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John Ford On Richard Smith Show 08-25-12

From: Richard Smith <rsmithufo.nul>
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Subject: John Ford On Richard Smith Show 08-25-12

John Ford On The Richard Smith Show 08-25-12

August 25 with John Ford himself.

On that same day, Richard Smith will also be a guest on Future Theater Radio with Bill and Nancy Birnes talking specifically about John Ford's case.

An awesome double feature on Saturday, August 25.

Special recognition goes to Alfred Lehmborg for making this interview possible. You are the best, Alfred!

Listen LIVE!: Saturday, August 25, 2012

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The Friendship Case UFO Documentary

From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
Date: Tue, 31 Jul 2012 21:19:13 +0100
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Subject: The Friendship Case UFO Documentary

I imagine the mere mention of George Adamski in this documentary will give many here apoplexy - I mean wasn't he successfully debunked years ago?

I did meet him once and chatted after a lecture in the UK and didn't believe him even then when he was at the height of his fame.

But don't let that put you off this strange and possibly not too well known UFO contactee case from Italy.

I'd love to know from the experts here whether this has been debunked too - I could find nothing in the Updates archive.

Here's the trailer if you can't face the real thing:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U4rB3S71aNs>

And here's the full documentary:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-8gexd_BoWo

And here's some blurb:

"It had been kept secret for half a century, but only just recently came to light after the death of one the men involved (Bruno Sammaciccia had asked for it to be kept secret until after his death).

In Pescara, during the 50s to 70s, a group of extraterrestrials had contacted a number of unsuspecting people directly. This project was called 'Amicizia.' These men would be brought to their (etheric) 'bases' located on earth and apparently on board the UFOs.

The people involved were of high social and cultural status, among them was the notable Console Alberto Perego. This is a collection of testimonials from them, which also shows excellent quality footage and photography of the phenomena, as well as apparent 'messages' (of love and goodwill) given to us from these beings.

Author: Pier Giorgio Caria, Director: Luca Trovellesi Cesana, Executive Producer: Diego Corvaro, Montage: Pietro Di Stefano, Giorgio Di Stefano.

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An 'ET' Comments On Synthetic Quantum Environments

From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
Date: Tue, 31 Jul 2012 22:26:06 -0400
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Subject: An 'ET' Comments On Synthetic Quantum Environments

Some of us may be aware of the claims of Andrew Basiago and William Stillings that they participated in a secret CIA research program in the 1980s on "jump room" technology acquired from a group of grey ETs. The jump room was said to transfer people almost instantaneously from earth to Mars. A third man, Bernard Mendez, also came forward and said his investigations showed that the jump room destination was not Mars but an artificial environment that looked like Mars. There are supposedly 153 of such environments in, on, and over the earth. Mr. Basiago dubbed them "synthetic quantum environments" or SQEs.

Confirmation of the existence of synthetic quantum environments (SQE) and jump rooms has come from a medium who I have come to know and respect. He has for some time channeled a grey from the zeta collective. The zeta answered a series of questions about SQEs and jump rooms. An article discussing these questions and answers may be found at

<http://www.treurniet.ca/psi/SQE.htm>.

According to the zeta, the SQE is an energetic existence distinct from the physical. People also have an energetic body superimposed on the physical body. The jump room technology separates the two bodies and transfers the energetic, conscious part to the SQE, leaving the physical container behind. There is no transfer of the physical body. The zeta says, "The physical entity may not enter the environment as it is a process of energetic exchange." On the other hand, Mr. Basiago is adamant that he went to Mars or entered the SQE in his physical body.

The zeta describes an interactive network of SQEs in the earth environment, each with an on-board intelligence. These coordinate the activity of the network when the jump room is in operation. The ETs are involved whenever the jump room is activated, although the human operators may not be aware of that.

The SQEs are energetic copies of a physical environment, and are used as labs for 'what if' kinds of experiments so that the original environment is not affected. The SQEs are also living areas, presumably for non-physical beings.

William

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Greg Bishop On 'Falcon'

From: Paul Kimball <paulkimball.nul>
Date: Wed, 1 Aug 2012 01:53:01 -0300
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Subject: Greg Bishop On 'Falcon'

Listers,

Those familiar with the stories of the Aviary, Bill Moore, and the mysterious Falcon may find this latest episode of my podcast of interest.

<http://goo.gl/OmOov>

Here's the write-up:

"In this episode I'm joined by good friend Greg Bishop to discuss his relationship with UFO researcher William Moore (of Roswell and MJ-12 fame, or infamy, depending upon your point of view), and Greg's recent announcement that he believes, based on what Moore told him years ago, that OSS and CIA veteran "Falcon", who supposedly headed a group of people with an interest in the UFO phenomenon as well as connections to the intelligence community in the 1980s and 1990s.

We also discuss Greg's interaction with Moore's former research partner, the enigmatic Jaime Shandera, and the nature of the relationship between the intelligence agencies and UFO researchers throughout the years in a more general sense."

Best regards,

Paul Kimball
www.beyondertv.com

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Date: Wed, 01 Aug 2012 06:10:16 -0400
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Subject: UFO Over Olympic Stadium Was Blimp

Source: Frank Warren's The UFO Chronicles

<http://tinyurl.com/cswwpc4>

Monday, July 30, 2012

Good Year Blimp Over Olympic Stadium 2012
By Frank Warren

Given the fact that we live in the days of instant communication via the internet etc; that social media has become a keystone in what has taken the place for sober news reporting; that someone's home movie, or cell phone vid can go viral on YouTube and be seen by millions, which not only feeds the ego but can be quite lucrative in regards to ad revenue; it comes to no surprise that the Goodyear blimp, "Spirit of Safety" that was filming the Opening Olympic Ceremony has been touted as a UFO (again), with the underlying innuendo that it is an "alien craft" of some sort.

The seed that was planted which gave birth to the current knee jerk, poorly researched, dramatized nonsense that has found its way to The Huffington Post

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Date: Wed, 01 Aug 2012 06:16:08 -0400
Archived: Wed, 01 Aug 2012 06:16:08 -0400
Subject: Looking For Alien 'Bubbles' In Other Galaxies

Source: DiscoveryNews.Com

<http://tinyurl.com/cq6lfd>

Tue Jul 31, 2012

Looking For Alien 'Bubbles' In Other Galaxies
by Ray Villard

When I was under the velvet black skies of western Texas a few months ago I had a magnificent view of the star-studded bulge of our galaxy, in the direction of the summer constellation Sagittarius.

How many advanced civilizations might be in this hub of the Milky Way? I pondered. After all, this is the direction where the mysterious "WOW" radio signal that was detected three decades ago came from.

The problem is that we are embedded in a thick forest of stars, and identifying the location of an extraterrestrial civilization -- one that's attempting to contact us -- is the proverbial needle-in-haystack search as the SETI scientists always say.

Therefore, it would make sense to go looking at a neighboring "forest," or rather nearby galaxy, for evidence of extraterrestrial intelligence.

Could Terrorist Aliens Cyberattack Us?:

<http://tinyurl.com/clay5ve>

[More at site... thanks to Diana Cammack for the lead]

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Archived: Wed, 01 Aug 2012 08:14:37 -0400
Subject: Re: Incident At Tablada Aerodrome Seville '86

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>To: <post.nul>
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Re: The Friendship Case UFO Documentary

From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
Date: Wed, 01 Aug 2012 09:24:43 -0400
Archived: Wed, 01 Aug 2012 09:47:39 -0400
Subject: Re: The Friendship Case UFO Documentary

>From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
>To: UFO Updates <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 31 Jul 2012 21:19:13 +0100
>Subject: The Friendship Case UFO Documentary

>I imagine the mere mention of George Adamski in this documentary
>will give many here apoplexy - I mean wasn't he successfully
>debunked years ago?

>I did meet him once and chatted after a lecture in the UK and
>didn't believe him even then when he was at the height of his
>fame.

>But don't let that put you off this strange and possibly not too
>well known UFO contactee case from Italy.

>I'd love to know from the experts here whether this has been
>debunked too - I could find nothing in the Updates archive.

>Here's the trailer if you can't face the real thing:

><http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U4rB3S71aNs>

>And here's the full documentary:

>http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-8gexd_BoWo

>And here's some blurb:

>"It had been kept secret for half a century, but only just
>recently came to light after the death of one the men involved
>(Bruno Sammaciccia had asked for it to be kept secret until
>after his death).

>In Pescara, during the 50s to 70s, a group of extraterrestrials
>had contacted a number of unsuspecting people directly. This
>project was called 'Amicizia.' These men would be brought to
>their (etheric) 'bases' located on earth and apparently on board
>the UFOs.

>The people involved were of high social and cultural status,
>among them was the notable Console Alberto Perego. This is a
>collection of testimonials from them, which also shows excellent
>quality footage and photography of the phenomena, as well as
>apparent 'messages' (of love and goodwill) given to us from
>these beings.

>Author: Pier Giorgio Caria, Director: Luca Trovellesi Cesana,
>Executive Producer: Diego Corvaro, Montage: Pietro Di Stefano,
>Giorgio Di Stefano.

David Wilcock discussed this case in his blog at:

<http://tinyurl.com/c6ulzk5>

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Stunning New Information: The Friendship Case

He shows drawings of people and photos of craft from film in the documentary.

William

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From: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos <ballesterolmos.nul>
Date: Wed, 1 Aug 2012 15:10:42 +0100 (BST)
Archived: Thu, 02 Aug 2012 06:15:54 -0400
Subject: Re: Incident At Tablada Aerodrome Seville '86

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Re: UFO Over Olympic Stadium Was Blimp

From: Edward Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
Date: Wed, 1 Aug 2012 07:38:31 -0700
Archived: Thu, 02 Aug 2012 06:18:53 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Over Olympic Stadium Was Blimp

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The Deconstruction Of Leah Haley

From: **Kay Wilson** <kaywilson.nul>
Date: Wed, 01 Aug 2012 09:29:14 -0500
Archived: Thu, 02 Aug 2012 06:25:50 -0400
Subject: The Deconstruction Of Leah Haley

New Blog Post August 2012:

'It Doesn't Happen' The Deconstruction of Leah Haley:
One Year Later

Topics Covered Include: 'It Doesn't Happen' =96 Really, Alien Screen Imagery, Contact Forum: A Contradiction, Leah Haley's Research, Other People's Research, No Truth. No Accuracy, One Simple Question, 'The Most Credible Of All Abductees...' The Sad Truth, Haley's 'Million Little Pieces...'

"...abductees and abduction researchers are still hoping that Leah Haley will admit her mistake and publish a clarification, especially since she continues to sell her books promoting her alien abductions. If she truly does not believe that she is an alien abductee, then she should have pulled her books from sale on the Internet and she should have done it prior to Jack Brewer publishing his ill fated interview with her. After all, it has been over a year since she allowed Brewer to initially interview her, and in September of 2012, it will have been an entire year since part one of her 'It Never Happens' interview was published in Jack Brewer's blog.

What Leah Haley is doing demonstrates the type of charlatanic behavior that disbelievers and debunkers accuse abductees of perpetrating, when in fact, the vast majority of abductees are telling the truth to the best of their abilities."

Continue Reading... <http://tinyurl.com/bukztqb>

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Best Evidence: Top 10 UFO Sightings

From: Paul Kimball <paulkimball.nul>
Date: Wed, 1 Aug 2012 19:51:03 -0300
Archived: Thu, 02 Aug 2012 06:27:52 -0400
Subject: Best Evidence: Top 10 UFO Sightings

Listers,

For those who may be interested (or who may be in it), my 2007 documentary Best Evidence: Top 10 UFO Sightings, is now available for on-line viewing courtesy of UFO TV. A DVD release, with lots of bonus materials, is also finally in the works (file that under, "better late than never").

The film documents the ten best UFO cases in history, as chosen by a diverse group of the world's top UFO researchers, and features Stanton Friedman, the late Mac Tonnies, Don Ledger, Nick Pope, Bruce Maccabee, and Brad Sparks. It originally aired on Space in Canada, and TVNZ in New Zealand.

The on-line version can be seen at:

<http://goo.gl/nywLh>

Are these the best cases of all time? Of course they are... and of course they aren't. That's really a subjective determination that each person has to make for themselves (I personally don't agree with all of the choices, for example). What the film was intended to do was to get people thinking, and in the years since, in at least a small way, it seems to have done that.

Best regards,

Paul Kimball
www.redstarfilmtv.com

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Re: UFO Over Olympic Stadium Was Blimp

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Thu, 2 Aug 2012 13:30:37 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
Archived: Fri, 03 Aug 2012 06:06:40 -0400
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This video and the other one, a clip taken from SkyNews TV's
opening day fireworks show, are the only ones I am aware of that
depict one or more unknown bright lights in the sky (UFOs) over
the Olympic facilities in London.

It is important to note that both these videos were taken far
from the fireworks so as to capture the entire show in a single
panoramic view stretched low across the horizon. Hundreds of
thousands of other people, many with cameras of their own and
much closer (if not directly underneath the UFOs) too must have
taken clearer images of these objects. Where are these other
better images? The reason may be that people recognised these
UFOs for what they appeared to be - blimps, helicopters, etc.
and not something unusual and/or foreign in the sky over London.

With so many anti-aircraft guns and missiles positioned on
London rooftops around the Olympic stadium, if these UFOs were
indeed unknown objects and thus threatening in nature they
would certainly have been fired at.

>Multiple unidentified flying objects, one disc-shaped and the
>other an orb, can be seen gliding through the excitement and
>fanfare.

It is not unusual to observe many such slow moving bright orbs
or irregular shaped points of light low in the sky along the
horizon over a large city such as London, especially in the
direction of distant airports or other huge public events or
celebrations.

>Some have questioned whether the disc-shaped craft could be the
>Goodyear Blimp. Olympic officials debunk this notion, indicating
>the Goodyear Blimp was grounded during the fireworks for safety
>reasons.

Were these unnamed Olympic officials closely associated with

Goodyear blimp people or just expressing reasonable opinions?
What did the Goodyear blimp people and the many thousands of
people directly below the UFO(s) had to say?

>Additionally, the disc-shaped craft lacks the bright, blinking
>anti-collision light of the blimp. What are these aircraft and
>what is their business in our atmosphere?..."

From such a far distance it is difficult or impossible to see or
capture blinking anti-collision lights on video, especially
since the Goodyear blimp is a flying illuminated billboard with
many bright lights that also flash on and off.

While living in Montreal during the 1967 World's Fair I saw a
very similar looking UFO low over my neighbours house at night
that was slowly moving in my direction. My excitement and
concerns were short lived when I recognized it as an airship
with many lights on its sides as it quietly passed overhead...

That said, today I got an e-mail from someone with another UFO
list with a news story that claims UFOs will actually land at
the London Olympics on Saturday, August 4 so the whole world
will know that they are here!

As this unilateral disclosure event is only a few days away, if
it does happen, then maybe some of those other bright lights or
orbs seen in the sky over London on opening day could have been
scout crafts in advance of the landing...

Nick Balaskas

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From: Steve Sawyer <stevesaw.nul>
Date: Thu, 2 Aug 2012 15:20:21 -0700
Archived: Fri, 03 Aug 2012 06:08:59 -0400
Subject: Re: Incident At Tablada Aerodrome Seville '86

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Hi, Vicente-Juan, Scott, and Listers,

I'm going to have to side with V-J on this one, since, if
there's good evidence a case is either a hoax, confabulation, or
mis-ID, and there's inadequate contervailing data to support the
claims involved, it is incumbent on the promoter or distributor

of said stories, when told of data that a case is bogus, or at least suspect, it's up to the originator and/or promoters/distributors of such a case to either provide better docs and evidence, refute the claim of hoax, etc., or simply remove the case from public distribution.

Some time ago, I sent Scott an email with some basic, minor corrections to one of his "This Week in Inexplicata" posts here, providing better and/or working links to sources he cited, and Scott simply replied via email "The day I work for you and take orders from you, I'll gladly do everything you ask of me" which I found both snotty and beside the points I made to him to improve his blog postings and messages here, and which I had offered as just suggestions to fix some bad links, initially.

That kind of attitude, and rudeness, has no place in honest, fair, or balanced reporting on the UFO scene or cases, IMHO. In fact, it reflects inadequate vetting and poor research, and says more about the source, negatively impacting proper, scientific ufology by casual, superficial, or sensationalistic, reporting, and which is no form of objective research or investigation, than anything else.

Do the work, Scott, and learn how to take basic critiques of your reporting style and details as they're intended, and perhaps your efforts will be better received and enhance your credibility. That's your choice, or obligation, if you intend to stay in this "game" very long.

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UFO Store In Orlando?

From: **Thiago L. Ticchetti** <ticchetti.nul>
Date: Thu, 2 Aug 2012 19:57:45 -0300
Archived: Fri, 03 Aug 2012 06:10:45 -0400
Subject: UFO Store In Orlando?

Hello list,

Please, anyone know of a UFO store in Orlando, Florida?

Thank you.

Thiago Luiz Ticchetti

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Greer Probes 'Dead Alien'

From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
Date: Fri, 3 Aug 2012 17:41:10 +0100
Archived: Sat, 04 Aug 2012 19:10:31 -0400
Subject: Greer Probes 'Dead Alien'

I know that Dr. Steven Greer is not considered the most popular or even credible UFO researcher among Listers here.

But his new bold claim that he's examined an alien corpse and says he's to employ a top DNA laboratory to dissect it, must be worth a mention.

In this article on Colin Andrews website Greer appeals for funds for the project so it might be included in 'Sirius' a disclosure film he's making.

He says the EBE (Extra Biological Entity) is "in the possession of a cooperative institute desiring further scientific evaluation of the possible ET. We cannot reveal at this time the location of this being or the name of the person or persons who possess it."

He adds: "It is indeed an actual deceased body, and most certainly is not plastic or man-made. It has a head, 2 arms and 2 legs and is humanoid . We have seen and examined X-Rays of the being. Its anatomy however is not homo sapien (modern human) or any known hominid (predecessors to humans)."

More at:

<http://www.colinandrews.net/UFO.html>

Surely he cannot be 'Sirius'?

Dave Haith

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Journals Of The Fortean Research Center

From: Ray Boeche <rayboeche.nul>
Date: Fri, 3 Aug 2012 19:20:01 -0500
Archived: Sat, 04 Aug 2012 19:17:13 -0400
Subject: Journals Of The Fortean Research Center

The high-resolution PDF of the Complete Journals Of The Fortean Research Center is available at no charge at:

account : ftp.jourforteanresearch.com.ar
username: rayjfr
password: chf2012jfr

Be warned; this is a nearly 1 gigabyte file, but well worth the download time.

It is an FTP site (courtesy of Argentina's own Fabio Picasso: thanks again, Fabio!) so you will need an FTP client (application) such as Fetch, FileZilla, or FireFTP which runs within Mozilla/Firefox. As an avowed Apple-ite (or Mac-ian) since 1984, I will leave it to those in the PC world to offer more Windows-friendly methods of accessing FTP sites.

If you'd like to obtain print copies (and I hope you will) the hardcover and paperbound versions (670 pages each) are available right now through

www.lulu.com

Do a quick site search at lulu.com for Journals Fortean Research Center or Boeche and they'll pop right up.

The paperbound version will be available through Amazon and Barnes & Noble in a few weeks.

The hardcover will remain available only through lulu.com because of size restrictions on hardcover distribution.

Thanks again to Rod Dyke for ensuring this is a complete collection of the Journals, and to Fabio Picasso for the PDF distribution site. As an added note, an ancillary publication of the Fortean Research Center called Touching The Unknown will be made available in a free high-resolution PDF format as soon as (Oooops!) we are able to track down all of the back issues and have a complete set available.

Happy reading!

Ray Boeche

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Re: UFO Over Olympic Stadium Was Blimp

From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj.nul>
Date: Fri, 03 Aug 2012 20:02:45 -0700
Archived: Sat, 04 Aug 2012 19:19:34 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Over Olympic Stadium Was Blimp

>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Thu, 2 Aug 2012 13:30:37 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
>Subject: Re: UFO Over Olympic Stadium Was Blimp

>>From: Edward Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 1 Aug 2012 07:38:31 -0700
>>Subject: Re: UFO Over Olympic Stadium Was Blimp

>>>Source: Frank Warren's The UFO Chronicles

>>>Good Year Blimp Over Olympic Stadium 2012
>>>By Frank Warren

>>>... it comes to no
>>>surprise that the Goodyear blimp, Spirit of Safety, that was
>>>filming the Opening Olympic Ceremony has been touted as a UFO
>>>(again), with the underlying innuendo that it is an 'alien
>>>craft' of some sort.

>><http://www.ufovideos.ws/olympic-opening-ceremony-ufos.html>

>>"On July 27, the 2012 Summer Olympic Games kicked off in London
>>with an opening ceremony of epic proportions. All eyes turned to
>>the sky, but some spectators witnessed more than just a
>>fireworks show.

>>This video and the other one, a clip taken from SkyNews TV's
>>opening day fireworks show, are the only ones I am aware of that
>>depict one or more unknown bright lights in the sky (UFOs) over
>>the Olympic facilities in London.

>>It is important to note that both these videos were taken far
>>from the fireworks so as to capture the entire show in a single
>>panoramic view stretched low across the horizon. Hundreds of
>>thousands of other people, many with cameras of their own and
>>much closer (if not directly underneath the UFOs) too must have
>>taken clearer images of these objects. Where are these other
>>better images? The reason may be that people recognised these
>>UFOs for what they appeared to be - blimps, helicopters, etc.
>>and not something unusual and/or foreign in the sky over London.

>>With so many anti-aircraft guns and missiles positioned on
>>London rooftops around the Olympic stadium, if these UFOs were
>>indeed unknown objects and thus threatening in nature they
>>would certainly have been fired at.

It's important to see both sides of the picture. On the one
hand, we know of three videos, I think it is, which for 10 or 20
seconds show a UFO shaped like a flying saucer. Though somewhat
blurry, some or most of its images exhibit a dome on top,
exhibit circular symmetry relative to a top view, and all
exhibit no navigational lights or flashing anti-collision
lights, which is consistent with it being a UFO. In addition,
thanks to ADG (UK) and to Ed Gehrman for alerting us, one of
these videos (or possibly a fourth?) shows a second UFO well off
to one side, orb-like and rapidly spinning, and moving in

concert with the flying-saucer UFO.

On the other hand, the Goodyear Blimp may have been somewhere in the vicinity at the time. Its appearance would differ from that of the UFO in all the above respects. Yet, if these differences weren't there, it could be assumed that the UFO had probably been the blimp with its identifying lettering removed. Should we then (a) ignore such differences, which has been the procedure of UFO debunkers over the decades? Then we could better explain (b) why we have not heard of any eye-witness accounts of these UFO(s) from the London area and not learned of further videos taken that show them.

Or should we (c) use experience gained from thousands of UFO reports over the past 65 years that would allow us to avoid (a) and yet explain (b)? Having a scientific background, I prefer (c).

Can we not find hundreds or thousands of otherwise credible UFO reports in which a prominent UFO was located over a populated area for up to ten minutes yet with only a very few witnesses being heard from? And do we not have ample reports of UFOs suddenly (or even gradually in some cases) becoming invisible, and many cases where they are reported on radar but not visually and vice versa? The point is, we must allow that with such technological "magic" being evident, it is but a small step for the UFO entities to be able also to make their craft be invisible from all but one or two directions. Although it may take 10,000 years before our science knows how to cloak an aircraft, it would likely not take even a century or two more yet to learn how to cloak it from all but a narrow cone of visibility. Thus (c) can be supported, allowing us to take the facts into full consideration.

This possibility presupposes that the UFO aliens have a strategy of dealing with us that involves covertness, and what could be clearer than that after 65+ years? It also presupposes that the aliens in charge are not hostile to society as a whole, and we all recognize that if hostile they could have wiped us out or subjugated us decades and millennia ago.

I'm trying to think of the downside to (c); is it that some scientists would prefer to believe that we humans are at the pinnacle of technological achievement -- anthropocentrism? Ufologists should know better, and even most scientists realize how many millions if not billions of years headstart ET civilizations could have over us. (But astronomers will never permit that they could have developed the capability of manipulating space-time to allow cosmic travel.) Or is it the belief that certain UFO aliens should not have researched us thoroughly over past centuries and not be smarter and more experienced than we ourselves are in understanding human psychology -- more anthropocentrism? Or is it the belief that overtly hostile aliens should predominate over non-hostile ones, and, as in B-rated alien movies, attack us worldwide? I think we should make use of our catalogs of UFO reports, when necessary, to show the fallaciousness of such beliefs.

Jim Deardorff

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Re: Oz National Archives Release Valentich File

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Archived: Sun, 05 Aug 2012 19:31:39 -0400
Subject: Re: Oz National Archives Release Valentich File

>From: Giuliano Marinkovic <giuliano.marinkovic.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Sun, 1 Jul 2012 22:19:42 +0200
>Subject: Oz Australian National Archives Release Valentich File

>Dear Colleagues,

>Thanks to the efforts and Freedom of Information requests of
>researcher Keith Basterfield, National Archives of Australia has
>just released previously closed Department of Transport
>V116/783/1047 - 315-pages file of Frederick Valentich's
>incident.

<snip>

Source: AdelaideNow

<http://tinyurl.com/butdpmv>

July 06, 2012

'Truth' Was Out There After All

An accidental discovery sheds new light on the mysterious disappearance of a pilot in 1978, writes Miles Kemp.

Unlike a myriad other UFO sightings at the time, the claims of 20-year-old pilot Frederick Valentich could not easily be dismissed as a hoax. Unlike others who said they had seen strange lights or craft in the sky, Valentich was mid-way through a detailed and recorded description of his sighting when he disappeared forever over Bass Strait.

"It is not an aircraft it is..." an air-traffic control transcript records Valentich as saying at 7.09 and 28 seconds on the evening of 21 October 1978.

Valentich was part-way through a seven-minute conversation with Melbourne air traffic control about the craft.

At 7.10pm and 20 seconds, Valentich said: "What I am doing right now is orbiting and the thing is just orbiting on top of me also it has a green light and sort of metallic, it's all shiny (on) the outside." A long metallic clanging sound marked the end of the transmission and the beginning of a long battle to have all records of the disappearance made public.

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Secret OZ UFO Files Released

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Archived: Sun, 05 Aug 2012 19:32:06 -0400
Subject: Secret OZ UFO Files Released

Source: Sydney Morning Herald, Sydney, Australia

<http://tinyurl.com/dyom5jt>

5 August, 2102

Secret UFO Files Released

It is probably the closest Australia has come to scrambling fighter jets to intercept a UFO.

Documents that have just become available under the 30-year rule at the National Archives of Australia reveal how two RAAF Mirage jets were placed on the second highest level of alert to determine the cause of unidentified radar contacts seen on screens at Mascot.

The 'X Files' viewed in Canberra also give details of other unexplained sightings, some of which are supported by witness statements to police. One caller dismissed it as a rock band's laser show.

In the Sydney alert, the papers stamped "restricted" tell how operation "Close Encounter" was launched by No.3 Control and Reporting Unit at RAAF Base Williamtown near Newcastle on June 30, 1983, after the phenomenon was first noticed earlier in the month.

Senior air controllers at Mascot said the contacts were mostly located between 70 and 150 nautical miles north of Sydney at "alleged speeds of 1100-6500 km/h that suggested high altitude". The papers state that no scramble was to occur in the round-the-clock operation unless confirmation of any reported tracks was made on the radar screens at RAAF Williamtown or any radar other than Sydney.

At the same time, three senior air defence controllers were dispatched to Sydney to investigate and plot every contact and "control interceptors against these contacts if a reasonable chance of interception presented itself". But then one of the defence controllers, a squadron leader, asked whether a comparison had been made of the contacts on the screens of Mascot's Area Approach Radar Centre and those in a "workshop across the corridor". Soon after, tests showed that the "unidentified objects reported by Sydney were generated entirely by radar interference known colloquially as 'running rabbits' ".

Squadron leader K. Keenan, in his six-page report, said operation Close Encounter cost 66=BD days of overtime, 1000 kilometres was travelled by a staff car and a C130 Hercules transport aircraft "may have been diverted to Sydney airport" to deliver one of the defence controllers.

He wrote: "The lines of communication, extending as they did across the width of an entire corridor, seem to have been insufficient for the purpose."

He added rather dryly: "Fortunately there was no temptation to launch aircraft and add to the fuel bill occasioned by use of

the RAAF Datsun." A cautiously worded statement was released as a result "in a manner that would not embarrass departmental personnel" which blamed "random atmospheric conditions".

Other reports in the X Files give details of an "unidentified physical feature" of circles on Milo Station at Adavale, Queensland, in 1982. The file refers to photographs that apparently were taken, but they were not among the papers. Constable Geoffrey Russell, from the local police station, visited the site and wrote a report for RAAF Base Amberley near Ipswich. The officer saw depressions in the ground and thought they were caused by a motorcyclist doing donuts but then dismissed the idea.

He wrote: "I strongly feel this [is] no hoax even though I do not know the cause of this 'feature'." He described a large circle of 2330mm in diameter with one inner circle of 2010mm which were 160mm in width and about 15-20 mm deep. The soil around the outer circle appeared to have been "blown away", he said.

Elsewhere in Queensland, dairy farmer Robin Priebe phoned Imbil police at 5.30am in July 1983 to report seeing a strange object in the sky to the north of the town. The papers state that a Sergeant Waterson then went to his back verandah and saw "a large white light with several flashing lights around it" which did not appear to be a normal aircraft.

A similar sighting was made by Constable R. Keys from a separate position. He was also of the opinion that it wasn't a normal aircraft.

Mr Priebe said both he and his wife saw a bright red glow gradually change to a white light which then started to move slowly east. Through binoculars, "the light was disc shaped with a very bright light around the perimeter of the disc with two flashing lights in the front and one to the side", he said.

The only photographs in the X Files were of unusual lights over Bendigo, witnessed by hundreds in May 1983. An interim report by the RAAF stated that Mike Evans, a 17-year-old disc jockey with the Bendigo radio station 3BO, received calls from listeners, then saw the lights himself and took photos. One anonymous caller to the RAAF said the lights were caused by a rock group experimenting with laser lighting. The report said they were probably caused by train headlights or lasers or from planets or stars. There had been unusual weather atmospherics on the night.

Zoe=A8 D'Arcy, director of digital and online access at the National Archives, said: "Where you and I might think UFO - a spaceship - the RAAF and other agencies were probably wondering if there was a security threat.

"Most of the files you read and you think that most probably was a meteorite, but there are ones that you read and you think - well, what could that have been? "I can't explain that from my knowledge.

"So what was it that these people have experienced? It has that open-ended question to it that I find really intriguing."

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Recording Of 1977 Chilean Corporal Valdes Abduction

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
Date: Sun, 5 Aug 2012 06:22:40 -0400
Archived: Sun, 05 Aug 2012 19:36:46 -0400
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INEXPLICATA
The Journal of Hispanic Ufology

August 4, 2012

Chile: Original Recording of the Corporal Valdes Abduction (1977)

<http://inexplicata.blogspot.com/2012/08/chile-original-recording-of-corporal.html>

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Native American Shaman's Perspective On UFOs

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Subject: Native American Shaman's Perspective On UFOs

Source: Examiner.Com

<http://tinyurl.com/cc9pgdq>

August 3, 2012

Brent Raynes On The Native American Shaman's Perspective Of UFOs
And Aliens
By Jeffery Pritchett

Absolutely one of my favorite topics to get into is the Native American belief system. Shamanism has a wealth of wisdom that I have studied for over 15 years in any matter than I can. From books to documentaries to interviewing actual shamans on my radio show The Church of Mabus. Then to have a chance with Brent Raynes to jump into the star people topic is even more alluring. Presenting a wonderful interview with Brent about the perspective of UFOs and aliens and so much more from the sage's point of view.

1. Would you share the main points of your background with our readers so they can understand more about you before we progress into the interview?

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Archived: Sun, 05 Aug 2012 19:48:12 -0400
Subject: Details Pending From MUFON And Greer

Source: Examiner.Com

<http://tinyurl.com/c2wtcus>

August 3, 2012

Details Pending From MUFON And Greer
by Jack Brewer

The Mutual UFO Network 2012 Symposium is now hitting full stride. The annual event is a major MUFON fundraiser, consisting of three days of speakers, vendors and various meetings. It is being held this year in Covington, Ky., Aug. 3-5.

A particularly interesting item =96 potentially, anyway =96 happens to be on the schedule. At 4:30 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 5, the =93National Release of 'Blockbuster' UFO discovery=94 (sic) is scheduled to take place.

MUFON International Director David 'The Captain' MacDonald stated in the July issue of the 'MUFON Journal':

"It is our intent to release not one but two MAJOR announcements which will resonate throughout the UFO community for years to come. One of these pronouncements is so sensitive that MUFON management asked that it not be released until proper security protocols were in place to protect the safety of the material and the people in whose possession it resides. Those protocols are now being undertaken and will be complete in time for the Symposium."

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A Treat For The E.T. Generation

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Subject: A Treat For The E.T. Generation

Source: MySanAntonio.Com

<http://tinyurl.com/cgm3cgx>

August 3, 2012

A Treat For The E.T. Generation
By Ed Conroy

Here in South Texas, the term "alien" is a rather charged word, and usually associated with its longstanding partner, "illegal".

For authors Richard Dolan and Bryce Zabel, though, the term =93alien=94 is a starting point for referring to a wide class of presumably extraterrestrial beings whom they choose to refer to in their book as =93the Others.=94

Their premise is simple and also audacious: the Others and their strange aircraft are real; they have been visiting us for quite some time, and it is only a matter of more time before events such as mass sightings or a mass landing will force "the government" (specifically the president of the United States) to formally announce that all of the above statements are true =97 making them officially real, if not necessarily granting them legal status within our borders.

The purpose of their book about the aftermath of such a "disclosure" is less clear.

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Re: Oz National Archives Release Valentich File

From: Diana Cammack <dianacammack45.nul>
Date: Mon, 6 Aug 2012 18:17:09 +0630
Archived: Mon, 06 Aug 2012 16:23:52 -0400
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>From: Giuliano Marinkovic <giuliano.marinkovic.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Sun, 5 Aug 2012 00:06:48 +0200
>Subject: Re: Oz National Archives Release Valentich File

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>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 1 Jul 2012 22:19:42 +0200
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<snip>

But why does the newspaper have to take and print a photo that
makes the researcher look like a lunatic?! grrrr.

Diana

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From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
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>From: Giuliano Marinkovic<giuliano.marinkovic.nul>
>To:<post.nul>
>Date: Sun, 5 Aug 2012 00:06:48 +0200
>Subject: Re: Oz National Archives Release Valentich File

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>Source: AdelaideNow

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>July 06, 2012

>'Truth' Was Out There After All

>An accidental discovery sheds new light on the mysterious
>disappearance of a pilot in 1978, writes Miles Kemp.
>
<snip>

Contrary to the article's suggestion, I do not consider it at all well established that the piece of engine cowling found on the beach at Flinders Island actually came from Valentich's aircraft, although it did come from a Cessna of similar vintage.

Specifically, the cowling piece was identified to have come from within a particular interval of serial numbers which included Valentich's aircraft. But in fact, this serial number bracket includes a total of 7,826 aircraft. Moreover, the cowling piece was found within 500 meters of the runway at the Flinders Island airport, which seems like a rather remarkable coincidence, even if (as investigators did establish) ocean currents could in principle have transported the cowling piece from the Bass Strait area to the shore of Flinders Island.

As such, I cannot agree at this point with the article's contention that this piece of debris has unveiled any particular 'Truth' about the case, nor that it rules out or in any particular explanation (e.g., the planned disappearance hypothesis). As yet I've been unable to make contact with anyone who may have insight into the volume of Cessna traffic at Flinders Island in the relevant era.

Mike

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Re: UFO Over Olympic Stadium Was Blimp

From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos.nul>
Date: Mon, 06 Aug 2012 11:36:47 -0400
Archived: Mon, 06 Aug 2012 18:55:42 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Over Olympic Stadium Was Blimp

>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Fri, 03 Aug 2012 20:02:45 -0700
>Subject: Re: UFO Over Olympic Stadium Was Blimp

>>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 2 Aug 2012 13:30:37 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
>>Subject: Re: UFO Over Olympic Stadium Was Blimp

>>>From: Edward Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>>>To: <post.nul>
>>>Date: Wed, 1 Aug 2012 07:38:31 -0700
>>>Subject: Re: UFO Over Olympic Stadium Was Blimp

>>>>Source: Frank Warren's The UFO Chronicles

>>>>Good Year Blimp Over Olympic Stadium 2012
>>>>By Frank Warren

>>>>... it comes to no
>>>>surprise that the Goodyear blimp, Spirit of Safety, that was
>>>>filming the Opening Olympic Ceremony has been touted as a UFO
>>>>(again), with the underlying innuendo that it is an 'alien
>>>>craft' of some sort.

>>>><http://www.ufovideos.ws/olympic-opening-ceremony-ufos.html>

>>>>"On July 27, the 2012 Summer Olympic Games kicked off in London
>>>>with an opening ceremony of epic proportions. All eyes turned to
>>>>the sky, but some spectators witnessed more than just a
>>>>fireworks show.

>>>>This video and the other one, a clip taken from SkyNews TV's
>>>>opening day fireworks show, are the only ones I am aware of that
>>>>depict one or more unknown bright lights in the sky (UFOs) over
>>>>the Olympic facilities in London.

>>>>It is important to note that both these videos were taken far
>>>>from the fireworks so as to capture the entire show in a single
>>>>panoramic view stretched low across the horizon. Hundreds of
>>>>thousands of other people, many with cameras of their own and
>>>>much closer (if not directly underneath the UFOs) too must have
>>>>taken clearer images of these objects. Where are these other
>>>>better images? The reason may be that people recognised these
>>>>UFOs for what they appeared to be - blimps, helicopters, etc.
>>>>and not something unusual and/or foreign in the sky over London.

>>>>Can we not find hundreds or thousands of otherwise credible UFO
>>>>reports in which a prominent UFO was located over a populated
>>>>area for up to ten minutes yet with only a very few witnesses
>>>>being heard from? And do we not have ample reports of UFOs
>>>>suddenly (or even gradually in some cases) becoming invisible,
>>>>and many cases where they are reported on radar but not visually
>>>>and vice versa? The point is, we must allow that with such
>>>>technological "magic" being evident, it is but a small step for
>>>>the UFO entities to be able also to make their craft be
>>>>invisible from all but one or two directions. Although it may
>>>>take 10,000 years before our science knows how to cloak an

>aircraft, it would likely not take even a century or two more
>yet to learn how to cloak it from all but a narrow cone of
>visibility. Thus (c) can be supported, allowing us to take the
>facts into full consideration.

Greetings Jim, Everyone!

Man (and ET alien?) has learned much from observing and copying or imitating Nature/God. For example, animals such as chameleons can not only change their skin colour but also match the shapes and patterns of the things around them so that they effectively become invisible by blending into their surrounding environment.

Man already has "2100st" century cloaking devices such as liquid crystal technology that can transform a transparent window into an opaque wall or change the colour of any dark or bright object such as an aircraft to match the same blue coloured background sky.

The same privacy screen film technology that is on my brother's computer (I'm in Ottawa with him for the long weekend) that prevents others from snooping over his shoulder and seeing what is on his computer monitor screen can also be made to make our (and ET alien?) aircraft invisible to people closeby below but visible to people - and nearby air traffic too - far away when seen from a different angle.

Earlier this morning a flying saucer shaped spacecraft entered the atmposphere at high speed and briefly hovered over the ground long enough to lower a six wheeled robot called Curiosity in the surface of Mars. As this ET alien-like technology is ours, we should not also rule out the very real possibilty that the UFO in the videos slowing flying over the Olympics in London is also one of ours too.

Nick Balaskas

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Re: A Treat For The E.T. Generation

From: David Biedny <dbiedny.nul>
Date: Mon, 6 Aug 2012 12:52:30 -0500
Archived: Mon, 06 Aug 2012 18:58:12 -0400
Subject: Re: A Treat For The E.T. Generation

>Source: MySanAntonio.Com

><http://tinyurl.com/cgm3cgx>

>August 3, 2012

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I am constantly amazed how much conjecture and outright fantasy Dolan is able to inject into the idea that somehow, there will be a mass event that will "force" some form of disclosure from the President of the United States regarding the UFO enigma. It assumes that the president actually has access to such information (which I think it's safe to assume, he doesn't), or that there would be some type of motivation from the side of "the Others" that would have them undertake direct, mass communication (there is precious little in the credible contemporary history of the interaction between humanity and UFOs to suggest such a potential, it looks like contact has likely occurred on a one-to-one basis, which makes much more sense on multiple levels).

