on the couch in front of me and as he sat  
>down to observe my reaction, he gently opened it up without  
>saying a word.

<snip>

>Inside the folder were about a dozen or more - at the time -  
>pieces of paper, random, different kinds of paper, some torn  
>from notebooks, as if gathered from many different people who  
>had simply used whatever was on-hand at the time. The pages  
>contained hand-written names and dates at the top of each one.  
>Some even had the signature of the person who wrote it. But what  
>absolutely floored me immediately was the fact that all of them  
>had one or more of the very symbols I had just drawn. And many  
>others that I had never seen but which fitted stylistically  
>with all the other symbols.

>The dates at the top of the pages scattered their acquisition by  
>Budd over an approximately fifteen year time-line. Mine, now  
>becoming the most recent addition to 'the purple file folder'.

>I asked Budd; How is this possible? How could we have all drawn  
>the exact same characters/symbols, we didn't know each other.  
>There was simply no way we could have 'contaminated' each other.  
>And scattered over such a long period of time to boot.

>Budd didn't respond to my inquiry. He opted to let me figure it  
>out for myself. Which was the best/wisest thing.

<snip>

>To be honest, even left to my own filters and devices, I wasn't  
>left with many palatable options. This symbol business was  
>either; evidence of some kind of psychic phenomena between the  
>contributors, or maybe even evidence of a 'collective  
>consciousness', with ourselves manifesting primal, archaic  
>patterns or constructs from deep within our subconscious.

>Or...

>it was evidence that we had all seen and accurately recorded the  
>same thing(s). It would also imply that we all saw the symbols  
>precisely where and under the exact conditions that we were  
>reporting. We all simply and honestly reported that; we saw the  
>same thing under very similar conditions. During an abduction  
>event.

<snip>

>I signed and dated the page I had written the symbols on and I  
>watched Budd add it to the purple folder. I'm not sure if he was  
>having me on and mimicking, Richard Dryfus in Close Encounters  
>or if the phrase simply fit, but as he closed the folder, he  
>tapped it with his finger and said; "This is important!"

>Part 2 (For whoever can stand it,) will follow along shortly.

You said you thought it might be "... primal, archaic patterns  
or constructs from deep within our subconscious."

Building on what you wrote above, and adding to it my clumsy use  
of Occam's Razor, I'd add a fourth option that the symbols might  
be a manifestation of how humans generally categorize written  
language within their subconscious minds.

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>Date: Thu, 21 Apr 2011 19:31:23 +0100 (BST)  
>Subject: Re: Trindade 'Negative Witness' Found

>>From: Gerald O'Connell <[goc.nul](mailto:goc.nul)>  
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>>Subject: Re: Trindade 'Negative Witness' Found

>>>From: John Rimmer <[johnrimmer.nul](mailto:johnrimmer.nul)>  
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>>>Date: Wed, 20 Apr 2011 16:34:55 +0100 (BST)  
>>>Subject: Re: Trindade 'Negative Witness' Found

>>>>Game, set and match.

>>>>I agree with you John.

>>>>We have a witness to the effect that crewmen and others saw  
>>>>something, and they didn't know what it was. They became  
>>>>excited. There was a commotion. So even if the photographs were  
>>>>fabricated as an opportunistic response to the sighting, there  
>>>>was a sighting. A sighting of a flying object that could not be  
>>>>identified.

>>>>You claim: "We have a witness to the effect that crewmen and  
>>>>others saw something, and they didn't know what it was."

>>>>In fact we have no such thing. We have a witness saying that  
>>>>people were looking into the sky and trying to see something.

John is incorrect. Jansen does say repeatedly that "everyone saw it", not that everyone was "trying to see it." Jansen said he was the only one "trying to see it" and failing. Others tried to make him see it, but he, alone, could see nothing.

In Kentaro's interview Jansen says:

" ...they started to say they were seeing [something], ... Everyone ["sailors" and "civilian[s]"] saw it. But my vision was 20/20. I could see everything. And I didn't see anything. 'It's there!' [they said]. 'But where?' [I asked]. I didn't see a thing."

Kentaro paraphrases the Martinho interview:

". . . one can hear Jansen refer to the fact he did see the commotion of people pointing to the sky, and the fact that he, despite having perfect vision, couldn't see a thing."

Jansen repeats:

"I don't know what made everyone see... and I didn't see"

Neither do I. (Incidentally, 20/20 vision is not "perfect" vision, it is a standard of acuity defined as "normal" in the sense that it is ophthalmologically "good enough" not to need correction. The average visual acuity of healthy eyes is actually

20/16 to 20/12 and reaches better than 20/10, which is twice as sharp as 20/20. See

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Visual\\_acuity](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Visual_acuity))

>have no statement from anyone (other than the famous trio of >Barauna and his mates) saying that they saw anything. We have >several statements from people claiming other people might have >seen something, which is not exactly the same thing, is it?

We have several statements, including now evidence-against-interest from whay we might call a "hostile witness" who thinks Barauna's story is "bollocks", to the effect that numbers of his fellow crewmen on deck did really believe they could see this thing in the sky that excited them, and Jansen says they actively tried to point it out to him, but that he alone of "everyone" couldn't see anything.

(And I'll allude here to Kentaro's new "second negative witness" merely to point out that this Brito does not satisfy the definition, having evidently arrived on deck in the aftermath of the incident. A negative witness needs to be one who is in the right place at the right time to have seen the object but could not see it.)

>Further you aver: "There was a commotion. So even if the >photographs were fabricated as an opportunistic response to the >sighting, there was a sighting. A sighting of a flying object >that could not be identified."

>Nonsense. There is no evidence of an sighting.

Not only is Gerald correct that Jansen's testimony is evidence (such as it is, given the circumstances) of a sighting (definition: some people believing they observe an unexplained object in the sky), we also still have the strong witness statements made by Capt Bacellar - not only publicly in his well-known press statement, but officially and confidentially, in his capacity as the Navy High Command's designated cognizant expert on the spot with pre-existing instructions to report on UAO sightings at Trindade - that he definitely observed the UFO images etc on the still wet uncut negative strip (see my other reply to the post by Kentaro). IMO no plausible case has yet been made that removes this fact, and any plausible theory at the moment has to shape itself around it, meaning that unless we assume the complicity of Capt. Bacellar (at least) in a hoax there has to have been a pre-planned photographic imposture by Barauna and co.

This is problemmatical, and conflicts with claims of mere on-the-hoof opportunism made by another recent "hostile witness", nephew Marcello Ribeiro (only a hearsay witness of course, but claiming Barauna's complete confidence) who's account was received with some enthusiasm in (so-called) sceptical quarters. Ribeiro insists that there was "something there, they saw something", and that this had nothing to do with Barauna. It was not any part of the alleged hoax. Ribeiro: "When [Barauna] got there the people were saying: 'look!' And he saw it. He saw that there was something out there. Then he simulated [the photos]".

The implication of Jansen's account seems consistent with this. He says that other sailors were trying to make him see the object, pointing out "there it is!" It was not Barauna or the other civilians, about whom Jansen seems to have known little. They were secondary in his recollection. He was responding to imprecations by other crewmen trying to make him see this object which he declares "everyone" could see but him. As I pointed out before, this is not inconsistent with early Navy sources which record not only that there were Navy witnesses but that it was members of the crew who first "raised the alarm".

Martin Shough

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>>Date: Thu, 21 Apr 2011 08:10:16 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Trindade 'Negative Witness' Found

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>>In fact, I argued that given the intense publicity the Trindade  
>>case got in Brazil, not to mention around the world, it was  
>>indeed strange, perhaps even telling, that in all those years  
>>nobody on the ship had come forward to validate the hoax theory  
>>- which has always been that nothing happened, nobody had seen  
>>what he believed to be a UFO, that the photographer fixed it up  
>>and made up a story to fit.

>But they did! Several newspapers exposed the fact Barauna had  
>hoaxed before, that there were 'negative witnesses'

A negative witness would be someone who says they were on deck at  
the time in a position to see something, and didn't.. Jansen is  
the first known negative witness.

>that no officer saw anything

No officer claimed that he was on deck in a position to see  
something, yet didn't. On the contrary, all officer statements  
of which I know state that the officer was not in a position  
to see anything:

The ship's Executive Officer told the US Assistant Naval Attache  
that he arrived on deck after the event, but formed the  
impression that those already on deck had genuinely seen it.

Commander Moreira da Silva was also not on deck, and by the time  
he was called from his quarters it was too late. But he too  
concluded that a genuine sighting had occurred.

Capt Bacellar said he too was in his quarters and simply not in  
a position to see anything, but got there just afterwards,  
concluding that "an unidentified aerial object was really seen."

>that the photos were hoaxed. Of all the  
>people they asked directly if they saw something, none that  
>could be named confirmed seeing the UFO, with the exception of  
>friends Amilar, Viegas and Barauna. Even friend Mauro Andrade  
>denied seeing something when directly questioned.

This rather makes it sound as though Andrade had indirectly  
claimed something, but retracted it under "direct" questioning,  
or "denied" that there was anything to see. Either impression  
would be thoroughly misleading:

"I didn't witness the sighting because I was inside the ship,  
not on the deck, when the object was seen. But I can give a list

of responsible people who saw it and saw the photographer Barauna take the pictures as well as develop the negatives. "I don't know how I was tracked by the press. I was startled by the publication of news and photos related with the incident because we had promised- all of us- to keep the whole thing secret.

"I was somewhere inside the ship, was alerted by the shouts, and ran outside to see what was happening. Yet I didn't see the object. But all people I found on deck told me that they had really sighted a flying saucer. I believed them, and my belief was confirmed by the film developed aboard [etc]". (O Globo, Feb. 22, 1958, trans. Fontes)

Andrade therefore is no more a "negative witness" than the above officers. It is actually an intriguing back-handed positive for the case that Andrade, one of Barauna's "friends", "mates", "cronies" etc, did not see anything, when more fake corroboration would have been helpful.

Similarly, the fact that Amilar said he only came on deck in time to catch the second half of the sighting, and would not swear to everything seen by Barauna and Viegas, adds to rather than detracts from the credibility of the whole story.

Jansen appears to be a genuine "negative witness" in that he claims he was in the right place at the right time (or certainly appears to claim this, notwithstanding that you raise a point of ambiguity about his actual meaning, Kentaro, which we must wait to see interpreted in context).

I should also add, having just seen your post about the new "second negative witness" interviewed by Borges (the link doesn't work for me, BTW), that the headline version you quote does not necessarily show that Brito qualifies for this title. Brito says "Admiral Saldanha da Gama personally ordered me to go to the deck to help calm down the shouting." Clearly, Brito, having to "go to" the deck, was not on deck at the time, but was wherever the Captain was, who also did not see anything. He says, "I saw nothing, only people pointing to the sky," but clearly this was in the aftermath of the event, not during the event. You say he was

"asked by Borges if, when he arrived on deck, he remembered if any military fellow told him personally having seen the flying saucer."

This self-evidently implies that Brito did not arrive on deck until afterwards. You say that Brito answered:

"Honestly? Nobody saw anything. People talked things like, 'Have you seen something?', then another said 'I didn't, I was fooling around, pointing upwards'. All set up. Bacellar could not have seen anything [presumably meaning 'on the negatives'], as the hoax was very crude ... that guy [Barauna] was a big hoaxer,"

which is actually not an answer to the question asked, and is merely an opinion - an opinion, moreover, which is in striking conflict with the whistle-blower-before-last (Ribeiro) who gave us the inside-dope that there absolutely was not any kind of planned hoax, that there really was a "UFO", that nothing was "set up" at all.

>The head of  
>Servico Aerofotogrametrico Cruzeiro do Sul stepped forward to  
>state his company had nothing to do with analyzing the  
>negatives.

This is intriguing. To expand on Kentaro's reference:

After the company's involvement had been publicly alleged, Helio Meireles, the director, wrote to a newspaper: "Please, clarify through O GLOBO, that I don't know the photographer Almiro Bara=FAna personally nor did the Cruzeiro do Sul Aerophotogrammetric Service conduct any service to him. We are completely unaware of this thing about flying saucers." (O Globo, Feb 25)

Kentaro has suggested (personal discussion) that this could be interpreted as merely protecting confidentiality, but points out that silence would seem a more appropriate way of respecting confidentiality in any business with the Navy. I tend to agree.

But this is actually what we find.

The company is silent on any connection with the Navy investigation. Meireles is here denying any personal knowledge of Barauna and denying doing any work on behalf of Barauna. He does not explicitly either confirm or deny doing work for the Navy.

Meireles does deny knowing anything about "flying saucers". What does this mean, exactly? I'm unable to check the exact language behind the translation as I don't have the original in this case, but in strict truth this need not be inconsistent with the company having examined some negatives for the Navy. The Navy would not have made any irresponsible representations to their contractor about the status of the negatives in question, or about the nature of the images on them - this after all is what the examination is designed to help establish. Cruzeiro do Sul are very unlikely to have had any official document asserting that the photos were of "a flying saucer".

It's not impossible that Meireles' disclaimer is a carefully worded statement designed to disculpate the company and forestall possible Navy recrimination following any public disclosure (by Barauna?) of their confidential involvement.

The Navy Intelligence report is perfectly clear in stating that the negatives were examined by Navy technicians from DHN and from the Cruzeiro do Sul Aerophotogrammetric Service. From the language and structure of Brandao's report I see no good reason to believe this is just hearsay.

I throw into the mix the fact that our recent whistle-blowing nephew, Marcello Ribeiro who purported to know all the inside information on his uncle's "hoax", told us not only that the negatives were indeed examined by Cruzeiro do Sul - "a very good service. They had a very good lab and also very good technicians" - but that Barauna had worked there, and "everybody there knew him" (a statement in some tension with the claim of Helio Meireles not to know him), and that Barauna "knew those technicians would never detect it [the hoax], because it is not possible to detect."

<snip>

>And to believers, even this stating he was actually there on >deck and had seen nothing at all is once again ignored as 'a >flea'. You see, of all the known names in this story, all of >them denied seeing something when directly questioned, with the >exception of friends Barauna, Amilar and Viegas.

>Bacellar denied.

What was claimed - when, and by whom? - that Bacellar "denied"?

Bacellar did not "deny". Bacellar was in his quarters at the time and clearly said so. His acts of witness occurred afterwards and involved the negatives. Did he "deny" seeing anything on the negatives? No he did not. He very explicitly and cautiously recorded the fact that he had made "careful examination" of the negs and seen the earlier deck shots and UFO images in proper sequence including the two out of six shots which did not show the UFO.

>Saldanha denied.

Saldanha was clearly not in a position to see or not see the object. He was not on deck. He became aware of the furore when the sighting occurred and dispatched Brito (according to Borges recent interview with Brito) to go to the deck and calm things down.

Saldanha was questioned by the US Assistant Naval Attache and the CO of the USCG Westwind and did not "deny" anything. In fact he volunteered the information that his own executive Assitant, a Navy Commander, had personally witnessed the object. Neither did he "deny" the Ship's Executive Officer's report that in his opinion, having arrived on deck just afterwards. a genuine sighting had occurred.

Moreover, it strikes me as a back-breaking sophistical contortion to enlist in your cause the phantom "denial" of a man

who you have previously derided as a "gullible believer".

>Moreira denied.

No, he did not. Com Moreira da Silva stated clearly that he was not in a position to see anything at the time, but that in his opinion there was no doubt that those on deck had really seen an object.

>Andrade denied.

No, Andrade did not "deny". He too was below decks in his cabin and was not in a position to see anything. But he too gave it as his opinion that the sighting had really happened.

>Azevedo denied.

I'm not sure about this. IIRC, it was said that Azevedo "did not come in time". I don't recall a direct statement from Azevedo clearly saying that he was in position to see the object but failed to do so. But it may be my memory at fault in this case - the amount of information is a bit overwhelming. Is there such a statement?

>Almeida denied.

Similarly, please can you indicate the source where Almeida (for those not au fait with all of this, Almeida was a civilian geologist on board for a study of the geology of Trindade Island) says he was on deck and looking for the object but could not see it? I don't recall such a statement.

