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That's exactly what I am saying, that the way the mind works
needs to be considered when dealing with witness accounts.

>It wasn't until the object was actually over my head that the
>thought entered my head that it was a UFO, possibly
>extraterrestrial, and maybe an experimental aircraft or remote
>controlled vehicle.

Different people respond differently - I have seen reports which
turned out to be Chinese lanterns viewed from a distance, where
people claimed emotional effects and even communication.

>My mind tried to rationalize what was flying towards me, and
>came up with all sorts of explanations (these are split second
>thoughts). There was no adrenaline rush, no panic, and certainly
>no terror.

That is a common reaction. There are also numerous accounts from
people who mention that the hairs on the back of their neck
stood up, or that they got goose pimples while all this was
going through their mind.

>When it was over my head, I felt fear, but not in a terrorizing
>way, but rather still trying to rationalize it.

I have seen a variety of reported reactions, ranging from fear,
to wonderment, to a deep sensation of inner peace. Again, some
witnesses react in different ways.

>My sighting was reported, and Larry Fenwick from CUFORN took the
>info. We did speak on the phone, but he was very paranoid about
>phone tapping etc. which is also apparent in John Keel's book,
>The Mothman Prophecies.

>Is there some irrational fear amongst UFO investigators?

Certainly, in some cases;

- some are certifiably (and in one case I am aware of, certified) paranoid.

- some seem to be afraid that questioning the objective accuracy of witness statements will undermine the investigator's already present conviction that the aliens are coming to save or eat us.

This is especially so when the witness is a "trained observer", or an otherwise "credible witness" (why some people regard ex-politicians as credible I will never understand).

>Not sure I've made any sense here.

You made perfect sense, thank you.

Regards,

Joe

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From: Jim Deardorff <jimdeardorff.nul>
Date: Wed, 31 Jul 2013 14:07:43 -0700
Archived: Thu, 01 Aug 2013 07:17:37 -0400
Subject: Re: A Journey Through The Past - Cox

>Source: Billy Cox's Blog De Void

><http://tinyurl.com/mqecrs7>

M>onday, July 29, 2013

>A Journey Through The Past
>By Billy Cox, Herald-Tribune

>Sometimes, having a dramatic UFO encounter really sucks,
>especially if you consider yourself a rational, left-brain,
>analytical thinker. Because when you go public with it,
>"skeptics," "believers," and everybody in between makes certain
>assumptions, and next thing you know is, you've got a label
>hanging around your neck and the rhetorical sludge gets so deep
>and ridiculous you need scuba gear to keep from drowning in it.

>"Remember that X-Files poster with the Billy Meier (beamship)
>photo, I Want To Believe? What the f*#! is wrong with people?
>They'll believe anything! Well, you know what? Wanting to
>believe is a lot different from wanting to understand. Two
>completely different things. And as an extreme experiencer who's
>also a skeptic, there's no way I can win. I'll never win this
>one. Never ever."

>This is an excerpt from a recent chat with David Biedny, the
>former co-host of The Paracast, a weekly webcast promoting
>discussions on various aspects of the paranormal.

>[More at site...]

Some UFO Updates Listers may need to be reminded that one cannot always believe what Billy Cox proclaims. In this case, he implied that the various Billy Meier beamship photos that became X-file posters stamped I Want To Believe had been hoaxes of some kind. Gaining an understanding of what's real and what's not can require honest and comprehensive investigation by initially unbiased investigators. This is just what the Meier case has received over the past 35 years from Wendelle Stevens, Lee and Brit Elders, Guido Moosbrugger, Gary Kinder, Michael Hesemann, Jaime Maussan and Michael Horn. They found no way the case could be a hoax.

However, those who want to believe the pro-hoax conclusions of Kal Korff are free to do so. But I would urge they look into the history of the Billy Meier debunkings starting in 1977; ebk permitting, see:

http://www.tjresearch.info/Review_Clark.htm

where one will find that the reason for debunking was often of the nature 'too good to be true', or too incredible relative to 20th-century science, or too unique and different, or too politically incorrect. Billy Cox's feelings appear to lie in the latter category...

Jim Deardorff

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Date: Wed, 31 Jul 2013 22:03:57 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Thu, 01 Aug 2013 07:27:52 -0400
Subject: New Article On '79 UFO Squad Car Hit

Grand Forks (N.Dak.) Herald,
July 25, 2013, pp. A1 and A6,
"Do you believe?"

Thousands Seek Out Artifact From 1979 UFO Encounter In Warren,
Minn.
by Ryan Bakken.

Online:

<http://tinyurl.com/lr2rcql>

Subsequent Posts (shortened a little)

Fargo (N.Dak.) Forum

<http://www.inforum.com/event/article/id/407072/>

Minneapolis (Minn.) Star Tribune

<http://www.startribune.com/local/217325781.html>

and (a variation)

<http://www.startribune.com/nation/217334721.html>

Denver (Colo.) Post

<http://tinyurl.com/k6uurz5>

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That's not what comes across, Joe. What comes across is an unwillingness to address the the issue of cause and effect in any kind of rigorous or systematic way. It seems that you are not at all interested in considering whether 'the way the mind works' can be the result of external objective triggers, some of which might lay outside conventional explanation.

Instead of taking any kind of systematic approach to things, you come across as as a rather clumsy sceptical spin doctor, making reference to anecdotal evidence that demonstrates, to your mind, that ordinary folk see Chinese lanterns and have pseudo-spiritual experiences as a consequence. The implication seems to be that we can generalise from this to a pervasive unreliability of witness reports, together with an underlying view to the effect that 'it's all in the mind'.

It would clarify matters if you would let us know whether you believe that 'the way the mind works' is the primary explanatory factor in all sightings of anomalous aerial phenomena. At least we would then know where you are coming from. If your answer is 'not in every case', you might also let us know whether think that some objective triggers might be genuinely anomalous, or merely mistaken attributions arising from explicable man-made or natural phenomena.

If you can't answer these questions then you can't be taken seriously.

Gerald O'Connell

<http://www.saatchionline.com/gacoc>

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Hi, Roy,

I have nothing to say about "ancient shamanic cultures," knowing
little of consequence about the subject.

Oz phenomena, however, are deeply anomalous, not "imaginary" in
the ordinarily understood sense of the term. They seem to be
triggered by the intersection of consciousness and some
unknown... something about which we know practically nothing
except that it is occasionally accessible and experienceable in
certain ways. These phenomena occur in a liminal space where the
ritual human explanatory responses - literalism on one hand,
denialism on the other - beg too many questions to be useful.

The Oz encounter, it should be stressed, is an experience
phenomenon, not an event phenomenon. The introductory essay to
my book Unexplained (2012) outlines the distinction between
event anomalies (e.g., in ufology, radar/visuals and CE2s) and
experience anomalies (vivid, highly strange, unprovable). The
debate about anomalous phenomena stalled long ago because both
sides, the proponents and the debunkers, have been absolute in
their insistence upon familiar frames of reference - basically,
real and not real - which manifestly do not apply.

It is well past time, in short, that we acknowledge that people do indeed have extraordinary experiences which defy current knowledge, without, however, obliging ourselves to conclude there is no more to be said about the contents and dynamics of those experiences.

Coincidentally, an article by a philosophy professor in a recent issue of the New York Times addresses some of the same issues:

<http://tinyurl.com/m7wod7v>

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I don't recall telling McG that my library is bigger than his. I
confess, however, that I have the impression - though, again, I
don't remember saying as much here till now (I've certainly
thought it privately) - that he's not terribly conversant in the
relevant literature. Which, of course, would explain why he
keeps getting himself into such trouble when he emerges to
deliver his oracular pronouncements.

"Jerry the Guru" is the sort of vacuous insult - as opposed to
actual argument which addresses actual issues - that we've come
to expect, I'm afraid.

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>It would clarify matters if you would let us know whether you
>believe that 'the way the mind works' is the primary
>explanatory factor in all sightings of anomalous aerial
>phenomena. At least we would then know where you are coming
>from. If your answer is 'not in every case', you might also let
>us know whether think that some objective triggers might be
>genuinely anomalous, or merely mistaken attributions arising
>from explicable man-made or natural phenomena.

>If you can't answer these questions then you can't be taken
>seriously.

Gerald,

Can the mind project a UFO on to a camcorder video to be filmed?

I feel we are getting bogged down in mind games here.

Let me state one thing quite clearly:

UFOs exist on film; therefore the chances they have been seen by
thousands of people throughout the world is pretty part of the
course.

If we can agree on that, then perhaps the 'all in the Mind
debate' can be seen for what it is.

Roy

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>>>However, it is interesting how the mind works and one that needs
>>>to be taken into account when investigating eyewitness accounts.
>>>I can only go by experience, and my own reactions to a sighting.

>>That's exactly what I am saying, that the way the mind works
>>needs to be considered when dealing with witness accounts.

>That's not what comes across, Joe. What comes across is an
>unwillingness to address the the issue of cause and effect in
>any kind of rigorous or systematic way. It seems that you are
>not at all interested in considering whether 'the way the mind
>works' can be the result of external objective triggers, some of
>which might lay outside conventional explanation.

In a sense, it doesn't matter if the trigger is anomalous or
not; it is the witness's perception that it is something they
haven't encountered before so to them it is anomalous, whether
it is a lantern or a 12-stone baby.

>Instead of taking any kind of systematic approach to things, you
>come across as as a rather clumsy sceptical spin doctor, making
>reference to anecdotal evidence that demonstrates, to your mind,
>that ordinary folk see Chinese lanterns and have pseudo-
>spiritual experiences as a consequence. The implication seems to
>be that we can generalise from this to a pervasive unreliability
>of witness reports, together with an underlying view to the
>effect that 'it's all in the mind'.

I'm surprised you read it that way - it is a factor which should
be considered when evaluating witness reports, that is all I
have said, it is something that they have no control over and
usually little or no awareness of.

>It would clarify matters if you would let us know whether you
>believe that 'the way the mind works' is the primary explanatory
>factor in all sightings of anomalous aerial phenomena. At least
>we would then know where you are coming from. If your answer is

>'not in every case', you might also let us know whether think
>that some objective triggers might be genuinely anomalous, or
>merely mistaken attributions arising from explicable man-made or
>natural phenomena.

I don't believe any such thing. It is a factor to be considered.
As I said before, it is immaterial whether the stimulus is
genuinely anomalous or not, to the witness, it is anomalous at
the time.

>If you can't answer these questions then you can't be taken
>seriously.

I frankly don't care who takes me seriously. - Seriously.

Regards,

Joe

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>>Monday, July 29, 2013

>>A Journey Through The Past
>>By Billy Cox, Herald-Tribune

>>Sometimes, having a dramatic UFO encounter really sucks,
>>especially if you consider yourself a rational, left-brain,
>>analytical thinker. Because when you go public with it,
>>"skeptics," "believers," and everybody in between makes certain
>>assumptions, and next thing you know is, you've got a label
>>hanging around your neck and the rhetorical sludge gets so deep
>>and ridiculous you need scuba gear to keep from drowning in it.

>>"Remember that X-Files poster with the Billy Meier (beamship)
>>photo, I Want To Believe? What the f*#! is wrong with people?
>>They'll believe anything! Well, you know what? Wanting to
>>believe is a lot different from wanting to understand. Two
>>completely different things. And as an extreme experiencer who's
>>also a skeptic, there's no way I can win. I'll never win this
>>one. Never ever."

>>This is an excerpt from a recent chat with David Biedny, the
>>former co-host of The Paracast, a weekly webcast promoting
>>discussions on various aspects of the paranormal.

>>[More at site...]

>>Some UFO UpDates Listers may need to be reminded that one cannot
>>always believe what Billy Cox proclaims. In this case, he
>>implied that the various Billy Meier beamship photos that became
>>X-file posters stamped I Want To Believe had been hoaxes of some
>>kind. Gaining an understanding of what's real and what's not can
>>require honest and comprehensive investigation by initially
>>unbiased investigators. This is just what the Meier case has
>>received over the past 35 years from Wendelle Stevens, Lee and
>>Brit Elders, Guido Moosbrugger, Gary Kinder, Michael Hesemann,
>>Jaime Maussan and Michael Horn. They found no way the case could
>>be a hoax.

>>However, those who want to believe the pro-hoax conclusions of
>>Kal Korff are free to do so. But I would urge they look into
>>the history of the Billy Meier debunkings starting in 1977; ebk
>>permitting, see:

>>http://www.tjresearch.info/Review_Clarke.htm

>>where one will find that the reason for debunking was often of
>>the nature 'too good to be true', or too incredible relative to
>>20th-century science, or too unique and different, or too
>>politically incorrect. Billy Cox's feelings appear to lie in the

>latter category...

>Jim Deardorff

Anyone who wants to believe in the Meier religious cult, deserves it and the people it attracts.

The photographic 'evidence' is a bad joke, as are the 'prophecies'. To dive into granular detail on those issues is a massive waste of time, there is plenty of documentation to support those statements, for anyone who can be bothered to look.