For someone who has built a reputation based largely on his supposed chops as a historian, Dolan increasingly comes across as a sci-fi novelist, and a whole lot less like an academic researcher.

dB

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Remembrance Of Probes Past

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Date: Mon, 6 Aug 2012 13:06:24 -0700 (GMT-07:00)
Archived: Mon, 06 Aug 2012 19:03:44 -0400
Subject: Remembrance Of Probes Past

Sourirce: Economist.Com

<http://tinyurl.com/9e64kyr>

Aug 6th 2012

Missions To Mars
Remembrance Of Probes Past
by T.C.

AT 5.32am co-ordinated universal (read: Earth) time on August 6th, staff at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in California broke out in wild cheers. Curiosity - the biggest, most sophisticated rover ever sent to Mars - had touched down successfully, its spectacularly complicated landing procedure going off without a hitch. The landing was a triumph of creative engineering, allowing the car-sized robot (one of whose wheels is visible in the picture above) to bring an unprecedented array of scientific tools to the Martian surface. In the "seven minutes of terror" it took Curiosity to descend from orbit, fingernails at JPL had been chewed back to the quick. According to Charles Bolden, NASA's administrator, John Holdren, Barack Obama's science advisor, was so worried that something would go wrong that he had almost been physically sick.

Dr Holdren had good reason to be concerned. Counting Curiosity, only 15 of the 41 missions that humans have sent to Mars have been successful.

In Moscow, Alexander Zakharov ticks off some of the failures experienced by Russia's space program over the past couple of decades.

[More at site...]

Terry W. Colvin
Tucson, Arizona - 10 June to 13 August 2012

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Quote from article:

San Antonio native Whitley Strieber =97 world-famous for his best-selling stories of anomalous beings he calls "the visitors" and their unusual aircraft, with whom he has said he had many contacts in the Olmos Basin while growing up =97 knows very well how charged the word =93alien=94 can be.

Whether his "visitors" are from another dimension, time or star system is a matter about which Strieber refuses to opine =97 and for good reason. After all, no matter where they're from, they're still not legal.

You got that right! And, sneaking across the border of reality is just as heinous.

KK

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Date: Tue, 7 Aug 2012 05:43:40 -0400
Archived: Tue, 07 Aug 2012 07:12:24 -0400
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>From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
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>Date: Fri, 3 Aug 2012 17:41:10 +0100
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>of a cooperative institute desiring further scientific
>evaluation of the possible ET. We cannot reveal at this time the
>location of this being or the name of the person or persons who
>possess it."

<snip>

Hello David and List,

I took the time to read the blog at:

<http://drgreersblog.disclosureproject.org/?p=3D192>

It inspired the following.

Dear Dr. Greer,

I understand your paranoia and I - as well as many others -
would be scratching my head at what to do in case I discovered
the proverbial smoking gun.

Who would I contact to make sure that the thing or myself dont
get lost un the process? A most interesting question for which I
never could find a sure proof answer.

Your first step, e.g. mentioning the "discovery" is a definite
good first step.

Problems emerge as you keep going.

Sorry, but the whole thing fails miserably at the BS detector.

First, you mention a film - Sirius - due out in December 2012.

No problem with that.

The film has been funded by \$250,000 in donations.

OK.

First red light on the BS detector:

"Of course, this minimum is a minimum. And if we have more networking support from the public we can make an even better, more far-reaching and impactful film."

What? Unless I am mistaking, another interview or another trip across the World is now too late. You have a product in its final development stages. You have all the material you need since you necessarily made a plan before starting the Sirius project. So, you got the necessary \$250,000 and proceeded accordingly.

Asking for more money to deliver a better product makes you sound like amateurs or used-car salesmen.

The second red light on the BS detector:

I am sure that, before the EBE thingy, you sold Sirius to donators as if it was the next best thing since God spoke to prophets.

Well, they paid \$250,000 for it and now you are asking for more to slip the EBE autopsy into it?

I am sorry, but if I had a damn ET in my cooler, it would be worth more than 15 minutes sandwiched between whatever you have already advertised as great stuff.

More to this: since the Sirius thing would be in its final development stages, I'd let my associates finish the project, get the Sirius product out, as promised to the donator, and concentrate on the EBE.

The third light on the BS detector:

"There is a chance that we may be able to include in the film =93Sirius=94 the scientific testing of a possible Extraterrestrial Biological Entity (EBE) that has been recovered and is deceased."

Dual possibilities in the same sentence are a bad omen to say the least.

"Dr. Jan Bravo- who is a STAR Board member and a fellow Emergency Physician- and I have actually visited the group that possesses this EBE and have personally and professionally examined the being. It is indeed an actual deceased body, and most certainly is not plastic or man-made."

Ah... Doctor... Phew... What a call: you have determined that you didn't examine a plastic dummy. Where is Ed when we need him?

"It has a head, 2 arms and 2 legs and is humanoid."

Like a computer expert looking at your machine saying: "Well, we have an on and off button. It even has a plug".

Do you expect me to think "God! This guy is a genius!"?

"We have seen and examined X-Rays of the being. Its anatomy however is not homo sapien (modern human) or any known hominid (predecessors to humans)."

Sorry to bring you the news, but it's homo sapiens and no X-rays exist of pre-human individuals: you're lucky to get a tooth and a piece of jaw. I fail to see the hominid connection: is the cadaver so old that it could predate modern humans?

So far, Doc, your observations haven't lived up to your title, to say the least.

The fourth light on the BS detector...

"The cost of doing proper MRI testing, full and dispositive forensic-level DNA testing and carbon dating with other isotope testing are considerable and certainly not currently funded."

and

"If you can assist further with funding the campaign for Sirius we will attempt to carry out this scientific inquiry, however daunting it may be. We are currently investigating what these costs will be, but they will certainly be in the tens of thousands of dollars and perhaps more."

Your mention of carbon dating implies that you are not working exactly on a fresh specimen.

I seriously doubt that you need more than a \$100,000 to figure out if a piece of meat is human or not.

Before asking gentle donors for money, don't you think you could show them a piece of the thing, like X-rays, HD photos or the like, I mean anything you wouldn't ask to someone who would come to you to get some of your money?

If there are no more lights on my BS detector, fumes are starting to form in the circuits with this killer:

"The only reason I mention this sensitive matter at this time is that in order for this possible ET body to be properly evaluated and disclosed in 'Sirius' -- which is planned for completion in December 2012- we must act immediately."

Which reminds me of the usual things you see on the Internet, in the likes of "LESS THAN X FREE MEMBERSHIPS LEFT AVAILABLE - ACT NOW!", advertising undesired products, religion, often hand-jobs in your own community.

I suggest you keep it simple: you must honor you engagement to the people who gave you money to produce the Sirius film.

The EBE project is an entirely different animal and I can only wish that it is what you pretend it is, although I have my doubts as you are asking money and showing nothing.

Unconvincing and suspicious at best.

Vincent Boudreau

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Seriously? If so, I am amazed to see how far can Greer go.

His claims are as absurd as they are similar do the equally
absurd and invented claims made by Brazilian hoaxer Urandir
Fernandes de Oliveira, once strongly (and strangely) supported
by Linda Howe in a very happy way (for her).

Last time I was in the US I heard some extremely odd fresh stuff
from Greer that I wonder who's copying who?

A. J.

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Re: Oz National Archives Release Valentich File

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
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Archived: Tue, 07 Aug 2012 19:15:27 -0400
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>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Mon, 06 Aug 2012 09:15:57 -0600
>Subject: Re: Oz National Archives Release Valentich File

>>From: Giuliano Marinkovic<giuliano.marinkovic.nul>
>>To:<post.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 5 Aug 2012 00:06:48 +0200
>>Subject: Re: Oz National Archives Release Valentich File

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>>Source: AdelaideNow

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

>>July 06, 2012

>>'Truth' Was Out There After All

>>An accidental discovery sheds new light on the mysterious
>>disappearance of a pilot in 1978, writes Miles Kemp.

><snip>

>Contrary to the article's suggestion, I do not consider it at
>all well established that the piece of engine cowling found on
>the beach at Flinders Island actually came from Valentich's
>aircraft, although it did come from a Cessna of similar vintage.

>Specifically, the cowling piece was identified to have come from
>within a particular interval of serial numbers which included
>Valentich's aircraft. But in fact, this serial number bracket
>includes a total of 7,826 aircraft. Moreover, the cowling
>piece was found within 500 meters of the runway at the Flinders
>Island airport, which seems like a rather remarkable
>coincidence, even if (as investigators did establish) ocean
>currents could in principle have transported the cowling piece
>from the Bass Strait area to the shore of Flinders Island.

>As such, I cannot agree at this point with the article's
>contention that this piece of debris has unveiled any particular
>'Truth' about the case, nor that it rules out or in any
>particular explanation (e.g., the planned disappearance
>hypothesis). As yet I've been unable to make contact with anyone
>who may have insight into the volume of Cessna traffic at
>Flinders Island in the relevant era.

I have to agree, Mike. Not sure what the "Truth Was Out
There After All" title was supposed to mean; unless it refers to
there actually being a file on the Valentich case. As we now
know this is in fact true. The paper went to a bit of trouble to
get a picture that made Keith look a little 'wild'; his face
bottom lit by the reflection off the pages of the book.

I now know that the plane Valentich was flying was not a 1958-59
Cessna 182; that was an incorrect assumption on my part from
seeing the picture in Richard Haine's book the Melbourne Episode
as similar to what Valentich was flying that night.

One caveat re the piece of cowl. It might have been on an airplane other than its original platform due to the original being damaged and replaced by an older or newer model with the same firewall and engine configuration. In this case a Continental O-470 engine (225-230 hp) swinging a constant speed prop. Some of the newer cowls were made of fiberglass with thin, hard-foam cores which could enable them to float.

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Vortex Conference Burlington Wisconsin

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Archived: Tue, 07 Aug 2012 19:19:05 -0400
Subject: Vortex Conference Burlington Wisconsin

5th Annual Burlington Vortex Conference
Burlington, Wis. (southwest of Milwaukee),
Oct. 26-28, 2012 (Fri.-Sun.).

Speakers:

Don Schmitt on Roswell
Bonnie Meyer on Alien Abductions and UFOs in Wisconsin
Linda Godfrey on Wisconsin monsters
Stephen Spyrison on crop circles
Mary Sutherland and others on local mysteries
Fritz Zimmerman and others on ancient mysteries

And several more.

<http://www.burlingtonnews.net/conference>

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Thank you for sharing this information.

Rich Heiden

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Hi Don,

Yes, it was aluminum, and evidently quite corroded, which might seem to support the idea that it had spent a lot of time immersed in seawater, although I should think that any moist, ocean shoreline environment would significantly corrode aluminum if left exposed for several years. And note that, based on the serial number interval, when the cowling piece was found (1983), it could have already been exposed to the elements for more than 20 years.

The last known whereabouts of Valentich's aircraft was ~250 miles from Flinders Island. Like you, I have some difficulty visualizing this debris tumbling along the ocean bottom for some 5 years to arrive, of all places, right next to an airport runway.

I wish there were further elaboration in Sandercock's letter to the RAN Research Laboratory, in which he indicates that "there is reason to believe the piece had not been on the beach more than a few days". But in any case that would not rule out that the cowling had a local origin, i.e., from a plane approaching or departing the Flinders Island airport.

For completeness we should also note that Flinders Island was well within fuel range of Valentich's last known position, although if this were a planned disappearance, I should think an inland Australia landing site would have been a much safer and inconspicuous choice.

Mike

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New At The Alien Jigsaw - 08-08-12

From: **Kay Wilson** <kaywilson.nul>
Date: Wed, 08 Aug 2012 13:14:29 -0500
Archived: Wed, 08 Aug 2012 18:47:10 -0400
Subject: New At The Alien Jigsaw - 08-08-12

New at The Alien Jigsaw

http://alienjigsaw.com/Whats New/Whats_new.html

Dr. Richard Bonenfant's review of Kay Wilson's
free ebook:

I Forgot What I Wasn't Supposed To Remember:
An Expanded View of the Alien Abduction Phenomenon

<http://tinyurl.com/cquv4se>

Latest Research by Steve Colbern:

Including Analysis from the San Augustin Crash Site

<http://www.ufocrashbook.com/pdfs.html>

Not of this Earth: .pdf Detailing Conclusions
by Steve Colbern, Chemist and Materials Scientist

<http://tinyurl.com/cj6kvbe>

It Doesn't Happen: One Year Later

<http://tinyurl.com/bukztqb>

Space Contact News

<http://tinyurl.com/9j5zpjz>

New Record for The Alien Jigsaw

<http://tinyurl.com/6octaa3>

Thanks for taking a look -

Kay Wilson
www.alienjigsaw.com

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Capturing Curiosity's Progress

From: **Terry W. Colvin** <fortean1.nul>
Date: Wed, 8 Aug 2012 11:42:49 -0700 (GMT-07:00)
Archived: Wed, 08 Aug 2012 18:52:43 -0400
Subject: Capturing Curiosity's Progress

Twelve image slideshow at:

Source: Economist.Com

<http://tinyurl.com/9gkflxx>

Aug 7th 2012

Capturing Curiosity's Progress
Falling onto Mars
by T.C.

On August 6th Curiosity, the fourth NASA rover to be sent to Mars, landed successfully.

Over the next couple of years, the rover will investigate Martian geology, analyse the atmosphere, and attempt to decide whether Mars has ever been habitable.

For now, though, much attention has been paid to the rover itself.

The famously complicated landing was broadcast live by NASA, and the rover's cameras were working during the descent.

The presence in Martian orbit of another spacecraft, the Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter, even allowed NASA to take spy-satellite style pictures of the rover as it landed.

Here, we present a selection of pictures chronicling the rover's journey.

Terry W. Colvin

Tucson, Arizona - 10 June to 13 August 2012

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From: John Velez <jvelez49.nul>
Date: Wed, 8 Aug 2012 18:52:08 -0400
Archived: Wed, 08 Aug 2012 18:54:27 -0400
Subject: Re: Greer Probes 'Dead Alien'

>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <aj.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 7 Aug 2012 11:56:30 -0300
>Subject: Re: Greer Probes 'Dead Alien'

>>From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates <post.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 3 Aug 2012 17:41:10 +0100
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Re: Vortex Conference Burlington Wisconsin

From: **John Velez** <jvelez49.nul>
Date: Wed, 8 Aug 2012 18:52:18 -0400
Archived: Wed, 08 Aug 2012 18:55:45 -0400
Subject: Re: Vortex Conference Burlington Wisconsin

>From: Rich Heiden <rwheidenu.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 7 Aug 2012 20:03:28 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Vortex Conference Burlington Wisconsin

>-----

>5th Annual Burlington Vortex Conference
>Burlington, Wis. (southwest of Milwaukee),
>Oct. 26-28, 2012 (Fri.-Sun.).

>Speakers:

>Don Schmitt on Roswell
>Bonnie Meyer on Alien Abductions and UFOs in Wisconsin
>Linda Godfrey on Wisconsin monsters
>Stephen Spyrison on crop circles
>Mary Sutherland and others on local mysteries
>Fritz Zimmerman and others on ancient mysteries

>And several more.

A classic example of what has always been wrong with 'ufology.'

John

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From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <aj.nul>
Date: Thu, 9 Aug 2012 09:23:07 -0300
Archived: Thu, 09 Aug 2012 08:44:05 -0400
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He pulls some absurd inventions out of his hat and throws them to the wind in an extraordinarily easy way. I have two examples in which he involved me.

First was in a lecture he gave in one of the editions of the International UFO Congress, back in early 90s, in Mesquite NV. He spoke on one of his subjects right after me at that event.

Speaking before him, I presented the theme of UFOs in the Amazon and described the lights that attacked people there (suck-suck phenomena). It is well known by most here on the List.

After I spoke, I took questions from the audience and replied to them. But right after me, after he spoke, Greer also took

questions from the audience on UFOs in the Amazon and the killer lights - my theme. And without doing any investigation whatsoever about the phenomena that I'd described, he didn't hesitate for a single second to reply that all those particular cases in the Amazon were only the result of CIA operations in the jungle. Amazing! I had to intervene immediately to fix that and he really didn't like it. Who cares?

The second example was in late 90s, when I did a lecture tour of Scandinavia, focusing on Finland. Greer did the same a couple months before I did and when he learned that I would also do a lecture tour of those countries after him, he simply started spreading the false rumor that I was a CIA agent working for "disinformation" in Brazil. The very same is constantly spread by a one-time protege of LMH's Urandir, (who's copying who?), who goes even further and also says that I am paid US\$ 20,000 a month by the CIA to spread "disinformation" about UFOs in Brazil. Yeah, twenty grand per month! Not bad at all :)

But that is so funny. If everything I do here is considered "disinformation" about UFOs by my nice bosses at CIA, according to Greer and the other guy, and it results in a nice paycheck of USD 20,000 every month to me, I wonder how much I would be paid to do "information" about UFOs in Brazil...

Cheers,

A. J.

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From Roswell To Roseland

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Thu, 09 Aug 2012 11:26:38 -0400
Archived: Thu, 09 Aug 2012 11:26:38 -0400
Subject: From Roswell To Roseland

Source: TheSpec.Com - Hamilton, Ontario

<http://tinyurl.com/96nlmhf>

Thu Aug 09 2012

From Roswell To Roseland
Amy Kenny

The truth out there may be right here.

That was the suggestion last summer when eight Hamilton residents spotted a UFO over their Roseland neighbourhood near Gage Park.

It was July 16, 2011 when Christina Crow, then 9, Molly Mitchison and Emily Wass, both 11, spotted three glowing, orange, car-sized objects hanging in the air over Simon Reynolds' house. When they pounded on his door to tell him, Reynolds, 43, didn't see anything at first, but when the objects reappeared a few minutes later, he was among a group of eight (including the girls) who watched them fly north over the roof of his house - silently, with seeming purpose and intent.

Though Reynolds is a filmmaker with more than 100 credits (as writer, director and actor alongside people like Julianne Moore, Jennifer Connelly and Michael Douglas) to his name, it didn't initially occur to him to make a film about the sighting.

"I was more entranced by the experience," he says. "It wasn't until probably about a month later that I realized that making the film or not, the girls' testimony had to be recorded even if it was just for them."

He called on Ian Anderson (the director of photography for his critically acclaimed 2008 film *Only*) and a month after the sighting, they recorded individual interviews with Crow, Mitchison and Wass. In December, Reynolds cut a trailer. This summer, he launched a campaign on indiegogo.com to raise funds for fall shooting of his UFO documentary, *Roseland*.

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From: John Velez <jvelez49.nul>
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Archived: Thu, 09 Aug 2012 15:52:51 -0400
Subject: Re: Greer Probes 'Dead Alien'

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Hi AJ,

Long time no speak.

People that know me are aware that I usually mean what I say. My
comment was not flippant in any way (or intended to be.) The
public has a short memory.

John Alexander wrote that when Greer arrived on the scene in the
90's attempts at disclosure/congressional hearings was already
well under way. Mr. Alexander informs us that several senators
were a part of the discussions and more were being approached
and brought on-board. The timing of Greer's appearance on the
scene with his own very noisy and public CSETI* sponsored
Disclosure Project (*scam; three ring circus) the senators ran
for the hills and all the talks fell apart. The 'real'
disclosure effort was completely thwarted by Greer's grab for
public attention. He introduced a side-show quality to the
proceedings that sent the more serious people involved running
for safety. Who wants to be associated with a clown show?

Greer was flying around in private jets in those days. Private
jets are expensive. There was never any 'disclosure' about his
own funding sources.

More:

Stephen Greer went to Scotland in the 90's and absconded with/ripped off, a UFO video that belonged to a couple of Scottish UFO researchers. After a conference, Greer had grabbed the tape out of one of the researchers hotel rooms, boarded his private Jet and headed home. The Scots immediately appealed to US UFO research people to help them get their video tape back from Greer. He was eventually publicly embarrassed into giving it back. But it was like pulling teeth to get Greer to do the right thing.

Greer's organization, CSETI is a sucker scam. Greer used to charge over \$400, (not sure what he's charging these days) for people to join CSETI and participate in their attempts at alien contact out in the field. (Literally! Cow pastures etc.)

Budd Hopkins once shared a revealing anecdote with me about Greer and his 'summoning of UFOs' at one of these CSETI field trips; Greer would suddenly shout out, "There's one over there!" According to Budd, there was nothing there to be seen. But his group of CSETI-ers would be frantically running around in the cow pasture at night signalling the sky with their flash-lights and hoping to catch a glimpse of the alien visitor. Those people should have all known better. Anytime you spend \$400 to do something and all you end up with is cow-flop on your cowboy boots... you need to re-think what you're doing.

There is nothing that is associated with Stephen Greer that isn't tainted with dis-information, deception, or outright chicanery. The very definition of an agent of chaos. If anybody works for a group or organization that is hell-bent on creating a circus atmosphere around anything related to UFOs, it is Stephen Greer.

AJ, I hope this note finds you and yours happy, healthy and prospering. Some things just need restating from time to time. Amnesia of the public.

Warm regards,

John

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Kathy Kasten Passes

From: **Robert Morningstar** <robert_morningstar.nul>
Date: Thu, 9 Aug 2012 14:51:30 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Thu, 09 Aug 2012 19:28:58 -0400
Subject: Kathy Kasten Passes

I regret to inform you of the death of Kathy Kasten, a long-time researcher of UFOs.

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Knowing Kathy well (as a friend/antagonist and adversary) since 1997, I am sure that she would be pleased to hear me say, in memory...

I shall always remember KK...

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With my sympathies,

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Re: Kathy Kasten Passes

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark.nul>
Date: Thu, 9 Aug 2012 19:15:09 -0500
Archived: Thu, 09 Aug 2012 20:30:46 -0400
Subject: Re: Kathy Kasten Passes

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Shocking news. Very sad.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Kathy Kasten Passes

From: Gregory Boone <evolbaby.nul>
Date: Thu, 9 Aug 2012 20:15:01 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Thu, 09 Aug 2012 20:32:08 -0400
Subject: Re: Kathy Kasten Passes

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>Editor, UFO Digest

Sorry to hear about Kathy's passing Bob.

We had some good chats, debates and full blown arguments but I
respected her opinion.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com/blog

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From: Viktor Golubic <diverge247.nul>
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Archived: Fri, 10 Aug 2012 06:34:38 -0400
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>From: Robert Morningstar <robert_morningstar.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Thu, 9 Aug 2012 14:51:30 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Kathy Kasten Passes

>I regret to inform you of the death of Kathy Kasten, a long-time
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>Kathy Kasten, aged 72, passed away in in a Phoenix hospital on
>Tuesday, August 7th. Kathy died of cardiac arrest in the
>hospital, after complaining of shallow breathing and collapsing
>at home, as she and her life long friend, Dr. Joyce Hansen,
>waited for an ambulance.

Thanks Bobby,

Very sorry to hear. I didn't know Kathy personally but we
exchanged a few emails over the years and she was was never shy
in stating her opinion on whatever the discussion happened to
be.

I'm sure there will be a hole in the UpDates List, be it big or
small, a hole nevertheless.

Regards

William Sawers

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From: Peter Davenport <director.nul>
Date: Fri, 10 Aug 2012 09:22:20 -0700
Archived: Sat, 11 Aug 2012 05:26:30 -0400
Subject: Re: Kathy Kasten Passes

I, too, am saddened to hear of her passing. My sincere condolences to her loved ones.

I don't believe I ever met Kathy, and am sorry I did not. I knew her only from this List, but I enjoyed reading her thoughts on various subjects.

Is there anyone on the List who knew her, and her career in ufology, well enough to be able to post a description of her participation in the field? I always enjoy knowing how people got into the field, and some of the high points of their activities, therein.

Peter

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From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Fri, 10 Aug 2012 22:25:49 -0300
Archived: Sat, 11 Aug 2012 05:31:08 -0400
Subject: Re: Kathy Kasten Passes

I am saddened to read this.

KK and I exchanged barbs on here for a couple of years but I always felt some affection for her despite her POV often testing my cred.

There was an innocence about her beliefs that I admit did not match my own but she was trying - I think - to understand, like the rest of us.

As we used to say, bummer.

Don Ledger

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Shameless Nick confesses it was all a marketing ploy on his behalf to hype up a new Sony video game!

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I agree with Dolan and the guy who made this video.

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

Any reputation Nick Pope held onto as a serious journalist in the UFO subject is now well and truly shattered.

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But that sadness might be selfish for us deprived.

Someone once said, of that passing: "It might be the next big
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Ray D

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Date: Sat, 11 Aug 2012 11:30:10 +0100
Archived: Sat, 11 Aug 2012 07:09:03 -0400
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Rendlesham UFO Case - Another Perspective

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Sat, 11 Aug 2012 07:33:08 -0400
Archived: Sat, 11 Aug 2012 07:33:08 -0400
Subject: Rendlesham UFO Case - Another Perspective

Source: Jerry Cohen's Website

<http://www.cohenufo.org/CombinedRendlesham.htm>

August 1, 2012

The Rendlesham Forest UFO Case - Another Perspective
Did Ian Ridpath really get it completely right? Maybe not -
by Jerry Cohen

Preamble:

Folks, this is a long piece but I believe, a good one. Obviously, you will be the judge of that. If you're curious about Rendlesham (1980) and you have patience to go through it as I have, I suspect this is probably a must read. For me, what I learned from this investigation in the last six months was more interesting than I ever could have imagined. For those interested in analyzing this case in-depth, this on-line rendition will be much easier to cross-check than anything most people could probably achieve in a standard book. Many of the internal links are redundant just to help people either instantly retrieve earlier points or check the veracity and/or accuracy of things I've said. I don't expect you to access all the URLs, but some are there simply for an instant replay of various issues in the proceedings if needed.

It is definitely important for one to realize that when I started my research into this, I honestly had no idea which way it was going to go. As it turned out, it necessarily wound up becoming a critique of The Rendlesham Forest UFO case by Ian Ridpath, located at

<http://www.ianridpath.com/ufo/rendlesham.htm>

Ian has been thought by a number of people to have written the definitive, scientific piece on this topic.

Although I didn't expect it, what I discovered for myself and have laboriously toiled to display for you here will hopefully demonstrate beyond reasonable doubt that, as impressive-looking as Ian's website is, his on-line rendition concerning Rendlesham may not actually be as definitive as is presently thought. It is as much a surprise to me as to anyone else reading this.

Another reason I'm putting it on-line is because I believe it clearly and thoroughly explains why Halt, Burroughs, and Penniston were included in the prestigious international group of people who testified concerning their specific UFO experiences at the National Press Club conference in Washington DC, November 12, 2007. It also explains why a number of researchers haven't been able to fully agree with Ian's solution for Rendlesham in all this time. A link to the aforementioned conference has been provided at the end of this piece.

At the outset, it is necessary to say it is a pleasure to note

the time and hard work which Ian, David Clarke, James Easton, Peter Brooksmith, Jenny Randles, Tim Printy, Georgina Bruni, Robert Hastings and others had put toward their investigations into Rendlesham. I am truly thankful for their diligent work. In particular, one can note the amount of honest thought and obvious effort and expense which went into Ian's presentation concerning same. His website's layout makes it very easy for other researchers to read and analyze. Therefore, nothing I am about to say diminishes in any way my respect for what he and others have accomplished in this regard. As a matter of fact, my own fact gathering and analysis for this piece probably would not have been totally possible without the excellent foundation Ian laid for us, including the impressive linking and data he presented.

That being said, the majority of what you are about to read will be the displaying of a number of items of agreement and disagreement between Ian's thinking and my own. Also included is my additional analysis of certain testimonial data which, as far as I can see, seems to have taken second place in Ian's investigation. When the result of that analysis is given its due, contrary to Ian's on-line presentation, I believe it is possible for others to conclude the summation of those testimonies points to an excellent chance one or more UFOs were present at Bentwaters/Rendlesham in December 1980.

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From: Herb Taylor <herbufo.nul>
Date: Sat, 11 Aug 2012 08:05:01 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Sat, 11 Aug 2012 08:29:42 -0400
Subject: Re: Kathy Kasten Passes

To all,

Being relatively new to this List (though not ufology), this is my first post to this venue.

Though never having had contact with Kathy Kasten in any way, her passing saddened me considerably.

From reading her many posts, it was obvious that her interest in ufology was serious, and her views worthy of consideration.

Her passing is another loss to ufology; we've had too many of these in recent years. The ranks of serious researchers is slowly diminishing, with replacements nary to be found.

Kathy, Rest In Peace.

Herb Taylor

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Re: Socorro Again

From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Sat, 11 Aug 2012 10:00:00 -0600
Archived: Sat, 11 Aug 2012 16:26:34 -0400
Subject: Re: Socorro Again

>From: Martin Shough<parcellular.nul>
>To:<post.nul>
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Hi Martin,

As per Tony Bragalia's previous missives on Socorro, I find a hyperbolic title followed by a rather thin assemblage of hand-waving, name-dropping, and self-congratulation. A giant Chinese lantern, seriously? And Zamora would not have immediately noticed this thing being buffeted by the stiff wind during the pre-launch phase on the ground?

If you follow the "Continue Reading..." link to his blog site, you'll see David Rudiak essentially grind him to dust in the comments, so I'll avoid piling-on here.

I don't rule out a hoax at Socorro (unless it involves a Chinese lantern), but I'm astonished that Tony apparently sincerely believes that these cryptic email mutterings from "perhaps the greatest living physicist in the word [sic]" Stirling Colgate, along with gratuitous references to Linus Pauling (whose lack of any further comment/query about Socorro is presented as confirmation of Colgate's claim!), are somehow sufficient to blow this case completely out of the water.

Mike

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Date: Sat, 11 Aug 2012 19:47:09 +0200 (CEST)
Archived: Sat, 11 Aug 2012 16:30:13 -0400
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Various media outlets ran stories based on this, but to the best of my knowledge all of them contained a phrase such as to mark the forthcoming release of the Sony PlayStation game Resistance: Burning Skies, Sony has teamed up with former Ministry of Defence UFO investigator Nick Pope to produce.

It seems that despite the blatant product plug, a few people didn't spot that this was a marketing campaign.

Best wishes,

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

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You would have thought that after the Orson Welles saga many
would have just said "yeah right!" and just moved on to other
things.

Still... crop circles did get funding in some capacity by
co-operates!

Some say anyone making DVD Docs and selling books on UFOs
skeptic or believer are exploiting commercial interests... it's
on the most part how the western media journo - researchers
operate. I am sure some have based a good career on such methods!

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Hi Nick,

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who took it seriously, and their complete lack of perspective
(and, I might add, their lack of any sense of humour), than it
does about you.

Keep up the good work, my friend.

Best,

Paul
www.beyonderstv.com

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Subject: Re: Nick Pope And PR Campaigns

>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Sat, 11 Aug 2012 19:47:09 +0200 (CEST)
>Subject: Nick Pope And PR Campaigns [was: Nick Pope Credibility]

<snip>

>As a writer and broadcaster specialising in subjects that
>include the unexplained, conspiracy theories and sci-fi, I often
>take part in PR campaigns to promote alien-themed movies,
>computer games, etc. There's no secret about this and indeed
>it's openly advertised on my website:

><http://www.nickpope.net/pr-campaigns.htm>

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Good for you Nick!

Glad to see you expanding and being aware of the benefits that
notoriety can bring.

It ain't no sin to generate capital and in these times where
money is tough to get the opportunities that abound because of
your work should bring compensation.

I've seen too many Ufologists waste away from lack of funding.
Sacrificing much and ending up in dire straits.

Ufology is not yet a registered science so the rules regarding
conduct can be debateable.

Bottom line is what you do for your benefit is your business.
Selling books, doing the lecture circuit, all fine because
research costs money.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com/blog

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>To: post.nul
>Date: Sat, 11 Aug 2012 19:47:09 +0200 (CEST)
>Subject: Nick Pope And PR Campaigns [was:Nick Pope's Credibility Blown]

>>From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates <post.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 10 Aug 2012 15:24:19 +0100
>>Subject: Nick Pope's Credibility Blown

>>Remember all that hype from Nick Pope about an alien invasion at
>>the Olympics?

>>What's come over conservative and cautious Nick? we thought.
>>Maybe, just maybe, he knows something we don't....

>>Not a chance - as this video and sound clip of emails exchanged
>>between Nick and Richard Dolan make crystal clear.

>>Shameless Nick confesses it was all a marketing ploy on his
>>behalf to hype up a new Sony video game!

>>And no he didn't see any need to make that clear - although one
>>day he might explain it on his website.

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Nick, I don't have time or inclination to check all the web
mentions of this story.

But here's one at least from Examiner.com where no mention is
made of the Sony PR stunt.

<http://tinyurl.com/72j98yw>

Most of the reports do seem to stem from this big story in the UK Daily Mail here:

<http://tinyurl.com/blvcpph>

The headlines scream:

"Keep an eye on the skies for saucers during the Olympics Games, warns former MoD UFO expert"

And the report begins:

"UFO expert Nick Pope says massive summer events like the Olympics would be a prime time for an alien encounter Ministry of Defence 'has planned for the worst outcomes - attack and invasion

We should be prepared for even the most seemingly unfathomable

It continues:

"One of the UK's top UFO experts has given his views on the likelihood of aliens suddenly appearing in our skies - and how the international community would respond.

Nick Pope, who has more than two decades under his belt at the Ministry of Defence, said mass summer events - like the Olympic Games in London - would be a prime time for crafts from otherworlds to present themselves to mankind.

He warned: "With the summer of mass events we are all on high alert for terrorism. But we must also cast our eyes further afield and be prepared for even the most seemingly unfathomable."

Then way downpage the story quotes you:

"Speaking about the cultural impact of aliens since the first widely-reported cases in the 1940s, he said: 'It is interesting to note that we are all in some ways equipped to deal with alien invasion - games such as Resistance: Burning Skies on PlayStation Vita help acclimatise people to the reality of extraterrestrial life - and in particular that they might be hostile."

So after all those warnings and hype, this is the 'clue' you expect the public to pick up on to help them realise that everything that went before it, is bunkum?

Any fair-minded reader would simply see this quote as you giving a blatant plug to a video game, certainly, but something you example to "acclimatise people to the reality of ET life - and in particular that they might be hostile."

Please don't insult my intelligence, Nick.

You used your contract with Sony and your self-generated reputation as a UFO 'expert', as a vehicle to put out this alarmist Olympic rubbish, regardless of the harm it does to serious UFO research.

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Re: Nick Pope's Credibility Blown

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Sat, 11 Aug 2012 23:56:42 +0100
Archived: Sun, 12 Aug 2012 05:38:32 -0400
Subject: Re: Nick Pope's Credibility Blown

I struggle to understand why anyone thought Nick Pope had any credibility to start with.

This is the man who still pushes the "Cosford incident" as unexplained, when in fact there is an obvious explanation for the majority of the reports on 31st March 1993.

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

The same man who discussed an obvious image of a gull as "If I was still there [on the UFO desk] I'd be looking at this very closely. The object looks structured, symmetrical and metallic. This man has caught something very interesting indeed."

<http://tinyurl.com/d7rkvta>

The same man who claims to have investigated Alien abductions, crop circles, and animal mutilations for the British Government when he was "in charge of" "the British Government's UFO Project", when according to the head of his department in 1997;

"Turning specifically to your comments concerning Mr Pope, I should point out that he was a junior desk officer in the Secretariat(Air Staff)2a section from 1991-1994 and was not in charge of, or the head of any part of Secretariat (Air Staff)2. Mr Pope was an executive officer and shared the support of one administrative officer. Although Sec(AS)2a was, and still is, the focal point for handling queries directed at the MOD in connection with "unexplained" aerial sightings, during Mr Pope's time such work represented a small part of his overall duties. There were no staff working on this subject on a full-time basis and this remains the case."
(DEFE24/2000 page 43)

and according to one of his successors, Linda Unwin;

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

"The first point to make is that there is no 'UFO Project'. Handling of UFO sightings is a very small element of our work."

The same man who wrote about his own role while he was still in-post; "There is no specific "UFO budget", excepting the staff costs, i.e. around 20% of my salary, together with a tiny percentage of some other salaries, reflecting my line management's supervisory role." (DEFE24/1967 p.84)

The man who tried to persuade the Army Air Corps and the Royal Navy not to take photographs of crop formations from helicopters to help researchers (and was told quite firmly to get lost by both services). (DEFE24/1955 p.24)

The same man who continues to portray the radiation readings as hard evidence of something unusual at Rendlesham forest when in fact the readings are meaningless.

<http://www.ufoupdateslist.com/2001/oct/m10-006.shtml>

and

<http://www.ufoupdateslist.com/2001/oct/m12-010.shtml>)

The same man who espouses that all governments and UFO researchers should disclose their records, yet writes to the MoD with the intention of suppressing any material concerning his own activities within the UFO field.

<http://tinyurl.com/994tz7t>

I could go on, including examples of failing to credit the work of other people, more examples of "best ever" or "very interesting" images or incidents with obvious explanations, false accusations of dishonesty, and so on, but that would make a book-length article.

In spite of all of the above, many people still fail to see through his shallow veneer, while others prefer to simply ignore it. In the end, ufology gets what it deserves.

Regards,

Joe

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Re: Kathy Kasten Passes

From: Jason Gammon <boyinthemachine.nul>
Date: Sat, 11 Aug 2012 21:15:56 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Sun, 12 Aug 2012 05:41:37 -0400
Subject: Re: Kathy Kasten Passes

I'm genuinely shocked to hear this news. I'm also very shocked to learn that Kasten was 72 years-old. Her energy level and even naivety definitely made me think that she was at least 20 to 30 years younger than her actual age.

My interaction with Kasten is limited to multiple emails exchanged several years ago. After that time I decided that I did not wish to continue to interact with her. I must admit that when I clicked on posts I often quickly deleted them once I realized Kasten was the author.

All I can say is that every good story has to have a strong antagonist. Kasten played that role well. I wish her the best in the world to come and perhaps in the future if she decides to return to this stage that she can perhaps play a different character.

-Jason Gammon

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Re: Nick Pope's Credibility Blown

From: Jason Gammon <boyinthemachine.nul>
Date: Sat, 11 Aug 2012 21:29:34 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Sun, 12 Aug 2012 05:45:03 -0400
Subject: Re: Nick Pope's Credibility Blown

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Sigh. The news is saddening. However, I must admit that I simply rejected Pope's statement as being nutty-nuts when I first heard it.

However, I would like to state that let's not dump entirely on Pope as he definitely is not the only person in the field who has received payment for promotions.

A few years back or so, Stanton Friedman made such a deal. I can't recall what movie it was but I remember the uproar it caused online.

Just saying.

-Jason Gammon

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Re: Socorro Again

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Sun, 12 Aug 2012 2:37:30 -0300
Archived: Sun, 12 Aug 2012 05:47:07 -0400
Subject: Re: Socorro Again

>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Sat, 11 Aug 2012 10:00:00 -0600
>Subject: Re: Socorro Again

>>From: Martin Shough<parcellular.nul>
>>To:<post.nul>
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This sounds about right to me, Mike. I can't rule out a hoax but
if it was a hoax it must have been pretty elaborate involving
more than an overgrown Chinese lantern.

Note none of the hoaxers want to come forward.

This explanation ranks right up there with the 500 foot rope and
a helicopter that lifted a pod of some sort up out of the gully
just as Lonnie got there.

Seems the more complex the incident the more extraordinary the
the claim. When all else fails, then it was a hoax. Valentich a
case in point.

Don Ledger

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From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
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Archived: Sun, 12 Aug 2012 05:48:15 -0400
Subject: Re: Socorro Again

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I agree entirely, Mike. When this story first appeared several
years ago I thought it was a disingenuous tissue of hearsay and
speculation, and said so on this List. Now, like you, I'm sure
of it.

Best wishes

Martin

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UFO Religion Seeks Topless Women For Missouri Rally

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Sun, 12 Aug 2012 06:30:49 -0400
Archived: Sun, 12 Aug 2012 06:30:49 -0400
Subject: UFO Religion Seeks Topless Women For Missouri Rally

Source: RiverFrontTimes.Com

<http://tinyurl.com/8sfmgzk>

Aug. 10 2012

UFO Religion Seeks Topless Women For Missouri Rally
By Chad Garrison

Free your breasts, and your mind will follow. Such is the mantra of GoTopless.org, an offshoot of a religious movement tied to UFOs that is bringing its fight for bare breasts to mid-Missouri later this month.

"When a woman takes her top off in public, there's a chemical reaction in her brain that is very powerful," explains Donna Newman, a Raelian priest and spokeswoman for GoTopless.org.

"It's something men will never understand. We want it written into the Constitution that women should be allowed to go shirt-free in public. We were human beings before we're gendered."

[More at site...]

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>To: post.nul
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Even if that conduct hoodwinks the public into believing the
Olympics are ripe for alien invasion?