>And now, Jansen denied.

And now, at last, we have an honest-to-god, copper-bottomed, genuwyne denial from a man who says he was there and saw nothing.

>And this is just the testimonial evidence. Even if by a miracle >one, two or perhaps all the around eight, 13 or 15 witnesses do >show up and some or even most of them do claim to have seen >something, the fact is, their testimonies are contradictory -

Ha! Excuse my amusement at the characterisation of all possible future discoveries as "contradictory"

>Barauna, Amilar and Viegas contradict themselves in very >important points -

I disagree, but it is another of those throw-away claims that would take a month of emails to properly dispute.

> including at least one witness who claims he >saw nothing at all and who suggests the others could have been >"induced".

"one witness who suggests that the others could have been induced" is not a very sturdy hook on which to hang a case.

>The testimonial evidence is extremely dubious. So, if one >sticks to the physical evidence, as they should, well there are >also giant holes there.

This may be so. At least, I concede that the issue of the cloud detail is problemmatical. But I disagree about a number of other claimed "giant holes" - such as Sunderland's hoary "inversion" claim from 1958.

>Well, a sighting happened indeed

Very probably

>but one so ordinary

Hmmm, possibly...

>that we >can only come to the conclusion that Trindade is indeed one of >the biggest fiascos in Ufology.

No, that is a conclusion, which may prove defensible, or may

not. The game is still afoot ;-)

Martin Shough

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## Re: Trindade 'Negative Witness' Found

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>>A 1958 Brazilian Navy intelligence evaluation stating not only  
>>that there were Navy witnesses, but that it had indeed been  
>>they in the bow and stern of the ship who raised the initial  
>>alarm on deck, was never considered by you as bearing on the  
>>answer to that question, because after all everyone is fallible,  
>>even Navy intelligence captains and their Navy sources (in  
>>particular the Navy's designated cognizant technical  
>>investigator on the spot, Capt Bacellar), and there's always  
>>room for doubt, right?

>This is the intelligence evaluation that failed to evaluate that  
>Barauna was very well-known in his home-town (a few miles from  
>where the Navy Intelligence was located) for being a hoaxer...

<snip>

Dear Kentaro

Sorry for not responding right away. It was a busy time and several long replies in this thread are merited.

We amicably disagree on how to interpret the standing and significance of the Navy intelligence investigation (at the moment), but I don't wish - dare? ;-) - to get into that in this email because it is such a large can of worms and would be better discussed when you are finally able to undertake publication of all the background and reasonings about which we have had virile private disputes in recent years (see below).

>>Similarly the fact that the Captain of the Almirante Saldanha  
>>told the US Assistant Naval Attache in 1958 that his own  
>>Executive Assistant, a Navy Commander, had himself seen it (the  
>>officer in question did not deny it when questioned), was I  
>>suspect considered by you a wholly negligible fact, presumably  
>>for similar reasons.

>This is the Captain that later on published a book where he  
>mentions the Bermuda Triangle as a great mystery. He believed  
>in the sighting.

This is interesting, Kentaro. When will you be free to post details of any source(s) you have discovered about Capt Saldanha da Gama's beliefs re the sighting?

In correspondence with you in the past I commented on the discretion, after the fact, of da Gama (apologies if that's the wrong way to use his name) and other ship's officers, none of

whom appears to have said (or been recorded saying) anything publicly or officially, either in denial or endorsement. In fact the only known comments of Da Gama are those made in what might justifiably have been assumed by him to be closed, confidential exchanges with foreign officials that would never see the light of day.

Thus in 1958 Capt da Gama was carefully "noncommittal", during two different visits by US Navy Officers to his ship (the US Assistant Naval Attache and the Captain of USCG Westwind). He did not endorse or deny the sighting. But he did "freely discuss" the incident, and in doing so he and at least two other ship's Officers - the Capt's assistant and the Exec - gave their US Navy interviewers no cause to doubt that there had been an actual incident on deck which caused a stir and came immediately to their attention. None of these sources on the spot seems to have told these interviewers anything like "The Navy has nothing to do with it, this was just a lark by a few civilians"

(I offered this as an indication that something, a sighting event of whatever cause, had indeed happened, despite there being no mention of it in the ship's log [For those not au fait, this is a working log and records only day-to-day ships operations concerning engineering, navigation, personnel and cargo etc - it is not a discursive narrative of the voyage or a "diary of events".] I think recent disclosures are in the direction of tending to confirm that there was indeed a sighting event on deck involving members of the crew as officially recorded at the time.)

In reply you characterised da Gama as a "a gullible believer" and he and his officers as "not rational, skeptical people that would question and expose, or endorse, based on a critical evaluation of the evidence." Your presumptions could be correct, but I see no evidence of Da Gama behaving irrationally in respect of the Trindade sighting. In fact the evidence is that beyond affirming that an incident occurred, and reporting Commander X's claimed involvement, he didn't endorse anything, gullibly or otherwise, either confidentially in 1958 or publicly, not even long afterwards when he wrote what his publishers entitled 'Brazilians in the Deadly Bermuda Triangle' in 1984.

As far as I know this is the only one of DaGama's books to concern itself with weird mysteries at sea (he wrote others about Naval history). And in it he didn't refer to the Trindade mystery at all. I think it's interesting and even a little surprising that this "gullible believer" didn't take the opportunity to at least mention having a role in Brazil's pre-eminent saucer sea mystery.

If the fact that Da Gama wrote a Bermuda Triangle book in 1984 is your evidence for characterising Da Gama in 1958 as a "believer" - and this is again the only evidence you cite - then I invite you to consider cause and effect.

Our characters and beliefs are generally the result of what happened to us in our pasts. That book was written by a different Saldhana da Gama - a man 26 years older living in a different world (at least I'm confident that in Europe and in the US the milieu of 1984 was dramatically different from that of 1958, and the 1970s had seen a huge change in the permissions that society gave its members to think and talk about weird anomalies and in the wealth of ideas and images that it made available for the purpose via a welter of books and films about UFOs, ESP the Triangle and much else. Some of us know - perhaps to our own shame - just how pervasive the effects of that culture were on our beliefs as younger men <g>. I guess that a similar cultural curve may have happened in Brazil, possibly just a little later. So a man who also had behind him the sanction of an impressive saucer sighting on his own ship back in 1958 might well be more than averagely disposed to buy into the "mysteries" culture of the time.

Reasoning backwards from 1984 to his state of mind in January 1958 is a very dodgy business IMO.

These are the relevant contemporaneous facts I am aware of:

In 1958 Capt Sunderland, a witness whom I assume you would regard as "a rational, skeptical person", reported a picture not



of over-excitement but of what you might call frank reserve from the ship's Officers.

Far from enthusing or endorsing anything da Gama was "noncommittal" with the Assistant Attache in Santos on Feb 24 and simply reported what he knew. To the CO of the Westwind at a later unspecified time he "freely discussed" the affair and showed his visitor "original proofs" (presumably meaning prints) but "again did not commit himself".

Likewise da Gama's assistant Lt Com X simply "avoided discussing" his own sighting, and if the Executive Officer felt any temptation to inflate his role by claiming he'd also seen it he resisted, saying that he arrived just too late and was only able to say that those on deck had in his opinion really seen an object.

BTW da Gama also wrote two authoritative books on the history of Brazilian naval warfare. According to the US Library of Congress:

"In the case of the individual armed forces, the history of the navy is better documented than that of the army and air force, thanks to the indefatigable efforts of the navy's own Historical Section. Apart from the navy's publications, Arthur Oscar Saldanha da Gama's two books on the Brazilian Navy in the two world wars provide excellent coverage not only of this aspect of the subject but also of the period immediately preceding each conflict."

[http://lcweb2.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/r?frd/cstdy:.nul\(DOCID+br0136\)](http://lcweb2.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/r?frd/cstdy:.nul(DOCID+br0136))

I suspect that these books are no more relevant to the question of what happened on the deck of the Almirante Saldanha on Jan 16 1958 than the Bermuda Triangle one he wrote 26 years afterwards. The point is that a noteworthy incident of whatever cause clearly did happen, peripherally involving these ship's Officers, despite the fact that it is not recorded in the ship's log.

>If his Executive Assistant did not actually see  
>anything, one assumes he would feel embarrassed to contradict  
>his superior. .

Yes, one could assume that he saw nothing, that Da Gama was mistaken or deluded, or even lying, or that it had been a misjudged joke by Commander X, or various possibilities. Or one could say that the Commander X was reticent because he had relied on his Captain's confidence and didn't want to risk getting involved officially in what was rapidly becoming a military-political furore. The subsequent discretion of all parties could be consistent with either scenario.

>Furthermore, the same Intelligence Report you trust

Trust? I'd rather say "the report which I still await persuasive evidence to distrust". (This is not a matter of wanting to claim that the Report covers every angle so as to remove the need for questions and interpretations - it clearly doesn't. My disagreement with your approach to it is about its function and context, again an argument too subtle and many-faceted to sound-bite here)

>states no officer saw anything

Yes, it does - or at least no officer reported seeing anything - but of course if the officer concerned did not officially report anything this would merely be consistent with the reluctance and discretion implied in Sunderland's memo.

>>1958 statements by another officer on the ship, Capt Paulo de  
>>Castro Moreira da Silva, attested to at least five Navy  
>>witnesses in addition to the three civilians. I expect you can  
>>articulate good reasons why this has never seemed to have any  
>>weight.

>Those who understand Portuguese know that "umas oito", an  
>indefinite article in the plural form, means there's much  
>uncertainty as to the given number. Assuming "at least eight"  
>is not very appropriate. It could have been even less, it could  
>have been more.

But it was not "three", was it? Let us say "perhaps eight", then. Perhaps eight implies perhaps five more than the number of three civilians.

Like everybody else, Jansen didn't know how many people constituted the "everyone" whom he saw apparently witnessing the object that he couldn't see, but guessed that it would have been the "around 13 or 15 people that strolls around the deck". Again this is significantly more than 3, and he specified that they were mostly "sailors". In fact I would suggest to you that at this time near noon on the day of departure from the island, when all parties were back on board and when the ship's boat was just in the process of being winched up preparatory to the trip home, there might have been more crew on deck than Jansen's typical "13 or 15 strolling around". I imagine it would have been somewhat busy with activity and not just the few usual suspects casually "strolling around" as Jansen's evidently vague recollection seems to imply

Howsoever, Jansen's statement IMO invites more focus on press reports from Feb 1954 stating that crew witnesses - positive witnesses - were interviewed by reporters.

According to Fontes:

"On February 24, 1958, the NE Almirante Saldanha arrived at Santos, S. P. Members of the crew were permitted to visit the town and there, for the first time, were contacted by the press. [This was the same docking during which the ship's officers were visited aboard ship by US Navy officers] Their declarations were printed in two Sao Paulo's newspapers (FOLHA DA TARDE and O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO, of February 25). All of them confirmed the passage of the UAO over the Island, watched by all members of the crew on the ship's deck at the time. Several of them had been eye-witnesses of the event."

As you know I have been hoping for years to see the originals of these stories. It is my impression that in other cases Fontes' representations of press stories are on the whole rather accurate and reliable. I understood from our correspondence a couple of years ago that you may have located these sources, and I think I understood you to say in guarded tones that it "might" indeed be the case that these stories contain what Fontes said they contained. Was that a correct understanding? I suppose we must still wait a while longer until you are ready to publish things in a form satisfactory to you, but it would undeniably be helpful to have these texts in front of us now...

As you know a Navy press statement said that witnesses included members of the crew. Com. Moreira told the press that they included members of the crew. Capt Bacellar told Capt Brandao, Intelligence, after making his inquiries on board (under a standing instruction by the Navy High Command) that witnesses included members of the crew on deck. Brandao's report recorded that these members of the crew included sailors in the bow and stern of the ship who had issued the original alarm alerting the ship to the presence of the object.

Barauna's sceptical nephew, Ribeiro, recently assured us that an object was genuinely sighted by members of the crew as well as the civilians. Now Jansen also reports that "everyone" on deck except himself - including Navy crew - genuinely believed they sighted an object (even though he believes there was not really anything to see).

Perhaps it is time for us to be less averse to accepting that the witnesses on deck (witnesses to whatever) genuinely included some members of the crew, for all that we do not have their names, and that (as stated by Jansen) the photo incident - whatever its status, real or opportunistic later hoax - was prompted by a genuine incident that had nothing to do with Barauna or the other divers on board and surprised them as much as anyone else?

>But certainly one would not refer to "umas oito"  
>if there were something like 48 witnesses.

True, but I did not claim that Moreira da Silva's statement specified or implied 48 witnesses.

>>One of those civilians, govt banker Amilar Vieira, was from the  
>>start a reluctant witness who, AFAICS, earned the somewhat  
>>baffled respect of sceptics who interviewed him recently before  
>>his death by insisting clearly and firmly that he saw an object,  
>>that this was the simple fact and that he would never deny it,  
>>whatever may be said about Barauna and his photos. I don't  
>>recall that discussion of these interviews on this list excited  
>>you to comment.

>I respect his testimony just as much as I respect Jansen's  
>testimony. Both may be correct, both may not be. Certainly none  
>of them can be taken as the Reveledated Message of Truth.

Indeed so. Both ought to be taken in some form. Both require  
careful interpretation in the proper context.

>The only person we know for sure has lied in this story is  
>Almiro Barauna.

This is not what "we know for sure", it is what "you assert with  
surety". But it is too large and hydra-headed a nest of claims,  
and covers too many areas of debate, to be addressed in the run  
of this text. Suffice to say, I still regard most of the small  
sub-claims which consitute the force of your large claim as  
being very debateable (when interpreted in what I would argue is  
the proper context).

>>Even the recent "hoax" claimant, Barauna's nephew Marcelo  
>>Ribeiro who said (unintelligibly as it happens) that his uncle  
>>opportunistically faked the photos using Carioca bus tokens  
>>(bluntly, impossible), said Barauna privately assured him that  
>>"in reality, people saw something", but he dismissed it as a  
>>strange "cloud phenomenon" or something else.

>I don't think it's unintelligible.

I think it is. But noting your satisfaction with Ribeiro, and  
having just seen your post concerning a "second negative  
witness" (not really a negative witness at all, of course) who  
claims it was obviously all a planned hoax and mere hysterical  
suggestion, I feel bound to point out that Ribeiro explicitly  
contradicts this claim.

Let's first reprise Ribeiro's story, the "true" story that he  
says Barauna told only to he and his aunt, because I'm not  
convinced that some who have commented on it really appreciate  
what he was saying in the first place.

Firstly, Ribeiro is emphatic that there was no planned hoax, no  
conspiracy whatever between Barauna and his  
friends/mates/cronies [delete as appropriate]. Barauna faked the  
photos later, but Viegas, Amilar, Andrade - the other Icarai  
diving club members - had nothing to do with it and no knowledge  
of his imposture. He could never tell them, said Ribeiro,  
because his reputation would have been ruined ("demoralized")  
and perhaps more importantly because "there was also the issue  
of the Navy. The fact that the Navy was involved could even  
result in a jail sentence, especially under an authoritarian  
regime which was even worse at that time. The military were  
preparing for the 1964 coup after the one in 1955." So apart  
from Barauna's mere pretence of photographing the real "UFO"  
(necessitating his later imposture) everything happened  
innocently, much as advertised.

Ribeiro's story is that there really was a sighting and an  
object, something that excited people - maybe it was a balloon,  
or a strange cloud, something else, some freak of nature, who  
knows - and there was a real commotion about it. People believed  
it was a UFO and they believed Barauna was really photographing  
it - just as Jansen also says. "Everyone" saw it, agrees  
Ribeiro, "some of the military" (even the Captain, he adds).  
Barauna looked where they were pointing, and he saw it too,  
whatever it was, as did Viegas. And Amilar, coming on deck in  
the middle of things as he recently recalled in interviews  
before his death, really did see what he thought was a fast-  
moving greyish oval thing flying off over the sea, "he did see  
it, he really did". Ribeiro does not tell us that Barauna knew  
what it was or that he was a cynical charlatan about UFOs, He  
tells us that Barauna was an opportunistic joker, and used the  
situation to his advantage, but that he took ufology "seriously"  
and really did see this thing, he did not know what it was, and

he did try to get real photographs of it. But it would have been something ordinary, says Ribeiro, misinterpreted. Everyone "saw what they wanted to see". This object, whatever it may have been, doesn't appear on the photos - what we see on the photos is a fake done at home later.

