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In a widely-circulated announcement, the Obama administration has advised federal agencies to henceforth release their records and various forms of information to the public "unless foreseeable harm would result". This last phrase is the key, however. Just what forms of "foreseeable harm" are they referring to, and who is to decide? Put differently, the Freedom of Information Act, first issued in 1967, will now prevail "whenever another law does not prohibit release".

All cynicism aside, Obama is keeping a campaign promise to be more liberal on this subject than was the Bush administration, and this is a very good thing. The subject of UFOs is not even mentioned in this announcement, however. It is reasonable to assume - and most ufologists seem to agree - that the present dire state of the economy, if nothing else, will definitely preclude any government focus on such an esoteric subject as UFOs.

It is our understanding that the various branches of our military and civilian organizations hold a total number of classified documents that probably run into the billions of items, going all the way back to before World War II. Most of these must be utterly obsolete & useless by now, and should mercifully be destroyed. There would still be plenty left!

Former president Jimmy Carter was once fired up by a UFO seen together with a group of friends, while he was governor of Georgia.

(He even dutifully filled out a sighting report for NICAP.) Most people agree this was merely the planet Venus, seen under unusual atmospheric conditions. But maybe the kindly Space People will treat President Obama to a much more definitive sighting, thus putting him on the road to glorious "Full Ufolegical Disclosure". Let' s all hold our breath!...

A few months ago, our local newspaper here in Key West ran a two-part series called "UFOs Play in Keys Skies Over the Years".

We had been unaware of any of the sightings described therein, though we have lived here since 1983. The highway from Key Largo south to Key West (the southernmost point in the U.S.A.) is slightly over 100 miles long, and magnificently scenic. There are no tall buildings or big towns, and the night sky is filled (sometimes) with hundreds of stars. Once in awhile, something weird is seen.

The most detailed of the approximately one dozen sightings listed for the past 30 years or so was made in 1989 by an off-duty Navy radar operator working on a ship in Key West harbor at that time. He and his family were driving home from the beach, presumably near dusk, when they saw two lights "brighter than an arc welder's torch" about 100 yards offshore. He stopped the car to watch.

The object continued flying toward them and stopped about 15 feet in front of their car. It was hovering only about 10 feet above the water. It had the shape of a slightly flattened teardrop, silver in color, with no identifying markings. The craft, as seen so close to them, was about 7 feet long, 18 inches tall, and 3 feet wide.

It hovered for a few seconds, then lowered itself to just a few inches above the water, where it remained for several minutes. Strangely, there was no dispersal of the water as the craft hovered directly over it.

Eventually it moved away from the observers, out to sea. They then noticed that a sunset cruise boat was outbound in the channel. It seemed that the object knew that it would strike the ship if it continued on its present course. Fortunately, the ship passed underneath the object, which by then was at an altitude of about 200 feet. It eventually disappeared in the distance.

This is indeed a noteworthy sighting, due to its many details (some of which are omitted here) and the fact that the narrator was a trained observer working for the military. No names are given for any of these sightings.

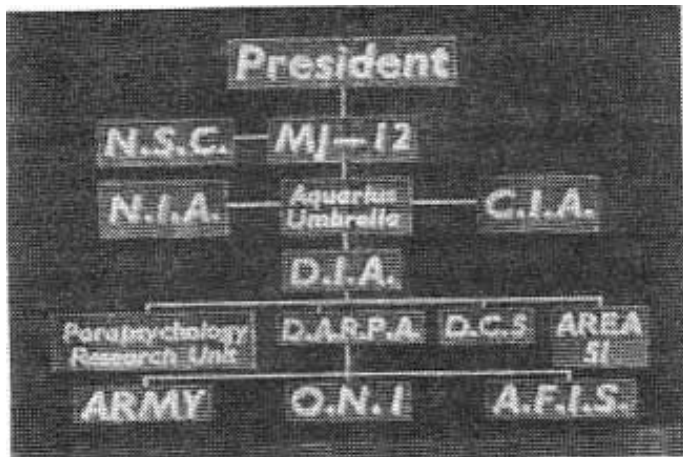
Your editor has lived in Key West since 1983, and has never seen anything - except for a daylight sighting several years ago, a few miles north of town. As we drove up U.S. Highway One, we became aware of a very odd-shaped craft hovering for a long time perhaps 1,000 feet above the ground, a couple of miles ahead of us. As we got closer, we saw that it was on a tether line. It was indeed our well-known drug surveillance blimp known locally as "Fat Albert". Naturally, the tether can't be seen till you get up close.