Greg, do you really believe that this benefits UFO research?

Or rather does it pander to the paranoia which prevents serious
scientists coming anywhere near this subject?

I'm not against selling books or DVDs.

I am against over hype of the masses, who may be ignorant and
lacking in humour as another poster suggests, but they create
the public image of UFOs for years to come.

Dave Haith

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Bluff And Double-Bluff?

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Sun, 12 Aug 2012 11:44:07 +0100
Archived: Mon, 13 Aug 2012 05:48:10 -0400
Subject: Bluff And Double-Bluff?

Hello List,

Should we be suspicious of the extremely simplistic and even childish interpretations of the actions and motives of beings perceived in some sightings and probably all C.E. situations?

After all, we can be sure that truly advanced beings can control their appearance (and disappearance), including the perceptions of our machines and monitors and even the emotions they arouse in us and our animals.

Which might explain the otherwise puzzlingly different reactions to close encounters, from blind fear and panic to equally blind adoration and trust - i.e. people (and animals) are being tested and manipulated.

Reason: advanced beings surely know that human leaders (of western and other totalitarian states at least) are always greedy liars and thieves and always seek to sell-out their own populations, because those leaders suffer from the ubermensch delusion - that they themselves are special and all others are sub-human.

[We see a smaller version of that ubermensch delusion in the media every day, where commentators and presenters, merely because they mostly interact with selected, usually overwrought or just dense members of the public, and are surrounded by sycophants (yes-men), end up thinking they themselves are specially clever when in fact they are most often quite stupid. The same sort of thing can happen to teachers and scientists in systems where challenge and dissent is discouraged or suppressed - as in most western countries. That's superbly illustrated in James P Hogan's 'Kicking The Sacred Cow' - see www.perceptions.couk.com/uef/ansci901.html#sacred-cow]

So I'm forced to think that all appearances are deceptive and that any C.E event (and many a sighting) is a double - or even treble - bluff (or higher) - they want to see how stupid we, or rather our leaders, are.

Cheers

Ray D

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Sir Bernard Lovell 31 Aug 1913 - 6 August 2012

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Sun, 12 Aug 2012 12:32:18 +0100
Archived: Mon, 13 Aug 2012 05:50:13 -0400
Subject: Sir Bernard Lovell 31 Aug 1913 - 6 August 2012

It is with genuine sadness that I discovered that Sir Bernard died last week.

I didn't know him personally, but I did correspond with him once and I have visited the Lovell Archive. He was truly a scientific innovator, and in my opinion far more worthy of public adulation than any so-called celebrities or politicians which attract more media attention when they die.

From my research at the archive and from my correspondence with Sir Bernard, I know that he was always accessible by not only fellow scientists and politicians, but also by ordinary people like myself. He always replied patiently to correspondence when it was required, no matter how ridiculous some of that correspondence might have seemed. His hard work led to advances in space exploration and our understanding of the universe.

His personal view was that there may well be life elsewhere in the universe, but that it was not visiting our planet.

There is a detailed obituary in the Guardian which can be found at:

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/science/2012/aug/07/sir-bernard-lovell>

Regards,

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From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
Date: Sun, 12 Aug 2012 12:56:24 +0100
Archived: Mon, 13 Aug 2012 05:52:36 -0400
Subject: UFOs & Olympics [was: Nick Pope And PR Campaigns]

>From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Sun, 12 Aug 2012 11:14:17 +0100
>Subject: Re: Nick Pope And PR Campaigns

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>Even if that conduct hoodwinks the public into believing the
>Olympics are ripe for alien invasion?

>Greg, do you really believe that this benefits UFO research?

On the Olympics, I hope my USA friends can correct me if I am wrong, but was it not the 1992 LA Olympics where a UFO actually landed and the tall Alien walked out to thousands of cheering people on stage? I am sure a UFO researcher of some kind helped in the run up to such an event?

Must admit, at the time it looked great!

Roy

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Re: Nick Pope's Credibility Blown

From: Stanton T. Friedman <fsphys.nul>
Date: Sun, 12 Aug 2012 10:57:15 -0300
Archived: Mon, 13 Aug 2012 05:55:12 -0400
Subject: Re: Nick Pope's Credibility Blown

>From: Jason Gammon <boyinthemachine.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Sat, 11 Aug 2012 21:29:34 -0400 (EDT)
>Subject: Re: Nick Pope's Credibility Blown

<snip>

>Sigh. The news is saddening. However, I must admit that I simply
>rejected Pope's statement as being nutty-nuts when I first heard
>it.

>However, I would like to state that let's not dump entirely on
>Pope as he definitely is not the only person in the field who
>has received payment for promotions.

>A few years back or so, Stanton Friedman made such a deal. I
>can't recall what movie it was but I remember the uproar it
>caused online.

Sure doesn't ring any bell with me. I was indeed co-script
writer, on location, and advisor on the Documentary movie UFOs
ARE Real, produced by Brandon Chase... I was listed in the
credits... I recall no uproar. In other words, what are you
talking about??

Stanton Friedman

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From: Gregory Boone <evolbaby.nul>
Date: Sun, 12 Aug 2012 10:53:46 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Mon, 13 Aug 2012 05:58:52 -0400
Subject: Re: Nick Pope And PR Campaigns

>From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Sun, 12 Aug 2012 11:14:17 +0100
>Subject: Re: Nick Pope And PR Campaigns

>>From: Gregory Boone <evolbaby.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Sat, 11 Aug 2012 17:17:09 -0400 (EDT)
>>Subject: Re: Nick Pope And PR Campaigns

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>lacking in humour as another poster suggests, but they create
>the public image of UFOs for years to come.

David,

Hype and UFOs go hand in hand going all the way back to Orson
Well's 1930's broadcast. That was a major misunderstood that
caused masses of people to panic. Sure it was before the term
UFO came out but look at the havoc it wrought. It was
unintentional but that is a matter of debate.

The number one problem with ufologyis the constant in-fighting,
character assassination, and hostility between researchers. It's
worse than politics. There is no standard of ethics board for
ufology because in all the decades no one ever took the time to
sit down and set one up. You need that in science, however
ufologyisn't science yet. It still remains unstructured without
a clear head nor body of regulation. The reason is because no
other field of research has the level of vast associated subject
matter than ufology. Nothing else even comes close which is a
tribute to those who venture in. A ufologist has to deal with
all the physical sciences and humanities, pop culture changing
technologies, government procedure and protocol from dozens of
countries and just a gad awful amount of other data. Anyone who
can hold their own in a UFO debate should be given a medal.

In this case with Nick it's part of the pop culture and the
expanding media and marketplace. I've worked for video game

companies and several of my cartoon characters and comic books have been optioned for games including reviewed by SONY. It's a very lucrative market and a major part of our culture now generating billions of dollars, employing millions of people directly and indirectly. You can go to Bumchuck, Congo and you'll find someone with a SONY Playstation video game console.

SONY knows who Nick is because he's high profile and a charming gentleman. Corporations are looking for celebrity to launch and manage ad campaigns. The fact they came to Nick is indeed a boost to ufology as it opens the doors for other ufologists who in my opinion deserve greater acknowledgement for their sacrifices and research. I work here in Hollywood and know tons of people at the studios who cannot resist a UFO story or documentary. They know the players in the field but bridging that gap between boots on the ground research and notoriety in the mainstream media and entertainment is tough.

For my money Nick is one of only a few, if that, who has made that leap forward into pop culture and the key thing here above all else is what he does with that notoriety and the connections. This can open doors for other ufologists, many who are extremely talented musicians, singers, comedians, artists, and more. It could lead to a more public friendly relationship showing that ufologists aren't stuffed shirt scientists with the personalities of a box of cardboard. We need a public-to-ufologist reach that allows for more affinity that enables people to open up about their UFO experiences.

Sure ufology has to do the science as we're up against intelligences and beings of vast intellect and technology. We're up against people and institutions of sinister design within our own governments and that is expensive in research, travel, lab tests, man hours and more. ufologists need to look at how to market themselves if they're in that position. This isn't a joke. When you interview abductees like I have, and speaking only from my experience, there are no happy camper abduction stories. Even now I'm interviewing a woman from my home town that reports she was once injured from an attack by a saucer back in the mid 1970s. The occupants saw her, shot her with a beam and knocked her over a railing in broad daylight and witnesses were there that ran up and helped her. She could have been killed. I can't afford to do an investigation of mass proportions here but I'm emphasizing the costs of research.

So with Nick, so what he got to team up with a major multi-billion dollar corporation. Ain't nothin' wrong with that! I'll bet there are umpteen numbers of top scientists that would give their left testube to hook up with a major corporation like Nick has done.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com/blog

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>From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <post.nul>
>Date: Fri, 10 Aug 2012 15:24:19 +0100
>Subject: Nick Pope's Credibility Blown

>Remember all that hype from Nick Pope about an alien invasion at
>the Olympics?

>What's come over conservative and cautious Nick? we thought.
>Maybe, just maybe, he knows something we don't....

>Not a chance - as this video and sound clip of emails exchanged
>between Nick and Richard Dolan make crystal clear.

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

<snip>

Researcher Colin Andrews has joined the criticism of Nick Pope's Sony game promotion, calling his Olympic UFO story a "hoax" and a "scam"

On his website he says he wrote to Nick to try to understand his stance but in a reply was not told about the game promotion.

Nor was there any hint of this in any of Nick's media interviews, he claims.

Colin writes:

"For the rest of us who want to know the truth and work hard to find it, Nick has sold us out.

I'm shocked and disappointed with this 'in your face' ploy."

More at this link:

<http://tinyurl.com/bmbtycj>

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Re: Nick Pope And PR Campaigns

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Sun, 12 Aug 2012 12:07:05 -0400
Archived: Mon, 13 Aug 2012 06:02:51 -0400
Subject: Re: Nick Pope And PR Campaigns

>From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Sun, 12 Aug 2012 11:14:17 +0100
>Subject: Re: Nick Pope And PR Campaigns

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>humour as another poster suggests, but they create the public image of
>UFOs for years to come.

As long as ufology is "entertainment", it will suffer as a scientific inquiry. We are also blessed with those who enjoy crossing the line to gain fame or profit, while the indiscriminating public soaks it all in. All this, with the precedent setting networking of individuals and groups via the Internet, has made any rational scientific probe problematic at best and unlikely to gain the public's attention amid the noise.

Steve

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Re: Socorro Again

From: Herb Taylor <herbufo.nul>
Date: Sun, 12 Aug 2012 14:50:41 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Mon, 13 Aug 2012 06:06:49 -0400
Subject: Re: Socorro Again

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Sat, 11 Aug 2012 11:30:10 +0100
>Subject: Socorro Again

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>letter), candle-balloons etc.

>UFO Chronicles

>New Details On World-Famous UFO Hoax Now Revealed

><http://tinyurl.com/98fj679>

To All,

I'm intrigued enough by the information presented by Anthony Bragalia re Socorro to at least regard his purported hoax theory worthy of serious consideration.

While I see no reason to simply dismiss out of hand the information presented by him, at the same time there are a number of important questions that need answers before his hoax theory can be embraced with any degree of certainty.

In my view, the best position to take is judgement suspended as things now stand.

Note that I'm particularly intrigued by the following;

- 1) The actual quotes attributed to Dr. Stirling Colgate.
- 2) The pieces of charred cardboard-like material found at the site.
- 3) The purported pyrotechnics involved (and the charred bushes found at the site).
- 4) The footprints found at the site (which could go either way).

BTW, were it ever to be conclusively proven that Socorro was a hoax, this would be a bitter blow to ufology. The loss of Socorro would be no small matter. Very important UFO report, or a most notable Cautionary Tale? We really do need to know with some certainty, if this desired conclusion is at all attainable.

Herb Taylor

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From: Viktor Golubic <Diverge247.nul>
Date: Sun, 12 Aug 2012 14:59:31 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Mon, 13 Aug 2012 06:25:03 -0400
Subject: Re: Socorro Again

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Sun, 12 Aug 2012 09:08:19 +0100
>Subject: Re: Socorro Again

>>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Sat, 11 Aug 2012 10:00:00 -0600
>>Subject: Re: Socorro Again

>>>From: Martin Shough<parcellular.nul>
>>>To:<post.nul>
>>>Date: Sat, 11 Aug 2012 11:30:10 +0100
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>>Hi Martin,

>>As per Tony Bragalia's previous missives on Socorro, I find a
>>hyperbolic title followed by a rather thin assemblage of hand-
>>waving, name-dropping, and self-congratulation. A giant Chinese
>>lantern, seriously? And Zamora would not have immediately
>>noticed this thing being buffeted by the stiff wind during the
>>pre-launch phase on the ground?

>>If you follow the "Continue Reading..." link to his blog site,
>>you'll see David Rudiak essentially grind him to dust in the
>>comments, so I'll avoid piling-on here.

>>I don't rule out a hoax at Socorro (unless it involves a Chinese
>>lantern), but I'm astonished that Tony apparently sincerely
>>believes that these cryptic email mutterings from "perhaps the
>>greatest living physicist in the word [sic]" Stirling Colgate,
>>along with gratuitous references to Linus Pauling (whose lack of
>>any further comment/query about Socorro is presented as
>>_confirmation_ of Colgate's claim!), are somehow sufficient to
>>blow this case completely out of the water.

>>I agree entirely, Mike. When this story first appeared several
>>years ago I thought it was a disingenuous tissue of hearsay and
>>speculation, and said so on this List. Now, like you, I'm sure
>>of it.

To all:

Unfortunately, the explanation is completely plausible and
within the limitations of observation and psychological impact.
Actual ground investigation work with witnesses will quickly
teach anyone here to abandon a certain level of perceived
noncompliance between witness accounts and the objects they

observe. Certainly, I'm somewhat paused in going completely forward until the pranksters come forward to fill in more of the details. But, it's conceivable they can be tracked down rather quickly.

I think proper perspective on the contradictory wind direction can be gained from the work of firefighters, here [.pdf]:

<http://tinyurl.com/cwrjhyt>

"The winds aloft may be greatly different in speed and direction from the surface winds."

That the object floated consistently low over a given period of time encourages one wind regime over another. In this case possible surface wind dominance over winds aloft direction. That the object eventually took off in another direction or even upward is consistent with these various regime changes as a function of altitude.

That the object floated horizontally is completely plausible given that this presumed prank-object had a payload. I've made numerous candle driven balloons and this is completely consistent with their behavior. They can move quite quickly as well: Such estimates or effects are amplified since one judges speed based on passage over near by objects or surfaces as opposed to far away reference points.

Estimates on distance are also very difficult and problematic. Often it can be overestimated by a factor of 2 or 3 even by experienced observers. And, that he had no experience with the object in question only compounds or fragments this perceptual effect.

I remain open minded enough to entertain the reality of this explanation. But, the case may best be suited for a pro and con approach so that all readers come away with the full breadth of the various argument points, physical attributes, and sources.

Viktor

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From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Mon, 13 Aug 2012 04:33:17 +0200 (CEST)
Archived: Mon, 13 Aug 2012 06:28:32 -0400
Subject: Re: Nick Pope And PR Campaigns

>From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Sat, 11 Aug 2012 22:40:09 +0100
>Subject: Re: Nick Pope And PR Campaigns

>>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Sat, 11 Aug 2012 19:47:09 +0200 (CEST)
>>Subject: Nick Pope And PR Campaigns [was:Nick Pope's Credibility Blown]

>>>From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
>>>To: UFO UpDates <post.nul>
>>>Date: Fri, 10 Aug 2012 15:24:19 +0100
>>>Subject: Nick Pope's Credibility Blown

>>>Remember all that hype from Nick Pope about an alien invasion at
>>>the Olympics?

<snip>

>>As part of the marketing campaign for the launch of the alien
>>invasion-themed Sony PlayStation game Resistance: Burning Skies
>>I was commissioned to draw up a war plan detailing how the UK
>>government might respond to a real-life alien invasion. The
>>document (and a clear explanation of the circumstances that led
>>to its creation) can be read at the following link, third story
>>down:

>><http://www.nickpope.net/latest-news.htm>

>>Various media outlets ran stories based on this, but to the best
>>of my knowledge all of them contained a phrase such as to mark
>>the forthcoming release of the Sony PlayStation game Resistance:
>>Burning Skies, Sony has teamed up with former Ministry of
>>Defence UFO investigator Nick Pope to produce.

>>It seems that despite the blatant product plug, a few people
>>didn't spot that this was a marketing campaign.

>Nick, I don't have time or inclination to check all the web
>mentions of this story.

Enough said.

<snip>

>Most of the reports do seem to stem from this big story in the
>UK Daily Mail here:

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

<snip>

In relation to this article, not only was the product plug slap-
bang in the middle of the story, but in addition, one of the
images used to illustrate the feature was a graphic from the
computer game!

In such circumstances I find it difficult to believe that anyone

could seriously have thought the mainstream media was reporting an imminent alien invasion. But if you (or anyone else) were fooled by this, then I apologise.

Best wishes,

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

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From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
Date: Mon, 13 Aug 2012 11:15:52 +0200
Archived: Mon, 13 Aug 2012 06:31:31 -0400
Subject: Re: Nick Pope's Credibility Blown

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Sat, 11 Aug 2012 23:56:42 +0100
>Subject: Re: Nick Pope's Credibility Blown

>I struggle to understand why anyone thought Nick Pope had any
>credibility to start with.

>This is the man who still pushes the "Cosford incident" as
>unexplained, when in fact there is an obvious explanation for the
>majority of the reports on 31st March 1993.

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

>The same man who discussed an obvious image of a gull as "If I
>was still there [on the UFO desk] I'd be looking at this very
>closely. The object looks structured, symmetrical and metallic.
>This man has caught something very interesting indeed."

><http://tinyurl.com/d7rkvta>

>The same man who claims to have investigated Alien abductions,
>crop circles, and animal mutilations for the British Government
>when he was "in charge of" "the British Government's UFO
>Project", when according to the head of his department in 1997;

>"Turning specifically to your comments concerning Mr Pope, I
>should point out that he was a junior desk officer in the
>Secretariat(Air Staff)2a section from 1991-1994 and was not in
>charge of, or the head of any part of Secretariat (Air Staff)2.
>Mr Pope was an executive officer and shared the support of one
>administrative officer. Although Sec(AS)2a was, and still is,
>the focal point for handling queries directed at the MOD in
>connection with "unexplained" aerial sightings, during Mr Pope's
>time such work represented a small part of his overall duties.
>There were no staff working on this subject on a full-time basis
>and this remains the case."
>(DEFE24/2000 page 43)

>and according to one of his successors, Linda Unwin;

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

>"The first point to make is that there is no 'UFO Project'.
>Handling of UFO sightings is a very small element of our work."

>The same man who wrote about his own role while he was still in-
>post; "There is no specific "UFO budget", excepting the staff
>costs, i.e. around 20% of my salary, together with a tiny
>percentage of some other salaries, reflecting my line
>management's supervisory role." (DEFE24/1967 p.84)

>The man who tried to persuade the Army Air Corps and the Royal
>Navy not to take photographs of crop formations from helicopters
>to help researchers (and was told quite firmly to get lost by
>both services). (DEFE24/1955 p.24)

>The same man who continues to portray the radiation readings as
>hard evidence of something unusual at Rendlesham forest when in

>fact the readings are meaningless.

><http://www.ufoupdateslist.com/2001/oct/m10-006.shtml>

>and

><http://www.ufoupdateslist.com/2001/oct/m12-010.shtml>)

>The same man who espouses that all governments and UFO
>researchers should disclose their records, yet writes to the MoD
>with the intention of suppressing any material concerning his own
>activities within the UFO field.

><http://tinyurl.com/994tz7t>

>I could go on, including examples of failing to credit the work
>of other people, more examples of "best ever" or "very
>interesting" images or incidents with obvious explanations,
>>false accusations of dishonesty, and so on, but that would make
>a book-length article.

>In spite of all of the above, many people still fail to see
>through his shallow veneer, while others prefer to simply ignore
>it. In the end, ufology gets what it deserves.

Hello Nick and the List,

This rant of Joe McGonagle is a good reminder of the positive
role that you have played in ufology - please, keep doing that!
It's also a reminder that the British skeptics, or sceptics, are
still there, ready to shoot on any silly occasion. We have those
sort of people in France, too.

Best Regards,

Gildas Bourdais

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From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
Date: Thu, 9 Aug 2012 21:29:29 +0100
Archived: Mon, 13 Aug 2012 06:35:33 -0400
Subject: Greer Sabotaged 'Real' Disclosure [was: Greer

>From: John Velez <jvelez49.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Wed, 8 Aug 2012 18:52:08 -0400
>Subject: Re: Greer Probes 'Dead Alien'

>John Alexander wrote that when Greer arrived on the scene in the
>90's attempts at disclosure/congressional hearings was already
>well under way. Mr. Alexander informs us that several senators
>were a part of the discussions and more were being approached
>and brought on-board. The timing of Greer's appearance on the
>scene with his own very noisy and public CSETI* sponsored
>Disclosure Project (*scam; three ring circus) the senators ran
>for the hills and all the talks fell apart.

>The 'real' disclosure effort was completely thwarted by Greer's
>grab for public attention. He introduced a side-show quality to the
>proceedings that sent the more serious people involved running
>for safety. Who wants to be associated with a clown show?

John, I find this notion of Greer thwarting some 'real'
disclosure effort a little hard to believe.

Isn't Alexander's latest view that the US government holds no
UFO secrets and that there is no 'cover-up'?

So what would these 'real' disclosures, have disclosed?

Dave Haith

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Re: Pope On Aliens At The Olympics

From: Kentaro Mori <kentaro.mori.nul>
Date: Mon, 13 Aug 2012 07:56:24 -0300
Archived: Mon, 13 Aug 2012 07:22:49 -0400
Subject: Re: Pope On Aliens At The Olympics

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Sat, 09 Jun 2012 20:14:26 +0100
>Subject: Pope On Aliens At The Olympics

>Source: Daily Mail

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

>7 June 2012

>By Eddie Wrenn

>Keep An Eye On The Skies For Saucers During The Olympics Games,
>Warns Former MoD UFO expert

Nick, why didn't you simply clarify, at the time on this List, that you were being paid for this PR campaign upon reading this news clipping with your name on the subject? Or even the follow-up comments - wondering why you were making these claims - which were taken very seriously. They were not outlandish compared to other claims of yours and news items on UFOs published in British tabloids?

Your contract specified you couldn't disclose your association with the viral (i.e. fake news) campaign until the advertising company determined so? If so, when was that date? Could you detail more about the specifics of how you allowed your name to be used? Did you review the text before publication?

I think it's fair game to make money on the subject, but it's also fair game to clearly disclose the terms on which you are making money to (and from) the public.

Thank you,

Kentaro

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From: Gerald O'Connell <goc.nul>
Date: Mon, 13 Aug 2012 12:21:18 +0100
Archived: Mon, 13 Aug 2012 07:58:32 -0400
Subject: Re: Bluff And Double-Bluff?

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
Date: Sun, 12 Aug 2012 11:44:07 +0100
Subject: Bluff And Double-Bluff?

>Should we be suspicious of the extremely simplistic and even
>childish interpretations of the actions and motives of beings
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>After all, we can be sure that truly advanced beings can control
>their appearance (and disappearance), including the perceptions
>of our machines and monitors and even the emotions they arouse
>in us and our animals.

<snip>

>So I'm forced to think that all appearances are deceptive and
>that any C.E event (and many a sighting) is a double - or even
>treble - bluff (or higher) - they want to see how stupid we, or
>rather our leaders, are.

Ray, there's a hidden assumption in your line of thinking that seems to be present in nearly all discussion of this and related issues. We know for sure that if ET (or extra-dimensional, or whatever - it makes little difference) entities are involved, then they must possess a technology far in advance of our own. We then extrapolate from this, quite unjustifiably, that this must mean that this technology is somehow fault-free or foolproof.

Interestingly, this assumption has to be suspended if credence is to be given to nuts and bolts crash retrieval scenarios, but there seems to be a disconnect between this (equally infrequently discussed) acceptance of the possibility of malfunction and its extension into the issue of 'extremely simplistic and even childish interpretations of the actions and motives' as you put it.

If a mind like that of Kurt Vonnegut were confronted with the data that has led to your suggestion of multiple-bluff manipulations, then the explanation (perhaps borrowing a little from the speculations of Jacques Vallee) would be clear: there is an advanced technology programmed to programme us; that technology has failed to some extent and gone out of kilter; the result is a series of 'meaningless' and 'irrational' behaviours being displayed for our benefit, with consequently hilarious mental contortions on our part to make sense of the resultant data.

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Gerald O'Connell
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From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Mon, 13 Aug 2012 12:45:31 +0100
Archived: Mon, 13 Aug 2012 07:59:38 -0400
Subject: Re: Socorro Again

>From: Viktor Golubic <Diverge247.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Sun, 12 Aug 2012 14:59:31 -0400 (EDT)
>Subject: Re: Socorro Again

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>>>To: post.nul
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Re: Nick Pope's Credibility Blown

From: Stanton T. Friedman <fsphys.nul>
Date: Mon, 13 Aug 2012 09:27:29 -0300
Archived: Mon, 13 Aug 2012 09:10:27 -0400
Subject: Re: Nick Pope's Credibility Blown

>From: Stanton T. Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Sun, 12 Aug 2012 10:57:15 -0300
>Subject: Re: Nick Pope's Credibility Blown

>>From: Jason Gammon <boyinthemachine.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Sat, 11 Aug 2012 21:29:34 -0400 (EDT)
>>Subject: Re: Nick Pope's Credibility Blown

><snip>

>>Sigh. The news is saddening. However, I must admit that I simply
>>rejected Pope's statement as being nutty-nuts when I first heard
>>it.

>>However, I would like to state that let's not dump entirely on
>>Pope as he definitely is not the only person in the field who
>>has received payment for promotions.

>>A few years back or so, Stanton Friedman made such a deal. I
>>can't recall what movie it was but I remember the uproar it
>>caused online.

>Sure doesn't ring any bell with me. I was indeed co-script
>writer, on location, and advisor on the Documentary movie UFOs
>ARE Real, produced by Brandon Chase... I was listed in the
>credits... I recall no uproar. In other words, what are you
>talking about??

>Stanton Friedman

My sincere apologies to Jason. I was wrong I was involved in
doing interviews about a movie about Apollo 18. No money but not
a good experience, though lots of time and some good discussions
about the strange cancellation since the equipment for Apollo 18
had been manufactured.

Stan Friedman

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From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Mon, 13 Aug 2012 08:01:44 -0500
Archived: Mon, 13 Aug 2012 10:47:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Socorro Again

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
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Well said, Martin.

I would add that the failure of any substantive evidence to emerge for a hoaxed Socorro event after all these decades makes its likelihood seem vanishingly small, though of course never quite nonexistent, at least in principle if nowhere else.

Moreover, Zamora's sighting needs to be seen in the context of a series of other puzzling UFO encounters, close and other, that occurred within days of each other in New Mexico. (Blue Book actually forbade Hynek, who was on site investigating Zamora's report, to look into them.) In my encyclopedia I devote a long entry to an effort to reconstruct this neglected wave.

Finally, it is amusing to me to watch those who rejected Bragalia's pro-Roswell claims out of hand fall all over themselves endorsing his anti-Socorro allegations. But then, what else would one expect?

Jerry Clark

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Re:: Socorro Again

From: Herb Taylor <herbufo.nul>
Date: Mon, 13 Aug 2012 09:03:28 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Mon, 13 Aug 2012 10:50:25 -0400
Subject: Re:: Socorro Again

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
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>found.

In this fascinating discussion of the purported hoax explanation for Socorro, this particular sentence reaches out and grabs you. At least, it did for me, though apparently not for you. The striking nature of this particular sentence from an official USAF report would appear to provide some real substance for the statements made by Dr. Stirling Colgate. In a related matter, the nature of the charred bushes found at the site would seem to mimic the presence of pyrotechnics, seemingly another point of substance for the statements made by Dr. Colgate.

May I inquire as to why and how you apparently relegate these two items of note to the arena of the seemingly unimportant?

Herb Taylor

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Archived: Mon, 13 Aug 2012 10:55:56 -0400
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Gerald, your point is a nice one, which I didn't include for
brevity's sake, and is covered by James P Hogan in his book.
Although he never expresses a personal opinion, several of the
debates or controversies in 'Kicking The Sacred Cow' - origin of
life on earth/what really drives evolution/has Earth life been
manipulated by external forces/are there signs of 'intervention'
in the wider universe/and can statistical analysis give a
definitive answer to that question - all contain that question
or perceived dichotomy, some as a central point.

That is, should we expect 'perfection' in any examples of life
or even mechanisms. On that point Hogan asks "Do you think our
computers or jet planes are actually 'perfect'? Or even
perfectible?" (paraphrased).

Saving the best for last (or nearly last) Hogan features the
work of William Dembski in analyzing universal evidence to find
sure-fire evidence of 'intervention', most likely from alien
intelligences (but seen as an open door for creationists). It's
outlined here:

<http://www.designinference.com/desinf.htm>

The Design Inference: Eliminating Chance through Small
Probabilities.

As always Hogan gives the opposing views, and, as almost always in our modern 'consensus' driven sciences (the consensus has always been wrong in the past - but no-one seems to recall that fact), it takes the form of misrepresentation, corrupt pressures (amounting to blackmail) and downright lies and threats. Summed up here:

<http://www.discovery.org/a/532>

The Lynching Of Bill Dembski.

[Deja vu: that hypocrisy of mainstream science is eerily a repeat of the Velikovsky affair - where luminaries like Sagan indulged in fake statistics and wild misrepresentation to try to discredit Velikovsky, and the establishment went so far as getting honest editors fired by threatening publishers with withdrawal of future business. Maybe see www.perceptions.couk.com/subindex.html#hubris for details of Sagan's over-reaching.]

Did Dembski find the evidence he was seeking? I.e. has there been 'intervention' here on Earth or in the wider universe? Well, that depends on the weighting you give to his 'signs of intelligence' or the 'unlikelihood threshold' adopted to classify such signs. (I tend to think he has - but that's only a personal impression.)

Again from a personal perspective - i.e not a ufologist, just an arm's-length observer - and considering all the data (that is, stuff that Dembski couldn't consider because it hasn't been published in the journals) such as the NASA and Russian near-space photos and films, I think there's overwhelming evidence of a panoply of external life, and that we see (are usually allowed to see) only the simplest - such as the 'test probes' and 'electricity feeders' seen below the atmosphere, and the 'intelligent transport vehicles' seen above the atmosphere, arriving and departing from and to outer space.

Those we only glimpse - the 1/60th of a second superfast entities discovered by Martyn Stubbs - might be a sign of the 'slips' or imperfections of (some of) the real intelligences at work. And that might change Dembski's tentative conclusion into a rock-firm discovery.

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Cheers

Ray D

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From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Mon, 13 Aug 2012 12:10:41 -0300
Archived: Tue, 14 Aug 2012 09:01:58 -0400
Subject: Re: Socorro Again

"New Details On World-Famous UFO Hoax Now Revealed"

First of all this wasn't a World Famous UFO Hoax. It was never considered to be a hoax; Bragalia just made that part up. He took a un-researched supposition and ran with it. So far it is just the ramblings of Bragalia with no documented support and hearsay of unknown 'perpetrators*.

Ray Stanford's book, Socorro 'Saucer' In A Pentagon Pantry, is the most researched on this matter. Much of the tripe that has been offered up is aimed at embarrassing Zamora and offering him up as a buffoon. We see same excuse again about Zamora's glasses falling off and supposing that this blinded Zamora to details. A good read about this detail quickly relegates this argument to the absurd, but that doesn't stop Bragalia.

*By the way, the two male witnesses who supported Zamora's claim were Paul Kies (24) and Larry Ktatzner (26) from Dubuque, Iowa. They observed the event from their car.

Don Ledger

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Re: Nick Pope And PR Campaigns

From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
Date: Mon, 13 Aug 2012 16:19:24 +0100
Archived: Tue, 14 Aug 2012 09:04:46 -0400
Subject: Re: Nick Pope And PR Campaigns

>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Mon, 13 Aug 2012 04:33:17 +0200 (CEST)
>Subject: Re: Nick Pope And PR Campaigns

>>From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 11 Aug 2012 22:40:09 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Nick Pope And PR Campaigns

>>>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>>>To: post.nul
>>>Date: Sat, 11 Aug 2012 19:47:09 +0200 (CEST)
>>>Subject: Nick Pope And PR Campaigns [was:Nick Pope's Credibility Blown]

>>>>From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
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>>>>Date: Fri, 10 Aug 2012 15:24:19 +0100
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>>>>Remember all that hype from Nick Pope about an alien invasion at
>>>>the Olympics?

<snip>

>>>As part of the marketing campaign for the launch of the alien
>>>invasion-themed Sony PlayStation game Resistance: Burning Skies
>>>I was commissioned to draw up a war plan detailing how the UK
>>>government might respond to a real-life alien invasion. The
>>>document (and a clear explanation of the circumstances that led
>>>to its creation) can be read at the following link, third story
>>>down:

>>><http://www.nickpope.net/latest-news.htm>

>>>Various media outlets ran stories based on this, but to the best
>>>of my knowledge all of them contained a phrase such as to mark
>>>the forthcoming release of the Sony PlayStation game Resistance:
>>>Burning Skies, Sony has teamed up with former Ministry of
>>>Defence UFO investigator Nick Pope to produce.

>>>It seems that despite the blatant product plug, a few people
>>>didn't spot that this was a marketing campaign.

<snip>

>>Most of the reports do seem to stem from this big story in the
>>UK Daily Mail here:

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

<snip>

>In relation to this article, not only was the product plug slap-
>bang in the middle of the story, but in addition, one of the
>images used to illustrate the feature was a graphic from the
>computer game!

Nick I did explain my thinking over this point in that post in

the piece snipped out.

So here it is again:

"Any fair-minded reader would simply see this quote as you giving a blatant plug to a video game, certainly, but something you example - in your very own words - "to acclimatise people to the reality of ET life - and in particular that they might be hostile."

>In such circumstances I find it difficult to believe that anyone >could seriously have thought the mainstream media was reporting >an imminent alien invasion. But if you (or anyone else) were >fooled by this, then I apologise.

I wasn't 'fooled by this' but many people who see you as some kind of UFO authority, were taken in.

On their behalf, thank you for the apology.

Now how about an apology also for using your Sony contract to put out alarmist Olympic rubbish which blurs fact with fantasy thus making public acceptance of serious UFO research even more difficult than it is already?

Dave Haith

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Re: Socorro Again

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Mon, 13 Aug 2012 17:32:21 +0100
Archived: Tue, 14 Aug 2012 09:06:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Socorro Again

>From: Herb Taylor <herbufo.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Mon, 13 Aug 2012 09:03:28 -0400 (EDT)
>Subject: Re: Socorro Again

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 13 Aug 2012 12:45:31 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Socorro Again

>>A hoax of this or a similar type using a balloon may or may not
>>be physically/psychologically plausible, that is not by any
>>means a new issue. It has been debated before, for many years,
>>as you know.

>>What is a new issue is Bragalia's claim of evidence
>>effectively proving that such a hoax occurred. This is the point
>>under discussion.

>>I repeat that in my opinion this evidence is inflated, a balloon
>>in fact, made of very thin hearsay and launched with hot air. As
>>you correctly say, if some more substantial evidence of this
>>hoax comes to light it will need to be dealt with.

>>A closer USAF investigation of the site revealed a fair amount of
>>charred particles mixed with dirt, and some charred cardboard was also
>>found.

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>for Socorro, this particular sentence reaches out and grabs you.
>At least, it did for me, though apparently not for you. The
>striking nature of this particular sentence from an official
>USAF report would appear to provide some real substance for the
>statements made by Dr. Stirling Colgate.

Hi Herb

I assume you are referring to this allegation of Bragalia's

"Little-known official reports at the time were surfaced that showed the presence of charred cardboard, footprints and evidence of pyrotechnic ignition at the UFO site."

1) The official reports are not "little known" to anybody who has read the BB file or followed the case for years.

2) The phrases "the presence of charred cardboard . . . AND evidence of pyrotechnic ignition" is exactly the kind of disingenuous manipulation that I complained about. In fact Bragalia's "evidence of pyrotechnic ignition" IS "the presence of charred cardboard".

3) You can read the BB file as well as I can, so you will have checked this out and discovered that the charred cardboard was found by Hynek and described by him in detail in part of a densely-typed 5-page letter to Menzel and Boyd as well as on p.7 of his Air Force 'Report on the Trip to Socorro'.

4) you can see that neither Hynek nor anyone else (except Menzel

until Hynek sent him a sample) thought this scrap of charred cardboard was significant; that Hynek said it was identical to hundreds of pieces of old corrugated packing cardboard that were blown from the nearby town dump and got lodged under bushes all over the area.

5) The presence of "charred particles" in the dirt is not to my mind especially astonishing given that there had been blatantly obvious charring of the shrubs at the site. If you have found information I'm unaware of indicating that these charred particles were somehow peculiar or suspicious please can you point me to the source.

6) Note that Hynek spends quite a lot of time going over the implications of hoax theories essentially the same as the Bragalia one, which of course had been discussed almost from day one. This material would repay careful reading again

>the nature of the charred bushes found at the site would seem to
>mimic the presence of pyrotechnics, seemingly another point of
>substance for the statements made by Dr. Colgate.

"Mimic the presence of pyrotechnics"? Please explain this curious phrase. Do you mean that burning indicates the presence of fire perhaps? Please also explain how the absence of any unusual combustive chemicals in the burned vegetation "mimics the presence of pyrotechnics"

Do you still really think this adds up to "real substance for the statements made by Dr. Stirling Colgate"?

Martin Shough

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From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Mon, 13 Aug 2012 13:44:58 -0300
Archived: Tue, 14 Aug 2012 09:08:38 -0400
Subject: Re: Socorro Again

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Mon, 13 Aug 2012 12:10:41 -0300
>Subject: Re: Socorro Again

Additionally, to my last submission, neither Kies nor Kratzer were University students. I think those buying into Bragalia's hysteria should have a closer look at Dr. Colgate's association with US intelligence agencies.

Don Ledger

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Re: Kathy Kasten Passes

From: Rich Heiden <rwheidenu.nul>
Date: Mon, 13 Aug 2012 10:08:02 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Tue, 14 Aug 2012 09:12:21 -0400
Subject: Re: Kathy Kasten Passes

>From: Robert Morningstar <robert_morningstar.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Thu, 9 Aug 2012 14:51:30 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Kathy Kasten Passes

>I regret to inform you of the death of Kathy Kasten, a long-time
>researcher of UFOs.

>Kathy Kasten, aged 72, passed away in in a Phoenix hospital on
>Tuesday, August 7th. Kathy died of cardiac arrest in the
>hospital, after complaining of shallow breathing and collapsing
>at home, as she and her life long friend, Dr. Joyce Hansen,
>waited for an ambulance.

>Dr. Hansen called me to inform me of Kathy's death, and asked me
>to inform those who knew her on this List of her passing.

>Knowing Kathy well (as a friend/antagonist and adversary) since
>1997, I am sure that she would be pleased to hear me say, in
>memory...

>I shall always remember KK...

>She will missed...
>and, on the other hand,
>She will not be missed.
>But she will be remembered.

I am among the Listers who are saddened by the recent death of
Kathy Kasten. I knew her in the 1980's when she lived in
Milwaukee, on one occasion spending an evening in her home, just
the two of us talking, late into the night. (She said she was a
distant relative of Bob Kasten, U.S. Senator from Wisconsin,
1981-1993.)

I saw Kathy's name a couple of times in Jim Moseley's Saucer
Smear, and knew she had moved out West, but never reconnected
with her until recently, thanks to her e-mail address in one of
her UFO UpDates posts. Other Listers might be interested in
our brief exchange, as it includes a paranormal incident in
Kathy's past.

Date: Tue, 19 Jun 2012 11:01:59 -0700
From: r**.nul
Subject: phone calls from the dead
To: catraja.nul

Kathy,

I hope you are well.

I see you often on Errol Bruce-Knapp's UFO UpDates, and am
reminded of when I knew you in Milwaukee. On one occasion you
told me about a call [apparently] from your just-deceased
grandmother, though unfortunately you weren't in the office to
take it.

Maybe you get Fortean Times and already saw it, but the current issue (#289, July 2012, which I got just yesterday), pp. 18-19, is about phone calls from the dead. Mostly citing a new book, but adding a call in which Dennis Barden's mother called him by his toddler-hood name. The magazine is sold in Barnes & Noble and elsewhere.