Why did the photos not show whatever was really causing the excitement at the time? The reason, says Ribeiro, is that Barauna had no film in his camera because he had just climbed out of the sea where he had used up his film on underwater shots. So he first pretended (with impressive forethought) to take a few photos in case he never did get any real ones, and then "ran to his cabin" where he had more film, reloaded his camera and ran back to the deck hoping to be in time, but by then, says Ribeiro, the real object had gone so Barauna didn't get to photograph it. Simple...

Now this almost makes sense. We can easily believe the real object, whatever it was, had gone. The witness descriptions and circumstances indicate an event that was probably over from start to finish in some tens of seconds. We would certainly expect it to have long been over by the time Barauna had been alerted, realised the situation, pretended to take some photos, then run below decks to his cabin, found a new 12-shot film roll, opened and reloaded his Rolleiflex (in 1958 not a procedure as simple as clicking in a cassette or a digital data card), and run back up to the deck... to find the object gone, no doubt relieved that he'd had the presence of mind to convincingly simulate photographing it before by "running and shooting" with his empty camera.

At this point Barauna presumably took the series of six photographs onto four of which he would later add the fake UFO. It needn't attract notice as it would be natural for him to scan the view with his camera as if hunting for the vanished UFO or waiting for it to return. Taken only a matter of minutes after the "real" event, they would then show the correct conditions and the correct near-vertical sun angle for the time of day and could not be faulted.

But this film roll could not contain photographs of activities on deck earlier that morning. So we run immediately into a new problem, one that magnifies the already insurmountable problem that Capt Bacellar examined the film taken still-wet from Barauna's hand. Note that Bacellar was sceptical and cautious about this. "I stayed at his side all the time, in order to watch him", he said, for about an hour while Barauna calmed down and a darkroom was "prepared", then he stationed himself outside the darkroom door and took possession of the intact negative strip, which he subjected to a "careful examination". This examination, he famously said, enabled him to determine the following:

"(a) that the pictures preceding the sequence connected with the object's passage corresponded with scenes taken aboard a few minutes before the incident;

"(b) that, in the pictures connected with the sighting, was visible, in different positions, an image looking like the object seen later on the copies-with details which only the enlargements made afterward showed more clearly;

"(c) and that the two photos lost by Barauna because he was too nervous, or because he was pushed by other excited people around him-showed the sea and part of the Island's mountains"

Notice that Bacellar (no callow ingenue, but an experienced and technically-qualified hydrographer and meteorologist as well as a Superior Navy Corps officer who was specifically tasked by the Navy High Command to investigate UFO sightings at Trindade and then summoned to the NHC Intelligence Department to report on this) observed not only the "UFO" image on four negatives (and significantly noted its absence on two) but saw the photographs of morning activities on deck in the correct sequence before the UFO photographs.

Ribeiro insists there absolutely was not anything photographed on that film roll, and shoves this whole issue off the table into the waste bin with the cavalier assertion that "people see what they want to see". This is contemptuous and contemptible, and just not good enough

So, no, I don't believe that this story - as allegedly told by Barauna according to a hearsay witness - is intelligible as it stands.

>Also, I disagree tokens would  
>be impossible. I suspect we will never be able to determine what  
>was the original image used for the hoax, but there's no reason  
>why the "Carioca fleet chips" couldn't have been the original  
>source.

There is nothing about the geometry or textures of the Trindade images that suggests the use of these Carioca tokens. The rough similarity between the square-humped disc made of Carioca tokens for the Mundo Illustrado photos and the oblate "Saturn" of Trindade could mean that the former suggested the shape he used for the latter, but the construction would have to be different. It is, I insist, impossible that the images in the Trindade photos could be obtained by photographing the Carioca chips as described:

"There are a chips used to ride by bus in Rio de Janeiro back that time.

I saw him doing it once in his house. He hung the chip in the window against the night sky. He did these things many times...He knew he could do that with the tokens. So he just repeated the trick? Yes... It was a double exposure. He took the picture of the UFO against the night sky. It was in his home at Niteroi, Rio de Janeiro. After that he printed it altogether with the island's sky. He photographed the token, which is the UFO, then combined it with the island's picture. He added both together".

In fact it wouldn't matter what he used, because the overpainting (or whatever) that would have been necessary to transform a Carioca-chip model to what we see in the photos would erase the connection to any arbitrary range of original shapes. You could as well say that he used a dog's bowl or a top hat. No, I think it more likely that Ribeiro confused memories of Barauna showing how he had used Carioca chips in the Mundo Illustrado article with memories of what Barauna told him about Trindade.

>That the same image was reused in at least two of the  
>four photos in the series is quite evident,

No, it is not evident. It is a theory that does not survive more than casual inspection. Photos #1 and #2 are simply not inversions of the same photographic image, This is very easy for anyone to verify by close inspection. It will never become true no matter how many times people say it is so.

>and it was since the original ATIC evaluation.  
>Again, already in 1958 vital pieces  
>of information were already there, but were ignored by  
>Ufologists, and ignored to this day.

I disagree that it has been ignored. I think Sunderland's 1958 inversion claim has been very widely and deeply discussed by those of us (few enough, I grant you ;-)) who give a damn one way or the other, and continues to be.

<snip>

>There may be more people, outside Barauna's circle of friends,  
>who may claim to have seen something. This would be very  
>important. Jansen himself states that several other people  
>pointed to the sky claiming to see something, as our interviews  
>portrait. But, as Jansen's testimony doesn't prove there was  
>nothing, it wouldn't prove there was actually something in the  
>sky.

It certainly would not. The way these small issues fall out is something that operates not directly on the primary "truth claims" but on the consistency and usefulness of our own thought processes. They work as tests of the networks of inferences that we put together in support of those overall truth claims. Unfortunately this is - as you say - a highly complex process that is very difficult to objectively keep track of, owing to the sheer quantity of information and the interactivity of a

great many small, often inconclusive logical battles fought inside the overall strategic theatre, where a shifting front line is hard even to discern, never mind reading the direction in which it is trending.

>The most relevant point here is: there were only a few people >who believed they saw something, and at least one who didn't. >Barauna lied when he claimed everyone saw it, or most >importantly when he mentioned dozens of people saw something. >Even Amilar was dismissive when I asked him if there were >dozens of people who also saw something.

><snip>

>I agree. No single piece of evidence, isolated, allows us to >draw any conclusions. But together, they point to a very clear >direction.

I am less convinced that the direction is so clear - or perhaps I should say, the direction of your thinking is clear, but I am less compelled by it..

>There's much to discuss, and I have to publish what I have to >publish. I think the case has so many details, and people revert >so often to the same old points, that it's better to publish an >analysis online and then have them reviewed by peers - as you >know, Martin - instead of discussing it back and forth. But I >thought these points should be made here for the time being.

I couldn't agree more heartily - as you know, Kentaro. I continue to wait eagerly for the day when you will be able to lay out all of your wares (I know you've already published a great deal, of course, but you know the material I mean) and put your interpretive case in the full daylight where we can all see and critique it openly.

Kind regards

Martin

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Date: Sun, 24 Apr 2011 08:48:05 -0300  
Archived: Sun, 24 Apr 2011 08:09:21 -0400  
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>From: Kentaro Mori <[kentaro.mori.nul](mailto:kentaro.mori.nul)>  
>To: [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 21 Apr 2011 12:17:02 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Trindade 'Negative Witness' Found

>>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>>To: <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 21 Apr 2011 09:50:42 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Trindade 'Negative Witness' Found

>>After the way you treated this latest development, making claims  
>>for it that the informant's words didn't match, you will have to  
>>excuse me for not automatically believing you.

>Excuse me? Oh, you must be referring to the fact in my message I  
>quoted my own interview with Jansen. The clip you listened to in  
>Jeferson Martinho's 'Vigilia' was Martinho's interview with  
>Jansen.

>I think I stated clearly that there were different recorded  
>interviews, that I recorded mine, that Martinho recorded his  
>afterwards, and that my recording, along with all the evidence  
>we have, is still to be published.

>If I wasn't very clear, please to read again my message, as  
>English is not my mother tongue.

>>Let's see the clips so that we can judge for ourselves.

>Yes, I am guilty until I can prove I am innocent.

>I can understand my words are not be "automatically believed",  
>none are, but you seem to assume I'm lying and then use that  
>unjustified assumption to simply ignore my points.

>This is not very intellectually honest. But in any event,  
>discussing back and forth is indeed useless and I should publish  
>the things we have.

Dear list.

Are you sure that you want to hear it from Mr. Kentaro Mori?  
Just to remember you: He is the one that wrote that all the  
Roswell reseachers are not serious researchers.

About Trindade. Kentaro is willing this opportunity for 6 years,  
time he claimed to have researched the case. And after 6 years  
he come uppon with that?! Come on, a negativa witness? He Never  
believed in witnesses and now he does!?

A witness can lie to the both sides. Why the negative witness  
testemony is more important than the Barauna's claims?

Barauna can't defend himself. He is dead already.

And about the details forgotten by these 6 years-study as the  
ship radio signals failure when the UFO appeared? And about the  
secret answer given by the Bazilian Navy to the congressman  
Sergio Magalh=C3=A3es, where he was told that a UFO was seen 6 times

in that area prior the Trindade Case history?

Can you tell us, Mr. Kentaro?

Thiago Luiz Ticchetti

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UFO Over Archer, Florida, Was 'Large As An Acre'  
Examiner.com  
<http://tinyurl.com/3ms7sa8>

Silent Object Hovers Over Former Stratford Helicopter Plant  
Examiner.com  
<http://tinyurl.com/6724bhr>

Second Black Triangle UFO Over California On April 20  
Examiner.com  
<http://tinyurl.com/3es62ab>

'Translucent' Disc Hovers 25 Feet Over Huntington, Indiana Parking Lot  
Examiner.com  
<http://tinyurl.com/68a2hcj>

Second Rectangle UFO Reported Over Indiana Skies This Month  
Examiner.com  
<http://tinyurl.com/3tsb5ge>

'Cross' UFOs move over Louisiana skies at Slaughter  
Examiner.com  
<http://tinyurl.com/3pr49lh>

Irish Astronomer Says He Has Successfully Tracked UFOs  
Irish Central  
<http://tinyurl.com/3mznoa6>

Siberian Snow Job: 'Dead Alien' Video Is A Hoax  
msnbc.com  
<http://tinyurl.com/42bt88k>

J. Edgar Hoover's FBI Took UFOs Seriously, Documents Suggest  
AOL News  
<http://tinyurl.com/3wbcfct>

Filer's Files #17 -2011 - Happy Easter And UFOs  
<http://tinyurl.com/3ph9hnc>

UFO Festival Preview It's Gonna Be Out Of This World!  
Shawangunk Journal  
<http://tinyurl.com/455xda5>

Aliens Revealed In InfoChimps' UFO Sightings Dataset  
ProgrammableWeb  
<http://tinyurl.com/69rdsbc>

David Bowie, Muse And The Klaxons: Talents So Huge It's Only  
Logical That Aliens Would Want Them For Research  
The Guardian  
<http://tinyurl.com/5tl7nwl>

BEN BOVA: April 24, 2011  
Naples Daily News

<http://tinyurl.com/44hnhnz>

Bringing Back Fond Memories Of The Incredible Brian Scott Case  
UFO Digest

<http://tinyurl.com/3dha4fc>

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Lazy journalists and UFOs  
Kevin Randle  
<http://tinyurl.com/3peucly>

Making The Case For Alien Life  
Time.com  
<http://tinyurl.com/3ku2fnd>

Falling Brains Dept:

Munchausen By Internet: The Sick World Of Internet Fakers  
<http://tinyurl.com/3rqgqeph>

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>Subject: Re: Trindade 'Negative Witness' Found

>Are you sure that you want to hear it from Mr. Kentaro Mori?

I seriously hope the international UFO community will not block the open and civilized discussion of a case, especially when new evidence is brought up.

<snip>

>And about the details forgotten by these 6 years--study as the >ship radio signals failure when the UFO appeared?

The only source for that was Barauna himself. All the problems in the ship's machinery were recorded on the ship's log. And there were many. No problem was recorded for the time of the sighting, which in itself also wasn't recorded. We assume the sighting wasn't recorded because it wasn't considered important -- an assumption which may be one of the only reasonable explanations for the fact they didn't confiscate the negatives on the spot.

>And about the >secret answer given by the Bazilian Navy to the congressman >Sergio Magalh=C3=A3es, where he was told that a UFO was seen 6 times >in that area prior the Trindade Case history?

Several excerpts of that answer were quoted in the press at the time, and they are compatible with what we know is nothing more than Brandao's Intelligence Report. See previous discussion in this List about this report.

Proper research was bound to find these things out. I would not hold my breath for Marco Petit's revelations if he didn't find these things out for himself. Interesting thing he is now hailed as the only "actual researcher", when Alexandre Borges, who had his work translated just a few weeks ago, is now completely ignored by the believers.

Just because Borges now thinks the case was a hoax it doesn't mean he turned into an evil debunker with dubious motivations. Like myself, it seems!

Kentaro

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From: **Michael Tarbell** <[mtarbell.nul](mailto:mtarbell.nul)>  
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Archived: Mon, 25 Apr 2011 08:08:26 -0400  
Subject: Re: Trindade 'Negative Witness' Found

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Mike

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>From: Martin Shough <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
>To: <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 23 Apr 2011 23:20:59 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Trindade 'Negative Witness' Found

>>From: Kentaro Mori <[kentaro.mori.nul](mailto:kentaro.mori.nul)>  
>>To: [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
>>Date: Wed, 20 Apr 2011 17:33:33 -0300  
>>Subject: Re: Trindade 'Negative Witness' Found

>>>From: Martin Shough <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
>>>To: <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>>>Date: Wed, 20 Apr 2011 18:45:41 +0100  
>>>Subject: Re: Trindade 'Negative Witness' Found

><snip>

>>>Similarly the fact that the Captain of the Almirante Saldanha  
>>>told the US Assistant Naval Attache in 1958 that his own  
>>>Executive Assistant, a Navy Commander, had himself seen it (the  
>>>officer in question did not deny it when questioned), was I  
>>>suspect considered by you a wholly negligible fact, presumably  
>>>for similar reasons.

>>This is the Captain that later on published a book where he  
>>mentions the Bermuda Triangle as a great mystery. He believed  
>>in the sighting.

Dear List

I need to make a correction. In reply to Kentaro I wrote:

>This is interesting, Kentaro. When will you be free to post  
>details of any source(s) you have discovered about Capt  
>Saldanha da Gama's beliefs re the sighting?

<snip>

>As far as I know this is the only one of DaGama's books to  
>concern itself with weird mysteries at sea (he wrote others  
>about Naval history). And in it he didn't refer to the Trindade  
>mystery at all. I think it's interesting and even a little  
>surprising that this "gullible believer" didn't take the  
>opportunity to at least mention having a role in Brazil's pre-  
>eminent saucer sea mystery.

>If the fact that Da Gama wrote a Bermuda Triangle book in 1984  
>is your evidence for characterising Da Gama in 1958 as a  
>"believer" - and this is again the only evidence you cite -  
>then I invite you to consider cause and effect.

I then concluded at length that

>Reasoning backwards from 1984 to his state of mind  
>in January 1958 is a very dodgy business IMO.

It turns out to be dodgier even than I thought.

This book was first mentioned to me in September 2006 by a

respected European colleague known on this list. I believe Kentaro would have been made aware of it around the same time. My informant mentioned how surprising it was that the book contained not even a mention of the Trindade sighting, and I tended to agree.