The list of people offered up by Mr. Deardorff speaks for itself, I need not add editorial comment, I'm too busy laughing.

Any serious, sober researcher long ago wrote off the Meier nonsense. It's a non-starter for anyone but those looking for proxy religions and UFO newbies who don't know better.

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U.S. UFO Intelligence Leaks? Tough Road For Government
Roger Marsh

U.S. intelligence leaks involving UFO activity seem to be a bit of a quandary for federal government agencies. How do you publicly admonish someone who is passing along information that the same government denies?

UFO-Nukes researcher and author Robert Hastings is putting the odd puzzle together, according to a July 30, 2013, press release issued from his website.

Hastings' research goes back to 1973 when he began interviewing former U.S. military personnel about UFO activity. In 1982 he went on the college circuit to reveal his findings. He now understands that the FBI had an interest in his research and possibly in the fact that he was disseminating that information around the country.

"In 2012," Hastings writes,

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Let's Just Stick To The Theories
By Billy Cox - Herald-Tribune

When Voyager 1 thundered away from Cape Canaveral on Sept. 5, 1977, its primary mission was to explore the solar system, but the extras were what engaged the public imagination. In a utopian anticipation of its discovery by extraterrestrial intelligence somewhere Out There, the NASA probe - and its Voyager 2 twin - was fitted with a gold-plated disc featuring samples of 115 languages, music, photos and the natural sounds of life on Earth.

Both spacecraft flashed past Pluto way back in 1990, and scientists are debating whether or not the vehicles have actually departed our solar system. Either way, nearly 36 years later, at more than 18 billion kilometers from Earth, Voyager 1 is the farthest flung hardware our species has ever created.

Three years after the Voyagers left home, nanotechnologist Robert Freitas leaped many generations ahead and co-authored a NASA feasibility study on self-replicating probes (SRPs). He contemplated what it would take for advanced space-faring technology not only to repair and perpetuate itself during missions, but also to improvise on destination targeting as it forged the cosmic oceans. Among the motivations for this exercise was a theoretical test of the Fermi Paradox, in which physicist Enrico Fermi alleged, in 1950, that if ET civilizations existed, we would've known it by now. "Where are they?" he wondered.

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For more on the Fermi Paradox see:

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The following is taken from a 1980 essay written by Chris Rutkowski on the 1967 Falcon Lake incident. Anyone who has read/heard anything about this encounter will surely find the following text interesting to say the least.

THE FALCON LAKE INCIDENT

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By Chris Rutkowski Copyright 1980  
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ABSTRACT

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On May 20, 1967, Stephen Michalak claimed he was burned by a strange craft, just north of the town of Falcon Lake. Much literature has been published regarding the incident, and this essay attempts to evaluate the findings to date, as well as examine the evidence as it exists.

#### INTRODUCTION

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Something happened to Steve Michalak on the Victoria Day long weekend. His amateur prospecting was cut short by an encounter with a landed UFO. To this day, no definite conclusions have been reached regarding his experience, and his story has started to get garbled in publication over the years.

Was it a hoax? Was it exactly as reported, and true? The final proof is yet to be found, but there is an astonishing amount of evidence to show that something occurred on a rock outcropping near a swampy area of the forest near the resort. Michalak's account has appeared in several books and journals in various forms. For accuracy and the best detail, the reader is suggested to obtain Michalak's long-out-of-print book.

But barring that, any one of several UFO books carries the story in sufficient quality to understand the case to a good degree, for example, Lorenzen (1969, 1976), Condon (1969), Story (1980) or Bondarchuk (1979). This writer will not reiterate the case account for that reason, as this is a survey of the literature and the research. This article is as accurate as possible, the result of the re-opened investigation of the case by UFOROM (Ufology Research of Manitoba), involving some new evidence and research conducted over the past few years.

There is still much to be done, and many unanswered questions exist which could effectively aid in the determination of truth. It is felt that the Michalak case is one of the most significant on record, and may hold the key for future research.

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PHYSICAL EFFECTS: THE SITE

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The Condon Report found cause for concern with Michalak's inability to find the site while in the presence of officials.(1) Michalak went on two expeditions before finding the site with Mr. G. A. Hart, a personal friend. Indeed, Menzel and Taves cite this as a prime reason for labelling the case a hoax.(2)

However, Michalak has stated that the locating of the site presented several difficulties. First, when the incident occurred, the trees and bushes were devoid of leaves. When returned to the area, Michalak said he was disoriented because the leaves were opened. This is a common complaint of individuals who hike in wooded areas, and can be regarded as a logical reason for experiencing difficulty in finding the site. In addition, Michalak said that for the first expedition, he was transported to the area by helicopter, and was told to find the site from the anonymous location where they landed. The second expedition began from a point suggested to be Michalak's exit from the bush following his encounter.

Again, it was unsuccessful, due to the leaves' thickening and also Michalak's unsettled state of mind and body. These explanations by Michalak can be accepted as reasonable, and are sufficiently sensible so as to eliminate a negative judgement on the case based solely on the inability to locate the site with official investigators. Disorientation in the wilderness can definitely be a problem in the locating of specific sites.

There is no question, however, that the site can be easily located when found by trailblazing. The usual method of finding the site is to head north from the Falcon Lake townsite and follow a creek around large rock outcroppings until the bare rockface is seen. The numerous beaver dams and claims markers in the area can be used as reference points. Also interesting is that the actual site is within direct view of a forest ranger tower. Craig reports that the forest ranger on duty at the time of the incident did not observe either the landing or flight of the UFO's, or the smoke which resulted from the ignition of grass by the landed UFO.(3) While this would seem to effectively flaw Michalak's story, one must remember that the individual in the tower would not be looking in the direction of the site constantly. However, the object was landed for at least 45 minutes, and if it gleamed in the sun or emitted an "intense purple light" as it was said to have done, it is puzzling as to why the individual in the tower did not see it.

Another problem that the Condon Report found was the reported direction

that the object departed. This direction was 255 degrees, and it is immediately obvious that such a bearing would have the object fly away from most observers. It was noted, however, that the bearing would have the object pass within a mile of the local golf course.(4) No objects were seen by the golfers, though, again, if the speed of the UFO was great, this is not necessarily unusual. Condon also noted that the northward-opening gap in the trees was inconsistent with the 255 degree bearing. However, Michalak clearly stated that the object rose vertically before departing, so this argument is not valid.

Barrie Thompson, a CAPRO investigator, was one of the first to accompany Michalak to the site. He reported that location of the site was not that difficult, and that the early expeditions to the site were led astray by basic errors.

Interestingly, both Thompson(5) and Michalak(6) reported a large amount of destroyed vegetation around the site. Thompson even described circular lesions on many leaves in the area (the leaves, he says, were all taken by the government before any civilian analysis could be done).

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#### THE RADIATION

Much was made of the finding of radioactive debris at the site. This fact alone suggested to many people that Michalak was suffering from radiation poisoning.

The radiation detected was from soil samples brought back to Winnipeg by Michalak and an associate, after they had finally located the site. They had placed Michalak's torn shirt and tape measure in plastic bags, and put these together with the soil samples in the same knapsack. When the items were given to officials for examination, the shirt and tape measure were naturally found to be radioactive as well.

Michalak mentions that Stewart Hunt of the Department of Health and Welfare informed him that the soil analysis "showed radiation".(8) When Hunt went to the site and checked for radiation, he found "One small area... contaminated... across the crown at the rock. There was a smear of contamination about 0.5 x 8.0 inches on one side of the crack. There was also some lichen and ground vegetation contaminated just beyond the smear. The whole contaminated area was no larger than 100 square inches."(9)

The origin of this radiation is in some doubt. Whatever its cause, it was of sufficient quantity for the Radiation Protection Division to consider "restricting entry to the forest area."(10) Beyond the areas located by Hunt, there was no radiation above the normal background. But the soil analysis showed a "significant" level of radium 226, for which there was no explanation.(11) It was suggested that the radium had come from a luminous watch dial, the dial having been scraped onto the site. However, no evidence could be found to support this contention.(12)

Analyses performed by the Whiteshell Nuclear Research Establishment showed that the radioactivity in the samples was that of "natural uranium ore". This included counts of both alpha and gamma particles. One 190 KeV photopeak was originally thought to be anomalous, and due to enrichment of uranium 235. While this would seem to indicate something other than natural uranium, the isotopes were found to actually be present within the expected normal ratios.(13)

To check further on the soil radiation, in June of 1979, a re-analysis was carried out with a lithium-drifted germanium detector at the University of Manitoba. The results showed that all the energies detected could be adequately explained by the decay of natural uranium.(14) Confusion may have resulted from the overlooking of the fact that U238 decays eventually into radon, a gas. Radon, of course, decays further into other elements, but the observed energies indicated a lower abundance than what would be expected. The reason for this, though simple, may not have been immediately obvious: radon is a gas, and will dissipate. Therefore, abundances of elements later in the decay chain will be much less than if the previous elements were solids.

Identification of the 190 KeV peak as "abnormally high" may have been an oversight. The theory of radium 226 was related to this peak. Assigning elements to each of the peaks is a trying job, and often, two elements will give the same peak, often at the same intensity. This process is much like a jigsaw puzzle, and is somewhat open to interpretation, as it depends on variables such as the resolution, the efficiency and the capability of the analyser used.

However, while the 190 KeV photopeak is not necessarily unusual, there are two very strong x-rays which are hard to identify. These appear at about 80 and 84 KeV. They may be caused by some radionuclide decay in the U238 chain (possibly by the emitted alpha particle affecting an electron). This, too, depends on abundance and the specific energies involved. Despite this, there is little evidence to indicate that the site was "seeded" with radium from an old watch dial. The observed radioactivity can be considered as due to natural uranium decay.

This, of course, raises the question of why the Department of Health and Welfare would consider closing off the area from such radioactivity. The early tests by individuals at the University of Manitoba are trying to be located. These would be helpful, since it is possible that at that time (in 1967), there may have been different peaks detected from elements with short half-lives. It will be noted, though, that the Whiteshell results, done in 1968, showed nothing other than the 1979 run, so this may suggest that the early analysis yielded the same results.

Again, however, there exists disagreement. A CAPRO investigator claims that Hunt's check of the site showed a much higher level of radiation than was reported.(15) It was suggested that the bulk of the radioactive material was in a rock fissure across the site, this being either missed or ignored by official investigators. This is most relevant to a review of the metal analysis.

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#### THE METAL

The metal is quite curious. A year after his encounter, Michalak returned to the landing site with an associate. With a geiger counter, they found two "W-shaped" silver bars, four and a half inches in length, and several other smaller chunks of the same material. All this was found two inches under some lichen in a crack in the rock, over which the UFO was said to hover. Analysis showed that the silver was of "high purity", and contained low amounts of copper and cadmium. Craig commented that the composition was "similar to that found in commercially available sterling silver or sheet silver."(16) Cannon contradicted this, saying the silver concentration was "much higher than would normally be found in native silver or commercially produced silver such as sterling or coinage."(17) The reported percentage of copper, however, at 1% or 2%, is agreeable with that of commercial silver, though is indeed less than many specimens.

The metal showed signs of heating and bending, and it was speculated that it was "molded" into its present shape. Support for the heating theory also comes from the fine quartz crystals which were found to be imbedded in the outer layer of the silver. The sand was similar to typical foundry sand, covering all of one bar and half of the other. But the very odd thing about the silver bars was their radioactivity. The bars were also covered with small crystals of a uranium silicate mineral and pitchblende, as well as feldspar and hematite. These particles are held to the silver by a sticky "moist" substance, and could be removed by washing with ethanol and brushing with a soft camel hair brush.(18)

Again, the two theories of Ra226 and U238 contrasted each other. But the same arguments apply. Since radium 226 is a by-product of U238 decay, it is even possible that both theories are correct, though traceable to U238.

The problem, however, is not the actual radioactive mechanism on the silver, but why it was missed earlier by other individuals. The Department of Health and Welfare went to the site on more than one occasion, and checked the site thoroughly. Why was the silver not located?

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#### THE PHYSIOLOGICAL EFFECTS

The most noted elements of the incident are the many severe physiological effects Mickalak experienced. When the object took off, Michalak was burned by a blast of heat or heated gas which came from a grill-like opening in front of him. His shirt and undershirt caught fire, burning his upper chest. He tore off these items and stamped them out, not wanting to cause a forest fire. Walking back to where the object had been, he felt nauseated, and had a strong headache. He broke out in a cold sweat, and began vomiting. Red marks began to appear on his chest and abdomen, burning and irritating. He logically set out for Falcon Lake in search of medical aid, wearing no shirt or jacket.

He eventually made it back to Winnipeg, where he was examined at the Misericordia Hospital. He did not tell the examining physician what had happened, only that he had been burned by "exhaust coming out of an aeroplane". This was on May 20th.