Rich

RE: phone calls from the dead
Tuesday, June 19, 2012 6:46 PM
From: "KATHY KASTEN" <catraja.nul>
To: r***.nul

Rich:

Of course I remember you. And, I remember receiving a phone call at work - Veteran's Administration in Jackson, MS - from someone calling me by a name only my grandmother used for me. When I got home from work and called family in Milwaukee, I was told that my grandmother was dead and the time she died. Because of the time of death, there was no way my grandmother made a phone call in the physical. She had always accepted that humans were more than their physical bodies.

There was a guest on Coast to Coast talking about his book which discussed his research into the "phone calls from the dead."

The phone call from my grandmother would fall into the category of "witnessed" communication.

KK

Rich Heiden

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Re: Greer Sabotaged 'Real' Disclosure

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Mon, 13 Aug 2012 13:18:02 -0400
Archived: Tue, 14 Aug 2012 09:19:39 -0400
Subject: Re: Greer Sabotaged 'Real' Disclosure

>From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <post.nul>
>Date: Thu, 9 Aug 2012 21:29:29 +0100
>Subject: Greer Sabotaged 'Real' Disclosure [was: Greer Probes Dead Alien]

>>From: John Velez <jvelez49.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Wed, 8 Aug 2012 18:52:08 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Greer Probes 'Dead Alien'

>>John Alexander wrote that when Greer arrived on the scene in the
>>90's attempts at disclosure/congressional hearings was already
>>well under way. Mr. Alexander informs us that several senators
>>were a part of the discussions and more were being approached
>>and brought on-board. The timing of Greer's appearance on the
>>scene with his own very noisy and public CSETI* sponsored
>>Disclosure Project (*scam; three ring circus) the senators ran
>>for the hills and all the talks fell apart.

>>The 'real' disclosure effort was completely thwarted by Greer's
>>grab for public attention. He introduced a side-show quality to the
>>proceedings that sent the more serious people involved running
>>for safety. Who wants to be associated with a clown show?

>John, I find this notion of Greer thwarting some 'real'
>disclosure effort a little hard to believe.

>Isn't Alexander's latest view that the US government holds no
>UFO secrets and that there is no 'cover-up'?

>So what would these 'real' disclosures, have disclosed?

Hi Dave,

If you think that it took Greer to come along and try to resolve
this "Secrecy" issue for us local folks in the DC area,
you're... er... mistaken. As you may be aware, NICAP began in
Washington DC in the 50's and many (like Richard Hall, Don
Berliner, Bruce Macabee, etc.) were still in this area working
with local people to see what the best course of action might
be.

Just to be clear, I have been here on Capitol Hill for more than
27 years, and was here when Greer first set up his Congressional
Disclosure hearings, which weren't 'officially' attended by any
actual Member or staff. Indeed, I was able to find one staffer
who had gone to one of his sessions, and she was extremely upset
when I contacted her via House email, apparently afraid it would
get back to her boss. Greer, meanwhile, claimed to have met with
Congressional Leaders in House and Senate offices, but no one on
the inside has ever acknowledged such a meeting. They may have
taken place, but in the end, who cares? Nothing happened and
nothing was proven.

During this time period, I have worked with the Fund for UFO
Research as part of the Executive Committee, and as I came on
board I learned of their involvement with Dr. Greer. Let me
simply say that the relationship did not last when they read

some of his web site articles about the alien's intent and goals, which was more than a group that based on scientific ideals could take.

Later a strong legal warning had to be issued to him to cease the distribution of material that had been developed by the UFO Research Coalition.

So, this isn't a 'researcher' that any of the long time ufologists want to get involved with. Of course, the historical researchers have taken a back seat to the Internet and Greer has a lot of followers to attract there.

The problem with the Disclosure Project is that it had the same problems as the earlier Congressional efforts, in that there was simply no interest in this subject in an official capacity. They finally gave up trying to hold them downtown, since they couldn't get Congressional interest to any great extent, and a couple of annual events were held nearby in Maryland. They were large events, but too costly and I believe they had problems last time.

You asked about earlier efforts, and I think you would find that there had been discussions going on in the background with several Senators in the 90's to hold hearings on the overuse of Secrecy in Washington, of which the subject of UFO secrecy could be explored and discussed.

The idea was to get a discussion going on a subject that was related and work with that, but Washington is too political, and you can't plan that far ahead. How do you get support for a esoteric subject like "secrecy" when more important issues like the economy and was in the Middle East keep getting in the way. And it would be even worse for a controversial subject like 'UFOs', which there would be even less reason to investigate.

I am a computer engineer for the House, and don't get out to meet with Staffers a lot these days. But in years gone by, I knew of a lot of interest in the subject among staff, and a few Members of the House. However, none had the political will to open that can of worms up and see what might happen.

The late Congressman Steven Schiff tried to get an official inquiry going with the GSA. but it found out very little and there was no pressure to take it further. If he had been able to find support, he could have held hearings on the missing messages and turned over a few stones there. But, I'm not sure it would have led anywhere.

I don't believe that Dr. Greer sabotaged 'Real' Disclosure, and I believe he is sincere in his beliefs. But efforts like his (and a few others) have touted great success and left little in their wake to show for it.

Steve

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From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Mon, 13 Aug 2012 12:20:47 -0700
Archived: Tue, 14 Aug 2012 09:22:50 -0400
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>From: Viktor Golubic <Diverge247.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Sun, 12 Aug 2012 14:59:31 -0400 (EDT)
>Subject: Re: Socorro Again

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 12 Aug 2012 09:08:19 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Socorro Again

>>>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>>>To: post.nul
>>>Date: Sat, 11 Aug 2012 10:00:00 -0600
>>>Subject: Re: Socorro Again

>>>>From: Martin Shough<parcellular.nul>
>>>>To:<post.nul>
>>>>Date: Sat, 11 Aug 2012 11:30:10 +0100
>>>>Subject: Socorro Again

>>>>More from Anthony Bragalia on the Colgate letter (and a new
>>>>letter), candle-balloons etc.

>>>>New Details On World-Famous UFO Hoax Now Revealed

>>>><http://tinyurl.com/98fj679>

>>>>As per Tony Bragalia's previous missives on Socorro, I find a
>>>>hyperbolic title followed by a rather thin assemblage of hand-
>>>>waving, name-dropping, and self-congratulation. A giant Chinese
>>>>lantern, seriously? And Zamora would not have immediately
>>>>noticed this thing being buffeted by the stiff wind during the
>>>>pre-launch phase on the ground?

>>>>I agree entirely, Mike. When this story first appeared several
>>>>years ago I thought it was a disingenuous tissue of hearsay and
>>>>speculation, and said so on this List. Now, like you, I'm sure
>>>>of it.

>>>>Unfortunately, the explanation is completely plausible and
>>>>within the limitations of observation and psychological impact.
>>>>Actual ground investigation work with witnesses will quickly
>>>>teach anyone here to abandon a certain level of perceived
>>>>noncompliance between witness accounts and the objects they
>>>>observe. Certainly, I'm somewhat paused in going completely
>>>>forward until the pranksters come forward to fill in more of the
>>>>details. But, it's conceivable they can be tracked down rather
>>>>quickly.

>>>>I think proper perspective on the contradictory wind direction
>>>>can be gained from the work of firefighters, here [.pdf]:

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

>>>>"The winds aloft may be greatly different in speed and direction
>>>>from the surface winds."

The link is about fighting fires in extremely rugged and
mountainous terrain, which could add turbulence and also a

vertical component to the winds. The sighting was in a shallow arroyo on an alluvial plain where the elevation doesn't change rapidly. The nearest mountains are two miles away to the west.

As I've repeatedly pointed out, and investigative write-ups from 1964 (e.g. Hynek) pointed out, the winds were out of the south to southwest, yet the object departed to the WSW, thus angling very strongly INTO the wind, or, at best, at right angles to the wind.

Using historical records at NOAA.com and Weatherunderground.com, I plotted the _surface_ winds at times bracketing the sighting (5:00 and 7:00 p.m.), recorded from a dozen surrounding weather stations. A strong, winter-like low pressure system was beginning to push into N.M. at the time kicking up high winds and dust.

The key point is the surface winds are _totally dominated_ by the characteristic cyclonic, counter-clockwise circulation pattern of the low pressure system. This is evident at ALL of the plotted stations, over four states. There are NO exceptions. I plotted these up on my website:

<http://www.roswellproof.com/SocorroWinds April 24 1964.html>

Thus ALL locations in the Socorro sector of the low pressure system (between 3:00 to 6:00 on the clock dial), Albuquerque, Clovis, Lubbock, Roswell, Alamogordo, El Paso, and Truth or Consequences, have surface winds out of the south to west, again with NO exceptions. If you compare Socorro to the nearest surrounding weather stations at Albuquerque, Alamogordo, and T or C, then its winds should have been somewhere out of the south to WSW direction. (Look at the map.)

But the "balloon" argument demands surface winds out of the east to northeast. The actual historical weather data shows that the winds weren't anything like that at the time. There are no easterly component to the surface winds until you get several hundred miles north into the 12:00-3:00 sector of the circulation pattern around Denver and Cheyenne. To get any sort of northeasterly component would require being on the opposite side of the low pressure circulation (9:00-12:00) up in Utah.

So to buy the balloon explanation, Socorro would have had to be the sole exception to the overall wind pattern generated by a large low pressure system with winds directly opposite other towns less than 100 miles away and ALL weather stations over hundreds of miles reporting winds totally consistent with an counter-clockwise rotating low pressure system.

>That the object floated consistently low over a given period of >time encourages one wind regime over another.

Which translated into English would mean a real balloon would be constantly shifting its direction of travel, i.e. totally at the mercy of the winds. You would see it being buffeted around.

But that _isn't_ what Zamora described. It shot off in a highly controlled manner, namely a _straight_, horizontal line headed directly for the mountains to the WSW. Neglecting the surface wind direction being completely wrong, why didn't he see the "balloon" being badly buffeted around by all those changing "wind regimes"? Why didn't Zamora see similar buffeting of the alleged "balloon" in the stiff winds at the time when he was close up? The man probably got within 50 feet of the object.

More questions the skeptics keep dodging, how would "hoaxers" wrangle a balloon like that in the winds, keeping it clamped to the desert floor until Zamora got that close on foot, then suddenly release it, yet leave no trace of their paraphernalia like cables, or other presence there, like footprints in the sandy arroyo bottom? They would probably have had less than a minute to clean up after themselves and flee with their equipment right under Zamora's nose (and with no real cover out there) and with backup almost immediately arriving. Hynek was posing these same questions almost 50 years ago, and there are still no plausible answers.

>In this case
>possible surface wind dominance over winds aloft direction. That
>the object eventually took off in another direction or even

>upward is consistent with these various regime changes as a
>function of altitude.

This is a classic handwaving, doubletalk argument. Just totally ignore the actual wind surface data of the time. So we have "possible surface wind dominance", when the real wind surface data shows winds probably 120-150 degrees away from winds needed to make a balloon theory work. Remember, there is not one single weather station in the area with contradictory surface wind data. And we still have no explanation for that unwavering straight line trajectory towards the mountains.

>That the object floated horizontally is completely plausible
>given that this presumed prank-object had a payload. I've made
>numerous candle driven balloons and this is completely
>consistent with their behavior.

Can they move in a straight, unwavering line while being buffeted around by a stiff wind? Can they move against the wind?

>They can move quite quickly as
>well: Such estimates or effects are amplified since one judges
>speed based on passage over near by objects or surfaces as
>opposed to far away reference points.

More handwaving arguments. We can estimate how fast the object departed from Zamora's estimates of how long it took the object to reach a very prominent landmark (perlite mine) at the base of the mountains about 2 miles away. Ray Stanford said Zamora estimated 10 seconds, which Stanford doubled to 20 seconds, but even if you triple that to 1 minute, the average speed (top speed even higher) would be 120 mph, or well into hurricane force winds.

[We can also estimate the maximum departure time based on the fact that Zamora had twice radioed in for backup, starting approximately 1/2 minute before the object departed, and backup was already on its way in the form of state policemen Sam Chavez, who was probably already headed up the dirt road and probably got there within a minute of when the object departed. (The landing site is only 1/2 mile from the turnoff onto the dirt road.)]

So even with a very conservative estimate of departure speed, you now need winds several times stronger and blowing from a direction not supported by the actual historical wind data. And you still need to explain the unwavering straight path of the object as it departed.

>Estimates on distance are also very difficult and problematic.
>Often it can be overestimated by a factor of 2 or 3 even by
>experienced observers.

So let's halve the distance to 1 mile in 1 minute, or 60 miles an hour, a really super-conservative estimate. Still probably around double the gusts of wind, still the wrong wind direction, still no explanation for the straight trajectory.

> And, that he had no experience with the
>object in question only compounds or fragments this perceptual
>effect.

So in the end, just a bunch of handwaving about the winds to dismiss the actual wind data and the usual witness massive misperception argument.

David Rudiak

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>the nature of the charred bushes found at the site would seem to
>mimic the presence of pyrotechnics, seemingly another point of
>substance for the statements made by Dr. Colgate.

Perhaps then the coy Dr. Colgate can comment on the following,
which I think most would consider at least as much a "point of
substance" as any of the above, excerpted from a 28 May 1964
letter from USAF Col. Eric de Jonckheere to Hq USAF SAFOI PB,
Washington DC:

"_Soil_Samples_: The soil samples obtained at the sighting were
given to Dr J Allen Hynek by Capt Holder. They were turned over
to Captain Quintanilla who in turn submitted them to ASD for
analysis. Laboratory analysis of the soil was completed on 19
May 64. It included spectrographic analysis which revealed that
there was no foreign material in the soil samples. Also, no
chemicals were detected in the charred or burned soil which
would indicate a type of propellant. There was no significant
difference in elemental composition between the different
samples."

So in whatever sense the "nature of the charred bushes" may
"mimic the presence of pyrothechnics" (as in, they were
charred?), there were evidently no pyrotechnics, or associated
combustion products, detectable at the site.

Mike

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PRG Update - August 13 2012

From: **Paradigm Research Group** <PRG.nul>
Date: Mon, 13 Aug 2012 15:03:17 -0700
Archived: Tue, 14 Aug 2012 09:27:32 -0400
Subject: PRG Update - August 13 2012

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PRG Update - August 13, 2012

Archived at:
<http://tinyurl.com/3oktofa>

An Extraordinary 40 Days
www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/newsitems2012.html

In a span of six weeks the following happened: In late June the story broke a retired senior CIA officer, Chase Brandon, had publicly stated Roswell 1947 was the crash of an extraterrestrial vehicle with bodies. In early July the United Kingdom released yet another batch of UFO/ET files from its archives. In late July Australia, a very, very close intelligence ally of the United States, proactively released for the first time UFO/ET related documents from government files. In early August the story broke a retired Air Force Lt. Col., Richard French, who flew combat mission in Korea and Vietnam and worked in military intelligence, stated Roswell 1947 was the crash of an extraterrestrial vehicle.

October Surprise?
<http://tinyurl.com/9uql4ey>

PRG has noted with interest an article in Space.com which came out today. There is some speculation on the Web an announcement about Mars life could come out conveniently prior to the November election. PRG considers this a distinct possibility. There are two likely options: 1) confirmation of life on Mars long dead, and 2) confirmation of life (likely microbial) now. The second option would have the greatest impact on the election prospects of the President. Degree of confidence in this outcome: 60%.

Commentary

In a recent exchange with colleagues, I wrote the follow in response to a comment there is a "self-coverup" and the larger public don't want Disclosure and won't listen to the awareness efforts underway. I thought to share this response with the PRG list.

I would suggest that given the extraordinary complexity of what is a global phenomena, it is not possible to easily assess the disposition of seven billion people and two hundred nations toward the truth of a reality that has been deliberately suppressed. Denial is the critical separation between the Disclosure movement and all the great social/political activist movements of the 20th Century. No person and no government denied there was segregation in America. None denied the British were a colonial occupier of India, that South Africa practiced apartheid, that woman did not have a universal right to vote in the United States, that a war was underway in South East Asia.

The governments of all nations, by intention or by acquiescence, have denied there is an extraterrestrial presence at all and therefore nothing to disclose. This is unprecedented at such a scale. That is why one of the key tasks of the Disclosure movement is to raise public awareness of the truth of the matter. The governments have billions of dollars to maintain denial. We have thousands of dollars to increased awareness.

There is one account that makes this distinction quite well. When Laurance Rockefeller initially approached the Office of Science and Technology Policy in 1993 the OSTP wanted nothing to do with it. Had Laurance not been a friend of the Clintons, it could well have stopped right there. Laurance happened to "let it be known" he was considering placing full page ads in major newspapers across the country calling for the release of all files, amnesty for witnesses and other considerations. It would have cost millions. He was quickly told that would not be necessary and the OSTP would work with him on his initiative towards the President.

A close call for the truth embargo. How I wish Laurance had placed those ads. With that in mind, how many entertainment and sports celebrities or progressive entrepreneurs or established activist organizations could place those ads tomorrow and barely miss the money? Quoting Captain Jones, "we have only just begun to fight."

Disclosure, like suffrage, like civil rights, like Indian independence, like Apartheid's end, is inevitable. It is only a matter of how soon. And how soon is only a matter of will and determination.

Disclosure Petition IV - Chase Brandon

www.disclosurepetition.info
<http://tinyurl.com/8kh7q8j>

The petition placing the recent statements of retired CIA senior officer Chase Brandon on the White House website completed its 30-day run as of August 10. A fifth Disclosure petition will go up later this month. PRG does not expect the White House "We the People" project to last beyond the November election. It was basically a campaign ploy to engage voters, and the public has lost interest. However, it has made it possible for the extraterrestrial presence issue to reside on the White House website for the first time in history. It also generated a formal response from the White House to the basic Disclosure demand - also a first.

Disclosure Petition - Change.org

<http://tinyurl.com/7jabaop>

PRG has placed a basic Disclosure petition at Change.org, that can be signed. When you have a moment, mosey on over and toss another shrimp on the barbie and leave a comment.

World Disclosure Day

www.worlddisclosureday.org

WDD now has 5350 endorsements including 250 organizations. New efforts are needed to raise awareness of WDD and get the endorsements over 10,000. If you have not yet endorsed WDD, swing by the website and add your support.

PRG Media Archive/ Direct Media Archive

www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/newsitems2012.html
www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/direct_media_archive.htm

There are now 6310 mainstream (no ET/UFO/Paranormal media), English language articles on the UFO/ET phenomena from newspapers, magazines, television/radio websites worldwide archived on the PRG website. Over the past 24 months PRG has noted a 20% decline per year in the number of such articles being generated by mainstream media. Two possible explanations for this decline are: 1) an acceptance by the media that sightings in particular are no longer news. They happen all the time and the accounts are very similar. This is perfectly

understandable. 2) the growing number of articles being generated by "direct media." To some extent the mainstream media are electing to leave such coverage to "direct media."

PRG defines "direct media" as structured news and commentary venues where journalists and non-journalists can publish directly to the public without an editor or fact checker. Over the past 24 months the number of such articles has exploded to the point it has been difficult to maintain the PRG Direct Media Archive. Some of these venues compensate the writers; some do not. In some cases compensation is based upon page views or ad clickovers. PRG is not aware of any mainstream media venues which pay writers in that fashion, but it is possible. Obviously, such compensation raises journalistic issues. But to be fair, mainstream journalist's compensation is indirectly dependent on readership levels or television/radio ratings.

At this time the direct media venues that are publishing the most ET/UFO/Exopolitical articles in order by number are the following:

Examiner - www.examiner.com
Gather - www.gather.com
The Canadian - www.agoracosmopolitan.com
American Chronicle - ww.americanchronicle.com
OpEd News - www.opednews.com

Direct media articles must be approached with a different set of criteria. Caveat lector strongly applies and quality varies more widely. That said, this new genre helps fill the gap created by the government imposed truth embargo which has prevented standard media from appropriately covering the UFO/ET issue since the 1950's. PRG will continue to archive direct media articles, but encourages readers to recognize these distinctions.

Exopolitics World Network / United States Network
www.exopoliticsworld.net
www.exopoliticsunitedstates.net

Anyone living in one of the countries or U.S. states without a portal exopolitics website, who would like to volunteer to create and maintain a site, please contact PRG.

Upcoming Conferences
www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/conferences.html

Nottingham, UK - Aug 31-Sept 2
Copenhagen, Denmark - Sept 7
Santa Clara, CA - Sept 15-16
Philadelphia, PA - Sept 28-30 (Stephen Bassett presents)
Las Vegas, NV - Oct 5-7 Louisville, KY - Oct 10-14
Pittsburgh, PA - Oct 13-14
Minneapolis - Oct 18-21
Fort McDowell, AZ - Oct 29-Nov 4

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Re: Greer Sabotaged 'Real' Disclosure [was: Greer]

From: John Velez <jvelez49.nul>
Date: Mon, 13 Aug 2012 19:23:21 -0400
Archived: Tue, 14 Aug 2012 09:33:53 -0400
Subject: Re: Greer Sabotaged 'Real' Disclosure [was: Greer]

>From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <post.nul>
>Date: Thu, 9 Aug 2012 21:29:29 +0100
>Subject: Greer Sabotaged 'Real' Disclosure [was: Greer Probes Dead Alien]

>>From: John Velez <jvelez49.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Wed, 8 Aug 2012 18:52:08 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Greer Probes 'Dead Alien'

>>John Alexander wrote that when Greer arrived on the scene in the
>>90's attempts at disclosure/congressional hearings was already
>>well under way. Mr. Alexander informs us that several senators
>>were a part of the discussions and more were being approached
>>and brought on-board. The timing of Greer's appearance on the
>>scene with his own very noisy and public CSETI* sponsored
>>Disclosure Project (*scam; three ring circus) the senators ran
>>for the hills and all the talks fell apart.

>>The 'real' disclosure effort was completely thwarted by Greer's
>>grab for public attention. He introduced a side-show quality to the
>>proceedings that sent the more serious people involved running
>>for safety. Who wants to be associated with a clown show?

>John, I find this notion of Greer thwarting some 'real'
>disclosure effort a little hard to believe.

>Isn't Alexander's latest view that the US government holds no
>UFO secrets and that there is no 'cover-up'?

>So what would these 'real' disclosures, have disclosed?

Hi Dave,

The article I am referring to has to be more than 12 to 15 years old. Honest, I just can't recall now where I read it, could have been right here on UFO UpDates, but it was so long ago, that the source escapes me. I do recall 'what' I read however. It made a deep impression on me.

Regardless of any subsequent 'polar shifts' in, John Alexander's positions regarding UFO's, he did state clearly that several congressmen and senators were actively planning to introduce a request for Congressional hearings on the subject of UFOs. According to Alexander, (again, my apology for not being able to recall where I read this,) the stage the talks had reached with the politicians was; a discussion centering on waiving penalties for government or military witnesses who could be held in violation of their security oaths. There was a lot to lose for potential government/military witnesses several of which were already on-board to testify before congress but who were only awaiting guarantees of immunity from security oaths taken during their active service.

Alexander went on to say how, Stephen Greer's "CSETI Disclosure effort" sent all the more serious people, along with potential witnesses running for the hills. Many of them were already very timid about associating their names with anything connected to

UFOs. Greer's very public and well publicized three ring circus, blew all that was going on (behind the scenes,) clean out of the water.

That's the comments on Greer that I recall Alexander made. Again, this is all from a time when I was active in 'ufology', so it has to be 12 or more years old, at least.

Wish I had more detailed info regarding the source of the article, Dave. As I said earlier, it's just been so long...

Regards to All,

John

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From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Tue, 14 Aug 2012 13:09:19 +0100
Archived: Tue, 14 Aug 2012 09:35:10 -0400
Subject: Re: Socorro Again

Viktor dismissed the motion of the object against the wind with the remark that the direction of the wind aloft does not have to be the same as the surface wind. There is some truth in this, but not enough.

Everyone should study David Rudiak's page on the Socorro wind. Radiosonde measurements of upper winds would be ideal, but this is just about as definitive as it's going to get.

<http://www.roswellproof.com/SocorroWinds April 24 1964.html>

David shows the low pressure centre and proves the expected direction with numerous actual surface wind readings from around the sighting time. Follow the source links. Check them. The surface wind would indeed have been a fresh or strong breeze (Beaufort 5 or 6 - 'branches and small trees sway, wind whistles in telegraph wires') blowing from around the SSW.

The significant point I want to add is that low pressure winds of this type are not shallow local effects that can be very variable through shallow layers of a few meters, they are deep, controlling the windflow through thousands of meters over a huge area.

Direction changes - even reversals - can occur at high level well above the boundary layer; but the wind near the surface will be essentially the same as the wind through the whole of the boundary layer, or the friction layer, typically up to about 800 mbars even in the least-deep desert-type "warm" lows. This is a couple of km deep, or well over a mile.

Even at this height all that usually happens is that the effect of friction becomes negligible and the "inward spiral" of the gradient wind referred to by David gives way to the geostrophic wind, which is in balance between the pressure gradient and the coriolis force so it blows simply at 90 degrees to the radius of the pressure system at any point. Based on David's pressure map, at Socorro this effect rotates the wind arrow slightly clockwise, so the direction would be SW. In other words, at thousands of feet the wind direction would actually be even closer to a direction exactly opposite to the direction of the object than the surface wind.

Finally, note the remark in the BB file that Zamora's sightline to the object never rose above the angle of the mountains on the horizon. Whether or not this is strictly true (I have seen it said that it finally rose over the mountains, i.e. this is shown in Ray Stanford's book) it emphasises the low elevation of the object during a significant part of the departure flight. So the scenario where Zamora is standing in a blowy SSW wind (as he correctly reported) and some kids release a candle balloon, that rises a few meters then suddenly catches a strong NE wind that whips it away in the opposite direction, looks to me to be completely unrealistic.

Martin Shough

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Re: Nick Pope And PR Campaigns

From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
Date: Tue, 14 Aug 2012 14:32:44 +0100
Archived: Tue, 14 Aug 2012 10:30:22 -0400
Subject: Re: Nick Pope And PR Campaigns

>From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <post.nul>
>Date: Mon, 13 Aug 2012 16:19:24 +0100
>Subject: Re: Nick Pope And PR Campaigns

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Dave,

Who made you spokesperson for world UFO Research?

Roy

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Mass Cattle Mutilations In Formosa Argentina

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
Date: Tue, 14 Aug 2012 11:16:59 -0400
Archived: Tue, 14 Aug 2012 16:24:04 -0400
Subject: Mass Cattle Mutilations In Formosa Argentina

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The Journal of Hispanic Ufology

August 14, 2012

Argentina: Mass Cattle Mutilations in Formosa
By Andrea Perez Simondini

Cattlemoman Roxana Sanchez reports that nearly a dozen animals were attacked, explaining that she witnessed - along with her son - how a calf "was being eaten from the inside while still alive, missing its eyes and tongue, but still making sounds". The animal was missing its tail, testicles and reproductive organ.

<http://tinyurl.com/cwvt8dc>

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Not quite sure what your point is here Roy.

I gave an opinion - they are still permitted aren't they? - that
the alarmist Olympic UFO story was counterproductive to serious
UFO research.

Do you happen to think it benefits the general public image of
UFO research?

Will these headlines of alien invasion encourage more mainstream
scientists to get involved with our subject?

I think not - but if you disagree why not say so rather than
talk in riddles?

Dave

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>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>To: [post.nul](#)
>Date: Mon, 13 Aug 2012 14:27:07 -0600
>Subject: Re: Socorro Again

>>From: Herb Taylor<herbufo.nul>
>>To: [post.nul](#)
>>Date: Mon, 13 Aug 2012 09:03:28 -0400 (EDT)
>>Subject: Re: Socorro Again

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>Perhaps then the coy Dr. Colgate can comment on the following,
>which I think most would consider at least as much a "point of
>substance" as any of the above, excerpted from a 28 May 1964
>letter from USAF Col. Eric de Jonckheere to Hq USAF SAFOI PB,
>Washington DC:

>"_Soil_Samples_": The soil samples obtained at the sighting were
>given to Dr J Allen Hynek by Capt Holder. They were turned over
>to Captain Quintanilla who in turn submitted them to ASD for
>analysis. Laboratory analysis of the soil was completed on 19
>May 64. It included spectrographic analysis which revealed that
>there was no foreign material in the soil samples. Also, no
>chemicals were detected in the charred or burned soil which
>would indicate a type of propellant. There was no significant
>difference in elemental composition between the different
>samples."

>So in whatever sense the "nature of the charred bushes" may
>"mimic the presence of pyrotechnics" (as in, they were
>charred?), there were evidently no pyrotechnics, or associated
>combustion products, detectable at the site.

Just to expand on this point: It was noted that the mesquite bush in the middle of the marks had been "sliced in half" by whatever burned it. Separation between burned and unburned areas was abrupt, not, it was felt, like the way an ordinary fire would spread. In this sense the pattern could be said to "mimic pyrotechnics" - in the way that any directed and localised jet of hot flame(plasma)/gas/sparks - such as a chemical rocket or acetylene flame or the "flame" that Zamora saw - "mimics pyrotechnics". this is not really interesting.

The only ostensibly interesting evidence for "pyrotechnics" was Bragalia's claim that the scorched cardboard must have been from the discarded tubes of pyrotechnic devices (basically fireworks). But this is nonsense. It was just a bit of weathered old corrugated packing paper blown from the town dump, that Hynek said had been there through "many rains".

The ordinariness of the soil chemistry bears emphasising. The Air Force minerals science lab report tested multiple samples from different areas for "comparison", presumably (although this is not stated) some from within the trace site and some from without. As Mike points out, there was "no significant difference".

The actual element abundances were:

Principle element - Si;
Other main elements - Mg, Al, Fe, Na, K, Ca;
Minor or trace elements - Mn, Ti.

Some of these are used in pyrotechnic flash powders etc (as they are in thousands of applications) but they are all commonplace constituents of surface soils across the western US which are about 30% silicon with the rest (and many more of course) in these same approximate proportions.*

The only thing that seems at all noteworthy to me is the trace amount of manganese when average concentrations in the US west are quite high - about 380 ppm; but it isn't surprising because it occurs concentrated in lodes or seams of oxide ore and actual concentrations across New Mexico vary from <2 to about 7000 ppm*. In any case a very low manganese concentration is the opposite of what the "pyrotechnic" theory would predict (this is used as a retardant to delay burning rates).

And, to re-emphasise, the most important point is the "comparison" of samples from different parts of the area, finding no significant difference.

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(* Element Concentrations in Soils and Other Surficial Materials of the Conterminous United States
By Hansford T. Shacklette and Josephine G. Boerngen U.S. Geological Survey Professional Paper 1270, 1984)

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Re: Sir Bernard Lovell 31 Aug 1913 - 6 August 2012

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac.nul>
Date: Tue, 14 Aug 2012 13:16:26 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Tue, 14 Aug 2012 16:34:18 -0400
Subject: Re: Sir Bernard Lovell 31 Aug 1913 - 6 August 2012

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Sun, 12 Aug 2012 12:32:18 +0100
>Subject: Sir Bernard Lovell 31 Aug 1913 - 6 August 2012

>It is with genuine sadness that I discovered that Sir Bernard
>died last week.

>From my research at the archive and from my correspondence with

<snip>

>Sir Bernard, I know that he was always accessible by not only
>fellow scientists and politicians, but also by ordinary people
>like myself. He always replied patiently to correspondence when
>it was required, no matter how ridiculous some of that
>correspondence might have seemed. His hard work led to advances
>in space exploration and our understanding of the universe.

>His personal view was that there may well be life elsewhere in
>the universe, but that it was not visiting our planet.

>There is a detailed obituary in the Guardian which can be found at:
><http://www.guardian.co.uk/science/2012/aug/07/sir-bernard-lovell>

Dr. Lovell may have believed that there could be life elsewhere
but he was not friend of UFO/AFC (Alien Flying Craft)
sightings.

During the daytime following the (formerly) famous New Zealand
sighting(s) that occurred between 1 and 3 AM, Dec. 31, 1978, the
Australian TV station that owned the color movie film publicized
it worldwide as the first genuine film of UFOs. The skeptical
reaction was immediate.

There were many science pundits throughout the world who offered
explanations based on the news stories

One of these authorities was Sir Bernard Lovell. According to
the report of his comments he was dismayed that the witnesses
immediately jumped to the conclusion that they had seen alien
craft. Instead, he claimed that the sighting(s) could be
explained and he offered his own explanation:

"unburned meteorites".

This explanation made no sense in the context of a sighting that
lasted many minutes and involved some brightly lighted object.
"Unburned meteorites" would not be glowing and creating light.
(Meteorite is the term used for an "unburned" meteor that
reaches the earth).

Lovell's explanation was widely publicized along with other
explanations (Venus, Jupiter, drug runners, squid boats, light
reflected from the breasts of a flock of mating mutton birds and
light reflected from cabbages(!)).

Subsequent investigation ruled out all of these explanations and
the sighting(s) remains unexplained. For further info see:

www.brumac.8k.com and scroll down to NEW ZEALAND SIGHTINGS and download the WORD file. For further details see:

<http://tinyurl.com/8t76sz9>

http://www.brumac.8k.com/NEW_ZEALAND/NZSB.html

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Farewell, Kathy!

I never have met you in person, I followed your posts and information you provided always with interest.

At the end, it doesn't matter if we always were d'accord. You and me and we all were lead by the same quest for the truth!

Bye!

Joachim Koch

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>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
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I'm not in any way saying everything fits but entertaining what I know is conceivably possible having done considerable ground investigation work. And, it just so happens some in that same area.

The statements I already provided on other points don't have to be repeated.

Regards,

Viktor

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Date: Tue, 14 Aug 2012 11:38:37 -0700 (PDT)
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Subject: Re: Kathy Kasten Passes

>From: Rich Heiden <rwheidenu.nul>
>To: [post.nul](#)
>Date: Mon, 13 Aug 2012 10:08:02 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: Kathy Kasten Passes

>>From: Robert Morningstar <robert_morningstar.nul>
>>To: <[post.nul](#)>
>>Date: Thu, 9 Aug 2012 14:51:30 -0700 (PDT)
>>Subject: Kathy Kasten Passes

>>I regret to inform you of the death of Kathy Kasten, a long-time
>>researcher of UFOs.

>>Kathy Kasten, aged 72, passed away in in a Phoenix hospital on
>>Tuesday, August 7th. Kathy died of cardiac arrest in the
>>hospital, after complaining of shallow breathing and collapsing
>>at home, as she and her life long friend, Dr. Joyce Hansen,
>>waited for an ambulance.

>>Dr. Hansen called me to inform me of Kathy's death, and asked me
>>to inform those who knew her on this List of her passing.

>>Knowing Kathy well (as a friend/antagonist and adversary) since
>>1997, I am sure that she would be pleased to hear me say, in
>>memory...

>>I shall always remember KK...

>>She will missed...
>>and, on the other hand,
>>She will not be missed.
>>But she will be remembered.

>I am among the Listers who are saddened by the recent death of
>Kathy Kasten. I knew her in the 1980's when she lived in
>Milwaukee, on one occasion spending an evening in her home, just
>the two of us talking, late into the night. (She said she was a
>distant relative of Bob Kasten, U.S. Senator from Wisconsin,
>1981-1993.)

>I saw Kathy's name a couple of times in Jim Moseley's Saucer
>Smear, and knew she had moved out West, but never reconnected
>with her until recently, thanks to her e-mail address in one of
>her UFO UpDates posts. Other Listers might be interested in
>our brief exchange, as it includes a paranormal incident in
>Kathy's past.

>-----

>Date: Tue, 19 Jun 2012 11:01:59 -0700
>From: r**.nul
>Subject: phone calls from the dead
>To: [catraja.nul](#)

>Kathy,

>I hope you are well.

>I see you often on Errol Bruce-Knapp's UFO UpDates, and am

>reminded of when I knew you in Milwaukee. On one occasion you
>told me about a call [apparently] from your just-deceased
>grandmother, though unfortunately you weren't in the office to
>take it.

>Maybe you get Fortean Times and already saw it, but the current
>issue (#289, July 2012, which I got just yesterday), pp. 18-19,
>is about phone calls from the dead. Mostly citing a new book,
>but adding a call in which Dennis Barden's mother called him by
>his toddler-hood name. The magazine is sold in Barnes & Noble
>and elsewhere.

>Rich

>---

>RE: phone calls from the dead
>Tuesday, June 19, 2012 6:46 PM
>From: "KATHY KASTEN" <catraja.nul>
>To: r***.nul

>Rich:

>Of course I remember you. And, I remember receiving a phone call
>at work - Veteran's Administration in Jackson, MS - from someone
>calling me by a name only my grandmother used for me. When I got
>home from work and called family in Milwaukee, I was told that
>my grandmother was dead and the time she died. Because of the
>time of death, there was no way my grandmother made a phone call
>in the physical. She had always accepted that humans were more
>than their physical bodies.

>There was a guest on Coast to Coast talking about his book which
>discussed his research into the "phone calls from the dead."

>The phone call from my grandmother would fall into the category
>of "witnessed" communication.

>KK

>-----

<snip>

Hello, Rich...

Thank you for your message. This explains why KK asked me to
work with her in researching EVP (Electronic Voice Phenomena).

I am sure that she is now on the other side trying to figure out
how to make phone calls like her Grandmother did.

KK was seriously interested in the possible development of EVP
to communicate across the boundary between life and death. With
both of us having had many "ghost experiences and visitations
from the "dearly departed", there is/was no doubt in our minds
as to the existence of the "after life", and the idea of
communication with the other side is not beyond reason.

I think one of the most brilliant ideas that I've ever read in
UFO research is that of Whitley Strieber, who - in his first ET
novel, Communion - posited the idea of the existence of "a
technology on the other side of death" that makes it possible
for ETs (and ghosts) to cross an interdimensional boundary, but
only for limited periods of time. Personally, I believe that
such a "technology" - based on "supercold" - exists, and makes
"apparitions" (ghost images or ETs) possible.

I theorize, from my personal experiences, that what we used to
call "ectoplasm", may in fact be a manifestation of the Bose-
Einstein Condensate, produced by Supercold Technology from "the
other side".

Robert Morningstar
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>>Perhaps then the coy Dr. Colgate can comment on the following,
>>which I think most would consider at least as much a "point of
>>substance" as any of the above, excerpted from a 28 May 1964
>>letter from USAF Col. Eric de Jonckheere to Hq USAF SAFOI PB,
>>Washington DC:

>>"_Soil_Samples_": The soil samples obtained at the sighting were
>>given to Dr J Allen Hynes by Capt Holder. They were turned over
>>to Captain Quintanilla who in turn submitted them to ASD for
>>analysis. Laboratory analysis of the soil was completed on 19
>>May 64. It included spectrographic analysis which revealed that
>>there was no foreign material in the soil samples. Also, no
>>chemicals were detected in the charred or burned soil which
>>would indicate a type of propellant. There was no significant
>>difference in elemental composition between the different
>>samples."

>>So in whatever sense the "nature of the charred bushes" may
>>"mimic the presence of pyrotechnics" (as in, they were
>>charred?), there were evidently no pyrotechnics, or associated
>>combustion products, detectable at the site.

>>Just to expand on this point: It was noted that the mesquite
>>bush in the middle of the marks had been "sliced in half" by
>>whatever burned it. Separation between burned and unburned areas
>>was abrupt, not, it was felt, like the way an ordinary fire
>>would spread. In this sense the pattern could be said to "mimic
>>pyrotechnics" - in the way that any directed and localised jet
>>of hot flame(plasma)/gas/sparks - such as a chemical rocket or
>>acetylene flame or the "flame" that Zamora saw - "mimics
>>pyrotechnics". this is not really interesting.

<snip>

>>And, to re-emphasise, the most important point is the
>>"comparison" of samples from different parts of the area,
>>finding no significant difference.

To add to this, normal accelerants like gasoline, kerosene,
acetylene, or butane would have left hydrocarbon traces behind,
which apparently were not found. About the only other burning
agent that immediately comes to mind that would have left no

trace behind might be hydrogen (would burn off as water vapor). So hoaxers would have had to create some sort of hydrogen torch, which is now getting pretty darn elaborate, since the sole purpose of doing something like that instead of using widely available pyrotechnics or chemical accelerants would be to fool chemical testing. Wasn't the point supposed to be to scare the wits out of Zamora and get back at a hated cop? Why concern yourself over any elaborate chemical test that someone might do afterward? That was way beyond the capability or knowledge of Zamora or the Socorro police department.

A similar argument applies to possible radiation at the site immediately after the incident. Under-sheriff James Luckie was one of the first responders and started taking photos within about 10 minutes of departure of the object. According to Luckie, the Air Force asked him to hand over the photos, promising to return them. But they never did. Ray Stanford asked Hynek about this and Hynek told Stanford that he was told that the photos were not returned because the film was fogged by radiation.