I have to admit that I was lax and didn't do anything to check the information. There seemed no reason, and anyway it was in Portuguese so I didn't expect I would ever read it..

Writing about this yesterday, something was bugging me about it. I went and checked the image of the book's cover which I have on file. Sure enough, there it was "Brasileiros no Sinistro Tri=E2ngulo das Bermudas" by Arthur Oscar Saldanha da Gama. The bugging got worse. I went back to the log of the ship, and looked at the name of the man who signed off on it...

Jose Santos Saldanha da Gama.

Big mental head-slap! I just checked this out and found we have all been barking up the wrong mizzen mast.

Brazilian sources tell of a legendary Admiral Saldanha da Gama whose name appears to have cast a very long shadow over 20thC Brazilian naval, extending to the name of the very ship in question in the Trindade incident. His shadow also included two sons, "brothers Saldanha da Gama, Jos=E9 dos Santos and Arthur Oscar".

<http://www.ahimtb.org.br/escolas.htm>

In short, our Captain Saldanha da Gama did not \_even\_ author the book 26 years later which Kentaro felt was damaging to his credibility. Not only do we appear to have no evidence that he was a "gullible believer" in 1958 (a conclusion ironically consistent with the recent bitter recollections of the seaman Brito, recalling that Barauna could count himself been lucky not to have been keel-hauled [joke] by this no-nonsense disciplinarian Da Gama!) we have no evidence that he was either "gullible" or "a believer" at any time.

I add a footnote re the assertion that our real author did not mention his brother's famous UFO incident of 26 years before. I found this on a naval blog:

<http://tinyurl.com/6l6ylsn>

'Marcelo Tadeu said:

11 de agosto de 2009 =E0s 18:12 August 11, 2009 at 18:12 Tenho "Brasileiros no Tri=E2ngulo das Bermudas", que apesar do nome, s=F3 tem uma hist=F3ria sobre este fen=F4meno, al=E9m daquela do OVNI sobre a Ilha de Trindade avistado pela tripula=E7=E3o do ent=E3o Navio-Escola Almirante Saldanha. Muito bom!'

[I have "Brazilians in the Bermuda Triangle," which despite its name, has only a story about this phenomenon, beyond that of the UFO over Trindade Island sighted by the crew of the ship then Escola Almirante Saldanha. Very good!]

Perhaps Portuguese speakers on this List with access to the book could take another look and check in case it does indeed contain a reference?

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>"gullible" or "a believer" at any time.

Damn, it's for things like this that open and civilized  
discussion are nice. My source for this information was  
Historian Claudio Suenaga masters' degree thesis.

Since Suenaga is a very competent researcher, and he informed  
the case was not mentioned in the book, I didn't bother to  
check. Alas, I should have, at least the name of the author!

It seems you too made the lapse, Martin, since the author of the  
authoritative references on the history of the Brazilian Navy  
during the world wars, referenced by you as evidence of his  
seriousness, was also brother Arthur Oscar, and not the Captain  
Jose dos Santos we want to know more about.

<snip>

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I'm buying that book today, especially since you found this  
reference to the fact it does mention the sighting, even if it's  
authored by Arthur Oscar.

Great find, Martin!

Kentaro

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>already, try the following (w/ Google translate as necessary):

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Thanks, Mike. Yes, I did find it. Kentaro also kindly sent me a  
corrected URL and Portuguese text off-list.

Kentaro was certainly right in describing some of Brito's claims  
as "bombastic"!

Borges mentions that Lt Homero was a (claimed) crew witness.  
Brito doesn't know anything about this, but dismisses him out of  
hand as permanently drunk, a "wino".

Borges informs Brito that the official report mentions Navy  
sightings on the island before the ship arrived. Brito is, shall  
we say, curt: "It's a lie."

Borges presses on, pointing out that Capt Bacellar is listed in  
the Navy's own reports as having been involved in these  
sightings.

Brito dismisses Bacellar as a publicity-seeking liar: "It's a  
lie. You know the story of five minutes of fame? Five minutes of  
fame to be named in an encyclopedia published in articles."

But surely you can't be suggesting that Bacellar's official  
report was a lie? prompts Borges.

Brito's answer is difficult to translate (Ca=EDram tudo. Nao teve.  
Sinceramente, nao teve.) but appears to mean that it was all  
messed up and they "had nothing".

Brito adds that if there had been any earlier sightings on the  
island there would have been photographs. Borges tries him with

the story that a Navy Sgt did photograph an object on the island (an unconfirmed rumour, as it happens, not part of the official record; but Brito doesn't know that). Brito is succinct: "Bullshit", he says.

Borges asks about Barauna's negatives being shown on board after development as described in detail in the Navy intelligence report.

Bruto says, "Nao mostrou negativo pra ningu=E9m, pelo contr=Elrio", which I think means, "He didn't show negatives to anyone, on the contrary".

Bruto then goes on to claim that he was called by an Admiral from navy Intelligence who said, "Carlos, if you can, get a look at the negatives", but apparently Barauna proposed to do some sort of treatment first (presumably the famous "clearing" or reducing ; Brito says "I don't understand photography").

This bit about being on first-name terms with the Admiral is an intriguing part of the story. Brito says that he was never subject to the Navy order to the crew to keep quiet about the sighting (as reported in the press at the time) because he was in a different chain of command. "I was assigned to the Almirante Saldanha as Intelligence. I worked directly with Admiral Aristreas... every Navy ship had to have someone from intelligence, one or two. The reason was that at that time the Communist movement was emerging in Brazil too."

In other words Brito was apparently a "political". His job was to spy and inform on possible communist subversives among the crew. It's interesting to speculate on how this might have affected his popularity with other ratings and his acceptance as one of the crew. It would probably be a cliché to picture him as an ostracised, mistrusted and embittered outsider.

One other point worth noting. Borges suggests that if the object was in the sky for only 20 seconds (citing some newspaper) then maybe this would explain why some people did not get to see it.

Bruto responds to the effect that they only wrote 20 seconds just to be able to say something; "What is 20 seconds? It is nothing". An airliner would virtually disappear in 20 seconds, he objects. They had more time, perhaps "a minute, a minute and a half, or two minutes". But "it was a hoax, a conspiracy by a handful of actors".

I hope I haven't made too many mistakes in translation and interpretation

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## Re: Trindade 'Negative Witness' Found

From: **Cathy Reason** <[CathyM.nul](mailto:CathyM.nul)>  
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Archived: Mon, 25 Apr 2011 11:47:41 -0400  
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>From: Kentaro Mori <[kentaro.mori.nul](mailto:kentaro.mori.nul)>  
>To: [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
>Date: Sat, 23 Apr 2011 10:34:01 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Trindade 'Negative Witness' Found

<snip>

>Actually, I'm surprised that no believer has yet come with the  
>interpretation that the easiest and less "damaging" way to  
>interpret Jansen's and Brito's testimony is simply to claim  
>they, like all the six other negative witnesses, didn't arrive  
>in time.

I'm also surprised that no-one seems to have mentioned another,  
much more obvious possibility - the poor spatial resolution of  
human peripheral vision.

To see a small, fast-moving object, you need both to be looking  
in the right direction and to be following the object accurately  
enough to keep the image positioned on the high-resolution  
portion of the retina. This is not as easy as it sounds, as  
anyone who has tried to catch sight of a fast jet in the sky  
will be aware.

Otherwise you won't see the object no matter how good your  
eyesight is.

Cathy

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## Re: Trindade 'Negative Witness' Found

From: **Martin Shough** <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
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Archived: Tue, 26 Apr 2011 06:28:10 -0400  
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>From: Kentaro Mori <[kentaro.mori.nul](mailto:kentaro.mori.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 25 Apr 2011 09:18:00 -0300  
>To: [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
>Subject: Re: Trindade 'Negative Witness' Found

>>From: Martin Shough <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
>>To: <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 25 Apr 2011 11:26:03 +0100  
>>Subject: Re: Trindade 'Negative Witness' Found  
><snip>

>It seems you too made the lapse, Martin, since the author of the  
>authoritative references on the history of the Brazilian Navy  
>during the world wars, referenced by you as evidence of his  
>seriousness, was also brother Arthur Oscar, and not the Captain  
>Jose dos Santos we want to know more about.

Yes, of course I was innocently looking for the background of  
Arthur Oscar, the advertised author. Well, now we know  
different. It remains to be seen if there is any similar  
evidence anywhere relative to the seriousness or otherwise of  
Jose dos Santos...

><snip>

>I'm buying that book today, especially since you found this  
>reference to the fact it does mention the sighting, even if  
>it's authored by Arthur Oscar.

>Great find, Martin!

Welcome. I look forward to hearing what you find.

Regards

Martin

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>Date: Mon, 25 Apr 2011 15:26:48 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Trindade 'Negative Witness' Found

>>From: Michael Tarbell <[mtarbell.nul](mailto:mtarbell.nul)>  
>>To: [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
>>Date: Sun, 24 Apr 2011 10:44:28 -0600  
>>Subject: Re: Trindade 'Negative Witness' Found

Martin,

I concur with your assessment of Brito's testimony. In the context of the case as a whole, I give it virtually zero weight, along with the other recent (Ribiero, Bittencourt) 'revelations'. Some specific comments:

>Brito dismisses Bacellar as a publicity-seeking liar: "It's a >lie. You know the story of five minutes of fame? Five minutes of >fame to be named in an encyclopedia published in articles."

Definitely soom room for disagreement as to which of Bacellar or Brito was/is after five minutes of fame.

>Borges asks about Barauna's negatives being shown on board after >development as described in detail in the Navy intelligence >report.

>Brito says, "Nao mostrou negativo pra ningu=E9m, pelo >contr=Elrio", which I think means, "He didn't show negatives to >anyone, on the contrary".

>Brito then goes on to claim that he was called by an Admiral >from navy Intelligence who said, "Carlos, if you can, get a look >at the negatives", but apparently Barauna proposed to do some >sort of treatment first (presumably the famous "clearing" or >reducing ; Brito says "I don't understand photography").

This section doesn't translate very clearly. I get something like:

Q: Barauna came to show the negatives after they left the darkroom?

A: On the contrary, he showed the negatives to no one. I was contacted by my boss, who was the Admiral Aristreas, the Information Service of Intelligence, [who] said: "Carlos, [see] if you can look at the negatives." But Barauna[,] with [the] story "I will reveal [the images] better, I'll go again in the fixer, etc."...

=46rom which one gathers that Barauna either didn't offer the negatives for examination at all (which contradicts other testimony), or else he first wanted to give them additional time in the fixer, and Brito didn't bother to follow up later.

>One other point worth noting. Borges suggests that if the object >was in the sky for only 20 seconds (citing some newspaper) then

>maybe this would explain why some people did not get to see it.

>Brito responds to the effect that they only wrote 20 seconds  
>just to be able to say something; "What is 20 seconds? It is  
>nothing". An airliner would virtually disappear in 20 seconds,  
>he objects. They had more time, perhaps "a minute, a minute and  
>a half, or two minutes". But "it was a hoax, a conspiracy by a  
>handful of actors".

Notwithstanding the small weight I attach to Brito's opinion on this, the ambiguity in the sighting duration is a crucial issue in general, as you well know. I don't believe that an interval as short as 20 seconds is physically compatible with the evolution of the cloud patterns in the photos, for any tenable atmospheric conditions that would not themselves have been noted as remarkable at the time.

Like you, I'm also very interested in seeing the original text of the newspaper Folha da Tarde of 25 February 1958 (I was unaware of the additional O Estado de Sao Paulo reference you mention), which allegedly includes corroborative testimony from crewmen obtained in Santos \_after\_ Barauna et al had disembarked.

Mike

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## Re: Velez On 'Alien' Symbols

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Archived: Tue, 26 Apr 2011 06:33:27 -0400  
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>From: Rick Nielsen <[nilthchi.nul](mailto:nilthchi.nul)>  
>To: [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
>Date: Sat, 23 Apr 2011 07:22:53 -0700 (PDT)  
>Subject: Re: Velez On 'Alien' Symbols

>>From: John Velez <[jvelez49.nul](mailto:jvelez49.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>>Date: Fri, 22 Apr 2011 19:50:37 -0400  
>>Subject: Velez On 'Alien' Symbols

><snip>

>>In 1995, during a hypnosis session with Budd, I told him that I  
>>was seeing what looked like 'writing' that was stamped or  
>>embossed onto a wall onboard a craft. Budd asked me to make a  
>>mental note of what I was seeing and that I would be able to  
>>remember it after the session. Immediately upon waking up, Budd  
>>placed a yellow legal pad and a pencil in my lap and asked me if  
>>I could reproduce whatever it was I saw on that wall. I told  
>>him, no problem - I being a graphic artist - and the symbols  
>>were pretty simple and straight forward in terms of line and  
>>overall structural/thematic construction. The symbols have  
>>internal stylistic integrity. I carefully jotted down for him as  
>>accurately as I could, about 8 or 10 of the symbols/ glyphs.

><snip>

>>Budd stood right up and asked  
>>me to rest a moment and he'd be right back. There was something  
>>he wanted me to see.

><snip>

>>He returned quickly and near breathless. He was clutching a  
>>purple, plastic file folder to his chest with both hands. He  
>>deposited the folder on the couch in front of me and as he sat  
>>down to observe my reaction, he gently opened it up without  
>>saying a word.

><snip>

>>Inside the folder were about a dozen or more - at the time -  
>>pieces of paper, random, different kinds of paper, some torn  
>>from notebooks, as if gathered from many different people who  
>>had simply used whatever was on-hand at the time. The pages  
>>contained hand-written names and dates at the top of each one.  
>>Some even had the signature of the person who wrote it. But what  
>>absolutely floored me immediately was the fact that all of them  
>>had one or more of the very symbols I had just drawn. And many  
>>others that I had never seen but which fitted stylistically  
>>with all the other symbols.

>>The dates at the top of the pages scattered their acquisition by  
>>Budd over an approximately fifteen year time-line. Mine, now  
>>becoming the most recent addition to 'the purple file folder'.

>>I asked Budd; How is this possible? How could we have all drawn  
>>the exact same characters/symbols, we didn't know each other.  
>>There was simply no way we could have 'contaminated' each other.

>>And scattered over such a long period of time to boot.

>>Budd didn't respond to my inquiry. He opted to let me figure it out for myself. Which was the best/wisest thing.

><snip>

>>To be honest, even left to my own filters and devices, I wasn't left with many palatable options. This symbol business was either; evidence of some kind of psychic phenomena between the contributors, or maybe even evidence of a 'collective consciousness', with ourselves manifesting primal, archaic patterns or constructs from deep within our subconscious.

>>Or...

>>it was evidence that we had all seen and accurately recorded the same thing(s). It would also imply that we all saw the symbols precisely where and under the exact conditions that we were reporting. We all simply and honestly reported that; we saw the same thing under very similar conditions. During an abduction event.

><snip>

>>I signed and dated the page I had written the symbols on and I watched Budd add it to the purple folder. I'm not sure if he was having me on and mimicking, Richard Dryfus in Close Encounters or if the phrase simply fit, but as he closed the folder, he tapped it with his finger and said; "This is important!"

>>Part 2 (For whoever can stand it,) will follow along shortly.

Hi Rick, All,

Rick responded:

>You said you thought it might be "... primal, archaic patterns or constructs from deep within our subconscious."

>Building on what you wrote above, and adding to it my clumsy use of Occam's Razor, I'd add a fourth option that the symbols might be a manifestation of how humans generally categorize written language within their subconscious minds.

I didn't take the time to list 'all' of the possible explanations, but yours is a good candidate as well. Bear in mind that once you accept that 'one' or more of the possible explanations seem plausible, you have, A. admitted that there is indeed 'something' of substance that requires explanation and B. If you are open to one or more of the possible explanations, in order to maintain intellectual honesty you must make room for all of the possible explanations. Which in this case includes the possibility that all of the abductees saw those symbols under the conditions we have reported. ie; in direct connection with a UFO/abduction event. It opens the door to the possibility that a lot more people need to consider that what is happening to us, what we have been reporting, is based in physical reality. (As opposed to Carl Sagan's proposed, 'inner space.')

