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Y'all,

Judith's reply to Robert is probably the only serious and
constructive piece of ufo debate I've seen
in UK email circles for weeks. Could peace be breaking out at
last?

I'll go for this discussion.....

I agree that 'on the ground' investigation is essential Judith, but never
discount
the relevance of musing from the Armchair - some of the most difficult
cases
have been cracked whilst drifting into the fabric.

As regards Rendlesham, I haven't been (though intend to do so as part of
research
for a book I and others have just secured a contract for) so what people
say is both

intriguing and baffling.

>1) THE ORFORD NESS LIGHTHOUSE CANNOT BE
>IMPLICATED IN ANY UFO SIGHTING OR LANDING. If you visit the area

This way well be the case - but then why have former Rendlesham devotee James Easton, Jenny Randles and Ian Ridpath, who have all been to the area, stuck to their belief that the lighthouse and lightship *were* responsible. Either they can or can't be seen Someone is right and someone is wrong. We need to know!

>Because of the intervening coastal ridge, the powerful horizontal beam of the lighthouse is
> completely cut off to those viewing it >from a low position on land, thus
THE BEAM FROM THE LIGHTHOUSE DOES NOT >PENETRATE THE FOREST AT ALL.

See above.

>2) As to the meteor theory, I personally don't believe that this even holds water. We saw many meteors that night, literally >hundreds, high up in the atmosphere, and they were beautiful to behold, whilst keeping a respectful distance !

Never discount meteors! As I found in the Berwyn case there can be nights when the universe goes meteor-bonkers- crazy. Have *thorough* checks been done with astronomical associations, the bolide society in Cornwall and the BGS in Edinburgh?

>Granted they were all traveling in a roughly E.- W. direction and it is a possibility that one
>could drop from a decaying orbit, hit the earth's atmosphere, burn up and come in to
>land over the coast of Suffolk . But wouldn't that be seen for exactly what it was, even by American airmen ?

No it wouldn't - or not necessarily. The ufological literature is littered with many cases where meteors have been misperceived - often by multiple witnesses - and seen as UFOs. Just because whatever it was was seen by airmen means nothing. There is no such thing as an entirely 'credible' witness.

>Low in the atmosphere, just before collision, it would be seen as an orange/yellow ball
>of fire with a tail. It would make a tremendous rushing noise (enough to waken people

- >from their sleep), leave a trail of destruction in the treetops (first point of impact),
- >gouge out a tract of land and leave an appreciable crater commensurate with its mass. I don't
- >think this tallies with the description given by any of the witnesses, and if it were indeed
- >a meteorite impact, why all the mystery and stories of UFOs? Is it likely that a meteor
- > would fall to earth, two or three nights running, in the same place?

Not necessarily Judith! What colour a meteor is seen as is dependent on several factors; what the composition of the meteor is will cause different colours to be seen and all colours have been recorded. Noise etc is entirely dependent on height (and wind direction) and how can a witness accurately judge that? What looks near can be far and vice versa. As nothing has ever been *proved* to land at Rendlesham it is specious to argue the likelihood of whether an unproved anything did anything at all on 2-3 nights running. Sorry to be difficult but you've got to think these things through!

- >If a meteor had landed, why was it not seismically recorded, not just pinpointing
- > the Rendlesham area, but anywhere in the British
- >Isles, in case it had only "overflowed" the area?

Has anyone checked the BGS for records of that night? And just because something prosaic *wasn't* recorded doesn't mean it didn't take place. The problem with Rendlesham-ites as with all other adherents to 'exotic' UFO cases is that they don't seem to understand the onus is on *them* to prove something weird actually took place *not* on the rest of us. This isn't getting at you Judith, just a general observation.

- >And if it had just passed over and
- >ditched somewhere in the Atlantic, why was a five mile diameter exclusion zone
- > imposed by the authorities as attested to by local residents? One man living near
- > Capel Green was refused permission by the police to leave his home.

Again, problems. Air Exclusion zones are imposed for a variety of reasons

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On the point of the lighthouse....

I have been there at night when the lighthouse has been active and you can see it for many many miles. As the fog grew in it was seen as an eerie light of a set pattern and pulse so again would not be mistaken by those who live or work in the area. Guards on a base would often be staring into the darkness and have seen it - or asked others about it and been given the reason.

The lighthouse from Bentwaters seems to arc across the sky like a clock hand going from 10 o'clock to 2 o'clock in the sky (arc degrees equivalent that is).

This could in no way have led to Halt and a team leaving the base under those conditions.

So it "must" have been something else of a much more impressive nature.

If this helps....

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Hi All!!

Very interesting; hypnosis is OK and it isn't OK? So which is it/isn't it.....

I do not know of any registered medical personnel who use hypnosis to recover memories and I'd really like to know which scientists have used hypnosis to 'improve recall' (?) given that I have read several articles in "New Scientist" by US academics studying the effects of hypnosis who actually argue that it is all kidology!

Hmmmm....

I asked my sister about this - she's a real Doctor BTW. She said that hypnosis is regarded as a dangerous fringe activity by many of her colleagues. Eric Morris has come out totally against the use of hypnosis having used it occasionally in the past - for reasons including the fact that it was impossible to tell whether the witness was telling the truth.

Haven't people with no "abduction" experience made up such an event after

hypnosis?

So are you saying that hypnosis doesn't implant false memories and what about those cases in the US?????

You say that hypnosis is a "potentially dangerous technique" - or is this only in the 'wrong hands'.

Whose are the 'right hands'.....?

BTW - when asked on a TV interview Alan Godfrey seems to have argued that there was some kind of a cover-up? Cover-up of what?

Next you'll be telling me that Godfrey was a "trained observer" - when there is no such thing.....I have little problem remembering things and even if I didn't - perish the thought - there is NO way that I'd get involved with hypnosis.

Some people claim to give up smoking after hypnosis. Why not just give up anyway????

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Hello John,and everyone

I feel I must comment on this whole hypnosis issue. This is indeed a very important area of concern on the problems of hypnosis being used as a method to unlock memories of close encounter experiences. I feel the medical literature so far on recovered and false memories and indeed memory retrieval in general is indicating that this process does not give either the researcher or witness any clear or useful information of what has occurred. There is no doubt that there have been major problems with the use of regression hypnosis in some claims of abduction and as far as I can see the medical evidence presents clear guidelines and research on the problems involved in using hypnosis as a tool to extract accurate, reliable and indeed objective information about extraordinary human experiences.

>>I think this point has to be made as I see many people are obsessed with
>damning a technique which has been used medically and non-medically to
>elicit FACT

**Please quote some cases where hypnosis has been used to elicit FACT, which can be totally backed up by independent witnesses?

. Recent scientific research suggests that the use of
>'hypnosis' enhances ones memory of events dramatically. The researchers
>found that subjects were able to substantially improve their recall of
>events when hypnotic techniques were used.

**I would appreciate more information on this recent scientific research where the use of hypnosis enhanced memory of events so dramatically. Can specific case studies be backed up by independent parties?>

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>To damn evidence that may be valid through prejudice or ill-conceived
>assumption rather than scientific argument is of no use investigatively.

**Can we prove that it is valid though? The scientific research on hypnosis and memory retrieval that I am familiar with very clearly defines the major problems with hypnosis and memory retrieval.

>The evidence in Godfrey's case would have had to be considered as a
>whole - direct, material, circumstantial and 'hypnotically-induced' -
>with due consideration given to the probability of imagination and/or
>>false memory syndrome etc.

Very possibly true. As far as I understand it from the coverage of Alan Godfrey's experience, he never felt that he understood or agreed with what he said under hypnosis, only what he consciously remembered

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>A moratorium on regression by BUFORA is commendable, no one wants
>witnesses subjected to naive intervention using potentially dangerous
>techniques of any kind

Absolutely and there are certainly cases where hypnosis has caused problems for the witnesses. I personally feel that UFO research should not involve hypnosis as a tool for memory retrieval about their experiences. This, in my view, leads to further problems at times and therefore cannot possibly be in the best interests of the witness. Furthermore, it does not add to our knowledge of the possibilities of what may be occurring, but beyond all of this remains the well being of the witness which must be primary to us. I fail to see how using hypnosis to define the nature of their experience is helping or supporting the witness, particularly with the imagery and scenarios that can emerge, which has been very frightening for some people. I have first hand experience of a small percentage of these cases where people have undergone hypnosis with another UFO organisation or as an independent venture and they have, become very disturbed and frightened by what emerged under hypnosis and therefore what they perceive may have happened to them. The mind is more powerful than we could even begin to imagine and I believe we must be extremely cautious and responsible to those that contact our organisations about high strangeness events.

- and one does not need to use hypnotic
>regression to induce false-memory and recall -

This is true, which is why memory retrieval has been shown to be very much less than accurate at times and to me would emphasise the point of not using hypnosis in claims of UFO Encounters. Surely this would enhance the fallibility of memory even more?!

Just a few thoughts.

Best wishes
Gloria

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Does this mean it *was* or *was not* visible in the forest. If Matthew is

saying it was (and he seems to be doing) then why is Judith etc saying it wasn't?

>So it "must" have been something else of a much more impressive nature.

No it doesn't - Matthew you are showing almost complete ignorance of how misperception works.

Happy Trails

Andy

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Standing in Caple Green it becomes evident that if the military were scattered about the field then those to the right farthest corner of the field away from track 10 would not even have been able to see the light from lighthouse due to dense tree cover. If any of the military had progressed through the forest and away from the beaten track then it most unlikely they would have been able to see the light from the lighthouse unless they were 50ft tall+. So when the Americans promote their far-fetched claims of the sky being lit up on approach to the landing site. Following their route there is no possible way that this effect can be attributed to the light house.

On the subject of the meteor shower.....

December is a good month for stargazing in East Anglia. Skies are quite clear and you can bet that just about any night you pick you'll see shooting stars (as Judith mentioned). I don't think that we can

write this one off as misperceptions of a meteor shower. Investigators went onto Bentwaters to follow up on sightings during November and the beginning of December. I'm sure that there was meteor activity during these periods as well but sceptics haven't blamed it as an excuse for these particular sightings. Why? Because they are lesser known.

I think something of import happened in Rendlesham Forest over the night of the 27th of December. However until we can discount much of the American BS and many of the natural alternatives that sceptics have presented to the media without the need for solid research to back up their theories then we'll simply be amidst a whitewash of contradiction and lies with little chance of eradicating the myth and getting to the truth.

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Having spoken to Jenny Randles various things become clear including the
FACT that the lighthouse in use at the time was much brighter and that
Halt's testimony clearly indicates that he was chasing the lights of the
lighthouse through the forest.

In addition, the area has changed a great deal and so current or recent
comparisons mean little or nothing....

Tim X

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> **Matthew**

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>Having read the above, and while applauding Robert's sterling efforts to
>make some sense of all the scattered data floating around, I feel it
>important to stress that armchair research is no substitute for "on the
>ground" investigation. This applies to all of us, and I myself am guilty
of
>coming to conclusions about cases on the strength of reports/ articles /
>books submitted by other researchers. Unfortunately, it is impossible for
>most of us to travel round the country to do our own investigations at UFO
>locations and we have to rely on the often shoddy, and downright
misleading
>research of others.

Reply:

Firstly, my reply to Tim (which mentioned Rendlesham not in any *great*
depth!) was hardly a "serious" research effort -
though the two case-examples I mentioned are worthy of some (minor)
consideration!
It was more of an "casual" exercise for PRIMEBASE, more than anything...

In regards to Ms. Jaafar's other points...

I would counter that *all* the best research is "done in an armchair"! The
process of validating (or otherwise) a case is *pure* "armchair" research.
Aircraft movement checks, writing to weather stations, checking the
positions of astronomical bodies is all done from indoors (as is
interviewing witnesses - unless you (and them) want to get needlessly cold
and wet!). Even checking
the "folklore" of an area is library-chair based research. I have done all
this in my time as a Ufologist. Without it, any field work
is merely raw, unsubstantiated data!

If we adopt an attitude of ignoring (even demeaning) all past information,
we would end up with a subject that effectively "has no past". This is
indeed what *has* happened in recent years, where sensationalist
researchers have been allowed to "reinvent" Ufology for the "dancehouse
generation". Without work such as PRIMEBASE we would be unaware of the
statistical parameters of sightings, past trends and so on. Which, in
fact, we largely are, because of the disdain such research is viewed and
treated by many within the U.K UFO community.

**HENCE THERE IS NO PROGRESS IN OUR UNDERSTANDING OF UFO
REPORTS!**

(An important fact to note in this bold fashion!!!)

And, as I have said before, how can ufology have a future if it never had
a past? But, for ufology, the past holds lots of skeletons; ie reports of
UFOs resembling George Adamski's (mainly in the 1950's and early 1960's),
the changing face of British UFO entities (mainly tall blond-haired men
prior to the 1970's (Adamski again!) and then lots of "Greys" after about
1985(!) - is there a slight Budd Hopkins/ Communion influence here?), etc.

Many "classic" cases are (on closer examination) only "classic" mistakes!

In a climate such as this PRIMEBASE is vital, if only on a folkloric level!

The more time I devote to this project the more important I think it is, on a variety of levels.

As for the case-samples in PRIMEBASE itself being "shoddy.....andmisleading", that is a matter of opinion! The degree to which a case was investigated is shown, in the standard manner (ie through levels "D" to "A"). The names of the investigators are also shown. PRIMEBASE includes some of the best investigated cases in the U.K (and some of the not-so-better researched ones,as well!). I would hardly think it is fair or accurate to imply that the work of investigators such as Ken Philips, Jenny Randles, R. Sandbatch, David Clarke, Andy Roberts, Gloria Dixon, Tony Eccles, Paul Fuller, me(!),John Heptonstall.....and Judith Jaafar herself is "shoddy....and... misleading"! And - on noting these names - I am sure she will have a higher opinion of PRIMEBASE's datasample! All these people have been prime sources for diverse PRIMEBASE "entries". If my database composed purely of rubbishy "shoddy" reports ripped off from cheap paperbacks I would *never* have continued to proceed with this major research effort! In fact, it is vital the work of these investigators *are* recorded for the future, because of the great efforts they took!

The fact that PRIMEBASE exists now allows for cases to be re-assessed when further information is uncovered, and for this reassessment to be recorded in an accessible mannner. At present, once someone says a case is "unexplained" it stays that way! The PRIMEBASE system allows for reassessment of cases. A factor which is vital whenever any new theories are located (or the parameters of existing ones are extended).

>As a case in point, let's look at the Rendlesham incident that Robert
>mentions..... I have had the opportunity to visit the forest and the
>twin air-bases on many occasions over the last two years in the company of
>different researchers with their own ideas about the nature of the
>incidents of Dec. 1980 - such people as Brenda Butler, Larry Warren and
>Pete Robbins, Richard Conway, Matthew Williams and members of the Essex
UFO

>Group. It is important to get a flavour of the area in question, to
observe

>its topography and changing appearance throughout the year (especially at
>the same time of year as the alleged event occurred), to investigate the
>folklore of the locality and to listen to the views and experiences of
>interested parties.

>I myself hold no particular opinions about this case, and have approached
>it with an entirely open mind, while being well clued-up on all the
>theories that are doing the rounds. But I did come to some definite
>conclusions after a recent visit (Dec. 98), when Malcolm and I spent a
>whole night in the forest with Richard and some members of Ron West's
>group.

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>1) THE ORFORD NESS LIGHTHOUSE CANNOT BE IMPLICATED IN ANY
UFO SIGHTING OR
LANDING.

- >If you visit the area like I did, on a December night, you'll see
- >why. Looking towards the coast from the forest and the air-bases, you will
- >find that your view is impeded by a ridge of elevated land. The lighthouse
- >is situated behind this and can only be seen, from Capel Green, if you
- >position yourself carefully in direct line with a shallow dip in the
- ridge.
- >If you position yourself on the alleged landing site in Capel Green, the
- >lighthouse is not visible at all, although the light beam itself can be
- >detected as a faint white glow pulsing in the sky every 5 seconds or so.
- >The original object seen by the airmen was a RED POINT OF LIGHT, not a
- >pulsating dim white glow, travelling fast towards land from out over the
- >North Sea.
- >Because of the intervening coastal ridge, the powerful horizontal beam of
- >the lighthouse is completely cut off to those viewing it from a low
- >position on land, thus THE BEAM FROM THE LIGHTHOUSE DOES
- >NOT PENETRATE THE FOREST AT ALL.

Reply:

1: It is almost certain that the Orford Ness Lighthouse is strongly implicated in the *second* night's sightings; if not, how come the flash-rate of the "blinking eye" UFO (mentioned in the Halt tape) matches that of the Orford Ness lighthouse??? There were also plenty of other lighthouse-like sources (as demonstrated by Stuart Campbell's 1986 reinvestigation of the Halt Tape), as well as various bright stars. Halt saw it as red-hued (possibly) because he was looking through his "starscope". Someone else in the Halt tape is heard to say it looked "yellow" (as he wasn't looking at it through the starscope?)!

2: In regards to Rendlesham/Night 1, we still cannot simply dismiss the possibility of Orford Ness being involved here. The stated *exact* "landing site" location *could* be in error.

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Dear All,

Having actually enjoyed watching tonight's "Riddle of the Skies", (I'm prejudiced having served as a consultant to the show) especially the less frenetic and more low key approach, I was equally heartened to read Rob's response to the latest Rendlesham debate.

I'm not entirely sure what benefits the activities of a local UFO research group wondering around the woods some 18 years later are and I'm not at all sure that anything more interesting than the lighthouse was responsible for the major sightings. In any case, how can a triangular "craft" have landed in the forest?

I think we should entirely discount Warren's testimony.

I didn't actually know that Steuart Campbell had matched the flashes (not flashers!) in the woods to the lighthouse but I'll check it out....In addition Rob is right to state that a great deal of armchair research IS required. Quite often visiting sites years after the event serve only to encourage posturing and posing for the camera....It's also a great deal easier than speaking to witnesses and phoning airports and local authorities.

On a general note I think continued interest in the clearly questionable Rendlesham case is evidence of attempts to provide evidence of "UFO Reality" by the "best-case scenario" whereby more localised reports and mini UFO "flaps" are ignored. We tend to hear only about Roswell, Socorro, Belgium, Mexico when it is not clear that the best evidence - either way - comes from them and in fact one might argue that the financial/UFO industrial motive serves to encourage and maintain myths that have grown up around these "best cases".

In fact in terms of the Belgium case there are many problems with the standard and accepted version of events and much like Rendlesham these are almost never discussed; things like;

1 - FTs of the sort seen in Belgium were seen in the UK - around RAF Boscombe Down - in March 1990.

2 - The radar on the two Belgian AF jets sent to intercept the "UFO" was malfunctioning. The two jets' radar systems locked onto each other!

3 - Most of the "thousands of witnesses" did NOT see a triangle - just lights.

4 - There is limited evidence of hoaxing.

5 - The Defence Intelligence community took a great interest in the sightings indicating that certain of their number knew exactly what was going on.

6 - The "triangular UFO" at no time displayed evidence of high performance and its' characteristics were more akin to an advanced LTA hybrid than anything else.

7 - The MOD lied about NADGE knowledge of the UFO reports, the faulty radar and more besides.

8 - The little radar evidence from ground stations suggested that the "UFO" travelled towards the English coast (!).

Oh yes - the intercept pilots NEVER SAW a triangular UFO.

One of the most dubious elements of the UFO evidence is radar which often malfunctions. Ask anyone whose been involved with radar systems.....

No doubt these and more will be discussed in future.....at least there is evidence of reasoned UFO debate on this list!

Three of the lectures at our very excellent Conference on Sat 27/2/99 in Southport will be along the lines of re-examining famous cases; the Peter Day UFO film (Jenny Randles), Berwyn (Andy Roberts) and Howden Moors/"The

> interesting points about my project, Rendlesham and other aspects of
> British UFO research & investigation.
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> Ms. Jaafar's comments are noted with a ">" symbol.
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> [Snip < Text My Detailed reply to Tim Matthew's e-mail re PRIMEBASE
> BULLETIN 1
> dated 28th Jan 1999].
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> >Having read the above, and while applauding Robert's sterling efforts to
> >make some sense of all the scattered data floating around, I feel it
> >important to stress that armchair research is no substitute for "on the
> >ground" investigation. This applies to all of us, and I myself am guilty
> of
> >coming to conclusions about cases on the strength of reports/ articles
> /
> >books submitted by other researchers. Unfortunately, it is impossible
> for
> >most of us to travel round the country to do our own investigations at
> UFO
> >locations and we have to rely on the often shoddy, and downright
> misleading
> >research of others.
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> Reply:
> Firstly, my reply to Tim (which mentioned Rendlesham not in any *great*
> depth!) was hardly a "serious" research effort -
> though the two case-examples I mentioned are worthy of some (minor)
> consideration!
> It was more of an "casual" exercise for PRIMEBASE, more than anything...
>
> In regards to Ms. Jaafar's other points...
> I would counter that *all* the best research is "done in an armchair"!
> The
> process of validating (or otherwise) a case is *pure* "armchair"
> research.
> Aircraft movement checks, writing to weather stations, checking the
> positions of astronomical bodies is all done from indoors (as is
> interviewing witnesses - unless you (and them) want to get needlessly
> cold
> and wet!). Even checking
> the "folklore" of an area is library-chair based research. I have done
> all
> this in my time as a Ufologist. Without it, any field work
> is merely raw, unsubstantiated data!
>
> If we adopt an attitude of ignoring (even demeaning) all past
> information,
> we would end up with a subject that effectively "has no past". This is
> indeed what *has* happened in recent years, where sensationalist

- > researchers have been allowed to "reinvent" Ufology for the "dancehouse
- > generation". Without work such as PRIMEBASE we would be unaware of the
- > statistical parameters of sightings, past trends and so on. Which, in
- > fact, we largely are, because of the disdain such research is viewed and
- > treated by many within the U.K UFO community.
- >
- > HENCE THERE IS NO PROGRESS IN OUR UNDERSTANDING OF UFO
- REPORTS!
- > (An important fact to note in this bold fashion!!!)
- >
- > And, as I have said before, how can ufology have a future if it never
- had
- > a past? But, for ufology, the past holds lots of skeletons; ie reports of
- > UFOs resembling George Adamski's (mainly in the 1950's and early 1960's),
- > the changing face of British UFO entities (mainly tall blond-haired men
- > prior to the 1970's (Adamski again!) and then lots of "Greys" after
- about
- > 1985(!) - is there a slight Budd Hopkins/ Communion influence here?),
- etc.
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- > Many "classic" cases are (on closer examination) only "classic" mistakes!
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- > In a climate such as this PRIMEBASE is vital, if only on a folkloric
- level!
- > The more time I devote to this project the
- > more important I think it is, on a variety of levels.
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- > As for the case-samples in PRIMEBASE itself being "shoddy.....and
- >misleading", that is a matter of opinion! The degree to which a case
- > was investigated is shown, in the standard manner (ie through levels "D"
- to
- > "A"). The names of the investigators are also shown. PRIMEBASE includes
- > some of the best investigated cases in the U.K (and some of the
- > not-so-better researched ones,as well!). I would hardly think it is fair
- >
- > or accurate to imply that the work of investigators such as Ken Philips,
- > Jenny Randles, R. Sandbatch, David Clarke, Andy Roberts, Gloria Dixon,
- Tony
- > Eccles, Paul Fuller, me(!),John Heptonstall.....and Judith Jaafar
- herself
- > is "shoddy....and... misleading"! And - on noting these names - I am sure
- > she will have a higher opinion of PRIMEBASE's datasample! All these
- > people have been prime sources for diverse PRIMEBASE "entries". If my
- > database composed purely of rubbishy "shoddy" reports ripped off from
- cheap
- > paperbacks I would *never* have continued to proceed with this major
- > research effort! In fact, it is vital the work of these investigators
- > *are* recorded for the future, because of the great efforts they took!
- >

> The fact that PRIMEBASE exists now allows for cases to be re-assessed when

> further information is uncovered, and for this reassessment to be recorded

> in an accessible manner. At present, once someone says a case is

> "unexplained" it stays that way! The PRIMEBASE system allows for

> reassessment of cases. A factor which is vital whenever any new theories

> are located (or the parameters of existing ones are extended).

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>>As a case in point, let's look at the Rendlesham incident that Robert

>>mentions..... I have had the opportunity to visit the forest and the

>>twin air-bases on many occasions over the last two years in the company

of

>>different researchers with their own ideas about the nature of the

>>incidents of Dec. 1980 - such people as Brenda Butler, Larry Warren and

>>Pete Robbins, Richard Conway, Matthew Williams and members of the Essex

> UFO

>>Group. It is important to get a flavour of the area in question, to

> observe

>>its topography and changing appearance throughout the year (especially

at

>>the same time of year as the alleged event occurred), to investigate the

>>folklore of the locality and to listen to the views and experiences of

>>interested parties.

>>I myself hold no particular opinions about this case, and have

approached

>>it with an entirely open mind, while being well clued-up on all the

>>theories that are doing the rounds. But I did come to some definite

>>conclusions after a recent visit (Dec. 98), when Malcolm and I spent a

>>whole night in the forest with Richard and some members of Ron West's

>>group.

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>>1) THE ORFORD NESS LIGHTHOUSE CANNOT BE IMPLICATED IN ANY

UFO SIGHTING

OR

> LANDING.

>>If you visit the area like I did, on a December night, you'll see

>>why. Looking towards the coast from the forest and the air-bases, you

will

>>find that your view is impeded by a ridge of elevated land. The

lighthouse

>>is situated behind this and can only be seen, from Capel Green, if you

>>position yourself carefully in direct line with a shallow dip in the

> ridge.

>>If you position yourself on the alleged landing site in Capel Green, the

>>lighthouse is not visible at all, although the light beam itself can be

>>detected as a faint white glow pulsing in the sky every 5 seconds or so.

>>The original object seen by the airmen was a RED POINT OF LIGHT, not a

>>pulsating dim white glow, travelling fast towards land from out over the

>>North Sea.