We don't have this documented in writing, like the AF chemical analysis. But assuming this was true, it would mean hoaxers would have had to salt the area with a radioactive substance. But it couldn't be just any radioisotope, since we know that photos taken the following morning were not fogged. So if something was radioactive, it had a short half-life, such that it decayed below detection levels by the following morning, or in only 14 or 15 hours. E.g., if something had a half-life of 2 hours, it would have decayed away to less than 1% of its original radiation level within 15 hours. And if the half-life was much less than this, say minutes, it would be almost totally gone within 1/2 to 1 hour.

The key point here is that the radioisotope used is not something you would find lying around on a shelf somewhere. It would have to be "cooked up" immediately before the hoax in a particle accelerator or nuclear reactor and then rushed out to the site before it decayed away. That is why there are very few centers that can do positron emission tomography (PET) scans. They need a cyclotron on-site to create the radioisotope then quickly inject it into the subject before it can decay away.

So again, this is getting pretty darn elaborate and unnecessary to just "get even" with Zamora. It would have to be targeted for investigators afterward, who given the lateness of the day and lack of scientific sophistication of the local police department, would be unlikely to do any sort of radiation testing. What foresight these hoaxers had to know the photos would be taken that would fog the film and give away the presence of radiation. But again, this all depends on what Hynek was told by the AF, so second-hand at best.

However, according to Dr. James McDonald (as reported by Anne Druffel in her biography of McDonald), a doctoral student in radiation biology from the Univ. of N.M. (incorrectly given as being from the Univ. of Arizona) named Mary G. Mayes was brought in the next day "to analyze plant material from the Socorro site. Afterward, she was to turn in all records and samples, and heard no more about it." Mayes' speciality (radiation biology) says it all. They were already obviously considering the possibility of ionizing radiation at the site and brought in a specialist.

Mayes also recalled them finding a triangular patch of sand fused into glass, about 25-30 inches wide, 1/4 inch thick, and tapering down to about 2 inches. Again assuming Mayes' anecdote is true, again this is not easy to do if hoaxed, requiring melting sand in an oven, then transporting out to the site and planting it. Again this would have to be to fool sophisticated investigators afterward, not scare and get even with Zamora.

So for a "hoax" just to "get" Zamora, this was all a bit over the top.

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Exactly. What one would expect about the contribution of the
mountains to air flow is cooler, denser air flowing DOWN from
the mountains rushing in to replace warmer, less dense air from
the lowlands.

But since the mountains were to the WEST, that mountain air
would be flowing in from the WEST and contributing a westerly
component to the wind, in addition to the westerly component
already present in the low pressure storm system pushing through
New Mexico at the time.

But this is the exact opposite of what you need for the winds to
blow a "balloon" towards the mountains, which was the direction
of departure reported by Zamora. So your own argument works
against you.

You can also look at other locations to see if the nearby
mountains had any obvious effect on the wind pattern. E.g.,
Alamogordo has very close and prominent mountains to the EAST,
and the same for Albuquerque (to the east and north). We would
expect these to generate an easterly component as the cooler
mountain air flowed down into the lowlands to the west. But this
is NOT evident from the recorded wind directions. Again, what we
see is the local winds being totally dominated by the large-
scale circulation of the low pressure system. Again, my multi-
state wind map, April 24, 1964:

<http://www.roswellproof.com/SocorroWinds April 24 1964.html>

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This was a strong low pressure system (a late winter storm) that was kicking up strong winds, so regardless of the mountain air flow, this was going to dominate. This is what my "regional map" (actually four state) map shows, including 10 weather stations in New Mexico (throwing in El Paso which is just across the border). EVERY weather station in the N.M./Socorro region unambiguously shows winds varying from south to west, with NONE having any sort of easterly component.

The local winds are clearly dominated by where in the counter-clockwise part of the low pressure rotation pattern you are. Thus down in the 6:00 o'clock region of the circulation pattern (Phoenix, Tucson, El Paso, Alamogordo), there is a strong western component, but further north and east in the 3:00 o'clock region (Albuquerque, Las Vegas), there is a strong southern component. Socorro is sort of in between around 4:30.

You'll also notice that I bracketed the sighting time (~5:50 p.m.) at each station by using HOURLY surface winds recorded between 5:00 and 7:00 and my map shows the range of recorded surface winds. Thus with 10 N.M.-area stations, we are really looking at 30 recorded wind values, not 10, yet NONE show any sort of wind component out of the east. (In some cases--Roswell, Cliff--there is only one wind direction shown because there was no noticeable variation in wind direction over a two hour period.)

(In addition we have Zamora's testimony that he observed winds from the SSW or SW judging by the direction the dust kicked up by his car blew. Hynek wrote about repeatedly quizzing not just Zamora but others about wind direction. From the south, wrote Hynek. Also wrote from SW elsewhere. So that untrustworthy eyewitness reports about wind direction was totally corroborated by the historical wind records.)

But I guess we are supposed to just ignore all this. Unspecified local conditions in Socorro somehow violated this overwhelming, unambiguous pattern of winds, just so we can accommodate a hoax balloon hypothesis.

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What we would expect from wind generated by mountain air flow near Socorro would be maybe to add a little more westerly wind, not easterly. As for the averages, average wind speed and direction is determined by 24 measurements over a two minute period. Again, we have 30 average measures at 10 stations over 2 hours that do NOT support the notion of any wind out of the east.

This leaves the incredibly unlikely possibility that somehow the wind practically reversed direction only in the Socorro area, overcoming a large multi-state low pressure circulation pattern. Please tell us where this incredible source of easterly winds was supposed to come from Socorro if the mountains were actually to the west?

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More doubletalk and irrelevancy. No doubt the "strong radio personality" totally intimidated Zamora, whom Hynek instead described as a no-nonsense, gruff cop. Let's see, what part of Zamora's story got changed under this "considerable public pressure"? The only one that is relevant here is the direction of departure of the object to the WSW, which was clearly against a stiff wind, despite all of Viktor's blather about unknown

local conditions. Why would Zamora change that part of the story under this supposed harsh interrogation by this intimidating "radio personality"?

>That is what some of the locals will tell you if
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>interview him!

Well, actually he was first interviewed by fellow police officers, the FBI agent, and the local A.F. officer from White Sands. If he crumbled under all that supposed public pressure while interviewed on the radio about where the object flew off to, you would think the contradiction would have been noted somewhere.

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Well so far all I see is that nothing fits. Just a lot of handwaving conjecture and nothing of any substance anywhere.

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Correction, that was Ted Jordan who took the pictures confiscated by the Air Force. You can hear Jordan describing how he was told that the film was ruined by radiation on this old Unsolved Mysteries episode on Youtube (see about 7:30' into video):

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xOFA6lVeTSk&feature=related>

There is also interesting testimony from Zamora himself, first responder Sam Chavez (no evidence of hoax, such as human footprints), Col. Richard T. Holder of White Sands Missile Range (not a hoax), and gas station operator Opal Grinder's son about the unidentified family of tourists that stopped at their gas station and told about seeing the egg-shaped object fly right over their car and the policeman chasing after it.

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Not enough to do what? Prove to a level $p = 1.0$ that a wind-born object is physically impossible? Of course! But as you keep telling us, you "don't deal in absolutes" you deal in probability. Consider therefore the probability, with due regard to quantities, instead of leaping in with facile assertions that a candle-balloon flying against the strong surface wind direction is "completely plausible".

What you should have said is that this behaviour may not necessarily be physically impossible, and in light of the actual weather situation you should concede that this is another way of saying that it is improbable. But I don't expect this. You talk a good objective game (if obscurely) but your language betrays your true underlying expectation :- "I'm somewhat paused in going completely forward until the pranksters come forward to fill in more of the details. But, it's conceivable they can be tracked down rather quickly"

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>behave.

Yes it is important. So please do convey it, in detail. Explain exactly, if you would, how drainage winds and/or turbulent flow in the lee of mountains in the order of 10 miles away cause an abrupt ~180-degree, tens-of-knots wind shear at a height of a few meters above the ground near Socorro in conditions where the local surface wind field measured at surrounding sites is fresh to strong and steady in direction throughout the day.

BTW, David Rudiak pointed out that the wind field fits a synoptic scale low pressure system centred over the NM/Colorado border and dominating weather in the area. A couple of points:

This type of weather would not be unexpected in terms of the general weather pattern of the month, which according to the Monthly Weather Review was unusually stormy ("THE WEATHER AND CIRCULATION OF APRIL 1964, Stormy Month in the Midwest, 1. SEVERE WEATHER IN APRIL 1964 Frequent storms swept through the West this month and intensified in the Plains States...").

I checked the Daily Weather Maps for April 24 and 25 1964 and David is almost exactly correct. There was indeed a large low pressure area dominating New Mexico, but the centre was further north than the border, moving east across central Colorado. This does not in the least alter the fact that the wind in central NM was dominated by this system. An associated weather front passed across the state between midnight local (0100EST) on Apr 23/24 and midnight on 24/25, rotating west to east and following the low pressure circulation.

>Also, these stations can report average values over a
>given interval of time.

You don't like the "level of detail" in the actual hourly wind measurements, you prefer the generalisation that "these stations can" report averages. Viktor, they don't. Some specifics:
Hourly observations at Albuquerque to the north and Truth & Consequences to the south show the wind steady and fresh to strong from the SW throughout the whole day.

In these situations we never have the ideal "level of detail", which would be a bunch of radiosondes within meters of the sighting area plotting the windfield in 3D up to the stratosphere. What we have is a scatter of data and our brains to reason with - just like the way you have proceeded in the 1965 Heflin case to determine from surrounding surface stations that the likely winds up to a few hundred feet over Myford Rd were probably blowing counter to the implied drift direction of Heflin's smoke ring.

In that case it is possible to argue, given evidence of light and variable winds that morning, that the breeze in the immediate sighting area temporarily bucked the NW trend indicated by the few and scattered data points, rescuing Heflin's photo. It isn't physically impossible. But you would not argue that. You would (and do) argue that the probability of a NW flow is strongly suggested by the trend of the wind plots.

The question you should be asking, in balance with your reservations about the level of wind detail in Socorro, is about the level of detail in Bragalia's candle-balloon hypothesis which you find oh so completely plausible. Beyond a few words of hearsay marginalia scribbled on a letter by a third party, what detailed evidence does he have? Cardboard from pyrotechnic devices? No. ? Suspicious foreign chemicals in the soil? No. Tyre tracks and footprints of hoaxers leading in and out of the site? No. Any other evidence? No. Any hoax claimants, even, delighted with having gulled their supposed victim? No. Speculation? Oh yes.

>let's not forget that Lonnie was interviewed not too long after
>the incident (maybe 1 to 2 hrs) on the local radio and was under
>considerable public pressure to maintain what he was then
>compelled to possibly say under the influence of a strong radio
>personality.

To the extent that this is comprehensible, I guess you must be saying that Zamora was persuaded by a radio presenter to fib about the direction of departure of the object? But i admit that this is unclear to me. Some analysis of specific documentary evidence and a plausible motivation might help us to understand you.

>That is what some of the locals will tell you if
>you interview them.

Will they indeed? That is interesting. I'm sure it would not be completely futile to poll local Socorro residents in 2012 as to their speculations re Zamora's psychology during a 1964 radio interview - but almost. I suppose what you mean is that there are people in Socorro in 2012 who believe that Zamora was hoaxed, some people who, if asked to tick "yes or no" when asked if Zamora might have been intimidated by a radio presenter in 1964, would tick "yes"? Well, golly, that's a forceful scientific datum, Vik.

>Hynek and others were not the first to interview him!

Hynek and the others were the first to interview the people you are telling us to interview now, 50 years later, but you appear to have no interest in what they told Hynek and the others then.

Re: Socorro Again

Hynek and the others also gave a lot of direct testimony about Zamora's character and it was not that of a weak-willed and easily pressured person. I think you should read the case file.

Martin

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Seeing Sprites

From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
Date: Wed, 15 Aug 2012 05:17:13 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Wed, 15 Aug 2012 17:59:47 -0400
Subject: Seeing Sprites

Seeing Sprites: Researchers Catch Glimpses of Electromagnetic
Bursts High in Earth's Atmosphere

<http://tinyurl.com/9xweabt>

ScienceDaily (Aug. 14, 2012) -- High above the clouds during thunderstorms, some 50 miles above Earth a different kind of lightning dances. Bursts of red and blue light, known as "sprites", flash for a scant one thousandth of a second. They are often only visible to those in flight above a storm, and happen so quickly you might not even see it unless you chance to be looking directly at it. One hard-to-reach place that gets a good view of sprites is the International Space Station. On April 30, 2012, astronauts on the ISS captured the signature red flash of a sprite, offering the world and researchers a rare opportunity to observe one.

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More Colorado Mutes

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
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Archived: Wed, 15 Aug 2012 18:03:44 -0400
Subject: More Colorado Mutes

Source: News.Discovery.Com

<http://tinyurl.com/9ndz68s>

Wed Aug 8, 2012

Who (or What) Is Mutilating Cattle In Colorado?
by Benjamin Radford

Ranchers in Colorado are on edge following the latest of a series of bizarre attacks on horses and livestock.

According to an article in the Denver Post:

In recent weeks, a horse was shot and had its head skinned at the LeValley Ranch property, which is part of the Esty Ranch holdings about eight miles east of Gunnison. The horse also had its tongue and anus removed. Less than two months ago, a prize heifer in the same heavily traveled area just off of Colorado 50 and Colorado 114 had its tongues, lips and anus removed. "To me it looks like a ritualistic issue. Either that, or they are high on drugs. There is just no logical explanation for it," said Esty Ranch owner Mike Clarke.

The foreman on the ranch stated that though they assumed the animals had been shot, no bullets had been found in the wounds, which made it all the more mysterious. This led the ranchers to suspect that the animals had also been stabbed by unknown assailants.

[More at site... thanks to Diana Cammack for the lead]

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From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
Date: Wed, 15 Aug 2012 13:38:15 +0100
Archived: Wed, 15 Aug 2012 18:06:49 -0400
Subject: Re: Nick Pope And PR Campaigns

>From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 14 Aug 2012 17:19:22 +0100
>Subject: Re: Nick Pope And PR Campaigns

>I gave an opinion - they are still permitted aren't they? - that
>the alarmist Olympic UFO story was counterproductive to serious
>UFO research.

>Do you happen to think it benefits the general public image of
>UFO research?

>Will these headlines of alien invasion encourage more mainstream
>scientists to get involved with our subject?

>I think not - but if you disagree why not say so rather than
>talk in riddles?

Dave,

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And after all... Whose truth are we after here regarding Aliens?

Roy

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Greer's 'Dead Alien' Photo

From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
Date: Wed, 15 Aug 2012 18:31:36 +0100
Archived: Wed, 15 Aug 2012 18:10:21 -0400
Subject: Greer's 'Dead Alien' Photo

>From: Dave Haith visions1.nul
>To: UFO UpDates post.nul
>Date: Fri, 3 Aug 2012 17:41:10 +0100
>Subject: Greer Probes 'Dead Alien'

>I know that Dr. Steven Greer is not considered the most popular
>or even credible UFO researcher among Listers here.

>But his new bold claim that he's examined an alien corpse and
>says he's to employ a top DNA laboratory to dissect it, must be
>worth a mention.

<snip>

>He says the EBE (Extra Biological Entity) is "in the possession
>of a cooperative institute desiring further scientific
>evaluation of the possible ET. We cannot reveal at this time the
>location of this being or the name of the person or persons who
>possess it."

>He adds: "It is indeed an actual deceased body, and most
>certainly is not plastic or man-made. It has a head, 2 arms and
>2 legs and is humanoid . We have seen and examined X-Rays of the
>being. Its anatomy however is not homo sapien (modern human) or
>any known hominid (predecessors to humans)."

Hold onto your hats people!

Here's the first photo of the dead alien - and a sound/video of
Greer expounding on the miniscule creature.

<http://tinyurl.com/c62otxx>

Dave Haith

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Extraterrestrial Life In Brazilian Culture

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Thu, 16 Aug 2012 06:32:05 -0400
Archived: Thu, 16 Aug 2012 06:32:05 -0400
Subject: Extraterrestrial Life In Brazilian Culture

Source: TVBlogs.Nationalgeographic.Com

<http://tinyurl.com/9g2odnz>

August 9, 2012

[View of a flying-saucer-styled watertower in the town of Varginha, Brazil]

Extraterrestrial Life In Brazilian Culture
by Ben McGee

To me, one of the most fascinating aspects of working on this project was the opportunity to see not only how American culture has adopted and expressed the concept of "ET," but also seeing how international cultures have done so. In this light, Brazil was amongst the most intriguing places I've ever been.

In America, beginning in the late 1940s and through the '50s, the idea of the alien "flying saucer" took hold in the public mind and exploded in pop culture. It became the term of choice for witnesses describing sightings of unknown lights, and it took the science-fiction scene by storm (see: The Day the Earth Stood Still). Consequently, much of the what Americans claim is evidence of extraterrestrial intelligence comes in the form of lights and objects in the sky.

Not so in Brazil.

For Brazilian culture, there is a longstanding history not with objects in the sky, but unbelievably, with extraterrestrials walking on the ground. Consequently, it comes as less of a surprise to find modern Brazilian stories of alien spacecraft crashes, such as the Varginha crash featured in this episode, involving survivors physically escaping into the jungle.

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Re: Nick Pope and PR Campaigns

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Thu, 16 Aug 2012 18:57:20 +0200 (CEST)
Archived: Thu, 16 Aug 2012 16:19:41 -0400
Subject: Re: Nick Pope and PR Campaigns

>From: Kentaro Mori <kentaro.mori.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Mon, 13 Aug 2012 07:56:24 -0300
>Subject: Re: Pope On Aliens At The Olympics

>Nick, why didn't you simply clarify, at the time on this List,
>that you were being paid for this PR campaign upon reading this
>news clipping with your name on the subject? Or even the follow-
>up comments - wondering why you were making these claims - which
>were taken very seriously. They were not outlandish compared to
>other claims of yours and news items on UFOs published in
>British tabloids?

I'm frequently quoted in the mainstream media on a wide range of subjects. I don't see all the features, let alone have time to correct views expressed in the blogosphere from people who have misinterpreted or misrepresented my comments. That said, all the newspaper, magazine and radio features in relation to the Resistance: Burning Skies campaign contained a product plug (it would be a pretty ineffective PR campaign if they didn't) and the Daily Mail article was even illustrated with a graphic from the game!

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Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Thu, 16 Aug 2012 19:22:04 +0200 (CEST)
Archived: Thu, 16 Aug 2012 16:21:16 -0400
Subject: Re: Nick Pope And PR Campaigns

>From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Wed, 15 Aug 2012 13:38:15 +0100
>Subject: Re: Nick Pope And PR Campaigns

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You may be right, Roy.

However, the negative feedback here seems to fall into three
distinct categories:

Distrust and/or hatred from ufologists/conspiracy theorists who
think I'm still working for the British Government.

Embarrassment and consequent resentment from those people who
couldn't tell the difference between a news story and a
marketing campaign.

Jealousy of my high media profile.

Best wishes,

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

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It Still Doesn't Add Up - Cox

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Fri, 17 Aug 2012 06:24:43 -0400
Archived: Fri, 17 Aug 2012 06:24:43 -0400
Subject: It Still Doesn't Add Up - Cox

Source: Billy Cox's Blog De Void

<http://tinyurl.com/9dculc8>

Thursday, August 16, 2012

It Still Doesn't Add Up
by Billy Cox

Nearly two months after announcing on "Coast To Coast AM" radio that he'd seen proof of the Roswell UFO crash/recovery languishing in the CIA's historical archives, retired prominent agent Chase Brandon continues to promote the story. He was at it again early Monday morning (EDT) on Don Ecker's Dark Matters podcast.

In this latest update, we learn that Brandon has not been contacted or personally reprimanded by his former employer, despite the CIA having issued an official rebuke in July ("Our historians have found nothing in the Agency's holdings to corroborate Mr. Brandon's specific claims"). Brandon actually defended the Agency he so clearly loves by saying its position is entirely plausible. The last time he visited what had once been the CIA's Historical Intelligence Collection, the facility had been completely overhauled since 1998-99, when he discovered the cardboard box marked "Roswell." All those dusty antiquities and artifacts had been relocated to make room for 21st-century upgrades and digitization.

"I have no idea where it went," said Brandon, who added the entire inventory back then was declassified to anyone who worked for the Agency. "Unless somebody knew where it went, I don't see how anybody could check what was in there."

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A 1935 Spanish UFO Case?

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
Date: Thu, 16 Aug 2012 17:00:43 -0400
Archived: Fri, 17 Aug 2012 06:30:24 -0400
Subject: A 1935 Spanish UFO Case?

INEXPLICATA
The Journal of Hispanic Ufology

August 16, 2012

Spain: A UFO Case From 1935?

<http://tinyurl.com/99a17xh>

Source: Andalucia Misteriosa (Angel Carretero)

Date: 08.15.2012

<snip>

Details of the event as they appear in "La Punta del Iceberg"
(Pg. 58)

Sighting Of A Round Luminous Object And Humanoid Around 19:30
Hrs. On 5 April 1935 In Aznalcazar, (Seville)

Around 19:30 hours on 5 April 1935, Mr. Mora, a farmer was
working at the Haza-Ancha farm within the municipal borders of
Aznalcazar (Seville) when he saw a large, shining, round object
that descended some 450 meters away.

The object remained right over the ground, and some strange
diminutive beings appeared to move around it.

The witness believed it was something "supernatural". A vision
with which God had chosen to reward him, and it remained his
main subject of conversation until his death.

<snip>

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Thank you for your reply, but I was referring to this List. You seem to reply to all mentions of your name on this List, especially when they are the subject of the messages, which is only natural. There were several messages with your name on the subject, on this List, regarding this subject. You only clarified their questions in the past few days. I asked why.

<snip>

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And I think this is the reply that answers my question. You were paid not to disclose and clarify to the public, even if they asked you directly for clarification on the subject, even if your claims were discussed on a serious discussion List such as UfoUpdates. You read them but couldn't comment on them, couldn't clarify doubts of your own name and claims, because you were being paid for it.

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Those fooled believed you were reporting an imminent alien invasion. You were aware of them being deceived, you received direct inquiries regarding your claims, and yet you let them be deceived. Because you were making money.

And you blame those deceived for being naive. I disagree. You took part in deceiving the public. You made money by deceiving the public. All for a video game!

Kentaro

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Date: Thu, 16 Aug 2012 20:12:33 -0400
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Subject: Re: Nick Pope And PR Campaigns

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>Jealousy of my high media profile.

So you do understand that some people may be embarrassed when
played for suckers. I guess that's the one that applies to me.

That you were a British government employee with some experience
in monitoring UFO sightings actually enhanced your credibility
as far as I was concerned, as did your media profile.

My views on the Daily Mail article were expressed in an earlier
post.

<http://www.ufoupdateslist.com/2012/jun/m10-001.shtml>

I felt your comments were wholly consistent with a recent
National Geographic documentary on how the world would defend
itself against an alien invasion. As far as I could tell, the
documentary treated the subject seriously and it was not a video
game promo. Your comments could have come right from the
documentary's script. If that documentary was serious, then why
wouldn't your comments be? In this context, there was no need to
look for clues to try to understand what you were doing. Like
National Geographic, you were obviously just another fear
monger.

It is now quite clear that you do not care to separate fact from
fiction in your public pronouncements. From now on, what you say
will be of no interest to me. If enough others agree, your
vaunted "high media profile" with respect to UFO sightings will

wither and die. It would be ironic if your future income depended on that reputation. That government pension is a pittance, isn't it?

I wish you well.

William

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From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Fri, 17 Aug 2012 08:02:28 +0100
Archived: Fri, 17 Aug 2012 08:12:13 -0400
Subject: Re: Nick Pope And PR Campaigns

>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Thu, 16 Aug 2012 19:22:04 +0200 (CEST)
>Subject: Re: Nick Pope And PR Campaigns

<snip>

>You may be right, Roy.

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>distinct categories:

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>think I'm still working for the British Government.

Not me - I think the MoD found you to be a liability and they
are quite happy for you encumber ufology under your own steam.

>Embarrassment and consequent resentment from those people who
>couldn't tell the difference between a news story and a
>marketing campaign.

Not me, I regard anything with your fingerprints on it as tainted.

>Jealousy of my high media profile.

Not me, I think spending an entire day filming in order to
appear in the finished product for only 15 minutes or so is a
waste of time and I think it is perversely narcissistic to want
to make a career of doing so.

My post falls into a fourth category which you would rather
ignore. I dislike people who misrepresent themselves,
misrepresent their own work and that of others, and set out to
mislead gullible people. I was brought up to regard such
behaviour as dishonest and an abuse of trust. Others seem not to
mind.

As I said before, ufology gets what it deserves.

Regards,

Joe

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From: Dave Haith <visionsl.nul>
Date: Fri, 17 Aug 2012 08:20:45 +0100
Archived: Fri, 17 Aug 2012 08:13:52 -0400
Subject: Re: Nick Pope And PR Campaigns

>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Thu, 16 Aug 2012 18:57:20 +0200 (CEST)
>Subject: Re: Nick Pope And PR Campaigns

>>From: Kentaro Mori <kentaro.mori.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Mon, 13 Aug 2012 07:56:24 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Pope On Aliens At The Olympics

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>reporting an imminent alien invasion. Amusingly, all the critics
>claim that they weren't fooled themselves, but say they're
>getting upset on behalf of those people who were!

Hmmm. A non-issue and amusing.....

At least Nick we all now know how you disregard the views of
"some people" and their concern about your 'impartiality'.

We also can see how much respect you give to the opinions of
people like Richard Dolan and Colin Andrews who do consider this
matter a serious issue.

Dave Haith

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From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
Date: Fri, 17 Aug 2012 08:37:55 +0100
Archived: Fri, 17 Aug 2012 08:15:57 -0400
Subject: Re: Nick Pope And PR Campaigns

>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Thu, 16 Aug 2012 19:22:04 +0200 (CEST)
>Subject: Re: Nick Pope And PR Campaigns

>>From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 15 Aug 2012 13:38:15 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Nick Pope And PR Campaigns

>>To be honest and after reading the whole thread, it seems Nick
>>may have handed those who don't quite like him or his work a
>>golden opportunity to have a dig at him. I am feeling the actual
>>UFO question has become a side issue to the verbatim angst
>>expressed against Nick.

<snip>

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Nick, I salute your ability to define motivation of public
criticism.

So which of these three categories do I fit into?

Dave Haith

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Ghost Rocket Project

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Fri, 17 Aug 2012 12:52:54 +0100
Archived: Fri, 17 Aug 2012 08:17:13 -0400
Subject: Ghost Rocket Project

The Expedition

In 2012 the head of UFO-Sweden Clas Svahn will lead an expedition to investigate one of the latest ghost rockets sightings. The case, based on a previous classified report, will be their biggest expedition yet and will take them to a lake located deep in the forests of northern Sweden.

Coming along with Clas is a professional diving team, the two original witnesses, a support team and a chef. And of course a whole lot of equipment including inflatable boats, diving tanks, underwater cameras, a sonar scanner and metal detectors, adding up to over a ton of equipment. Set within a beautiful landscape, this team of people have come together for the first time with a common goal. To find an object that may very well hold the key to unlocking one of the worlds biggest UFO-mysteries.

More at:

<http://www.ghostrockets.se/documentary/expedition/>

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Re: Nick Pope And PR Campaigns

From: **Gerald O'Connell** <goc.nul>
Date: Fri, 17 Aug 2012 13:32:28 +0100
Archived: Sat, 18 Aug 2012 06:26:37 -0400
Subject: Re: Nick Pope And PR Campaigns

With reference to the ongoing 'discussion' of ufological ethics between Pope and McGonagle, I can't help being reminded of Jorge Borges's wonderful encapsulation of the Falklands war: 'Two bald men fighting over a comb...'

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

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From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Fri, 17 Aug 2012 10:56:29 -0300
Archived: Sat, 18 Aug 2012 06:32:04 -0400
Subject: Re: Nick Pope And PR Campaigns

>From: Kentaro Mori <kentaro.mori.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Thu, 16 Aug 2012 18:35:29 -0300
>Subject: Re: Nick Pope And PR Campaigns

>>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Thu, 16 Aug 2012 18:57:20 +0200 (CEST)
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>>>From: Kentaro Mori <kentaro.mori.nul>
>>>To: post.nul
>>>Date: Mon, 13 Aug 2012 07:56:24 -0300
>>>Subject: Re: Pope On Aliens At The Olympics

>>>Nick, why didn't you simply clarify, at the time on this List,
>>>that you were being paid for this PR campaign upon reading this
>>>news clipping with your name on the subject?

<snip>

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Don Ledger

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Humanoids Or Religious Phenomena In Spain?

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
Date: Fri, 17 Aug 2012 12:04:46 -0400
Archived: Sat, 18 Aug 2012 06:37:47 -0400
Subject: Humanoids Or Religious Phenomena In Spain?

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The Journal of Hispanic Ufology

<http://tinyurl.com/c8jxwnb>

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Spain: Humanoids Or Religious Phenomena?
By Angel Carretero

Some time ago, arising from an article published in Misterios magazine, published in Huelva (<http://www.fernandogarcia.or>), the possibility of conducting a study on the presence of humanoids in Andaluc=EDa came about, and I wondered what type of phenomena should be covered this hypothetical study.

As I write these lines, I keep wondering about it, although I do believe I have a better idea now than I did then. The matter can be approached from two completely different perspectives: the study of objects with the presence of humanoids, or cases in which only entities are detected, without any objects nearby.

There is no doubt whatsoever as to the first of these possibilities: these would be cases that clearly fall into the field of ufology, but if we chose the second path, we may find ourselves studying phenomena related to parapsychology, religion, Marian apparitions and even folklore, and ufology must be set aside, in many cases.

As far as the province of C=Eldiz is concerned, I have catalogued up to five cases which are on the borderline of the two study possibilities outlined before. All of them took place in communities along old National Highway 340.

[More at site...]

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NATS Encounter Non-Conformant Traffic

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Fri, 17 Aug 2012 22:03:26 +0100
Archived: Sat, 18 Aug 2012 06:39:39 -0400
Subject: NATS Encounter Non-Conformant Traffic

ufo-blogger.com

<http://tinyurl.com/99bus2g>

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Chasing Mexican UFOs

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac.nul>
Date: Fri, 17 Aug 2012 23:29:14 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Sat, 18 Aug 2012 06:48:56 -0400
Subject: Chasing Mexican UFOs

I just watched the Chasing UFOs - National Geographic Channel - segment on the Mexican Air Force case of March, 2004, that involved FLIR imagery of distant 'lights'.

This IR video has been shown in dozens or hundreds of UFO shows since 2004.

The lights in the video have been claimed to be oil field gas burnoff flames that were over 100 miles from the airplane at the time.

They did an experiment to test this hypothesis: with FLIR equipment they flew along the same path as the Mexican Air Force but saw nothing (they did see a flame when they were only a few miles from the oil field).

Nevertheless the segment ended with investigator Ben claiming that by using satellite imagery he determined that the sighting lines from the Mexican Air Force plane actually did point toward the fires that were burning at the time of the sighting.

Ergo, I guess Chasing UFOs concluded that the lights were oil well fires (James did not agree).

OK, I'll buy that! I did the same analysis in 2004 and my long research article presenting my results has been available since late 2004.

The reason I bring this up is to point out that they, and everyone else who concentrates on the FLIR lights, have missed the "real UFO!"

As I showed in my article, the radar detection which started this whole sighting remains unexplained.

The radar sighting began many minutes before they detected "UFO lights".

Anyone interested in reading about the radar UFO sighting that was overlooked and would also like to see why oil field flares is a plausible explanation for the FLIR lights can find more than you ever wanted to know at:

<http://brumac.8k.com/MexicanDOD5mar04/>

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From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Sat, 18 Aug 2012 11:52:21 +0100
Archived: Sat, 18 Aug 2012 07:04:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Nick Pope And PR Campaigns

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: [post.nul](#)
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Have to agree Don, although we can all 'feel the pain' of
sensitive believers/disciples of opportunists who claim UFO
expertise.

There are folk, many on this List, who I'll give (some) credence
to because they've shown they can either investigate in the
field, or in the data, or do the analysis.

So far, Nick Pope is not one of them.

Cheers

Ray D

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With due respect Don, you are missing the point.

If this kind of junk was written in your name - what's the
betting you'd be hopping mad?

You'd be saying you have a serious reputation in UFO circles and
this kind of scaremongering damaged your good name and belittled
and trivialised the subject.

Unfortunately Nick Pope doesn't seem to care about either -
more's the pity.

Dave Haith

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From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
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Archived: Sat, 18 Aug 2012 08:09:26 -0400
Subject: Re: NATS Encounter Non-Conformant Traffic

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Fri, 17 Aug 2012 22:03:26 +0100
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>Audio at above link.

Interesting statistic Joe.

Another statistic is the 100 per cent certainty of laughter and giggles when the UFO subject comes up.

We see it time and again when a UFO story is chosen as the 'and finally' lighthearted item at the end of a news bulletin.

Forget all the wars and politics, here's a funny thing to leave you happy and smiling - UFOs!

In this particular interview the host Simon Jack is obviously too embarrassed to ask the inevitable question so says 'My children asked me to raise this.....'

Cue for studio giggles and huge amusement when the man in charge of air safety admits that once a month something unidentified is flying around up there.

What is this weird mindfix which associates UFOs with humour?

Is it a lifetime of government debunking or sheer nervous dread of the unknown... instead of a shiver, people laugh?

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Humanity Responds To 'Alien' Wow Signal

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Sat, 18 Aug 2012 09:05:59 -0400
Archived: Sat, 18 Aug 2012 09:05:59 -0400
Subject: Humanity Responds To 'Alien' Wow Signal

Source: Space.Com

<http://tinyurl.com/94rdlgf>

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Humanity Responds To 'Alien' Wow Signal 35 Years Later
by Space.Com Staff

Just in case any aliens out there in the universe are listening, more than 10,000 Twitter messages, plus videos from celebrities such as comedian Stephen Colbert, have been beamed into space as a big "Hello!" from Earth.

The messages are intended as a response to what's called the Wow! signal, an intriguing radio signal detected on Aug. 15, 1977 that some thought was a call from extraterrestrials. The 72-second transmission was picked up by the Big Ear radio observatory at Ohio State University, coming from the direction of the constellation Sagittarius.

Because the radio signal was 30 times more powerful than the average radiation from deep space, a volunteer astronomer named Jerry Ehman who was watching the telescope data scrawled "Wow!" on a computer printout, leading to the signal's moniker. No evidence ever arrived actually linking the transmission to an alien civilization, and no repeat message from the same direction has ever been detected, and the Wow! Signal remains a mystery.

Now, exactly 35 years later, whoever sent the emission may be getting a response.

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Re: Nick Pope And PR Campaigns

From: Kentaro Mori <kentaro.mori.nul>
Date: Sat, 18 Aug 2012 09:53:26 -0300
Archived: Sun, 19 Aug 2012 07:42:36 -0400
Subject: Re: Nick Pope And PR Campaigns

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: [post.nul](#)
>Date: Fri, 17 Aug 2012 10:56:29 -0300
>Subject: Re: Nick Pope And PR Campaigns

>>From: Kentaro Mori <kentaro.mori.nul>
>>To: [post.nul](#)
>>Date: Thu, 16 Aug 2012 18:35:29 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Nick Pope And PR Campaigns

>>Those fooled believed you were reporting an imminent alien
>>invasion. You were aware of them being deceived, you received
>>direct inquiries regarding your claims, and yet you let them be
>>deceived. Because you were making money.
>>And you blame those deceived for being naive. I disagree. You
>>took part in deceiving the public. You made money by deceiving
>>the public. All for a video game!

>Do you really believe the public was deceived by this? Were you?
>The Greer followers maybe-but come on. As far as I'm concerned
>this is a non-issue.

I was fooled: I believed Pope was seriously making those claims.
My regard for Pope's words is not very high and to me, his
claims regarding Alien invasion on the Olympics were not at all
different from his other claims published on British tabloids.

It's also interesting that some folks are now claiming this was
"obviously" tongue-in-cheek. Pope couldn't expose his role
because he was being paid, but why no one else on this List
pointed out this was just a marketing campaign?

And how was Pope's claims obviously tongue-in-cheek when some
years ago we had in this List this posted:

<http://ufoupdateslist.com/2006/nov/m17-010.shtml>

"several ET races are coming to Earth for an official and open
contact with the human race. The meeting should take place
anytime from November 16, 2006 to April 30, 2007. Today is the
first day of the predicted event and the many members of the
Brazilian UFO Community are in countdown waiting for the alleged
arrival."

It was published and taken very seriously by those who promoted
it. I don't see much of a difference, and if you are in this
field long enough you must know some people will make or promote
outrageous claims in very straight faces. And one must assume
they are promoting them sincerely, otherwise it's a very ugly
game it turns into.

Pope has finally disclosed he was not being "sincere" in his
claims, that they were just false news items that he was paid to
promote, and paid not to expose before a certain date. If this
is a non-issue to anyone, if this isn't unethical, then no
offense meant, but we surely have very different standards.

From an ethical standpoint, it actually doesn't matter if anyone
was actually fooled. And as a matter of fact we know people were

fooled. Disregarding them as fools is blaming the victims and condescending to someone who profits from deception.

Kentaro

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Date: Sat, 18 Aug 2012 14:59:04 +0100
Archived: Sun, 19 Aug 2012 07:44:10 -0400
Subject: Re: Nick Pope And PR Campaigns

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>To: post.nul
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Don,

It can't be that serious... we have not heard a peep from
Roberts and Clarke on it or Jenny Randles come to think of it!

Roy

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From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
Date: Sat, 18 Aug 2012 14:56:31 +0100
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Subject: Re: NATS Encounter Non-Conformant Traffic

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Fri, 17 Aug 2012 22:03:26 +0100
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>his staff encounter unidentified flying objects, he said that
>occasionally there are objects "that don't conform to normal
>traffic patterns... typically around one a month".

>Audio at above link.

There was a follow up on the same BBC programme the next day
with the inevitable interview with Nick Pope - a rather
different Nick to the 'alien invasion' version of Olympic fame.

Here's the new link:

http://news.bbc.co.uk/today/hi/today/newsid_9745000/9745363.stm

Dave Haith

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Re: NATS Encounter Non-Conformant Traffic

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Sat, 18 Aug 2012 20:04:12 +0200 (CEST)
Archived: Sun, 19 Aug 2012 07:46:50 -0400
Subject: Re: NATS Encounter Non-Conformant Traffic

>From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <post.nul>
>Date: Sat, 18 Aug 2012 12:42:11 +0100
>Subject: Re: NATS Encounter Non-Conformant Traffic

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>of air safety admits that once a month something unidentified is
>flying around up there.

>What is this weird mindfix which associates UFOs with humour?

>Is it a lifetime of government debunking or sheer nervous dread
>of the unknown... instead of a shiver, people laugh?

I've just done a follow-up interview on the BBC's Today
Programme, covering the recent comments by the head of UK Air
Traffic Control, and discussing MoD's UFO investigations more
generally:

http://news.bbc.co.uk/today/hi/today/newsid_9745000/9745363.stm

I took a broadly skeptical line, but the feature was a serious
one and I played the story straight.

Best wishes,

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

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Re: Chasing Mexican UFOs

From: Jim Deardorff <jimdeardorff.nul>
Date: Sat, 18 Aug 2012 11:38:40 -0700
Archived: Sun, 19 Aug 2012 07:49:29 -0400
Subject: Re: Chasing Mexican UFOs

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Fri, 17 Aug 2012 23:29:14 -0400 (EDT)
>Subject: Chasing Mexican UFOs

>I just watched the Chasing UFOs - National Geographic Channel -
>segment on the Mexican Air Force case of March, 2004, that
>involved FLIR imagery of distant 'lights'.

>This IR video has been shown in dozens or hundreds of UFO shows
>since 2004.

>The lights in the video have been claimed to be oil field gas
>burnoff flames that were over 100 miles from the airplane at the
>time.

>They did an experiment to test this hypothesis: with FLIR
>equipment they flew along the same path as the Mexican Air Force
>but saw nothing (they did see a flame when they were only a few
>miles from the oil field).

>Nevertheless the segment ended with investigator Ben claiming
>that by using satellite imagery he determined that the sighting
>lines from the Mexican Air Force plane actually did point toward
>the fires that were burning at the time of the sighting.

>Ergo, I guess Chasing UFOs concluded that the lights were oil
>well fires (James did not agree).

>OK, I'll buy that! I did the same analysis in 2004 and my long
>research article presenting my results has been available since
>late 2004.

>The reason I bring this up is to point out that they, and
>everyone else who concentrates on the FLIR lights, have missed
>the "real UFO!"