On the 22nd, Michalak's family physician examined him, and said that the first-degree burns on his abdomen were not very serious. He prescribed 292's for the pain and sea-sickness tablets for the nausea. Michalak went to a radiologist on the 23rd, who found no evidence of radiation trauma. A whole-body count taken a week later at the Whiteshell Nuclear Research Establishment also showed no radiation above normal background. The burns on Michalak's abdomen were diagnosed as thermal in origin. The curious geometric pattern of the burns led some skeptics to speculate that Michalak had fallen onto a "hot barbeque grill".(19)

Over the next few days, Michalak reported that he lost 22 pounds from his normal weight of 180. However, his physician could not verify this weight loss, since he had not seen him for over a year. Yet, judging from the fact that Michalak reported an inability to hold food down, in one week, his weight loss could have been considerable.

Also reported was a drop of his blood lymphocyte count from 25 to 16 percent, returning to normal after a period of four weeks. These two counts were six days apart, but were associated with normal platelet counts on both occasions. This contributes to the argument against the theory of radiation exposure. A CAPRO investigator claims that the actual drop was from 25 to 6 percent, although this is not supported by medical evidence.(20)

There is some evidence to indicate that the red "welts" or burns went through periods of fading and recurrence, a most unusual medical situation. Because of the suggestion of radiation at the site, it was quickly suggested that the welts were radiation burns. This, however, is quite incorrect.

Radiation was also blamed for the "awful stench" which seemed to "come from within" Michalak's body. It was suggested that a quick dose of gamma rays may have deteriorated the food he had just eaten, giving him a vile odor and causing him to vomit "green bile".(21) Individuals consulted on this, however, say that such a burst of gammas would have deteriorated Michalak, not just his digested food.

Another physiological effect was the "insect bites" rash which appeared on Michalak's upper torso. Craig reported that the rash was "the result of insect bites and was not connected with the alleged UFO experience."(22) An RCAF Corporal, Davis, reported that he had been bitten by black flies when he was with Michalak searching for the site. Medical reports show that Michalak had "skin infections", "having hive-like areas with impetiginous centers". Later he had "generalized urticaria" (hives) and felt weak, dizzy and nauseated on several occasions. Several times, he was examined for "numbness" and swelling of the joints.

A hematologist's report showed that Michalak's blood had "no abnormal physical findings", but had "some atypical lymphoid cells in the marrow plus a moderate increase in the number of plasma cells." This is in some contradiction to several sources (e.g. Naud, 1978) which claim that there were "impurities" in Michalak's blood. It is obvious that the reported irregularities in his blood would not in themselves be the cause for his condition.

The swelling of his body, however, strongly suggests an allergic reaction of some sort. After an apparent reoccurrence of his swelling at work on Sept. 21, 1967, Michalak reported that doctors diagnosed his affliction as "the result of some allergy". The events leading up to this diagnosis had Michalak feel "a burning sensation" around his neck and chest. Then, there was a "burning" in his throat and his body "turned violet". His hands swelled "like a balloon", his vision failed and he lapsed into unconsciousness.(23)

Later, he described how sometimes his wrists swelled so much that they filled his shirt cuffs.(24) What sort of allergy did Michalak have?

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THE MAYO CLINIC  
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In August of 1968, Michalak went to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. The purpose of his visit was to undergo tests to determine exactly what was ailing him, as the doctors in Winnipeg appeared to be unhelpful. It is worthy of note that Michalak paid for the Mayo tests entirely on his own, as Medicare would not cover such a trip. He went and stayed at a hotel near the hospital, walking across each day and entering as an outpatient. He reported that he was given a thorough physical and psychological examination

by various doctors, then sent home.

But, the problems began. Michalak has bills from the Clinic made out to "Mr. S. Michalak", and also his registration card. He waited for several weeks, but received no word on his results. The CAPRO investigators appealed to APRO for help, and a medical consultant sent a letter to the Mayo Clinic, asking for the medical reports. In reply, he was sent the now-famous "letter of denial", which bluntly said that Michalak had never been registered there, and that they didn't "know anything about him."(25)

This immediately spurred the shouts of "cover-up!" from individuals who learned of the letter, and rightly so, as this appeared to be a deliberate attempt to mislead the investigation. Was this a cover-up, or just a matter of incompetence? It perhaps was neither.

Medical ethics is a very serious concern, and few realize the "red tape" which has been set up for both the protection of the doctor and the patient. There is a very great danger in releasing confidential files to unauthorized personnel (and this applies, obviously, to other fields as well, including ufology). Another letter to the Mayo Clinic was sent, this time accompanied by a release form signed by Michalak.

The reports came immediately. Michalak had been found to be in good health but with neurodermatitis and simple syncope (fainting spells due to sudden cerebral blood pressure losses).(26) The syncopes were suggested as having to do with hyperventilation or impaired cardiac output. This is interesting, as Michalak has indeed had heart problems within the past few years.

The psychiatric report showed that despite the usual generalizations normally assigned to individuals giving a detailed UFO encounter story, there was no other evidence of delusions, hallucinations or other emotional disorders. It seems that there was nothing wrong with Michalak. He had no ailment directly related to an encounter with a UFO.

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THE INVESTIGATIONS

Michalak called the Winnipeg Tribune late Saturday afternoon of the holiday long weekend. It was not surprising that no one would help him then. But, the next evening (May 21), Heather Chisvin, a Tribune reporter, interviewed Michalak for the first time. She was the first one to talk to him about the experience, and her article must be considered as the first account uninfluenced by later documentation.(27)

The first investigator on the scene, however, was Barrie Thompson, who had read the account in the newspaper, and immediately contacted Michalak. Thompson's investigation, on behalf of APRO, began the series of civilian UFO investigations. Michalak notes that "after hearing my story, he stated his belief that the craft was not an earthly creation." Michalak praised Thompson on several occasions, as "he was the first person who took my story seriously."(28)

Soon, the Michlak household was in turmoil. Calls came in at all hours of the day or night, people dropped in at any time, and letters poured in.

The CAPRO investigations included taking Michalak to get a body radiation count, and encouraging him to take other tests. One misleading bit of information said that Michalak had been to a clinical hypnotist and that he had been hypnotically regressed. While both statements are true, the clinical hypnotist had in fact only interviewed Michalak and not put him under. A tape of Michalak's hypnosis is in existence, however, but the session was conducted, apparently, by an amateur, who was a reporter for the Winnipeg Free Press at the time.

The RCAF investigations were under the direction of Sqd. Ld. P. Bissky, who came to the conclusion that the case was a hoax.(29) He recently remarked that the RCAF conclusions were all available in Ottawa for perusal. Indeed, some documents are contained in the DND files, and have been obtained by several ufologists. A rather carefully-worded statement is in the National Research Council's Non-Meteoritic Sightings File, DND 222, saying, "Neither the DND, nor the RCMP investigation teams were able to provide evidence which could dispute Mr. Michalak's story."(30)

RCMP analysis by its forensic lab were "unable to reach any conclusion as to what may have caused the burn damage" to Michalak's clothing.(31)

A theory came out, suggesting that the radiation at the site might have been caused by radium paint, possibly from someone scraping a watch dial around the site.(32) This is interesting. Was this just a candid comment, or

did it suggest that there was a truly abnormal level of Ra226 at the site at the time? If so, why was it not detected in recent soil analysis?

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THE GOVERNMENT COVERS UP? ~~~~~

Apart from the Mayo Clinic "cover-up", the Canadian Government seemed to refuse access to information on the incident in 1967. On June 29th, 1967, it was reported that Mr. Ed Schreyer, then an MP, asked about UFO investigations in the Commons.(33) The Speaker of the House "cut off the subject without government reply." On November 6th, 1967, Defence Minister, Leo Cadieux, stated that "it is not the intention of the Department of National Defence to make public the report of the alleged sighting."(34) This was in response to requests by several cabinet members to obtain information on the incident. On 11 Nov., 1967, it was reported that Mr. Schreyer formally placed a written question on the Commons order paper seeking information on UFO's.(35)

The closed-mouth attitude of the government was not ignored by the press, which prompted several comments about it. About the case, one editor noted, "The attempt to keep it concealed can have only one effect - it will give the UFO legend another boost."(36) Of course, he was precisely correct. On 14 October, 1968, House Leader Donald MacDonald again refused an MP, this time Mr. Barry Mather, access to reports on the Michalak case.(37) However, on 6 Feb., 1969, Mather was given permission by a member of the Privy Council to examine their file on UFO's "from which a few pages have simply been removed." It was reported that outright release of the file "would not be in the public interest," and create a dangerous precedent that would not contribute to the good administration of the country's business."(38)

Bondarchuk (1979) reports that "portions of the complete government report are available for public scrutiny" at the NRC in Ottawa. However, "noticeably missing are the RCMP study of the burned items, as well as the government's final conclusion, if indeed one exists."(39)

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PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECTS ~~~~~

Mention of the psychological aspects of the Michalak case must be made. Why, for example, did Michalak call a newspaper office for assistance? This one piece of evidence alone has served to convince some individuals that the case was a hoax and that Michalak was only looking for publicity.

By the time Michalak made it back to his motel, he was exhausted. In his own words:

"I did not go inside the motel for fear of contaminating people around me ...I felt detached from the rest of the world...The pain was unbearable ...the odour seemed to come from within me, and I could not escape it... I was afraid that i had ruined my health and visualized the resulting hell should I have become disabled...my mind centered on the possible consequences...

"...there had to be some way of getting medical attention...I thought of the press. Things that happened to me were definitely news, if nothing else...I did not want to alarm my wife, or cause a panic in the family. I phoned her as a last resort, telling her that I had been in an accident ..."(40)

Michalak felt that it was his "duty" to report the incident, and was initially unafraid of ridicule. However, since then, he and his family have become somewhat defensive about the incident, and get irritated to hear of skeptical accounts in print. Indeed, it is this writer's personal impression that Michalak is a very sincere individual. Also, psychiatrists could not find any evidence of emotional or mental illness in the man.

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THE HOAX ~~~~~

Would Michalak have gone to so much trouble to perpetrate a hoax? There is no question that he became seriously ill, and even today displays some effects. If we can assume that Michalak burned himself while concocting his hoax, would he have then repeatedly pursued medical assistance and go to the Mayo Clinic to make it look good?

One physics professor at the University of Manitoba, now deceased, believed that Michalak was experimenting with toy rockets, which exploded due to mishandling. He also suggested that he was amateurishly trying to hit two chunks of uranium together to make a homemade bomb. The grid-like pattern on his body was caused by the grill he was using as a support. This totally unfounded theory ignored most of the known facts of the case.

An RCAF spokesman is convinced that Michalak was drunk and had fallen on a barbeque grill (one immediate objection to this is that such an act would give exactly the reverse impression of burns actually found on Michalak's body.)

Menzel's impression has already been related, claiming the case to be a hoax because Michalak could not find the site when with the Condon investigators.

Ray Craig, the Condon Committee's investigator, concluded that: "If (Michalak's) reported experience were physically real, it would show the existence of alien flying vehicles in our environment."(41)

He noted "inconsistencies and incongruities", and said that even with some of the other evidence associated with the case, he would have to stick to his "initial conclusion", namely that "this case does not offer probative information regarding unconventional(sic) craft."(42)

Despite this apparently negative conclusion, the index of the report lists the case as an unexplained sighting.

Craig found reason to question that the metal samples found by Michalak and Hart would have been missed by early investigators at the site. Stewart Hunt of the Department of Health and Welfare described his examination of the area as "as thorough survey", using three different radiation counters. It is definitely odd that the metal chunks were not found until a visit to the site a year later. Thompson remarked that the samples were deeply buried inside the crack in the rock, and that some effort was expended in getting them out. He also remarked that most of the radiation detected was inside the fissure.(43)

Bondarchuk mentions that a close scrutiny of early soil samples showed that small silver particles were present, citing this as a reason to eliminate the theory that someone "planted" the silver bars.(44) However, this is not conclusive as native silver particles occur naturally in the area in small amounts, and their presence in the soil samples does not eliminate the possibility of "planting".

Cannon also mentions this information, and that radium 226 was present in both the soil and metal covering. This apparently was considered as a prime reason to negate the watch dial theory.(45) Attempts to locate the CAPRO analyses have not been successful.

There is no doubt, though, that the metal samples are very suspicious. They even had an obvious "seam" which tended to suggest fabrication, as if someone moulded the silver in a definite shape. Did Michalak produce these himself? Or, did someone else produce them, and plant them at the site? If so, why? Even without the metal samples, the case was a significant one, needing no support. In fact, the samples tend only to confuse the case. But an amateur UFO "buff" would probably not have realized this, and thought only that the samples would enhance the case. Since the case attracted many such individuals, it would be difficult to determine whom this might have been.

Another theory would involve the "cover-up" scenario, and have the government fabricate the samples themselves. However, evidence for this idea would be difficult to obtain and essentially impossible to prove. If true, this would raise the question of why the government would deliberately enhance the case and then create an aura of secrecy, lending themselves to suspicion.