> >Because of the intervening coastal ridge, the powerful horizontal beam
of
> >the lighthouse is completely cut off to those viewing it from a low
> >position on land, thus THE BEAM FROM THE LIGHTHOUSE DOES
> >NOT PENETRATE THE FOREST AT ALL.
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> Reply:
> 1: It is almost certain that the Orford Ness Lighthouse is strongly
> implicated in the *second* night's sightings; if not, how come the
> flash-rate of the "blinking eye "UFO"(mentioned in the Halt tape) matches
> that of the Orford Ness lighthouse??? There were also plenty of other
> lighthouse-like sources (as demonstrated by Steuart Campbell's 1986
> reinvestigation of the Halt Tape), as well as various bright stars. Halt
> saw it as red-hued (possibly) because he was looking through his
> "starscope". Someone else in the Halt tape is heard to say it looked
> "yellow" (as he wasn't looking at it through the starscope?)!
>
> 2: In regards to Rendlesham/Night 1, we still cannot simply dismiss the
> possibility of Orford Ness being involved here. The stated *exact*
> "landing site" location *could* be in error.

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Hi Tim

Thanks for the response:-

In message <199902011259.MAA16270@irwell.zetnet.co.uk>, Lynda Matthews
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>Hi All!!

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>Very interesting; hypnosis is OK and it isn't OK? So which is it/isn't
>it.....

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Hypnosis is a modality that has been used for at least 100 years in the
UK since introduction by Mesmer when it was known as Mesmerism.

Hypnotherapy, as defined by the Oxford Dictionary, is 'the treatment of
disease by hypnotism'.

The techniques involve from deep trance when the subject has no
immediate memory of their hypnotic session to mild trance when the

subject is fully aware of everything that occurs; both these extremes have been used in 'regressing' subjects. To quote from arch sceptic Sue Blackmore in her book 'Beyond the Body' page 183 "Nowadays hypnotism is an accepted part of medicine and psychology" - that about sums it up.

>I do not know of any registered medical personnel who use hypnosis to
>recover memories and I'd really like to know which scientists have used
>hypnosis to 'improve recall' (?)

I did not keep the article but it appeared only last week in the National Press.

By the way, psychology - a la Sue Blackmore - is not a 'medical' science. Psychologists and Psychiatrists (who are medics) amongst others use hypnotism.

Let's not confuse 'medical' with 'knows everything about medicine' - the two things are very mutually exclusive I can assure you and I do not know any medics who would disagree with that point. Some of the most hardened sceptics about anything they do not understand, despite more than adequate scientific acceptability, are registered medical personnel, it goes with the territory especially when asked to offer opinions by patients. They are strapped by a system that dictates what they are allowed to 'know'. Contrary to propaganda, their medicine is largely not evidence-based, (about 80% is not), and Aussie Research showed modern medicine to be the 3rd biggest killer after heart disease and cancer, USA Research showed it to be the 4th after heart disease, cancer and stroke; let's not confuse fact with opinion.

Surgical techniques have been carried out under hypnosis by medical 'scientists' in various parts of the world. People, especially children, are often hypnotised or hypnotherapy is used on them by trained dentists prior to dental surgery. etc. etc.

> given that I have read several articles in
>"New Scientist" by US academics studying the effects of hypnosis who
>actually argue that it is all kidology!

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There are always the small number of sceptics who maintain the delusion that anything they disagree with must be wrong or invalid; that's life. I prefer to look at the overall scientific evidence and look objectively at all situations, you can be sure they are in denial. New Scientist has a record of sceptics editing; remember arch sceptic and long time editor Bernard Dixon of CSICPS fame (UKs version of CSICOPS, the USA group with The Amazing Randi etc.). In his book 'Dirty Medicine' Martin J. walker describes CSICOP as practising 'scientific McCarthyism'. Unfortunately it is easy to confuse scientific fact with many things scientists say. I'm a scientist and I know of which I speak that is opinion and that which currently is 'fact'.

>Hmmm....

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>I asked my sister about this - she's a real Doctor BTW. She said that

Do you mean by 'real doctor' ie. she has a PhD in a subject, or do you mean she is a physician?

>hypnosis is regarded as a dangerous fringe activity by many of her
>colleagues.

As I said, some are in denial, some are prejudiced, and some know no better; Hypnosis is a technique that has a scientific and medical foundation. When 'fringe' people indulge themselves in the use of a technique with which they put a subject at risk - that can be any aspect of risk from emotional upset to physical or mental distress depending on the situation - then it is dangerous. It can still be dangerous when used by medical practitioners, just as 99% of all medical techniques are themselves potentially dangerous - that goes with the biochemical territory and surgical activity, but the perception is that 'physicians' may be the 'safest pair of hands'. There is no evidence that this is correct. I know of no studies which have compared such techniques of intervention when used by medical against non-medical people who use them.

>Eric Morris has come out totally against the use of hypnosis
>having used it occasionally in the past - for reasons including the fact
>that it was impossible to tell whether the witness was telling the truth.

That's the point I made in a previous e-mail; unless such techniques are considered for use to move forward in an investigation, or to confirm or introduce new evidence, they should not be considered; if the information obtained during 'regression sessions' cannot be verified it's of little use even if it may be true. It is easy to tell if the witness is truthful if the evidence can be verified materially or directly. The problems we have seen with such techniques used willy nilly by Quest etc. is that information obtained by such means has been taken as fact without any supporting evidence - that's ridiculous and has led to much conjecture about 'regression'.

I was involved in research with 'hypnotherapy regression' some years ago involving several subjects with various disorders; the sessions were controlled by a very experienced hypnotherapist, myself and an immunologist assisted her. Although the information obtained was fascinating, it was not of a nature that would allow us to verify the facts so I was left unconvinced. The research was geared at the type of information produced as opposed to the validity of that info. so I did not expect too much. It is certainly true that a vivid imagination can affect the outcome. It is also true that, under the correct protocols, scientists have proved the validity of the technique by gaining

substantially more accurate information during hypnosis than without - look at the recent press.

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>Haven't people with no "abduction" experience made up such an event after hypnosis?

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I am sure they have; I read a few transcripts by 'regressionists' who had obtained abduction details from subjects and to a one they had used leading questions. Any such interviews must be done without any form of leading - just like a lawyer in court - or one puts ideas and words into the mouth of the subject. Prior contamination must also be identified and, I repeat, only information which is supported by other direct and/or material and/or circumstantial evidence should be considered potentially useful.

>So are you saying that hypnosis doesn't implant false memories and what about those cases in the US?????

>

False memories can be planted either through hypnosis or by prior 'impression' forming techniques. You can tell a child (and some impressionable adults) facts about themselves that they had no knowledge of with sufficient credibility and these may be recounted as truth during any future interviews or sessions, whether under hypnosis or not. That's life.

That is one 'danger' of any interview, not only under hypnosis, and it has to be recognised as a potential 'side effect' of such techniques - as any medical intervention has. One has to take it into consideration when assessing results.

>You say that hypnosis is a "potentially dangerous technique" - or is this only in the 'wrong hands'.

It is a potentially dangerous technique, as is any intervention in another's affairs, in any hands; some people will be more adept at this than others, sensitivity and concern for the welfare of the subject being paramount as opposed to any form of professional expertise.

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>Whose are the 'right hands'.....?

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Those trained in its use, and who gain experience in the safe and effective practice of the modality. I would not ask a medic to prescribe a homeopathic remedy, nor a spinal manipulation, nor an acupuncture session unless I was sure he/she was qualified and experienced in said forms of medical intervention; nor would I want a homeopath to prescribe drugs. If I was to be regressed I would find someone recognised as experienced in the techniques and having a recognised qualification in either psychology or hypnotherapy, and most importantly, who I felt comfortable allowing myself to be manipulated in such ways by. If that person was medically qualified, and the other criteria were met, I would

be most comfortable.

>BTW - when asked on a TV interview Alan Godfrey seems to have argued that
>there was some kind of a cover-up? Cover-up of what?

I did not see the interview; nor do I know Godfrey, the fact he was a police officer suggests he may have been of reasonable character - though not always the case - so I do not know what 'cover-up' he spoke of. Assuming he was 'abducted' during his shift (not sure but did he not say that he was with another officer when they both saw a UFO? - who would support his own story presumably) then there must have been evidence that he went missing etc. If evidence was produced that was of material value, and this was ignored or suppressed then he would have presumed cover-up; he may KNOW that there was a cover-up. Best ask him.

If there is additional evidence of some 'exotic' occurrence in addition to any regression data, there is a case to explore. I haven't the facts have you?

I interviewed a police officer who, with three others, saw a UFO over Wetherby about 20 years ago; he only reported to me as he was incensed by sceptics on a radio program who said all UFO witnesses are deluded. He was in the control room at midnight when a WPC banged on the door to alert him about a 'saucer' they had chased towards York, handed over to York Police, then chased it back as it followed the river to Wetherby again in their squad car. The others would not comment but he did as he was never interviewed by 'men who arrived from the MOD and told the other 3 who were interviewed never to speak of the incident'. The three were a sergeant, PC and WPC. The PC now works at Menwith Hill. I would call that a 'cover-up'.

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>Next you'll be telling me that Godfrey was a "trained observer" - when
>there is no such thing.....I have little problem remembering things and
>even if I didn't - perish the thought - there is NO way that I'd get
>involved with hypnosis.

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I don't know anything of Godfrey so can't tell whether he has developed his observation techniques; it is a prerequisite for good policing though not something always taken up. When I worked in criminal intelligence I was involved with much OP work, hence many photos and videos of targets, and did not necessarily see a target in the flesh before having to apprehend him or operate against him. Despite this one developed an exceptional ability to recognise targets from very limited data. People working on satellite and other surveillance maps develop a tremendous ability to see detail one may not normally see. I call all this 'becoming a trained observer' but depends on what one is trained to observe. As I said, it is incumbent on a police officer to develop observational abilities, it doesn't always happen.

>Some people claim to give up smoking after hypnosis. Why not just give up
>anyway????

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Having dealt with many people who wished to give up smoking I can state that as an addiction it is not an easy task for addicts to give up; nor is prozac, amitriptyline, vallium, heroin, crack- cocaine and opium. Nicotine is a drug, giving-up usually induces withdrawal. Many people testify to giving-up only through hypnosis, and having tried many and varied ways without success, and unless I have reason to disbelieve them I usually accept their word, after-all it was their experience.

Cheers

John.

>Tim X

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>>

>> Hi all

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>> Only one aspect of interest to add below, most of which I tend to agree
>> with, and that's the 'the use of hypnosis invalidates the Godfrey case'
>> statement - this has no basis in scientific fact.

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>> I know little of either Godfrey's complete statement or of the
>> information obtained through 'hypnosis' but I do know that regression
>> hypnosis has not been proven to be invalid.

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>> I think this point has to be made as I see many people are obsessed with
>> damning a technique which has been used medically and non-medically to
>> elicit FACT. Recent scientific research suggests that the use of
>> 'hypnosis' enhances ones memory of events dramatically. The researchers
>> found that subjects were able to substantially improve their recall of
>> events when hypnotic techniques were used.

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>> To damn evidence that may be valid through prejudice or ill-conceived
>> assumption rather than scientific argument is of no use investigatively.
>> The evidence in Godfrey's case would have had to be considered as a
>> whole - direct, material, circumstantial and 'hypnotically-induced' -
>> with due consideration given to the probability of imagination and/or
>> false memory syndrome etc.

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>> A moratorium on regression by BUFORA is commendable, no one wants
>> witnesses subjected to naive intervention using potentially dangerous
>> techniques of any kind - and one does not need to use hypnotic
>> regression to induce false-memory and recall - but let's not condemn a
>> modality that has shown itself to be very useful in the right hands.

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>> Mattheews <mattheews@zetnet.co.uk> writes

>> >Dear All,

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>> >having met Larry Warren and having had the guts to stand up to his
>> >insane

>> >rantings at the Liverpool BUFORA event in 1997 at which I was a speaker
>> >I

>> >cannot believe that the utter tripe in his book is taken seriously. He
>> >was

>> >at the base in 1980 - but then so were hundreds of others who
>> >mysteriously

>> >managed not to see or hear the triangular "UFO"/meteor/witches/earth
>> >energies/ghosts/aliens/ET landing/flying saucer and everything else that
>> >didn't take place that night.

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>> >My personal opinion of Warren, supported by his theatrics, is that he

>has
>> >some serious personal issues to resolve.....I have yet to meet anyone
>who
>> >takes this man at all seriously.....(No doubt his "conclusions" are
>> >something to do with the unfortunate legacy that mainstream modern
>American
>> >Ufology has left us - "aliens and conspiracies above all else".....)
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>> >I am also concerned that James' Eastons excellent Rendlesham research
>> >appears (I may be wrong of course) to have been somewhat overlooked.
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>> >My view, having actually read all the material, and having visited the
>> >woods on various occasions (I can't afford an armchair - me being a poor
>> >grass roots non-Simon-and-Schuster-author-and-storyteller), is that very
>> >little of significance took place and I cannot see how a "craft" could
>have
>> >landed in any case - having been to the woods.....Simply posing for
>> >cameras and climbing fences, as some researchers are want to do, in
>front
>> >of disused military facilities, is not really research as I understand
>it!
>> >(I don't mean Judith BTW!!!!)
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>> >After all, I do have a friend who lived on converted base housing!
>Perhaps
>> >there are alien bodies buried there after all?
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>> >I think Jenny Randles' talk at our 1998 Conference was very enlightening
>on
>> >the subject of Rendlesham where she told the assembled masses about her
>> >serious doubts about some of the accepted wisdom and testimony. Warren's
>> >testimony seems to be at variance with everyone else's but people want to
>> >believe his rather conspiratorial view of the "events".
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>> >I expect that Rendlesham Forest will continue to be a topic of
>discussion
>> >and perhaps it will be mentioned in Jenny's lecture on solving important
>> >UFO cases at our "Countdown to the Millennium" event in Southport on Sat.
>> >27th February. I look forward to meeting you all there!
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>> >Tim X
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>> >PS - the Todmorden/Godfrey case is totally invalid as a result of the
>use
>> >of hypnosis.....
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>> >I quote from Timothy Bad's "Below Top Secret - The Worldwide UFO Balls
>Up",
>> >page 81.
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>> >"Later it transpired that he had experienced a peculiar time-lapse, AND
>> >DURING SEVERAL HYPNOTIC REGRESSION SESSIONS he came out with
a bizarre

>> >story of having been taken on board a craft."

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>> >It is a fact of life that, IF 'abduction' is occurring - a large body
>> of circumstantial evidence supports this possibility despite alternative
>> opinion - and 'abductees' generally report loss of memory of related
>> events, the only means at present understood as having potential for
>> recovering those memories are either through hypnosis and related
>> modalities or a gradual return of memory as nature takes it's course. It
>> is also widely accepted that extreme trauma can inhibit memory, probably
>> for self-preservation. 'Regression techniques', safely and properly
>> administered, are possibly the only means of inducing early return of
>> memory recovery at this time.

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>> Ipso facto, if one is not prepared to consider such techniques to
>> develop a case investigation where the modality may be the only way to
>> move forward, then one will reach the conclusion one expects (and a
>> self-fulfilling prophesy) - that 'abduction' does not occur. Is that
>> scientific?

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>> Regards

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>> John.

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>> John Heptonstall

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Hi Gloria

Thanks for that - see my reply to Tim for more detail.

In message <001601be4e09\$fb2daf60\$755d95c1@computer>, Gloria Dixon
<rbx32@dial.pipex.com> writes

>Hello John,and everyone

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>I feel I must comment on this whole hypnosis issue. This is indeed a very
>important area of concern on the problems of hypnosis being used as a
>method to unlock memories of close encounter experiences. I feel the
>medical literature so far on recovered and false memories and indeed memory
>retrieval in general is indicating that this process does not give either
>the researcher or witness any clear or useful information of what has
>occurred. There is no doubt that there have been major problems with the
>use of regression hypnosis in some claims of abduction and as far as I can
>see the medical evidence presents clear guidelines and research on the
>problems involved in using hypnosis as a tool to extract accurate, reliable
>and indeed objective information about extraordinary human experiences.

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>>>I think this point has to be made as I see many people are obsessed with
>>damning a technique which has been used medically and non-medically to
>>elicit FACT

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>**Please quote some cases where hypnosis has been used to elicit FACT, which
>can be totally backed up by independent witnesses?

Look at medical and psychological literature over the last 100 years; I think we are focussing on 'regression' really as hypnosis has proved itself over and over again. As for 'regression' all we are talking about is the facilitated memory of past events. Last week's press contained details of recent research where researchers had specifically tested memory with and without hypnosis as an aid; the latter made substantial difference.

I think we have to stop confusing 'medical' advice, and 'medical' opinion with scientific fact. John Mack is a medical doctor of some repute and was so long before his sojourn into UFOlogy, who practices psychiatry and he has used and supported regression.

Most prejudice is against the ET hypothesis and therefore any technique which purports to provide evidence of 'ET' intervention will automatically be considered invalid, without scientific argument. I am excluding the obvious dangers associated with regression practised without proper safeguards - and we could argue what they should be - but medically I agree with the possibility that it can be dangerous. It can be far less dangerous than many anti-psychotic drugs that 'abductees' no doubt find themselves subjected to by medics who do not accept the probability that their patient may have experienced an 'abduction'.

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>. Recent scientific research suggests that the use of
>>'hypnosis' enhances ones memory of events dramatically. The researchers
>>found that subjects were able to substantially improve their recall of
>>events when hypnotic techniques were used.

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>**I would appreciate more information on this recent scientific research
>where the use of hypnosis enhanced memory of events so dramatically. Can
>specific case studies be backed up by independent parties?>

Look to last weeks press.

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>>To damn evidence that may be valid through prejudice or ill-conceived
>>assumption rather than scientific argument is of no use investigatively.

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>**Can we prove that it is valid though? The scientific research on hypnosis
>and memory retrieval that I am familiar with very clearly defines the major
>problems with hypnosis and memory retrieval.

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Memory retrieved through hypnosis is only questionable if not supported by follow-up which proves the facts elicited by the recall process. USA courts of law have excluded evidence gained through 'regression' because it is still arguable whether it is valid or not; they are trying to sort it out from opinion to scientific fact, that will take research. They have not excluded the possibility that those recollections may be completely valid. In such cases we are talking about courts of law where another party is to suffer the consequences of the revelation e.g. abused child etc. The court must satisfy itself that any information has been obtained according to accepted methods, and that it is demonstrable in court.

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>>The evidence in Godfrey's case would have had to be considered as a
>>whole - direct, material, circumstantial and 'hypnotically-induced' -
>>with due consideration given to the probability of imagination and/or
>>>false memory syndrome etc.

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>Very possibly true. As far as I understand it from the coverage of Alan
>Godfrey's experience, he never felt that he understood or agreed with what
>he said under hypnosis, only what he consciously remembered

If it was 'hypnosis' and not light trance/hypnotherapy it is possible he does not recollect what he said. If he does not recollect what he said, and does not consciously remember certain facts that came out under hypnosis, then how can he be sure if what he said is true or false?

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>>A moratorium on regression by BUFORA is commendable, no one wants
>>witnesses subjected to naive intervention using potentially dangerous
>>techniques of any kind

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>Absolutely and there are certainly cases where hypnosis has caused problems
>for the witnesses. I personally feel that UFO research should not involve
>hypnosis as a tool for memory retrieval about their experiences. This, in
>my view, leads to further problems at times and therefore cannot possibly be
>in the best interests of the witness. Furthermore, it does not add to our
>knowledge of the possibilities of what may be occurring, but beyond all of
>this remains the well being of the witness which must be primary to us. I
>fail to see how using hypnosis to define the nature of their experience is
>helping or supporting the witness, particularly with the imagery and
>scenarios that can emerge, which has been very frightening for some people.
>I have first hand experience of a small percentage of these cases where
>people have undergone hypnosis with another UFO organisation or as an
>independent venture and they have, become very disturbed and frightened by
>what emerged under hypnosis and therefore what they perceive may have
>happened to them. The mind is more powerful than we could even begin to
>imagine and I believe we must be extremely cautious and responsible to those
>that contact our organisations about high strangeness events.

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I agree with this but must also say that, if large numbers of people are

suffering 'abduction' either by ET or by man, regression techniques may be the only means of helping them. We may fail them if we allow prejudice and opinion to confuse the issue.

- > - and one does not need to use hypnotic
- >> regression to induce false-memory and recall -
- >
- > This is true, which is why memory retrieval has been shown to be very much
- > less than accurate at times and to me would emphasise the point of not using
- > hypnosis in claims of UFO Encounters. Surely this would enhance the
- > fallibility of memory even more?!

I do not see the problem of using the technique (safely), as I said before, either to move forward in an investigation, or to provide evidence which can be checked out. If session/s fail to provide for checkable information it would be discarded despite the fact that the evidence may have been true. It may be the only available means to elicit important evidence if typical encounters involve memory erasure.

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- > Just a few thoughts.
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- > Best wishes
- > Gloria
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Message text written by Andy Roberts

>Matthew Williams wrote:

>On the point of the lighthouse....

>I have been there at night when the lighthouse has been active and you can

>see it for many many miles. As the fog grew in it was seen as an eerie
light

>of a set pattern and pulse so again would not be mistaken by those who
live

>or work in the area. Guards on a base would often be staring into the

>darkness and have seen it - or asked others about it and been given the

>reason.

>The lighthouse from Bentwaters seems to arc across the sky like a clock
hand

>going from 10 o'clock to 2 o'clock in the sky (arc degrees equivalent that
>is).

>This could in no way have led to Halt and a team leaving the base under

>those conditions.

Does this mean it *was* or *was not* visible in the forest. If Matthew is saying it was (and he seems to be doing) then why is Judith etc saying it wasn't?

*****If I might reply to this, Matthew is trying to say what I said previously. The light from Orfordness is visible IN THE SKY, from the base, in an arc shape exactly as Matthew has explained, like a rather fat ice-cream cone. But once in the forest, it is not visible at all, unless you are about 30 feet tall and could look over the tops of the trees! This pertains no matter how bright the light is or was. If you read the above properly, Matthew said that the skyward part of the beam could be seen from Bentwaters, not the forest. Personnel on the base MUST have been familiar with this light. It was visible night in night out., and I cannot see, how under any circumstances, it could have been mistaken for anything else. Just go yourself , Andy, and your confusion will soon disappear.

If Col. Halt admitted to chasing the lighthouse beam through the forest, then I can only presume that he was told to say this. Once in the trees, you cannot see any light of any kind, and that's just a fact.

>So it "must" have been something else of a much more impressive nature.

No it doesn't - Matthew you are showing almost complete ignorance of how misperception works.

*****And you are showing complete ignorance of the lay of the land, Andy, if you don't mind me saying so. There may have been misperception involved, but take it from me, it wasn't of the lighthouse.*****

Happy Trails

Andy<

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Message text written by Andy Roberts
>Y'all,

Judith's reply to Robert is probably the only serious and
constructive piece of ufo debate I've seen
in UK email circles for weeks. Could peace be breaking out at
last?

I'll go for this discussion.....

I agree that 'on the ground' investigation is essential Judith, but never
discount
the relevance of musing from the Armchair - some of the most difficult
cases
have been cracked whilst drifting into the fabric.

*****and some of the most preposterous, reductionist theories
formulated !!

As regards Rendlesham, I haven't been (though intend to do so as part of research for a book I and others have just secured a contract for) so what people say is both intriguing and baffling.

>1) THE ORFORD NESS LIGHTHOUSE CANNOT BE
>IMPLICATED IN ANY UFO SIGHTING OR LANDING. If you visit the area

This way well be the case - but then why have former Rendlesham devotee James Easton, Jenny Randles and Ian Ridpath, who have all been to the area, stuck to their belief that the lighthouse and lightship *were* responsible.

*****Beats me, Andy. Jenny, I believe, has flirted with several theories over the years, and as far as I'm aware leans towards terrestrial technology at the moment (but I may be wrong on that one). I myself consider this to be a front - runner in the "sensible solutions" stakes. As has been noted by Stan Conway, the Huffman, Texas incident took place about 8 hrs. later, also involving a diamond/conical shaped object with red light on top - plenty of time for something to have been escorted across the Atlantic, something which would appear to have been emitting or leaking significant amounts of radiation, much to the cost of Betty Cash and Vicky Landrum. Just a thought.

It might be interesting to note here something that I came across in the PRO over a year ago. All the obvious UFO files had already been pulled by various researchers, so I opted for a lateral approach and homed in on a report on Orfordness. It was massive and I only managed to take a rather cursory look, but what I found certainly gave me food for thought. First of all, Bentwaters/ Woodbridge was part of the experimentation that was going on at Orfordness i.e. project "Cobra Mist"(amongst others), working on the development of over - the - horizon radar. Questions had been asked by MPs and in Parliament about what was going on, and the MOD had issued instructions that the lie that they were only experimenting with sound-wave propagation must be adhered to at all times, even to Ministers. This lie may have had something to do with the fact that the military were becoming increasingly concerned that their experimentation with microwaves was causing shipping in the Suffolk coastal area to blow-up ! If questioned about this, military personnel were instructed to say that the cause of these mysterious explosions was sparks igniting empty fuel tanks. Interesting, since this was exactly the same excuse that was used when that civilian airliner came down a few years back just outside New York, although witnesses said they had seen something like a missile whizzing along just before the explosion.

Allegedly, "Cobra Mist" was closed down around 1970 for lack of government

funding, but some further research by Richard Conway has shown that it actually continued under another name "Cold Shadow"(I think that's right), under the leadership of guess who ?..... none other than our old friend Ralph Noyes. (check with Richard for details). The files on this are still classified under the 30yr rule.

And now here's something really interesting. In the Orfordness/Cobra Mist file I came upon a memo from the head of the MOD to a top official in the Pentagon. I don't have the photo copy I made to hand (I passed all this to Richard), but I believe it was from 1968 or thereabouts. It "requested" in rather unequivocal terms that the Americans desist from engaging in secret research and experimentation from their bases in Suffolk (Woodbridge/Bentwaters), research to which the British were not party, and to which no official British Government sanction had been given. This had been brought to light by a leak in security at the American bases, and the British authorities were mightily displeased. What sort of research this was I never discovered, but it leads one to wonder just what was going on in rural Suffolk. Whether this could be connected to subsequent events at Rendlesham Forest and other strange events in the area (Shingle Street ?) I do not know, but it's worth a ponder.

>Because of the intervening coastal ridge, the powerful horizontal beam of the lighthouse is
> completely cut off to those viewing it >from a low position on land, thus
THE BEAM FROM THE LIGHTHOUSE DOES NOT >PENETRATE THE FOREST AT ALL.

*****The only further comment I have on this is to say that if a whole contingent of American military mistook the lighthouse for a UFO then they must have been high, both literally and figuratively, way up above the trees, and under the influence of tons of magic mushrooms or such like! Now there's a thought for you.