>As I showed in my article, the radar detection which started
>this whole sighting remains unexplained.

>The radar sighting began many minutes before they detected "UFO
>lights".

>Anyone interested in reading about the radar UFO sighting that
>was overlooked and would also like to see why oil field flares
>is a plausible explanation for the FLIR lights can find more
>than you ever wanted to know at:

><http://brumac.8k.com/MexicanDOD5mar04/>

Bruce,

Can you clarify? Do you agree with James that the oil-well
flares were not the FLIR UFOs, or with Ben that they presumably
were?

Did National Geographics actually arrange for some FLIR equipped
plane to make this test run? Is there no information given as to

the date and the weather/visibility of this test run, and whether the FLIR equipment used was of nearly equal or better capability than that on the Mexican plane in 2004?

In light of the result that the oil flares could not be seen on the FLIR in the test run, do you still find that "oil field flares is a plausible explanation for the FLIR lights?"

Your point about not forgetting the radar UFO is, of course, well taken.

Jim

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Fundamentalist Religion & ET Intelligence

From: **Elsie Conner** <elsie_conner.nul>
Date: Sat, 18 Aug 2012 17:28:03 -0400
Archived: Sun, 19 Aug 2012 07:52:50 -0400
Subject: Fundamentalist Religion & ET Intelligence

Dear List,

This is the first three parts of a multi-part study regarding the relationships between extraterrestrial life and fundamentalist religion. These initial three articles cover five different surveys of the possible impact that certain knowledge of alien civilization would have upon organized Religion.

Fundamentalist Religion And Extraterrestrial Intelligence:

Part I:

Revisiting the Alexander UFO Religious Crisis Survey (AUFORCS):
Is there really a crisis?

<http://tinyurl.com/6oh4rh2>

Part II:

The Peters ETI Religious Crisis Survey

<http://tinyurl.com/c4rpna4>

Part III:

UFOs & Extraterrestrial Life: Americans Beliefs and Personal Experiences, The Roper Poll, Prepared for the Sci-FI Channel

Sept. 2002

Reactions to Receipt of a Message from Extraterrestrial Intelligence: A Cross-Cultural Empirical Study, D.A. Vakoch, Y.S. Lee, October 1997

Belief in Extraterrestrial Life: A Challenge to Christian Doctrine & Fundamentalists?, D.P. Rosenbaum, R. A. Maier, P.J. Lavrakas, Journal of UFO Studies, 1980

<http://tinyurl.com/chmol45>

Part IV will take a look at published papers on extraterrestrial Life and religion.

Thank you,

Conner

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Socorro Again - Weather Analysis Update

From: Viktor Golubic <Diverge247.nul>
Date: Sat, 18 Aug 2012 21:27:38 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Sun, 19 Aug 2012 07:58:06 -0400
Subject: Socorro Again - Weather Analysis Update

To anyone interested:

Key words: surface pressure pattern and wind rose pattern.
Please look them up on Wikipedia and study them there.

Since there was no recorded wind data available in Socorro for the day in question, publicly from the NWS or privately from the NCDC, I proceeded to find days between early 2010 and late 2011 at the Socorro Municipal Airport that had regional surface pressure patterns similar to those observed on the day in question from the 4/24/1964 sighting. You can flip through twice daily images at times, 00Z and 12Z:

<http://www.hpc.ncep.noaa.gov/ncepreamal/>

When a near-match occurred with a similar regional surface pressure patterns from 4/24/1964, I recorded it:

3/05/2010
3/14/2010
4/13/2010
4/21/2010
4/22/2010
5/12/2010
5/23/2010
5/24/2010
5/28/2010
5/29/2010
6/12/2010
6/13/2010
5/09/2011
5/10/2011
5/30/2011

I then took these dates to the location in question, generating wind direction charts and wind rose patterns for these specific days at the Socorro Municipal Airport (nearest to the 1964 sighting). I did this to determine if any counter directed air flows existed or, in essence, could have been likely present during Zamora's sighting as an effect of the mountain range and valley directly WSW and W respectively.

To replicate this, start at:

<http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/oa/land.html#dandp>)

Then select hourly surface data, the fifth bullet under Observational Data.

Find the Surface Data heading, the 2nd entry is Global and US - Integrated Surface Hourly, then click the Web Page button. Read the commercial use agreement, and select I agree if all is O. K.

Next, continue with the advanced option. You will be on Surface Data, Hourly Global page. Since we want data from the US, keep the button in front on country selected. And, since you will want to create wind roses you will need to select Data Summary under the Select Output Format section. Then select the continue

button.

On the next page, you will select your state and on the following page you will select the location.

Finally you should be at a page with six options with a title of _Surface Data, Hourly Global: Summaries_

Then, in section 1, select Create custom summary--go to step 2_

Then in section 3 of 2, select Using a date/time range_ and select one of the days from the above the list and then select Single Table Summary_

Then, in section 5, Select Hourly Only_

Then, in section 6, Select Wind-Speed/Direction Summary_

You can then generate wind rose patterns and charts for certain days from the above pool - specifically those below. But, For some reason, I couldn't generate many of the others, perhaps attributed to the fact that they may have been on days without any collected wind data:

4/13/2010
4/21/2010
4/22/2010
5/09/2011
5/10/2011
5/30/2011 see data below for one example

Having completed some data analysis with similar pressure surface patterns as was shown by David Rudiak on the day of Lonnie's sighting, it does appear that a balloon could not have been involved with the Socorro sighting, thus reducing the probability on the UNM prank hypothesis considerably: The proximity of the mountain range/valley does not appreciably affect the counterclockwise wind pattern generated by the regional surface pressure pattern NW of Socorro New Mexico (Low), other than to channel them to a more pronounced Northerly direction. However, when compiling data over an extended period, the wind rose pattern does reveal more air flow westward toward the mountains rather than away toward the East in agreement with my supposition, but only with winds at lower intensities than those present on the day in question or on days with different surface pressure patterns.

Another place to get a really great wind rose program is Lakes Environmental. They have a wind rose program for free download called WRplot. They have some data on line, but it is old. You would need to go to NCDC to obtain the hourly wind data, then put it in a spreadsheet and configure WRplot to read the excel file. But it is really easy once you have the data to load at the times you are most interested in.

Nice surface maps are also available here:

<http://www.hpc.ncep.noaa.gov/dailywxmap/>

but there is only one per day.

You can get 4 times daily surface plots at ESRL:

<http://tinyurl.com/6vvgg56e>

or here:

<http://www.esrl.noaa.gov/psd/data/composites/hour/>

See how these sites will work for you and have fun!

Many thanks to the National Weather Service and the National Climatic Data Center for their help.

Below Example: needs to be cut and pasted into Notepad or Excel for proper spacing ...note that the top and bottom rows continue to the next line below each.

Surface Data, Hourly Global: Summaries(DS3505)
ISD Summary
POR 05/30/2011 - 05/30/2011

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Date: Sun, 19 Aug 2012 13:38:44 +0100
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Subject: Re: Fundamentalist Religion & ET Intelligence

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Hi Elsie,

Could you indicate how the term 'fundamentalist' is defined
throughout this study?

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

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>of air safety admits that once a month something unidentified is
>flying around up there.

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In defence of the Today Programme team, two points should be made:

1. The laughter occurs prior to the answer to the question.
2. The laughter is aimed at Simon Jack for hiding behind his children's interest rather than admitting his own, not at the question itself.

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

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Not trying to get overly detailed...

I've inadvertently had conversations with Air Traffic Control
personnel on three separate occasions and this type of response
is consistent with my experiences.

For the serious UFO investigator, I would encourage you to form
a professional investigatory relationships with your local air
traffic personnel in order to collect observational data over an
extended period of time. It's worth asking rather than assuming
they wouldn't cooperate. Make it as open as possible and state
your case in writing: best time to collect information, what you
will do with the information (let them control this as much as
they're willing to cooperate), and that you will share your
analysis and findings with them.

Radar is by far the best source of high tech equipment available
to anyone. Radar can reflect off metal surfaces and ionization
clouds depending upon the radar wavelength, material density,
absorption, and reflectance coefficients. They can also give
height, distance, and size information which could be a valuable
aid in finding ground observers. Weather radar operators are
another source of similar information operating at a different
wavelength and operational-functional ability.

It is uncertain how often radar is filtered for observation
which could limit some of it's potential for gathering
information and it is worth establishing what limitations might
exist before embarking on a full study or attempting such and
informal relationship. However, there is no doubt that you will
learn something valuable in the shortest time possible with the
highest potential for success over the long term.

Anyone with a technical bent can learn quite a bit about radar in a short period of time. I would also encourage you to get a (the) radar operators manual if available as well, even another one from years past.

Viktor

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Re: NATS Encounter Non-Conformant Traffic

From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
Date: Sun, 19 Aug 2012 10:19:15 -0400
Archived: Sun, 19 Aug 2012 15:45:19 -0400
Subject: Re: NATS Encounter Non-Conformant Traffic

>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Sat, 18 Aug 2012 20:04:12 +0200 (CEST)
>Subject: Re: NATS Encounter Non-Conformant Traffic

>>From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates <post.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 18 Aug 2012 12:42:11 +0100
>>Subject: Re: NATS Encounter Non-Conformant Traffic

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>I've just done a follow-up interview on the BBC's Today
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>Traffic Control, and discussing MoD's UFO investigations more
>generally:

>http://news.bbc.co.uk/today/hi/today/newsid_9745000/9745363.stm

>I took a broadly skeptical line, but the feature was a serious
>one and I played the story straight.

According to your own advice, readers should now be clicking
over to your website to see if there is another ulterior motive
behind this latest interview.

"Fool me once, shame on you; fool me twice, shame on me".

William

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From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
Date: Sun, 19 Aug 2012 15:57:19 +0100
Archived: Sun, 19 Aug 2012 15:47:09 -0400
Subject: Re: NATS Encounter Non-Conformant Traffic

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Fri, 17 Aug 2012 22:03:26 +0100
>Subject: NATS Encounter Non-Conformant Traffic

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Re: NATS Encounter Non-Conformant Traffic

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Sun, 19 Aug 2012 16:03:41 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Mon, 20 Aug 2012 03:09:07 -0400
Subject: Re: NATS Encounter Non-Conformant Traffic

>From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <post.nul>
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Too well focused to be an insect on the lens. I would have to
see the other photo to be certain, but an insect or bird passing
by at low speed might explain it.

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From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
Date: Sun, 19 Aug 2012 21:23:42 +0100
Archived: Mon, 20 Aug 2012 03:11:56 -0400
Subject: Re: NATS Encounter Non-Conformant Traffic

>From: Gerald O'Connell <goc.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Sun, 19 Aug 2012 13:44:07 +0100
>Subject: Re: NATS Encounter Non-Conformant Traffic

>>From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates <post.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 18 Aug 2012 12:42:11 +0100
>>Subject: Re: NATS Encounter Non-Conformant Traffic

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>>Another statistic is the 100 per cent certainty of laughter and
>>giggles when the UFO subject comes up.

>>We see it time and again when a UFO story is chosen as the 'and
>>finally' lighthearted item at the end of a news bulletin.

>>Forget all the wars and politics, here's a funny thing to leave
>>you happy and smiling - UFOs!

>>In this particular interview the host Simon Jack is obviously
>>too embarrassed to ask the inevitable question so says 'My
>>children asked me to raise this....."

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>>of air safety admits that once a month something unidentified is
>>flying around up there.

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>In defence of the Today Programme team, two points should be made:

>1. The laughter occurs prior to the answer to the question.

>2. The laughter is aimed at Simon Jack for hiding behind his
>children's interest rather than admitting his own, not at the
>question itself.

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

Yes the laughter does appear prior to the answer to the question
- a question about UFOs.

So I don't quite know how you can be sure how it relates to
Simon Jack's embarrassment rather than the UFOs.

And of course the reason he is embarrassed exactly makes my
point - that UFOs are something to be embarrassed about - thus
evoking humour.

Judging by the instances I mention in my original email - which
I note you don't comment on - I will plump for UFOs being the
prompt for laughter.

Despite the laughter the Today episode was a lot fairer than
when the same show dealt with the Rendlesham issue which

generated many complaints - mine among them pasted below.

BBC Complaints Department Response re Rendlesham Radio Program

With reference to that controversial BBC 'hitpiece' on the Today program which aroused so much criticism and discussion earlier this month.

Like many I wrote complaining how it was utterly biased and made no effort to contact people actually involved in the Rendlesham incident.

I have just received the following reply saying in effect 'Yes it was meant to... be biased.'

Here's the BBC response:

"Thank you for your e-mail regarding the 'Today' programme broadcast on 11 August.

We forwarded complaints on this issue to Dominic Groves, one of the output Editors for the 'Today' programme. He explained in response that this was meant to be an impressionistic piece describing how an avowed sceptic on these issues reacted when placed at the scene of a well-known incident such as the one in Rendlesham Forest.

He further added that: "This was not intended to be, not did it claim to be, an in-depth analysis of the rights and wrongs of that particular case."

Please be assured we've registered your complaint on our audience log. This is a daily report of audience feedback that's circulated to many BBC staff, including members of the BBC Executive Board, channel controllers and other senior managers.

Thank you once again for taking the trouble to share your views with us.

Kind Regards

BBC Audience Services"

So there we have it. The show was meant to "describe how a sceptic reacted" when placed in the Forest along with two other sceptics....

Surprise, surprise... he reacted... sceptically!

How fortunate we are to have the BBC to enlighten us in this way.

Dave Haith

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From: **Stanton T. Friedman** <fsphys.nul>
Date: Sun, 19 Aug 2012 18:01:43 -0300
Archived: Mon, 20 Aug 2012 03:14:17 -0400
Subject: Re: NATS Encounter Non-Conformant Traffic

>From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <post.nul>
>Date: Sun, 19 Aug 2012 15:57:19 +0100
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Most big aircraft control radar installations are concerned with
aircraft having transponders which respond to the radar signals
by transmitting identification information. They pay very little
attention to other craft including UFOs. They are too busy.

Stan Friedman

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Re: NATS Encounter Non-Conformant Traffic

From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
Date: Sun, 19 Aug 2012 19:55:16 -0400
Archived: Mon, 20 Aug 2012 03:15:27 -0400
Subject: Re: NATS Encounter Non-Conformant Traffic

>From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <post.nul>
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I don't agree with the suggestion that the object was a temporary speck on the lens such as an insect. There is a toroidal shape in the cloud beside it which I've seen beside UFOs in many other photos. The appearance of the torus beside this object is an indication that it too, is a UFO off in the distance.

The analysis is under the label '2012SilburyHill' on

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

For browsers that can't handle frames,

<http://www.treurniet.ca/tori/ufo2012SilburyHill.htm>

There is also an indication that the identified object in the cloud is a second-order torus. It appears itself to be made up of rings stacked in a toroidal arrangement. This was also suggested in '2008Argentina', 'roof', and maybe '2007VancouverIsland'.

William

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From: Dave Haith <visionsl.nul>
Date: Mon, 20 Aug 2012 01:16:16 +0100
Archived: Mon, 20 Aug 2012 03:17:47 -0400
Subject: Legal Threat to Robbert van den Broeke

The family of Dave Chorley, of 'Doug and Dave' fame, have threatened to sue Robbert van den Broeke, the Dutch medium who has published photos and messages from deceased circlemaker Dave.

A statement from Dave's eldest brother Richard appears on Colin Andrews website on this link:

<http://tinyurl.com/8kenlxj>

The statement includes:

"I have spoken at length to my brother and other family members and they are quite bemused and surprised to learn of this gentleman's claims [Ed: Robbert van den Broeke]. They are completely at odds with our Father's beliefs and personality.

They are patently absurd and my family share the distaste of Pat Delgado's loved ones, in heartily and utterly dismissing the credibility of such tales.

We also find certain other factors of this gentleman's conduct, in relation to threats made towards COLIN ANDREWS and others of grave concern.

We are not the type of family to take that type of thing lightly and if the gentleman persists in such behaviour, we will take whatever legal actions needed in order to ensure he refrains from doing so.

The naive technology and amateur style aspects of the videos posted on 'Youtube' concerning these matters are frankly, embarrassing and simply not funny either.

At this moment in time, we are publicly requesting that the said gentleman ceases from any more of these ludicrous claims and that he stops claiming to have any contact/relationship/channel of communication with our Father unless he can of course, provide genuine scientific proof, the nature of which would be judged as conclusive inside a legal framework.

If he wishes to communicate personally with us, or meet to discuss his claims we are more than ready to discuss the issues face to face with him at any time

For the record, this statement has been constructed by myself and my brother with no encouragement or coercion with any other individuals or groups. It is our position on a matter we take very seriously."

Richard Chorley,
Southampton,
England
August 19th 2012

Full statement at above link.

Dave Haith

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Re: Fundamentalist Religion & ET Intelligence

From: **Elsie Conner** <elsie_conner.nul>
Date: Sun, 19 Aug 2012 22:55:32 -0400
Archived: Mon, 20 Aug 2012 03:22:43 -0400
Subject: Re: Fundamentalist Religion & ET Intelligence

>From: Gerald O'Connell <goc.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Sun, 19 Aug 2012 13:38:44 +0100
>Subject: Re: Fundamentalist Religion & ET Intelligence

>>From: Elsie Conner <elsie_conner.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 18 Aug 2012 17:28:03 -0400
>>Subject: Fundamentalist Religion & ET Intelligence

>>This is the first three parts of a multi-part study regarding
t>>he relationships between extraterrestrial life and
>>fundamentalist religion. These initial three articles cover five
>>different surveys of the possible impact that certain knowledge
>>of alien civilization would have upon organized Religion.

><snip>

>Hi Elsie,

>Could you indicate how the term 'fundamentalist' is defined
>throughout this study?

Hi Gerald,

An excellent question! I began these articles with the restricted concept of fundamentalist religion, based on my early personal experience, as a group bound by a rigidly defined set of core values and belief systems based upon a literal interpretation of the Bible.

As I started this study I planned to address the Christian fundamentalist view on ETI specifically. But as I was doing the research, I discovered a rich and diverse history of religious views on the question of ETI that went back centuries.

My review led to more papers on the subject from both theologians and scientists.

For the next installment, I plan to talk about the historical background of religious views on ETI. Then there will be a discussion of some published papers on ETI, and lastly, I will wrap up with the actual fundamentalist view of ETI along with some of my own personal viewpoints.

The paper turned into a bigger animal than I thought it would and I realize I am only scratching the surface of this diverse topic. The idea is to give people a few ideas they could read with their morning coffee.

Not all viewpoints that I will be writing about would be considered a Christian fundamentalist view. As far as the surveys mentioned in parts I, II, & III, I am sure not all participants would be considered fundamentalist, but some of them were. The Peters survey did use non-religious participants.

I hope this helped answer your question. You bring up a good point and what I really need to do is add a subtitle since the paper is turning out to be about more than just fundamentalist

religious viewpoints.

Elsie

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Re: Legal Threat to Robbert van den Broeke

From: **Ron Eastwood** <rge.nul>
Date: Sun, 19 Aug 2012 21:16:31 -0700
Archived: Mon, 20 Aug 2012 03:26:43 -0400
Subject: Re: Legal Threat to Robbert van den Broeke

>From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <post.nul>
>Date: Mon, 20 Aug 2012 01:16:16 +0100
>Subject: Legal Threat to Robbert van den Broeke

Dave,

I followed the URL and read one copy a statement by the family of Dave. I am bursting at the seams to make some statements of my own, but before I muddy the waters would you consider sending the rest of us your take on this issue?

Do you know any of the parties personally?

Do you trust them if you do know them?

Are you able to comment without getting yourself entangled in any law suit by any of the parties involved?

And to give away my own take on the entire matter here is a question as a hint. Did Dave and his friend have an explanation for the tens of thousands of other "crop" circles around the earth and in substances such as sand, mud, caves, and in locations in which observers under oath state they were observing the actual creation of some of the phenomena in which orbs not men were apparently involved over extremely short periods of time (moments, not hours)?

I await anxiously for your response.

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'Snowflake' Video From South America

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Mon, 20 Aug 2012 12:41:39 +0100
Archived: Tue, 21 Aug 2012 06:01:25 -0400
Subject: 'Snowflake' Video From South America

<http://tinyurl.com/c6c5pfu>

Subtracting the erratic camera motion and measuring the position of the light relative to the house window, I think the object seems to drift slowly up and to the left over the rooftop during the video. This makes me think of a bright star or planet. But of course with no direction or time information to go on it's hard to say. The pattern of lights hints at some optical or video artefact but I haven't seen an effect exactly like this before. Any thoughts?

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Re: Nick Pope And PR Campaigns

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Mon, 20 Aug 2012 11:49:24 -0300
Archived: Tue, 21 Aug 2012 06:04:50 -0400
Subject: Re: Nick Pope And PR Campaigns

>From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <post.nul>
>Date: Sat, 18 Aug 2012 11:59:59 +0100
>Subject: Re: Nick Pope And PR Campaigns

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>>To: post.nul
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From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Mon, 20 Aug 2012 12:08:08 -0700
Archived: Tue, 21 Aug 2012 06:09:11 -0400
Subject: Re: Fundamentalist Religion & ET Intelligence

>From: Elsie Conner <elsie_conner.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Sun, 19 Aug 2012 22:55:32 -0400
>Subject: Re: Fundamentalist Religion & ET Intelligence

>>From: Gerald O'Connell <goc.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 19 Aug 2012 13:38:44 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Fundamentalist Religion & ET Intelligence

>>>From: Elsie Conner <elsie_conner.nul>
>>>To: <post.nul>
>>>Date: Sat, 18 Aug 2012 17:28:03 -0400
>>>Subject: Fundamentalist Religion & ET Intelligence

>>>This is the first three parts of a multi-part study regarding
>>>the relationships between extraterrestrial life and
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>>>These initial three articles cover five
>>>different surveys of the possible impact that certain knowledge
>>>of alien civilization would have upon organized Religion.

>As I started this study I planned to address the Christian
>fundamentalist view on ETI specifically. But as I was doing the
>research, I discovered a rich and diverse history of religious
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>My review led to more papers on the subject from both
>theologians and scientists.

>For the next installment, I plan to talk about the historical
>background of religious views on ETI. Then there will be a
>discussion of some published papers on ETI, and lastly, I will
>wrap up with the actual fundamentalist view of ETI along with
>some of my own personal viewpoints.

Elsie, you may already know this, but the Vatican around 1953
already went on the record saying they had no problem with the
idea of extraterrestrial beings.

Here's a quote from a 1953 book, Space Travel, by Kenneth W.
Gatland and Anthony M. Kunesch (pp. 72-73):

"The idea of travel between the planets gathered tremendous
interest as a result of the 'flying saucer' stories which, in
recent years, have lent colour and romance to the possibility of
life existing on other worlds. ...Even the Vatican saw fit to
release this statement on the phenomenon [In an article by
Father D. Grasso, published in 'Civilica Cattolica', approved by
the Pope]:

Some experts believe flying saucers are manned by space-
dwellers. This theory cannot be rejected a priori because
experimental science does not exclude with absolute certainty
the possibility of human life outside of earth.

Maybe there are beings of anatomical and physiological

constitution notably different from ours, capable of resisting conditions of a different environment but always composed of a body and a soul so as to fall under the definition of human beings.

If, in more or less the near future, science should be able to ascertain the existence of human beings in the worlds outside the earth, neither dogma nor theology would find themselves in difficulties.

"If space-dwellers are human beings in our sense," 'they certainly would not be part of the human family, whose progenitor is Adam, since their origin could not be explained by the emigration of Earth-men.

Consequently, they would not be tainted by original sin, at least not by that one committed by Adam, nor would they have been redeemed by Jesus Christ who came to earth to retrieve original sin.

The inhabitants of the outer worlds, if they exist, are not subject too the destiny of Adam and his descendants."

I also came across this or a similar Vatican statement in a newspaper article from this period, but I would have to look it up again.

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Date: Tue, 21 Aug 2012 13:39:19 +0100
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>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
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Date: Tue, 21 Aug 2012 09:57:56 -0400
Archived: Tue, 21 Aug 2012 11:52:01 -0400
Subject: Re: Nick Pope And PR Campaigns

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: [post.nul](#)
>Date: Mon, 20 Aug 2012 11:49:24 -0300
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North Pole and spent time under water near Nova Scotia.

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written like it really happened. But it must be fiction because
the story is just too far out. I'm surprised they didn't throw
in Santa Claus! It would be nice though if they had given us
some clues that it is a work of fiction. I guess we can't really
believe anything we read. There must be money in the book
publishing business. Or maybe there were hopes for a movie.
Someone's always looking to make a buck.

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Date: Tue, 21 Aug 2012 17:01:26 +0100
Archived: Wed, 22 Aug 2012 19:11:56 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Snowflake' Video From South America

>From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 21 Aug 2012 13:39:19 +0100
>Subject: Re: 'Snowflake' Video From South America

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Welcome. The `_image_` certainly has structure, and it does rotate
a little, as you say. But I tend to think this structure belongs
to something in the optical train or the electronics rather than
to the object itself. I could be wrong, but to me it resembles a
diffraction pattern, as if there was a fine grating in front of
the lens. The slow drift of the source in the un-zoomed view is
suggestive of an astronomical object IMO. But if so I'd like to
know exactly what causes the "diffraction" effect.

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From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Tue, 21 Aug 2012 12:02:13 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Wed, 22 Aug 2012 19:14:03 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Snowflake' Video From South America

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
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I wonder if the guy videoed a bright planet using a "star
filter" or something like that on his lens (a diffraction filter
with three gratings that are 120 degrees apart).

He might have used a color filter as well to make the light
approximately monochromatic to avoid color blur that would occur
when a diffraction filter is used with polychromatic light such
as starlight.

The latter portion of the video looks like an "emboss" version
of the first part. Pulsations of the image could be a
combination of "focus hunting" by the camera and atmospheric
scintillation.

If all this were to turn out to be true, then it would be a
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From: **albert baier** <albertgbaier.nul>
Date: Tue, 21 Aug 2012 11:04:08 -0500
Archived: Wed, 22 Aug 2012 19:15:07 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Snowflake' Video From South America

>From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
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It looks like one of those IKEA wall hangings, with small round
(1.5 to 2 inches) mirrors arranged in a geometric pattern,
supported by black plastic rods. They measure about 20 to 24
inches across.

Sorry, I can't find a photo, but I had the exact model here at
home.

I'd be willing to bet on it.

Best,

Albert

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Date: Tue, 21 Aug 2012 10:17:30 -0700
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Very odd. Note the geometric pattern of smaller lights
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tethered balloon with some kind of LED rig attached.

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From: Carol Maltby <carolmaltby.nul>
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If an optical or video artefact, it seems to be pretty stable. A
note on the soundtrack - I have only bad high school Spanish
from 40 years ago, so I googled the exclamation "chimba" the
man used over and over. It can mean "cool!" but can also be a
vulgar anatomical reference. If you do any translations of it,
know your colloquialisms.

Carol

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Well-known "skeptic" Robert Sheaffer's performance in Secret History of UFOs, the National Geographic network's latest debunking-disguised-as-documentary, begs the question: At what point does the systematic presentation of half-truths and outright falsehoods about the UFO phenomenon cross the line from incompetent scholarship to intentional disinformation?

As I noted in my last article, given the extremely biased and propagandistic treatment of the UFO subject one consistently finds on Nat Geo, it might reasonably argued that the network has been working behind the scenes with the CIA to debunk the phenomenon.

This is not some paranoid fantasy. Indeed, the history of the agency's covert efforts to spin or suppress UFO-related stories, utilizing its contacts in the news and entertainment media, is now well-documented. The policy resulted from the findings of the CIA's 1953 Robertson Panel, which explicitly recommended using the mass media to debunk UFOs in the interest of national security. Journalist Terry Hansen's excellent, scholarly book, *The Missing Times: News Media Complicity in the UFO Cover-up*, just republished as an e-book, details the agency's decades-long use of the television networks, among other organizations, as tools to disinform the American people about the UFO reality.

<snip>

When I recently asked USAF Col. Charles Halt for his assessment of Secret History of UFOs, for which he was interviewed, he replied, "Yesterday I received my [courtesy DVD] copy of the National Geographic program and was shocked. The theme is entertain and discredit. I smell one of our [intelligence] agencies. I went back to them and told them I will never cooperate again!"

Halt was involved in the now-famous Rendlesham Forest incidents of December 1980, when a UFO landed in the woods on the first night, and another UFO maneuvered near the RAF Bentwaters air base's nuclear Weapons Storage Area (WSA) two nights later, directing laser-like beams down into it.

Halt elaborated by saying, "When I did the program for Nat Geo, they promised me it would be accurate and reflect what happened. I explained in detail why it couldn't have been the lighthouse and all about the Air Force Air Traffic Controllers at the Bentwaters tower seeing the object visually and on the scope. I gave them many more details to substantiate the [reality of a UFO] event. They ignored all of this and instead focused on several questionable skeptics."

[More at Fran Warren's UFO Chronicles:

<http://tinyurl.com/8fklong>]

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Re: Chasing Mexican UFOs

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Tue, 21 Aug 2012 21:59:34 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Wed, 22 Aug 2012 19:37:09 -0400
Subject: Re: Chasing Mexican UFOs

>From: Jim Deardorff <jimdeardorff.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Sat, 18 Aug 2012 11:38:40 -0700
>Subject: Re: Chasing Mexican UFOs

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Fri, 17 Aug 2012 23:29:14 -0400 (EDT)
>>Subject: Chasing Mexican UFOs

>>I just watched the Chasing UFOs - National Geographic Channel -
>>segment on the Mexican Air Force case of March, 2004, that
>>involved FLIR imagery of distant 'lights'.

>>This IR video has been shown in dozens or hundreds of UFO shows
>>since 2004.

>>The lights in the video have been claimed to be oil field gas
>>burnoff flames that were over 100 miles from the airplane at the
>>time.

>>They did an experiment to test this hypothesis: with FLIR
>>equipment they flew along the same path as the Mexican Air Force
>>but saw nothing (they did see a flame when they were only a few
>>miles from the oil field).

>>Nevertheless the segment ended with investigator Ben claiming
>>that by using satellite imagery he determined that the sighting
>>lines from the Mexican Air Force plane actually did point toward
>>the fires that were burning at the time of the sighting.

>>Ergo, I guess Chasing UFOs concluded that the lights were oil
>>well fires (James did not agree).

>>OK, I'll buy that! I did the same analysis in 2004 and my long
>>research article presenting my results has been available since
>>late 2004.

>>The reason I bring this up is to point out that they, and
>>everyone else who concentrates on the FLIR lights, have missed
>>the "real UFO!"

>>As I showed in my article, the radar detection which started
>>this whole sighting remains unexplained.

>>The radar sighting began many minutes before they detected "UFO
>>lights".

>>Anyone interested in reading about the radar UFO sighting that
>>was overlooked and would also like to see why oil field flares
>>is a plausible explanation for the FLIR lights can find more
>>than you ever wanted to know at:

>><http://brumac.8k.com/MexicanDOD5mar04/>

>Bruce,

>Can you clarify? Do you agree with James that the oil-well

>flares were not the FLIR UFOs, or with Ben that they presumably
>were?

As my article shows, the FLIR system was pointed toward the area of the oil field, about 100 miles away, as the plane flew eastward for many miles. I demonstrated reasonably good, although not perfect, agreement between the FLIR lights and the oil burnoff fires that were picked up by satellite that day. At the very least I was able to demonstrate that the oil fire explanation was plausible. The biggest question was, could the mid-IR (3-5 micron) radiation travel that far and be detected. I proposed to the MEXican Air Force an experiment using their FLIR equipped airplane to test the oil field hypothesis, but they never did it - or at least never told me they had. Their main argument against the fires was "we never saw them before or since." This of course, does not rule out the possibility that unusual atmospheric conditions occurred on the day of the sighting.

>Did National Geographics actually arrange for some FLIR equipped
>plane to make this test run?

Yes, but they didn't specify the nature of the FLIR equipment. I don't know if NatGeo was aware of the differences in near IR (0.7 - 1 micron wavelength), mid-IR (3-5 micron) and far-IR (9-11 micron). They used what looked like hand-held commercial videocameras which can detect near IR. They should have used a camera for 3-5 micron to duplicate the MEXican AF camera. I was told the MEXican Af camera system cost about \$400,000.

>Is there no information given as to
>the date and the weather/visibility of this test run.

No doubt that information is available somewhere. IT looked to me as if there was more haze during their test than during the actual sighting, but this is my subjective impression from seeing the TV show.

>and
>whether the FLIR equipment used was of nearly equal or better
>capability than that on the Mexican plane in 2004?

Probably not as good... possibly the wrong wavelength band.

>In light of the result that the oil flares could not be seen on
>the FLIR in the test run, do you still find that "oil field
>flares is a plausible explanation for the FLIR lights?"

Yes

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Re: Fundamentalist Religion & ET Intelligence

From: **Elsie Conner** <elsie_conner.nul>
Date: Tue, 21 Aug 2012 22:01:48 -0400
Archived: Wed, 22 Aug 2012 19:41:38 -0400
Subject: Re: Fundamentalist Religion & ET Intelligence

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: [post.nul](#)
>Date: Mon, 20 Aug 2012 12:08:08 -0700
>Subject: Re: Fundamentalist Religion & ET Intelligence

>>From: Elsie Conner <elsie_conner.nul>
>>To: <[post.nul](#)>
>>Date: Sun, 19 Aug 2012 22:55:32 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Fundamentalist Religion & ET Intelligence

>>>From: Gerald O'Connell <goc.nul>
>>>To: <[post.nul](#)>
>>>Date: Sun, 19 Aug 2012 13:38:44 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Fundamentalist Religion & ET Intelligence

>>>>From: Elsie Conner <elsie_conner.nul>
>>>>To: <[post.nul](#)>
>>>>Date: Sat, 18 Aug 2012 17:28:03 -0400
>>>>Subject: Fundamentalist Religion & ET Intelligence

>>>>This is the first three parts of a multi-part study regarding the
>>>>relationships between extraterrestrial life and fundamentalist
>>>>religion.

>>>>These initial three articles cover five different surveys of the
>>>>possible impact that certain knowledge of alien civilization would
>>>>have upon organized Religion.

>>As I started this study I planned to address the Christian
>>fundamentalist view on ETI specifically. But as I was doing the
>>research, I discovered a rich and diverse history of religious views on
>>the question of ETI that went back centuries.

>>My review led to more papers on the subject from both theologians and
>>scientists.

>>For the next installment, I plan to talk about the historical
>>background of religious views on ETI. Then there will be a discussion
>>of some published papers on ETI, and lastly, I will wrap up with the
>>actual fundamentalist view of ETI along with some of my own personal
>>viewpoints.

>Elsie, you may already know this, but the Vatican around 1953
>already went on the record saying they had no problem with the
>idea of extraterrestrial beings.

>Here's a quote from a 1953 book, Space Travel, by Kenneth W.
>Gatland and Anthony M. Kunesch (pp. 72-73):

>"The idea of travel between the planets gathered tremendous
>interest as a result of the 'flying saucer' stories which, in
>recent years, have lent colour and romance to the possibility of
>life existing on other worlds. Even the Vatican saw fit to
>release this statement on the phenomenon [In an article by Father
>D. Grasso, published in 'Civiltica Cattolica', approved by the Pope]:

>Some experts believe flying saucers are manned by space- dwellers.
>This theory cannot be rejected a priori because experimental
>science does not exclude with absolute certainty the possibility

>of human life outside of earth.

>Maybe there are beings of anatomical and physiological constitution
>notably different from ours, capable of resisting conditions of a
>different environment but always composed of a body and a soul
>so as to fall under the definition of human beings.

>If, in more or less the near future, science should be able to
>ascertain the existence of human beings in the worlds outside
>the earth, neither dogma nor theology would find themselves in
>difficulties.

>"If space-dwellers are human beings in our sense," 'they
>certainly would not be part of the human family, whose progenitor
>is Adam, since their origin could not be explained by the emigration
>of Earth-men.

>Consequently, they would not be tainted by original sin, at least
>not by that one committed by Adam, nor would they have been
>redeemed by Jesus Christ who came to earth to retrieve original sin.

>The inhabitants of the outer worlds, if they exist, are not subject
>too the destiny of Adam and his descendants."

>I also came across this or a similar Vatican statement in a
>newspaper article from this period, but I would have to look it
>up again.

Hi David,

Thank you for the passage from the Space Travel book by Kenneth
Gatland and Anthony Kunesch. I did not have that one among my
resources. I know statements have been attributed to the
Vatican about ETI over the years but the date, clarity,
comprehensiveness, and strength of the connection to the Pope
lend this special significance.

The comment about original sin is a controversial one. I have
several papers by theologians debating whether other life in
the Universe would suffer original sin. I remember a paper in
which a theologian argued that perhaps other life would not
fall as Adam had. There is so much to be written about this
topic that I know I will not be able to give it complete justice
in my first series of articles on the subject. If you happen to
come across any further articles about the Vatican and ETI, I
would be interested in hearing about them.

I really appreciate the quotes, and plan to pick up a copy of
the Space Travel book. Kenneth Gatland looks to have been a
very interesting individual.

Elsie

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Ex-MoD UFO Hunter Nick Pope Moves To Tucson

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Date: Thu, 23 Aug 2012 08:06:45 -0400
Archived: Thu, 23 Aug 2012 08:06:45 -0400
Subject: Ex-MoD UFO Hunter Nick Pope Moves To Tucson

Source: Examiner.Com

<http://tinyurl.com/8cnh2jo>

August 21, 2012

[The writing/layout in this article is not well constructed --ebk]

Ex-MoD UFO Hunter Nick Pope Moves To Tucson
by Shawn Jackson

Famed UFO hunter Nick Pope [and his wife Dr. Elizabeth Pope-Weiss, a Physical Anthropologist at the San Jose State University] recently announced their relocation to Tucson, Arizona. Nick is best known for his work as the former UFO investigator for the UK Ministry of Defence. The couple purchased a quaint hacienda on the borders of the Saguaro National Park just east of town. The newlyweds got married last year in Phoenix, Arizona while he was there for a speaking engagement at the International UFO Congress.

[More at site... thanks to Dave Haith for the lead]

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Curiosity Films Martian UAP Or Dead Pixels?

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Wed, 22 Aug 2012 21:42:20 +0100
Archived: Thu, 23 Aug 2012 08:09:40 -0400
Subject: Curiosity Films Martian UAP Or Dead Pixels?

<http://tinyurl.com/8umutf3>

The top 'fisheye' sequence is interesting. This little bright speck seems to have a systematic relationship to the horizon as it moves left to right through the view, so I don't see how you could explain this as pixel drop-out. If caused by the camera it could only be an optical artefact, not electronic, since the motion follows the optically distorted horizon. But as usual there is little info, not even any clock or description of what specialised function this camera may have (Curiosity has a shed-load of different cameras). Intriguing though...

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Raising Funds For Dr Roger Leir's Medical Bills

From: Philip Mantle <philip.mantle.nul>
Date: Wed, 22 Aug 2012 21:50:36 +0100
Archived: Thu, 23 Aug 2012 08:18:17 -0400
Subject: Raising Funds For Dr Roger Leir's Medical Bills

Dear Colleagues,

I recently heard that Dr Roger Leir had been very ill and as a result he had fallen afoul of the American medical system and has some hefty medical bills and has been struggling to pay them. A number of lectures have been held in the USA the proceeds of which have gone toward his bills.

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In order to try and donate to Dr Leir's medical bills I am selling/auctioning a few items. The first is a signed movie still from the alien abduction movie 'Fire In The Sky'. The photo was signed by Travis Walton, Dana Walton and Mike Rogers. I was present in London when they signed it. They were lecturing for BUFORA at the time as part of the promotion for the movie.

The photo is 8 x 10 inches, black and white. Mike Roger's signature has started to fade a bit.

A signed poster by Travis Walton is currently on eBay in the USA for =A3149.00 (USD). I put my signed photo up on Facebook earlier today:

<https://www.facebook.com/philip.mantle.9?ref=3Dts>

and so far the bidding has reached =A380.00 (GBP). All the proceeds for the sale of this item will go to Dr Leir.

If you are interested in purchasing the signed photo please be aware that payment is by PayPal only. If you are not interested perhaps you would be kind enough to forward this email onto your colleagues.

Regards,

Philip Mantle
philip.mantle.nul

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Larry King Returns With UFO Episode

From: **Giuliano Marinkovic** <giuliano.marinkovic.nul>
Date: Thu, 23 Aug 2012 13:04:24 +0200
Archived: Thu, 23 Aug 2012 08:25:05 -0400
Subject: Larry King Returns With UFO Episode

Larry King is back with his new show Larry King Now on ORA TV.