We need a serious and unbiased investigation. Still. Even after all these years. We quite simply won't have any reliable answers or explanations until we do.

More on this subject to follow.

Regards,

John

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## Velez On 'Alien' Symbols - Pt. II

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Hi All,

As 'threatened', here is Part II on the alleged 'Alien' writing samples.

The Quest For Science!:

A little background if I may....

About a year after Budd began investigating myself and my family, I received an invitation from him to participate in a program that NOVA, WGBH, Boston was about to produce taking a look at the UFO/Alien Abduction phenomenon. After a long family meeting and with great deliberation and forethought I consented to participate. That was my introduction to the 'public' side of ufology.

My focus from day one in looking into my own experiences has been to examine it all while maintaining as much objectivity and sobriety in my own thinking on the subject as I could. I also wanted to help substantiate and to lend some credence to our claims. I was telling the truth. I openly invited examination because I knew had nothing to fear from any tests or professionals. Simply telling and sticking to the truth was what allowed me to survive my time in the public arena.

Because of the NOVA segment I was literally thrust into the middle of a public controversy that raged all over the media and the Internet. NOVA ended up producing and airing one of the worst hatchet jobs ever attempted on any subject. We later found out that the Director/Producer of the program had spent a week vacationing on the private boat of one Phillip Klass, who orchestrated the ambush from behind the scenes.

It was no gentle introduction into the public side of ufology. In fact, it proved to be a concentrated crash course. NOVA booked Budd and myself to appear on a total of 17 radio and TV programs (each!) in a one month time period in order to create viewer interest in the upcoming program. It was scheduled to air during the ratings frenzy called Sweeps Week and they wanted to ensure that there would be plenty of asses in the seats when it aired. I'm sure WGBH wishes it had never filmed the segment. Not only did it receive the largest public response NOVA ever had, it received the biggest negative public response any program had ever garnered. WGBH was forced to add extra security because of threats they received over that program.

The media ride that ensued as a result of participating in that segment of NOVA continued non-stop until I hopped off that merry-go-round nine long years later. But for all nine of those years I fought hard for an independent scientific investigation into what was happening to literally thousands of us worldwide. I nudged Budd at every opportunity to properly catalog all the raw data he had accumulated and get into the hands of any academics willing to work with it. I realized very early on that what was really needed most, was an investigation of this disturbing subject by serious academics/science professionals.

That entire journey is well documented in the UFO UpDates

archives. I just wanted to provide a premise/background for the events that transpired regarding the alleged 'Alien' writing samples.

I use the term, 'alleged' because to this day we still do not know what these symbols mean or what they represent in terms of evidence. It's a shame. So many answers could be had if only someone was studying and sifting through all the raw information/data that investigators like Budd, Dave Jacobs and John Mack have painstakingly gathered over more than thirty years.

Not to make excuses for Budd, but a big part of the reason he didn't do a lot of the grunt work was for the simple reason that he was way too busy - all the time. The demands on his time was something quite extraordinary and unique. He wouldn't have been able to eek out the time even had he wanted to. A simple case of; not enough hours in a day... nothing sinister or lazy about it, he simply didn't have the time.

#### The Sample Study That Never Was:

Getting Budd to turn the samples over to be looked at by independent professionals was like pulling teeth. I was on his case about getting those writing samples analyzed constantly. Budd felt that the writing sample material was among the most significant and compelling in his possession. He had powerful reservations about turning that material over to anyone, scientist or otherwise.

I became so frustrated with his procrastinating that I took matters into my own hands. I sought out the assistance of Greg Sandow - who some of you know/are familiar with - to help me convince Budd to turn the samples over for analysis.

I made some really good friends along the way. One who was also of my consistently strongest supporters was the late, great Richard Hall. I had long conversations with Dick about the writing samples and my frustration with Budd. It was Dick who recommended I speak to Dr. Stuart Appelle at Cornell University. Dick contacted Dr. Appelle on my behalf and arranged our first meeting. I want to mention that this wasn't the only time that Dick Hall proved to be a dear friend and ally. (I really miss him a lot.)

My conversations with Dr. Appelle were productive and very encouraging. He was excited about conducting such a study and he committed to finding, and rounding up, experts from several fields; philology, psychology, ancient language specialists, anyone with a related expertise who was also willing to donate their time and to sign-off (attach their name) to the study.

Dr. Appelle was also the 'silver bullet' I needed in my gun when I went after Budd, once again, regarding a study of the writing samples. I knew that Stuart Appelle, as head of the psychology dept. at Cornell and publisher of a well respected UFO journal, would make it very difficult for Budd to say no.

Much to his credit, It was Greg Sandow who finally broke through Budd's resistance and got him to co-operate with a study by providing the raw material for it. Budd communicated with Dr, Appelle and prepared a complete file on the writing samples which he eventually turned over.

I felt as if something really important had been accomplished and I bathed, albeit briefly, in the sunshine of success and hope.

#### Murphy's Law:

"If it can go wrong, it will go wrong!" Long story, short; the study never happened. Dr. Appelle was unable to even begin the study because he was in the process of closing out the journal (no \$\$\$s) and securing experts proved harder than he thought. Although, he did get three other Professors to commit. It just never happened. The file that Budd provided is (as far as I know,) just collecting dust in a file cabinet somewhere.

And some people still ask me why I got out of ufology! Ha!

Just one of many sad ufological stories I have to tell. I hope this brings everybody up to date regarding the writing samples. It's a crying shame that the study was never conducted. Having contributed to the material, I'm really interested to hear what some experts might think it all means/represents.

With a Heidi-ho and a tip of my hat, I ride off into the sunset...

Warmest regards to all my old List-mates,

John Velez,  
Battle-Scarred Veteran  
Of The UFOlogical Wars

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## SETI Institute Suspends Search For Aliens

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SETI Institute Suspends Search For Aliens

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If E.T. phones Earth, he'll get a "disconnect" signal.

Lacking the money to pay its operating expenses, Mountain View's SETI Institute has pulled the plug on the renowned Allen Telescope Array, a field of radio dishes - popularized in the Jodie Foster film "Contact" - that scan the skies for signals from extraterrestrial civilizations.

In an April 22 letter to donors, SETI Institute CEO Tom Pierson said that last week the array was put into "hibernation," safe but nonfunctioning, because of inadequate government support.

The timing couldn't be worse, say SETI scientists. After millenniums of musings, this spring astronomers announced that 1,235 new possible planets had been observed by Kepler, a telescope on a space satellite. They predict that dozens of these planets will be Earth-sized - and some will be in the "habitable zone," where the temperatures are just right for liquid water, a prerequisite of life as we know it.

"There is a huge irony," said SETI Director Jill Tartar, "that a time when we discover so many planets to look at, we don't have the operating funds to listen."

SETI senior astronomer Seth Shostak compared the project's suspension to "the Ni=Fla, Pinta and Santa Maria being put into dry dock. "... This is about exploration, and we want to keep the thing operational. It's no good to have it sit idle.

"We have the radio antennae up, but we can't run them without operating funds," he added.

"Honestly, if everybody contributed just 3 extra cents on their 1040 tax forms, we could find out if we have cosmic company."

The SETI Institute's mission is to explore the origin, nature and prevalence of life in the universe. This is a profound search, it believes, because it explains our place among the stars.

The program, located on U.S. Forest Service land near Mount Shasta, uses telescopes to listen for anything out of the ordinary - a numerical sequence of "beeps," say, or crackly dialogue from an alien version of a disembodied "Charlie"

talking to his "Angels." The entire program was set up to prove what once seemed unthinkable: In the universe, we are not alone.

#### Lack of funding

But funding for SETI has long been a headache for E.T.-seekers. NASA bankrolled some early projects, but in 1994, Sen. Richard Bryan of Nevada convinced Congress that it wasn't worth the cost, calling it the "Great Martian Chase" and complaining that not a single flying saucer had applied for FAA approval.

However, successful private funding came from donors such as Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen, allowing SETI to raise \$50 million to build the 42 dishes.

Plans called for construction of 350 individual radio antennas, all working in concert. But what's lacking now is funding to support the day-to-day costs of running the dishes.

This is the responsibility of UC Berkeley's Radio Astronomy Laboratory, but one of the university's major funders, the National Science Foundation, supplied only one-tenth its previous support. Meanwhile, the state of California has also cut funding.

About \$5 million is needed over the next two years, according to Tarter. She hopes the U.S. Air Force will help, because the array can be used to track satellite-threatening debris in space. But budgets are tight there as well.

#### Astronomers Mourn

The Allen array is not the only radio telescope facility that can be used for SETI searches. But it is the best; elsewhere, scientists have to borrow time on other telescopes.

Meanwhile, other SETI projects will continue, such as the "setiQuest Explorer" ([www.setiquest.org](http://www.setiquest.org)), an application that allows citizen scientist volunteers to look for patterns from existing data that might have been missed by existing algorithms. Through a new partnership with "Galaxy Zoo" ([www.galaxyzoo.org](http://www.galaxyzoo.org)), this project runs in real time, so discoveries can be followed up on immediately.

Bay Area astronomers mourned the hiatus of the SETI program and expressed concern about the future.

Rob Hawley of the Peninsula Astronomical Society called it "unfortunate. The Allen scope was a wonderful experiment. "... Hubble gets all the press, but there are lots of limitations."

Amateur astronomer Sarah Wiehe of Palo Alto said, "just knowing SETI is there was significant for us. This is a setback."

"If we miss a distant signal," she added, "it would be a terrible loss."

#### What It Means

SETI's mission to explore the prevalence of life in the universe, including about 1,235 possible planets recently discovered, is compromised, according to scientists.

#### What's Next

The program needs about \$5 million over the next two years to support the telescope facility.

#### Online Extra

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What's New At The Alien Jigsaw

[http://www.alienjigsaw.com/Whats New/Whats\\_new.html](http://www.alienjigsaw.com/Whats New/Whats_new.html)

A New Book: Set Your Phaser To Stun by Steve Pearse

<http://www.alienjigsaw.com/Whats New/Set Your Phaser to Stun.html>

takes a fresh new look at the Betty and Barney Hill case and examines previous interpretations of the star map, with particular emphasis on Marjorie Fish's Zeta Reticuli Interpretation. This new research, which began in the year 2000, uncovers the fact that some of our closest neighborhood stars are linked in a network of trade and exploration by a highly advanced extraterrestrial civilization that is less than 50 light years away from us. The real shock is the location of Sol, our sun, and the role humans play in the aliens' agenda...

Review Of Eve Lorgen's The Love Bite

<http://www.alienjigsaw.com/Reviews/Eve Lorgen Love Bite.htm>

A book about alien interference in human relationships that focuses on thirteen separate cases involving 20 plus individuals. In her book, Eve describes how the initial bonding process occurs to the child abductee while on board a craft and continues through re-abductions and reinforcement later in life. When the couple sees or meets each other in their normal reality, one or both individuals almost always experience deep and very intense feelings, which can become obsessive and at times controlling, as was the case with "Richard" in the Linda Cortile case. The aliens are extremely interested in these types of emotions and, in some cases, abductees report being watched during sexual intercourse, which has also been documented by other researchers, for example, Farah Yurdozu in the David Huggins case.

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## Re: SETI Institute Suspends Search For Aliens

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>To: [ufo-updates-list.nul](mailto:ufo-updates-list.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 26 Apr 2011 08:13:42 -0400  
>Subject: UFO UpDate: SETI Institute Suspends Search For Aliens

>Source: The San Jose Mercury News

><http://tinyurl.com/6zjbmr3>

>04/25/2011

>SETI Institute Suspends Search For Aliens

>By Lisa M. Krieger  
>[lkrieger.nul](mailto:lkrieger.nul)

>If E.T. phones Earth, he'll get a "disconnect" signal.

<snip>

>However, successful private funding came from donors such as  
>Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen, allowing SETI to raise \$50  
>million to build the 42 dishes.

>Plans called for construction of 350 individual radio antennas,  
>all working in concert. But what's lacking now is funding to  
>support the day-to-day costs of running the dishes.

>This is the responsibility of UC Berkeley's Radio Astronomy  
>Laboratory, but one of the university's major funders, the  
>National Science Foundation, supplied only one-tenth its  
>previous support. Meanwhile, the state of California has also  
>cut funding.

Dear List:

Because Paul Allen is a neighbor here in Green Valley, AZ, the local astronomy club was interested to learn that Mr. Allen was about to provide funds for a new astronomy project. This was a couple of years ago. We heard the new project would either be in California or in Chile - a new huge dual telescope facility. He decided to go with the incredible new telescope in Chile. Which, BTW, will discover new planets and do follow-up work on those planets already on the list.

Not to worry, the skies will be covered better than ever.

KK

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>By Lisa M. Krieger  
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>If E.T. phones Earth, he'll get a "disconnect" signal.

<snip>

No tears shed here! SETI had a long run, and considering its usefulness, an amazing one.

I'll quote from my reply to another blog:

"SETI, what a great gig! No one makes less than \$145,000+401k. At least 3 subcontractors to help you out. I'm no accountant, but this looks like the kind of deal you'd want to keep going forever. "

Since SETI is a non-profit, check out its tax form for 2008:

<http://tinyurl.com/3zp3dvd>

Now I ask: How many of you serious researchers make over \$100K a year for your efforts? Did you notice their payroll for 2008 was over \$12M? It's all about fundraising (fund raising expense = \$500K+), isn't it?

Albert

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>Subject: Re: SETI Institute Suspends Search For Aliens

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<snip>

>Not to worry, the skies will be covered better than ever.

I seriously doubt that anybody here was worried, Kathy.

Cheers,

Jerry Clark

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## Re: Trindade 'Negative Witness' Found

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Archived: Wed, 27 Apr 2011 06:56:04 -0400  
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>From: Kentaro Mori <[kentaro.mori.nul](mailto:kentaro.mori.nul)>  
>To: [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 24 Apr 2011 13:03:44 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Trindade 'Negative Witness' Found

>>From: Thiago Ticchetti <[ticchetti.nul](mailto:ticchetti.nul)>  
>>To: [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
>>Date: Sun, 24 Apr 2011 08:48:05 -0300  
>>Subject: Re: Trindade 'Negative Witness' Found

<snip>

>>And about the details forgotten by these 6 years-study as the  
>>ship radio signals failure when the UFO appeared?

>The only source for that was Barauna himself. All the problems  
>in the ship's machinery were recorded on the ship's log. And  
>there were many.

Hi Kentaro

I know you told me you don't wish to answer my posts, but you  
will forgive me responding to yours.

I would like someone to give a reference for this "radio signals  
failure" which Kentaro says came from Barauna. I don't recall  
this claim specifically. In 1982 he recalled a power failure,  
which isn't quite the same thing. Is this what you mean?

Something like this "recalled" decades later ought IMO opinion to  
receive little attention. But any attention we do give to it must  
be proportionate and realistic and take full account of the  
passage of time and the human context, so I want to emphasis the  
evolution of this idea.

In a 1967 statement he had already spoken about the ship's  
machinery, but he did not then claim that there was a power  
failure coincident with the sighting. In fact he was specific  
that this was only "rumour":

"According to rumors I heard on the deck, the ship's electric  
equipment stopped working during the appearance of the object.  
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. Every time the ship  
stopped, the lights faded out slowly until they were totally off.  
When it happened the officers walked to the deck with their  
binoculars, however, the sky was already full of clouds and they  
were not able to see anything."

<http://www.openminds.tv/trindade-ufo-case-205/>

(There follows a slightly augmented extract from my UpDates post  
of 28.08.2010 commenting on this statement)

So in 1967 Barauna was referring to "rumours" he had heard to the  
effect that there was a power failure at the sighting.time, but  
had no knowledge of it himself.

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 Hynek, Sprinkle and others in 1982 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 1982 the naive question "did the ship's radar detect the object?" (for all the world as though he were spokesman for the Navy and ought to know) Barauna recalled that there had been a strange radar blip before the sighting, but that the radar wasn't working during the sighting because the power had failed.