A friend of ours, now deceased, once told us that one night, while he and his son were out on their small fishing boat, they saw an extremely bright white light hovering low in the sky. Suddenly it shot straight up like a rocket and disappeared from view. Our friend confided that he had never before told anyone about this incident. He said, "I drink and use drugs. No one would believe me anyhow". But for some reason, we did believe him!...

The sightings in this two-part newspaper article, and several others, are available at <http://www.nuforc.org>..

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2009

SECRET Revealed: UFO Cover-up LIVE, 1988



A "SMEAR" EXCLUSIVE: The still-secret chart shown here appeared very briefly on "UFO Cover-Up Live", a legendary 1988 TV special featuring now-retired UFO researchers William Moore and Jamie Shandera, plus two disguised members of the dreaded AVIARY, code-named "Falcon" and "Condor". These unidentified informants revealed exciting details of complex Government involvement with aliens over a period of decades, including with a (long dead) captured alien named EBE-1. Note mention of "Area 51" (not admitted to exist till many years later), "MJ-12", and "DIA", a "weird" division of the Intelligence Community. In all the intervening years, this chart has never been seen in the print media till now.

eat it! (Our thanks to Ryan Dube of "Reality Uncovered", whatever that may be.)...

ODE TO LARRY BRYANT, UFOLOGICAL HERO: For over fifty years, former (civilian) U.S. Army employee Larry Bryant of Virginia has been pestering the Government for revelations about UFOs, using in recent years the Freedom of Information Act as a tool. Sometimes he gets at least part of what he asks for, but often he gets nothing at all of any value. He never gives up, and he is at least grudgingly admired by most ufologists. (He often sends us two-dollar bills together with his rants, so we do continue to remain "in his corner", so to speak.)

On February 3rd, a mysterious caller known only as "Bob" contacted George Noory's "Coast to Coast AM" radio show just before the end of the program, and told of having a 16-mm film showing former president Eisenhower and aviation pioneer Howard Hughes inspecting the remains of a crash-landed flying saucer and its dead alien crew. (This is now called the "Ike-in-a-Can" story.)

The standard version of this well-known legend is that Ike, while on a trip to California in 1954, conferred with live aliens who had landed at MUROC Air Force Base to discuss a treaty of some sort with Planet Earth. (Howard Hughes is not mentioned.) The "cover story" was that Eisenhower was merely at the dentist during the short period of time that his whereabouts were not known to the public. We remember when this incident was first revealed, in an esoteric zinc published by a UFO-oriented group in California called Borderland Sciences Research Associates (BSRA), which still carries on in a small way - or at least they were still at it a few years ago.

Anyhow - brave Larry Bryant was listening to the radio program, and as soon as he heard the above-mentioned revelation by "Bob", he wrote to the Proper Authorities asking for a copy of the film. Unlike the usual long delay, Larry received an immediate reply to his request. It reads:

"Dear Mr. Bryant:

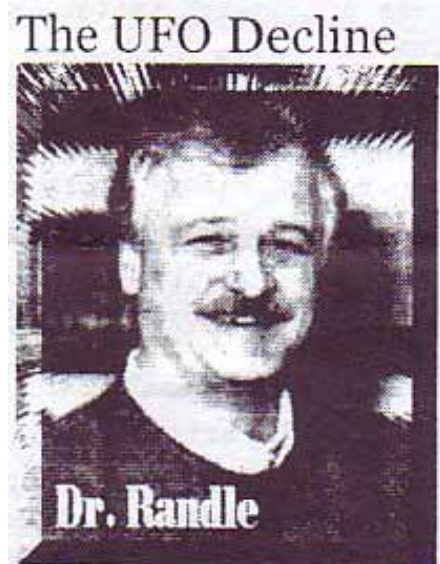
"Thank you for your recent request under FOIA for information about films depicting President Eisenhower and Howard Hughes inspecting the remains of deceased extraterrestrials. We have reviewed our files and can find no information responsive to your request."

Surprising, eh?

Incidentally, if you possess any unique ufological rumors, legends, channelled messages, psychic flashes, or other strictly scientific data, get in touch with Larry Bryant, 3518 Martha Curtis Drive, Alexandria, Virginia 22302. (<http://ufoview.posterous.com>).

Larry, you now owe us another two-dollar bill, if not more!...