Other hoax theories can be postulated, but all need the necessary proof, including a motive for their devices.

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CONCLUSIONS

There is no question that something very unusual occurred on May 20th, 1967, north of Falcon Lake. There is no question that Stephen Michalak came back from his prospecting trip badly burned and seriously ill, claiming that he had encountered a strange craft. But is the account true?

Can this case be effectively proved beyond a shadow of a doubt? The

evidence includes the following:

1. an eyewitness account of a vehicle behaving in ways not attributable to conventional craft.
2. physiological damage to the witness, the mechanism of which is not immediately obvious.
3. a visible "landing site", consisting of a ring of loose soil, containing a bare patch of rock.

Does this prove that an alien craft landed near Falcon Lake? Unfortunately not. Major problems include the metal samples found at the site and the radium detected (was it in evidence in different samples?). Clearly, the investigations at the time were varied but at the same time were confused, and several bits of information are lacking. All of the CAPRO investigators agreed that Michalak was a very sincere individual, and detected no effort on his part to fabricate the account. This writer found this to be true from his own interviews with Michalak, and found no reason to doubt his veracity.

If we assume that Michalak's story is truthful (and we have no reason immediately obvious to suppose otherwise), then we have a solid report of a landed UFO, complete with physical and physiological effects. What could it have been?

Keel (1975) suggested that Michalak was a victim of a "game" played by ultraterrestrials, wanting to confuse him in his attempt to locate the site. (46)

Bondarchuk (1979), a proponent of the ETH, describes his analysis by saying that Michalak was burned by "an intelligently guided craft of unconventional structure and of unknown origin." He, too, finds evidence of government intervention in the case. He also observes that the publication of Michalak's book, which to some suggests a hoaxer's methods, was financially not a successful venture, and the experience proved to be more costly to Michalak than a boon. (47)

This writer is hesitant to give a final evaluation to the case. Personal interviews with the Michalak's have shown them to be sincere people, and not prone to irrational acts. They are intelligent, level-headed individuals, and well-read on many subjects. Their annoyance at their notoriety is apparent, and their defensiveness at further proddings show that they have been subjected to severe ridicule and criticism since the incident first hit the media in 1967.

Investigations are continuing. If officials were convinced Michalak was a hoaxer, why was he not prosecuted for public mischief? Was there no definite evidence towards this end? It certainly would have been an interesting court case, arguing about the existence of UFO's. I think Michalak would have won.

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EPILOGUE

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Today, over thirteen years after his experience, Michalak remains convinced he had encountered something he wasn't supposed to see. His convictions are firmly entrenched. He has read several books about UFO's since 1967, and is still frustrated by not knowing what happened to him. He has been to Carmen, Manitoba, where "Charlie Redstar" was a nightly spectre over that town for many months, and heard stories from witnesses of their own experiences.

In this writer's experience with UFO investigation, he has found that many UFO witnesses see more than one in a lifetime. That is, if a person sees one UFO, he or she will probably see another at a later time in their life. This is the "repeater" phenomenon which is considered to be an indication of insincerity in witnesses by several ufologists. This author is in disagreement with that belief, as the UFO phenomenon suggests a close link with the individual witness' psyche, possibly involving an "awareness threshold." While this may not be empirically proven or testable, theoretical ufology can only draw on apparent relationships, and there exists some evidence to indicate an association between a witness and the "perceived" UFO.

In this regard, it is interesting to note that Michalak has reported another UFO sighting. It occurred in northwestern Ontario several years ago, while standing near a lake. He said that he observed "the same thing" as he had seen at Falcon Lake, though at a much greater distance from him, flying through the sky.

Are "they" keeping an eye on him? Or is Michalak simply one of those

people who is now encouraged to look skyward for unusual things?

The mystery continues.

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Re: Faster Than The Speed Of Light?

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Wed, 7 Aug 2013 10:43:19 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
Archived: Wed, 07 Aug 2013 12:16:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Faster Than The Speed Of Light?

>From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Tue, 23 Jul 2013 09:04:17 -0400
>Subject: Re: Faster Than The Speed Of Light?

>>From: Steve Sawyer <stevesaw.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 22 Jul 2013 21:05:15 -0700
>>Subject: Faster Than The Speed Of Light?

>>Dr. White believes that advances he and others have made render
>>warp speed less implausible. Among other things, he has
>>redesigned the theoretical warp-traveling spacecraft - and in
>>particular a ring around it that is key to its propulsion system
>>- in a way that he believes will greatly reduce the energy
>>requirements.

>As I mentioned before to the List, we may be seeing such a
>propulsion system already in operation in this Hubble telescope
>image.

>http://www.treurniet.ca/tori/ufoP2010_A2Crop.htm

>The UFO photos on the following pages show something similar.

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

><http://www.treurniet.ca/torifract/torifract.htm>

<snip>

Hi Everyone,

I have been very busy these days with so many other projects, including further joint CSA-CNES high altitude research balloon flights to near Earth space launched from Timmins, Ontario. One of the exciting things we plan to do is confirm the unexpected findings of living micro-organisms in the upper atmosphere that do not resemble anything we know here on Earth which may turn out to be compelling evidence for the Panspermia Theory - that life on Earth (and the mysterious plagues over the centuries?) was seeded from space...

I want to make a comment regarding this recent UFO UpDates post. If the assumptions we make that lead to new theories and the conclusions that result from these theories are based on actual observations but which were not interpreted correctly, then the scientific basis for these theories would be suspect.

For example, regarding that small dark image in the picture with a rainbow, William state "...the unknown object and torus were fortuitously positioned over a rainbow. Spatial shifts in bands of color under the torus suggest that it refracted the light from the rainbow. This observation indicates that the space occupied by the torus has an index of refraction that is different from the surrounding space." and "...(2) that one end of the object appears to be covered by the distant rainbow."

As rainbows are NOT fixed distant objects but are actually seen immediately in front of the observer (when the observer moves the rainbow moves in the same direction as the observer!). If rainbows were real objects far from an observer then they would appear stationary and at the same location to all observers, which they are not.

Science advances forward and our knowledge and understanding of the cosmos (which we all are an integral part) increases by curious and independent thinking people like William who share their ideas and present their research for all to consider and contribute too..

Nick Balaskas

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"Will Robots Take Over The World?"

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Thu, 8 Aug 2013 10:58:56 +0100
Archived: Thu, 08 Aug 2013 12:17:15 -0400
Subject: "Will Robots Take Over The World?"

Hello List,

www.sciencealert.com.au/features/20130808-24670.html

has the question "Will Robots Take Over The World?", which is answered by Martin Rees, Kathleen Richardson and Daniel Wolpert.

You can read their answers at the page, but interestingly they all answered a secondary question: "What can science fiction tell us about robotics?" in a positive way, seeming to hint that mainstream science has been wilfully ignoring Sci-Fi, and missing much in the process.

Cheers

Ray D

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NZ West Coast Gets UFO Fever

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Fri, 09 Aug 2013 06:50:26 -0400
Archived: Fri, 09 Aug 2013 06:50:26 -0400
Subject: NZ West Coast Gets UFO Fever

Source: The New Zealand Herald

<http://tinyurl.com/mgvt6jd>

Thursday Aug 8, 2013

West Coast Gets UFO Fever
By Nikki-Leigh Wilson of the Greymouth Star

UFOs are the talk of the West Coast after reports of one man's 'close encounter' at Rutherglen on Tuesday night.

Although no other witnesses have come forward about the sighting; in which Matthew Robert Haisty claims to have come across a UFO parked on the road right outside Shantytown before it took off in a flash of blinding light; David Skelton said today he witnessed strange lights moving about in nearby Taylorville about the same time.

He said he saw strange lights from his window and initially thought a plane was going down. The lights were travelling west, too slow for a meteor but too fast to be a helicopter or plane. They were also too low to be from a shooting star.

The Shantytown UFO incident has created much discussion on-line, with people taking to social networks to voice a range of theories and messages of both support and scepticism.

[More at site... for the lead]

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[CE] Case Update: May 2, 1957; Edwards AFB

From: Francis Ridge <nicap.nul>
Date: Wed, 07 Aug 2013 15:36:52 -0500
Archived: Fri, 09 Aug 2013 07:03:40 -0400
Subject: [CE] Case Update: May 2, 1957; Edwards AFB

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NICAP

http://www.nicap.org/570502edwardsafb_dir.htm

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May 3 (correction May 2), 1957;

Edwards AFB, California:40

It was the morning of a tracking day at Edwards, and the two-man crews were out at their stations where the permanent Askania theodolites were being stocked with film and readied.

At one station, about 1=BD miles from the Edwards perimeter, veteran civilian operators Jack Gettys and James Bittick were prepared for their part of the first test. But there in the sky, a different object awaited them. It was distant, but obviously a shiny domed disk. Gettys and Bittick called to the base operation controller, Frank Baker, and asked for permission to shoot some of their film at the object.

Base operations took three or four minutes to decide while the theodolite crew watched the disk, sometimes through the small tracking telescope mounted on the Askania. Base then said: "go ahead."

Gettys and Bittick shot 200 to 300 feet of film at 30 frames per second, as the object moved away. The two men took the film canister to base and made their report. The film was developed on base and everyone involved got a look at it, including team leader Baker.

These men were veteran "object spotters" and had seen all manner of plane, missile, balloon, bombing run, object drop, and parachute, right up to the U-2 spy plane. All of them knew that what they saw on this film was none of those things.

The visual reports agreed on a shiny-as-if-metallic domed disk, and the film, if viewed with a magnifying glass, supported that conclusion, according to Baker. Both Bittick and Baker thought that there was a series of black dots near the dome, which might have been portholes. Gettys did not remember seeing that.

Nevertheless, here was a domed disk on film seen by highly credible observers at our nation's top air technology base.

The next morning, the intelligence boys were at Edwards to grill Gettys and Bittick. In an interview much later in time, Bittick remembers their interrogators as FBI, but that is unlikely.

The agents were probably plainclothes but part of Air Force intelligence, or even, as occasionally happened in the continental U.S., CIA. Either way, the grilling was insulting.

Gettys and Bittick were derided with statements like: you know

what it is like when you have stayed out too late at night (they had not), or too long in the sun (it was the start of their 8 a.m. shift), and the desert sun will do funny things to you. Bittick got so angry that he got up and barked: "Do I have to listen to this ---- [deleted]!?"

Unsuccessful in getting the trackers to admit that they were mistaken in their report, the questioners told the two to "go home and keep your mouth shut, you understand?" Recalling those moments, Bittick said: "It's a funny thing how they try to cover up what they know and use a stupid answer for it."41

The "stupid answer" was that Gettys and Bittick had seen and filmed a balloon. This is not obviously stupid, even in the face of the witnesses saying that it looked like no balloon and moved faster than any balloon and they had seen many, many balloons in their spotting scopes, and this was not one.

Still, a balloon had been launched at 7:40 a.m. from Edwards, so... No one from Blue Book, ADC, or from wherever the interrogators had originated bothered actually to look into the possibility of a balloon misidentification.

Fortunately, there was in this case a conscientious Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations at Edwards AFB who did so. Lt. Colonel Raymond Klein checked on the balloon launch and obtained the data on it (it was being followed and recorded at ten-minute intervals). Klein knew exactly where that balloon was throughout the theodolite filming experience, and wrote ATIC with his analysis:

"Based on the above track made and the location of the observers at the time of sighting, the weather balloon released at Edwards could not have been the unidentified object reported."42

Back at Blue Book such information made no difference. The case solution to this day reads "Confirmed balloon".

Incidents such as this one at Edwards AFB are stunning examples of what depths Blue Book had reached. It was doing something. But that something had nothing to do with the nature of UFOs.

NOTES

40 Blue Book microfilm Roll 27; and McDonald files

University of Arizona archives; and James Bittick interview, 28 October 2002, The UFO Oral History Project

Thomas Tulien, administrator, Minneapolis, MN; and Frank E. Baker (similar); 20 October 2002.

41 Quotes are from the Bittick Oral History above.

42 Blue Book microfilm Roll 27, and McDonald's notes (reference 40, above).

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Global Archive UAP-Study And UFO-Identification

From: **Issac Koi** <kontaktkoordinator.nul>
Date: Fri, 9 Aug 2013 19:34:09 +0300
Archived: Sat, 10 Aug 2013 11:01:03 -0400
Subject: Global Archive UAP-Study And UFO-Identification

Global Archive UAP-Study And UFO-Identification
Version 2 Final

136GB .PDF:

<http://tinyurl.com/k9pv298>

.PNG:

<http://tinyurl.com/mwssgax>

This was achieved by back-breaking work, spending all free time working day by day, moving toward the goal with aspiration - for the future of mankind. History of UFO identification and UAP research is also our history, of each of us and all mankind, which is worth of paying attention. We remember - it was, it can't be deleted, it's memory which needs to be protected.