>2) As to the meteor theory, I personally don't believe that this even holds water. We saw many meteors that night, literally >hundreds, high up in the atmosphere, and they were beautiful to behold, whilst keeping a respectful distance !

Never discount meteors! As I found in the Berwyn case there can be nights when the universe goes meteor-bonkers- crazy. Have *thorough* checks been done with astronomical associations, the bolide society in Cornwall and the BGS in Edinburgh?

*****I don't know, but I would have thought that respected researchers who have written books on the subject and advanced this theory as a

solution to the event should have done so. I haven't heard that this is the case, although please correct me if I'm wrong. And how does this get round the alleged fact that something was seen on more than one night ?

>Granted they were all traveling in a roughly E.- W. direction and it is a possibility that one
>could drop from a decaying orbit, hit the earth's atmosphere, burn up and come in to
>land over the coast of Suffolk . But wouldn't that be seen for exactly what it was, even by American airmen ?

No it wouldn't - or not necessarily. The ufological literature is littered with many cases where meteors have been misperceived - often by multiple witnesses - and seen as UFOs. Just because whatever it was was seen by airmen means nothing. There is no such thing as an entirely 'credible' witness.

*****Tch, tch, Andy. I'm surprised. You missed the point. My sarcasm was lost on you. Read it again. I am well aware that there is no such thing as a trained observer when it comes to strange things in the skies. I have pointed this out a hundred times to media people who like to throw up policemen and military as being somehow more qualified than the rest of us to distinguish between a "real" UFO and an "unreal" one. Not so. All of us are rather poor observers, and we UFOlogists have just got to work within those parameters.

Low in the atmosphere, just before collision, it would be seen as an orange/yellow ball
>of fire with a tail. It would make a tremendous rushing noise (enough to waken people
>from their sleep), leave a trail of destruction in the treetops (first point of impact),
>gouge out a tract of land and leave an appreciable crater commensurate with its mass. I don't
>think this tallies with the description given by any of the witnesses, and if it were indeed
>a meteorite impact, why all the mystery and stories of UFOs? Is it likely that a meteor
> would fall to earth, two or three nights running, in the same place?

Not necessarily Judith! What colour a meteor is seen as is dependent on several factors; what the composition of the meteor is will cause different colours to be seen and all colours have been recorded. Noise etc is entirely dependent on height (and wind direction) and how can a witness accurately judge that? What looks near can be far and vice versa.

As nothing has ever been *proved* to land at Rendlesham it is specious to argue the likelihood of whether an unproved anything did anything at all on 2-3 nights running. Sorry to be difficult but you've got to think these things through!

*****No, you're not being difficult, and believe you me I do think things through before I make any statement, ufological or otherwise. You should know that more than most.

I am aware that meteors can burn up in all different colours (I myself have witnessed a brilliant electric blue shower), but these colours are normally seen when burning high up in the atmosphere, forty to eighty miles up. If a meteor is sufficiently large to make it to earth without total burn-out, the outer particles which give rise to these brilliant colours have been burnt - off, leaving a core which is much more likely to resemble a conventional ball of fire(colour-wise). But by far the most important factor in determining whether we are dealing with a meteor, and distinguishing it from space-debris re-entry (which has also been postulated in this case) is the duration of the sighting. 80% of meteors which have been misidentified as UFOs have had a viewing duration of less than 10 seconds, and 50% less than five seconds, with bolides being visible for only slightly longer. It would have come and gone in less time than Col. Halt would have taken to get out of his pyjamas. If it was a bright fireball meteor that gave rise to the initial sighting, then what were they chasing through the woods? A mirage ? And don'tell me THE LIGHTHOUSE, please !

Nothing has ever been proven about anything to do with UFOlogy, Andy. If you're going to suggest that nothing actually happened at Bentwaters then theories about lighthouses, meteors, secret craft, flying saucers etc are all as invalid as each other . There comes a time, Andy, even in your life, when the weight of witness testimony, however inconvenient it might be, must make some things more LIKELY than others. If we didn't have witnesses, however unreliable they might be, we wouldn't have a phenomenon to discuss, and we'd all be out of a job. The fact that Charles Halt and a whole lot of men, including the British police, were out in the woods that night(s), that they tape-recorded the proceedings and sent an official memo to the MOD and the Pentagon, that they had arc-lights and video cameras, that two men went missing for four hours and were found in a state of fear, that there was tree damage and higher than normal radiation readings would suggest to me that SOMETHING out of the ordinary was going on. And if there wasn't, what would be the point in perpetrating such a hoax? Even if you totally discount Larry Warren's testimony, there's plenty of other evidence to go on.

>And if it had just passed over and
>ditched somewhere in the Atlantic, why was a five mile diameter exclusion zone

- > imposed by the authorities as attested to by local residents? One man living near
- > Capel Green was refused permission by the police to leave his home.

Again, problems. Air Exclusion zones are imposed for a variety of reasons

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> Hi Tim

>

> Thanks for the response:-

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> In message <199902011259.MAA16270@irwell.zetnet.co.uk>, Lynda Matthews

> <matthews@zetnet.co.uk> writes

> >Hi All!!

> >

> >Very interesting; hypnosis is OK and it isn't OK? So which is it/isn't

> >it.....

> >

> Hypnosis is a modality that has been used for at least 100 years in the

> UK since introduction by Mesmer when it was known as Mesmerism.

>

> Hypnotherapy, as defined by the Oxford Dictionary, is 'the treatment of

> disease by hypnotism'.

>

> The techniques involve from deep trance when the subject has no

> immediate memory of their hypnotic session to mild trance when the

> subject is fully aware of everything that occurs; both these extremes

> have been used in 'regressing' subjects. To quote from arch sceptic Sue

> Blackmore in her book 'Beyond the Body' page 183 "Nowadays hypnotism is

> an accepted part of medicine and psychology" - that about sums it up.

Yes, but NOT for "recovering" "lost" or hidden memories....

>

> >I do not know of any registered medical personnel who use hypnosis to

> >recover memories and I'd really like to know which scientists have used

> >hypnosis to 'improve recall' (?)

>

> I did not keep the article but it appeared only last week in the

> National Press.

>

> By the way, psychology - a la Sue Blackmore - is not a 'medical'

> science. Psychologists and Psychiatrists (who are medics) amongst

> others use hypnotism.

I don't really know about Sue Blackmore although I'm sure her input would be of interest.

- >
- > Let's not confuse 'medical' with 'knows everything about medicine' - the
- > two things are very mutually exclusive I can assure you and I do not
- > know any medics who would disagree with that point. Some of the most
- > hardened sceptics about anything they do not understand, despite more
- > than adequate scientific acceptability, are registered medical
- > personnel, it goes with the territory especially when asked to offer
- > opinions by patients. They are strapped by a system that dictates what
- > they are allowed to 'know'. Contrary to propaganda, their medicine is
- > largely not evidence-based, (about 80% is not), and Aussie Research
- > showed modern medicine to be the 3rd biggest killer after heart disease
- > and cancer, USA Research showed it to be the 4th after heart disease,
- > cancer and stroke; let's not confuse fact with opinion.

But this has nothing to do with the sue of regression hypnosis to recover hidden memories....

- >
- > Surgical techniques have been carried out under hypnosis by medical
- > 'scientists' in various parts of the world. People, especially children,
- > are often hypnotised or hypnotherapy is used on them by trained dentists
- > prior to dental surgery. etc. etc.

Maybe, but still not the point.

- >
- >> given that I have read several articles in
- >>"New Scientist" by US academics studying the effects of hypnosis who
- >>actually argue that it is all kidology!
- >>
- > There are always the small number of sceptics who maintain the delusion
- > that anything they disagree with must be wrong or invalid; that's life.
- > I prefer to look at the overall scientific evidence and look objectively
- > at all situations, you can be sure they are in denial. New Scientist has
- > a record of sceptics editing; remember arch sceptic and long time editor
- > Bernard Dixon of CSICPS fame (UKs version of CSICOPS, the USA group
- > with The Amazing Randi etc.). In his book 'Dirty Medicine' Martin J.
- > walker describes CSICOP as practising 'scientific McCarthyism'.
- > Unfortunately it is easy to confuse scientific fact with many things
- > scientists say. I'm a scientist and I know of which I speak that is
- > opinion and that which currently is 'fact'.

I don't support CSICOP and actually learned about it via an episode of the X-Files!

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- >

> >HmMMM...

> >

> >I asked my sister about this - she's a real Doctor BTW. She said that

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> Do you mean by 'real doctor' ie. she has a PhD in a subject, or do you
> mean she is a physician?

Er - she treats people in hospitals day to day. She used to be in casualty

-

I'd trust her judgement any day! She's actually doing research as well - I think!

>

> >hypnosis is regarded as a dangerous fringe activity by many of her

> >colleagues.

>

> As I said, some are in denial, some are prejudiced, and some know no
> better; Hypnosis is a technique that has a scientific and medical
> foundation. When 'fringe' people indulge themselves in the use of a
> technique with which they put a subject at risk - that can be any aspect
> of risk from emotional upset to physical or mental distress depending on
> the situation - then it is dangerous. It can still be dangerous when
> used by medical practitioners, just as 99% of all medical techniques are
> themselves potentially dangerous - that goes with the biochemical
> territory and surgical activity, but the perception is that 'physicians'
> may be the 'safest pair of hands'. There is no evidence that this is
> correct. I know of no studies which have compared such techniques of
> intervention when used by medical against non-medical people who use
> them.

>

> >Eric Morris has come out totally against the use of hypnosis
> >having used it occasionally in the past - for reasons including the fact
> >that it was impossible to tell whether the witness was telling the
truth.

>

> That's the point I made in a previous e-mail; unless such techniques are
> considered for use to move forward in an investigation, or to confirm or
> introduce new evidence, they should not be considered; if the
> information obtained during 'regression sessions' cannot be verified
> it's of little use even if it may be true. It is easy to tell if the
> witness is truthful if the evidence can be verified materially or
> directly. The problems we have seen with such techniques used willy
> nilly by Quest etc. is that information obtained by such means has been
> taken as fact without any supporting evidence - that's ridiculous and
> has led to much conjecture about 'regression'.

I think the big problem here is an assumption that "the aliens" have
screened out
evidence of their dirty deeds. But if they're so advanced then why would
the "abductee" remember anything. What an illogical position.....

I do love the idea of checkable facts - because nobody has ever seen anybody being taken on board a spaceship - not even in the Walton case could this be verified. Maureen Puddy had her "experience" in her front room. She stayed put and claimed "abduction" in front of Australian UFO investigators.

Despite the US myth - that abductions follow a pattern, as argued by David Jacobs - Peter Brookesmith has indicated that the multiplicity of experiences argues against this belief. The Puddy case - and others reported to BUFORA and to me - is strong evidence that this is a mental state - not a case of abduction by greys.....

if there is any prejudice then it is support for the view that fiendish aliens are experimenting upon us. If you agree with that then you must support the various and dangerous corollaries; aliens are here for our DNA.

There just isn't any evidence!

>
> I was involved in research with 'hypnotherapy regression' some years ago
> involving several subjects with various disorders; the sessions were
> controlled by a very experienced hypnotherapist, myself and an
> immunologist assisted her. Although the information obtained was
> fascinating, it was not of a nature that would allow us to verify the
> facts so I was left unconvinced. The research was geared at the type of
> information produced as opposed to the validity of that info. so I did
> not expect too much. It is certainly true that a vivid imagination can
> affect the outcome. It is also true that, under the correct protocols,
> scientists have proved the validity of the technique by gaining
> substantially more accurate information during hypnosis than without -
> look at the recent press.

The recent press reminds me of the case involving Paul McKenna.....

>>
>> Haven't people with no "abduction" experience made up such an event
after
>> hypnosis?
>>
> I am sure they have; I read a few transcripts by 'regressionists' who
> had obtained abduction details from subjects and to a one they had used
> leading questions. Any such interviews must be done without any form of
> leading - just like a lawyer in court - or one puts ideas and words into
> the mouth of the subject. Prior contamination must also be identified

- > and, I repeat, only information which is supported by other direct
- > and/or material and/or circumstantial evidence should be considered
- > potentially useful.

Potentially useful - as long as it fits' into the US-created stereotype.

Speaking of supposed medical experts I note that John Mack was lucky to keep his job at Harvard after coming out with his abduction research.

His "research" was simply not up to the rigorous standards required.....

- >
- >>So are you saying that hypnosis doesn't implant false memories and what
- >>about those cases in the US?????
- >>
- > False memories can be planted either through hypnosis or by prior
- > 'impression' forming techniques. You can tell a child (and some
- > impressionable adults) facts about themselves that they had no
- > knowledge of with sufficient credibility and these may be recounted as
- > truth during any future interviews or sessions, whether under hypnosis
- > or not. That's life.

And this makes the use of hypnosis under such circumstances invalid.

- >
- > That is one 'danger' of any interview, not only under hypnosis, and it
- > has to be recognised as a potential 'side effect' of such techniques -
- > as any medical intervention has. One has to take it into consideration
- > when assessing results.
- >
- >>You say that hypnosis is a "potentially dangerous technique" - or is
- this
- >>only in the 'wrong hands'.
- >
- > It is a potentially dangerous technique, as is any intervention in
- > another's affairs, in any hands; some people will be more adept at this
- > than others, sensitivity and concern for the welfare of the subject
- > being paramount as opposed to any form of professional expertise.
- >>
- >>Whose are the 'right hands'.....?
- >>
- > Those trained in its use,

So does that include Robert La Mont and co??

- and who gain experience in the safe and
- > effective practice of the modality. I would not ask a medic to prescribe
 - > a homeopathic remedy, nor a spinal manipulation, nor an acupuncture
 - > session unless I was sure he/she was qualified and experienced in said
 - > forms of medical intervention; nor would I want a homeopath to prescribe

- > drugs. If I was to be regressed I would find someone recognised as
- > experienced in the techniques and having a recognised qualification in
- > either psychology or hypnotherapy, and most importantly, who I felt
- > comfortable allowing myself to be manipulated in such ways by. If that
- > person was medically qualified, and the other criteria were met, I would
- > be most comfortable.
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- > >BTW - when asked on a TV interview Alan Godfrey seems to have argued
- that
- > >there was some kind of a cover-up? Cover-up of what?
- >
- > I did not see the interview; nor do I know Godfrey, the fact he was a
- > police officer suggests he may have been of reasonable character -

No comment!!!!

- > though not always the case - so I do not know what 'cover-up' he spoke
- > of. Assuming he was 'abducted' during his shift (not sure but did he
- > not say that he was with another officer when they both saw a UFO? - who
- > would support his own story presumably) then there must have been
- > evidence that he went missing etc. If evidence was produced that was of
- > material value, and this was ignored or suppressed then he would have
- > presumed cover-up; he may KNOW that there was a cover-up. Best ask him.
- >
- > If there is additional evidence of some 'exotic' occurrence in addition
- > to any regression data, there is a case to explore. I haven't the facts
- > have you?

I've spoken to two people who interviewed him at length and investigated his case.

- >
- > I interviewed a police officer who, with three others, saw a UFO over
- > Wetherby about 20 years ago; he only reported to me as he was incensed
- > by sceptics on a radio program who said all UFO witnesses are deluded.

Well none of use agree with that.....

- > He was in the control room at midnight when a WPC banged on the door to
- > alert him about a 'saucer' they had chased towards York, handed over to
- > York Police, then chased it back as it followed the river to Wetherby
- > again in their squad car. The others would not comment but he did as he
- > was never interviewed by 'men who arrived from the MOD and told the
- > other 3 who were interviewed never to speak of the incident'. The three
- > were a sergeant, PC and WPC. The PC now works at Menwith Hill. I would
- > call that a 'cover-up'.

It's certainly of interest.

>>
>>Next you'll be telling me that Godfrey was a "trained observer" - when
>>there is no such thing.....I have little problem remembering things and
>>even if I didn't - perish the thought - there is NO way that I'd get
>>involved with hypnosis.
>>
> I don't know anything of Godfrey so can't tell whether he has developed
> his observation techniques; it is a prerequisite for good policing
> though not something always taken up. When I worked in criminal
> intelligence I was involved with much OP work, hence many photos and
> videos of targets, and did not necessarily see a target in the flesh
> before having to apprehend him or operate against him. Despite this one
> developed an exceptional ability to recognise targets from very limited
> data. People working on satellite and other surveillance maps develop a
> tremendous ability to see detail one may not normally see. I call all
> this 'becoming a trained observer' but depends on what one is trained to
> observe. As I said, it is incumbent on a police officer to develop
> observational abilities, it doesn't always happen.
>
>>Some people claim to give up smoking after hypnosis. Why not just give
up
>>anyway????
>>
> Having dealt with many people who wished to give up smoking I can state
> that as an addiction it is not an easy task for addicts to give up; nor
> is prozac, amitriptyline, vallium, heroin, crack- cocaine and opium.
> Nicotine is a drug, giving-up usually induces withdrawal. Many people
> testify to giving-up only through hypnosis, and having tried many and
> varied ways without success, and unless I have reason to disbelieve them
> I usually accept their word, after-all it was their experience.

It never cease to amaze me how stupid people are; why smoke or drink
excessively? I suppose 20 years in Ufology might drive you over the edge
though!

I never started so I never needed to give up. My Mum gave up 20 years ago
and she didn't need hypnosis or patches etc.....

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> Cheers
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> John.
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> >> Hi all
> >>
> >> Only one aspect of interest to add below, most of which I tend to
agree
> >> with, and that's the 'the use of hypnosis invalidates the Godfrey
case'
> >> statement - this has no basis in scientific fact.
> >>
> >> I know little of either Godfrey's complete statement or of the
> >> information obtained through 'hypnosis' but I do know that regression
> >> hypnosis has not been proven to be invalid.

>>>
>>> I think this point has to be made as I see many people are obsessed with
>>> damning a technique which has been used medically and non-medically to
>>> elicit FACT. Recent scientific research suggests that the use of
>>> 'hypnosis' enhances ones memory of events dramatically. The researchers
>>> found that subjects were able to substantially improve their recall of
>>> events when hypnotic techniques were used.
>>>
>>> To damn evidence that may be valid through prejudice or ill-conceived
>>> assumption rather than scientific argument is of no use investigatively.
>>> The evidence in Godfrey's case would have had to be considered as a
>>> whole - direct, material, circumstantial and 'hypnotically-induced' -
>>> with due consideration given to the probability of imagination and/or
>>> false memory syndrome etc.
>>>
>>> A moratorium on regression by BUFORA is commendable, no one wants
>>> witnesses subjected to naive intervention using potentially dangerous
>>> techniques of any kind - and one does not need to use hypnotic
>>> regression to induce false-memory and recall - but let's not condemn a
>>> modality that has shown itself to be very useful in the right hands.
>>>
>>> Matthews <matthews@zetnet.co.uk> writes
>>> >Dear All,
>>> >
>>> >having met Larry Warren and having had the guts to stand up to his
>>> >insane
>>> >rantings at the Liverpool BUFORA event in 1997 at which I was a
>>> >speaker
>>> >I
>>> >cannot believe that the utter tripe in his book is taken seriously.
He
>>> >was
>>> >at the base in 1980 - but then so were hundreds of others who
>>> >mysteriously
>>> >managed not to see or hear the triangular "UFO"/meteor/witches/earth
>>> >energies/ghosts/aliens/ET landing/flying saucer and everything else
that
>>> >didn't take place that night.
>>> >
>>> >My personal opinion of Warren, supported by his theatrics, is that he
>>> >has
>>> >some serious personal issues to resolve.....I have yet to meet
anyone
>>> >who
>>> >takes this man at all seriously.....(No doubt his "conclusions" are
>>> >something to do with the unfortunate legacy that mainstream modern
>>> >American

> >> >Ufology has left us - "aliens and conspiracies above all else".....)
> >> >
> >> >I am also concerned that James' Eastons excellent Rendlesham research
> >> >appears (I may be wrong of course) to have been somewhat overlooked.
> >> >
> >> >My view, having actually read all the material, and having visited
the
> >> >woods on various occasions (I can't afford an armchair - me being a
poor
> >> >grass roots non-Simon-and-Schuster-author-and-storyteller), is that
very
> >> >little of significance took place and I cannot see how a "craft"
could
> >have
> >> >landed in any case - having been to the woods.....Simply posing for
> >> >cameras and climbing fences, as some researchers are want to do, in
> >front
> >> >of disused military facilities, is not really research as I
understand
> >it!
> >> >(I don't mean Judith BTW!!!!)
> >> >
> >> >After all, I do have a friend who lived on converted base housing!
> >Perhaps
> >> >there are alien bodies buried there after all?
> >> >
> >> >I think Jenny Randles' talk at our 1998 Conference was very
enlightening
> >on
> >> >the subject of Rendlesham where she told the assembled masses about
her
> >> >serious doubts about some of the accepted wisdom and testimony.
Warren's
> >> >testimony seems to be at variance with everyone else's but people want
to
> >> >believe his rather conspiratorial view of the "events".
> >> >
> >> >I expect that Rendlesham Forest will continue to be a topic of
> >discussion
> >> >and perhaps it will be mentioned in Jenny's lecture on solving
important
> >> >UFO cases at our "Countdown to the Millennium" event in Southport on
Sat.
> >> >27th February. I look forward to meeting you all there!
> >> >
> >> >Tim X
> >> >
> >> >PS - the Todmorden/Godfrey case is totally invalid as a result of the
> >use
> >> >of hypnosis.....

> >> >
> >> >I quote from Timothy Bad's "Below Top Secret - The Worldwide UFO
Balls
> >Up",
> >> >page 81.
> >> >
> >> >"Later it transpired that he had experienced a peculiar time-lapse,
AND
> >> >DURING SEVERAL HYPNOTIC REGRESSION SESSIONS he came out
with a
bizarre
> >> >story of having been taken on board a craft."
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> >> >
> >> >It is a fact of life that, IF 'abduction' is occurring - a large
body
> >> of circumstantial evidence supports this possibility despite
alternative
> >> opinion - and 'abductees' generally report loss of memory of related
> >> events, the only means at present understood as having potential for
> >> recovering those memories are either through hypnosis and related
> >> modalities or a gradual return of memory as nature takes it's course.
It
> >> is also widely accepted that extreme trauma can inhibit memory,
probably
> >> for self-preservation. 'Regression techniques', safely and properly
> >> administered, are possibly the only means of inducing early return of
> >> memory recovery at this time.
> >> >
> >> Ipsa facto, if one is not prepared to consider such techniques to
> >> develop a case investigation where the modality may be the only way to
> >> move forward, then one will reach the conclusion one expects (and a
> >> self-fulfilling prophesy) - that 'abduction' does not occur. Is that
> >> scientific?
> >> >
> >> Regards
> >> >
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> >Y'all,

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> Judith's reply to Robert is probably the only serious and

> constructive piece of ufo debate I've seen

> in UK email circles for weeks. Could peace be breaking out at

> last?

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> I'll go for this discussion.....

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> I agree that 'on the ground' investigation is essential Judith, but never

> discount

> the relevance of musing from the Armchair - some of the most difficult

> cases

> have been cracked whilst drifting into the fabric.

>

> *****and some of the most preposterous, reductionist
theories

> formulated !!

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> As regards Rendlesham, I haven't been (though intend to do so as part of

> research

> for a book I and others have just secured a contract for) so what people

> say is both

> intriguing and baffling.

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> >1) THE ORFORD NESS LIGHTHOUSE CANNOT BE

> >IMPLICATED IN ANY UFO SIGHTING OR LANDING. If you visit the area

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> This way well be the case - but then why have former Rendlesham devotee

> James Easton,

> Jenny Randles and

> Ian Ridpath, who have all been to the area, stuck to their belief that

the

> lighthouse
> and lightship *were* responsible.
>
> *****Beats me, Andy. Jenny, I believe, has flirted with several
> theories over the years, and as far as I'm aware leans towards
terrestrial
> technology at the moment (but I may be wrong on that one). I myself
> consider this to be a front - runner in the "sensible solutions" stakes.
As
> has been noted by Stan Conway, the Huffman, Texas incident took place
about
> 8 hrs. later, also involving a diamond/conical shaped object with red
light
> on top - plenty of time for something to have been escorted across the
> Atlantic, something which would appear to have been emitting or leaking
> significant amounts of radiation, much to the cost of Betty Cash and
Vicky
> Landrum. Just a thought.
>
> It might be interesting to note here something that I came across in the
> PRO over a year ago. All the obvious UFO files had already been pulled by
> various researchers, so I opted for a lateral approach and homed in on a
> report on Orfordness. It was massive and I only managed to take a rather
> cursory look, but what I found certainly gave me food for thought. First
of
> all, Bentwaters/ Woodbridge was part of the experimentation that was
going
> on at Orfordness i.e. project "Cobra Mist"(amongst others), working on
the
> development of over - the - horizon radar. Questions had been asked by
MPs
> and in Parliament about what was going on, and the MOD had issued
> instructions that the lie that they were only experimenting with
sound-wave
> propagation must be adhered to at all times, even to Ministers. This lie
> may have had something to do with the fact that the military were
becoming
> increasingly concerned that their experimentation with microwaves was
> causing shipping in the Suffolk coastal area to blow-up ! If questioned
> about this, military personnel were instructed to say that the cause of
> these mysterious explosions was sparks igniting empty fuel tanks.
> Interesting, since this was exactly the same excuse that was used when
that
> civilian airliner came down a few years back just outside New York,
> although witnesses said they had seen something like a missile whizzing
> along just before the explosion.
>
> Allegedly, "Cobra Mist" was closed down around 1970 for lack of
government
> funding, but some further research by Richard Conway has shown that it

> actually continued under another name "Cold Shadow"(I think that's right),
> under the leadership of guess who ?..... none other than our
> old friend Ralph Noyes. (check with Richard for details). The files on
this
> are still classified under the 30yr rule.
>
> And now here's something really interesting. In the Orfordness/Cobra Mist
> file I came upon a memo from the head of the MOD to a top official in the
> Pentagon. I don't have the photo copy I made to hand (I passed all this
to
> Richard), but I believe it was from 1968 or thereabouts. It "requested"
in
> rather unequivocal terms that the Americans desist from engaging in
secret
> research and experimentation from their bases in Suffolk
> (Woodbridge/Bentwaters), research to which the British were not party,
and
> to which no official British Government sanction had been given. This had
> been brought to light by a leak in security at the American bases, and
the
> British authorities were mightily displeased. What sort of research this
> was I never discovered, but it leads one to wonder just what was going on
> in rural Suffolk. Whether this could be connected to subsequent events at
> Rendlesham Forest and other strange events in the area (Shingle Street ?
)
> I do not know, but it's worth a ponder.