On his various blogs, Major Kevin Randle Ph.D. continues to tell the world that the late Major Jesse Marcel Sr. is worthy of belief as a key Roswell witness, in spite of the fact that a 1995 expose showed that he lied or grossly exaggerated about many aspects of his military and educational record. Randle admits that there is some of this that he "can't explain", but insists that as a World War II veteran, Marcel "deserves the benefit of the doubt".



Unfortunately military officers - like the rest of us - sometimes lie and exaggerate. They can even be sincere and at the same time dead wrong. It is dangerous to allow super-patriotism to outweigh cool judgment in considering their claims. This militaristic attitude of Randle's is exactly what got us stuck in Iraq!

See also Matt Graeber's comment in the letters section, further along in this issue

Together with someone named Anthony Bragalia, Randle has recently come up with a brand new, still living Roswell witness. He is an (unnamed) long-retired local fireman, now 90 years old, and he has finally revealed for the first time some "incredible details" to Randle and others. To old Roswell hands, however, there is nothing really new in his testimony.

Anthony Bragalia admits "There is an inherent problem with all testimony. The speaker's reliability and sincerity are supported only by words rather than documents, photographs, or other physical evidence. I appreciate that the Fireman's words are not sufficient to justify the belief that the crash at Roswell was extraterrestrial." The Fire man's name will not be revealed till after his death, to respect his privacy.

Even Randle's supporters agree that the good Major is obsessed with Roswell. It's a pity, because there are so many other good UFO cases that are spectacular and much more nearly provable. Randle, in effect, admits this in a different blog....

Once again, our sincere thanks to Vince Ditchkus for sending us most of this stuff. Without him, we would be almost Net-less (?)

Bill Birnes' "UFO Hunters" continues to amaze & amuse us on the History Channel every Wednesday evening. Sometimes it is two hours long, and sometimes only one.

The April 8th episode attempts in vain to link the 1987-1989 sightings in Gulf Breeze, Florida (mostly by Ed Walters and his friends) to Unidentified Submerged Objects (USOs) seen in the Caribbean near Cuba. Retired physicist Dr. Bruce Maccabee is trotted out to reaffirm his undying belief in the Gulf Breeze syndrome. He was the only real scientist who ever endorsed it, and his opinion may well have been influenced by a large amount of money he received for contributing to Ed Walters' first book on the subject.

A strange crackpot whose name we did not catch then tells us about a world-wide network of underwater tunnels involving USOs, which can appear and disappear without warning. The odd thing is that these mysterious vessels make no splash when they come in and out of the water. Birnes' helpers try three experiments to drop a tiny craft into a tub of water without a splash, but all of these attempts fail completely. So why did they leave these useless experiments in the segment?

USOs are a valid subdivision of the over-all UFO mystery, but this episode of "UFO Hunters" does absolutely nothing to add to our knowledge thereof...

Sadly, we never saw their episode concerning a series of UFO sightings over Morristown, New Jersey early this year. The objects turned out to be helium balloons with flares attached, deliberately sent up by a pair of hard-core young "skeptics" to show the world how easily people can be fooled. Bill Birnes apparently bit hard on this hoax, and wanted to devote a whole show to it. We are not sure if they discovered the hoax soon enough to cancel the segment before it actually went on TV.

Said the hoaxsters: "We have always had a strong interest in why people are so easily fooled by such irrational superstitions as psychic ability, spiritual mediums, alien abductions, and the like."

This is a deplorable "one size fits all" mentality, and makes sincere people less likely to come forward with anomalies they believe they have experienced. We have long realized that the "skeptics" (who are actually debunkers) are as fanatical in their extreme non-

belief system as are the True Believers in their belief system. It's sad but true!

A case in point is a recent phone conversation we had with Dr. Gary Posner of the Tampa Bay (Florida) Skeptics organization. We told him of an incident many years ago when we were briefly able to correctly guess the suit & number of playing cards by seeing them in our mind before looking at them. We were never able to do this again, but this strange ability was fun while it lasted.

Posner's opinion was: "You should be ashamed to say you can see cards in your mind. People will think you are crazy!"

As the late, great Gray Barker often said, "Mad? Well, maybe I am!"...

GREG BISHOP writes on his Blog:

SHADES OF GRAY peels the layers off one of the great American hoaxsters of the late twentieth-century. Part Fox Mulder, part Mark Twain, Barker almost single-handedly created or perpetuated much of what is now taken as the "gospel" of UFO's. In some ways, his entire life was as much a myth as anything he ever wrote. This documentary strives to present a complete picture of a complicated, and ultimately influential, modern American myth-maker.