I've often cautioned that this appears to reflect newspaper stories from the time. The radar may or may not have been operating and/or manned at the time of the sighting on Jan 16 (it was just a marine navigation radar and the ship was still anchor off Portuguese Beach), but two newspapers did report that an odd blip had been detected at the same\_time of day but on the previous day, Jan 15, which the operator believed to have been merely an electronic fault.

(See my other post on this subject for more detail about the radar issue).

Barauna knew of these stories by the time he first mentioned the issue himself, about a fortnight after they were published, and he also probably knew by this time 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. The seeds of the idea of a radar incident, coupled with some kind of electronic failure, are probably sown early in 1958.

The 1967 document quoted above is interesting because it is intermediate in time between 1958 and 1982 and it shows us Barauna incorporating the "power failure" story into his narrative, still being explicit that it was based only on "rumour" but connecting the rumour with other facts from his own experience:

"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 engines and generator power stopped at several other times for reasons unknown to him.

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 16:35, restarted at 16:55, then stopped again at 18:18, and repaired again at 19:33.

All of this, stirred in with the remembered "rumour" running around the boat in 1958 of power failure at the sighting time, and those newspaper stories of a radar failure with the date displaced in memory by one day, could easily have added up to the 24-year-old "memory" in 1982 that there had been a power failure at the sighting time and a radar incident before the sighting time.

This impression would also have seemed to fit in with 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.)

Add in the pinch of bravado felt by a witness being feted by Prof Hynek and several wide-eyed admirers at a UFO conference, and it doesn't surprise me that what sounds like a tape of an after-dinner conversation a quarter of a century later (probably over a drink or two, but extant participants may correct me) contains a couple of things like this. I don't believe it has anything like the weight and significance of a calculated "lie", and IMO it really takes a deliberate effort to construe it as

reflecting in a sinister way on the testimony from 1958.

>No problem was recorded for the time of the  
>sighting, which in itself also wasn't recorded. We assume the  
>sighting wasn't recorded because it wasn't considered important  
>-- an assumption which may be one of the only reasonable  
>explanations for the fact they didn't confiscate the negatives  
>on the spot.

By "they" you must mean either the chain of command of the Trindade Island operations, or the ship's chain of command.

The former stopped with Capt Bacellar. Captain Bacellar was also at the time tasked by the Navy High Command to collect information on sightings at Trindade.

We know that Bacellar was the one who took personal responsibility on board for overseeing the photo development etc, the one from whom Barauna then received permission to retain the negatives (temporarily) on certain conditions, and the one with whom he agreed arrangements to hand over negs and prints to the Navy later. So we know for certain that it is not a "reasonable explanation" to suppose that the sighting "wasn't considered important" by Capt Bacellar.

The ship's chain of command stopped with Capt Saldanha da Gama, whom you regarded (at least, when you wrote this) as a "gullible believer". Would it be a "reasonable explanation" to suppose that the sighting "wasn't considered important" by a gullible believer? No.

Surely a believer would ensure that the responsible Navy authorities got all evidence and cooperation that they needed? Why would this believer not confiscate the negatives - unless the responsibility for doing so was not his to discharge?

But of course, since my last post pointing out that Saldanha da Gama was not after all the author of the supposedly scurrilous Bermuda Triangle book, and given the abrasive Sr Brito's recent characterisation of him as a strict Navy disciplinarian, we have perhaps changed our opinion of the man.

If he was, instead, a prickly disbeliever, would he then have been disposed to ignore the whole thing? Perhaps, but perhaps more likely still is that he would take the negatives and take disciplinary action as well - if disciplinary action in respect of the civilians was his to take.

It comes down to jurisdiction, and this may not have been a simple issue in the circumstances. I suspect that Capt Bacellar's position gave him responsibility, and Capt Saldanha da Gama may have found himself obliged to provide only such assistance as was required.

Barauna is quoted by a newspaper as saying that the Captain "of the ship" surveyed members of the crew to find out who had seen the object. The confidential Intelligence Dept report and Navy Ministry statements indicate that someone did, but the possibility exists that this is a misunderstanding. It could be that Barauna was referring to questioning done by Capt Bacelar (commander of the Trindade Oceanographic Post) rather than Capt. da Gama (commander of the ship) and that Barauna's reference to "the captain" was misinterpreted by the journalist quoting him.

Bacelar was the man already placed in charge of the Navy High Command's effort to gather "information" on UAO sightings at Trindade, initiated more than a fortnight earlier on Jan 01 1958. He was the Navy's scientifically-trained expert on the spot and its specific agent appointed by Fleet-Admiral Carvalho.

Vide February 13, 1958 CONFIDENTIAL memo from the Chief of the Navy High Command to the General-Director for Hydrography and Navigation:

QUOTE

Subject: Phenomena observed over the Trindade Island  
(Recommendations about)

References:

a) Radio 00012/312335

b) Document No. 005, of 1/6/1958, from the Chief of the Navy High Command to the Commander of the Trindade Island Oceanographic Post

Annexed: Four (4) photographs and four enlargements.

1. Through the document listed in reference "b" this High Command asked for information on the phenomena observed and reported through the Radio listed in reference "a".

2. The information referred to was given personally at this High Command by the Corvette-Captain Carlos Alberto Ferreira Bacelar, who was the Commander of the Trindade Island Oceanographic Post at the time when the phenomena was observed.

3. An investigation was started at this High Command on the subject, with the following conclusions:...

UNQUOTE

Therefore Capt Bacellar would presumably have had authority in the investigation over Capt da Gama, even on board the Almirante Saldanha.

Another reason for thinking so is that to the papers on Feb 22, Capt da Gama denies knowing anything (Folha da Manha, 22 Feb 1958) and says he hasn't even seen the photos:

'The Captain of "Saldanha da Gama," said: "It is strange that the fact was released to the press. I have nothing to say about the event. Only the Chief of Staff can make statements." Asked to tell his opinion about the photos, he said: "I confess sincerely that I have not yet seen the photos. I can't tell anything more."'

But this appears to be in conflict with the statement by the US Naval Attache Capt Sunderland on March 11 that sometime on or before 24 February the Almirante Saldanha received an official visit from the CO of the USCG vessel Westwind when docked at Santos, during which Capt da Gama, whilst noncommittal about the provenance, "freely discussed the flying saucer and showed the original proofs to the callers."

If "original proofs" means copies of the photos, as it would appear (the same phrase describing the prints appears in the US ONI report), then Da Gama possibly did have the photos when he told the press that he had not seen them, which suggests the likelihood that he may have had more involvement than he was permitted to divulge to the press, and may possibly have made inquiries (presumably through his officers) about witnesses among the crew.

We know that the ship's Executive Officer "formed the impression" shortly after the event "that those on deck had seen it", which presumably may indicate that he questioned people. And we know that Capt da Gama's personal Secretary, a Lt Commander, reported to the Capt prior to Feb 24 that he had seen the object himself. (From: U.S. Naval Attach=E9, Rio de Janeiro; Date of Information: 21-27 Feb 1958; Serial No: 39-58; Date of Report: 11 March 1958.) So it is possible that the ship's Captain and Officers themselves took action to canvas crewmembers, even if they perhaps did so formally-speaking at the request of Capt Bacelar.

In any event, the practical jurisdiction on board re the negatives is proved by the fact of what happened. Bacellar took charge and assumed responsibility, consistent with standing instructions direct from the Fleet Admiral. That he chose to interpret those instructions as giving him a certain latitude for judgment, and judged his personal inspection of the negatives on the spot sufficient guarantee for Navy purposes, is unfortunate from a certain point of view.

But only from a certain point of view.

As Capt Brandao noted in his report after summoning Bacellar to the High Command to present his findings, it was remiss not to have taken charge of the film to be developed officially in a Navy laboratory. Do we suppose that Capt Bacellar did not think

of this? I regard it as highly unlikely. In fact I suspect that this was in the forefront of his mind:

He knew that once that film roll entered the bowels of the Navy High Command Intelligence Dept neither Barauna, nor he, nor perhaps the rest of the world, was likely ever to see it again. I suspect that it could have been a mixture of personal scientific curiosity, consideration for Barauna's personal rights and expectations, and maybe a pinch of altruistic indignation, that persuaded him to allow Barauna to take the negatives off the boat with him - with the stern stipulation that he not do anything further without Navy consent. (I'm tempted to speculate that an "understanding" along these lines could have been the substance of the further injunction or instruction about which Barauna said he had been enjoined by Capt Bacellar not to speak.)

In the event, of course, we know what happened. The story escaped via Kubitschek and it was fait accomplis that the Navy just had to manage.

You could say that Bacellar played a blinder. It's no surprise that Barauna so often expressed his gratitude to the Navy for their support.

And now I wait for some more imaginative sceptic to feel his way towards the fat end of that wedge, and conclude from my reasoning that if Bacellar and Barauna could have had a private understanding after the event, well then they must have been in cahoots before it, too. Any takers? ;-)

Martin Shough

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## Re: Trindade 'Negative Witness' Found

From: **Martin Shough** <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
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>From: Kentaro Mori <[kentaro.mori.nul](mailto:kentaro.mori.nul)>  
>To: [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
>Date: Sat, 23 Apr 2011 10:34:01 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Trindade 'Negative Witness' Found

>>From: Michael Tarbell <[mtarbell.nul](mailto:mtarbell.nul)>  
>>To: [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
>>Date: Fri, 22 Apr 2011 16:39:46 -0600  
>>Subject: Re: Trindade 'Negative Witness' Found

<snip>

>He was trickster, and the interpretation that even when he  
>confessed, he may have given contradictory and even absurd  
>accounts of what happened is not far-fetched. He gave  
>contradictory and absurd accounts from the start.

>His niece seems to think  
>the negatives were analyzed by NASA.

Hi Kentaro

I am pleased to discover the source of this rumour, which as you pointed out elsewhere "has been taken as fact by some"..

But I think that what may or may not be "taken as fact by some" has nothing to do with Barauna, and is irrelevant polemic, unless it can be demonstrated that Barauna made exactly this claim cynically whilst knowing it to be untrue (hearsay stemming from third parties misinterpreting speculation about what might have been or ought to have been done would not count, of course).

I urge you to place on record here the fullest possible analysis of how the claim that Barauna "gave absurd and contradictory claims from the start" is demonstrated by what his "niece seems to think" 50 years after the event.

>He claimed they were analyzed by Kodak.

Yes, he did, in a discussion over the dinner table involving Hynek, Sprinkle, Granchi and Virgilio S=Elanchez-Ocejo and others in 1982 (or was it 83). He said "The Navy was testing the photographs. I went three times to the Navy's secret service. The Navy also sent the pictures to Kodak to do chemical tests."

(That appears to be it according to a transcript at

[http://www.nicap.org/trindade/cufos\\_pages/baraunaIUR.htm](http://www.nicap.org/trindade/cufos_pages/baraunaIUR.htm)

although other sources refer to a "Kodak lab in Rochester, NY". Is there another version I wonder? is this transcript abbreviated? It's too long since I listened to the tape of the whole discussion)

Anyway I dare say it is possible he thought it was true. I'm confident that he did not have the ability to trace the whereabouts of his negatives at all times whilst they were in possession of the Navy. Have you some reason to conclude that he



could not possibly have thought it was true?

Suppose, for example, that one of the Navy people he had contact with said, "We're going to send the film to Kodak", or "We're thinking of sending the the film to Kodak," or even "We enquired to Kodak about certain characteristics of the film" etc etc..

There is no indication in Brandao's report that they actually did this, or considered doing this; but they may have done it or considered it. Brandao would likely not be the one doing it because the Navy examination of the negs was done by Hydrography and Navigation Department, not the Intelligence Department. As Kentaro will be the first to agree, Brandao's summary of their results is terse to the say the least, and we have no evidence of what inquiries the Navy lab might have considered appropriate in order to "affirm that they are natural", as they did.

Alternatively, of course, Barauna may have heard a second-hand rumour about an approach to Kodak from some press contact or ufologist, and had no particular reason to disbelieve it.

If, on grounds not clear to me, you completely rule out any such explanation, what sort of cynical advantage do you suppose that Barauna was seeking to gain by making up these "chemical tests" by Kodak, knowing perfectly well (as he must have done) that Brandao's Navy report - with no mention of Kodak - had been in the public domain for nearly 20 years by this time?

>He said the ship's radar picked the UFO.

Not so fast. In 1958 statements he said that the radar did not pick up the UFO.

You know very well that the statement you refer to was made 24 years after the event, in the same 1982 discussion just mentioned, and that the recollection does not just pop fully-formed out of Barauna's mind that day, like the bald-faced "lie" that you wish to portray it as, but rather has an evolutionary history going back to 1958 newspaper stories and ship-board rumours.

Forgive me for quoting myself from my website, but it will save some effort:

[Begin Quote]

With regard to the radar target that Barauna first mentions in the informal Hynek interview of 1982, I agree with Tim Printy that this was very likely a confused memory of the radar target reported the day prior to the UFO incident. As I pointed out to Kentaro Mori in advancing the same suggestion (email, 27 January 2004) the time that Barauna recalls - about 15 minutes before the UFO sighting, i.e., around noon - is in this case accurate, except that he has mentally shifted the event by 24 hours.

Slightly different versions of this radar story appeared in the papers O Jornal and O Diario on day-one of the publicity on 21 Feb. In neither case is it clear where the story comes from, although in both cases radar operators are said to have dismissed the echo as a probable malfunction.

"On the eve of the sighting, i.e., on January 15th, the saucer had been detected by the ship's radar, also about noon. The men in charge of the device thought the radar was out of order and made a through check to ascertain whether it was working properly." O Di=Elrio de S=E3o Paulo, S=E3o Paulo, February 21, 1958 (cited by Simoes)

"The day before the sighting, approximately at the same hour, the flying saucer had been spotted by the ship's radar. But radar operators thought that strange 'blip' was caused by some kind of trouble in the apparatus-and rechecked it to see if it was operating properly." O Jornal, Feb 21 (cited by Fontes)

Barauna himself is first quoted as recalling this incident 2 weeks later in an interview published in O Cruzeiro March 8 1958. He explicitly says that he was informed by the Navy about the four other visual sightings reported over the island, then appears to add the radar story as an afterthought, suggesting that he may well have picked this up from newspaper stories.

In this early statement, howsoever, he still correctly recalls the date of the radar incident as Jan 15.

[Pause Quote]

It should not be made a test of Barauna's genuineness that he be inhumanly immune to the sorts of memory failures, foibles and confusions that afflict all of us. Twenty-four years is a long time for memories and dreams to stew, and it is not even as though those memories are being left to gently simmer, they are being constantly stirred by reporters and ufologists, tasting and adding salt and spice.

See also my other mail concerning the evolution of Barauna's narrative concerning the power failure. A decade after the event Barauna is still recalling the ship-board "rumour" of a power failure during the sighting, noting that he can't personally verify it, and only recording his personal knowledge that the ship's machinery stopped for unknown reasons several times on the journey home (and it did - the ship's log records engine-stops for repairs on two occasions when leaving the island). By the time of Barauna's 1982 reminiscence for a table-full of rapt ufologists, at the age of 66, the ship-board rumour of a power failure during the sighting has taken root and has grown into a "memory" that this actually happened, conflated with the radar echo / malfunction newspaper stories, displaced in memory by 24 hours from noon, Jan 15 to noon, Jan 16 1958.

[Resume Quote]

These radar stories appear in the papers on the same day that Barauna is quoted by Ultima Hora as saying that the Almirante Saldanha's radar was inoperative because it couldn't be manned in time. Now this could be interpreted as being in conflict with his statement 24 years later that the radar was inoperative because power failed. But could he really be expected to know any of these things with authority? If he was extemporising in 1958, and/or embellishing a confused memory in 1982, are these things suspicious? Or merely human?