One thing is quite clear. The Americans can do what they like and there's
nothing
the British government can do about it. They've actually funded some of our
advanced
technology projects and in certain cases the UK govt has complained only
for the US
to carry on regardless. For instance the SR-71 actually landed here in 1973
before
it was supposed to.

The cobra mist thing is interesting because I think (off the top of my
head) that it
has something to do with over-the-horizon radar. Now wasn't Project
Aquarius to do with
OTHR? Think so but must check.

PS - that's the real Aquarius - not the fake Ufological one!!!

Unfortunately I'm not sure that we can make any link between things that
were going on over
10 years before but it might be worth doing a little more digging on this.

One thing occurred to me. Instead of pissing about at the PRO why not submit some detailed FOIA requests. These are often successful but you have to ask detailed and factual questions; the various US govt agencies won't let you engage in a general trawl for info....

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> >Because of the intervening coastal ridge, the powerful horizontal beam of
of
> the lighthouse is
> > completely cut off to those viewing it >from a low position on land,
thus
> THE BEAM FROM THE LIGHTHOUSE DOES NOT >PENETRATE THE
FOREST AT ALL.
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> *****The only further comment I have on this is to say that if a
> whole contingent of American military mistook the lighthouse for a UFO
then
> they must have been high, both literally and figuratively, way up above
the
> trees, and under the influence of tons of magic mushrooms or such like!
Now
> there's a thought for you.

I don't think you should joke about this!! Having met US soldiers I suspect that almost anything is possible - especially at Xmas!

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>
> >2) As to the meteor theory, I personally don't believe that this even
> holds water. We saw many meteors that night, literally >hundreds, high up
> in the atmosphere, and they were beautiful to behold, whilst keeping a
> respectful distance !
>
> Never discount meteors! As I found in the Berwyn case there can be
> nights when the universe goes meteor-bonkers- crazy. Have *thorough*
checks
> been done with astronomical associations, the bolide society in
> Cornwall and the BGS in Edinburgh?
>
> *****I don't know, but I would have thought that respected researchers
> who have written books on the subject and advanced this theory as a
> solution to the event should have done so. I haven't heard that this is
the

- > case, although please correct me if I'm wrong. And how does this get round
- > the alleged fact that something was seen on more than one night ?

I do hope we're not starting to take Margaret Fry seriously.....

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- > >Granted they were all traveling in a roughly E.- W. direction and it is a
- > possibility that one
- > >could drop from a decaying orbit, hit the earth's atmosphere, burn up and
- > come in to
- > >land over the coast of Suffolk . But wouldn't that be seen for exactly
- > what it was, even by American airmen ?
- >
- > No it wouldn't - or not necessarily. The ufological literature
- > is littered with many cases where meteors have been misperceived - often
- by
- > multiple
- > witnesses - and seen as UFOs. Just because whatever it was was seen by
- > airmen means nothing. There is no such thing as an entirely 'credible'
- > witness.
- >
- > *****Tch, tch, Andy. I'm surprised. You missed the point. My sarcasm
- was
- > lost on you. Read it again. I am well aware that there is no such thing
- as
- > a trained observer when it comes to strange things in the skies. I have
- > pointed this out a hundred times to media people who like to throw up
- > policemen and military as being somehow more qualified than the rest of
- us
- > to distinguish between a "real" UFO and an "unreal" one. Not so. All of
- us
- > are rather poor observers, and we UFOlogists have just got to work within
- > those parameters.

Exactly!

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- > Low in the atmosphere, just before collision, it would be seen as an
- > orange/yellow ball
- > >of fire with a tail. It would make a tremendous rushing noise (enough to
- > waken people
- > >from their sleep), leave a trail of destruction in the treetops (first
- > point of impact),
- > >gouge out a tract of land and leave an appreciable crater commensurate

> with its mass. I don't
> >think this tallies with the description given by any of the witnesses,
and
> if it were indeed
> >a meteorite impact, why all the mystery and stories of UFOs? Is it
likely
> that a meteor
> > would fall to earth, two or three nights running, in the same place?
>
> Not necessarily Judith! What colour a meteor is seen as is dependent
> on several factors; what the composition of the meteor is will cause
> different colours to be seen and all colours have been recorded.
> Noise etc is entirely dependent on height (and wind direction) and how
can
> a witness
> accurately judge that? What looks near can be far and vice versa.
> As nothing has ever been *proved* to land at Rendlesham it is specious
> to argue the likelihood of whether an unproved anything did anything at
> all on 2-3 nights running. Sorry to be difficult but you've got to think
> these
> things through!
>
> *****No, you're not being difficult, and believe you me I do think
> things through before I make any statement, ufological or otherwise. You
> should know that more than most.
>
> I am aware that meteors can burn up in all different colours (I myself
> have witnessed a brilliant electric blue shower), but these colours are
> normally seen when burning high up in the atmosphere, forty to eighty
miles
> up. If a meteor is sufficiently large to make it to earth without total
> burn-out, the outer particles which give rise to these brilliant colours
> have been burnt - off, leaving a core which is much more likely to
resemble
> a conventional ball of fire(colour-wise). But by far the most important
> factor in determining whether we are dealing with a meteor, and
> distinguishing it from space-debris re-entry (which has also been
> postulated in this case) is the duration of the sighting. 80% of meteors
> which have been misidentified as UFOs have had a viewing duration of less
> than 10 seconds, and 50% less than five seconds, with bolides being
visible
> for only slightly longer. It would have come and gone in less time than
> Col. Halt would have taken to get out of his pyjamas. If it was a
bright
> fireball meteor that gave rise to the initial sighting, then what were
they
> chasing through the woods? A mirage ? And don'tell me THE LIGHTHOUSE,
> please !
>
> Nothing has ever been proven about anything to do with UFOlogy, Andy. If

> you're going to suggest that nothing actually happened at Bentwaters then
> theories about lighthouses, meteors, secret craft, flying saucers etc are
> all as invalid as each other . There comes a time, Andy, even in your
life,
> when the weight of witness testimony, however inconvenient it might be,
> must make some things more LIKELY than others. If we didn't have
witnesses,
> however unreliable they might be, we wouldn't have a phenomenon to
discuss,
> and we'd all be out of a job. The fact that Charles Halt and a whole lot
of
> men, including the British police, were out in the woods that night(s),
> that they tape-recorded the proceedings and sent an official memo to the
> MOD and the Pentagon, that they had arc-lights and video cameras, that
two
> men went missing for four hours and were found in a state of fear, that
> there was tree damage and higher than normal radiation readings would
> suggest to me that SOMETHING out of the ordinary was going on. And if
there
> wasn't, what would be the point in perpetrating such a hoax? Even if you
> totally discount Larry Warren's testimony, there's plenty of other
evidence
> to go on.
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> >And if it had just passed over and
> >ditched somewhere in the Atlantic, why was a five mile diameter
exclusion
> zone
> > imposed by the authorities as attested to by local residents? One man
> living near
> > Capel Green was refused permission by the police to leave his home.
>
> Again, problems. Air Exclusion zones are imposed for a variety of
reasons.
> Look at the recent Howden Moors case for example.
> As for people saying they were refused permisison to leave their homes, I
> hate
> to be picky but how do we know this is fact? If it is fact how do we know
> the guy has got his dates correct and isn't remembering a completely
> different event? These are perfectly valid sceptical questions.
>
> *****This was not an air-exclusion zone, but a ground one (there may
> have been an air one also).
> The witness volunteered this information to a researcher (I know the
> location of the witness house), who was surprised to find himself told to
> remain at home by, I believe(but I'd have to re-check this) local
> policemen. There had been an "incident". He said it was during the period
> in question, and you either believe him, or you don't. There's not much
> more to be said.

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> >No, something was seen in Rendlesham Forest at that time, and it wasn't
> the
> > Orfordness Lighthouse, nor was it a meteor, but that doesn't mean it
was
> a flying saucer.
>
> You can't state that as an article of *fact* Judith - the 'evidence'
> is so tenuous that it must still be *belief*.
>
> *****Okay, I can't state that as a fact, but I would say it goes beyond
> mere belief, more a probability or a likelihood.
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> >After some further digging around, it became very clear that anomalous
> goings-on in the forest were nothing new - this part of >England has been
> at the heart of paranormal and occult activity for centuries. The
> witch-craze of the 16th and 17th centuries >produced more "convictions"
> in Essex and Suffolk than in any other counties in Britain, and gave
birth
> to that monstrously >fascinating character Matthew Hopkins.
>
> The witch-craze connection is entirely erroneous as it was purely
> persecution,
> no 'witchcraft' was ever found. The fact that higher convictions were
> secured is probably just down to malicious judges.
>
> *****On this point I must disagree. Granted there were malicious,
> misogynistic judges who used this hysteria as an excuse to disempower
> women, most of whom (possibly all) were entirely innocent of any
> wrong-doing. But don't make the mistake of believing that such things as
> witch-craft and sorcery do not exist. They are being practised in this
> country today, as they were yesterday and will be tomorrow, and in every
> country of the world. They are real.
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>
> Is Matthew Hopkins related to Matthew Williams?
> Both seem to have made some bad decisions about the nature of so-called
> anomalous phenomena ;-)
> Both are 'monstrously fascinating'!
>
> Oh, come on, Andy. That's not very nice. Matthew's ideas about the nature
> of anomalous phenomena are no worse or better than yours or mine, just
> different perhaps.
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> >On one of my earlier trips to Bentwaters, I discovered what appeared to
be

> a
>> ritually slaughtered and laid-out chicken, only just beginning to
> decompose
>>, deep in an underground tunnel under the runway. This tunnel, it turned
> out, had
>> been blocked off at both ends (another story) and could only be
accessed
>> through manholes in the runway. Who put that chicken down there, and
for
> what
>> purpose? I don't mind telling you its discovery unnerved me. Several
> other ritual
>> sites have been found in the forest by Essex researchers, mostly
> comprising
>> pentagrams, bones and animal feathers.
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> 'Ritual' activity - invariably carried out by people with serious mental
> health problems - is discovered in all areas on a regular basis. No big
> deal. Except for the chicken.
>
> *****Not true. Rituals are carried out by all manner of sane and
sensible
> people from all cultures of the world. They may be using a different
> methodology and working to a different agenda than you and I, that's all.
> That doesn't mean that mentally ill people don't use sorcery as well, or
> try to. There are some seriously impaired people working within ufology -
> does that mean that we're all looney-tunes? Don't answer that.
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>>Richard Conway has discovered that UFO sightings around Woodbridge go
back
> at
>>least to pre-war years, before the bases were built, and has unearthed
> (not literally)
>> one elderly woman who sighted a large triangle there in the forties.
>>These sightings continue up to the present day, and I am kept informed
of
> any local
>> anomalous events by members of my own family who live in Woodbridge,
and
> who
>>actually had their own quite inexplicable sighting in the 70s while
living
> in nearby Eyke.
>>The Essex UFO Group make regular nocturnal incursions into Rendlesham
> Forest, and
>> they have some amazing stories to tell, stories that wouldn't be out of
> place in a John Keel

> > narrative. We move deeper and deeper into the realms of the paranormal
> here, supporting
> > my long-held belief that UFOlogy should not be studied as a discrete
> subject, but within
> > the parameters of paranormal research as a whole. A story is just a
> story, I hear you say
> > and obviously I cannot vouch for the authenticity of any of the group's
> encounters, as I was
> > not myself a witness, but I can vouch for their dedication and
sincerity,
> and their commitment to field research.
>
> All very interesting - 'window area' phenomena is fascinating but does it
> actually
> *point* to anything? I have this theory that if you took any area of the
> English
> landscape you would find (if you looked hard enough) more or less the
same
> amount of
> folklore/strange phenomena etc in each one, over time.
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> *****Yes, it most certainly does point to something, to me at any rate.
It
> suggests that certain places and even certain conditions can facilitate
an
> alteration of consciousness , wherein lie alternate realities, a
connection
> to a matrix where what you imagine becomes as real as anything else.
> Creation in constant motion. There are other ways of connecting, of
course,
> without having the bother of climbing through a window. And if that
sounds
> far-fetched, it's eminently more plausible than THE LIGHTHOUSE.
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> >With regard to Robert's "repeat" sightings mentioned above, on one of
> their many forays into
> >Tagham Woods they encountered an amber-coloured, triangular light/object
> which flitted with
> > amazing manoeuvrability through the trees, just above ground level and
> eluded all their efforts
> > to secure a closer look. It displayed a red pulsating light on the top
> apex, and eventually just "disappeared " into the forest.
> >Sound familiar ?
>
> Where's the photos/videos? - at whatever distance. If it was visible
enough
> to display the characteristics given above it was visible enough to

capture

> on

> film.

> Surely a UFO investigation group wouldn't go a-hunting without cameras?

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> *****Good point. They have provided me with drawings, but no pics. But

> then again, right from the beginning I got the impression that these people

> are not particularly interested in "proving" anything to anybody, and they

> make no attempt to publicise their activities. They do this sort of stuff

> for their own satisfaction and to find their own "truths", if that makes

> any sense to you. I know something that you do for exactly the same

> reasons, I suspect !!

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> It's my bet that if you send any UFO huntin' folk into a forest at night

> they will have

> 'experiences'. When it's a forest with a baaaad rep., like Rendlesham then

> the sky's the

> limit.

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> >I will not go into any of their other experiences here since they are not

> particularly relevant to

> > Robert's letter, but suffice it to say that they are quite amazing.

Would

> these types of manifestations

> > be seen by persistent observers in any forest at night , or is there

> something special about the

> >Rendlesham location? Indeed, do the observers have a crucial role to play

> in actually bringing

> > about the manifestations ? If you care to look, there's a whole lot more

> to Rendlesham Forest than meets the eye.

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> *****As a final thought, there's a whole lot more to everything than

> meets the eye. Just recently I've been reviewing my years involved with

> ufology (and ufologists) and have deemed it ultimately unsatisfying. We can

> log sightings, write-up witness reports, indulge in some pseudo-psychology,

> write articles and books and learned papers etc. etc. until the proverbial

> cows come home, and where does it get us ? Somewhere only slightly short of

> nowhere. We have no more concrete evidence of the close encounter/UFO as an

> ET phenomenon than we had in 1947,(but at least we know a lot more about
> IFOs and aviation technology) more confusion and even less understanding.
> Why ? Because I believe we are looking at it in the wrong way. We cannot
> make any great leap forward until we take a side-step first. I'm working
on
> it.

I think also because people are expecting some big answer or major
breakthrough which might never emerge. There are a few cases ONLY which
support the theory that strange human encounters might take place under a
variety of circumstances. The actual truth of the matter is that in terms
of the few percent of supposedly "unexplained" sightings the bulk of these
can be explained by military technology (and not just advanced aircraft
etc) and earthlights - which are probably more varied than we currently
suspect.

I still wonder whether anything can be "unexplained". "Difficult to
explain" maybe.....

Tim X

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The lighthouse is 1,730,000 Candelas today which gives it an approximate visible range of 25 miles UNINTERRUPTED. In December 1980 it was 7,500,000 Candelas which gave it 31 miles visible range UNINTERRUPTED. It is not possible to see the lighthouse today from the forest. It was not possible to see the lighthouse then according to people that have lived there since before 1980. The tree cover now is a shadow of what it was then due to the hurricane and it still not possible to see the lighthouse from the forest following the path which Halt took that night!!!! Halts testimony has changed 2-3 times since 1980. That is a FACT. Whilst lecturing in this country he has given times and locations which differ from his original conception of events. It is not clear that Halt and his 'men' were chasing the lighthouse. It is not clear who the complete party of men were. Nothing is clear. The testimony of many of the security police have changed over the years on numerous occasions. This is also a FACT. One of the few things that can be relied on is that there was substantial physical damage to trees and this was not near to where Halt and his party said that they were!

---Lynda Matthews <matthews@zetnet.co.uk> wrote:

>

> Having spoken to Jenny Randles various things become clear including the

> FACT that the lighthouse in use at the time was much brighter and that

> Halt's testimony clearly indicates that he was chasing the lights of the

> lighthouse through the forest.

>

> In addition, the area has changed a great deal and so current or recent

> comparisons mean little or nothing....

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> Tim X

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>> Subject: Re: Warning! - Danger of serious ufological debate!
>> Date: 31 January 1999 21:18
>>
>> On the point of the lighthouse....
>>
>> I have been there at night when the lighthouse has been active and
you
> can
>> see it for many many miles. As the fog grew in it was seen as an
errie
> light
>> of a set pattern and pulse so again would not be mistaken by those
who
> live
>> or work in the area. Guards on a base would often be staring into
the
>> darkness and have seen it - or asked others about it and been
given the
>> reason.
>>
>> The lighthouse from Bentwaters seems to arc across the sky like a
clock
> hand
>> going from 10 oclock to 2 oclock in the sky (arc degrees
equivalent that
>> is).
>>
>> This could in no way have led to Halt and a team leaving the base
under
>> those conditions.
>>
>> So it "must" have been something else of a much more impressive
nature.
>>
>> If this helps....
>>
>> Matthew
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>

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Hello All,

Received the latest Nick Pope newsletter this morning. 'Nick Pope's Weird World' it most certainly is!!

He actually had the gall to pull me up for complaining about the shoddy way in which TV companies, and Granada specifically (Yes, round three of the nightmare tonight folks!!) treat UFO researchers. They expect everything for nothing and suppose that you go weak at the knees when talking to one of their researchers.

In fact Mark Gorton of Granada - who is partly responsible for the awful rubbish that is "Origin Unknown" emailed a colleague of mine and in his defence could only argue that he had been TOLD to make the series "more alien" and that factual errors are "just TV"!!

I kid you not.

Yes, we at Lancashire UFO Society do alot of hard work - as do all you out

there. You know - buying books, subscribing to magazines and journals, making long phone calls, speaking to witnesses, visiting archives and attending Conferences. Do we get rich? Do we make a profit even?

No we don't.

We're not all in this for the money but fair remuneration for services rendered - ie; decent research - seems fair to me.

But Nick Pope thinks that there is a problem with this. Or so he claims in his latest sleepfest ezine effort.

How much were we asking for? £100 for providing Granada with six witnesses to triangle sightings, copies of reports, details of sightings, details on stealth programmes that have taken four years to get hold of. Not to mention having their researcher over to ours and spending time faxing and generally running about.

We didn't intend to spend it all at once! (Just in case you were wondering our good treasurer keeps my hands out of the money pot!!)

My view is that every TV company should pay a research fee - as they do to everyone else bar Ufologists it would seem - when we are helping them make a programme. Many groups already make such a legitimate demand and I would encourage everyone to do the same. BUFORA has done this in the past and it is to be hoped that the IUN will do so when it kicks into action.

Now let's get one thing straight. Pope is the man who asked, and was paid, no less than £1,000 for speaking at a Quest International Conference. He has been paid thousands for articles and appearances and is getting £100,000 for his so-called "technothriller" (!) "Operation Thunderchild".

Hypocrisy doesn't even come close!

So who is making money from who?

It's the UFO industry folks - it's business - it's nothing to do with effective and credible research!

This is what Nick 'The Millionaire' had to say;

"

The High Moral Ground (Not!)

A noted UFO "anorak" criticised the excellent new Grenada TV series Watch the Skies in a recent Internet post, stating that he and another UFO group had decided not to play any part in the project because they didn't agree with the angle which they felt the series was taking. Admirable, if true. Unfortunately for him, he let the cat out of the bag a few lines later, with a sniffy comment

about how Grenada weren't prepared to pay a "research fee".
Oh dear!"

The guy can't even spell Granada properly - or get the title of the
programme
correct!!!!!!

Sniffy?

Don't think so!

Yet again Pope's blown it but then I exposed the truth about his pre-Air
Staff 2A
"UFO close encounter" on a live TV programme!

No doubt he is getting worried about the many people asking him searching
questions about the gloss he has put on his career at the MOD and the fact
that in terms of anything of significance, for instance a joint UK-US
stealth
programme, he was left well and truly out of the loop.

A very junior civil servant indeed.

I'm not perfect, far from it, but my UFO research is aimed at one thing and
one thing
only; finding out the truth about man-made UFOs and investigating all local
UFO sightings
in Lancashire and elsewhere to the best of my ability.

If Nick wants to donate some of his stash to our noble efforts then we'd be
happy
to receive it. We might be able to pay the phone bill.

Tim Matthews - Lancashire UFO Society - working in the voluntary
sector.....with y'all....

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Hi Tim

Thanks for reply, a bit more to add to your response below:-]

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>> Hi Tim
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>> Thanks for the response:-
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>> In message <199902011259.MAA16270@irwell.zetnet.co.uk>, Lynda Matthews
>> <matthews@zetnet.co.uk> writes
>> >Hi All!!
>> >
>> >Very interesting; hypnosis is OK and it isn't OK? So which is it/isn't
>> >it.....
>> >
>> Hypnosis is a modality that has been used for at least 100 years in the
>> UK since introduction by Mesmer when it was known as Mesmerism.
>>
>> Hypnotherapy, as defined by the Oxford Dictionary, is 'the treatment of
>> disease by hypnotism'.
>>
>> The techniques involve from deep trance when the subject has no
>> immediate memory of their hypnotic session to mild trance when the
>> subject is fully aware of everything that occurs; both these extremes
>> have been used in 'regressing' subjects. To quote from arch sceptic Sue
>> Blackmore in her book 'Beyond the Body' page 183 "Nowadays hypnotism is
>> an accepted part of medicine and psychology" - that about sums it up.
>
>Yes, but NOT for "recovering" "lost" or hidden memories....

According to Professor John. F. Kihlstrom of Yale University, from a

paper he presented at the 75th annual meeting of the Association for Research in Nervous and Mental Disease, New York, December 1995....

.... "And in particular, hypnosis has been used by police investigators to enhance memory in witnesses and victims of crime; and by psychotherapists to exhume memories of incest, sexual abuse, and trauma" "... "Only three published studies have actually attempted to corroborate the memories reported by age-regressed subjects. These all yielded results favourable to hypnosis..." " For example , Reiser (1976), who has actively promoted the use of hypnosis by the Los Angeles Police Department, claims only that investigators who have used hypnosis have generally found it to be helpful...." "Sigmund Freud used hypnosis to elicit memories of childhood trauma from their hysterical patients..contemporary clinical practitioners are rarely able to obtain independent, objective corroboration of such reports (or for that matter rarely even bother to seek it) and I point out that uncorroborated memory reports are useless as scientific or clinical evidence about the historical past...."

>>

Kihlstrom is not really a supporter of the idea that regression hypnosis is of much benefit in memory retrieval, but as you can see from some of his statements (as opposed to his own opinions) he has to admit the reality that the technique has been widely used, by people who believe that it works, AND has been supported by research which tends to suggest it may be valid.

Int J Clin Exp Hypn 1997 Jan;45(1):55-68

'The effects of hypnosis, context reinstatement, and anxiety on eyewitness memory'

by Ready DJ, Bothwell RK, Brigham JC.

....None of the three techniques had a significant effect on factual memory or susceptibility to suggestion as assessed by true-false and multiple-choice tests. However participants high in hypnotic susceptibility showed somewhat better memory on the true-false tests, and hypnosis affected performance on the two photograph line-ups. In addition, hypnosis appeared to enhance facial recognition accuracy for participants who were low in anxiety, but not for those high in anxiety..."

>> >

>I do not know of any registered medical personnel who use hypnosis to
>> >recover memories and I'd really like to know which scientists have used
>> >hypnosis to 'improve recall' (?)

>>

>> I did not keep the article but it appeared only last week in the
>> National Press.

>>

>> By the way, psychology - a la Sue Blackmore - is not a 'medical'

>> science. Psychologists and Psychiatrists (who are medics) amongst
>> others use hypnotism.

>

>I don't really know about Sue Blackmore although I'm sure her input
>would be of interest.

>

>>

>> Let's not confuse 'medical' with 'knows everything about medicine' - the
>> two things are very mutually exclusive I can assure you and I do not
>> know any medics who would disagree with that point. Some of the most
>> hardened sceptics about anything they do not understand, despite more
>> than adequate scientific acceptability, are registered medical
>> personnel, it goes with the territory especially when asked to offer
>> opinions by patients. They are strapped by a system that dictates what
>> they are allowed to 'know'. Contrary to propaganda, their medicine is
>> largely not evidence-based, (about 80% is not), and Aussie Research
>> showed modern medicine to be the 3rd biggest killer after heart disease
>> and cancer, USA Research showed it to be the 4th after heart disease,
>> cancer and stroke; let's not confuse fact with opinion.

>

>But this has nothing to do with the sue of regression hypnosis to recover
>hidden memories....

No it is about 'registered medical practitioners', other than
psychiatrists, having little to do with, training in, experience of,
regression therapy techniques for obvious reasons - they are not drug or
surgery based.

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>> Surgical techniques have been carried out under hypnosis by medical
>> 'scientists' in various parts of the world. People, especially children,
>> are often hypnotised or hypnotherapy is used on them by trained dentists
>> prior to dental surgery. etc. etc.

>

>Maybe, but still not the point.

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>>

>> > given that I have read several articles in
>> >"New Scientist" by US academics studying the effects of hypnosis who
>> >actually argue that it is all kidology!

>> >

>> There are always the small number of sceptics who maintain the delusion
>> that anything they disagree with must be wrong or invalid; that's life.
>> I prefer to look at the overall scientific evidence and look objectively
>> at all situations, you can be sure they are in denial. New Scientist has
>> a record of sceptics editing; remember arch sceptic and long time editor
>> Bernard Dixon of CSICPS fame (UKs version of CSICOPS, the USA group
>> with The Amazing Randi etc.). In his book 'Dirty Medicine' Martin J.
>> walker describes CSICOP as practising 'scientific McCarthyism'.
>> Unfortunately it is easy to confuse scientific fact with many things
>> scientists say. I'm a scientist and I know of which I speak that is

>> opinion and that which currently is 'fact'.

>

>I don't support CSICOP and actually learned about it via an episode of
>the X-Files!

Not only was CSICOP derived from the American 'Humanist' association, it also has/had a strong membership link with the 'Eugenics Society' now called the Galton Society. Members such as Blackmore and Randi have been very vocal in the media against anything deemed paranormal and their 'believers/investigators'. Others, especially medical, can be linked to condemning anything with an alternative paradigm to their system and accepting financial support from pharmaceutical interests while so-doing; also to eugenics, the Wellcome and AIDS saga, and genetic engineering interests - for a 'pure bred' world (to use a Monsanto-related icon). Perhaps CSICOPS and our 'abductees' are not that divorced from each others' reality?