Episodes:

<http://tinyurl.com/ct5jmxz>

Facebook:

<http://tinyurl.com/chtzvzc>

Episode from August 20, 2012 was devoted to UFOs.

Official text from the site:

Larry King Now: UFOs
Air date: 08/20/2012
Rated: TV-14

Ufologist James Fox, Blink 182 frontman Tom DeLonge and publisher of Skeptic magazine Michael Shermer join Larry for a colorful discussion about UFOs, alien abductions, and whether the government is withholding information. Plus, new details on Roswell..

Photos from the set:

<http://tinyurl.com/cdndse2>

2 short Youtube clips:

<http://tinyurl.com/d22zewo>

<http://tinyurl.com/celqml1>

Video of the episode (viewers within US only):

<http://tinyurl.com/cea6nsc>

According to credits, Larry still has the same producer from his CNN shows in the past - Wendy Walker.

Best Wishes.

Giuliano

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Re: 'Snowflake' Video From South America

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Thu, 23 Aug 2012 12:30:41 +0100
Archived: Thu, 23 Aug 2012 08:26:13 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Snowflake' Video From South America

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Tue, 21 Aug 2012 12:02:13 -0400 (EDT)
>Subject: Re: 'Snowflake' Video From South America

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 20 Aug 2012 12:41:39 +0100
>>Subject: 'Snowflake' Video From South America

>><http://tinyurl.com/c6c5pfu>

>>Subtracting the erratic camera motion and measuring the position
>>of the light relative to the house window, I think the object
>>seems to drift slowly up and to the left over the rooftop during
>>the video. This makes me think of a bright star or planet. But
>>of course with no direction or time information to go on it's
>>hard to say. The pattern of lights hints at some optical or
>>video artefact but I haven't seen an effect exactly like this
>>before. Any thoughts?

>I wonder if the guy videoed a bright planet using a "star
>filter" or something like that on his lens (a diffraction filter
>with three gratings that are 120 degrees apart).

>He might have used a color filter as well to make the light
>approximately monochromatic to avoid color blur that would occur
>when a diffraction filter is used with polychromatic light such
>as starlight.

>The latter portion of the video looks like an "emboss" version
>of the first part. Pulsations of the image could be a
>combination of "focus hunting" by the camera and atmospheric
>scintillation.

>If all this were to turn out to be true, then it would be a
>hoax.

You've put your finger on exactly what it is that has been
nagging me about this. I thought it resembled a diffraction
pattern, even down to the rotation caused by twisting a filter,
but it didn't look right. You've nailed it - no colour
separation.

If this implies another filter then, as you say, it must surely
be deliberate, despite the authentic-sounding "excitement".

Martin Shough

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Date: Thu, 23 Aug 2012 13:34:48 +0100
Archived: Thu, 23 Aug 2012 09:49:11 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Snowflake' Video From South America

>From: Carol Maltby <carolmaltby.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Tue, 21 Aug 2012 13:41:52 -0400
>Subject: Re: 'Snowflake' Video From South America

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 20 Aug 2012 12:41:39 +0100
>>Subject: 'Snowflake' Video From South America

>><http://tinyurl.com/c6c5pfu>

<snip>

>If an optical or video artefact, it seems to be pretty stable. A
>note on the soundtrack - I have only had high school Spanish
>from 40 years ago, so I googled the exclamation "chimba" the
>man used over and over. It can mean "cool!" but can also be a
>vulgar anatomical reference. If you do any translations of it,
>know your colloquialisms.

Ha, I see what you mean! Thanks for the warning, Carol.

Martin

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From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
Date: Thu, 23 Aug 2012 13:39:55 +0100
Archived: Thu, 23 Aug 2012 09:50:50 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Snowflake' Video From South America

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Thu, 23 Aug 2012 12:30:41 +0100
>Subject: Re: 'Snowflake' Video From South America

<snip>

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Martin,

Just wondering if it could be possible for one our South
American colleagues could track this guy down and interview him?

Roy

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Date: Thu, 23 Aug 2012 08:49:43 -0400 (EDT)
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<snip>

Thanks Phil,

It just dawned on me there's another way to help Dr. Lier with his medical bills. and it may be a very fast way if we all chip in with some little effort.

I just wrote an ebook about crowdfunding which is the industry covering the new ways to get capital from donations. You all have probably heard of the companies that I work with such as Kickstarter and GoFundMe.

GoFundMe's owners had asked me for help recently to establish their affiliate program and since I work with the foremost stem cell group I'd asked the owners if they allowed for people to solicit for medical treatments and they reponded with a resounding "Yes!", and showed me some of their most successful campaigns where people in need of paying for treatments or paying for their medical bills raised tens of thousands of dollars in a short period of time. So I sent our patients to their sites as GoFundMe allows this but Kickstarter doesn't.

It's a simple process as you just use their website to post the situation, set your high mark like let's say \$100k and wait for the donations to come in. You don't have to pay the money back it's all donations.

If we work with Dr. Leir's people we can have a solicitations page up in no time. As soon as donations come in the money is instantly transferred to his people. That simple. I can talk to the owners Brad and Greg of GoFundMe and we can set something up asap.

Now, we ufologists can help drive traffic to that page featuring Dr. Leir by putting links to it from our websites and blogs, Facebook, Twitter, and on our radio programs.

Considering the massive amount of traffic the ufological community has we might be able to get Dr. Leir's bills paid off

quick or at least put a major dent in them.

So the formula is simple, Dr. Leir's people set up a page at GoFundMe or I think Indiegogo, they send we ufologist a link to the page and we get that link out there by any means necessary.

This works as one of my subjects, a woman who had a CE3 is raising money for her aunt a very popular movie script consultant that needed money for her medical bills. That campaign moved fast.

I don't know Dr. Leir personally but have chatted with him her on UpDates but I can show his people how to do it quick.

Now another way we can help is that on a crowdfunding campaign when people donate you can offer them gifts like autographed copies of your books, t-shirts, whatever you can muster. So I could chip in with some artwork or one of you could chip in with autographed copies of your books or whatever.

I'm suggesting all this because it works wonderfully with people who don't have the web traffic results like ufologists have. Any of you going on the radio shows can just promote the page and chip in that way.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com/blog

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Source: Examiner.Com

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August 22, 2012

Hastings Speaks Out: Could A TV Network Be Working With The CIA?
By Roger Marsh

While the American viewing audience is talked down to with shows like Chasing UFOs, apparently UFO documentary-making is hitting an all-time low, according to UFO-Nukes expert Robert Hastings in an editorial released August 21, 2012.

Commenting on a National Geographic network documentary where skeptic Robert Sheaffer goes after UFO reports, Hastings comments, "At what point does the systematic presentation of half-truths and outright falsehoods about the UFO phenomenon cross the line from incompetent scholarship to intentional disinformation?"

Hastings even wonders if the network might be working with the CIA.

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The History We Don't Know - Cox

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Archived: Fri, 24 Aug 2012 06:40:16 -0400
Subject: The History We Don't Know - Cox

Source: Billy Cox's Blog De Void

<http://tinyurl.com/8nkq89b>

Thursday, August 23, 2012

"With rare exceptions, the source documents portray a continual strategic manipulation of what the public should hear from government authorities about the phenomenon." -- Dr. Michael Swords

The History We Don't Know
by Billy Cox

The most important book on the origins of our current policy on The Great Taboo - UFOs and Government: A Historical Inquiry - arrives at one of the most portentous moments in human evolution. Primary author Dr. Michael Swords knows this. He has no expectations of success, among either popular audiences or in academic circles.

At a forbidding 580 pages, UFOs and Government is essentially dead on arrival. And not necessarily because people don't read anymore, but perhaps because they can't stick with it. A recent Newsweek cover story broke the bad news.

Next year, for the first time, the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders will list "Internet Addiction Disorder" as the new frontier in digital culture. Memory degradation, heightened anxiety, compulsive behaviors, eroding attention spans - the expanding litany of fallout from our addiction to the virtual world can now be quantified as it lights up pleasure receptors on brain maps, a scenario one researcher likens to "electronic cocaine". Chinese studies are identifying a "shrinkage of 10 to 20 percent in the area of the brain responsible for processing of speech, memory, motor control, emotion, sensory and other information."

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Re: Fundamentalist Religion & ET Intelligence

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Thu, 23 Aug 2012 10:57:28 -0700
Archived: Fri, 24 Aug 2012 06:44:56 -0400
Subject: Re: Fundamentalist Religion & ET Intelligence

>From: Elsie Conner <elsie_conner.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 21 Aug 2012 22:01:48 -0400
>Subject: Re: Fundamentalist Religion & ET Intelligence

>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Mon, 20 Aug 2012 12:08:08 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Fundamentalist Religion & ET Intelligence

>>>From: Elsie Conner <elsie_conner.nul>
>>>To: <post.nul>
>>>Date: Sun, 19 Aug 2012 22:55:32 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: Fundamentalist Religion & ET Intelligence

>>>>From: Gerald O'Connell <goc.nul>
>>>>To: <post.nul>
>>>>Date: Sun, 19 Aug 2012 13:38:44 +0100
>>>>Subject: Re: Fundamentalist Religion & ET Intelligence

>>>>>From: Elsie Conner <elsie_conner.nul>
>>>>>To: <post.nul>
>>>>>Date: Sat, 18 Aug 2012 17:28:03 -0400
>>>>>Subject: Fundamentalist Religion & ET Intelligence

><snip>
>>Elsie, you may already know this, but the Vatican around 1953
>>already went on the record saying they had no problem with the
>>idea of extraterrestrial beings.

>>Here's a quote from a 1953 book, Space Travel, by Kenneth W.
>>Gatland and Anthony M. Kunesch (pp. 72-73):

>>The idea of travel between the planets gathered tremendous
>>interest as a result of the 'flying saucer' stories which, in
>>recent years, have lent colour and romance to the possibility of
>>life existing on other worlds. Even the Vatican saw fit to
>>release this statement on the phenomenon [In an article by Father
>>D. Grasso, published in 'Civiltica Cattolica', approved by the Pope]:

>>"Some experts believe flying saucers are manned by space- dwellers.
>>This theory cannot be rejected a priori because experimental
>>science does not exclude with absolute certainty the possibility
>>of human life outside of earth.

>>"Maybe there are beings of anatomical and physiological constitution
>>notably different from ours, capable of resisting conditions of a
>>different environment but always composed of a body and a soul
>>so as to fall under the definition of human beings.

>>"If, in more or less the near future, science should be able to
>>ascertain the existence of human beings in the worlds outside
>>the earth, neither dogma nor theology would find themselves in
>>difficulties.

>>If space-dwellers are human beings in our sense, "they
>>certainly would not be part of the human family, whose progenitor
>>is Adam, since their origin could not be explained by the emigration
>>of Earth-men."

>>"Consequently, they would not be tainted by original sin, at least
>>not by that one committed by Adam, nor would they have been
>>redeemed by Jesus Christ who came to earth to retrieve original sin.

>>"The inhabitants of the outer worlds, if they exist, are not subject
>>too the destiny of Adam and his descendants."

>>I also came across this or a similar Vatican statement in a
>>newspaper article from this period, but I would have to look it
>>up again.

>Thank you for the passage from the Space Travel book by Kenneth
>Gatland and Anthony Kunesch. I did not have that one among my
>resources. I know statements have been attributed to the
>Vatican about ETI over the years but the date, clarity,
>comprehensiveness, and strength of the connection to the Pope
>lend this special significance.

>The comment about original sin is a controversial one. I have
>several papers by theologians debating whether other life in
>the Universe would suffer original sin. I remember a paper in
>which a theologian argued that perhaps other life would not
>fail as Adam had. There is so much to be written about this
>topic that I know I will not be able to give it complete justice
>in my first series of articles on the subject. If you happen to
>come across any further articles about the Vatican and ETI, I
>would be interested in hearing about them.

OK Elsie. I found the news article, the Sydney Australia Sunday
Herald, Nov. 2, 1952, page 1, talking about the same Vatican
statement, text below. This pins down the date of release of the
statement to Nov. 1, 1952. I will also send you a copy of the
article by email.

Vatican View On Space Inhabitants

STAFF CORRESPONDENT AND A.A.P.

ROME, Nov. 1-- A Vatican pronouncement says that Roman Catholics
are free to accept or deny the existence of dwellers of space.

The pronouncement appears in "Civiltà Cattolica," a fortnightly
publication of the Jesuit Order. The Pope scrutinizes the
articles in this journal before publication.

It says that the question of whether human beings can live on
sidereal bodies has been raised again by the strange phenomenon
of the "flying saucers."

NO DIFFICULTY

"If science should be able to ascertain the existence of human
beings in worlds outside the earth, neither dogma nor theology
would find themselves in difficulty," it says.

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Re: Curiosity Films Martian UAP Or Dead Pixels?

From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
Date: Thu, 23 Aug 2012 15:36:57 -0400
Archived: Fri, 24 Aug 2012 06:47:29 -0400
Subject: Re: Curiosity Films Martian UAP Or Dead Pixels?

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <post.nul>,
>Date: Wed, 22 Aug 2012 21:42:20 +0100
>Subject: Curiosity Films Martian UAP Or Dead Pixels?

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There is also a somewhat less obvious feature worth mentioning in this sequence of ten frames. In the fourth frame from the top, about three diameters above the bright speck, appears to be an (another?) orb-shaped object. It is not in the preceding frames, is still in the same place in the following frame, and then it disappears.

Note that the orb-like feature first appears next to the bright spot when it arrives at that location, then fades away after the bright spot leaves. This suggests that the two anomalies may be related.

William

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From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Thu, 23 Aug 2012 12:44:02 -0700
Archived: Fri, 24 Aug 2012 06:49:06 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Snowflake' Video From South America

>From: Steve Sawyer <stevesaw.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 21 Aug 2012 10:17:30 -0700
>Subject: Re: 'Snowflake' Video From South America

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 20 Aug 2012 12:41:39 +0100
>>Subject: 'Snowflake' Video From South America

>><http://tinyurl.com/c6c5pfu>

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>>hard to say. The pattern of lights hints at some optical or
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>>before. Any thoughts?

>Very odd. Note the geometric pattern of smaller lights
>surrounding the central light. Assuming, for the time being,
>that this is prosaic, the only thing I could think of was a
>tethered balloon with some kind of LED rig attached.

That would be my initial guess as well. I've seen similar stuff
at the Burning Man Festival. I don't think it a hoax of the
cameraman, just a prosaic, human-made group of lights seen at
night, therefore the cameraman was unable to see such things as
a balloon that is suspending it.

I'm bothered by the lack of motion of the lights relative to one
another which instead remain in relatively fixed positions.
I've seen much more puzzling "mothership" videos with satellite
objects actually "swarming" about or seemingly being ejected out
of the main body, but not here.

David Rudiak

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From: Viktor Golubic <Diverge247.nul>
Date: Thu, 23 Aug 2012 21:44:53 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Fri, 24 Aug 2012 06:50:46 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Snowflake' Video From South America

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Tue, 21 Aug 2012 12:02:13 -0400 (EDT)
>Subject: Re: 'Snowflake' Video From South America

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 20 Aug 2012 12:41:39 +0100
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>>before. Any thoughts?

>I wonder if the guy videoed a bright planet using a "star
>filter" or something like that on his lens (a diffraction filter
>with three gratings that are 120 degrees apart).

>He might have used a color filter as well to make the light
>approximately monochromatic to avoid color blur that would occur
>when a diffraction filter is used with polychromatic light such
>as starlight.

>The latter portion of the video looks like an "emboss" version
>of the first part. Pulsations of the image could be a
>combination of "focus hunting" by the camera and atmospheric
>scintillation.

<If all this were to turn out to be true, then it would be a
>hoax.

Hi Bruce, I think this is a very good suggestion. However, every
diffraction filter I know has bilateral symmetry: Where there is
the corresponding right half identical to its left. However,
this is a seven point polygon (not even numbered) with no
bilateral reflection plane. I'm not sure any exist and even if
you attempted seven, by default it will produce a fourteen
point pattern (even not odd like this one).

Any additional thoughts?

My only thinking is that this is a lens flare effect caused by a
thin film coating and the shape of the aperture. In that case,
the spatial distribution of the flare depends on the shape of
the aperture itself which has a seven point symmetry.

Viktor

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Source: MysteriousUniverse.Org

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Aug 22nd 2012

Aliens Or Ancient Humanoids?
by Nick Redfern

Of the many and varied, multifaceted theories that have been advanced to try and explain what lies at the heart of the UFO puzzle, one of the most controversial suggests that rather than representing bug-eyed intruders from far-away star-systems, the assumed aliens are really nothing of the sort. So, what, then, might they be, if not extraterrestrials?

Well, according to some researchers of the UFO phenomenon, our elusive visitors may be the last, possibly even the waning, vestiges of a very ancient, but very terrestrial, race of advanced entities that originated right here on Earth in our distant past. They have chosen =96 or have been forced =96 to live outside of human society, and within huge, cavernous underworlds far below the surface of our planet. Yes, it does sound just like wild fantasy. But, incredibly, maybe it is not.

Right up until the point of his tragic passing in October 2009, at the age of thirty-four, author Mac Tonnies was hot on the trail of these ancient, underground humanoids, which he chose to call the Cryptoterrestrials. Tonnies told me, only a couple of months before his death:

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>be consecutive frames from the same video.

Yes. I'm assuming that for that headline sequence they missed
out the middle images where the spot is difficult to see against
the sky brightness. But when you look at the whole sequence it's
possible to trace it continuously.

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>frames is constant and the assumed object is moving
>perpendicular to the line of sight, then we can see with a ruler
>that the velocity of the object is not constant. It accelerates
>until the 6th frame, decelerates slightly, then accelerates
>again.

Very interesting observation, William. If this is variation is
monotonic it is what I would expect to see because of angular
compression towards the periphery of the field in an extremely
wide-angle view such as this appears to be. It could mean that
the 'true' rate is more nearly constant. Howsoever, another
optical distortion is another reason for thinking that, whatever
this spot is, it is probably not in the electronics.

A friend of mine pointed out that CCD/CMOS chips are vulnerable
to damage by cosmic rays which could knock out random pixels .
Even so, the only way I could see a moving spot like this being
a camera artefact is by electromechanical scanning, i.e. if they
pan the camera to build up a panorama slice by vertical slice.
Then if there is a flaw like a dead pixel on the sensor it is
recentred in each new slice and seems to track across the field
when the whole image is reconstructed. But this is not what
has been done here. There is a complete panorama in each
successive view. These are time slices only, not space slices,
and no reason for the camera to have moved.

I'm thinking that the wide-angle distortion must be an optical
mapping (i.e. an image formed by a lens) not an electronic

mapping . What sort of crazy-assed digital scan algorithm would deliberately produce an image like this from an optically flat field? Completely pointless. So for me, at the moment, this does look like something moving in the Martian atmosphere.

Or maybe beyond... What about Phobos or Deimos? Can't see it myself - a flat trajectory low on the horizon doesn't seem to fit any kind of Mars-centred orbit (without bothering to check orbital inclination etc). Same seems to go for the Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter. In any case judging from the sky brightness the sun angle looks inappropriate.

Still puzzled...

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From: Kentaro Mori <kentaro.mori.nul>
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Re: Chasing Mexican UFOs

From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Fri, 24 Aug 2012 13:39:53 -0600
Archived: Sat, 25 Aug 2012 05:34:26 -0400
Subject: Re: Chasing Mexican UFOs

>From: Bruce Maccabee<brumac.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Tue, 21 Aug 2012 21:59:34 -0400 (EDT)
>Subject: Re: Chasing Mexican UFOs

<snip>

>As my article shows, the FLIR system was pointed toward the area
>of the oil field, about 100 miles away, as the plane flew
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>the very least I was able to demonstrate that the oil fire
>explanation was plausible. The biggest question was, could the
>mid-IR (3-5 micron) radiation travel that far and be detected. I
>proposed to the MEXican Air Force an experiment using their FLIR
>equipped airplane to test the oil field hypothesis, but they
>never did it - or at least never told me they had. Their main
>argument against the fires was "we never saw them before or
>since." This of course, does not rule out the possibility that
>unusual atmospheric conditions occurred on the day of the
>sighting.

Hi Bruce,

I know little about FLIR, but perhaps you can comment on whether this first-order analysis, which doesn't much depend on the FLIR details, holds any water:

Whatever the sensitivity of the FLIR may be (in terms of minimum detectable wattage), we must consider whether IR radiation from the atmosphere (essentially a ~300 deg-K black body) would swamp whatever signal might be coming from the oil fields 100 mi. away.

The mean spectral radiance of the atmosphere in the 3-5 micron region is ~100 microwatts/sq.cm per steradian per micron of wavelength [Ref.1]. So for an angular field of view of 3 degrees (~.002 steradian), which is roughly the 'medium' field of view setting for the FLIR in question, there will be ~0.4 microwatts/sq.cm of 3-5 micron radiation being received from the atmosphere alone. In order to be detectable, presumably the target of interest must itself produce a non-negligible fraction of this, let's say at least 4 nanowatts/sq.cm (i.e., 1% of the background value).

Now consider the two principal mechanisms of radiant intensity loss between the target and camera: geometric ($1/R^2$) divergence, and atmospheric extinction (scattering and absorption).

For geometric divergence: A spherically isotropic source in a vacuum delivering 4 nanowatts/sq.cm from a range of 100 miles would have a total radiant power output of (4 nanowatts) x ($4\pi \times [100\text{mi} \times 1.61 \times 10^5 \text{cm/mi}]^2$) or ~13 megawatts in the 3-5 micron band. Let's say the earth's surface is a perfect reflector and reduce that by a factor of 2, to ~6.5 megawatts.

For atmospheric extinction: The extinction coefficient in maritime air in the 3-5 micron band varies considerably, but the value at 4 microns is characteristic, with a value $\sim 0.055/\text{km}$ [Ref.2]. Applying this value across the entire wavelength band, at 100 miles range the transmitted power is reduced by a factor of $\text{EXP}(.055/\text{km} \times 100\text{mi} \times 1.61\text{km}/\text{mi})$, or roughly a factor of 7000.

Hence the total 3-5 micron radiant power at 100 mi. range required to noticeably exceed the atmospheric background radiance at the camera is at least $\sim 7000 \times 6.5$ megawatts or ~ 46 gigawatts, which is some 7 times the hydroelectric power output of the Grand Coulee Dam.

While it would clearly rule out the oil field flare theory, this number is so enormous that I'm seriously doubting my own calculation. Can you point out where/if I went astray? Not really my area of expertise, so please set me straight if necessary.

Thanks

Mike

[1] Wolfe L. W., & Zissis, J. G., The Infrared Handbook, Office of Naval Research, Department of Navy, Washington, DC, 1978

[2] Yates, H. W., & Taylor, J. H., "Infrared Transmission of the Atmosphere", U.S. Naval Research Laboratory, 08 Jun 1960

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All else OK, I think.

Mike

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From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Sat, 25 Aug 2012 05:41:59 -0400
Archived: Sat, 25 Aug 2012 05:41:59 -0400
Subject: 1989 Rash Of Sightings In Soviet Union

Source: TopSecretWriters.Com

<http://tinyurl.com/cfa4a6g>

August 24th, 2012

The 1989 Rash Of UFO Sightings In The Soviet Union
Ryan Dube

One very interesting aspect of spending hours digging through old declassified CIA documents is occasionally coming across more evidence that the agency had a healthy interest in the topic of UFOs =96 particularly when the sightings took place in other countries.

For example, one Foreign Press Note dated November 22, 1989 and titled =93USSR: Media Report Multitude of UFO Sightings=94 provides a rare glimpse into the UFO frenzy that was taking place during the cold war =96 not much unlike the spike in UFO interest that took place in the United States during the same time period.

In this particular report, the author provides excerpts from a variety of Russian media reports which detail the sort of sightings and claims regarding UFOs that were taking place in the USSR during the late 1980s.

Of particular interest in this report, was the plethora of witnesses and events that took place involving Russian military experts, as well as the opinion of one Russian scientist regarding the Roswell crash that is far different than what most UFO enthusiasts in the U.S. believe about the event.

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From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Sat, 25 Aug 2012 11:19:28 +0100
Archived: Sat, 25 Aug 2012 07:24:46 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Snowflake' Video From South America

>From: Kentaro Mori <kentaro.mori.nul>
>Date: Fri, 24 Aug 2012 13:53:00 -0300
>To: post.nul
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>>>From: Steve Sawyer <stevesaw.nul>
>>>To: <post.nul>
>>>Date: Tue, 21 Aug 2012 10:17:30 -0700
>>>Subject: Re: 'Snowflake' Video From South America

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From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
Date: Sat, 25 Aug 2012 13:19:25 +0100
Archived: Sat, 25 Aug 2012 09:36:37 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Snowflake' Video From South America

Does the world know who has recorded this video?

Roy

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From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Sat, 25 Aug 2012 14:19:43 +0100
Archived: Sat, 25 Aug 2012 09:39:33 -0400
Subject: Re: Nick Pope's Credibility Blown

According to Examiner.Com:

<http://tinyurl.com/8cnh2jo>

August 21, 2012

"...It was also announced at Sunday's [19th August] MUFON meeting in Tucson, that Nick plans on withdrawing from the limelight, so to speak. Presumably to spend more time with his new wife or possibly write another book. However, it is unclear yet as to why he plans on giving less speeches and interviews. Many Tucsonans are hopeful that he'll make an appearance at some of the UFO events in town to show his support as a fellow resident."

If this is true and he does back out of ufology, then his withdrawal will be the most important contribution he will have made to the field in my opinion.

Regards,

Joe

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From: Kentaro Mori <kentaro.mori.nul>
Date: Sat, 25 Aug 2012 12:52:48 -0300
Archived: Sun, 26 Aug 2012 08:23:15 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Snowflake' Video From South America

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Sat, 25 Aug 2012 11:19:28 +0100
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That would be my opinion too, in the Embu case I - like other
researchers - thought the LED rig must have been suspended by a
balloon tied to the ground, given its mostly stationary position
over several minutes. Turns out a kite tied to the ground can be
surprisingly stable, or show somewhat uniform movement, over
that time span.

Here's a similar UFO from Brazil, Limeira:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nc93h-CQjeA>

Which is more clearly a LED rig suspended by a kite. Also, the
image quality is much better than the Palmira video, which was
probably captured by a low-end cell phone camera.

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On the Embu case, the author went to the length of creating a

contraption that made the rig rotate, physically. He didn't give details, but it was probably powered by the wind or had an actual electrical motor. It's often the case that the rotation is simply a light effect between the ring of LEDs, but on the Palmira video the slight rotation of the rig could be simply due to the wind and the constraints of the rig tied to the kite and ground.

Unfortunately the video is anonymous as far as I could tell - Oscar Ruiz Ful is simply someone who reproduced the video. In any event we all agree it's interesting, but probably just a prank, regardless if the cameraman was involved or not. Again, the area seems to be a hotbed of UFO interest, including light-hearted jokes.

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From: **Stanton Friedman** <fsphys.nul>
Date: Sat, 25 Aug 2012 10:42:08 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Sun, 26 Aug 2012 08:27:09 -0400
Subject: Re: 1989 Rash Of Sightings In Soviet Union

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<snip>

I can't find any reason to connect the AMC comments with
Roswell. The dates are wrong. No location is given, no witnesses
are named. Any evidence monkeys were used at that time? There
was no USAF then only US Army Air Force. Wild speculation.

Stan Friedman

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Radio Interview On Baltic Sea 'UFO'

From: Dave Haith <visionsl.nul>
Date: Sat, 25 Aug 2012 21:33:03 +0100
Archived: Sun, 26 Aug 2012 08:32:21 -0400
Subject: Radio Interview On Baltic Sea 'UFO'

There's been a lot of speculation about this case so here's the latest.

Peter Lindberg, the expedition leader is interviewed here on Swedish Red Ice Radio.

He talks about how the object may be giving off electrical interference and disturbing their research gear.

Closer than 500 metres the problems start.

One theory is that it may be the remains of a volcano eruption or even a meteor many thousands of years old.

He claims his group never claimed it was a UFO.

A new expedition is planned with serious scientists aboard.

Lindberg would like to take a core sample of the object but his group doesn't have the cash.

A documentary is being made.

"We have a few aces up our sleeve - we are saving a few things for the documentary" says Lindberg.

"I don't believe in Atlantis but if it is there I would like to find it" he adds.

A stair like formation goes from the bottom to the top of the circle but the 'stairs' are one metre high so "not ordinary people can walk up these stairs" he comments.

"People out there interested in this must be patient - we must be patient as well" he says.

See:

<http://tinyurl.com/9cdpabp>

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From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Sat, 25 Aug 2012 17:25:13 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Sun, 26 Aug 2012 08:35:34 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Snowflake' Video From South America

>From: Viktor Golubic <Diverge247.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Thu, 23 Aug 2012 21:44:53 -0400 (EDT)
>Subject: Re: 'Snowflake' Video From South America

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
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>>I wonder if the guy videoed a bright planet using a "star
>>filter" or something like that on his lens (a diffraction filter
>>with three gratings that are 120 degrees apart).

>>He might have used a color filter as well to make the light
>>approximately monochromatic to avoid color blur that would occur
>>when a diffraction filter is used with polychromatic light such
>>as starlight.

>>The latter portion of the video looks like an "emboss" version
>>of the first part. Pulsations of the image could be a
>>combination of "focus hunting" by the camera and atmospheric
>>scintillation.

><If all this were to turn out to be true, then it would be a
>>hoax.

>Hi Bruce, I think this is a very good suggestion. However, every
>diffraction filter I know has bilateral symmetry: Where there is
>the corresponding right half identical to its left. However,
>this is a seven point polygon (not even numbered) with no
>bilateral reflection plane. I'm not sure any exist and even if
>you attempted seven, by default it will produce a fourteen
>point pattern (even not odd like this one).

>Any additional thoughts?

>My only thinking is that this is a lens flare effect caused by a
>thin film coating and the shape of the aperture. In that case,
>the spatial distribution of the flare depends on the shape of
>the aperture itself which has a seven point symmetry.

You are correct that there wouldn't be a "7-fold symmetry"

created by a filter such as described above.

I have looked at the video again and noted that it seems like a "6-fold" array with a couple of other lights in seemingly random - but fixed relative to other lights - positions.

I also note the "lights" (diffraction orders if this were an image of a diffraction pattern) seem weak or non-existent at the right side. It is as if some lights were missing or blocked by something.

Since a diffraction filter operates inside the camera the diffraction orders would be created and there would be nothing to block a diffraction order.

I therefore question my own suggested explanation and note that others have proposed a LED light hoax. If so, and if the lights were intended to be in a pattern, then something happened to the 'contraption' on the way up!

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>>From: Bruce Maccabee<brumac.nul>
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>>Subject: Re: Chasing Mexican UFOs

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>>As my article shows, the FLIR system was pointed toward the area
>>of the oil field, about 100 miles away, as the plane flew
>>eastward for many miles. I demonstrated reasonably good,
>>although not perfect, agreement between the FLIR lights and the
>>oil burnoff fires that were picked up by satellite that day. At
>>the very least I was able to demonstrate that the oil fire
>>explanation was plausible. The biggest question was, could the
>>mid-IR (3-5 micron) radiation travel that far and be detected. I
>>proposed to the Mexican Air Force an experiment using their FLIR
>>equipped airplane to test the oil field hypothesis, but they
>>never did it - or at least never told me they had. Their main
>>argument against the fires was "we never saw them before or
>>since." This of course, does not rule out the possibility that
>>unusual atmospheric conditions occurred on the day of the
>>sighting.

>I know little about FLIR, but perhaps you can comment on whether this
>first-order analysis, which doesn't much depend on the FLIR details,
>holds any water:

>Whatever the sensitivity of the FLIR may be (in terms of minimum
>detectable wattage), we must consider whether IR radiation from
>the atmosphere (essentially a ~300 deg-K black body) would swamp
>whatever signal might be coming from the oil fields 100 mi.
>away.

>The mean spectral radiance of the atmosphere in the 3-5 micron
>region is ~100 microwatts/sq.cm per steradian per micron of
>wavelength [Ref.1]. So for an angular field of view of 3 degrees
>(~.002 steradian), which is roughly the 'medium' field of view
>setting for the FLIR in question, there will be ~0.4
>microwatts/sq.cm of 3-5 micron radiation being received from the
>atmosphere alone. In order to be detectable, presumably the
>target of interest must itself produce a non-negligible fraction
>of this, let's say at least 4 nanowatts/sq.cm (i.e., 1% of the
>background value).

>Now consider the two principal mechanisms of radiant intensity
>loss between the target and camera: geometric ($1/R^2$)
>divergence, and atmospheric extinction (scattering and
>absorption).

>For geometric divergence: A spherically isotropic source in a
>vacuum delivering 4 nanowatts/sq.cm from a range of 100 miles
> would have a total radiant power output of (4 nanowatts) x (4pi
>x [100mi x 1.61x10⁵cm/mi]²) or ~13 megawatts in the 3-5 micron

>band. Let's say the earth's surface is a perfect reflector and
>reduce that by a factor of 2, to ~6.5 megawatts.

>For atmospheric extinction: The extinction coefficient in
>maritime air in the 3-5 micron band varies considerably, but the
>value at 4 microns is characteristic, with a value ~0.055/km
>[Ref.2]. Applying this value across the entire wavelength band,
>at 100 miles range the transmitted power is reduced by a factor
>of $\text{EXP}(.055/\text{km} \times 100\text{mi} \times 1.61\text{km}/\text{mi})$, or roughly a factor of
>7000.>

>Hence the total 3-5 micron radiant power at 100 mi. range
>required to noticeably exceed the atmospheric background
>radiance at the camera is at least ~7000 x 6.5 megawatts or ~46
>gigawatts, which is some 7 times the hydroelectric power output
>of the Grand Coulee Dam.

>While it would clearly rule out the oil field flare theory, this
>number is so enormous that I'm seriously doubting my own
>calculation. Can you point out where/if I went astray? Not
>really my area of expertise, so
>please set me straight if necessary.

>[1] Wolfe L. W., & Zissis, J. G., The Infrared Handbook, Office
>of Naval Research, Department of Navy, Washington, DC, 1978

>[2] Yates, H. W., & Taylor, J. H., "Infrared Transmission of the
>Atmosphere", U.S. Naval Research Laboratory, 08 Jun 1960

Thanks for your rather erudite comments. There are very few UFO
sighting cases that can be discussed in such an analytical
manner.

You have correctly pointed out that the detection of an oil
field burnoff fire 100+ miles away depends upon the path
luminance and the attenuation as well as upon the power radiated
in the FLIR bandwidth and the sensitivity of the FLIR.

Radiation from the atmosphere is from a "wide angle" source
whereas the radiation from an oil field fire is from a "point"
source as shown below.

The scale size of a fire might be on the order of 10 feet (e.g.:
a cylinder 1 ft in diameter by 10 ft high) so the angular size
of the longest dimension would be on the order of $10/(5280 \times 100) = 1.9 \times 10^{-5} \text{ rad} = 1.9\text{E-}5 \text{ rad}$ or $1.1\text{E-}3 \text{ degrees}$. The
Medium field of view (FOV) of the FLIR system is $3.4 \times 2.6 \text{ deg}$.

This FOV is spread over a focal plane array of pixels that is
320 by 240 (half the NTSC standard TV linear resolution). Thus
one pixel in the MED resolution has an instantaneous (linear)
FOV (IFOV)(vertical and horizontal) of about $3.4/320 = 0.011$
deg. Thus the angular size of the fire, $1.1\text{E-}3 \text{ deg}$, is much
smaller than the angular resolution of the sensor in the MED
setting, 0.011 deg , so, to the FLIR system the image of a fire
of that size and distance would "fit onto" a pixel.

If the fire were very bright its light would "slop over" onto
adjacent pixels, making a larger image than expected, because of
optical aberrations, including light scattering and diffraction
in the optical imaging system.

Detection of a distant light requires a difference in brightness
between the light hitting the pixel(s) which receives the light
and the adjacent pixels that do not receive light directly
(immediately adjacent pixels would receive light indirectly due
to "sideways spread" because of lens aberrations and
diffraction).

In this case the electrical signal output of the pixel(s) which
receive direct or indirect light must be greater than the output
of the pixels that do not receive the light. Specifically, the
output of the pixels that do not receive the fire light depends
upon the path luminance (PL, light scattered in the atmosphere)
that is received by the optical system within the IFOV of a
pixel, while the output of the pixels that do receive the fire
light is the sum of the fire light, FL, as attenuated by the
atmosphere and captured by the aperture diameter of the
receiving optics, plus the atmospheric path luminance within the
IFOV: $\text{FL} + \text{PL}$. Thus the light from a fire "competes", not with
the total path luminance over the whole FOV, 3.4 deg , but only

that fraction that corresponds to the IFOV of a pixel, .011 deg or 1.9E-4 radians. The solid angle in steradians can be approximated as the square of this, or 3.7E-8 st. A more accurate result uses the equation $B = 2(\pi)(1-\cos(A))$ where B is the angle in st. and A is the half angle of the IFOV or $0.011 \text{ deg}/2 = 0.00522 \text{ deg}$. Using a 10 digit calculator yields 2.6E-8 st. (The same calculation using 3 degrees as the total FOV is $2(\pi)(1-\cos(3/2)) = .0021 \text{ st}$, as you used.) This reduces your 0.4 microwatts of sky luminance over the whole FOV to the amount incident on a pixel, $0.4 \times 2.6E-8/2.1E-3 = 5E-6$ microwatts about a factor of 10E5 lower than you calculated for the whole FOV.

A light source that is 1% of the sky luminance need only be 5E-8 microwatts (or 5E-14 watts). Using your estimate of the inverse square multiplication factor (100 mi written in cm and squared), 3.2E15, we find that the needed output from a fire is on the order of 160 W without accounting for atmospheric attenuation. Your estimate of the attenuation factor probably does not include the slant path effect which decreases the attenuation but if we use your factor of 7000 then the fire must radiate $160 \times 7000 = 1.1 \text{ MW}$ in the wavelength band of interest. Whether this is reasonable or not I do not know, but at least it does not require seven times the output of the Grand Coulee dam.

I would like to point out that, years ago, I would have attempted a "first principles" calculation of the amount of radiation received by the FLIR but no one could tell me the actual radiant power of one of the oil flares within the bandwidth of interest. And, of course, there were no data on atmospheric transmission for that day and time.

Therefore I relied upon the measurements and calculations related to sighting line variation over time as the strongest evidence in favor of the fires.

And then there are the lower faint lights below "the Twins" (the pair of brightest lights - see the article). Are these reflections in the ocean?

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Coast A Hot Site For UFO Sightings
Andrew Potts

It's official - UFO sightings on the Gold Coast have gone out of this world.

The region's top alien hunters have been at the centre of a spike in reported sightings in the past 12 months, with the usually quiet cooler autumn and winter seasons becoming a hotbed of close encounters of the first kind.

UFO Research Queensland chairwoman Sheryl Gottchell said the number of sightings had been "interesting".

"The information we get helps us chart and record the different things people see. It shows the public is telling the truth," she said.

"We are not alone in the universe and extraterrestrials are interacting with people from this planet.

"Summer is generally when people are outside more at night and therefore more likely to see something in the sky."

The organisation, which started in 1956, keeps a database of sightings dating back to the 1990s.

Recent sightings were at Elanora in May and in July near Gold Coast Airport.

[More at site...]

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The personal attacks on Nick Pope make my eyes glaze over and
skip on as rapidly as possible to something more interesting and
productive.

As one who's written on the subject, I cannot agree that anti-
Semitism is anything other than a fringe theme in UFO-themed

writing. Ernst Zundel was far off the charts. He made a lot of noise but exercised little influence. Persons who appear on Jeff Rense's show are not endorsing his obnoxious views; mostly, they're naive about them - for which, no doubt, they merit criticism. That doesn't make them conscious bigots, however.

Anti-Semitism, usually thinly veiled in talk of "International Bankers," was an occasional undercurrent in the contactee subculture of the 1950s, and it was possible to hear some echoes in the late, unlamented Dark Side movement of the latter 1980s. But within the mainstream of UFO discourse, anti-Semitism has been a very minor issue.

Of course, it ought to be condemned wherever it shows its ugly face. My own observation is that many ufologists are clueless in matters of politics and history - in other words, they're identical to most of their fellow citizens. On the other hand, individuals obsessed with hatreds based on religion, race, and the like don't seem especially attracted to ufology as such, as the history of our subject - about which I know a thing or two - attests.

In my lifetime of interacting with colleagues, I recall being exposed personally to a single anti-Semitic slur, that by a since-deceased, prominent figure from across the water. It was so unusual and unexpected that it has stuck in memory.

Jerry Clark

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>>of whack.