Of course Barauna was not a Navy man, still less a radar operator. And let's remember that all these statements are just hearsay, often third-hand by the time we read them, with ambiguities and inaccuracies in the printed story to be considered as well. Portable voice recording was a pretty esoteric business in 1958 and the usual technological solution would be pencil and short-hand, Q & A being "reconstructed" - usually with a little extra journalistic flavour - back in the office (or in the local bar!). So, yes there may be material contradictions here, or there may not. Barauna might well have been guessing reasons why there was no radar report. Another name for this would be speculating. Reporters enjoy printing speculations as facts.

There's no reason to expect that Barauna would be reliably informed about everything. Why shouldn't he give a few foggy answers in the face of persistent questioning? He was on board only as an invited civilian. His first-hand experience was limited to taking the photos and then being part-involved with the Navy tests of the negatives. He heard some things from Bacellar and others during the tests, yes, but he was never a Navy 'insider'. He probably listened to rumours and read the papers like anybody else. In fact we know he did - according to Zaluar he'd kept a scrap-book of news cuttings. He probably rounded out his picture of what happened by absorbing both information and misinformation from such sources, like anyone else.

The presumption would be that Barauna had heard tell from Navy sources that there was no radar confirmation. But maybe he didn't know exactly why. Why should he? When asked by a reporter on Day 1 of the publicity he was pressed on this and suggested reasonably that it was all over too quickly, that the radar was not switched on and warmed up, or was not manned - which all amounts to the same thing. (The bit of picture-painting in Ultima Hora about the operator "running" to get to the radar is not very material.) Later he maybe put two and two together, and guessed from hearing of the Navy's concerns about compasses,

radars and motors that the radar must have been affected. If Barauna was genuine, indeed, then this is a very natural interpretation. It isn't hard to imagine that as the years went by this notion got conflated with his 'memory' of a stalled boat-winch etc.

Alternatively we can conclude that Barauna knew perfectly well that there could have been no radar contact because the whole thing was a hoax, and he decided to "explain" this away by inventing the story that the ship's radar wasn't operating. But then, what if the radar really was operating? A lot of people were in a position to know about that, not least the Navy. If the radar was working, then seeing Barauna telling lies to the papers on the first day would have instantly tipped off the Navy that he was pulling a stunt. He couldn't have made this story a part of his hoax successfully unless he knew that the radar in fact was not working (for whatever reason), in which case it was simply the truth and so gets us nowhere.

[www.martinshough.com/aerialphenomena/trindade/index.htm](http://www.martinshough.com/aerialphenomena/trindade/index.htm)

[End Quote]

<snip>

>>I look forward to  
>>whatever additional material you may present.

>I will try to publish it in the next couple of weeks.

Let's all hope so.

>>BTW, in your post you say that Barauna claimed 150 people saw  
>>the object. What is the source for this? In a written statement  
>>he made in January 1967, Barauna estimated that "around 50  
>>people" were on deck.

>It's in the news clippings. I will share what we got.

The "150" figure was used by the Lorenzens in a couple of places. I don't recall where they got it from. See my other mail for some discussion of this issue.

Regards

Martin Shough

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## Re: Trindade 'Negative Witness' Found

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>>Subject: Re: Trindade 'Negative Witness' Found

>>Hello Kentaro,

>>I generally find us in agreement, but as with the other recent  
>>'developments' in this case, i.e., the 50+ year delayed (and  
>>contradictory) revelations from nephew Ribiero and 'family  
>>friend' Bittencourt, I'm somewhat surprised at the level of  
>>significance you attach to this.

<snip>

>In fact, the number of actual eyewitnesses is very probably  
>less than a dozen;

Kentaro's guess may or may not be somewhere near the truth. I strongly doubt that any extant source will allow us to pin it down, but he is right that given the status of this case it is something of a disgrace that for several decades the attempt was not even made. However, starting from where we are now, I must say the significant thing to me is the step-change which seems to have occurred, almost without our noticing, in the sceptical position.

Hitherto it seems to have been widely held that there is a simple explanation of why no Navy crew witnesses were named : - They didn't exist. The whole thing was staged by the Icarai Diving Club civilians, and no Navy witnesses are identified because nobody else witnessed anything. I think John Rimmer's 2002 Magonia article "Multiple Witnesses or Wishful Thinking?" could be described as defining this previous position, with its thesis that the reported shouting on deck was done by "Barauna and his associates" and that there were "no other witnesses".

Of course this position was always at odds with various Navy statements to the effect that Navy witnesses did exist, but these were simultaneously general in nature and terse in form. They could be said to lack force - at any rate they lacked the emotional force that comes from the voices of people on the spot. The only witnesses with public names and faces were civilians. The crew witnesses alluded to in Navy reports had no names, no faces. We longed to hear their names, or at least to hear someone named who was there assuring us in vivid terms that they spoke to them, saw them, touched them, thus making these Navy witnesses part of real history rather than abstract footnotes.

It was always possible to argue that this division of witnesses into two groups - named and vivid; unnamed and shadowy - fell where it did, in the way it did, for the obvious reason that Navy sailors had neither the same opportunities and motivations

nor the same freedoms to talk to reporters, and that internally the military had no particular interest in the names and opinions of individuals in the ranks. But there's no denying it was inconvenient for our historical/scientific purposes and tended to leave the named civilians on a raft surrounded by the cynical sharks. And sharks must eat. How much frustration was it reasonable to expect them to tolerate?

Today we appear to have reached a new acceptance thanks to the recollections of Ribeiro, Amilar, Jansen and Brito - the first apparently prompted by the Bittencourt "spoon" story that achieved recent press and TV prominence in Brazil; the second re-interviewed twice before his recent death by Borges and Kentaro; the other two located by these same assiduous researchers for the first time after more than 50 years.

One of them - reporting "inside info" that is really only hearsay - says that the Navy crew and civilians really sighted some object or effect in the sky, just not the exciting one that appears in Barauna's photos. More interestingly, one named participant says that "everyone" saw an object, which had the general form of the object in the photos, that he came late but in time to see before it headed off very fast out to sea, and affirms that "everyone" on deck also saw it. Another named participant says that "everyone" except him - including all the sailors on deck - thought they saw something, but must have been mistaken. The third named participant also says that he found a lot of people ("staff" = crew) behaving as though they had just seen something, although it was - in his opinion - mass hysteria.

Each of these informants in different ways asserts that there were indeed Navy people on deck "witnessing" something in the sky. This means that we now have a spectrum of various documented sources, with different interests, backgrounds and types of narrative, supporting the civilian witness statements, Navy press statements and confidential Navy intelligence records from 1958.

As a result, Kentaro suggests (his arithmetical workings-out are not transparent to me) that perhaps a dozen or so people might have been actual witnesses.

But Kentaro then focuses on the residual problem that his figure is different from figures (smaller and larger) which have appeared in various sources in the past. Specifically, he points out that other numbers have been attributed to Barauna at various times, thus proving (he feels) that Barauna was a liar.

One number that has caused sceptical raised eyebrows is the famous "48" witnesses. I am not 100% certain of the origin of it. It has sometimes been laid at Barauna's door, but I think (please correct me) that it goes back to a 1958 newspaper article quoting a Navy officer. According to Kentaro's colleague Jeferson Martinho

"... the same [Captain] Moreira da Silva, who said at the time [in] the newspaper O Globo that there should be a whole lot of "eight witnesses," would later be credited with the statement that "[the] phenomenon, and documented by photographs, was confirmed by written testimony from 48 witnesses."  
<http://vigilia.com.br/sessao.php?categ=0&id=1119>

I find the same claim made by Covo, who IIRC attributed the statement to a Feb 1958 Ultima Hora article quoting Moreira da Silva.

But when the newspapers asked \_Barauna\_ in 1958 how many people witnessed the object, he replied that he \_didn't know\_.

Ultima Hora Feb 21, 1958: "I don't know"

O Cruzeiro March 8, 1958 : "Q. Do you know how many persons aboard the Almirante Saldanha sighted the object? A. The object was sighted by almost all the people on the deck at that time..." He ventured no number.

What he did offer in reply has only the status of \_hearsay\_. He was quoted by Ultima Hora as saying that when the ship's Captain made an inquiry of the crew afterwards, 100 people were discovered to have been witnesses.

This is the sort of thing which, isolated and illuminated by Kentaro, gets exhibited as one of Barauna's "lies". He will point out that so-and-so claimed some other number, and another person guessed at a third, and that these contradict the reporter who claimed to be quoting Barauna, and that Barauna has thus been caught out.

But this sort of treatment (and there are other examples of the method, perhaps some to be published by Kentaro soon) lacks realism in my opinion. I prefer to ask: What did Barauna really mean? What did the journalist think he meant? What was Barauna's source for thinking whatever he really thought? Barauna was merely a civilian guest along for the ride - what should he have been expected to know about military inquiries conducted by Captain Saldanha da Gama?

Not much, in all likelihood. Anything he thought he knew had probably come to him second-hand as hearsay and should be weighted accordingly. And if he heard (let us say) a rumour that some one hundred crewmen had been questioned, it would not be too surprising if this ended up in the paper as "100 sailors saw the object" - reporters being reporters - even if only one in ten of them had had anything concrete to say.

Why must Barauna be right? What was so special about this man that everything he is claimed to have said by every anonymous hack in Rio, and every opinion he has ever murmured in the decades afterwards, must either have the status of Revealed Truth or be part of a Devious Lie?

Why should Barauna have the inside track on how many crewmen were on deck or how many were interviewed in the Captain's inquiry? Why would he not, rather, get his "knowledge" much like the rest of us? - from a mixture of hearsay, newspaper stories, inference, assumption, and rumour collected from other people?

Did Barauna himself seriously believe in those 100 witnesses attributed to him by a reporter in 1958? Apparently not, because at the same time he said that he "didn't know" how many witnesses there were. And in his own typed and signed statement in 1967 (see my other post) he estimates that there were "about 50" people on deck and that "everybody" saw the object.

Of course a certain type of sceptic, for whom this is a 2-dimensional puzzle to be solved by shoving statements around on a page and juxtaposing them, remembers Ultima Hora's "100 crew members" and immediately pounces: "Aha, an inconsistency!" But for myself, I wonder, where do people get their momentary beliefs? Usually from other people, not from measurement. And for this reason they are often inconsistent over time. Things change. We change.

So from whom does this number, "about 50", come? I wonder if it comes from that press statement attributed to Capt. Moreira da Silva in 1958 to the effect that the Navy got "written testimony from 48 witnesses".

And this gives us what seems to me to be a realistic picture of Barauna's knowledge. Initially, in Feb 1958, he does not know how many people were there, but passes on hearsay about the Captain's inquiry among the crew, then later he settles on a published figure that starts to become accepted as authoritative.

Recently Amilar Viera, asked the same question, recalled, "It was everyone on deck, the world looked, commented." But as to exactly how many people that might have been, "I do not have the slightest knowledge," he said.

We will never know. Probably, no one ever did.

Martin Shough

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>Date: Wed, 27 Apr 2011 11:42:03 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Trindade 'Negative Witness' Found

<snip>

>Bacelar was the man already placed in charge of the Navy High  
>Command's effort to gather "information" on UAO sightings at  
>Trindade, initiated more than a fortnight earlier on Jan 01  
>1958. He was the Navy's scientifically-trained expert on the  
>spot and its specific agent appointed by Fleet-Admiral Carvalho.

<snip>

>And now I wait for some more imaginative sceptic to feel his way  
>towards the fat end of that wedge, and conclude from my  
>reasoning that if Bacellar and Barauna could have had a private  
>understanding after the event, well then they must have been in  
>cahoots before it, too. Any takers? ;-)

Not a taker per se, but I'm definitely of the persuasion that a  
hoax was much more likely to succeed with the collusion of  
Bacellar (and other Navy personnel) than without it, although  
such collusion itself seems far-fetched.

Assuming they were not colluding, is there any indication that  
Barauna could have known, prior to boarding, about the alleged  
previous sightings in the area and/or Bacellar's mission to  
gather information about them?

If not, it would represent (yet another) example of remarkable  
prescience/luck on Barauna's part, i.e., to perpetrate a hoax in  
the immediate vicinity of Trindade, where, unknown to him,  
sightings of anomalous object(s) directly similar to his hoaxed  
images were currently under investigation. Pretty hard to  
swallow.

Mike

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>>>Date: Sun, 24 Apr 2011 08:48:05 -0300  
>>>Subject: Re: Trindade 'Negative Witness' Found

>>>And about the details forgotten by these 6 years-study as the  
>>>ship radio signals failure when the UFO appeared?

>>The only source for that was Barauna himself. All the problems  
>>in the ship's machinery were recorded on the ship's log. And  
>>there were many.

<snip>

>I would like someone to give a reference for this "radio signals  
>failure" which Kentaro says came from Barauna. I don't recall  
>this claim specifically. In 1982 he recalled a power failure,  
>which isn't quite the same thing. Is this what you mean?

Yes. Ticchetti probably mistook the "radar" claim for "radio". In  
any event, I informed that the only source for any kind of  
electrical failure during the time of the sighting (and/or  
shortly before or afterwards) was Barauna himself.

>Something like this "recalled" decades later ought IMO opinion to  
>receive little attention. But any attention we do give to it must  
>be proportionate and realistic and take full account of the  
>passage of time and the human context, so I want to emphasis the  
>evolution of this idea.

It's a reasonable scenario you paint, Martin, but I think it  
would be more believable if Barauna wasn't an admitted hoaxer,  
if he didn't profit from the hoax(es), if he didn't keep all  
these decades telling the story to interested parties, if he  
didn't collect news clippings, and actually hadn't written a  
statement that he could check every time his memory failed to be  
sure to stick to his story.

The "evolution of this idea" sounds more like the deliberate  
evolution of a tall tale told by a hoaxer, who probably had a  
lot of fun seeing how \*no one\* had done their homework and he  
could tell all these constantly changing stories without being  
questioned once.

In 1983 he says the UFO was detected on radar, that it  
immediately stopped the electrical hoist, and everyone,  
including Hynek, is surprised by the information. If they had  
done their homework, they would know that the ship's log - which  
has been declassified since 1968 - records all incidents of

machinery failure. There's nothing abnormal reported for the time of the sighting, and the many incidents both before and after the sighting do not leave much room to suppose they had any relation to the sighting.

<snip>

>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 Hynek, Sprinkle and others in 1982 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.

This was not a "casual discussion". Cynthia Luce, who acted as interpreter in this interview conducted in 1983, explained things to Barauna, if I'm not mistaken it was Barauna himself who stated the date right at the beginning of the recording. People do not usually state the date for a recording in "casual discussions". Barauna surely knew who Hynek was and the importance of the recorded statements he would give.

But if one is to give so much weight to statements given shortly after the event, in the first interview Barauna gave in the hours after the photos leaked to the press, he was quite clear: "17 seconds was all the time I had to photograph the flying saucer".

<snip>

>I don't believe it has  
>anything like the weight and significance of a calculated "lie",  
>and IMO it really takes a deliberate effort to construe it as  
>reflecting in a sinister way on the testimony from 1958.

It was a falsehood that benefited him. Once again, Barauna was an admitted hoaxer who laughed about conning a newspaper, and who, when exposed about it already in 1958, denied having hoaxed anyone and actually turned the accusation against those exposing him, claiming they were simply envious of his success.

In my view, it takes deliberate effort to interpret these contradictions and falsehoods as not being lies told by Barauna for personal gain. And he benefited from them.

Once again, we agree to disagree, I think! It's a matter of opinion and interpretation.

Cheers,

Kentaro

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>Assuming they were not colluding, is there any indication that  
>Barauna could have known, prior to boarding, about the alleged  
>previous sightings in the area and/or Bacellar's mission to  
>gather information about them?

Yes. We do know that already in the trip to the Island there were many comments about the previous flying saucer sightings. Sources and details in our upcoming work.

If Bacellar was "in cahoots" with Barauna this would surely explain a lot of things, but I always find it more probable to simply assume he could be gullible, if not regarding flying saucers, simply regarding Barauna's honesty.