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>>

>> >Hmmm....

>> >

>> >I asked my sister about this - she's a real Doctor BTW. She said that

>>

>> Do you mean by 'real doctor' ie. she has a PhD in a subject, or do you
>> mean she is a physician?

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>Er - she treats people in hospitals day to day. She used to be in casualty

>-

>I'd trust her judgement any day! She's actually doing research as well - I

>

>think!

Although I respect your sister's professional ability I think our area of concern is out of her field of expertise. Perhaps you could convince me otherwise.

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>>

>> >hypnosis is regarded as a dangerous fringe activity by many of her

>> >colleagues.

>>

>> As I said, some are in denial, some are prejudiced, and some know no
>> better; Hypnosis is a technique that has a scientific and medical
>> foundation. When 'fringe' people indulge themselves in the use of a
>> technique with which they put a subject at risk - that can be any aspect
>> of risk from emotional upset to physical or mental distress depending on
>> the situation - then it is dangerous. It can still be dangerous when
>> used by medical practitioners, just as 99% of all medical techniques are
>> themselves potentially dangerous - that goes with the biochemical
>> territory and surgical activity, but the perception is that 'physicians'

>> may be the 'safest pair of hands'. There is no evidence that this is
>> correct. I know of no studies which have compared such techniques of
>> intervention when used by medical against non-medical people who use
>> them.

>>

>> >Eric Morris has come out totally against the use of hypnosis
>> >having used it occasionally in the past - for reasons including the fact
>> >that it was impossible to tell whether the witness was telling the
>truth.

>>

>> That's the point I made in a previous e-mail; unless such techniques are
>> considered for use to move forward in an investigation, or to confirm or
>> introduce new evidence, they should not be considered; if the
>> information obtained during 'regression sessions' cannot be verified
>> it's of little use even if it may be true. It is easy to tell if the
>> witness is truthful if the evidence can be verified materially or
>> directly. The problems we have seen with such techniques used willy
>> nilly by Quest etc. is that information obtained by such means has been
>> taken as fact without any supporting evidence - that's ridiculous and
>> has led to much conjecture about 'regression'.

>

>I think the big problem here is an assumption that "the aliens" have
>screened out
>evidence of their dirty deeds. But if they're so advanced then why would
>the "abductee" remember anything. What an illogical position.....

>

Perhaps they are meant to remember?

Perhaps the technique which removes memory temporarily is part of the
process - hypnotic amnesia is a well-known phenomenon, maybe abductees
are simply hypnotised - its a simple way to effect such a response in
humans.

Perhaps the anaesthesia induces the amnesia; it has been shown that post
anaesthetic memory recall declines within 36 hours:-

Philip M. Merikle, Dept of Psychology, Uni of Waterloo, Ontario and
Meredyth Danemann, Dept of Psychology, Erindale Coll, Uni of Toronto,
Ontario

'Memory for unconsciously perceived events: evidence from anaesthetised
patients'

"...however the overall pattern of results also indicates that evidence
of memory for specific information is more likely to be found when the
patients are tested as soon as possible following surgery, In fact, the
results of the meta-analysis show that when the memory tests are delayed
for 36 hrs following anaesthesia, there is no evidence of memory for
specific information..."

---this would suggest any 'Susp. abductees' ought to be interviewed
rapidly, especially for information recall of occurrences during any
'anaesthetised period'.

- >I do love the idea of checkable facts - because nobody has ever seen
- >anybody
- >being taken on board a spaceship - not even in the Walton case could this
- >be verified. Maureen Puddy had her "experience" in her front room. She
- >stayed
- >put and claimed "abduction" in front of Australian UFO investigators.
- >
- >Despite the US myth - that abductions follow a pattern, as argued by David
- >Jacobs -
- >Peter Brookesmith has indicated that the multiplicity of experiences argues
- >against this
- >belief.

If similar persons were abducting victims, one expects them to use similar craft, kit, etc. and to be of similar appearance - after all won't they all look the same to us??!

Therefore a similar M.O. may be expected in numerous cases, unless they are clones; one would expect some variation on the theme but basically similar proceedings/experiences.

Unfortunately we are then dealing with humans, and their idiosyncrasies one of which is the ability of different witnesses to the same or similar events to describe exactly the same scene/event an infinite number of ways! Einstein would call this "relative to the observer".

- > The Puddy case - and others reported to BUFORA and to me - is
- >strong evidence
- >that this is a mental state - not a case of abduction by greys.....

The Puddy case is a strong indication of The Puddy case.

- >
- >if there is any prejudice then it is support for the view that fiendish
- >aliens are
- >experimenting upon us.

I believe it's highly likely bearing in mind the extent to which we are rushing towards extinction - who else might restore life to this planet when we've expired? It's no different from the concept of humans attempting to prevent extinction of certain flora and fauna through scientific means - all you need is an intelligent alien race who've decided it's worth a try!

Man's sperm count is set to dry up in about 30 years at present rate. The GM escapes into local flora that have occurred recently present the strong likelihood of a doomsday scenario. - and I suppose you believe that AIDS passed from chimp to man via a sandwich!!

- >If you agree with that then you must support the

>various

>and dangerous corollaries; aliens are here for our DNA.

>

I don't 'support' any corollary, I develop each case on its merits taking into consideration all the facts at my disposal at the time, and having no axe to grind other than I and others should work objectively with no preconceived ideas.

>There just isn't any evidence!

'A man who's eyes are closed shall never see'.

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>> I was involved in research with 'hypnotherapy regression' some years ago
>> involving several subjects with various disorders; the sessions were
>> controlled by a very experienced hypnotherapist, myself and an
>> immunologist assisted her. Although the information obtained was
>> fascinating, it was not of a nature that would allow us to verify the
>> facts so I was left unconvinced. The research was geared at the type of
>> information produced as opposed to the validity of that info. so I did
>> not expect too much. It is certainly true that a vivid imagination can
>> affect the outcome. It is also true that, under the correct protocols,
>> scientists have proved the validity of the technique by gaining
>> substantially more accurate information during hypnosis than without -
>> look at the recent press.

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>The recent press reminds me of the case involving Paul McKenna.....

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I'm talking last week not last decade.

>> >

>> >Haven't people with no "abduction" experience made up such an event
>after
>> >hypnosis?

>> >

>> I am sure they have; I read a few transcripts by 'regressionists' who
>> had obtained abduction details from subjects and to a one they had used
>> leading questions. Any such interviews must done without any form of
>> leading - just like a lawyer in court - or one puts ideas and words into
>> the mouth of the subject. Prior contamination must also be identified
>> and, I repeat, only information which is supported by other direct
>> and/or material and/or circumstantial evidence should be considered
>> potentially useful.

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>Potentially useful - as long as it fits' into the US-created stereotype.

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>Speaking of supposed medical experts I note that John Mack was lucky
>to keep his job at Harvard after coming out with his abduction research.

>

>His "research" was simply not up to the rigorous standards required.....

His research was rigorous, his detractors are in denial as the revelations - whether true or false - spoil their comfy little world.

Any scientist who supports UFO work must 'lose credibility', that's one reason why they stay clear.

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>> >So are you saying that hypnosis doesn't implant false memories and what

>> >about those cases in the US?????

>> >

>> False memories can be planted either through hypnosis or by prior

>> 'impression' forming techniques. You can tell a child (and some

>> impressionable adults) facts about themselves that they had no

>> knowledge of with sufficient credibility and these may be recounted as

>> truth during any future interviews or sessions, whether under hypnosis

>> or not. That's life.

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>And this makes the use of hypnosis under such circumstances invalid.

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No, this makes the use of hypnosis under such circumstances a modality which requires rigorous standards of provision.

In the Supreme Court of British Columbia a case REGINA v CARRIE SAVOY, Nov 18th and 19th 1997; it was ruled that evidence produced by regression hypnosis may be admitted if the following guidelines were followed:-

1. The person conducting the interview should be a qualified professional with training in the use of hypnosis and expertise in psychiatry and clinical psychology.
2. The hypnotist (H) must be independent of the party requiring services
3. The H must be given only minimum amount of info. necessary to conduct interview.
4. The entire interview between H and witness should be recorded
5. Only the H and subject must be present at that interview; if any party needs to watch this has to be arranged via CCTV or other mechanism
5. Prior to hypnosis, the H should conduct a lengthy interview of the subject to ascertain medical history, present/past use of drugs, and judgement and intelligence of subject evaluated.
- 6 Prior to hypnosis, the H should elicit from the subject a detailed description of the facts surrounding the subject matter of the hypnosis session as the subject is able to recall them at that point in time.
7. The H should pay careful attention to the form and manner of questions - the choice of words and avoidance of body language so that he is not either intentionally or inadvertently providing the subject with info.

These rules are self-explanatory and take into consideration important facts such as - once the hypnosis session has elicited facts, whether or

not those facts are true they are likely to become permanent memory for the witness. Hence a full interview to elicit any facts recalled must occur prior to hypnosis for later comparison. No leading questions or body language etc. to be given

They then realised that even these rules would not be fair to the Defence as it presented a problem of the inability of the Opposition to cross-examine the witness with original pre-hypnosis memory - no matter whether it is true or false. This was a court of law. In our case we do not face that problem, there is no requirement for cross-examination as such, and hence the guidelines would be deemed sufficient.

>>

>> That is one 'danger' of any interview, not only under hypnosis, and it >> has to be recognised as a potential 'side effect' of such techniques - >> as any medical intervention has. One has to take it into consideration >> when assessing results.

>>

>> >You say that hypnosis is a "potentially dangerous technique" - or is >this

>> >only in the 'wrong hands'.

>>

>> It is a potentially dangerous technique, as is any intervention in >> another's affairs, in any hands; some people will be more adept at this >> than others, sensitivity and concern for the welfare of the subject >> being paramount as opposed to any form of professional expertise.

>> >

>> >Whose are the 'right hands'.....?

>> >

>> Those trained in its use,

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>So does that include Robert La Mont and co??

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>and who gain experience in the safe and

>> effective practice of the modality. I would not ask a medic to prescribe >> a homeopathic remedy, nor a spinal manipulation, nor an acupuncture >> session unless I was sure he/she was qualified and experienced in said >> forms of medical intervention; nor would I want a homeopath to prescribe >> drugs. If I was to be regressed I would find someone recognised as >> experienced in the techniques and having a recognised qualification in >> either psychology or hypnotherapy, and most importantly, who I felt >> comfortable allowing myself to be manipulated in such ways by. If that >> person was medically qualified, and the other criteria were met, I would >> be most comfortable.

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>> >BTW - when asked on a TV interview Alan Godfrey seems to have argued

>that

>> >there was some kind of a cover-up? Cover-up of what?

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>> I did not see the interview; nor do I know Godfrey, the fact he was a
>> police officer suggests he may have been of reasonable character -
>
>No comment!!!!
>
>> though not always the case - so I do not know what 'cover-up' he spoke
>> of. Assuming he was 'abducted' during his shift (not sure but did he
>> not say that he was with another officer when they both saw a UFO? - who
>> would support his own story presumably) then there must have been
>> evidence that he went missing etc. If evidence was produced that was of
>> material value, and this was ignored or suppressed then he would have
>> presumed cover-up; he may KNOW that there was a cover-up. Best ask him.
>>
>> If there is additional evidence of some 'exotic' occurrence in addition
>> to any regression data, there is a case to explore. I haven't the facts
>> have you?
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>I've spoken to two people who interviewed him at length and investigated
>his
>case.
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>> I interviewed a police officer who, with three others, saw a UFO over
>> Wetherby about 20 years ago; he only reported to me as he was incensed
>> by sceptics on a radio program who said all UFO witnesses are deluded.
>
>Well none of use agree with that.....
>
>> He was in the control room at midnight when a WPC banged on the door to
>> alert him about a 'saucer' they had chased towards York, handed over to
>> York Police, then chased it back as it followed the river to Wetherby
>> again in their squad car. The others would not comment but he did as he
>> was never interviewed by 'men who arrived from the MOD and told the
>> other 3 who were interviewed never to speak of the incident'. The three
>> were a sergeant, PC and WPC. The PC now works at Menwith Hill. I would
>> call that a 'cover-up'.
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>It's certainly of interest.
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>> >
>> >Next you'll be telling me that Godfrey was a "trained observer" - when
>> >there is no such thing.....I have little problem remembering things and
>> >even if I didn't - perish the thought - there is NO way that I'd get
>> >involved with hypnosis.
>> >
>> I don't know anything of Godfrey so can't tell whether he has developed
>> his observation techniques; it is a prerequisite for good policing
>> though not something always taken up. When I worked in criminal
>> intelligence I was involved with much OP work, hence many photos and
>> videos of targets, and did not necessarily see a target in the flesh

>> before having to apprehend him or operate against him. Despite this one
>> developed an exceptional ability to recognise targets from very limited
>> data. People working on satellite and other surveillance maps develop a
>> tremendous ability to see detail one may not normally see. I call all
>> this 'becoming a trained observer' but depends on what one is trained to
>> observe. As I said, it is incumbent on a police officer to develop
>> observational abilities, it doesn't always happen.

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>> >Some people claim to give up smoking after hypnosis. Why not just give
>up

>> >anyway????

>> >

>> Having dealt with many people who wished to give up smoking I can state
>> that as an addiction it is not an easy task for addicts to give up; nor
>> is prozac, amitriptyline, vallium, heroin, crack- cocaine and opium.
>> Nicotine is a drug, giving-up usually induces withdrawal. Many people
>> testify to giving-up only through hypnosis, and having tried many and
>> varied ways without success, and unless I have reason to disbelieve them
>> I usually accept their word, after-all it was their experience.

>

>It never cease to amaze me how stupid people are; why smoke or drink
>excessively? I suppose 20 years in Ufology might drive you over the edge
>though!

As a police officer I often saw kids who had started cos' their folks or
peers did - impressionable.

It was also the case, and no doubt still is, that kids who had no
interest in 'harder' drugs were still seen as easy target if they smoked
because it was easy to hook them by lacing their cigarettes with a drug
or by giving them freebie cigs already laced. Those kids then tended to
buy their supply of cigarettes from the source whose 'brand' tasted
best!

We're now seeing 'date rape' via designer drugs.

You don't always avoid the worst, especially if you're targeted for it.

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>I never started so I never needed to give up. My Mum gave up 20 years ago
>and she didn't need hypnosis or patches etc.....

So did my parents. I indulged at about 13 years old then thought better
of it, and they tasted foul. Mates carried on and still do.

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>> Cheers

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>> >>> Hi all
>> >>>
>> >>> Only one aspect of interest to add below, most of which I tend to
>> >>agree
>> >>> with, and that's the 'the use of hypnosis invalidates the Godfrey

>case'
>>> statement - this has no basis in scientific fact.
>>>
>>> I know little of either Godfrey's complete statement or of the
>>> information obtained through 'hypnosis' but I do know that regression
>>> hypnosis has not been proven to be invalid.
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>>> I think this point has to be made as I see many people are obsessed
>with
>>> damning a technique which has been used medically and non-medically to
>>> elicit FACT. Recent scientific research suggests that the use of
>>> 'hypnosis' enhances ones memory of events dramatically. The
>researchers
>>> found that subjects were able to substantially improve their recall of
>>> events when hypnotic techniques were used.
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>>> To damn evidence that may be valid through prejudice or ill-conceived
>>> assumption rather than scientific argument is of no use
>investigatively.
>>> The evidence in Godfrey's case would have had to be considered as a
>>> whole - direct, material, circumstantial and 'hypnotically-induced' -
>>> with due consideration given to the probability of imagination and/or
>>> false memory syndrome etc.
>>>
>>> A moratorium on regression by BUFORA is commendable, no one wants
>>> witnesses subjected to naive intervention using potentially dangerous
>>> techniques of any kind - and one does not need to use hypnotic
>>> regression to induce false-memory and recall - but let's not condemn a
>>> modality that has shown itself to be very useful in the right hands.
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>>> Matthews <matthews@zetnet.co.uk> writes
>>> >Dear All,
>>> >
>>> >having met Larry Warren and having had the guts to stand up to his
>>> >insane
>>> >rantings at the Liverpool BUFORA event in 1997 at which I was a
>speaker
>>> I
>>> >cannot believe that the utter tripe in his book is taken seriously.
>He
>>> >was
>>> >at the base in 1980 - but then so were hundreds of others who
>>> >mysteriously
>>> >managed not to see or hear the triangular "UFO"/meteor/witches/earth
>>> >energies/ghosts/aliens/ET landing/flying saucer and everything else
>that
>>> >didn't take place that night.
>>> >
>>> >My personal opinion of Warren, supported by his theatrics, is that he
>>> >has

>> >> >some serious personal issues to resolve.....I have yet to meet
>anyone
>> >who
>> >> >takes this man at all seriously.....(No doubt his "conclusions" are
>> >> >something to do with the unfortunate legacy that mainstream modern
>> >American
>> >> >Ufology has left us - "aliens and conspiracies above all else".....)
>> >> >
>> >> >I am also concerned that James' Eastons excellent Rendlesham research
>> >> >appears (I may be wrong of course) to have been somewhat overlooked.
>> >> >
>> >> >My view, having actually read all the material, and having visited
>the
>> >> >woods on various occasions (I can't afford an armchair - me being a
>poor
>> >> >grass roots non-Simon-and-Schuster-author-and-storyteller), is that
>very
>> >> >little of significance took place and I cannot see how a "craft"
>could
>> >have
>> >> >landed in any case - having been to the woods.....Simply posing for
>> >> >cameras and climbing fences, as some researchers are want to do, in
>> >front
>> >> >of disused military facilities, is not really research as I
>understand
>> >it!
>> >> >(I don't mean Judith BTW!!!!)
>> >> >
>> >> >After all, I do have a friend who lived on converted base housing!
>> >Perhaps
>> >> >there are alien bodies buried there after all?
>> >> >
>> >> >I think Jenny Randles' talk at our 1998 Conference was very
>enlightening
>> >on
>> >> >the subject of Rendlesham where she told the assembled masses about
>her
>> >> >serious doubts about some of the accepted wisdom and testimony.
>Warren's
>> >> >testimony seems to be at variance with everyone elses but people want
>to
>> >> >believe his rather conspiratorial view of the "events".
>> >> >
>> >> >I expect that Rendlesham Forest will continue to be a topic of
>> >discussion
>> >> >and perhaps it will be mentioned in Jenny's lecture on solving
>important
>> >> >UFO cases at our "Countdown to the Millenium" event in Southport on
>Sat.
>> >> >27th February. I look forward to meeting you all there!

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>>>>>Tim X
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>>>>>PS - the Todmorden/Godfrey case is totally invalid as a result of the
>>>use
>>>>>of hypnosis.....
>>>>>
>>>>>I quote from Timothy Bad's "Below Top Secret - The Worldwide UFO
>Balls
>>>Up",
>>>>>page 81.
>>>>>
>>>>>"Later it transpired that he had experienced a peculiar time-lapse,
>AND
>>>>>DURING SEVERAL HYPNOTIC REGRESSION SESSIONS he came out
>with a
>bizarre
>>>>>story of having been taken on board a craft."
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>>>>>>It is a fact of life that, IF 'abduction' is occurring - a large
>body
>>>>>of circumstantial evidence supports this possibility despite
>alternative
>>>>>opinion - and 'abductees' generally report loss of memory of related
>>>>>events, the only means at present understood as having potential for
>>>>>recovering those memories are either through hypnosis and related
>>>>>modalities or a gradual return of memory as nature takes it's course.
>It
>>>>>is also widely accepted that extreme trauma can inhibit memory,
>probably
>>>>>for self-preservation. 'Regression techniques', safely and properly
>>>>>administered, are possibly the only means of inducing early return of
>>>>>memory recovery at this time.
>>>>>
>>>>>Ipso facto, if one is not prepared to consider such techniques to
>>>>>develop a case investigation where the modality may be the only way to
>>>>>move forward, then one will reach the conclusion one expects (and a
>>>>>self-fulfilling prophesy) - that 'abduction' does not occur. Is that
>>>>>scientific?
>>>>>
>>>>>Regards
>>>>>
>>>>>John.
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>"I am also sure Ian Ridpath (who has also visited the site on several occasions) would also vocally disagree with Ms. Jaafar to the extent the lighthouse played (or didn't play) in the first night's events!"<

You bet! We *know* that the airmen went chasing the lighthouse on the first night, because two of them said so in their witness statements which James Easton very resourcefully uncovered from the CAUS files (which, of course, no UFO believer ever bothered to do).

We also know that the local police who were called to the location on the first night said that the only light they could see was from the Orford Ness lighthouse. This was an independent eyewitness account that the UFO believers never managed to track down, and which many of them have also conveniently never bothered to quote since I placed it in the public domain 15 years ago - I wonder why?

We can also easily deduce that the lighthouse was the culprit on the second night, from Halt's own tape recording. On this, he conveniently gives the compass bearing of the light, which shows he was looking in the direction of the Orford Ness lighthouse, and he describes the flashing light as lying

"clear off to the coast". Hmm...

Also on the tape we can hear the airmen calling out the flash rate ("There it is...there it is again") with a 5-second interval, which also matches the flash rate of the Orford lighthouse.

Where was Halt observing from? In more recent statements, he has told us that the flashing light was nearly in line with a farmhouse. As Judith J points out in her posting:

>"The lighthouse ... can only be seen ... if you position yourself carefully in direct line with a shallow dip in the ridge."<

Yes, indeed. As I have previously remarked (see for example James Easton's web site), this is just the position from which the lighthouse can be seen in line with the farmhouse. Coincidence, or what? (Another coincidence: how many other UFOs are reported to have been flashing "like an eye winking at you", as Halt put it on his tape? And how many were seen in the same direction as a lighthouse?)

As for the positioning of the supposed "landing site" - how does *anyone* know where this was? The airmen did not mark it on the first night. They went out on the following morning and cast around until they found three indentations which they thought could be interpreted as "landing marks". As we know from the local police (who were called out *again* to look at them) and the local forester Vince Thurkettle, these had all the appearance of old rabbit scrapings - and when it comes to local knowledge of an English pine forest, I would take the word of a local bobby and a local forester over that of the US Air Force any day.

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> Hi Tim

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> Thanks for reply, a bit more to add to your response below:-]

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> >> Date: 02 February 1999 00:50

> >>

> >> Hi Tim

> >>

> >> Thanks for the response:-

> >>

> >> In message <199902011259.MAA16270@irwell.zetnet.co.uk>, Lynda

Matthews

> >> <matthews@zetnet.co.uk> writes

> >> >Hi All!!

> >> >

> >> >Very interesting; hypnosis is OK and it isn't OK? So which is it/isn't

> >> >it.....

> >> >

> >> Hypnosis is a modality that has been used for at least 100 years in the

> >> UK since introduction by Mesmer when it was known as Mesmerism.

> >>

> >> Hypnotherapy, as defined by the Oxford Dictionary, is 'the treatment of

> >> disease by hypnotism'.

> >>

> >> The techniques involve from deep trance when the subject has no

> >> immediate memory of their hypnotic session to mild trance when the

> >> subject is fully aware of everything that occurs; both these extremes

> >> have been used in 'regressing' subjects. To quote from arch sceptic

Sue

> >> Blackmore in her book 'Beyond the Body' page 183 "Nowadays hypnotism is

> >> an accepted part of medicine and psychology" - that about sums it up.

> >>

> >>Yes, but NOT for "recovering" "lost" or hidden memories....

>

> According to Professor John. F. Kihlstrom of Yale University, from a

> paper he presented at the 75th annual meeting of the Association for

> Research in Nervous and Mental Disease, New York, December 1995....

>

> "And in particular, hypnosis has been used by police investigators

> to enhance memory in witnesses and victims of crime; and by

> psychotherapists to exhume memories of incest, sexual abuse, and

> trauma"...."..." "Only three published studies have actually attempted to
> corroborate the memories reported by age-regressed subjects. These all
> yielded results favourable to hypnosis..." " For example , Reiser (
> 1976), who has actively promoted the use of hypnosis by the Los Angeles
> Police Department, claims only that investigators who have used hypnosis
> have generally found it to be helpful...." "Sigmund Freud used hypnosis
> to elicit memories of childhood trauma from their hysterical
> patients..contemporary clinical practitioners are rarely able to obtain
> independent, objective corroboration of such reports (or for that
> matter rarely even bother to seek it) and I point out that
> uncorroborated memory reports are useless as scientific or clinical
> evidence about the historical past....."

> >>

> Kihlstrom is not really a supporter of the idea that regression
> hypnosis is of much benefit in memory retrieval, but as you can see from
> some of his statements (as opposed to his own opinions) he has to
> admit the reality that the technique has been widely used, by people who
> believe that it works, AND has been supported by research which tends to
> suggest it may be valid.

>

> Int J Clin Exp Hypn 1997 Jan:45(1):55-68

> 'The effects of hypnosis, context reinstatement, and anxiety on
> eyewitness memory'

> by Ready DJ, Bothwell RK, Brigham JC.

>

>None of the three techniques had a significant effect on factual
> memory or susceptibility to suggestion as assessed by true-false and
> multiple-choice tests. However participants high in hypnotic
> susceptibility showed somewhat better memory on the true-false tests,
> and hypnosis affected performance on the two photograph line-ups. In
> addition, hypnosis appeared to enhance facial recognition accuracy for
> participants who were low in anxiety, but not for those high in
> anxiety..."

> >>>

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>

> >I do not know of any registered medical personnel who use hypnosis to
> >> >recover memories and I'd really like to know which scientists have
used

> >> >hypnosis to 'improve recall' (?)

> >>

> >> I did not keep the article but it appeared only last week in the
> >> National Press.

> >>

> >> By the way, psychology - a la Sue Blackmore - is not a 'medical'
> >> science. Psychologists and Psychiatrists (who are medics) amongst
> >> others use hypnotism.

> >

> >I don't really know about Sue Blackmore although I'm sure her input
> >would be of interest.