GRAY BARKER



In 1997 University of Geneva physicist Nicolas Gisin sent two entangled photons zooming along optical fibers until they were seven miles apart. One photon then hit a two-way mirror where it had a choice: either bounce off or go through. Detectors recorded what it randomly did. But whatever action it took, its entangled twin always performed the complementary action. The communication between the two happened at least 10,000 times faster than the speed of light. It seems that quantum news travels instantaneously, limited by no external constraints—not even the speed of light. Since then, other researchers have duplicated and refined Gisin's work. Today no one questions the immediate nature of this connectedness between bits of light or matter, or even entire clusters of atoms.

Before these experiments most physicists believed in an objective, independent universe. They still clung to the assumption that physical states exist in some absolute sense before they are measured.

All of this is now gone for keeps.

Most people don't know (or care) that the mysteries of quantum physics are even weirder than the paranormal, etc. The big difference is that quantum experiments are precise and can be duplicated at will, even though no one understands why the particles behave the way that they do. This situation is acceptable to Science, apparently!

Unfortunately, paranormal events and UFOs cannot be duplicated at will, so the cynics insist that these phenomena don't exist. The text at the left is a small portion of a long technical article in the May 2009 issue of "Discover" Magazine. If you want to try to understand how complicated this sweet universe of ours really is, please read it carefully...

On a very different subject - could this be the worst anomaly book ever written? The title is "Everything the Government Wants You to Know about CHUPACABRA - From the Secret Files". The author is someone named Manwolf Sullivan - indeed, probably not

his real name.

Chupacabra (Spanish for "goat sucker") is a strange phenomenon seen only in Spanish speaking countries or districts, for whatever reason. These vicious animals kill not only goats but other domestic animals, and if they really exist, they are something like a wild dog or wolf, with really big teeth.

Apparently our government doesn't really want us to know much about this mystery, because this 100 page satirical tome consists almost entirely of blank pages - ("high-quality white paper completely uncontaminated by printing...In emergencies, it also doubles as toilet paper".)

The blurb/blog we read also warns us to look for "OTHER BLANK BOOKS in the 'From the Secret Files' series." We can hardly wait!...

Things are starting to shape up already for this year's Roswell Festival in early July. Interestingly, a local UFO enthusiast named Guy Malone is planning a slate of religious speakers. This program will no doubt be separate from the City's slate of speakers, and also separate from the Museum's, due to the touchy nature of the whole subject of religion. Thus there will apparently be three separate programs for visitors to choose from, for the first time. Obviously, the programs will overlap, so you won't be able to attend everything that is going on.

According to Malone, this first Christian symposium on alien abduction (which actually has nothing to do with the Roswell Incident) will gather together an elite team of authors and PhDs who are noted Christian experts regarding the UFO phenomenon. They will present a strong case with evidence that "what Hollywood depicts as interplanetary travelers are actually fallen angels"...

In October of last year, there was an unusually detailed Bigfoot sighting near Willits, California. A man named Chris LoPinto was driving on coastal highway 101 at the height of a very smoky fire nearby, when, in fading daylight, a strange creature ran out onto the road.

Says the witness: "This animal stepped out into the southbound lane near where the guard rail stops. It ran really fast, directly into the path of a small truck that had Ptulled out to pass me. (The truck missed it. - Ed.) When I stopped my car, I looked through the windshield and saw that it was standing about 25 feet in front of me at the edge of the highway.

"I could see it clearly. Its whole head was covered in black hair. I couldn't see any ears... It had giant arms that were long and covered with fur. It was covered with hair down to the ground. The face was flat, without a nose. The face was yellow or gold like a ripe banana. It had holes for nostrils and a smooth and shiny forehead with ridges instead of eyebrows. I saw a red glow coming back from its eyes. This may have been a reflection from my headlights..."

The creature finally turned and leapt down into a ditch and up the hillside, where it disappeared from view. LoPinto said he was "freaked out" by the incident, as we are sure almost anyone would be!

LoPinto filed a police report with the Mendocino County Sheriff's Department. He eventually was interviewed by a researcher from a Bigfoot society in that area, who said that this report was similar to many others, but much more detailed because of LoPinto's close proximity to the animal (or sub-human, or whatever!)...

And then there is "Rocket Man". We know this story is (probably) true, because it comes to us from ufology's most famous transplant from England - prolific offbeat writer Nick Redfern.