Yours sincerelly, Igor Kalytyuk

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"I realized that it was something that wasn't normal, so I was like 'oh my, what is that,'" Thoma said.

At first glance, what she saw almost looked like a saucer-shaped object up top. Then the object went down into the pool and expanded like a web -- moving back and forth.

[More at site... thanks to Dave Haith for the lead]

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Re: UFO Videod In Naples Florida?

From: **Mark Rousell** <markr.nul>
Date: Sun, 11 Aug 2013 16:28:53 +0100
Archived: Sun, 11 Aug 2013 14:28:08 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Videod In Naples Florida?

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Mark Rousell

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Re: UFO Videod In Naples Florida?

From: Larry Knight <Antimatter.nul>
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I agree... nothing to get excited about.

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>time.

The video is so very obviously the lights around the pool being
refracted through water on the lens casing, being buffeted by
the wind, the idea that anyone would put forward the idea that
it's anything else is just sad.

And the only witness testimony is the security gal who watched
it on the monitor, and never thought to go outside and get
closer verification if she thought she was seeing something
anomalous?

Ridiculous.

We'll see how much egg MUFON cares to spray on their own faces
by dragging out their arrival to the rather obvious conclusion
behind what's on the video.

Yet again, corporate media drags along the bottom, that part
doesn't surprise me in the least.

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Early planets - Early Life?

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Date: Wed, 14 Aug 2013 09:01:34 +0100
Archived: Wed, 14 Aug 2013 06:33:42 -0400
Subject: Early planets - Early Life?

Hello List,

Last month we saw:

<http://www.ufoupdateslist.com/2013/jul/m05-005.shtml>

"Early Galaxies Could Have Planets" which said that an early galaxy 11 billion light years away could have formed planets, because the detected oxygen level means that materials heavier than hydrogen and helium had already formed.

Now we see:

<http://tinyurl.com/ncnev6r>

"Alien Planets Older than Our Milky Way Galaxy Challenge Accepted Theories" which indicates that a 12.8 billion year-old star actually has planets (well, had 12.8 billion years ago), that the two detected so far are Jupiter-sized, and that the experts are a bit upset about how planets could have formed if heavier materials ('metals') didn't yet exist around the star.

However I think a more interesting question is the possibility of life, and its composition, given the probable different ratios of elements at that time.

Cheers

Ray D

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USAF Space Command To Discontinue Space

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Wed, 14 Aug 2013 14:02:02 -0300
Archived: Wed, 14 Aug 2013 15:30:23 -0400
Subject: USAF Space Command To Discontinue Space

Air Force Space Command To Discontinue Space Surveillance System
Sequestration Cited As Reason For The Move

Note: This seems to be opportunistic in light of what is going to happen anyway; a ploy by which the US military can advertise the so-called 'gutting' of military spending by President Obama.

FWIW The most visible is the cutting of the Blue Angels and the Thunderbird performances this year. The public would be deprived of their appearances at air shows, conveying to the public the false appearance of the weakening of the US armed forces. In fact the budget for these two Aerobatic teams each year is pocket change for the Air Force and the Navy.

However this shutdown heightens the fact that the newer technology is many times more powerful than what is currently available. It would be nice to be a fly on the wall to see what is slipping through the fence.

Perhaps in 25 years the equivalent of a Bob Salas will come forward with testimony of what they tracked on occasion and which they could do nothing about.

Don Ledger

<http://tinyurl.com/kjsh2xz>

Sequestration Cited As Reason For The Move

Due to resource constraints caused by sequestration, Air Force Space Command officials have directed the 21st Space Wing to prepare to discontinue operations at the Air Force Space Surveillance System by Oct. 1. Final decisions on all fiscal 2014 budget issues will be made over the next few weeks. By discontinuing operations, the AFSSS would not be maintained in operational status; however, equipment will not be removed until a final disposition determination is made.

The AFSSS sites are operated under contract and the 21st SW has notified the vendor, Five Rivers Services in Colorado Springs, CO, that it most likely will not exercise the next contract option beginning Oct. 1. By de-activating the AFSSS by Oct. 1, AFSPC would see a cost savings of approximately \$14 million per year, beginning in fiscal 2014.

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Barry Goldwater UFO Radio Excerpt

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Archived: Thu, 15 Aug 2013 06:37:31 -0400
Subject: Barry Goldwater UFO Radio Excerpt

Dear Colleagues,

I just discovered within my archives another Barry Goldwater piece where he talks about UFOs. I have uploaded the audio and you can listen here:

<http://tinyurl.com/ovss8tk>

Background:

Back in April 6, 2008 I informed Grant Cameron that I obtained video interview with Barry Goldwater where he mentioned his attempt to gain access to Blue Room at Wright-Patterson through General Curtis LeMay. That piece was broadcast October 1, 1994 on Larry King Live From Area 51.

I was able to get the complete DVD recording from an archivist in Ohio from which I extracted the excerpt. I exchanged various UFO related material with that archivist for many months via snail mail.

After I sent video to Grant, his webmaster Paul Robinson uploaded it to YouTube and its available here:

<http://tinyurl.com/na9las>

Since then, it was viewed many times in the UFO community.

Today, while I was transferring some of my archives to a new HDD with 2Tb of space, I stumbled on another Barry Goldwater piece that I was not even aware that I have. I probably obtained it a long time ago in a set of audio files that I have in a folder.

After some research I was able to determine that it was recorded by host Mike Murphy - who was interested in UFOs - from KCMO

<http://tinyurl.com/pjvgt2e>

When Barry Goldwater was scheduled to be his guest, Murphy couldn't miss the chance to ask about the Wright-Patterson story.

Others also tried to get the audio but with no success. Check here:

<http://tinyurl.com/nh2joe5>

Here is finally the transcript of the exchange:

MIKE MURPHY: Now, I don't know whether this is folklore, whether this is true, but I've been a flying saucer fan since I was a little kid. I use to know... I used to know Major Donald Keyhoe... his mother use to live next door to us. So back in the 40s he came out with Flying Saucers Are Real and all these books. So I am little kid and I've been with this all my life. And maybe this is folklore, but the story is you tried to find

something out about the Roswell crash.

BARRY GOLDWATER: Nooo!

MIKE MURPHY: Is that true?

BARRY GOLDWATER: I know that in... at Wright-Patterson field the Air Force had, and I have to assume that it's still there... had a room where I think they called the Blue Room or the Green Room in which was assembled all the information that the Air Force had put together on UFOs. So I called my friend Curt LeMay one day and I said: "What about this Curt? Can I see the stuff in there?" He curse me out in every four letter word...

MIKE MURPHY: You remember what he said?

BARRY GOLDWATER: I can't repeat it.

MIKE MURPHY: [Laughing]

BARRY GOLDWATER: He said: "Don't ever ask me that again and don't ever talk about it to anybody! I don't want to hear you ever mention it!" Now I... I can't say... I won't say here and say I believe in UFOs but I can tell you this. There is about 2 billion planets in this universe that we know about. How many are there universes out there? We don't know. Nobody can't tell me that this is the only planet of 2 billion... on which there are Living Things Like People.

Mike Murphy unfortunately died in March 2011. Here are some articles and videos about his work:

Some of rare archived audios from Murk Murphy show:

<http://tinyurl.com/pdp52gz>

Video:

1998 After Words Interview With Mike Murphy

<http://tinyurl.com/create.php>

Article:

Kansas City Radio Legend Mike Murphy Dies of Stroke

<http://tinyurl.com/nax2yr9>

Article and Video:

Kansas City broadcaster Mike Murphy dies

<http://tinyurl.com/pma9suc>

Videos:

Kansas City Radio Legend Mike Murphy Dies

<http://tinyurl.com/ob8gbhh>

<http://tinyurl.com/pzxdf9o>

Best wishes,

Giuliano Marinkovic

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AP & Hastings On Area 51 Declass Docs

From: Robert Hastings <ufohastings.nul>
Date: Fri, 16 Aug 2013 18:38:58 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Sat, 17 Aug 2013 06:50:06 -0400
Subject: AP & Hastings On Area 51 Declass Docs

All,

A reporter working for the Associated Press, Hannah Dreier, emailed me this morning to ask my take on yesterday's news about some Area 51-related documents having been declassified. I responded:

Sorry, I am not an expert on the subject. All I can say is that there have been rumors about UFO-related activities at Area 51 over the years, but those rumors have not been confirmed. In 1988 or '89, a man named Bob Lazar spoke with Las Vegas investigative reporter George Knapp, claiming that he had helped "reverse-engineer" a recovered alien spacecraft at S-4, which is a complex near Area 51. That claim has not been substantiated and is still highly controversial.

She then asked me if I were optimistic about future releases of UFO-related files. I responded:

The military and the CIA are going to keep UFO-related secrets classified for some time to come, it appears. When I held my September 23, 2010 "UFOs and Nukes" press conference (which CNN streamed live), in response, the Pentagon just trotted out its standard PR statement about the Air Force having closed down its UFO investigations in 1969, after finding that UFOs posed no threat to national security. That blatantly deceptive response is contradicted by FOIA-released documents confirming Air Force investigations of UFOs well after that date.

She then called and asked me to elaborate on this second comment. Part of my response, oddly set-up with a reference to Area 51 workers that I did not make, ended up in her article:

Some UFO buffs and others believe the most earthshattering revelations will come from Area 51 workers, not an official document. "The government probably will not release what it knows," UFO researcher Robert Hastings said. "My opinion is that whoever is flying these craft will break the story and will reveal themselves at some point in the future. The CIA is not going to release anything they don't want to talk about."

Please note that she fell into the usual journalistic trap of calling UFO proponents "buffs" and "believers" which are of course condescending and derogatory terms, given that some of those supposed "buffs" include astronauts, airline pilots, nuclear missile launch officers, and even a handful of scientists. The full article is at:

<http://tinyurl.com/mgpv73x>

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U-2 And UFOs

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Archived: Sun, 18 Aug 2013 17:32:44 -0400
Subject: U-2 And UFOs

X-FILES

2. CIA Admits to Secret Area 51

<http://tinyurl.com/llealf2>

Conspiracy theorists can stand a little taller and wear their tinfoil hats with pride today, as the existence of the covert Area 51 has been officially confirmed by the CIA in newly declassified documents:

<http://tinyurl.com/kf9okuz>

obtained by George Washington University.

The report documents the development of the secret U-2 spy plane, the history of how the covert area came into existence, and points to the precise location on an Atomic Energy Commission map. Because of the developmental plane's never-before-witnessed operating altitude and the way the silver wings would reflect the sun seeming to be on fire the UFO sightings started pouring in to air traffic controllers and the Air Force. The Air Force recorded the reports in their Operation BLUE BOOK, and investigators tried to calm concerned citizens by attributing the sightings to natural phenomena because they could not reveal the true, but classified, cause.

Sorry, truthers.

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Soviet Superplane That Rattled Area 51

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Archived: Sun, 18 Aug 2013 17:33:19 -0400
Subject: Soviet Superplane That Rattled Area 51

Source: Wired.Com

<http://www.wired.com/rawfile/2011/06/ekranoplan/?viewall=3Dtrue>

06.10.11

The Soviet Superplane Program That Rattled Area 51
By Matthew Shechmeister

The Lun ekranoplan weighs 380 tons, has a 148-foot wingspan and can launch six anti-ship missiles from flight. Or rather, it could, before it was retired to a forlorn pier in southern Russia.

The dilapidated plane is the offspring of an even larger prototype ship that so spooked the CIA in the 1960s that they developed an unmanned drone to spy on it, an alleged program detailed in the new book Area 51: An Uncensored History of America=E2=80=99s Top Secret Military Base.

Deployed much later, in 1987, the Lun (a more contemporary behemoth) was an improvement over the previous model. It remained in service until the 1990s, when it was moth-balled by the Russian military. The once-fearsome Lun will likely never fly again and is now little more than a chunk of aerodynamic scrap metal.

Alternately described as an amphibious aircraft or a flying boat, the plane is a feat of engineering that has been reduced to a footnote in aviation history. Read on for a look inside this aging relic and the ambitious program that spawned it.

[More text, photos & videos at site]

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Re: 1971 Costa Rican Photo Is Prosaic Object

From: Edward Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
Date: Sun, 18 Aug 2013 08:05:06 -0700
Archived: Sun, 18 Aug 2013 17:33:55 -0400
Subject: Re: 1971 Costa Rican Photo Is Prosaic Object

>From: Albert Baier <albertgbaier.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 30 Jul 2013 14:42:23 -0500
>Subject: Re: 1971 Costa Rican Photo Is Prosaic Object

>>From: Edward Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 29 Jul 2013 07:27:21 -0700
>>Subject: Re: 1971 Costa Rican Photo Is Prosaic Object

>Ed, Bob:

>1. The Haines/Vallee report did not use the original negative.
>There is no provenance or chain of custody mentioned for the
>copies used.