>>
>>>
>>> Let's not confuse 'medical' with 'knows everything about medicine' -
the
>>> two things are very mutually exclusive I can assure you and I do not
>>> know any medics who would disagree with that point. Some of the most
>>> hardened sceptics about anything they do not understand, despite more
>>> than adequate scientific acceptability, are registered medical
>>> personnel, it goes with the territory especially when asked to offer
>>> opinions by patients. They are strapped by a system that dictates what
>>> they are allowed to 'know'. Contrary to propaganda, their medicine is
>>> largely not evidence-based, (about 80% is not), and Aussie Research
>>> showed modern medicine to be the 3rd biggest killer after heart
disease
>>> and cancer, USA Research showed it to be the 4th after heart disease,
>>> cancer and stroke; let's not confuse fact with opinion.
>>
>>But this has nothing to do with the sue of regression hypnosis to
recover
>>hidden memories....
> No it is about 'registered medical practitioners', other than
> psychiatrists, having little to do with, training in, experience of,
> regression therapy techniques for obvious reasons - they are not drug or
> surgery based.
>>
>>>
>>> Surgical techniques have been carried out under hypnosis by medical
>>> 'scientists' in various parts of the world. People, especially
children,
>>> are often hypnotised or hypnotherapy is used on them by trained
dentists
>>> prior to dental surgery. etc. etc.
>>
>>Maybe, but still not the point.
>>
>>>
>>>> given that I have read several articles in
>>>>"New Scientist" by US academics studying the effects of hypnosis who
>>>>actually argue that it is all kidology!
>>>>
>>> There are always the small number of sceptics who maintain the
delusion
>>> that anything they disagree with must be wrong or invalid; that's
life.
>>> I prefer to look at the overall scientific evidence and look
objectively
>>> at all situations, you can be sure they are in denial. New Scientist
has
>>> a record of sceptics editing; remember arch sceptic and long time
editor

> >> Bernard Dixon of CSICOPS fame (UKs version of CSICOPS, the USA group
> >> with The Amazing Randi etc.). In his book 'Dirty Medicine' Martin J.
> >> walker describes CSICOP as practising 'scientific McCarthyism'.
> >> Unfortunately it is easy to confuse scientific fact with many things
> >> scientists say. I'm a scientist and I know of which I speak that is
> >> opinion and that which currently is 'fact'.
> >
> >I don't support CSICOP and actually learned about it via an episode of
> >the X-Files!
>
> Not only was CSICOP derived from the American 'Humanist' association,
> it also has/had a strong membership link with the 'Eugenics Society' now
> called the Galton Society. Members such as Blackmore and Randi have been
> very vocal in the media against anything deemed paranormal and their
> 'believers/investigators'. Others, especially medical, can be linked to
> condemning anything with an alternative paradigm to their system and
> accepting financial support from pharmaceutical interests while so-
> doing; also to eugenics, the Wellcome and AIDS saga, and genetic
> engineering interests - for a 'pure bred' world (to use a Monsanto-
> related icon). Perhaps CSICOPS and our 'abductees' are not that divorced
> from each others' reality?

May they burn in the eternal fires.....

> >
> >
> >>
> >> >HmMMM....
> >> >
> >> >I asked my sister about this - she's a real Doctor BTW. She said that
> >>
> >> Do you mean by 'real doctor' ie. she has a PhD in a subject, or do you
> >> mean she is a physician?
> >
> >Er - she treats people in hospitals day to day. She used to be in
casualty
> >-
> >I'd trust her judgement any day! She's actually doing research as well -
I
> >
>
> >think!
>
> Although I respect your sister's professional ability I think our area
> of concern is out of her field of expertise. Perhaps you could convince
> me otherwise.
> >
> >>
> >> >hypnosis is regarded as a dangerous fringe activity by many of her
> >> >colleagues.

>>>
>>> As I said, some are in denial, some are prejudiced, and some know no
>>> better; Hypnosis is a technique that has a scientific and medical
>>> foundation. When 'fringe' people indulge themselves in the use of a
>>> technique with which they put a subject at risk - that can be any
aspect
>>> of risk from emotional upset to physical or mental distress depending
on
>>> the situation - then it is dangerous. It can still be dangerous when
>>> used by medical practitioners, just as 99% of all medical techniques
are
>>> themselves potentially dangerous - that goes with the biochemical
>>> territory and surgical activity, but the perception is that
'physicians'
>>> may be the 'safest pair of hands'. There is no evidence that this is
>>> correct. I know of no studies which have compared such techniques of
>>> intervention when used by medical against non-medical people who use
>>> them.
>>>
>>> >Eric Morris has come out totally against the use of hypnosis
>>> >having used it occasionally in the past - for reasons including the
fact
>>> >that it was impossible to tell whether the witness was telling the
>>> truth.
>>>
>>> That's the point I made in a previous e-mail; unless such techniques
are
>>> considered for use to move forward in an investigation, or to confirm
or
>>> introduce new evidence, they should not be considered; if the
>>> information obtained during 'regression sessions' cannot be verified
>>> it's of little use even if it may be true. It is easy to tell if the
>>> witness is truthful if the evidence can be verified materially or
>>> directly. The problems we have seen with such techniques used willy
>>> nilly by Quest etc. is that information obtained by such means has
been
>>> taken as fact without any supporting evidence - that's ridiculous and
>>> has led to much conjecture about 'regression'.
>>
>> I think the big problem here is an assumption that "the aliens" have
>> screened out
>> evidence of their dirty deeds. But if they're so advanced then why would
>> the "abductee" remember anything. What an illogical position.....
>>
> Perhaps they are meant to remember?
> Perhaps the technique which removes memory temporarily is part of the
> process - hypnotic amnesia is a well-known phenomenon, maybe abductees
> are simply hypnotised - its a simple way to effect such a response in
> humans.
> Perhaps the anaesthesia induces the amnesia; it has been shown that post

- > anaesthetic memory recall declines within 36 hours:-
- > Philip M. Merikle, Dept of Psychology, Uni of Waterloo, Ontario and
- > Meredyth Danemann, Dept of Psychology, Erindale Coll, Uni of Toronto,
- > Ontario
- > 'Memory for unconsciously perceived events: evidence from anaesthetised
- > patients'
- >
- > "...however the overall pattern of results also indicates that evidence
- > of memory for specific information is more likely to be found when the
- > patients are tested as soon as possible following surgery, In fact, the
- > results of the meta-analysis show that when the memory tests are delayed
- > for 36 hrs following anaesthesia, there is no evidence of memory for
- > specific information..."
- >
- > ---this would suggest any 'Susp. abductees' ought to be interviewed
- > rapidly, especially for information recall of occurrences during any
- > 'anaesthetised period'.

Well I just don't think they were talking about traumatised abductees.

Most claimed abductees I've met (11 of them) have been former mental patients or on strong medication.....

I'd like to read the whole report too.....

- >
- >>I do love the idea of checkable facts - because nobody has ever seen
- >>anybody
- >>being taken on board a spaceship - not even in the Walton case could
- this
- >>be verified. Maureen Puddy had her "experience" in her front room. She
- >>stayed
- >>put and claimed "abduction" in front of Australian UFO investigators.
- >>
- >>Despite the US myth - that abductions follow a pattern, as argued by
- David
- >>Jacobs -
- >>Peter Brookesmith has indicated that the multiplicity of experiences
- argues
- >>against this
- >>belief.
- >
- > If similar persons were abducting victims, one expects them to use
- > similar craft, kit, etc. and to be of similar appearance - after all
- > won't they all look the same to us??!
- >
- > Therefore a similar M.O. may be expected in numerous cases, unless they
- > are clones; one would expect some variation on the theme but basically
- > similar proceedings/experiences.
- >

- > Unfortunately we are then dealing with humans, and their idiosyncrasies
- > one of which is the ability of different witnesses to the same or
- > similar events to describe exactly the same scene/event an infinite
- > number of ways! Einstein would call this "relative to the observer".

I really have no idea what to expect from 'aliens'. This is all just speculation.

- >
- >
- >> The Puddy case - and others reported to BUFORA and to me - is
- >>strong evidence
- >>that this is a mental state - not a case of abduction by greys.....
- >
- > The Puddy case is a strong indication of The Puddy case.

No, it's an indication that these things are internally generated.....

- >>
- >>if there is any prejudice then it is support for the view that fiendish
- >>aliens are
- >>experimenting upon us.
- >
- > I believe it's highly likely bearing in mind the extent to which we are
- > rushing towards extinction - who else might restore life to this planet
- > when we've expired? It's no different from the concept of humans
- > attempting to prevent extinction of certain flora and fauna through
- > scientific means - all you need is an intelligent alien race who've
- > decided it's worth a try!
- >
- > Man's sperm count is set to dry up in about 30 years at present rate.
- > The GM escapes into local flora that have occurred recently present the
- > strong likelihood of a doomsday scenario. - and I suppose you believe
- > that AIDS passed from chimp to man via a sandwich!!

>

And here we tap into many strands of current New Age belief;

Anti-human; "aren't we awful, look what we've done!" etc etc.

"We're all gonna die!"

"We need magic or new gods (aliens) to save us!"

Dear oh Dear John this really will not do!!!!

As to AIDS what do I know except use a condom!

- >>If you agree with that then you must support the
- >>various

> >and dangerous corollaries; aliens are here for our DNA.
> >
> I don't 'support' any corollary, I develop each case on its merits
> taking into consideration all the facts at my disposal at the time, and
> having no axe to grind other than I and others should work objectively
> with no preconceived ideas.
>
> >There just isn't any evidence!
>
> 'A man who's eyes are closed shall never see'.

What does this actually mean?

>
> >
> >>
> >> I was involved in research with 'hypnotherapy regression' some years ago
> >> involving several subjects with various disorders; the sessions were
> >> controlled by a very experienced hypnotherapist, myself and an
> >> immunologist assisted her. Although the information obtained was
> >> fascinating, it was not of a nature that would allow us to verify the
> >> facts so I was left unconvinced. The research was geared at the type of
of
> >> information produced as opposed to the validity of that info. so I did
> >> not expect too much. It is certainly true that a vivid imagination can
> >> affect the outcome. It is also true that, under the correct protocols,
> >> scientists have proved the validity of the technique by gaining
> >> substantially more accurate information during hypnosis than without -
> >> look at the recent press.
> >
> >The recent press reminds me of the case involving Paul McKenna.....
> >
> I'm talking last week not last decade.

This was last year, if you recall (without the use of hypnosis!!)

>
> >> >
> >> >Haven't people with no "abduction" experience made up such an event
> >after
> >> >hypnosis?
> >> >
> >> I am sure they have; I read a few transcripts by 'regressionists' who
> >> had obtained abduction details from subjects and to a one they had
used
> >> leading questions. Any such interviews must done without any form of
> >> leading - just like a lawyer in court - or one puts ideas and words
into
> >> the mouth of the subject. Prior contamination must also be identified

> >> and, I repeat, only information which is supported by other direct
> >> and/or material and/or circumstantial evidence should be considered
> >> potentially useful.

> >

> >Potentially useful - as long as it fits' into the US-created stereotype.

> >

> >Speaking of supposed medical experts I note that John Mack was lucky
> >to keep his job at Harvard after coming out with his abduction research.

> >

> >His "research" was simply not up to the rigorous standards
required.....

>

> His research was rigorous, his detractors are in denial as the

> revelations - whether true or false - spoil their comfy little world.

> Any scientist who supports UFO work must 'lose credibility', that's one

> reason why they stay clear.

That's not what the committee at Harvard said and he came in for some
fairly
serious criticism if you read CED Bryan's book on the 1992 MIT Conference.

> >

> >>

> >> >So are you saying that hypnosis doesn't implant false memories and
what

> >> >about those cases in the US?????

> >> >

> >> False memories can be planted either through hypnosis or by prior

> >> 'impression' forming techniques. You can tell a child (and some

> >> impressionable adults) facts about themselves that they had no

> >> knowledge of with sufficient credibility and these may be recounted as

> >> truth during any future interviews or sessions, whether under hypnosis

> >> or not. That's life.

> >

> >And this makes the use of hypnosis under such circumstances invalid.

> >

> No, this makes the use of hypnosis under such circumstances a modality

> which requires rigorous standards of provision.

>

> In the Supreme Court of British Columbia a case REGINA v CARRIE SAVOY,

> Nov 18th and 19th 1997; it was ruled that evidence produced by

> regression hypnosis may be admitted if the following guidelines were

> followed:-

>

> 1. The person conducting the interview should be a qualified

> professional with training in the use of hypnosis and expertise in

> psychiatry and clinical psychology.

> 2. The hypnotist (H) must be independent of the party requiring services

> 3. The H must be given only minimum amount of info. necessary to conduct

> interview.

- > 4. The entire interview between H and witness should be recorded
- > 5. Only the H and subject must be present at that interview; if any party needs to watch this has to be arranged via CCTV or other mechanism
- > 5. Prior to hypnosis, the H should conduct a lengthy interview of the subject to ascertain medical history, present/past use of drugs, and judgement and intelligence of subject evaluated.
- > 6 Prior to hypnosis, the H should elicit from the subject a detailed description of the facts surrounding the subject matter of the hypnosis session as the subject is able to recall them at that point in time.
- > 7. The H should pay careful attention to the form and manner of questions - the choice of words and avoidance of body language so that he is not either intentionally or inadvertently providing the subject with info.
- >
- > These rules are self-explanatory

Not to people like Hopkins who asks leading questions and regresses people until they "admit" to their abduction!

I think we all know, and including Macks' sessions, that these things never happen and in any case why, 12 years after the AMA said that hypnosis could implant false memories, are the above going in for this dangerous method.....????

and take into consideration important

- > facts such as - once the hypnosis session has elicited facts, whether or not those facts are true they are likely to become permanent memory for the witness. Hence a full interview to elicit any facts recalled must occur prior to hypnosis for later comparison. No leading questions or body language etc. to be given
- >
- > They then realised that even these rules would not be fair to the Defence as it presented a problem of the inability of the Opposition to cross-examine the witness with original pre-hypnosis memory - no matter whether it is true or false. This was a court of law. In our case we do not face that problem, there is no requirement for cross-examination as such, and hence the guidelines would be deemed sufficient.

Not by me they wouldn't because I simply don't believe that all these claimed abductees, whose abductions have never been witnessed or seen by anyone else - which would be the basis for your courtroom scenario - cannot remember what happened to them.

The simple answer - and often the best - is that nothing actually happened at all!

Why is the "pre-hypnosis" memory not recognised as the memory of events???

>
>>>
>>> That is one 'danger' of any interview, not only under hypnosis, and it
>>> has to be recognised as a potential 'side effect' of such techniques -
>>> as any medical intervention has. One has to take it into consideration
>>> when assessing results.
>>>
>>> >You say that hypnosis is a "potentially dangerous technique" - or is
>>> >this
>>> >only in the 'wrong hands'.
>>>
>>> It is a potentially dangerous technique, as is any intervention in
>>> another's affairs, in any hands; some people will be more adept at
this
>>> than others, sensitivity and concern for the welfare of the subject
>>> being paramount as opposed to any form of professional expertise.
>>> >
>>> >Whose are the 'right hands'.....?
>>> >
>>> Those trained in its use,
>>
>> >So does that include Robert La Mont and co??
>>
>> >and who gain experience in the safe and
>>> effective practice of the modality. I would not ask a medic to
prescribe
>>> a homeopathic remedy, nor a spinal manipulation, nor an acupuncture
>>> session unless I was sure he/she was qualified and experienced in said
>>> forms of medical intervention; nor would I want a homeopath to
prescribe
>>> drugs. If I was to be regressed I would find someone recognised as
>>> experienced in the techniques and having a recognised qualification in
>>> either psychology or hypnotherapy, and most importantly, who I felt
>>> comfortable allowing myself to be manipulated in such ways by. If that
>>> person was medically qualified, and the other criteria were met, I
would
>>> be most comfortable.
>>>
>>>
>>> >BTW - when asked on a TV interview Alan Godfrey seems to have argued
>>> >that
>>> >there was some kind of a cover-up? Cover-up of what?
>>>
>>> I did not see the interview; nor do I know Godfrey, the fact he was a
>>> police officer suggests he may have been of reasonable character -
>>
>> >No comment!!!!
>>

> >> though not always the case - so I do not know what 'cover-up' he spoke
> >> of. Assuming he was 'abducted' during his shift (not sure but did he
> >> not say that he was with another officer when they both saw a UFO? -
who
> >> would support his own story presumably) then there must have been
> >> evidence that he went missing etc. If evidence was produced that was
of
> >> material value, and this was ignored or suppressed then he would have
> >> presumed cover-up; he may KNOW that there was a cover-up. Best ask
him.
> >>
> >> If there is additional evidence of some 'exotic' occurrence in
addition
> >> to any regression data, there is a case to explore. I haven't the
facts
> >> have you?
> >
> >I've spoken to two people who interviewed him at length and investigated
> >his
> >case.
> >
> >>
> >> I interviewed a police officer who, with three others, saw a UFO over
> >> Wetherby about 20 years ago; he only reported to me as he was incensed
> >> by sceptics on a radio program who said all UFO witnesses are deluded.
> >
> >Well none of use agree with that.....
> >
> >> He was in the control room at midnight when a WPC banged on the door
to
> >> alert him about a 'saucer' they had chased towards York, handed over
to
> >> York Police, then chased it back as it followed the river to Wetherby
> >> again in their squad car. The others would not comment but he did as
he
> >> was never interviewed by 'men who arrived from the MOD and told the
> >> other 3 who were interviewed never to speak of the incident'. The
three
> >> were a sergeant, PC and WPC. The PC now works at Menwith Hill. I would
> >> call that a 'cover-up'.
> >
> >It's certainly of interest.
> >
> >> >
> >> >Next you'll be telling me that Godfrey was a "trained observer" -
when
> >> >there is no such thing.....I have little problem remembering things
and
> >> >even if I didn't - perish the thought - there is NO way that I'd get
> >> >involved with hypnosis.

> >> >
> >> I don't know anything of Godfrey so can't tell whether he has developed
> >> his observation techniques; it is a prerequisite for good policing
> >> though not something always taken up. When I worked in criminal
> >> intelligence I was involved with much OP work, hence many photos and
> >> videos of targets, and did not necessarily see a target in the flesh
> >> before having to apprehend him or operate against him. Despite this
one
> >> developed an exceptional ability to recognise targets from very
limited
> >> data. People working on satellite and other surveillance maps develop
a
> >> tremendous ability to see detail one may not normally see. I call all
> >> this 'becoming a trained observer' but depends on what one is trained
to
> >> observe. As I said, it is incumbent on a police officer to develop
> >> observational abilities, it doesn't always happen.
> >>
> >> >Some people claim to give up smoking after hypnosis. Why not just
give
> >up
> >> >anyway????
> >> >
> >> Having dealt with many people who wished to give up smoking I can
state
> >> that as an addiction it is not an easy task for addicts to give up;
nor
> >> is prozac, amitriptyline, vallium, heroin, crack- cocaine and opium.
> >> Nicotine is a drug, giving-up usually induces withdrawal. Many people
> >> testify to giving-up only through hypnosis, and having tried many and
> >> varied ways without success, and unless I have reason to disbelieve
them
> >> I usually accept their word, after-all it was their experience.
> >
> >>It never cease to amaze me how stupid people are; why smoke or drink
> >excessively? I suppose 20 years in Ufology might drive you over the edge
> >though!
>
> As a police officer I often saw kids who had started cos' their folks or
> peers did - impressionable.
>
> It was also the case, and no doubt still is, that kids who had no
> interest in 'harder' drugs were still seen as easy target if they smoked
> because it was easy to hook them by lacing their cigarettes with a drug
> or by giving them freebie cigs already laced. Those kids then tended to
> buy their supply of cigarettes from the source whose 'brand' tasted
> best!
>
> We're now seeing 'date rape' via designer drugs.

> You don't always avoid the worst, especially if you're targeted for it.
>
>
>>
>>I never started so I never needed to give up. My Mum gave up 20 years ago
>>and she didn't need hypnosis or patches etc.....
>
> So did my parents. I indulged at about 13 years old then thought better
> of it, and they tasted foul. Mates carried on and still do.

Unfortunate for them. Smoking gives you cancer of the pocket and makes the government rich!

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>>> Cheers
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>>> John.
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> >> >> Date: 31 January 1999 19:41
> >> >>>
> >> >>> Hi all
> >> >>>
> >> >>> Only one aspect of interest to add below, most of which I tend to
> >> agree
> >> >>> with, and that's the 'the use of hypnosis invalidates the Godfrey
> >> case'
> >> >>> statement - this has no basis in scientific fact.
> >> >>>
> >> >>> I know little of either Godfrey's complete statement or of the
> >> >>> information obtained through 'hypnosis' but I do know that
regression
> >> >>> hypnosis has not been proven to be invalid.
> >> >>>
> >> >>> I think this point has to be made as I see many people are obsessed
> >> with
> >> >>> damning a technique which has been used medically and non-medically
to
> >> >>> elicit FACT. Recent scientific research suggests that the use of
> >> >>> 'hypnosis' enhances ones memory of events dramatically. The
> >> researchers
> >> >>> found that subjects were able to substantially improve their recall
of
> >> >>> events when hypnotic techniques were used.
> >> >>>
> >> >>> To damn evidence that may be valid through prejudice or
ill-conceived
> >> >>> assumption rather than scientific argument is of no use
> >> investigatively.
> >> >>> The evidence in Godfrey's case would have had to be considered as a
> >> >>> whole - direct, material, circumstantial and 'hypnotically-induced'
-
> >> >>> with due consideration given to the probability of imagination
and/or

> >> >> false memory syndrome etc.
> >> >>
> >> >> A moratorium on regression by BUFORA is commendable, no one wants
> >> >> witnesses subjected to naive intervention using potentially
dangerous
> >> >> techniques of any kind - and one does not need to use hypnotic
> >> >> regression to induce false-memory and recall - but let's not
condemn a
> >> >> modality that has shown itself to be very useful in the right
hands.
> >> >>
> >> >> Matthews <matthews@zetnet.co.uk> writes
> >> >> >Dear All,
> >> >> >
> >> >> >having met Larry Warren and having had the guts to stand up to his
> >> >> >insane
> >> >> >rantings at the Liverpool BUFORA event in 1997 at which I was a
> >speaker
> >> >I
> >> >> >cannot believe that the utter tripe in his book is taken
seriously.
> >He
> >> >was
> >> >> >at the base in 1980 - but then so were hundreds of others who
> >> >> >mysteriously
> >> >> >managed not to see or hear the triangular
"UFO"/meteor/witches/earth
> >> >> >energies/ghosts/aliens/ET landing/flying saucer and everything
else
> >that
> >> >> >didn't take place that night.
> >> >> >
> >> >> >My personal opinion of Warren, supported by his theatrics, is that
he
> >> >has
> >> >> >some serious personal issues to resolve.....I have yet to meet
> >anyone
> >> >who
> >> >> >takes this man at all seriously.....(No doubt his "conclusions"
are
> >> >> >something to do with the unfortunate legacy that mainstream modern
> >> >> >American
> >> >> >Ufology has left us - "aliens and conspiracies above all
else".....)
> >> >> >
> >> >> >I am also concerned that James' Eastons excellent Rendlesham
research
> >> >> >appears (I may be wrong of course) to have been somewhat
overlooked.
> >> >> >

> >> >> >My view, having actually read all the material, and having visited
> >the
> >> >> >woods on various occasions (I can't afford an armchair - me being
a
> >poor
> >> >> >grass roots non-Simon-and-Schuster-author-and-storyteller), is
that
> >very
> >> >> >little of significance took place and I cannot see how a "craft"
> >could
> >> >have
> >> >> >landed in any case - having been to the woods.....Simply posing
for
> >> >> >cameras and climbing fences, as some researchers are want to do,
in
> >> >front
> >> >> >of disused military facilities, is not really research as I
> >understand
> >> >it!
> >> >> >(I don't mean Judith BTW!!!!)
> >> >> >
> >> >> >After all, I do have a friend who lived on converted base housing!
> >> >Perhaps
> >> >> >there are alien bodies buried there after all?
> >> >> >
> >> >> >I think Jenny Randles' talk at our 1998 Conference was very
> >enlightening
> >> >on
> >> >> >the subject of Rendlesham where she told the assembled masses
about
> >her
> >> >> >serious doubts about some of the accepted wisdom and testimony.
> >Warren's
> >> >> >testimony seems to be at variance with everyone else's but people
want
> >to
> >> >> >believe his rather conspiratorial view of the "events".
> >> >> >
> >> >> >I expect that Rendlesham Forest will continue to be a topic of
> >> >discussion
> >> >> >and perhaps it will be mentioned in Jenny's lecture on solving
> >important
> >> >> >UFO cases at our "Countdown to the Millennium" event in Southport
on
> >Sat.
> >> >> >27th February. I look forward to meeting you all there!
> >> >> >
> >> >> >Tim X
> >> >> >
> >> >> >PS - the Todmorden/Godfrey case is totally invalid as a result of

the
> >> >use
> >> >> >of hypnosis.....
> >> >> >
> >> >> >I quote from Timothy Bad's "Below Top Secret - The Worldwide UFO
> >Balls
> >> >Up",
> >> >> >page 81.
> >> >> >
> >> >> >"Later it transpired that he had experienced a peculiar
time-lapse,
> >AND
> >> >> >DURING SEVERAL HYPNOTIC REGRESSION SESSIONS he came out
with a
> >bizarre
> >> >> >story of having been taken on board a craft."
> >> >> >
> >> >>
> >> >>
> >> >> >It is a fact of life that, IF 'abduction' is occurring - a large
> >body
> >> >> of circumstantial evidence supports this possibility despite
> >alternative
> >> >> opinion - and 'abductees' generally report loss of memory of
related
> >> >> events, the only means at present understood as having potential
for
> >> >> recovering those memories are either through hypnosis and related
> >> >> modalities or a gradual return of memory as nature takes it's
course.
> >It
> >> >> is also widely accepted that extreme trauma can inhibit memory,
> >probably
> >> >> for self-preservation. 'Regression techniques', safely and properly
> >> >> administered, are possibly the only means of inducing early return
of
> >> >> memory recovery at this time.
> >> >>
> >> >> Ipso facto, if one is not prepared to consider such techniques to
> >> >> develop a case investigation where the modality may be the only way
to
> >> >> move forward, then one will reach the conclusion one expects (and
a
> >> >> self-fulfilling prophesy) - that 'abduction' does not occur. Is
that
> >> >> scientific?
> >> >>
> >> >> Regards
> >> >>
> >> >> John.