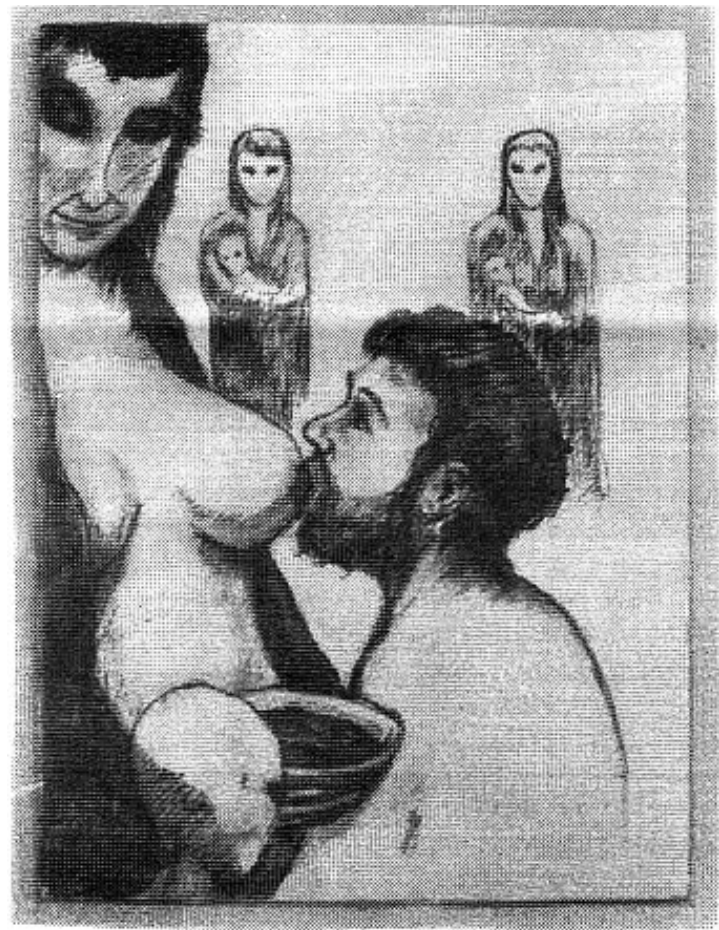
About 11 a.m. on February 8th, 2009, somewhere in England called Gentleshaw Common, there occurred a most unusual event. Among the witnesses was a 68-year-old man named Clive Wright and his family. Says he:

"I was watching quite a number of seagulls and noticed what I thought was one in the middle moving quite slowly. I got up to take a closer look and realized it was a flying man. I searched the sky looking for the plane he had bailed out of, but could see nothing. "All I could see was this man travelling in a straight line in a controlled manner, going over Ryecroft to Gentleshaw Common. He soon disappeared." He added: "The only explanation was that he was wearing a jet pack, although I was surprised that he was flying over a densely populated area."

(Jet packs may sound decidedly si-fi, but they have been around since about 1961.)...

This new painting by famed contactee/artist David Huggins of New Jersey shows a rather complex situation. David is nursing on the nipple of an ET lady, having just swallowed some of an unknown dark substance (see bowl, bottom left) which had been smeared thereon by other ET mothers nearby. The idea is to teach these newborn babies to nurse.

David is now finishing up a book tentatively called "ET and UFO Paintings", with over forty color paintings, with text, based on his lifetime of weird experiences.



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- Legendary ufologist JERRY CLARK writes:

"I found the latest 'Smear' of more than ordinary interest, no doubt because it devotes space to classic contactees George Adamski and Howard Menger, for whom I have long harbored a soft spot in my head.

"Some of the old-time contactees were, I'm sure, no more than cynical charlatans, while others - mostly or entirely those who claimed solely psychic contacts - were sincere enough, however misguidedly so. The rest may have lived in some kind of nebulous psychological zone in which conscious hoaxing and earnest conviction (about something, anyway) co-existed without generating the sort of crippling dissonance most of us would experience if we tried to pull off comparable stunts.

"Perhaps Adamski and Menger created fantasy worlds for their followers and at some point entered those worlds themselves. Human beings experience that elusive thing called 'reality' in sometimes peculiar, hard-to-define ways. Contactees, mediums, and other self-identified communicators between worlds may be able to create imagined alternative realities which co-exist with, possibly even overwhelm, consensus understanding and experience. I suspect that anything you could say, good, bad, or indifferent, about the motives of Adamski or Menger needs to be appended with an asterisk."