>2. Focus is dependent on lens to film distance. Fixed focus
>(non-zoom) lenses can be used at any subject distance, provided
>the lens-to-film distance is correct.

>3. Lenses for aerial photography (like the Zeiss lens used) are
>designed to render images that have very low optical distortion,
>so that objects can be measured accurately. Good color
>correction is required so that the frequency range of the film
>focuses at the same plane. They must be fast, and cover a 9" x
>9" film area. This makes them expensive.

>4. The object is brighter than the background, which is easy to
>fake. Dark on a light background is harder, but still possible.

>In view of point 1., IMO, no definite conclusions can be made,
>but I lean toward the prosaic.

>BTW: The frames shown in the report represent some of the worst
>aerial photography I've ever seen. Surely the Zeiss RMK 15/23
>is capable of better images. Something's not right here.

Albert, List,

I sent your response to Bob and below is his reply:

Albert,

1) Agreed.

2) No. You have only half of the equation. Focus is dependent on the distance from the lens to the plane of focus (film or digital sensor,) and the lens to the subject distance. The two are inversely related; as the lens to subject distance gets shorter the lens to plane of focus distance gets longer, to maintain focus. That's why macro lenses get longer as you focus in close. This is true for simple lenses, biconvex or plano-convex. Things become more complicated when you deal with modern, multi-element lenses, most of which focus by movement of internal elements or lens groups rather than movement of the

whole lens. A complex lens, like the Zeiss aerial lens in question, may have internal focus, but aerial camera lenses do not, since they are designed for use at only one distance. Typically they do not focus at all and are factory set at infinity focus.

You confuse fixed focus lenses (which do not focus at all) and fixed focal length lenses, which is what non-zoom lenses typically are. All lenses made for photographic use have a set focus range, from infinity at one end to whatever the closest focus is at the other. Aerial camera lenses like we're talking about are fixed focus (infinity) and do not focus closer. Without modification, one could not be used to image a flashlight close to the lens.

If you question my qualifications to talk about such things, take a look on Amazon.com and do an author search on Bob Shell and you will see some of the 28 books I've written about photography, most of them technical. Or consult Applied Photographic Optics by Les Stroebel, who teaches optics at RIT.

3) OK. Most aerial camera lenses are achromatic or apochromatic. Achromatic lenses focus two colors of visible light on the same plane at the same image size, while apochromatic lenses focus all three colors of visible light on the same plane and at the same image size. High tolerances and very limited production contribute to the high prices.

4) Not so. Either is quite easy to fake. Much easier today, of course.

5.No comment on the quality of the photography.

Bob

List,

It's always tiresome to me when someone posts some photographic half-truth like this. Never have I seen so many half-baked photo 'experts' as in the UFO field. Most don't know a lens from a hole in the ground!

It's particularly frustrating when someone like Albert has absorbed half of the story. Optics I know. Back in the early 80's I worked with Dr. Siegfried Schaffer, the chief optical designer at ENNA-WERK in Munich. Schaffer is co-inventor of the zoom lens (with Frank Back) and designed one of the first commercially available zoom lenses. He stayed in Munich while Back immigrated to the USA and founded Zoomar Corp., making lenses for the motion picture industry initially, and later for still photography.

The first use of a zoom lens that I'm aware of was by Leni Riefenstahl in her 1936 film Triumph Of Will. I'm pretty sure it was one of Frank Back's prototypes.

He kept his manufacturing in Munich. One of my best friends, Herwig Zorkendorfer, worker for him there as a designer and has his own specialty optics firm now.

www.Zork.com

Anyway, I was involved in the design of slide projector lenses, slide viewers, and some other optical products. I'm not on the same level as Schaffer, Back, and Zorkendorfer, but my knowledge of optics is well beyond the average photographer.

Bob Shell

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Is Jacques Vallee A Satanist?

From: Jason Gammon <boyinthemachine.nul>
Date: Sun, 18 Aug 2013 12:06:56 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Sun, 18 Aug 2013 17:34:19 -0400
Subject: Is Jacques Vallee A Satanist?

I'm just now reading The Satanic Bible. I wanted to read it back in the early 90s but I guess the fear factor prevented me. So I'm reading it now and the newer editions have an intro by the current high priest of the Church of Satan, Peter Gilmore.

In the intro Gilmore states that Ufologist Jacques Vallee was a close associate of LaVey. So is Vallee a Satanist?

-Jason Gammon

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Einstein & Oppenheimer On Aliens And UFOs

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http://www.majesticdocuments.com/pdf/oppenheimer_einstein.pdf

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Relationships With Inhabitants Of Celestial Bodies

File OSRD

Relationships with extraterrestrial men presents no basically new problem from the standpoint of international law; but the possibility of confronting intelligent beings that do not belong to the human race would bring up problems whose solution it is difficult to conceive.

In principle, there is no difficulty in accepting the possibility of coming to an understanding with them, and of establishing all kinds of relationships. The difficulty lies in trying to establish the principles on which these relationships should be based.

In the first place, it would be necessary to establish communication with them through some language or other, and afterwards, as a first condition for all intelligence, that they should have a psychology similar to that of men.

At any rate, international law should make place for a new law on a different basis, and it might be called "Law Among Planetary Peoples," following the guidelines found in the Pentateuch. Obviously, the idea of revolutionizing international law to the point where it would be capable of coping with new situations would compel us to make a change in its structure, a change so basic that it would no longer be international law, that is to say, as it is conceived today, but something altogether different, so that it could no longer bear the same name.

If these intelligent beings were in possession of a more or less culture, and a more or less perfect political organization, they would have an absolute right to be recognized as independent and sovereign peoples, we would have to come to an agreement with them to establish the legal regulations upon which future relationships should be based, and it would be necessary to accept many of their principles.

Finally, if they should reject all peaceful cooperation and become an imminent threat to the earth, we would have the right to legitimate defense, but only insofar as would be necessary to annul this danger.

Another possibility may exist, that a species of homo sapiens might have established themselves as an independent nation on another celestial body in our solar system and

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evolved culturally independently from ours. Obviously, this possibility depends on many circumstances, whose conditions cannot yet be foreseen. However, we can make a study of the basis on which such a thing might have occurred,

In the first place, living conditions on these bodies let's say the moon, -or the planet Mars, would have to be such as to permit a stable, and to a certain extent, independent life, from an economic standpoint. Much has been speculated about the possibilities for life existing outside of our atmosphere and beyond, always hypothetically. and there are those who go so far as to give formulas for the creation of an artificial atmosphere on the moon, which undoubtedly have a certain scientific foundation, and which may one day come to light. Let's assume that magnesium silicates on the moon may exist and contain up to 13 per cent water. Using energy and machines brought to the moon, perhaps from a space station, the rocks could be broken up, pulverized, and then backed to drive off the water of crystallization. This could be collected and then decomposed into hydrogen and oxygen, using an electric current or the short wave radiation of the sun. The oxygen could be used for breathing purposes; the hydrogen might be used as a fuel.

In any case, if no existence is possible on celestial bodies except for enterprises for the exploration of their natural riches, with a continuous interchange of the men who work on them, unable to establish themselves there indefinitely and be able to live isolated life, independence will never take place.

Now we come to the problem of determining what to do if the inhabitants of celestial bodies, or extraterrestrial biological entities (EBE) desire to settle here.

1. If they are politically organized and possess a certain culture similar to our own, they may be recognized as an independent people. They could consider what degree of development would be required on earth for colonizing.
2. If they consider our culture to be devoid of political unity, they would have the right to colonize. Of course, this colonization cannot be conducted on classic lines.

A superior form of colonizing will have to be conceived, that could be a kind of tutelage, possibly through the tacit approval of the United Nations. But would the United Nations legally have the right of allowing such tutelage over us in such a fashion?

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(a) Although the United Nations is an international organization there is no doubt that it would have no right of tutelage, since its domain does not extend beyond relationships between its members. It would have the right to intervene only if the relationships of a member nation with a celestial body affected another member nation with an extraterrestrial people is beyond the domain of the United Nations, But if those relationships entailed a conflict with another member nation, the United Nations would have the right to intervene.

(b) If the United Nations were a supra-national organization, it would have competency to deal with all problems related to extraterrestrial peoples. Of course, even though it is merely an international organization, it could have this competence if its member states would be willing to recognize it.

It is difficult to predict what the attitude of international law will be with regard to the occupation by celestial peoples of certain locations on our planet, but the only thing that can be foreseen is that there will be a profound change in traditional concepts.

We cannot exclude the possibility that a race of extraterrestrial people more advanced technologically and economically may take upon itself the right to occupy another celestial body. How, then, would this occupation come about?

1. The idea of exploitation by one celestial state would be

rejected, they may think it would be advisable to grant it to all others capable of reaching another celestial body. But this would be to maintain a situation of privilege for these states.

2. The division of a celestial body into zones and the distribution of them among other celestial states. This would present the problem of distribution. Moreover, other celestial states would be deprived of the possibility of owning an area, or if they were granted one it would involve complicated operations.

3. Indivisible co-sovereignty, giving each celestial state the right to make whatever use is most convenient to . . its interests, independently of the others. This would create a situation of anarchy, as the strongest one would win out in the end*

4. A moral entity? The most feasible solution it seem would be this one, submit an agreement providing for the peaceful absorption of a celestial race(s) in such a manner that our culture would remain intact with guarantees that their presence not be revealed.

Actually, we do not believe it necessary to go that far. It would merely be a matter of internationalizing celestial peoples, and creating an international treaty instrument preventing exploitation of all nations belonging to the United Nations.

Occupation by states here on earth, which has lost all interest for international law, since there were no more res nullius territories, is beginning to regain all its importance in cosmic international law.

Occupation consists in the appropriation by a state of res nullius.

Until the last century, occupation was the normal means of acquiring sovereignty over territories, when explorations made possible the discovery of new regions, either uninhabited or in an elementary state of civilization.

The imperialist expansion of the states came to an end with the end of regions capable of being occupied, which have now been drained from the earth and exist only in interplanetary space, where the celestial states present new problems.

Res nullius is something that belongs to nobody such as the moon. In international law a celestial body is not subject to the sovereignty of any state is considered res nullius. If it could be established that a celestial body within our solar system such as our moon was, or is occupied by another celestial race, there could be no claim of res nullius by any state on earth (if that state should decide in the future to send explorers to lay claim to it). It would exist as res communis, that is that all celestial states have the same rights over it.

And now to the final question of whether the presence of celestial astroplanes in our atmosphere is a direct result of our testing atomic weapons?

The presence of unidentified space craft flying in our atmosphere (and possibly maintaining orbits about our planet) is now, however, accepted [de facto] by our military.

On every question of whether the United States will (hydrogen bombs), or reach an agreement to disarm and the exclusion of weapons that are too destructive, with the exception of chemical warfare, on which, by some miracle we cannot explain, an agreement has been reached, the lamentations of philosophers, the efforts of politicians, and the conferences of diplomats have been doomed to failure and have accomplished nothing.

The use of the atomic bomb combined with space vehicles poses a threat on a scale which makes it absolutely necessary to come to an agreement in this area. With the appearance of unidentified space vehicles (opinions are sharply divided as to their origin)

over the skies of Europe and the United States has sustained an ineradical fear, an anxiety about security, that is driving the great powers to make an effort to find a solution to the threat. Military strategists foresee the use of space craft with nuclear warheads as the ultimate weapon of war. Even the deployment of artificial satellites for intelligence gathering and. target selection is not far off. The military importance of space vehicles, satellites as well as rockets is indisputable, since they project war from the horizontal plane to the vertical plane in its fullest sense. Attack no longer comes from an exclusive direction, nor from a determined country, but from the sky, with the practical impossibility of determining who the aggressor is, how to intercept the attack, or how to effect immediate reprisals. These problems are compounded further by identification. How does the air defense radar operator identify, or more precisely, classify his target? At present, we can breath a little easier knowing that slow moving bombers are the mode of delivery of atomic bombs that can be detected by long-range early warning radar.

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Lastly, we should consider the possibility that our atmospheric tests of late could have influenced the arrival of celestial scrutiny. They could have been, curious or even alarmed by such activity (and rightly so, for the Russians would make every effort to observe and record such tests). In conclusion, it is our professional opinion based on submitted data that this situation i extremely perilous, and measures must be taken to rectify a very serious problem are very apparent.

Respectfully,

/ s / \
Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer

Director of Advanced Studies
Princeton, New Jersey

/s/
Professor Albert Einstein
Princeton, New Jersey

Myself and Marshall have read this and I must admit there is some logic. But I hardly think the President will consider it for the obvious reasons. I understand Oppenheimer approached Marshall while they attended ceremony a t

As I understand it Marshall rebuffed the idea of Oppenheimer discussing this with the President. I talked to Gordon, and he agreed.
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Greetings

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together. You can view the picture at the link below.

<http://tinyurl.com/n7pplr8>

I think this would be a fascinating topic to ask Vallee about if
he ever does any more interviews.