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> John Heptonstall

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Hi Tim

Thanks for the latest few comments : looks like we're almost through
with this debate, I'm sure the 'list' will be relieved but here goes
with my answers to your questions/comments:-

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>> Date: 02 February 1999 23:30
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>> Hi Tim
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>> Thanks for reply, a bit more to add to your response below:-]
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>> >> Hi Tim
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>> >> Thanks for the response:-
>> >>
>> >> In message <199902011259.MAA16270@irwell.zetnet.co.uk>, Lynda
>> >> Matthews
>> >> <matthews@zetnet.co.uk> writes
>> >> >Hi All!!
>> >> >
>> >> >Very interesting; hypnosis is OK and it isn't OK? So which is
>> >> >it/isn't
>> >> >it.....
>> >> >
>> >> Hypnosis is a modality that has been used for at least 100 years in
>> >> >the
>> >> >UK since introduction by Mesmer when it was known as Mesmerism.
>> >>
>> >> Hypnotherapy, as defined by the Oxford Dictionary, is 'the treatment
>> >> >of
>> >> >disease by hypnotism'.
>> >>
>> >> The techniques involve from deep trance when the subject has no
>> >> >immediate memory of their hypnotic session to mild trance when the
>> >> >subject is fully aware of everything that occurs; both these extremes
>> >> >have been used in 'regressing' subjects. To quote from arch sceptic
>> >> >Sue
>> >> >Blackmore in her book 'Beyond the Body' page 183 "Nowadays hypnotism

>is
>> >> an accepted part of medicine and psychology" - that about sums it up.
>> >
>> >Yes, but NOT for "recovering" "lost" or hidden memories....
>>
>> According to Professor John. F. Kihlstrom of Yale University, from a
>> paper he presented at the 75th annual meeting of the Association for
>> Research in Nervous and Mental Disease, New York, December 1995....
>>
>> "And in particular, hypnosis has been used by police investigators
>> to enhance memory in witnesses and victims of crime; and by
>> psychotherapists to exhume memories of incest, sexual abuse, and
>> trauma" "... "Only three published studies have actually attempted to
>> corroborate the memories reported by age-regressed subjects. These all
>> yielded results favourable to hypnosis..." " For example , Reiser (
>> 1976), who has actively promoted the use of hypnosis by the Los Angeles
>> Police Department, claims only that investigators who have used hypnosis
>> have generally found it to be helpful...." "Sigmund Freud used hypnosis
>> to elicit memories of childhood trauma from their hysterical
>> patients..contemporary clinical practitioners are rarely able to obtain
>> independent, objective corroboration of such reports (or for that
>> matter rarely even bother to seek it) and I point out that
>> uncorroborated memory reports are useless as scientific or clinical
>> evidence about the historical past....."
>> >>
>> Kihlstrom is not really a supporter of the idea that regression
>> hypnosis is of much benefit in memory retrieval, but as you can see from
>> some of his statements (as opposed to his own opinions) he has to
>> admit the reality that the technique has been widely used, by people who
>> believe that it works, AND has been supported by research which tends to
>> suggest it may be valid.
>>
>> Int J Clin Exp Hypn 1997 Jan;45(1):55-68
>> 'The effects of hypnosis, context reinstatement, and anxiety on
>> eyewitness memory'
>> by Ready DJ, Bothwell RK, Brigham JC.
>>
>>None of the three techniques had a significant effect on factual
>> memory or susceptibility to suggestion as assessed by true-false and
>> multiple-choice tests. However participants high in hypnotic
>> susceptibility showed somewhat better memory on the true-false tests,
>> and hypnosis affected performance on the two photograph line-ups. In
>> addition, hypnosis appeared to enhance facial recognition accuracy for
>> participants who were low in anxiety, but not for those high in
>> anxiety..."
>> >> >
>>
>>
>> >I do not know of any registered medical personnel who use hypnosis to
>> >> >recover memories and I'd really like to know which scientists have

>used
>> >> >hypnosis to 'improve recall' (?)
>> >>
>> >> I did not keep the article but it appeared only last week in the
>> >> National Press.
>> >>
>> >> By the way, psychology - a la Sue Blackmore - is not a 'medical'
>> >> science. Psychologists and Psychiatrists (who are medics) amongst
>> >> others use hypnotism.
>> >
>> >> I don't really know about Sue Blackmore although I'm sure her input
>> >> would be of interest.
>> >
>> >>
>> >> Let's not confuse 'medical' with 'knows everything about medicine' -
>the
>> >> two things are very mutually exclusive I can assure you and I do not
>> >> know any medics who would disagree with that point. Some of the most
>> >> hardened sceptics about anything they do not understand, despite more
>> >> than adequate scientific acceptability, are registered medical
>> >> personnel, it goes with the territory especially when asked to offer
>> >> opinions by patients. They are strapped by a system that dictates what
>> >> they are allowed to 'know'. Contrary to propaganda, their medicine is
>> >> largely not evidence-based, (about 80% is not), and Aussie Research
>> >> showed modern medicine to be the 3rd biggest killer after heart
>disease
>> >> and cancer, USA Research showed it to be the 4th after heart disease,
>> >> cancer and stroke; let's not confuse fact with opinion.
>> >
>> >> But this has nothing to do with the sue of regression hypnosis to
>recover
>> >> hidden memories....
>> No it is about 'registered medical practitioners', other than
>> psychiatrists, having little to do with, training in, experience of,
>> regression therapy techniques for obvious reasons - they are not drug or
>> surgery based.
>> >
>> >>
>> >> Surgical techniques have been carried out under hypnosis by medical
>> >> 'scientists' in various parts of the world. People, especially
>children,
>> >> are often hypnotised or hypnotherapy is used on them by trained
>dentists
>> >> prior to dental surgery. etc. etc.
>> >
>> >> Maybe, but still not the point.
>> >
>> >>
>> >> > given that I have read several articles in
>> >> >"New Scientist" by US academics studying the effects of hypnosis who

>> >> >actually argue that it is all kidology!
>> >> >
>> >> There are always the small number of sceptics who maintain the
>delusion
>> >> that anything they disagree with must be wrong or invalid; that's
>life.
>> >> I prefer to look at the overall scientific evidence and look
>objectively
>> >> at all situations, you can be sure they are in denial. New Scientist
>has
>> >> a record of sceptics editing; remember arch sceptic and long time
>editor
>> >> Bernard Dixon of CSICOPS fame (UKs version of CSICOPS, the USA group
>> >> with The Amazing Randi etc.). In his book 'Dirty Medicine' Martin J.
>> >> walker describes CSICOP as practising 'scientific McCarthyism'.
>> >> Unfortunately it is easy to confuse scientific fact with many things
>> >> scientists say. I'm a scientist and I know of which I speak that is
>> >> opinion and that which currently is 'fact'.
>> >
>> >I don't support CSICOP and actually learned about it via an episode of
>> >the X-Files!
>>
>> Not only was CSICOP derived from the American 'Humanist' association,
>> it also has/had a strong membership link with the 'Eugenics Society' now
>> called the Galton Society. Members such as Blackmore and Randi have been
>> very vocal in the media against anything deemed paranormal and their
>> 'believers/investigators'. Others, especially medical, can be linked to
>> condemning anything with an alternative paradigm to their system and
>> accepting financial support from pharmaceutical interests while so-
>> doing; also to eugenics, the Wellcome and AIDS saga, and genetic
>> engineering interests - for a 'pure bred' world (to use a Monsanto-
>> related icon). Perhaps CSICOPS and our 'abductees' are not that divorced
>> from each others' reality?
>
>May they burn in the eternal fires.....
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>> >>
>> >> >Hmmmm....
>> >> >
>> >> >I asked my sister about this - she's a real Doctor BTW. She said that
>> >>
>> >> Do you mean by 'real doctor' ie. she has a PhD in a subject, or do you
>> >> mean she is a physician?
>> >
>> >Er - she treats people in hospitals day to day. She used to be in
>casualty
>> >-
>> >I'd trust her judgement any day! She's actually doing research as well -

>I
>> >
>>
>> >think!
>>
>> Although I respect your sister's professional ability I think our area
>> of concern is out of her field of expertise. Perhaps you could convince
>> me otherwise.
>> >
>> >>
>> >> >hypnosis is regarded as a dangerous fringe activity by many of her
>> >> >colleagues.
>> >>
>> >> As I said, some are in denial, some are prejudiced, and some know no
>> >> better; Hypnosis is a technique that has a scientific and medical
>> >> foundation. When 'fringe' people indulge themselves in the use of a
>> >> technique with which they put a subject at risk - that can be any
>aspect
>> >> of risk from emotional upset to physical or mental distress depending
>on
>> >> the situation - then it is dangerous. It can still be dangerous when
>> >> used by medical practitioners, just as 99% of all medical techniques
>are
>> >> themselves potentially dangerous - that goes with the biochemical
>> >> territory and surgical activity, but the perception is that
>'physicians'
>> >> may be the 'safest pair of hands'. There is no evidence that this is
>> >> correct. I know of no studies which have compared such techniques of
>> >> intervention when used by medical against non-medical people who use
>> >> them.
>> >>
>> >> >Eric Morris has come out totally against the use of hypnosis
>> >> >having used it occasionally in the past - for reasons including the
>fact
>> >> >that it was impossible to tell whether the witness was telling the
>> >truth.
>> >>
>> >> That's the point I made in a previous e-mail; unless such techniques
>are
>> >> considered for use to move forward in an investigation, or to confirm
>or
>> >> introduce new evidence, they should not be considered; if the
>> >> information obtained during 'regression sessions' cannot be verified
>> >> it's of little use even if it may be true. It is easy to tell if the
>> >> witness is truthful if the evidence can be verified materially or
>> >> directly. The problems we have seen with such techniques used willy
>> >> nilly by Quest etc. is that information obtained by such means has
>been
>> >> taken as fact without any supporting evidence - that's ridiculous and
>> >> has led to much conjecture about 'regression'.

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>>> I think the big problem here is an assumption that "the aliens" have

>>> screened out

>>> evidence of their dirty deeds. But if they're so advanced then why would

>>> the "abductee" remember anything. What an illogical position.....

>>>

>>> Perhaps they are meant to remember?

>>> Perhaps the technique which removes memory temporarily is part of the

>>> process - hypnotic amnesia is a well-known phenomenon, maybe abductees

>>> are simply hypnotised - its a simple way to effect such a response in

>>> humans.

>>> Perhaps the anaesthesia induces the amnesia; it has been shown that post

>>> anaesthetic memory recall declines within 36 hours:-

>>> Philip M. Merikle, Dept of Psychology, Uni of Waterloo, Ontario and

>>> Meredyth Danemann, Dept of Psychology, Erindale Coll, Uni of Toronto,

>>> Ontario

>>> 'Memory for unconsciously perceived events: evidence from anaesthetised

>>> patients'

>>>

>>> "...however the overall pattern of results also indicates that evidence

>>> of memory for specific information is more likely to be found when the

>>> patients are tested as soon as possible following surgery, In fact, the

>>> results of the meta-analysis show that when the memory tests are delayed

>>> for 36 hrs following anaesthesia, there is no evidence of memory for

>>> specific information..."

>>>

>>> ---this would suggest any 'Susp. abductees' ought to be interviewed

>>> rapidly, especially for information recall of occurrences during any

>>> 'anaesthetised period'.

>

>Well I just don't think they were talking about traumatised abductees.

>

I think the point is that many 'abductees' claim to have been

anaesthetised - if so the process in surgery, according to the above

research paper, usually results in loss of memory attained during the

anaesthesia process. That would involve 'traumatised patients' which is

what surgery with or without anaesthesia creates - in the latter case

the 'sensory' trauma is reduced considerably only while the anaesthetic

effect holds, remaining physiological aspects of trauma are probably not

affected by the anaesthetic, indeed the combination of drugs used will

also cause their own trauma.

>Most claimed abductees I've met (11 of them) have been former mental

>patients or on strong medication.....

>

Which came first the 'abduction' or the 'mental' stigma? That's one of

the points I made to Gloria, if people are being abducted, and we claim

to investigate their cases, those of us who have a mind-set which

precludes 'abduction' or indeed 'alien visitation' as possible cannot

serve those people safely and effectively. Every witness deserves an open-minded investigator. Any other would endanger those witnesses in the same way that the 'everything is alien driven' types do.

It was announced on the News that medical opinion is now that about 1 in 4 children suffer some 'mental problem'. What does that say for "medical opinion's" categorisation of 'mental'. Only two years ago the American Psychiatric Association declared menopause to be a 'mental' condition; M.E. has long been said to be a 'mental' condition by areas of the medical establishment despite the overwhelming evidence that it is a physical condition.

I think you should define 'mental' case in all 11 patients carefully; having worked in one or two 'mental' hospitals in my career I found plenty of evidence to show that some physicians working therein often displayed signs and symptoms of mental illness in excess of some of the inmates!

I suppose that's conjecture again but basically, any one of the 11 who have 'experience' of abduction from early years of life will no doubt have been through many stages of medication and 'psychotic' diagnosis during their quest for the truth. If you had the mentality of the average GP or psychiatrist wouldn't you medicate them?

>I'd like to read the whole report too.....

>

>>

>>>I do love the idea of checkable facts - because nobody has ever seen

>>>anybody

>>>being taken on board a spaceship - not even in the Walton case could
>this

>>>be verified. Maureen Puddy had her "experience" in her front room. She

>>>stayed

>>>put and claimed "abduction" in front of Australian UFO investigators.

>>>

>>>Despite the US myth - that abductions follow a pattern, as argued by

>David

>>>Jacobs -

>>>Peter Brookesmith has indicated that the multiplicity of experiences

>argues

>>>against this

>>>belief.

>>>

>>>If similar persons were abducting victims, one expects them to use

>>>similar craft, kit, etc. and to be of similar appearance - after all

>>>won't they all look the same to us??!

>>>

>>>Therefore a similar M.O. may be expected in numerous cases, unless they

>>>are clones; one would expect some variation on the theme but basically

>>>similar proceedings/experiences.

>>
>> Unfortunately we are then dealing with humans, and their idiosyncrasies
>> one of which is the ability of different witnesses to the same or
>> similar events to describe exactly the same scene/event an infinite
>> number of ways! Einstein would call this "relative to the observer".
>
>I really have no idea what to expect from 'aliens'. This is all just
>speculation.
>
>>
>>
>> > The Puddy case - and others reported to BUFORA and to me - is
>> >strong evidence
>> >that this is a mental state - not a case of abduction by greys.....
>>
>> The Puddy case is a strong indication of The Puddy case.
>
>No, it's an indication that these things are internally generated.....
No, it's an indication that in some cases it is internally generated.

>> >
>> >if there is any prejudice then it is support for the view that fiendish
>> >aliens are
>> >experimenting upon us.
>>
>> I believe it's highly likely bearing in mind the extent to which we are
>> rushing towards extinction - who else might restore life to this planet
>> when we've expired? It's no different from the concept of humans
>> attempting to prevent extinction of certain flora and fauna through
>> scientific means - all you need is an intelligent alien race who've
>> decided it's worth a try!
>>
>> Man's sperm count is set to dry up in about 30 years at present rate.
>> The GM escapes into local flora that have occurred recently present the
>> strong likelihood of a doomsday scenario. - and I suppose you believe
>> that AIDS passed from chimp to man via a sandwich!!
>>
>>And here we tap into many strands of current New Age belief;
>
New age belief is only part of the picture - read Rachel Carson's
'Silent Spring' or 'Our Stolen Future' by Dr. Theo Colborn, Dianne
Dumanoski and Dr. John Peterson Myers. Here you have scientists who
realised that the hundreds of thousands of research papers written have
never been collated, analysed for trends. Having done so they made
astounding discoveries about the environmental impact of certain
chemicals. It is FACTUAL.

The conclusion one reaches from their accounts is that not only are the
major contributors to pollution aware of their part, but they ensure
they retain scientists and lawyers who support their continuance such

that the environmental impact they are having will continue to increase until there is no environment worth speaking of. There is an air of INSANITY in commerce and industry, the fact that the average punter is apathetic, or that the average government seeks to undermine those who see what is happening and attempt to change it, does not alter the trend towards destruction of health and environment.

One small example is of research that shows that between 1938 and 1990 human sperm counts have dropped 50% with testicular cancer rates increasing dramatically along with various genital abnormalities; perhaps your medical sister could confirm these trends? In some species this has already led to extinction, do we think we can avoid that by some amazing medical discovery? What happens when the last 'working male' pegs out - I don't expect sperm banks will keep things running for long even if the sperm is healthy.

If I were an 'alien' and I valued this planet, I'd be spending my time creating processes that may avoid that inevitable end.

That's my 'scientific opinion' based on the assumption that 'aliens' may be here and if they are they must be pretty bloody clever. I fail to see how this has to conjure up 'New Age' or extreme thought. The extreme is the state of our government activities along with their ready support for industrial cover-up. It's there in UFOlogy, medicine, environmental matters, etc. - look at BSE, AIDS, Nuclear Energy, BioWarfare - easy to see.

>Anti-human; "aren't we awful, look what we've done!" etc etc.

>

>"We're all gonna die!"

>

>"We need magic or new gods (aliens) to save us!"

You said it!

>

>Dear oh Dear John this really will not do!!!!

>

>As to AIDS what do I know except use a condom!

The truth behind the development and spread of AIDS and the inadequacy of the government-sponsored medical opinion is right where it's at.

With Roswell it was 'weather balloon', then 'tailors dummies', then...>

With AIDS it was Haiti, then African monkeys biting man (proven impossible to result in AIDS) so now it's the mystery explorers eating monkeys...total bullshit and easily scientifically refuted so why the propaganda? The most likely cause was USA biowarfare scientists who were proven to be engaged in exactly the kind of research likely to develop

an AIDS-like effect through HIV from 10 years prior to the outbreak.
The evidence is very compelling, the only question is was it
deliberately unleashed on USA gays followed by African or by accident?

When you're playing with governments and scientists like these anything
can, and does, happen. UFOlogy is replete with similar 'bad and corrupt'
science.

>

>> >If you agree with that then you must support the

>> >various

>> >and dangerous corollaries; aliens are here for our DNA.

>> >

>> I don't 'support' any corollary, I develop each case on its merits

>> taking into consideration all the facts at my disposal at the time, and

>> having no axe to grind other than I and others should work objectively

>> with no preconceived ideas.

>>

>> >There just isn't any evidence!

>>

>> 'A man who's eyes are closed shall never see'.

>

>What does this actually mean?

>

What it says!

>> >>

>> >> I was involved in research with 'hypnotherapy regression' some
years

>ago

>> >> involving several subjects with various disorders; the sessions
were

>> >> controlled by a very experienced hypnotherapist, myself and an

>> >> immunologist assisted her. Although the information obtained was

>> >> fascinating, it was not of a nature that would allow us to verify
the

>> >> facts so I was left unconvinced. The research was geared at the
type

>of

>> >> information produced as opposed to the validity of that info. so I
did

>> >> not expect too much. It is certainly true that a vivid imagination
can

>> >> affect the outcome. It is also true that, under the correct
protocols,

>> >> scientists have proved the validity of the technique by gaining

>> >> substantially more accurate information during hypnosis than
without -

>> >> look at the recent press.

>> >

>> >The recent press reminds me of the case involving Paul
McKenna.....

>>>

>> I'm talking last week not last decade.

>

>This was last year, if you recall (without the use of hypnosis!!)

>

Certainly within the last two years as I recall (without the use of hypnosis)

>

>>>>

>>>> >Haven't people with no "abduction" experience made up such an event

>>>> >after

>>>> >hypnosis?

>>>>>

>>>>> I am sure they have; I read a few transcripts by 'regressionists' who

>>>>> had obtained abduction details from subjects and to a one they had

>used

>>>>> leading questions. Any such interviews must done without any form of

>>>>> leading - just like a lawyer in court - or one puts ideas and words

>into

>>>>> the mouth of the subject. Prior contamination must also be identified

>>>>> and, I repeat, only information which is supported by other direct

>>>>> and/or material and/or circumstantial evidence should be considered

>>>>> potentially useful.

>>>>

>>>> >Potentially useful - as long as it fits' into the US-created stereotype.

>>>>

>>>> >Speaking of supposed medical experts I note that John Mack was lucky

>>>> >to keep his job at Harvard after coming out with his abduction research.

>>>>

>>>> >His "research" was simply not up to the rigorous standards

>required.....

>>>>

>>>> His research was rigorous, his detractors are in denial as the

>>>> revelations - whether true or false - spoil their comfy little world.

>>>> Any scientist who supports UFO work must 'lose credibility', that's one

>>>> reason why they stay clear.

>

>That's not what the committee at Harvard said and he came in for some

>fairly

>serious criticism if you read CED Bryan's book on the 1992 MIT Conference.

>

The poor guy was pilloried by the press, his colleagues and any other bugger who had credibility to lose through Mack's stance. He kept his post and Professorship, that's not usually the case with academics who are publicly humiliated through poor work. I would think, reading a lot of research papers, that so much of it is 'poor quality' - why should Mack be any different? 'fairly serious criticism' does not explain 'work with less than rigorous standards'.

>> >

>> >>

>> >> >So are you saying that hypnosis doesn't implant false memories and
>what

>> >> >about those cases in the US?????

>> >> >

>> >> False memories can be planted either through hypnosis or by prior
>> >> 'impression' forming techniques. You can tell a child (and some
>> >> impressionable adults) facts about themselves that they had no
>> >> knowledge of with sufficient credibility and these may be recounted as
>> >> truth during any future interviews or sessions, whether under hypnosis
>> >> or not. That's life.

>> >

>> >And this makes the use of hypnosis under such circumstances invalid.

>> >

>> No, this makes the use of hypnosis under such circumstances a modality
>> which requires rigorous standards of provision.

>>

>> In the Supreme Court of British Columbia a case REGINA v CARRIE SAVOY,
>> Nov 18th and 19th 1997; it was ruled that evidence produced by
>> regression hypnosis may be admitted if the following guidelines were
>> followed:-

>>

>> 1. The person conducting the interview should be a qualified
>> professional with training in the use of hypnosis and expertise in
>> psychiatry and clinical psychology.
>> 2. The hypnotist (H) must be independent of the party requiring services
>> 3. The H must be given only minimum amount of info. necessary to conduct
>> interview.

>> 4. The entire interview between H and witness should be recorded

>> 5. Only the H and subject must be present at that interview; if any
>> party needs to watch this has to be arranged via CCTV or other mechanism

>> 5. Prior to hypnosis, the H should conduct a lengthy interview of the
>> subject to ascertain medical history, present/past use of drugs, and
>> judgement and intelligence of subject evaluated.

>> 6 Prior to hypnosis, the H should elicit from the subject a detailed
>> description of the facts surrounding the subject matter of the hypnosis
>> session as the subject is able to recall them at that point in time.

>> 7. The H should pay careful attention to the form and manner of
>> questions - the choice of words and avoidance of body language so that
>> he is not either intentionally or inadvertently providing the subject
>> with info.

>>

>> These rules are self-explanatory

>

>Not to people like Hopkins who asks leading questions and regresses
>people until they "admit" to their abduction!

>

That's my point is it not, that standards are required to ensure

regression takes place under strict guidelines; Hopkins does not invalidate regression, only his protocols.

>I think we all know, and including Macks' sessions, that these things never
>happen
>and in any case why, 12 years after the AMA said that hypnosis could
>implant
>>false memories, are the above going in for this dangerous method.....????
>

Because the AMA conclusion only identifies a potential 'side effect' of what is often a medical practice - if you look at any 'medical practice' you will see it is fraught with potential 'side effects', that doesn't preclude its use.

>and take into consideration important

>> facts such as - once the hypnosis session has elicited facts, whether or
>> not those facts are true they are likely to become permanent memory for
>> the witness. Hence a full interview to elicit any facts recalled must
>> occur prior to hypnosis for later comparison. No leading questions or
>> body language etc. to be given
>>

>> They then realised that even these rules would not be fair to the
>> Defence as it presented a problem of the inability of the Opposition to
>> cross-examine the witness with original pre-hypnosis memory - no matter
>> whether it is true or false. This was a court of law. In our case we do
>> not face that problem, there is no requirement for cross-examination as
>> such, and hence the guidelines would be deemed sufficient.
>

>Not by me they wouldn't because I simply don't believe that all these
>claimed
>abductees, whose abductions have never been witnessed or seen by anyone
>else - which would be the basis for your courtroom scenario - cannot
>remember
>what happened to them.
>

Some do remember over time; those that do not may have been regressed too soon, or may have never 'remembered' without regression. With the current state of understanding of the processes of regression there can be no courtroom scenario - cross-examination cannot be confirmed as being untainted by the after-effects of regression hypnosis.

>The simple answer - and often the best - is that nothing actually happened
>at all!

The simple answer is that we have no foolproof scientific way of proving what did or did not happen and therefore no-one can claim that nothing happened.

>
>Why is the "pre-hypnosis" memory not recognised as the memory of events???

1. Pre-hypnosis memory is recognised as memory of events recallable prior to hypnosis.
2. Post-hypnosis memory is recognised as memory recalled due to hypnosis.
3. Research says that 'hypnotically induced memory' becomes more entrenched in the psyche once revealed through hypnosis- whether true or false - and therefore pre-hypnosis memory may be altered by hypnotically enhanced recall
4. For the cross-examination this leaves the opposition without recourse to the initial 'untainted' pre-hypnosis memory.

Preumably it would not be acceptable to allow the 'opposition' to question/cross-examine the witness prior to hypnosis as this contradicts other aspects of legal practice. Witness memory must remain as clear and untainted by what would be traumatic cross-examination prior to the court case. The process is, examination by your counsel, cross-examination by opposition counsel, re-examination by your counsel to clear-up any doubts introduced by clever cross-examination. That's the law.

>> >>

>> >> That is one 'danger' of any interview, not only under hypnosis, and it
>> >> has to be recognised as a potential 'side effect' of such techniques -
>> >> as any medical intervention has. One has to take it into consideration
>> >> when assessing results.

>> >>

>> >> >You say that hypnosis is a "potentially dangerous technique" - or is
>> >> >this

>> >> >only in the 'wrong hands'.

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>> >> It is a potentially dangerous technique, as is any intervention in
>> >> another's affairs, in any hands; some people will be more adept at
>> >> >this

>> >> >than others, sensitivity and concern for the welfare of the subject
>> >> >being paramount as opposed to any form of professional expertise.

>> >> >

>> >> >>Whose are the 'right hands'.....?

>> >> >

>> >> >>Those trained in its use,

>> >>

>> >> >>So does that include Robert La Mont and co??