- PARIS FLAMMONDE writes,

"...As producer for over twelve hundred Long John Nebel radio shows (about 6500 hours from 1959 to 1963) I had the pleasure...of booking in Howard Menger for many five hour segments and one of the television shows. As some memoriam is appropriate now that Howard has translated into whatever comes later (may I suggest - nothing), I write to speak of two explicitly recalled episodes related to his appearances on the show...

"The first was when he appeared one evening for the program with a small box, perhaps roughly three inches cubed, with a few metal projections and a couple of connected wires, which, he explained, one of his alien visitors had left him, explaining it was some sort of 'energy machine', although failing to define how it operated. It was made clear that it was old and virtually indestructible - until Howard poked at one of the projections and the assembly fell disintegrated. 'Oh', said the contactee, 'the space glue must have come apart.'"

Editor's Note: The second incident was several years later, when Howard came on Long John's television show and very unexpectedly disavowed all his previous contactee claims. Long John was understandably furious. - Still later, Howard spoke at a UFO convention in Arizona, which your editor attended. His fame was wearing thin by then. He brought with him an alien device similar to the one described above. It blew out the electric

power in the lecture hall the moment he plugged it in. Ah, those were the days!

- Ace researcher MATT GRAEBER of Pennsylvania writes:

"...Kevin Randle's latest blog was a 'read-between-the-lines' journey into the psyche of an angry, self-righteous, troubled and pompous individual. Methinks such emotional displays might be better left within the confines of the psychoanalyst's office - NOT posted for all to see on the WWW.

"Diplomatically speaking: Mr. Randle, please consider seeing a professional. Otherwise, you may never get better!"

- ROB SWIATEK of CUFOS (Center for UFO Studies) writes as follows:

"...As you might be aware, the fortunes of MUFON have catapulted recently, although not from the sinister hand of government. The dean of inflatable space stations, Robert Bigelow, and his Bigelow Aerospace Advanced Space Studies came to a consensus that, yes, they need data on CE-IIs and CE-IIIs - those venerable close encounter type cases that now rarely seem to occur. To that end, Bigelow has agreed to pay for MUFON field investigations: not only expenses but, in a complicated arrangement, bonuses and other prizes to field investigators and coordinators. It all promises to revive the moribund investigatory arm of ufology, if the phenomenon itself cooperates, that is. If it doesn't, and close encounter reports dry up completely, Bigelow could close up this particular shop by the end of June, leaving those of us in MUFON wondering just what could have occurred given more time and cases.



This is the ominous new logo of MUFON's "Star Team" (Strike Team for Area Research). If these people arrive at your door, it is important to cooperate fully!

"But the initiative is generating its own stress, and MUFON is about to discover what happens when substantial amounts of money are injected into an arena that previously had none - or just those dollars individuals agreed to pay out of their own wallets. The effort could resemble something out of 'It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World' or, conversely, result in lean, honed teams of investigators, scouring the countryside for every twig, rock, dirt sample, or blade of grass involved in a UFO landing, and then collecting them in hermetically-sealed containers. If 60-plus years of reports tell us anything, however, it's that the phenomenon gives up its secrets only grudgingly, and I'm hard-pressed to believe that analysis of UFO landing traces or debris - real as it is - will provide humanity with any technological insights absent the passage of more decades of time and reams of money. Alas, Jim, alas..."

- Researcher ROB MacGREGOR writes:

"Glad to see you've found 'UFO Hunters'. It's one of the best docu-drama series I have seen. Very well done.

"That said, I want to mention that 'UFO Hunters' is flying me and co-author Bruce Gernon (of 'The Fog') to Andios Island for interviews on a new episode about AUTEK (secret Navy base there) and the Bermuda Triangle. Watch for it! This episode will probably appear in mid to late May..."

There is indeed something weird going on very occasionally in the famed Bermuda Triangle. Charles Berlitz made a lot of money out of it many years ago, and we hope Rob and his co-author can do as well. - Editor.

- JIM LYNCH (code name "J.L.") writes:

"I've watched a couple of episodes of 'UFO Hunters' and I have to say that I'm really not impressed. Bill Birnes co-authored that goofy book 'The Day After Roswell' with Lt. Col. Phil Corso, so it's hard for me to have any respect for him. Besides, like 'Ghost Hunters', they never find anything'..."

- Researcher JERRY LUCCI writes again about "The Miracle of Fatima":

"...The Fatima encounter is rich in details/parallels to the UFO phenomenon.' The problem is that most 'ufoologists' will not research it out of fear of being brought down a new avenue of study.

"The very sad truth is that after 60+ years of semi-serious study, no one has come close to making a case for extraterrestrials!"



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