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that reads, "Is ---- a Satanist?" Whatever your intention, few
would fail to read your question as a form of accusation.

You would have been better off to ask something like, "What is
Vallee's relationship to Anton LaVey?"

'Nuff said, I hope.

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And on the subject of babbling:

You've told us what we already know: that Vallee was interested
in LaVey. Thanks a whole lot.

For those of us who don't own the Vallee volume (all but the
tiniest handful of Listfolk) whose index you unhelpfully cite, I
guess your view is (1) they're out of luck and (2) you're so
much smarter than the rest of us.

Cheers,

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Vortex Conference Wisconsin, Oct. 25 - 27

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Archived: Wed, 21 Aug 2013 18:04:31 -0400
Subject: Vortex Conference Wisconsin, Oct. 25 - 27

This year the Vortex Conference (Burlington, Wis.) is Oct. 25 - 27, 2013.

The price went down, because the speakers are more local than before. Also, the lectures are clustered by subject, with UFOs on Saturday the 26th, which is the busiest day.

Organizer Mary Sutherland says she is still working on the schedule, and that press passes are available for media wanting to cover the event.

For details:

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

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'Let's Have A Ball And A Biscuit, Sugah!' - Cox

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Subject: 'Let's Have A Ball And A Biscuit, Sugah!' - Cox

Source: Billy Cox's Blog De Void

<http://tinyurl.com/lrxchut>

Tuesday, August 20, 2013

'Let's Have A Ball And A Biscuit, Sugah!'
By Billy Cox

Without attending a single kegger or Happy Hour whoop-de-doo to support her lead, here's how Associated Press reporter Hannah Dreier set up De Void for a massive heartbreaking disappointment last Friday:

"LAS VEGAS (AP) - UFO buffs and believers in space aliens are celebrating the CIA's clearest acknowledgement yet of the existence of Area 51, the top-secret Cold War test site that has been the subject of elaborate conspiracy theories for decades." In the next graph, Dreier informs us that the "recently declassified documents have set the tinfoil-hat contingent abuzz on the Internet, though there's no mention in the papers of UFO crashes, black-eyed extraterrestrials or staged moon landings."

As a reporter, in the very next graph I expect to read all about the celebrations by all these buffs and believers in space aliens. I mean, put me there, right? Put me right smack-dab in the middle of the glory hole because my mind's eye is spinning with possibilities. Like, are we talking about urbane high-fiving shaken-not-stirred I-told-you-so yuppies flooding Times Square? Or something more ribald, like the glass-tossing swashbucklers in the Captain Morgan Rum/White Stripes commercial? Or were the celebrations - given the lack of black-eyed aliens and fake moon landings - jovial in a muted sorta way? Like a rainy Tuesday afternoon at Sloppy Joe's, where it's great to be off the clock, but dammit all, Duval Street's flooded and the drum-circle fire-eaters won't be out tonight...

But no.

[More at site... for the lead]

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Ufologists - Don't Censor 'Ridiculous' Details

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 Aug 2013 10:28:06 +0100
Archived: Thu, 22 Aug 2013 06:15:15 -0400
Subject: Ufologists - Don't Censor 'Ridiculous' Details

Hello List,

Just read an opinion of John Keel's: "Ironically, the UFO organizations have, themselves, suppressed and censored more UFO reports than the Air Force" - and he exemplified the NICAP suppression of the full report of Betty & Barney Hill's experiences, later revealed by John Fuller (p.262 'Trojan Horse').

I think that's to be expected; folk who set themselves up as 'experts' or 'authorities' in any area tend to be judgemental and not a little opinionated - often with strong biases as to what is 'rational' or 'reasonable'.

However Keel, and separately Vallee et al, have several times commented that it's mostly the 'unreasonable' and 'ridiculous' attributes of the phenomenon which end up making coherent patterns, not the myriad prosaic details of events.

N.B. - Although we have experts in branches of science pertaining to sightings (optics, nuclear physics etc), and as I'm forced to tell the occasional media quote-seeker: 'There are no human experts on UFOs or their technology'; a fact which should be obvious.

Cheers

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>pertaining to sightings (optics, nuclear physics etc), and as
>I'm forced to tell the occasional media quote-seeker: 'There are
>_no_ human experts on UFOs or their technology'; a fact which
>should be obvious.

Yes, Ray, and in this regard I have often wondered whether a UFO
'expert' would be called in if aliens landed on the White House
Garden for all to see.

The expertise we have on UFOs is overwhelmingly book-learned or
collected second hand, and speculative mostly, and would be made
obsolete by a real live event and whatever events that follow...

Perhaps a few experts who know about metals or exobiology or
speed-of-light-travel might be useful to CNN or even the govt,
but really, what we think we know would be rendered mythology
when the new science of ETs begins in that garden. Until then,
we can but seek to understand...

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Aug 22, 2013

The Ethics Of Interstellar Alien Encounters
By Ian O'neill

During the Starship Congress last week in Dallas, Texas, discussions focused on the myriad of topics associated with humans pushing into space and, ultimately, becoming an interstellar civilization. It quickly became apparent that if you think on a large enough scale, over a vast enough time frame, pushing humanity deeper into the galaxy is not a sci-fi notion, it's an evolutionary imperative.

But let us assume for a minute that we will overcome the huge technological challenges of propelling starships to neighboring star systems and begin a new age of galactic colonization. Let us also assume that the profound question "Are we alone?" will be answered. We will have clawed our way to the stars to find that life is simply a chemical complication and, given the correct conditions, biology is possible anywhere.

As we come face-to-face with our extraterrestrial neighbors, what would - indeed, what should - we do?

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Source: Kevin Randle's A Different Perspective Blog

<http://kevinrandle.blogspot.ca/2013/08/jesse-marcel-has-died.html>

Sunday, August 25, 2013

Jesse Marcel Has Died

Just minutes ago I received some very sad news. Jesse Marcel, Jr. died of a heart attack on August 24. He was alone, at home, apparently reading a UFO book when he died.

I have known Jesse for more than a quarter century. I first met him while we both were in Roswell to film a segment for the old Unsolved Mysteries that aired on NBC. We had gone out to dinner with a number of those in town for the program and since we shared a military background, including that of Army Aviation, we connected immediately. As medical doctor, he was trained as a flight surgeon and I, of course, had been a helicopter pilot.

From that point I met him quite a few times as we both explored the Roswell UFO crash case. He, as a young man, boy really, of eleven was exposed to metallic debris that his father had brought home late that July night. He told the story to all who would listen with little in the way of variation.

I learned of the special bond he'd had with his father. He told me that that one day, he had asked his father what the atomic bomb looked like and Jesse, Sr. had drawn a picture of "Fat Man." He then shredded it and burned the pieces. Although reluctant to share they story outside a small circle of friends, he did mention it at the Citizen Hearing in Washington this last May.

Over the years, I had the opportunity to interact with Jesse and never had reason to doubt his sincerity. He truly believed that he had handled material made on another planet and might have the first person in modern history to have seen writing created on another world. He had small, replica I-beams made with those symbols on it, and while it is just a replica, it is a very interesting one.

But what I think of mostly, these days is his military service. He had retired from the Montana National Guard as a colonel but was recalled to active duty for service in Iraq. Before he deployed, he asked me if he should take a personal computer with him and I said it had been the best investment I had made, if only for the DVD player in it.

His service there seems to have affected him more deeply than did mine. He spent a year there treating those who needed his help, but came back suffering from PTSD. The deployment cost him his medical practice because he could no longer trust his hands. Loud, sudden noises caused him to jump. He was more on edge, nervous, than he had been before going to Iraq. It was something that the government failed to recognize in the way they should

have. He was a patriot who served without complaint, did what was asked of him and made the sacrifices he had to make.

I last saw Jesse in Washington, D.C. in May. He was there with several family members and offered his story to the former representatives and senators. They all seemed captivated by what he said, probably because he was one of the few first-hand witnesses to some of the Roswell events present. While many of us could talk of what we had been told by witnesses over the years, Jesse could talk about what he had seen and done personally in July 1947. He handled the debris.

He did call the International UFO Museum in Roswell this year telling them that this would probably be the last year he could attend. His health, while seeming not all that bad, did limit what he could do and how far he could travel. I suspect that he thought his health would deteriorate making a trip to Roswell extremely difficult if not impossible in the near future.

Jesse was a friend and a fellow warrior. I always believed that he understood more about my service in foreign lands because he shared those experiences. We connected on a level that others could not because of that military experience. Though we were never in the war zones at the same time, we did see many of the same places under similar circumstances. He served when he was needed, helped those who needed it, and contributed to our knowledge.

I know that I will miss him, though not as much as his family

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Former U.S. Air Force Security Policeman Ponders UFO Activity
During Incident At Nuclear Missile Site

Over the past half-century, UFO activity at various nuclear weapons sites has been reported by hundreds of former U.S. military personnel and noted in hundreds of now-declassified documents. Although the incident described below did not involve a UFO sighting, per se, a number of the elements mentioned by the witness=97including the disruption of vehicle engines and radio communications=97are identical to those found in many other UFO-related incidents.

The author of the following article, Joseph Pscolka, is a former U.S. Air Force Security Policeman who guarded Minuteman nuclear missile sites located outside of Malmstrom Air Force Base, Montana, in the late 1980s. In early August 2013, Pscolka learned of my four decades-long investigation of nukes-related UFO incidents and quickly contacted me, saying that he had witnessed two strange occurrences while stationed at Malmstrom.

The first event had involved the sighting of ten unidentified aerial objects dancing around the sky in unison near the Alpha-1 Launch Control Facility (LCF) in the fall of 1986. Each LCF sits at ground-level, directly above an underground Launch Control Center (LCC), where two missile launch officers control ten widely-separated ICBMs, each one deployed in an underground concrete and steel silo known as a Launch Facility (LF).

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Kevin Randle On The Other Side Of Truth Podcast

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Hi Errol,

For those who might be interested, here is my just posted interview with Kevin Randle on my Other Side of Truth podcast:

<http://tinyurl.com/m5o76qe>

Here's the write-up:

"Veteran researcher/author Kevin Randle joins host Paul Kimball for a wide-ranging discussion about the Roswell UFO incident, and Randle's work over the past two years with the "Dream Team" (Tom Carey, Donald Schmitt, Anthony Bragalia, Chris Rutkowski, David Rudiak, and Randle), who have been re-examining the evidence for and against the crash of an extraterrestrial spacecraft near Roswell in July, 1947.

Kimball challenges Randle to make the his best case for the crashed spacecraft scenario, and then the two of them dig deeper to see how well the evidence has held up over the past thirty years.

The answers may surprise people familiar with Randle's long-held view that the Roswell incident was indeed a crashed extraterrestrial spacecraft.

Towards the end of the episode, Kimball and Randle briefly discuss the other famous/infamous crashed spacecraft story from the late 1940s, the Aztec incident, and why both of them agree that it was a hoax/con.

This episode was recorded on 23 August, 2013."

All the best,

Paul

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Hi, Gildas,

I don't think it's a question of minds changing so much as the
solicitation of new voices at Fortean Times. I have been
encouraged to write more frequently for the magazine. Its
editors are well aware of my perspective on UFOs and anomalies.

The same issue with the Keel reassessment features my
(favorable) review of a book by Prof. Ardy Sixkiller Clarke
based on her interviews with American Indians about their UFO
experiences.

Cordially,

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<http://mrobsr.blogspot.com/2010/01/witness-to-roswell.html>

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Hunt For Intelligent Aliens Focuses On Faint Laser Flashes
by Charles Q. Choi

When it comes to detecting laser pulses aliens might shoot at Earth to attract our attention, scientists now find they can detect signals as faint as a single photon of light every few tiny fractions of a second.

Astronomers have gazed at the skies for decades searching for signs of extraterrestrial intelligence. Lasers can in principle help transmit messages over extraordinary distances, but while scientists have monitored a large number of stars looking for alien laser signals - for instance, facilities at Harvard and Princeton scanned more than 10,000 sun-like stars for several years - no evidence for any have been found yet.

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CIA: UFO Sightings In 50s, 60s Were Of Spy Planes
Dayton Daily News| by Barrie Barber

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE -- A recently declassified CIA report on the development of the U-2 and SR-71 spy planes said the high-flying jets were mistaken for UFOs more than half the time in the late 1950s and 1960s during Project Blue Book, a Wright-Patterson Air Force Base operation that investigated reports of UFOs.

Not everyone is convinced, however, of the explanation.

"There's no question that a lot of the sightings that take place are in fact our own aircraft, secret military projects or whatever it happens to be," said David P. MacDonald, a Cincinnati area resident and executive director emeritus of the Mutual UFO Network. "Whether or not 50 percent can be attributed to one or two aircraft, I don't know if I could go along with that or not just because of the diversity of what people were seeing."

Blue Book investigated 12,618 UFO reports, and 701 of those remain unidentified, according to the Air Force.