I admit that the idea of Bacellar being part of the hoax sounds absurd to me. That said, it's really bizarre that: he was the one who first claimed the UFO appeared in the negatives - contrary even to Barauna's first impression, he was the one who tranquilized Barauna saying he could take the film home, he was the one who escorted Barauna to the Navy Secret Service, he along with Barauna were the only two questioned witnesses who had their statements recorded for the favourable Intelligence Report, and to me most puzzling of all, he gave a quite favourable statement to Cruzeiro magazine even after Barauna's previous hoax had been widely exposed in the press.

Also: it seems the previous sightings were not seen by everyone on the Island. That is, rather than being a "common" phenomenon sighted several times in the Island by several different groups, the sightings actually happened only to some groups of people, while others were completely oblivious to them - even while knowing about the rumours. And Bacellar was the one who was in charge when most of the known sightings happened.

Kentaro

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Regular Listers will recognize most of this from earlier posts

Opinion - SETI has been a red-herring/cover-up from the start.

Reasons (agreed by most thinking scientists, including Sagan and others later) are these:

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<http://ufoupdateslist.com/2005/oct/m24-001.shtml>

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<http://www.ufoupdateslist.com/2006/nov/m12-007.shtml>

So, looking at SETI's history, from the early days of Drake/Sagan et al - (and bearing in mind it's been run by career astronomers with a need for future Gov't patronage) -

<http://www.perceptions.couk.com/reports.html#patrick>

(sorry, List files for 21 to 30 Nov 2003 seem to be missing)

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<http://www.ufoupdateslist.com/2008/may/m09-003.shtml>

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That Dec 31 radiogram "gave origin to the present [Navy] investigation" according to Capt Brandao. (I'd still love to know what was in that first radiogram.) Pursuant to this, the Navy High Command's first instruction to Bacellar to provide "information on the phenomena observed and reported through the Radio[gram]", was dated Jan 6. This was the start of the Navy investigation leading up to Capt Brandao's intelligence report.

Barauna was already on the ship only \_one\_day\_ after this.

Realistically, then, assuming that Barauna had a Navy contact that could tip him off almost immediately to the sighting mentioned in that first confidential radiogram (even before the Navy had decided to take any special interest) he had only a few days to experiment, plan the scenario of the hoax on the deck, photograph his model and prepare his doctored bi-pack film rolls (the only way to produce these photos in real time) by the night of Jan 6 ready for embarkation the following morning. Is this possible? - perhaps for a faker who by happy chance had an appropriate hoax scenario already in preparation? Maybe, but I

don't think it's comfortable.

<snip>

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>absurd to me. That said, it's really bizarre that: he was the  
>one who first claimed the UFO appeared in the negatives -  
>contrary even to Barauna's first impression,

I find this amusing. I pointed this out in strong terms years ago and wrote about it on my web pages. The argument used to be (e.g., Tim Priinty) that this Bacellar person must have been suggestible and would have thought any old seagull or speck of dust on the negative was a flying saucer when the charismatic Barauna told him there was one there.

Of course this misrepresented Capt Bacellar, who was not only a Superior Navy Corps officer but a high technically-savvy engineer responsible almost single-handedly for Brazil's upper atmosphere meteorological study programme and for the building of the Trindade Oceanographic Post of which he was also operational Commander. It also misrepresented the situation because, as you point out, far from hypnotising everybody with persuasive claims Barauna came out and said he thought there was probably nothing visible on the film at all. It was Capt Bacellar who made a "careful examination" and showed Barauna that the object was there.

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>tranquilized Barauna saying he could take the film home, he was  
>the one who escorted Barauna to the Navy Secret Service,

You are neglecting what made Bacellar a special actor at the centre of this drama: He was the man who had been instructed by the Navy High Command to gather information on UFO incidents at the island. He had the authority of rank, the further authority of specific orders, the technical background, and the enormous practical advantage that he was on the spot. He was expected to do whatever he judged needed to be done, and he was "summoned" to the Navy High Command Intelligence Department on Jan 27 to "present his report" to Capt Brandao, which he did. He didn't just pitch up there for fun.

>along with Barauna were the only two questioned witnesses who  
>had their statements recorded for the favourable Intelligence  
>Report,

I repeat, Capt Bacellar was the Navy's investigator on the spot. He was given official responsibility. He was summoned to present his findings in person to Capt Brandao so that the latter could make an intelligence evaluation for his superiors. The latter's report is an intelligence assessment based on conclusions reached by the Navy's investigating agent on the spot. It does not purport to contain all sources and background information developed by Bacellar in the course of his investigations.

Brandao says "CC Bacellar brought to this High Command the man who had taken the photographs". Barauna was interviewed and handed over the negatives which Brandao sent out for technical examinations. Brandao's report is also an intelligence assessment based on information provided by Barauna and conclusions reached by the technicians. It does not purport to contain all technical information developed by the technicians in their examinations.

>and to me most puzzling of all, he gave a quite  
>favourable statement to Cruzeiro magazine even after Barauna's  
>previous hoax had been widely exposed in the press.

As you say, it strongly suggests that he had no reasonable doubt about the sighting or Barauna's photographs. Even knowing that Barauna was capable of trick shots, it seems that Bacellar's inquiries on board, including the "careful inspection" he said he made of those negatives after development, were very convincing to him.

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>while others were completely oblivious to them - even while  
>knowing about the rumours. And Bacellar was the one who was in

>charge when most of the known sightings happened.

I have no idea what you are attempting to imply here. Can you expand on the point?

Regards

Martin

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It's not clear from "in the trip to the Island" whether you mean  
before or after Barauna boarded the ship.

Let's suppose he learned immediately upon boarding about the  
previous sightings. Is it reasonable to believe that, suddenly  
inspired to seize the moment, he then formulated and executed  
this remarkably successful hoax on such short notice (~1 week),  
all without the benefit of his studio equipment and materials?

Personally, I think substantially more planning and coordination  
would be involved. The personal risk to Barauna if he were found  
out was not trivial, in my opinion.

While having conceded that I lean toward the hoax theory, that  
conviction rests almost entirely on the flimsy foundation of  
Barauna's prior history and my own cynicism. The more I examine  
the details, the flimsier that foundation seems to become.

Again, I look forward to your upcoming material.

Mike

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Hi Eleanor,

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Hi Mike

I agree that Fontes seems to be a usually reliable reporter.  
You're right about the early incident he mentions.

I read this over again and compared it with the intelligence  
report. I'd concluded previously that there was only one balloon  
incident and that in this case Fontes was duplicating the same  
information in two different versions, one from Brandao and  
another from unstated sources (evidently including Bacellar  
himself). But I now see this was possibly wrong. It's clear  
there were two incidents during balloon releases, and Fontes  
does place one in late November, which he says was the first  
sighting on the island according to Bacellar.

The intelligence report doesn't record the dates of either of  
Bacellar's sightings, and only one is described, but it is very  
clear that neither one was responsible for Bacellar's decision  
to send the radio report to the Navy High Command in Rio.  
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that seems to be confirmed by the quoted reference number  
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12th. Bacellar received instructions back from the Chief of the  
Navy High Command via document No. 005 dated 1/6/1958.

Fontes however says that it was after Bacellar's first balloon-  
release sighting - the very first sighting according to Bacellar  
- "a radio message signed by Com. Bacellar was sent to Rio  
reporting the events and asking for instructions." I'm not sure  
how plausible that is, because in Fontes' account this sighting  
was a bit weak.

It was a slow-moving "speck" of light high in the morning sky.  
In a theodolite it seemed to waver or oscillate a bit but  
basically "seemed round, or looked like a planetary disk", and  
it was watched for 3 hours until it just faded away. The  
original conclusion was that the object was Venus, according to  
Fontes, but they checked the azimuth and elevation and decided  
it didn't fit. Maybe it wasn't Venus - but would this  
observation merit action to the extent of alerting the High  
Command by radio? And then there is the long delay of perhaps 6  
weeks in getting back those "instructions".

Well, perhaps there were other communications and perhaps Rio  
waited until other events had happened before ordering any  
special investigation? On the other hand, several details  
associated to the "first" (late Nov) incident by Fontes are  
associated to Bacellar's "second [undated] observation" in the  
intelligence report (given as Jan 6 by Fontes) - for example,  
the 3 hour period, a motion "with the same angular velocity as  
the sun", the check on planetary positions - whilst the  
intelligence report's version of this "second observation" also  
contains some features - for example the temporary disappearance  
of a balloon into a cloud etc - which read like more sober  
versions of dramatic features in Fontes' account of the "first"  
sighting.

This overlap was the main reason why I initially concluded there  
were two confused account of one balloon incident. But Brandao  
does seem to record two similar incidents :- "a phenomenon he  
had personally observed, over the Island, two times on different  
occasions, with the help of a high-precision theodolite and in  
daylight".

I don't really know what to make of this and I'm not satisfied  
that Fontes' November date is in this instance necessarily  
reliable, but I concede it's less clear than I thought and it is  
possible that Bacellar reported something on an earlier date  
than the radio message that started the Navy ball rolling on Dec  
31 1957. Nevertheless it remains true that the first evidence of  
the Navy High Command making any response to events is the reply

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to Bacellar of Jan 6 1958.

Martin

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>Yup, didn't mention that. There is the chance it started out  
>'for real', as Drake/Sagan et al seemed genuine early on, only  
>later getting swallowed up by 'the system'.

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>early honesty and open-mindedness to later cynical (and  
>sometimes unscientifically 'abusive') behaviour and writings.  
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Well, it shouldn't. The answer is in Sagan's career, and he was  
nothing if not a careerist.

His early championing of intelligent ET life -- even without  
UFOs -- caused him huge trouble in his early professional days  
when he was an ambitious, upcoming astronomer. This, remember,  
was in a period when ETI was widely considered toxic, tantamount  
to little green men (an often-used phrase to ridicule scientists  
who dared express sympathetic interest). Consequently, his  
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Kathy, Eleanor, et al,

Your observation about Paul Allen's objective, with regard to his participation in the SETI project, may have merit, but he has a reputation for throwing large quantities of money at projects, with little chance of return. Many of the large projects he has participated in, and many of his acquisitions, had little chance of generating a financial return. His situation appears to many in Seattle as being a classical case of someone with a great deal of financial clout, who was looking more for investment "larks," rather than projects intended to generate even more wealth for the investor.

What I find tragically ironic is that Allen was prepared to fund the SETI project, to the tune of tens or hundreds of millions of dollars, but he would not provide the quarter or half million dollars required to build a prototype "passive" radar system, which would allow, unambiguously, the detection of UFO's in the near-Earth environment.

I corresponded with the Paul G. Allen Foundation on three occasions, the first time in April 1995, pointing out that we

could end the debate over UFO's, once and for all, by building such a system. The foundation responded to my first request for funding, but did not do so to subsequent missives. In fact, the only way that foundation will even consider proposals in the arena of science is if the foundation first requests the proposal. They do not even consider unsolicited proposals.

If you have not read my paper, published in the 2004 MUFON Symposium proceedings, I invite you to do so. I believe what I have proposed, if constructed, would obviate the need for "disclosure," and, for the first time, would allow us ufologists to show, definitively, that UFO's visit our planet, and that they are solid objects, which reflect electromagnetic energy. Here is a link to my paper:

<http://www.nuforc.org/MUFONPresentation.pdf>

If anyone has a suggestion as to potential sources of funding, I am all ears. I have approached Allen, Gates, Rockefeller, Bigelow, MUFON, and the Rolex Awards for Enterprise, in addition to many others. To date, I have nary a penny of support... or even encouragement.

Peter  
NUFORC

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Paul Allen's Foundation contributed ~\$25M (coffee money for him)  
for the initial construction of the telescope array. He's not a  
trustee, and he's not involved with day-to-day operations,  
AFAIK.

He's moved on. Besides, most of the \$18M/year budget comes from  
the government. Once seti.org is gone, I'll bet the ATA will be  
running again.

I'm sure a university could operate it for a mere fraction of  
what the entrenched SETI bureaucracy costs, and they won't be  
using it to find ET radio signals. Once I read the tax return, I  
know I won't be contributing.

Albert

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>chosen to take). It's also true that skepticism was convenient  
>for him, his career, his respectability, and his income.

Hi Jerry

That's probably all true enough.

I was thinking more of the change in tone of his general  
writings and behaviour from the time he became 'prominent' - say  
by the time of Cosmos' inception.

He seemed to begin making unscientific and dogmatic assertions:  
like on the panspermia question, where his blanket 'debunking'  
was eventually proved to be completely wrong, and (from the  
little I've read) on the Velikovsky censorship affair, where his  
stance seemed initially to be as corrupt and unfair as was the  
mainstream science community's - only later backtracking and  
coming out with some mealy-mouthed stuff about balance, freedom-  
of-speech etc.

By the time of 'Demon-Haunted World' he was sounding jaundiced  
and demon haunted himself, seemingly calling for extreme sceptic  
(status quo) bias in scientific assessment, when Carl Popper had  
much earlier said all that needed to be said on that subject.  
I.e that any claims (theories) should be subject to ordinary  
falsification and not the demand for "extraordinary evidence" -  
a meaningless open-ended term.

Cheers

Ray D

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Washington Witness Follows 'Landed' Triangle UFO  
Examiner.com  
<http://tinyurl.com/3bn6w5g>

Rectangle UFO Appeared In A 'Liquid State' Over Texas  
Examiner.com  
<http://tinyurl.com/3nejlrv>

Alien Abductees Report Fearing Repeat Visits  
Examiner.com  
<http://tinyurl.com/3mkyfcy>

UFOs And Aviation - A Closer Look  
FlyAwaySimulation.Com  
<http://tinyurl.com/6jfxe2z>

Second Maryland Witness Offers Video Evidence Of 'Strange Flying  
Object'  
Examiner.com  
<http://tinyurl.com/3rppxk6>

Irish Town May Become UFO Hotspot Says Major Website  
Irish Central ['Astronomer Has UFO Proof']

UFO In Romford... Or Just A Lot Of Hot Air?  
London24  
<http://tinyurl.com/44kztgf>

45 Years Later, Officials Recall Possible UFO Sighting In  
South Hill  
South Hill Enterprise  
<http://tinyurl.com/3h7xvrl>

Wednesday Write-In: UFO Sighting A Schoolboy Prank  
Hawke's Bay Today  
<http://tinyurl.com/5t4ks9b>

Roswell UFO Museum Slow To Take Off  
KRQE-TV  
<http://tinyurl.com/4yvpgzb>

I Mapped Minnesota UFO Sightings. Ask Me Why!  
MinnPost.com  
<http://tinyurl.com/42bc8hk>

Filer's Files #18 - 2011  
<http://tinyurl.com/3oar7bo>

From Frank Warren's The UFO Chronicals:

Mystery Object 'Visited' Nike Site, Army Told  
<http://tinyurl.com/3f2q3z7>



What We Learned And What We Lost! BAASS-MUFON SIP Program  
<http://tinyurl.com/67sgft5>

UFO Sightings Attributed To NORAD Flight Exercise  
<http://tinyurl.com/3qpzjfx>

Civilians Report UFOs In F.E. Warren's Missile  
<http://tinyurl.com/3hcjx9e>

From Scott Corrales' Inexplicata:

Captain Polanco Recalls The Bariloche Argentina UFO  
<http://tinyurl.com/6k2g5j6>

Luminous Beings Startle Chilean Researcher  
<http://tinyurl.com/5wnkdcy>

UFO Photo Causes Argentine Media Uproar  
<http://tinyurl.com/6j5afa9>

Albuquerque, New Mexico And UFO Subculture  
<http://tinyurl.com/5ut3jwk>

From 'The Norm':

Still Searching: SETI Pioneer Jill Tartar Talks Shutdown,  
Aliens  
<http://tinyurl.com/5thod3f>

When Level Headed People Encounter The Unknown, UFOs And Lost  
Time  
<http://tinyurl.com/5wtsuom>

The Apparition At Knock Ireland, 1879  
<http://tinyurl.com/3dgnagp>

Falling Brains Dept:

ET Is Brown Bread, Literally: Siberian 'alien' Was A Hoax Made  
Out Of Loaf  
The Daily Mail  
<http://tinyurl.com/3bno643>

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