Good points, Paul. Rense once threatened to sue me because of my
remarks about his site. Like yourself, I did an appearance on
his show before I learned about the contents of his site.

I've commented often about Joe shilling for Dave Clarke in this
war between that clique and Pope. It just gets boring to hear

the same whining about him from Joe all of the time.

Don Ledger

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UFO Photographs And Film

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Dear List Members,

I am a PhD student in philosophy at the University of Glasgow and I have recently begun to take some interest in the UFO phenomenon, and I would be very grateful if any member of this list would be willing to assist with the following query. Philosophers, especially those in the Western analytic tradition, are known for having naturally sceptical minds (be they novices or not), and I like to think that I do not break that mould. Nevertheless, I do find quite compelling much of the testimony which constitutes UFO reports, as well as the various radar-visual, and physical trace cases as reported in the work of MacDonald, Hynek, Clark and others. Such evidence, it seems to me, is tantalising, and is sufficient for a reasonable case to be made in support of the ETH. However, I am also struck by the apparent paucity of the hardest of hard evidence, which should include photographic and film evidence of an entirely unambiguous nature, it seems -- particularly given the frequency of striking UFO reports, the many years during which the phenomenon has persisted, and the increasing world-wide dissemination of personal devices which allow both photography and filming. Why, then, is such evidence absent?

It seems to me that among the (not mutually exclusive) possible responses are:

(1) It isn't absent, and here it is!

I would be very grateful if anyone could point me in the direction of the sources where such evidence might be found. I am already familiar to some extent with such classic cases as the 1950 McMinnville and 1971 Lago de Cote photographs, and an initial search of the archives of this list has revealed others of more recent provenance such as the 2004 Whittlesea photograph. I recognise that judging the quality of such evidence is difficult, especially given the noise that the best cases need to be distinguished from. However, as interesting as the best cases are, I think even the most charitable interpretation of them would fall short, somewhat, of entirely lacking in ambiguity. Moreover, there seems to be even less film evidence of anything like the quality of the apparently relatively scarce photographic evidence.

(2) It isn't absent, but the public can't access it.

It has been argued by some that the best evidence is in the possession of various authorities, and withheld from public view. I do not think that this is by any means an absurd position to hold, but even a defender of it must recognise that there are some arguments against it which possess prima facie force -- it would require at least every government in the developed world, or very powerful groups within those governments, to track down and confiscate every single piece of unambiguous evidence; that would require a consistent level of competency and power which most organised groups of people rarely exhibit.

(3) It is absent, but there are good reasons why.

Two potential explanations were given by MacDonald in his statement to the House Committee on Science and Astronautics, namely that those who experience UFOs are often stunned into inaction by the experience, and that most people just don't have a camera to hand all the time. Perhaps the first argument still stands, but the second one has been considerably weakened over time, especially since the rise of iPhones and all the rest. Moreover, given that the UFO phenomenon has persisted for at least 50 years, the following thought is surely not entirely unreasonable: someone, somewhere, must have gotten unambiguous photographic, or film footage by now.

I realise I am very much a new kid on the block, and I apologise if my query seems naive or ill-informed. I look forward to any and all responses, which I am happy to receive off or on-list, depending on whatever the responder judges is most appropriate.

Best wishes,

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Re: Chasing Mexican UFOs

From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Mon, 27 Aug 2012 09:24:30 -0600
Archived: Mon, 27 Aug 2012 15:58:58 -0400
Subject: Re: Chasing Mexican UFOs

>From: Bruce Maccabee<brumac.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Sun, 26 Aug 2012 14:19:05 -0400 (EDT)
>Subject: Re: Chasing Mexican UFOs

>>From: Michael Tarbell<mtarbell.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Fri, 24 Aug 2012 13:39:53 -0600
>>Subject: Re: Chasing Mexican UFOs

<snip>

>>Hence the total 3-5 micron radiant power at 100 mi. range
>>required to noticeably exceed the atmospheric background
>>radiance at the camera is at least ~7000 x 6.5 megawatts or ~46
>>gigawatts, which is some 7 times the hydroelectric power output
>>of the Grand Coulee Dam.

>>While it would clearly rule out the oil field flare theory, this
>>number is so enormous that I'm seriously doubting my own
>>calculation. Can you point out where/if I went astray? Not
>>really my area of expertise, so >>please set me straight if
>>necessary.

<snip>

>This FOV is spread over a focal plane array of pixels that is
>320 by 240 (half the NTSC standard TV linear resolution). Thus
>one pixel in the MED resolution has an instantaneous (linear)
>FOV (IFOV)(vertical and horizontal) of about $3.4/320 = 0.011$
>deg. Thus the angular size of the fire, $1.1E-3$ deg, is much
>smaller than the angular resolution of the sensor in the MED
>setting, 0.011 deg, so, to the FLIR system the image of a fire
>of that size and distance would "fit onto" a pixel.

Thanks Bruce, this is exactly where I went wrong... using the
entire camera field of view instead of that of a single pixel,
which of course is the most that would be directly illuminated
by a point source (although the objects in the video clearly
occupy more than a single pixel... if this is indeed due to
'slop over' from a single intensely illuminated pixel, then
obviously the source is far exceeding the 1%-of-background
criterion I used to estimate its minimum power).

I have since obtained more refined data about atmospheric
irradiance and extinction properties in the infrared, and will
return soon with a revised calculation, including an estimate of
the radiant power of an oil well flare in the relevant
wavelength band.

Regards

Mike

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From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Mon, 27 Aug 2012 20:03:55 +0100
Archived: Mon, 27 Aug 2012 16:03:11 -0400
Subject: The Scientific Method [was Re: Nick Pope's

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: post.nul
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Ha! Such talk is always a non-sequitur

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Non_sequitur (logic)

and very often a red-herring.

The reason is that in any discipline, including Ufology, the route to progress lies in the scientific method, first outlined by Bacon and Descartes:

1 "To lay aside received opinions" - (Descartes - "To accept nothing as true which I did not clearly recognize to be so");

2 "to refrain the mind for a time from the highest generalizations" - (Descartes - "carefully to avoid precipitations and prejudice in judgments") - [which was code for 'religion' in their day, the political or science dogma of our own times] see:

www.perceptions.couk.com/answers001.html#method

Which means that any 'scientific' observer must forget (hard to do - but necessary) all talk of "race". "nation" and even "country" - because they don't really exist. see www.perceptions.couk.com/norace.txt and maybe www.perceptions.couk.com/causes.html#cause11

I.e all so-called "races" are only temporary subdividings of humanity - usually caused by geographical isolation - which eventually disappear when re-assimilation takes place.

In the recent (last few tens of millenia) case you cite, the "racial" group you call 'Semites' is mostly composed of the Arab peoples (i.e today within Islam) and should therefore be immune from any insults re: banking (classical usury). see www.perceptions.couk.com/ed4.html

And their re-assimilation is taking place today: I've worked in the Med and Middle-east and some of my Jewish friends were brown or blond-haired, with green or hazel eyes (I recall that some girls were freckled).

So a real, scientific ufologist cannot be recruited by nationalist or racist propoganda.

Cheers
Ray D

PS - maybe more controversial: it's possible that even the division of gender ('sex') might be a parochial and therefore scientifically 'unreal' concept.

I.e. it now seems that gender is 'invented' (and maybe is only useful) in fairly primitive settings where organisms are surrounded by parasitic and viral 'diseases' - so genetic re-combinings are useful as a defense.

see Matt Ridley's 'The Red Queen - Sex and the Evolution of Human Nature' 1993 ISBN 0-670-843571

and maybe

www.perceptions.couk.com/genes4.html#male

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There s certainly a link between ufology and anti-Semitism. Part of it has to do with the link between ufology and a conspiracy theory worldview in which phrases such as conspiracy of international bankers and small group of families who secretly rule the world are sometimes code for something more sinister. But the situation is more complex than this.

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But when such individuals do surface, and skulk around on the fringes of ufology, the UFO community should probably be wary. Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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From: Paul Kimball <paulkimball.nul>
Date: Mon, 27 Aug 2012 17:03:40 -0300
Archived: Tue, 28 Aug 2012 04:47:22 -0400
Subject: Re: Nick Pope's Credibility Blown

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: [post.nul](#)
>Date: Mon, 27 Aug 2012 10:37:01 -0300
>Subject: Re: Nick Pope's Credibility Blown

>>From: Paul Kimball <paulkimball.nul>
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>>>According to Examiner.Com:

>>><http://tinyurl.com/8cnh2jo>

>>>August 21, 2012

>>>"...It was also announced at Sunday's [19th August] MUFON
>>>meeting in Tucson, that Nick plans on withdrawing from the
>>>limelight, so to speak. Presumably to spend more time with his
>>>new wife or possibly write another book. However, it is unclear
>>>yet as to why he plans on giving less speeches and interviews.
>>>Many Tucsonans are hopeful that he'll make an appearance at some
>>>of the UFO events in town to show his support as a fellow
>>>resident."

>>>If this is true and he does back out of ufology, then his
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>Good points, Paul. Rense once threatened to sue me because of my

>remarks about his site. Like yourself, I did an appearance on
>his show before I learned about the contents of his site.

Exactly, Don. And Rense is just the tip of the iceberg. People who casually brush these things off as the "fringe of the fringe" are either willfully blind, or hopelessly naive.

Best,

Paul

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Nick,

I agree that "not all Israelis are bad" is an unpromising way to
open any discussion that professes to be rational, the adjective
here being used in the most charitable spirit possible under the
circumstances.

Jerry Clark

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Sorry Paul, I don't see your logic. Nick exaggerated and lied in order to promote himself with the media and within ufology, that is a simple and demonstrable fact. Many of those working in the field including yourself and Jerry tolerated it and in your case, (and that of others, eg Leslie Kean) actually supported his false image, hence I regard their/your own work as tainted. Now you seem to feel that it is somehow my fault or that it is my behaviour which is somehow immoral?

It seems that a large proportion of 'ufology' and all of the media are incapable of recognising misleading behaviour, or if they are capable, they simply don't care. If Pope claimed to have been a Navy Seal or a Viet Nam veteran would your perception be different? A walt is a walt, he has already tried to infer that his background was in the 'defence intelligence' field, yet another part of his Ego which doesn't stand up to scrutiny.

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Hey I have no problem with someone earning an honest living, but I don't see what is honest about claiming to have been 'in charge of' a non-existent 'UFO project' or misattributing the work of others when you know the true attribution.

I dislike people making a dishonest living (and that includes a large proportion of politicians, salesmen and journalists IMO). When they are active in my sphere of interest, then I see no reason not to point out the error of their ways. Not to do so is tantamount to endorsing what they espouse.

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I don't disagree with any of the above paragraph - people shouldn't knowingly support racists and should expose their behaviour. The same applies to charlatans, even if they do have a nice English accent and appear to be inoffensive publicly.

Just in case you missed my strap line on previous posts, ufology gets what it deserves.

Regards,

Joe

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>From: John Donaldson <John.Donaldson.nul>
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>Subject: UFO Photographs And Film

>I am a PhD student in philosophy at the University of Glasgow

<snip>

>I look forward to any and all responses, which I am happy to
>receive off or on-list

Hello John

Coincidentally have only yesterday replied to a similar query -
here's part of it:

[Quotation Begins]

"As you know I'm a sceptical or (some say) cynical observer of
events.

Even so, have watched and evaluated the evidence of the broad
phenomena of UFOs for some years and am sure in my mind that
there are events happening that cannot be explained by our
physics (but am also sure that most of the info we get is
actually 'dis-info' created by human security agencies).

So now I don't bother arguing the case for or against - I know
something is happening."

[Quotation Ends]

and went on to give some 'cast iron' cases:

1) the Black Box Pilot recordings

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KlDST-IkcMM>

BTW - Dr Richard Haines (ex-NASA), who comments on some of
those events, made an interesting observation on the apparently
'impossible' physics involved with one case, at 18 minutes in -
or at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KlDST-IkcMM#t=18m>

BTW2 you might think it worthwhile to check other stuff from Dr
Haines; there's some in the 'UFOs - Hard Evidence' series,
available at:

<http://tinyurl.com/9fv2wyf>

2) the Birdsall & Stubbs 'NASA Smoking Gun' series of NASA (and
Russian) films and photos, which, due to and in spite of
occasional deletions by Youtube, you might be able to browse at:

www.perceptions.couk.com/ufo-uap.html#yu-tu

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Thank you for drawing attention to my blog (in which I am
completely open as to my identity, BTW).

I implore people to read it, and pay attention to how the state
of Israel is conducting a genocidal policy against the
Palestinians just as the NAZI's did against the Jews in WWII,
just more slowly and with less international condemnation.

My issue is not with the Jewish people, but with the state of
Israel, which anyone with a reasonable level of comprehension
can see for themselves by reading the blog.

Your thinly veiled insinuation is offensive and trivialises the
real issue which is the subject of the blog. I suppose that it
is better than whispering behind my back as you have been for
some years now like a snot-nosed kid.

While I have your attention, perhaps you would now take the
opportunity to reveal the real story of 'Peter' and 'Jenny' and
the toll-booth. I found the marginal comment at p.37 of DEFE24-
2091-1 quite enlightening, where one of your 'MoD chums' wrote:

"A great pity that a more permanent abduction by aliens cannot
be arranged. I'm not surprised that they didn't want to keep
him".

This appears to be in the context of the publication of "Open
Skies, Closed Minds".

You are also quoted in "The X-Files Book of the Unexplained"
(1995, prior to publication of OSCM) as saying:

"You could say that, like Fox Mulder, my interest is not purely
an academic one and I'm driven by some more personal
motivations. My primary motivation is the intellectual belief
that there is a genuine unknown phenomenon, and my belief in the

people's right to know, but a part of my motivation is a desire to explain some anomalous events in my own past..."

"...The very furthest I would want to go is to say that there are some events in my past which some people in the UFO lobby would say are some of the factors that are present in cases of abduction. But I want to stay on the fence until I know what happened to me."

Do you still believe in the "people's right to know"? If your reported scaling-down of participation in ufology is accurate, now would be a good time to spill the beans.

Regards,

Joe

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Date: Mon, 27 Aug 2012 23:56:55 +0100
Archived: Tue, 28 Aug 2012 04:59:34 -0400
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>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: [post](#).nul
>Date: Mon, 27 Aug 2012 10:37:01 -0300
>Subject: Re: Nick Pope's Credibility Blown

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Re: Anti-Semitism and Ufology

From: Paul Kimball <paulkimball.nul>
Date: Mon, 27 Aug 2012 19:58:40 -0300
Archived: Tue, 28 Aug 2012 05:01:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Anti-Semitism and Ufology

>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Mon, 27 Aug 2012 21:33:03 +0200 (CEST)
>Subject: Anti-Semitism and Ufology [was: Nick Pope's Credibility Blown]

<snip>

>There s certainly a link between ufology and anti-Semitism. Part
>of it has to do with the link between ufology and a conspiracy
>theory worldview in which phrases such as conspiracy of
>international bankers and small group of families who secretly
>rule the world are sometimes code for something more sinister.
>But the situation is more complex than this.

Hi Nick,

I recommend Web of Hate, Warren Kinsella's excellent study about the far right in Canada, and how it worms itself into all areas of society, often without people even realizing it.

<http://warrenkinsella.com/books/web-of-hate/>

It's not just anti-Semitism, of course, although that seems to be the virus that most often permeates the conspiracist subculture, which is linked - like it or not - with the UFO subculture.

Anyway, my original point was simply to observe that there are far more odious things that undermine "serious ufology" than someone making a few quid by lending their name to commercial advertisements and marketing campaigns.

Best,

Paul
www.beyonderstv.com

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>>>>Date: Mon, 20 Aug 2012 12:41:39 +0100
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>>>>><http://tinyurl.com/c6c5pfu>

>>>>>Subtracting the erratic camera motion and measuring the position
>>>>>of the light relative to the house window, I think the object
>>>>>seems to drift slowly up and to the left over the rooftop during
>>>>>the video. This makes me think of a bright star or planet. But
>>>>>of course with no direction or time information to go on it's
>>>>>hard to say. The pattern of lights hints at some optical or
>>>>>video artefact but I haven't seen an effect exactly like this
>>>>>before. Any thoughts?

>>>>I wonder if the guy videoed a bright planet using a "star
>>>>filter" or something like that on his lens (a diffraction filter
>>>>with three gratings that are 120 degrees apart).

>>>>He might have used a color filter as well to make the light
>>>>approximately monochromatic to avoid color blur that would occur
>>>>when a diffraction filter is used with polychromatic light such
>>>>as starlight.

>>>>The latter portion of the video looks like an "emboss" version
>>>>of the first part. Pulsations of the image could be a
>>>>combination of "focus hunting" by the camera and atmospheric
>>>>scintillation.

>>><If all this were to turn out to be true, then it would be a
>>>hoax.

>>Hi Bruce, I think this is a very good suggestion. However, every
>>diffraction filter I know has bilateral symmetry: Where there is
>>the corresponding right half identical to its left. However,
>>this is a seven point polygon (not even numbered) with no
>>bilateral reflection plane. I'm not sure any exist and even if
>>you attempted seven, by default it will produce a fourteen
>>point pattern (even not odd like this one).

>>Any additional thoughts?

>>My only thinking is that this is a lens flare effect caused by a

>>thin film coating and the shape of the aperture. In that case,
>>the spatial distribution of the flare depends on the shape of
>>the aperture itself which has a seven point symmetry.
>You are correct that there wouldn't be a "7-fold symmetry"
>created by a filter such as described above.

>I have looked at the video again and noted that it seems like a
>"6-fold" array with a couple of other lights in seemingly random
>- but fixed relative to other lights - positions.

The seven is always there and never varies so I'm not seeing anything but seven. I had tried to envision six but the axis are also bent slightly to accord with a seven-fold system.

>I also note the "lights" (diffraction orders if this were an
>image of a diffraction pattern) seem weak or non-existent at the
>right side. It is as if some lights were missing or blocked by
>something.

I thought of that too but the intensities are not diminished and I have frozen the images multiple times throughout the recording. The symmetry does not appear to have any voids, but blocking could be there.

>Since a diffraction filter operates inside the camera the
>diffraction orders would be created and there would be nothing
>to block a diffraction order.

Yes, agreed

>I therefore question my own suggested explanation and note that
>others have proposed a LED light hoax. If so, and if the lights
>were intended to be in a pattern, then something happened to the
>'contraption' on the way up!

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The Man In The Moon
By Lydia Netzer - Op-Ed
Norfolk, Va.

Most technological advances are actually just improvements. One thing builds on the next: from shoddy to serviceable, from helpful to amazing. First you had a carriage, then a car, and then an airplane; now you have a jet. You improve on what is there. Technological advances are like that.

Except for the one that involved landing on the Moon. When a human went and stood on the Moon and looked back at the Earth, that was a different kind of breakthrough. Nothing tangible changed when Neil Armstrong's foot dug into the lunar dust and his eyes turned back at us. We didn't get faster wheels or smaller machines or more effective medicine. But we changed, fundamentally. What had been unknown, was known. What had been unseen was seen. And our human horizon popped out 200,000 miles. Forever, we would see the Earth differently, because we had seen it from someplace truly foreign.

This is why Mars is important. When we get a human to Mars - in the next few decades, NASA has predicted - our horizon will expand 1,000 times farther, and it will never go back.

Watching the first images from the rover, Curiosity, which landed on Mars early this month, I was reminded of a short story by Ray Bradbury called Mars Is Heaven! In it, Mars is populated by aliens who fool visiting Earthlings into thinking they're in a familiar environment before murdering them. It's about how stupid nostalgia is, how it tricks us into wanting things that were never that great in the first place. What strikes me about the story is that, just over 60 years ago, someone could seriously write about aliens on Mars.

Can you imagine what it was like then?

[More at site... Thanks to Diana Cammack]

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Date: Tue, 28 Aug 2012 12:33:27 +0100
Archived: Wed, 29 Aug 2012 10:14:20 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Snowflake' Video From South America

>From: Viktor Golubic <diverge247.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Mon, 27 Aug 2012 21:19:50 -0400 (EDT)
>Subject: Re: 'Snowflake' Video From South America

<snip>

>My first thoughts were LED helium filled balloons and had bought
>some recently for my friends daughter.

This whole discussion on this film has been based on helium balloons and hoaxes, and yet there is no discussion on who has filmed this and any following interview of the person to discover much more on the scenario so we can actually rubber stamp the above theories on the film?

Surely if this film has raised this amount of debate, it should also warrant an interview with the producer of the tape ?

Roy

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Archived: Wed, 29 Aug 2012 10:16:08 -0400
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>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Mon, 27 Aug 2012 23:56:55 +0100
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>(and he has in the past).

No... he doesn't... not for years now. He leaves that up to you.

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>putting forward my own views, based on the difference between
>right and wrong, values which were instilled in me long before I
>had even heard of Dave Clarke.

Right and wrong are conceptual ideals. Who's right and wrong.
Your blogs reflect a right and wrong much different than my own.
Mine are less one-sided, less bloody minded. Your Israel related
postings come across as a bit fanatical, to be honest.

>It seems a pity that the same values are obviously not prevalent
>within ufology.

I'm pretty sure that you don't speak for the study of this
phenomenon. Your personal reasons for being involved have been
reflected many times by others who claim a close relationship to
the phenomenon and dump on the rest of us because we don't have
ready answers for them. KK was an example of this.

Don Ledger

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From: **Cathy Reason** <Cathym.nul>
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Archived: Wed, 29 Aug 2012 10:18:07 -0400
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>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Mon, 27 Aug 2012 21:33:03 +0200 (CEST)
>Subject: Anti-Semitism And Ufology [was: Nick Pope's Credibility Blown]

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

>It's not clear whether this sort of thing is thinly-veiled anti-
>Semitism, or just an incredibly naive over-simplification of a
>desperately sad political situation where there's fault on all
>sides. But when a blog begins with the phrase Not all Israelis
>are bad, I'm reminded of the racist who begins his rant with
>phrases like don't get me wrong, I've got black friends, but ...

What a load of ghastly, patronizing, liberal-minded mush.

I wonder when Nick Pope is going to hop over to the Middle East
and offer up a few more helpful liberal catchphrases, such as
"Let's all come to a consensus" or "Now then, you kids just stop
fighting".

This sort of paternalistic rubbish may not technically count as
anti-semitism, but it comes pretty darn close.

Cathy

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And, I should have added that odd number aperture iris diaphragms do exist. But, uncertain of their design and use in camaroders.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Diaphragm> (optics)

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Source: INEXPLICATA - The Journal of Hispanic Ufology

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Wednesday, August 29, 2012

Machines From Elsewhere: Robots And UFOs
By Scott Corrales

In 1920, when Karel Capek wrote the three-act play R.U.R. (Rossum's Universal Robots) he probably didn't realize he would be changing humanity's conception of what it is to be alive for generations to come, much less had the word "robot" to the world's collective glossary. Derived from the Slavic term "robota", meaning the work done by an indentured servant, robots have gone on to become a staple of science-fiction. We take their functions and existence for granted, with our own efforts at robotics ranging from industrial mechanical arms to the new wave of lovely Japanese automata. According to our age group, we look back fondly at either Robbie the Robot or Artoo-Detoo and See-Threepio. Perhaps some even remember seeing the graceful "Mar=EDa" making her appearance for the first time in Fritz Lang's Metropolis

Only a year after "R.U.R." appeared on the stage, French director Andre Deed created one of the first science-fiction movies involving robots: L'uomo Meccanico (The Mechanical Man), depicting a giant humanoid robot created for criminal purposes, but who is checked by another equally sizeable machine, settling their differences inside an Italian opera house. These original "rock'em-sock'em robots" showed audiences that the mechanical men, while emotionless, could serve the cause of good as well as evil.

Rampaging Robots

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Sightings & Alien Encounter May Not Be Happy

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Source: NVONews.com

<http://tinyurl.com/9hb65bu>

August 28, 2012

A Rejoinder: UFO Sightings And Alien Encounter May Not Be Happy One

I don't agree with Mr. Schmidt's assessment.

<http://tinyurl.com/94f3ov3>

First of all, I believe extraterrestrials already know where we are and have known for thousands of years. I would also go so far to say that our own genetic makeup is already extraterrestrial in origin. We're not some unknown species existing in the corner of the universe that has yet to be "discovered" by extraterrestrials. There are many individuals in government that know for a fact they exist since the Roswell crash in 1947, but have suppressed the information. It's not difficult for the government to have suppressed this since so many individuals scoff at the mere suggestion of UFO's or extraterrestrials that they never challenge them about what they know.

The extraterrestrials have been largely keeping a hands-off policy to allow us to grow, spiritually, to a point where contact with their civilizations openly and publicly will make a lot more sense than it does now. Unfortunately, the movies and the media have gone to great lengths to ridicule this subject and portray it in a negative light. It would not serve either one of our interests if they were to visit us during a time when we still harbor a lot of fear based belief systems and definitions about who they are and what they represent. All that would serve to do is magnify that fear which wouldn't serve either interests.

It has been predicted the reality of their existence will finally be known within the next five years and it will no longer be a question as to whether they exist or not. Richard Dolan has written a well thought out book called A.D. After Disclosure, which details many plausible scenarios on how this could unfold.

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>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: [post.nul](#)
>Date: Mon, 27 Aug 2012 21:23:17 +0100
>Subject: Re: Nick Pope's Credibility Blown

>>From: Paul Kimball <paulkimball.nul>
>>To: [post.nul](#)
>>Date: Mon, 27 Aug 2012 02:07:39 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Nick Pope's Credibility Blown

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>>All of this venom directed at Nick Pope has gone well beyond any
>>attempt at legitimate criticism of his work (which is certainly
>>fair game), and reeks of a personal vendetta. It's sad, but it
>>says a lot more about Nick's critics than it does about him.

>Sorry Paul, I don't see your logic. Nick exaggerated and lied in
>order to promote himself with the media and within ufology, that
>is a simple and demonstrable fact. Many of those working in the
>field including yourself and Jerry tolerated it and in your
>case, (and that of others, eg Leslie Kean) actually supported
>his false image, hence I regard their/your own work as tainted.
>Now you seem to feel that it is somehow my fault or that it is
>my behaviour which is somehow immoral?

>It seems that a large proportion of 'ufology' and all of the
>media are incapable of recognising misleading behaviour, or if
>they are capable, they simply don't care. If Pope claimed to
>have been a Navy Seal or a Viet Nam veteran would your
>perception be different? A walt is a walt, he has already tried
>to infer that his background was in the 'defence intelligence'
>field, yet another part of his Ego which doesn't stand up to
>scrutiny.

>>There are far worse things that damage the "reputation" of
>>ufology than people like Nick earning a living by working for
>>advertisers from time to time. For example, the casual anti-
>>Semitism that has been an undercurrent of ufology (and

>Hey I have no problem with someone earning an honest living,
>but I don't see what is honest about claiming to have been 'in
>charge of' a non-existent 'UFO project' or misattributing the
>work of others when you know the true attribution.

>I dislike people making a dishonest living (and that includes
>a large proportion of politicians, salesmen and journalists
>IMO). When they are active in my sphere of interest, then I see
>no reason not to point out the error of their ways. Not to do so
>is tantamount to endorsing what they espouse.

>>conspiracy theory in the broader context) for decades now. This
>>almost never gets a mention by the people busy bashing someone
>>like Nick (or by anyone, for that matter - it's a dirty little
>>secret). Holocaust denier Ernst Zundel used UFOs as a way to
>>lure impressionable young people into his web of hate years ago,
>>which is the most odious example, but a look at the Jeff Rense
>>website will give plenty of other examples. And yet many people
>>on this list have appeared on Rense's show (myself included

>>once, without having first looked into who he was or what he was
>>about - a mistake I never made again), and continue to do so.
>>Others post or re-post material from his hate-filled website.

>>I think some people on this List have their priorities way out
>>of whack.

>I don't disagree with any of the above paragraph - people
>shouldn't knowingly support racists and should expose their
>behaviour. The same applies to charlatans, even if they do have
>a nice English accent and appear to be inoffensive publicly.

>Just in case you missed my strap line on previous posts, ufology
>gets what it deserves.

Absolutely. But does it deserve the self-righteous, self-
congratulatory likes of Joe McGonagle?

If it does, then we're all doomed.

Jerry Clark

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From: Michael Hughes <michaelmhughes.nul>
Date: Wed, 29 Aug 2012 10:34:41 -0400
Archived: Wed, 29 Aug 2012 13:39:14 -0400
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>From: Cathy Reason <Cathym.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
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>>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
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Re: The Man In The Moon

From: Carol Maltby <carolmaltby.nul>
Date: Wed, 29 Aug 2012 13:04:26 -0400
Archived: Thu, 30 Aug 2012 10:12:29 -0400
Subject: Re: The Man In The Moon

UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul> posted:

>Source: NYTimes.Com

><http://tinyurl.com/8w9udl8>

>The Man In The Moon
>By Lydia Netzer - Op-Ed

<snip>

>Watching the first images from the rover, Curiosity, which
>landed on Mars early this month, I was reminded of a short story
>by Ray Bradbury called Mars Is Heaven! In it, Mars is populated
>by aliens who fool visiting Earthlings into thinking they're in
>a familiar environment before murdering them. It's about how
>stupid nostalgia is, how it tricks us into wanting things that
>were never that great in the first place. What strikes me about
>the story is that, just over 60 years ago, someone could
>seriously write about aliens on Mars.

>Can you imagine what it was like then?

Sixty years ago? Pretty recent. HG Wells wrote about the
Martians invading Earth in 1895-97, 117 years ago.

In the Wikipedia entry on The War of the Worlds, it says of
other Mars novels of the time:

"The first science fiction to be set on Mars may be Across the
Zodiac: The Story of a Wrecked Record (1880) by Percy Greg. It
was a long-winded book concerned with a civil war on Mars.
Another Mars novel, this time dealing with benevolent Martians
coming to Earth to give humankind the benefit of their advanced
knowledge, was published in 1897 by Kurd Lasswitz =97 Two Planets
(Auf Zwei Planeten). It was not translated until 1971, and thus
may not have influenced Wells, although it did depict a Mars
influenced by the ideas of Percival Lowell.[49] Other examples
are Mr. Stranger's Sealed Packet (1889), which took place on
Mars, Gustavus W. Popes's Journey to Mars (1894), and Ellsworth
Douglas's Pharaoh's Broker, in which the protagonist encounters
an Egyptian civilisation on Mars which, while parallel to that
of the Earth has evolved somehow independently"

Carol

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From: **Cathy Reason** <Cathym.nul>
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Archived: Thu, 30 Aug 2012 10:13:52 -0400
Subject: Re: Anti-Semitism and Ufology

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Mon, 27 Aug 2012 23:33:50 +0100
>Subject: Re: Anti-Semitism and Ufology

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>I implore people to read it, and pay attention to how the state
>of Israel is conducting a genocidal policy against the
>Palestinians just as the NAZI's did against the Jews in WWII,
>just more slowly and with less international condemnation.

This is just wrong. There's no reason to suppose the Israeli
government is planning the systematic, industrial extermination
of the Palestinian people and I can't believe anyone seriously
thinks there is.

Cathy

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From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Wed, 29 Aug 2012 12:44:20 -0500
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I agree on all points, Michael. Well stated as always.

Jerry Clark

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You may be right. McGonagle (like Dave Clarke, who Don Ledger
mentioned earlier in this thread) certainly has an unhealthy
obsession (=E0 la Gary McKinnon) with me, but I have no direct
evidence that he s anti-Semitic.

His "Not all Israelis are bad" blog may simply be a symptom of
extreme political and intellectual naivete, as opposed to
racism. But as with Gary McKinnon, there are clearly some issues
there, which is why I don't engage or debate with such people,
despite the vitriol and despite the consistent, dishonest
attempts to mislead the UFO community by downplaying the scope
of my MoD work.

Such people are simply on my 'ignore list', irrespective of
whether their obsession and hatred is motivated by anti-
Semitism, or by factors in their own psychological makeup.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope
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Re: 'Snowflake' Video From South America

From: Viktor Golubic <Diverge247.nul>
Date: Wed, 29 Aug 2012 18:05:29 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Thu, 30 Aug 2012 10:19:27 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Snowflake' Video From South America

>From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 28 Aug 2012 12:33:27 +0100
>Subject: Re: 'Snowflake' Video From South America

>>From: Viktor Golubic <diverge247.nul>
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>>Date: Mon, 27 Aug 2012 21:19:50 -0400 (EDT)
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>>My first thoughts were LED helium filled balloons and had bought
>>some recently for my friends daughter.

>This whole discussion on this film has been based on helium
>balloons and hoaxes, and yet there is no discussion on who has
>filmed this and any following interview of the person to
>discover much more on the scenario so we can actually rubber
>stamp the above theories on the film?

>Surely if this film has raised this amount of debate, it should
>also warrant an interview with the producer of the tape ?

>Roy

Hi Roy,

I always run ideas and potential solutions in parallel. Talking
about one possible solution or several doesn't negate others.
I'm just as interested in the camcorder that was used and any
potential witness interview. The process of elimination always
plays a role and can begin at any point data is available.

What date/time did this actually occur?

What direction was he facing? (was a star there?)

Apply a test with the camera to eliminate or gain traction with
many of the postulated solutions. Would the witness cooperate?

Does the aperture have a seven point iris?

Does the lens have a thin film optical coating?

What is the true optical magnification of the lens system?

Is there any portion of the magnification that was purely
digital?

etc. ...

Viktor

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Conspiracy Theories

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Subject: Conspiracy Theories

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Re: Conspiracy Theories

From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
Date: Thu, 30 Aug 2012 13:06:30 -0400
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This article is ironic given Nick's own recent foray into propagating a conspiracy theory concerning an alien invasion during the recent olympic games. His motivation for doing so, stated after-the-fact, is irrelevant here, since most people were not aware of that at the time. So I don't see Nick as an unbiased critic of conspiracy theories.

Nick accepts the role of science in debunking conspiracy theories such as in the spraying of chemtrails; i.e., spraying from 35,000 ft would have low accuracy and have negligible effects on the ground. But he neglects to mention that scientific principles can also show that the official explanation of controversial events are wrong. This is the case for the events of 911, for example. In that case, the Official Conspiracy Theory is demonstrably magical in that it does not explain the rapid disappearance of the buildings, the paucity of building material on the ground afterwards, and the fact, as shown in photos taken from high in the sky, that much of the building material blew away rather than falling to the ground in large chunks on or near the building site. When the mainstream media studiously ignore such issues, what rational person would look to them for unbiased reporting in general?

Nick belittles as "extreme" the idea that some new technology, i.e., "some sort of anti-gravity weapon", may have been responsible for bringing down the buildings. The evidence that a generally unknown technology might have been used was documented by Dr. Judy Wood in her book, "Where did the towers go?". Her analysis was the only serious attempt at a comprehensive scientific analysis of what happened to the twin towers. To account for all the observed anomalies, she concludes that a relatively low-power weapon based on the Hutchison effect was involved in bringing down the buildings. This technology would have reduced the forces holding materials together and caused the building infrastructure to disintegrate.

I discuss some evidence for a technology that can reduce molecular binding force in the following article:

Circumstantial Evidence For A Technology That Disrupts Cohesion

Of Matter

<http://www.treurniet.ca/physics/mbftech.htm>

I discuss further evidence in the following article that a covert science and technology is under development around the world:

Is Covert Technology Used To Create Balls Of Light In The Sky?

<http://www.treurniet.ca/bigpic/orbtech.htm>

The testing of this technology was captured on video, and is manifested as white orbs that can move very rapidly in the sky as if controlled from the ground. These orbs are also used to create more complex 3D shapes in the sky. No one is talking about this technology, so it is relatively unknown.

So what Nick considers an extreme idea for bringing down the twin towers could easily have been the leading edge of military R&D in a number of countries.

The undercurrent in Nick's article is that people should just stop thinking. It is telling the conspiracy theory world, "There, there, don't worry, let daddy take care of it." Let our formal government inquiries tell you what happened. Nick should also have said, "Until the official explanations stop being selective with the facts, there will be conspiracy theories".

William

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>As others have noted, saying, "Not all Israelis are bad", is a
>very bad way to start a discussion.

What's interesting to me is that, in commenting on an article riddled with factual errors and dubious assertions (not the least of which, to my mind, is the claim that living through the IRA campaign of the 1970s has given the entire UK population a first-hand knowledge of what it is like to be subjected to regular and indiscriminate artillery bombardment from another country) you have chosen to concentrate on a first line which says essentially nothing, and on a pair of images which are at best fatuous and at worst merely pointless.

It's this sort of liberal walking on eggshells which I find so objectionable - the refusal to name names and admit what one is really talking about, and instead to hide behind euphemisms, half-truths and evasions.

>But I'd wager a large sum of money that Joe isn't an anti-Semite. He's justifiably outraged at the most egregious activities of the Israeli government. Notice I said "Israeli government". The second word is important.

I'm not going to wager any money either way on whether Joe is an anti-semite, since I don't know him. But if Joe had intended to express outrage at the activities of the Israeli government, then he had ample opportunity to do so in his own words. Instead he has chosen to say something else.

>Language is crucial when discussing contentious issues.
>"Israelis" are a diverse population, a large portion of whom do not approve of their government's activities. And, as we've all seen with people like Rense, real anti-Semites use such blanket generalizations, and soon "Israelis" is changed to "Zionists" and then "Zionists" becomes "all Jews" .

I'm wondering who this statement is supposed to be directed at, because anyone who needs to be told this is probably incapable of understanding it to begin with. Once again, it all sounds to me like liberals walking on eggshells.

>Language - it makes all the difference.

Certainly it makes all the difference if people are in the habit of saying things they don't mean and meaning things they don't say. Saying what you mean is in no way enhanced by liberal self-censorship. And incidentally, my comments in this thread were in the first instance directed not at Mr McGonagle but at Mr Pope - in particular his odious remark about "a desperately sad situation in which there's fault on all sides". This is the sort of liberal cant I find particularly repulsive, because not only does it say absolutely nothing but it attempts so make it impossible for anyone else to say anything either. If there's fault on all sides then of course no-one is to blame and no-one can ever be held responsible for anything - but it's all desperately sad, so we can show how much we care about it all without actually having to do anything about it. I have nothing but contempt for this sort of nonsense.

Cathy

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UFO Investigator Recognized
By David Arenstam

Raymond Fowler Raymond Fowler Quiet, gentle, devoted to his family and church and, in almost every other way, 78-year-old Raymond Fowler appears to be a man content to spend his retirement years tending to the vegetable and flower gardens that surround his home.

But for more than six decades Fowler has investigated claims of Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) sightings and alien encounters from all over the world and, on Saturday, Sept. 1, Fowler will be inducted into the Exeter, N.H. UFO Festival Hall of Fame.

"I never really expected this, but it has been a long time", he said.

For Fowler the story really began in summer 1947. He was a teenager in Danvers, Mass. and wanted to earn some extra money to help his family.

"We had come through the Depression and the war and everybody helped out", Fowler said as he looked back some 65 years and quietly recalled a time when he was working at a farm in Danvers, Mass.

"We were weeding these huge long rows - I think it was parsnips," he said. "The farmer set a large bottle of water at the end of the rows and I rushed up ahead to get a drink."

From his position at the end of the field Fowler saw what he assumed was a man parachuting toward the ground. Danvers is not that far from Hanscom Airfield and he thought it had something to do with the military in the area.

But as the object got closer, "there were no parachute shrouds or guy", he said.

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Swedish Team Launches UFO Retrieval Mission

A research team set off for northern Sweden on Thursday to get to the bottom a "Ghost Rocket" sighting from 1980 that has been labelled as "the biggest UFO mystery in the world" and which the Swedish military kept classified for years.

The expedition leader and head of UFO-Sweden, Clas Svahn, set off on the trip to Jokkmokk, far northern Sweden on Thursday together with a support team, divers, a film crew, and the original witness who watched the craft land in the water.

"I expect to be surprised", Svahn told The Local, explaining that while he is not a "believer", he hopes that the trip can provide answers.

"People mistake UFOs with flying saucers. There are many, many reports of strange things in the air, but what we're interested in is explaining what they are. Every answer is a good answer."

The craft the team is looking for was seen crash-landing in the south end of a lake in Muddus, back on July 31st, 1980.

The witnesses, Bo and Liz Berg, watched as the "elongated, cigar shaped object with two protrusions on its sides" came whizzing by them, turned 180 degrees, and performed a controlled landing in the water, disappearing in a spray of bubbles.

The description of the object led the research team to conclude it was a so-called Ghost Rocket - a spacecraft that has long held captured the attention of both UFO investigators and the military alike.

Since 1946, witnesses have reported nearly 20,000 unidentified objects in the skies over Sweden, with 1,000 alone in 1946.

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