Project Sign and Project Grudge preceded Blue Book in the late 1940s and early 1950s.

"The Air Force was concerned back in the 1940s that some of the UFO sightings might be related to the Soviet Union," said Robert Young, a National Air and Space Intelligence Center historian at Wright-Patterson. The concern was the Cold War adversary might have "something that we didn't have. That's really what drove a lot of it."

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>>Date: Sun, 25 Aug 2013 11:15:35 +0200
>>Subject: Re: Ufologists - Don't Censor 'Ridiculous' Details

>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>>To: post.nul
>>>Date: Thu, 22 Aug 2013 05:38:10 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Ufologists - Don't Censor 'Ridiculous' Details

>>>On the subject of John Keel's claims to credibility regarding
>>>UFOs, ufology, and ufologists,, I urge Listfolk to read my The
>>>Coming Of The Ultraterrestrials in the new (September) issue of
>>>Fortean Times, pp. 56-57.

>>Jerry

>>I have found the Fortean Times, with your article on John Keel.
>>Very amusing, especially the beginning when you quote that
>>professor of theology saying mildly "You 'ave a sick friend,
>>Jerry".

>>Another article of interest is the review of the book of Carey
>>and Schmitt, Witness To Roswell. I had stopped reading that
>>magazine for quite a while, finding it just too skeptical. So,
>>that article, rather favourable, is quite a surprise. However I
>>note that it took them four years to review it.

>>Is it a sign of a gradual change of mood among some skeptical
>>people?

>The reviewer of Witness to Roswell in Fortean Times can hardly
>be described as sceptical. If you want to see a serious and
>sceptical review of this book, go to my review at:

><http://mrobsr.blogspot.com/2010/01/witness-to-roswell.html>

John,

Gildas wasn't characterizing the review of the Carey/Schmitt
book as "skeptical." Where did you get that idea? Gildas was
expressing surprise at the reviewer's open-minded reading.

My own view - which is unlike either yours or the reviewer's -
is expressed in the foreword to Swords and Powell's UFOs and
Government (2012).

Jerry Clark

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Re: CIA: 50s, 60s UFOs Were Spy Planes

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Tue, 27 Aug 2013 14:05:53 +0100
Archived: Tue, 27 Aug 2013 10:08:21 -0400
Subject: Re: CIA: 50s, 60s UFOs Were Spy Planes

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto
>Sent: Tuesday, August 27, 2013 1:54 PM
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers -
>Subject: UFO UpDate: CIA: 50s, 60s UFOs Were Spy Planes

>Source: Military.Com

><http://tinyurl.com/kc5osfw>

>Aug 26, 2013

>CIA: UFO Sightings In 50s, 60s Were Of Spy Planes
>Dayton Daily News| by Barrie Barber

Good grief! How often does this same lump of fool's gold have to be dug up?

Martin Shough

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Re: CIA: 50s, 60s UFOs Were Spy Planes

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Tue, 27 Aug 2013 09:09:45 -0400
Archived: Tue, 27 Aug 2013 10:11:24 -0400
Subject: Re: CIA: 50s, 60s UFOs Were Spy Planes

>Source: Military.Com

><http://tinyurl.com/kc5osfw>

>Aug 26, 2013

>CIA: UFO Sightings In 50s, 60s Were Of Spy Planes
>Dayton Daily News| by Barrie Barber

I found it interesting that they failed to identify the report that was just declassified, or when it was written. Although I didn't go to the web site to read the entire article, and it may be there. I think the author found the story he wanted to tell and he ran with it.

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Re: CIA: 50s, 60s UFOs Were Spy Planes

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Tue, 27 Aug 2013 13:31:38 -0300
Archived: Wed, 28 Aug 2013 06:14:35 -0400
Subject: Re: CIA: 50s, 60s UFOs Were Spy Planes

UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul> posted:

>Source: Military.Com

><http://tinyurl.com/kc5osfw>

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This has been discussed over and over and is 99.9% BS.

Don Ledger

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Re:Jesse Marcel Jr. Passes

From: Luciano Vidotto <lvidotto.nul>
Date: Tue, 27 Aug 2013 17:50:58 -0300
Archived: Wed, 28 Aug 2013 06:18:01 -0400
Subject: Re:Jesse Marcel Jr. Passes

>From: Patrick McCartney <ElPatricio.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Mon, 26 Aug 2013 12:50:47 -0400 (EDT)
>Subject: Re: Jesse Marcel Jr. Passes

>Dear Listers,

>>Just minutes ago I received some very sad news. Jesse Marcel,
>>Jr. died of a heart attack on August 24. He was alone, at home,
>>apparently reading a UFO book when he died.

>Sorry to hear the news. I had the opportunity this summer to
>visit the International UFO Museum in Roswell. I felt the museum
>has done an admirable job gathering together affidavits, news
>articles, and other documents from the 1947 period. Jesse
>Marcel's I-beam is there, as is an exhibit on David Rudiak's
>work on the Ramey telegram.

>I asked one local native - the motel clerk - what the latest
>gossip was. He told me one of the owners of the crash site died
>recently, and confirmed to relatives the first account of a UFO
>crash was genuine.

>As the generation of first - and second-person witnesses passes
>away, the museum's work takes on greater importance.

My most sincere condolences to the Marcel family and also to
everyone that somehow contributed with accurate information for
a disclosure and unrestricted opening of the UFO phenomenon,
specially to the ones who presented irrefutable evidences based
on the Jesse Marcel's testimony!

Thank You so Much Jesse Jr. and all the Family Members!

R.I.P

Luciano Vidotto
Field Investigator
CBPDV - Brazilian Center for Research of the Flying Saucers

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UFOs In Two Museum Exhibits

From: Rich Heiden <rwheidenu.nul>
Date: Wed, 28 Aug 2013 09:05:44 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Thu, 29 Aug 2013 09:49:21 -0400
Subject: UFOs In Two Museum Exhibits

UFOs in two museum exhibits, in Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Warren, Minn., the Marshall County Historical Society Museum
Val Johnson's car (itself a victim in the famous CE-2 of 1979)
is on permanent display.

Grand Forks (N.Dak.) Herald, July 25, 2013, pp. A1 and A6.

<http://bit.ly/148lokR>

<http://www.grandforksherald.com/event/article/id/269183/>

<http://www.inforum.com/event/article/id/407072/>

<http://www.startribune.com/local/217325781.html>

<http://www.startribune.com/nation/217334721.html>

Cedarburg, Wis., Cedarburg Cultural Center, until Oct. 13

Another CE-2, but actually an IFO - the case of July 6, 1947, at
Grafton, Wis., when Father Joseph Brasky recovered a saw blade.

<http://www.cedarburg.org/print-event/1793966-lost-ozaukee-from-dillinger-to>

(I haven't been there myself, but from an illustrated article
I have, it seems that what's on display is a picture and text,
not the actual saw blade. - R.Heiden)

And for the 1947 incident:

Milwaukee (Wis.) Shepherd Express, June 21, 2012, p. 18.

<http://expressmilwaukee.com/article-19028-flying-saucers-over-milwaukee!.html>

Milwaukee (Wis.) Journal, July 7, 1947 (and see the FBI letters
just above it, and again later in the posting; and Washington
(D.C.) Post article of July 7)

<http://www.scribd.com/doc/52765857/UFO-declassified-FBI-Files-Part-2>

<http://www.project1947.com/fig/1947e.htm>

<http://www.ufoevidence.org/documents/doc392.htm>

Rich Heiden

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For Those Who Remember Lazar & Element 115

From: **Diana Cammack** <cammack.nul>
Date: Wed, 28 Aug 2013 19:54:28 +0200
Archived: Thu, 29 Aug 2013 09:55:25 -0400
Subject: For Those Who Remember Lazar & Element 115

Evidence Moves New Element Closer To Inclusion In Periodic Table

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-23849334>

A push to add element 115 to the periodic table has gotten a boost from new evidence discovered by Swedish researchers. "This was a very successful experiment and is one of the most important in the field in recent years," said lead researcher Dirk Rudolph, professor at the division of atomic physics at Lund University. The super-heavy element, first proposed by Russian scientists in 2004, must undergo verification by the governing body of chemistry and physics.

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Barney Barnett Question

From: Edward Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
Date: Wed, 28 Aug 2013 15:25:52 -0700
Archived: Thu, 29 Aug 2013 09:59:11 -0400
Subject: Barney Barnett Question

I have a question for Kevin Randle: During your interview with Paul Kimble,

<http://tinyurl.com/m5o76qe>

you discussed Barney Barnett, and your belief that he was the first Roswell witness to mention alien bodies.

Do you believe his basic story? How do you explain the discrepancy between his story and all the other Roswell basic testimony. I don't think you were clear on that point.

Why doesn't Barney's description of seeing four alien bodies on the "Plains" (Plains of San Agustin) fit into any of the known facts the Roswell investigators have been able to dig up.

Has the "dream team" discussed this and have you come to any conclusions?

This was an interesting interview. Everyone researching Roswell should take the time to listen.

Ed

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Martian Origins Of Life On Earth?

From: **Diana Cammack** <cammack.nul>
Date: Thu, 29 Aug 2013 15:16:53 +0200
Archived: Thu, 29 Aug 2013 10:05:15 -0400
Subject: Martian Origins Of Life On Earth?

The Saily Beast

<http://tinyurl.com/gguadnz>

August 29, 2013

Earth Life Began On Mars

Earth Life Began on Mars If this study's right, you're a Martian: it shows that chemical elements involved in the early formations of life were available on Mars long before Earth, and were possibly brought to our planet by a meteorite. Three billion years ago the Earth was covered with water, and didn't have enough oxygen to form molybdenum. "It's yet another piece of evidence which makes it more likely life came to Earth on a Martian meteorite, rather than starting on this planet", said Florida biochemist Steve Benner, who is presenting the finding at a conference in Florence, Italy.

Read it at Yahoo News:

<http://tinyurl.com/ped39pf>

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Re: UFOs In Two Museum Exhibits

From: Chris Rutkowski <canadianuforeport.nul>
Date: Thu, 29 Aug 2013 09:41:10 -0500
Archived: Thu, 29 Aug 2013 16:43:21 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs In Two Museum Exhibits

Further to what Rich Heiden notes:

>From: Rich Heiden <rwheidenu.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Wed, 28 Aug 2013 09:05:44 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: UFOs In Two Museum Exhibits

>UFOs in two museum exhibits, in Minnesota and Wisconsin.

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>Grand Forks (N.Dak.) Herald, July 25, 2013, pp. A1 and A6.

><http://bit.ly/148lokR>

><http://www.grandforksherald.com/event/article/id/269183/>

><http://www.inforum.com/event/article/id/407072/>

><http://www.startribune.com/local/217325781.html>

><http://www.startribune.com/nation/217334721.html>

I have described my most recent visit to the Marshall County Museum on my blog a few years ago when UFO Hunters wanted to do a segment about the Val Johnson case. (It was never aired.)

<http://tinyurl.com/oazpb97>

The details of the Val Johnson case are still available online in the Swamp Gas Journal Special Issue from 1980:

<http://www.oocities.org/thecynicalview/sgjln07.txt>

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Re: For Those Who Remember Bob Lazar And Element

From: **Albert Baier** <albertgbaier.nul>
Date: Thu, 29 Aug 2013 17:41:01 -0500
Archived: Fri, 30 Aug 2013 08:04:57 -0400
Subject: Re: For Those Who Remember Bob Lazar And Element

>From: Diana Cammack <cammack.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto ><post.nul>
>Date: Wed, 28 Aug 2013 19:54:28 +0200
>Subject: For Those Who Remember Bob Lazar And Element 115

Diana,

How well I remember Bob and Element 115! This was about the time my interest in aviation and space technology expanded into the UFO field. Circa 1995, that included a trip to Freedom Ridge with Glenn Campbell, and a dozen engineers from work. Area 51 is awesome at night with the runways lighted.

I have no doubt Element 115 will eventually 'make it', thus becoming the final nail in the Lazar Sagas coffin.

Well, he spun a good yarn.

Albert

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Roger Marsh Ignores Abduction Reports

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Fri, 30 Aug 2013 08:08:57 -0400
Archived: Fri, 30 Aug 2013 08:08:57 -0400
Subject: Roger Marsh Ignores Abduction Reports

Source: Mike Clelland's Hidden Experience Blog

<http://tinyurl.com/nvbb4z6>

Wednesday, August 28, 2013

UFO Journalist Roger Marsh Ignores Abduction Reports

Roger Marsh has multiple titles as a UFO investigator and journalist. For MUFON, he's noted as a field investigator, Director of Communications and editor of the MUFON Journal. He's also a contributor for both the UFO Examiner and the Huffington Post.

Marsh was interviewed on a video podcast series called Topic UFO a little over a year ago. During that interview he shared a fascinating close up UFO sighting from his youth that obviously had a big impact on the direction of his life.

In the beginning of the interview, he made it quite clear that he was a seasoned reporter,

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