>> >>

>> >> >>and who gain experience in the safe and

>> >> >>effective practice of the modality. I would not ask a medic to
>> >> >>prescribe

>> >> >>a homeopathic remedy, nor a spinal manipulation, nor an acupuncture

>> >> session unless I was sure he/she was qualified and experienced in said
>> >> forms of medical intervention; nor would I want a homeopath to
>prescribe
>> >> drugs. If I was to be regressed I would find someone recognised as
>> >> experienced in the techniques and having a recognised qualification in
>> >> either psychology or hypnotherapy, and most importantly, who I felt
>> >> comfortable allowing myself to be manipulated in such ways by. If that
>> >> person was medically qualified, and the other criteria were met, I
>would
>> >> be most comfortable.
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>> >>
>> >> >BTW - when asked on a TV interview Alan Godfrey seems to have argued
>> >that
>> >> >there was some kind of a cover-up? Cover-up of what?
>> >>
>> >> I did not see the interview; nor do I know Godfrey, the fact he was a
>> >> police officer suggests he may have been of reasonable character -
>> >
>> >No comment!!!!
>> >
>> >> though not always the case - so I do not know what 'cover-up' he spoke
>> >> of. Assuming he was 'abducted' during his shift (not sure but did he
>> >> not say that he was with another officer when they both saw a UFO? -
>who
>> >> would support his own story presumably) then there must have been
>> >> evidence that he went missing etc. If evidence was produced that was
>of
>> >> material value, and this was ignored or suppressed then he would have
>> >> presumed cover-up; he may KNOW that there was a cover-up. Best ask
>him.
>> >>
>> >> If there is additional evidence of some 'exotic' occurrence in
>addition
>> >> to any regression data, there is a case to explore. I haven't the
>facts
>> >> have you?
>> >
>> >> I've spoken to two people who interviewed him at length and investigated
>> >his
>> >case.
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>> >>
>> >> I interviewed a police officer who, with three others, saw a UFO over
>> >> Wetherby about 20 years ago; he only reported to me as he was incensed
>> >> by sceptics on a radio program who said all UFO witnesses are deluded.
>> >
>> >> Well none of use agree with that.....
>> >
>> >> He was in the control room at midnight when a WPC banged on the door

>to
>> >> alert him about a 'saucer' they had chased towards York, handed over
>to
>> >> York Police, then chased it back as it followed the river to Wetherby
>> >> again in their squad car. The others would not comment but he did as
>he
>> >> was never interviewed by 'men who arrived from the MOD and told the
>> >> other 3 who were interviewed never to speak of the incident'. The
>three
>> >> were a sergeant, PC and WPC. The PC now works at Menwith Hill. I would
>> >> call that a 'cover-up'.
>> >
>> >It's certainly of interest.
>> >
>> >> >
>> >> >Next you'll be telling me that Godfrey was a "trained observer" -
>when
>> >> >there is no such thing.....I have little problem remembering things
>and
>> >> >even if I didn't - perish the thought - there is NO way that I'd get
>> >> >involved with hypnosis.
>> >> >
>> >> I don't know anything of Godfrey so can't tell whether he has
>developed
>> >> his observation techniques; it is a prerequisite for good policing
>> >> though not something always taken up. When I worked in criminal
>> >> intelligence I was involved with much OP work, hence many photos and
>> >> videos of targets, and did not necessarily see a target in the flesh
>> >> before having to apprehend him or operate against him. Despite this
>one
>> >> developed an exceptional ability to recognise targets from very
>limited
>> >> data. People working on satellite and other surveillance maps develop
>a
>> >> tremendous ability to see detail one may not normally see. I call all
>> >> this 'becoming a trained observer' but depends on what one is trained
>to
>> >> observe. As I said, it is incumbent on a police officer to develop
>> >> observational abilities, it doesn't always happen.
>> >>
>> >> >Some people claim to give up smoking after hypnosis. Why not just
>give
>> >up
>> >> >anyway????
>> >> >
>> >> Having dealt with many people who wished to give up smoking I can
>state
>> >> that as an addiction it is not an easy task for addicts to give up;
>nor
>> >> is prozac, amitriptyline, vallium, heroin, crack- cocaine and opium.

>> >> Nicotine is a drug, giving-up usually induces withdrawal. Many people
>> >> testify to giving-up only through hypnosis, and having tried many and
>> >> varied ways without success, and unless I have reason to disbelieve
>them

>> >> I usually accept their word, after-all it was their experience.

>> >

>> >It never cease to amaze me how stupid people are; why smoke or drink
>> >excessively? I suppose 20 years in Ufology might drive you over the edge
>> >though!

>>

>> As a police officer I often saw kids who had started cos' their folks or
>> peers did - impressionable.

>>

>> It was also the case, and no doubt still is, that kids who had no
>> interest in 'harder' drugs were still seen as easy target if they smoked
>> because it was easy to hook them by lacing their cigarettes with a drug
>> or by giving them freebie cigs already laced. Those kids then tended to
>> buy their supply of cigarettes from the source whose 'brand' tasted
>> best!

>>

>> We're now seeing 'date rape' via designer drugs.

>> You don't always avoid the worst, especially if you're targeted for it.

>>

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>> >

>> >I never started so I never needed to give up. My Mum gave up 20 years
>ago

>> >and she didn't need hypnosis or patches etc.....

>>

>> So did my parents. I indulged at about 13 years old then thought better
>> of it, and they tasted foul. Mates carried on and still do.

>

>Unfortunate for them. Smoking gives you cancer of the pocket and makes
>the government rich!

>

It can also increase a sluggish metabolism, reduce the probability of
Crohn's , colitis and other inflammatory bowel recurrences that can be
life threatening, calm the anxious mind and maintain sanity in those
whose occupation/stress events tend to drive them to the brink....having
said that I know of other ways to achieve the same results without
smoking.

>

The smoking lobby will also tell us it suffers from large taxation some
of which goes to pay for the service of doctors and nurses who serve the
sick - no doubt a lot of sick smokers included!

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>> >>

>> >> Cheers

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>> >>

>>>> John.
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>>>> >Tim X
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>>>>>> Subject: Re: PRIMEBASE - Rendlesham Revisited
>>>>>> Date: 31 January 1999 19:41
>>>>>>
>>>>>> Hi all
>>>>>>

>>>> Only one aspect of interest to add below, most of which I tend to
>>>> agree
>>>> with, and that's the 'the use of hypnosis invalidates the Godfrey
>>>> case'
>>>> statement - this has no basis in scientific fact.
>>>>
>>>> I know little of either Godfrey's complete statement or of the
>>>> information obtained through 'hypnosis' but I do know that
>regression
>>>> hypnosis has not been proven to be invalid.
>>>>
>>>> I think this point has to be made as I see many people are obsessed
>>>> with
>>>> damning a technique which has been used medically and non-medically
>to
>>>> elicit FACT. Recent scientific research suggests that the use of
>>>> 'hypnosis' enhances ones memory of events dramatically. The
>>>> researchers
>>>> found that subjects were able to substantially improve their recall
>of
>>>> events when hypnotic techniques were used.
>>>>
>>>> To damn evidence that may be valid through prejudice or
>ill-conceived
>>>> assumption rather than scientific argument is of no use
>>>> investigatively.
>>>> The evidence in Godfrey's case would have had to be considered as a
>>>> whole - direct, material, circumstantial and 'hypnotically-induced'
>-
>>>> with due consideration given to the probability of imagination
>and/or
>>>> false memory syndrome etc.
>>>>
>>>> A moratorium on regression by BUFORA is commendable, no one wants
>>>> witnesses subjected to naive intervention using potentially
>dangerous
>>>> techniques of any kind - and one does not need to use hypnotic
>>>> regression to induce false-memory and recall - but let's not
>condemn a
>>>> modality that has shown itself to be very useful in the right
>hands.
>>>>
>>>> Matthews <matthews@zetnet.co.uk> writes
>>>>>> Dear All,
>>>>>>
>>>>>> having met Larry Warren and having had the guts to stand up to his
>>>>>> insane
>>>>>> rantings at the Liverpool BUFORA event in 1997 at which I was a
>>>>>> speaker
>>>>>> I

>> >> >> >cannot believe that the utter tripe in his book is taken
>seriously.
>> >He
>> >> >was
>> >> >> >at the base in 1980 - but then so were hundreds of others who
>> >> >mysteriously
>> >> >> >managed not to see or hear the triangular
>"UFO"/meteor/witches/earth
>> >> >> >energies/ghosts/aliens/ET landing/flying saucer and everything
>else
>> >that
>> >> >> >didn't take place that night.
>> >> >> >
>> >> >> >My personal opinion of Warren, supported by his theatrics, is that
>he
>> >> >has
>> >> >> >some serious personal issues to resolve.....I have yet to meet
>> >anyone
>> >> >who
>> >> >> >takes this man at all seriously.....(No doubt his "conclusions"
>are
>> >> >> >something to do with the unfortunate legacy that mainstream modern
>> >> >American
>> >> >> >Ufology has left us - "aliens and conspiracies above all
>else".....)
>> >> >> >
>> >> >> >I am also concerned that James' Eastons excellent Rendlesham
>research
>> >> >> >appears (I may be wrong of course) to have been somewhat
>overlooked.
>> >> >> >
>> >> >> >My view, having actually read all the material, and having visited
>> >the
>> >> >> >woods on various occasions (I can't afford an armchair - me being
>a
>> >poor
>> >> >> >grass roots non-Simon-and-Schuster-author-and-storyteller), is
>that
>> >very
>> >> >> >little of significance took place and I cannot see how a "craft"
>> >could
>> >> >have
>> >> >> >landed in any case - having been to the woods.....Simply posing
>for
>> >> >> >cameras and climbing fences, as some researchers are want to do,
>in
>> >> >front
>> >> >> >of disused military facilities, is not really research as I
>> >understand
>> >> >it!

>> >> >> >(I don't mean Judith BTW!!!!)
>> >> >> >
>> >> >> >After all, I do have a friend who lived on converted base housing!
>> >> >> >Perhaps
>> >> >> >there are alien bodies buried there after all?
>> >> >> >
>> >> >> >I think Jenny Randles' talk at our 1998 Conference was very
>> >enlightening
>> >> >> >on
>> >> >> >the subject of Rendlesham where she told the assembled masses
>> >about
>> >her
>> >> >> >serious doubts about some of the accepted wisdom and testimony.
>> >Warren's
>> >> >> >testimony seems to be at variance with everyone else's but people
>> >want
>> >to
>> >> >> >believe his rather conspiratorial view of the "events".
>> >> >> >
>> >> >> >I expect that Rendlesham Forest will continue to be a topic of
>> >> >> >discussion
>> >> >> >and perhaps it will be mentioned in Jenny's lecture on solving
>> >important
>> >> >> >UFO cases at our "Countdown to the Millennium" event in Southport
>> >on
>> >Sat.
>> >> >> >27th February. I look forward to meeting you all there!
>> >> >> >
>> >> >> >Tim X
>> >> >> >
>> >> >> >PS - the Todmorden/Godfrey case is totally invalid as a result of
>> >the
>> >> >> >use
>> >> >> >of hypnosis.....
>> >> >> >
>> >> >> >I quote from Timothy Bad's "Below Top Secret - The Worldwide UFO
>> >Balls
>> >> >> >Up",
>> >> >> >page 81.
>> >> >> >
>> >> >> >"Later it transpired that he had experienced a peculiar
>> >time-lapse,
>> >AND
>> >> >> >DURING SEVERAL HYPNOTIC REGRESSION SESSIONS he came
>> >out with a
>> >bizarre
>> >> >> >story of having been taken on board a craft."
>> >> >> >
>> >> >> >
>> >> >> >

>> >> >> >It is a fact of life that, IF 'abduction' is occurring - a large
>> >body
>> >> >> of circumstantial evidence supports this possibility despite
>> >alternative
>> >> >> opinion - and 'abductees' generally report loss of memory of
>related
>> >> >> events, the only means at present understood as having potential
>for
>> >> >> recovering those memories are either through hypnosis and related
>> >> >> modalities or a gradual return of memory as nature takes it's
>course.
>> >It
>> >> >> is also widely accepted that extreme trauma can inhibit memory,
>> >probably
>> >> >> for self-preservation. 'Regression techniques', safely and properly
>> >> >> administered, are possibly the only means of inducing early return
>of
>> >> >> memory recovery at this time.
>> >> >>
>> >> >> Ipso facto, if one is not prepared to consider such techniques to
>> >> >> develop a case investigation where the modality may be the only way
>to
>> >> >> move forward, then one will reach the conclusion one expects (and
>a
>> >> >> self-fulfilling prophesy) - that 'abduction' does not occur. Is
>that
>> >> >> scientific?
>> >> >>
>> >> >> Regards
>> >> >>
>> >> >> John.
>> >> >> >
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>> >> >> John Heptonstall
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Date: Mon, 08 Feb 1999 19:36:22 +0000
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<0iAkaPApSYv2EwcM@liminal2.demon.co.uk>

Hi Bob Rickard

'Spam' forgiven; you are removed from my 'PRIMEBASE' replies (I hope!).

"As long as men are free to ask what they must - free to say what they think - free to think what they will - freedom can never be lost and science never regress".

J. Robert Oppenheimer.

Cheers

John.

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>>> Subject: PRIMEBASE.
>>> Date: 29 January 1999 23:03
>>>
>>>>
>>> PRIMEBASE is my personal attempt to record all notable U.K unknowns,
>>Robert Moore,
>>> IUN/PRIMEBASE PROJECT RESEARCH.
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John Heptonstall

Date: Wed, 03 Mar 1999 21:56:32 +0100
From: Theo Paijmans <th.paijmans@wxs.nl>
Subject: Re: Holistic Snark huntsMessage-id: <36DDA200.C4DFF043@wxs.nl>
X-Accept-Language: en
References: <199904281240.NAA02860@irwell.zetnet.co.uk>

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Tim,

I expected this manoeuvre to happen sooner or later in this discussion; it has been deployed by W.A. Harbison in his Projekt UFO, where he too (and genealogically speaking, before you) reasons that since UFOs are man-made, and he obviously cannot explain - nor do you - that part of the sightings which escape a readily man-made explanation, he simply brushes these aside as being delusions etc. All so highly scientific. Thus you, Tim, seem to deploy the very method which you accuse the ETH proponents of: instead of an open mind you simply discard that part of the UFO phenomenon which has no place in your pet theory. I presume you are able to back this claim of yours too, with some decent references?

Kind regards,

Theo Paijmans

Lynda Matthews wrote: actually, it was Tim, but anyway, here goes:
(snip)

> Then some pillock comes along and argues; "Yes, but that cannot explain
> sighting X where the witness saw a 'disc' hovering and flying off at Mach
> 56". So what? Who says the witness saw a disc? Given the hysteria
> surrounding the subject and the nonsense that many UFO witnesses give us I
> think that perhaps they saw natural phenomena, earth light perhaps?? Or,
> more likely, they saw nothing unusual at all....
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X-Accept-Language: en
References: <199904292025.VAA27287@irwell.zetnet.co.uk>

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Hello Tim,

Hopefully the weather on the beach (Neville Shute?) is good. Say, old chap, do you really like your self appointed role as agent provocateur?

Kind regards,

Theo Paijmans

Lynda Matthews wrote:

> I'm having great fun winding everyone here up - now you see what it's like!
>
> Ha Ha!
>
> Tim X - from a sunny beach somewhere within the NWO!!
>

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Subject: PRIMEBASE.
I attach the details of my PRIMEBASE projects.

Regards,

Robert Moore.

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Subject: Re: BentwatersCc: pharabod@in2p3.frX-Authentication-warning:
polhp2.in2p3.fr: pharabod owned process doing -bs

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- > James Easton (Tue, 16 Mar 1999 22:09:24 -0500)

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Several years ago, beginning to study the alleged UFO phenomenon, I read in (a) skeptical book(s) that some stars, when not high above the horizon, may look as having changing colors: red, green, blue...

At that time I believed nearly everything published in those skeptical books, and I told myself: OK, that's a another UFO category which becomes IFO (identified).

But, looking more often at the stars and planets, I never, never, never saw a star with changing colours.

My vision of colours is very good; not any kind of daltonism. Apart from Mars (difficult to see), which is frankly reddish, and Jupiter, which I find yellowish, other astronomical objects (stars, Venus) are just white or whitish. Agreed, some stars look slightly bluish. But they don't exhibit changing colours !

I know of this phenomenon called in French "rayon vert" ("green flash" ?) which can be seen at sunset, and which I myself observed several times on the seaside (I even know the meteorological conditions needed to see it, from the place where I observe the sunset). This phenomenon exists, it has been photographed and filmed (I have seen photos).

Since stars appear at well known locations in the sky, it would be easy to photography and

film these stars with changing colours (agreed, it would depend on the meteorological conditions, but with a little patience it would work). So here is my question: what are the references for these photos and films ? Maybe Ian Ridpath knows these references ?

Without references, I think I will consider this story of stars with changing colours as a legend.

Jean-Pierre Pharabod

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Dear Jean & List,

I have seen red-green scintillating stars many times. I have never seen planets scintillate red-green though I understand others have observed it. I will ask astronomer Rod Brock.

Brad Sparks

In a message dated 3/18/99 2:02:58 AM, pharabod@in2p3.fr writes:

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Date: Sun, 21 Mar 1999 11:08:24 -0500
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Subject: An ETH variation!

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One of the problems with the ETH (other than a lack of **any** conclusive evidence!) are the distances involved in travelling between the stars. For many decades, everyone has come to accept that the ETH would involve visitors from other, fairly distant star-systems. This would mean many, many years of travel, and the utilisation of massive levels of energy (**very** massive levels of energy in regards to "space-warp" travel!)

Where else could they be from; surely not from any of our nearby planets! They are all hellholes incapable of supporting (virtually) any lifeforms. Likewise, there is no evidence of any "Alien bases" (other than that which can be explained in terms of TLP (or "TLP-type" events on other bodies than the moon). And where's the evidence of ET mining, space-bases, etc, on the other worlds of our solar system.... which doesn't depend on conspiracy theories to sustain it's viability?

Likewise with all the near-earth stars akin to sol (ie Alpha Centauri & Tau Ceti) . Where's the radio signals that such cultures should be transmitting....transmissions we should have picked up decades ago! And, all in all, 1.3+ parsecs is **still** a long way to travel (ie a round trip at 0.5c (an reasonably viable speed for an STL starship) would take about 12 years to complete. By comparison sailing ship explorations of our world during the 16th-18th centuries took about 1-2 years in total - with (in that case) plenty of hospitable places to stop along the way to pick up supplies!.

So, what of **another** possibility.....

What if there was once a planet in orbit around our sun (or a nearby star) which was via a very severe collision event (i.e impact with a very large comet/asteriod or a moon-sized object) shifted from it's orbit and ejected into interstellar space? What if this world originally existed around the biozone of this star and had life?? And that life evolved and developed a technical culture???

In our own solar system, the gap between Mars & Earth would be a suitable location for such a "lost world".

Planets changing orbital positions are by no means impossible, likewise the existence of "escaping" planetary bodies. In regards to the former, Goldilocks (the super-massive world orbiting 51-Pegasi) is thought by some astronomers to have been formed in one part of it's solar system and later "transferred" to it's present location very close to 51-Pegasi. We also know Jupiter can eject comets into interstellar space. And it is strongly suspect that Miranda (one of the Moons of Uranus) was smashed apart by a

collision sometime in its history and eventually reformed via accretion. Many of the "gas giant" moons, the moons of Mars (and even, it is suspected, Pluto) were "captured" bodies (albeit originally created by the formation of our solar system). The early history of the solar system was very definitely one of numerous collision events (the surface of the Moon, Mercury and other worlds shows clear evidence of this).

Yes, of course, if such a world was "ejected" from its solar system all life on the surface would die. But there *could* also be survivors, living underground in artificial environments. If we accept that we could establish a base in space (ie the Alpha spacestation or MIR) or on the Moon (the postulated lunar colony proposed for the first two decades of the 21st century), life could equally be sustained to this "ejected" planet by such artificial means.

Living underground all radio communications could well be (logically) channeled underground, and hence blocked by the planet's surface. This would not therefore "leak" out into space and be subsequently detected by our radio telescopes. A world without a sun it would not be visible optically, with very little light falling on its surface. If sufficiently distant from its originating solar system it would have *no* gravitational effects on its originating system, and hence NOT be detectable by any gravitational effects on that particular solar system.

No-one on Earth would be aware of the existence of that world if this disaster happened before recorded history (in a time before man?).

As time progressed, the survivors on this world could become more and more adapted to their new environment, until they were as suited to their current artificial biome as we on earth are suited to our natural one. It may well be these entities would be cybernetic organisms, living off energy rather than food and not requiring an atmosphere. Or they may have even become extremely sensitive to airborne organisms present in a "natural" atmosphere world like Earth, due to them living in an artificial biome. Is this why some UFO entities are reported to wear "spacesuits....which could also be part of a cybernetic body-structure).

According to this theory there would be no open contact between ourselves and "them" (for what purpose, when such radical differences exist between us and "them". They need nothing from us, and "they" can't (or won't!) share anything with us.

The only reason to visit earth would be to assess our "threat potential" and to document our progress. Why not use radio scanning-beams/lasers to do this work you ask, rather than direct visitation? Answer; this would give away "their" position in space. Space flights would not. If you were a culture surviving on a very (over) specialised artificial biosphere with finite resources (but advanced technology) would you want to give away your position to another race with access to nuclear weapons, spaceflight and a

long, unfortunate history of using such technology in a violent and ruthless manner? And, worse still, they could reach your world, within a few decades (if not already). Hence, the lack of any formal contact.

This theoretical world - rather than being the heavenly utopia beloved of many contactees - would be a dour, dark and depressing place, with limited (but adequate and technically advanced) resources.

The most notable thing about this theory is that (providing this hypothetical world is positioned not *too* far from our solar system) the speeds visually attributed to UFOs would be adequate for the (fairly) short journeys between earth and this "world"! That is a propulsion system that can move a craft from very close range to the size of a pin-point in several seconds.....ie similar to the motions attributed by witnesses to UFOs since 1947!!!

This is not to say that I feel that all "true UFOs" are ET in origin, by any means! To begin with, this is *only* a theory. But we *do* have reports of "exotics" (the "handful of the handful" of inexplicable reports). Sightings of seemingly material devices. Earthlights/UAPs EHS, astro-mirages, etc probably dispose of upto (at least) 90% of all "true UFO" reports. It is foolish (and baseless) to deny otherwise.

But there are a few sightings of seemingly material objects, which seem to be advanced, constructed devices. Providing they cannot be explained in other ways (ie exotic subjective effects and man-made devices) we obviously need a theory to account for them. So it does no harm to look at such concepts, providing it is done in a sensible, balanced way, one guided by evidential motives rather than sympathy for a "traditional" idea. But these "exotic" reports do exist. It may be prudent to look at such ideas, if only on a "what if" basis.

This is a simple and viable form of the ETH, which could be proved. Deep radar/lidar scanning of the region outside of our solar system would be able to locate this theoretical "dead-alive " world (but would not be possible for many decades.....probably well into the 21st century or early into the 22nd century).

I would be interested in any comments you might have in regards to this. Most importantly, can anyone help me with assessing the viability of this concept; ie of a planet being "ejected" out of the solar system (or being ejected from another one and (eventually) "drifting" close to our own).

Lastly, I would like to thank researcher Martin Rushe of Wiltshire who originally proposed to me the possibility of some "exotic" UFOs originating from an unknown world within our solar system. Although I disagreed with him on the original form of this theory, his ideas inspired me to come up with the concept of an ejected extra-solar world, which I feel is worthy of some consideration.

Robert Moore,
East Huntspill,
England.
21st March, 1999.

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Subject: Re: An ETH variation!
References: <199903211108_MC2-6ECD-F42F@compuserve.com>

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In message <199903211108_MC2-6ECD-F42F@compuserve.com>, engima9
<ENGIMA9@compuserve.com> writes

>UFO Research List
Hi Robert, All

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>visitors from other, fairly distant star-systems. This would mean many,
>many years of travel, and the utilisation of massive levels of energy
>(*very* massive levels of energy in regards to "space-warp" travel!)

Put bluntly I think this statement is B****X. the big reason I say this
is that you, or any other that use this or a similar argument, don't
consider the technology that these aliens have that we clearly don't.
What's more I find it difficult to understand that later on you
attribute these aliens with the advance technology that could mean FTL
travel.

What a lot of people cannot seem to get their collective heads around is
that as technology advances "we" are capable of so much more with this
new technology. I know for example about Ford buying a completely
hydraulic gearbox, no moving parts. Not quite in the same league but
consider this, having once been a mechanic I could not conceive of how
such a gearbox could work. But I know the brother of the guy who
invented it and sold it to Ford!

Technology is amazing stuff, the PC (or MAC) that you are using now
twenty years ago would have NASA dribbling. NASA sent man to the moon
with what amounts to a pocket calculator by today's standards. So please
how can you say that FTL is not possible without massive level's of
energy without considering what you are really saying, which is "I don't
know how to exceed the speed of light so therefore the alien race(s)
that are visiting us cannot be travelling FTL!"

>
>Where else could they be from;
As to the rest of your theory, one cannot rule out any possibility of
where our visitor's come from.

>Robert Moore,

>East Huntspill,
>England.
>21st March, 1999.

Cordially

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In an infinite universe infinitely anything is possible.

Sean Jones

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Date: Sun, 21 Mar 1999 17:32:30 -0500
From: engima9 <ENGIMA9@compuserve.com>
Subject: Re: An ETH variation!

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My theory is (as you point out) based on a fairly narrow "ceiling" of technical development. That said, regardless of how "old" a culture is, surely the laws of physics will always rule out some things, no matter how advanced an ET culture is. For instance, science writer Edward Ashpole advocated the concept of "technological ceilings"; ie that there are finite limits to technical development. At present we have *no* idea of how wide or narrow those limits actually are.

Ufology (as SETI) can only - currently - note all the possibilities.....while of course always ensuring our case studies are sufficiently well documented and researched!

Regards,

Robert.

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Hi Sean,

I said;

>>One of the problems with the ETH (other than a lack of *any* conclusive
>>evidence!) are the distances involved in travelling between the stars. For
>>many decades, everyone has come to accept that the ETH would involve
>>visitors from other, fairly distant star-systems. This would mean many,
>>many years of travel, and the utilisation of massive levels of energy
>(*very* massive levels of energy in regards to "space-warp" travel!)

You replied;

>Put bluntly I think this statement is B****X. the big reason I say this
>is that you, or any other that use this or a similar argument, don't
>consider the technology that these aliens have that we clearly don't.
>What's more I find it difficult to understand that later on you
>attribute these aliens with the advance technology that could mean FTL
>travel.

<snip>

Reply to your's:

Thanks for your views on this....

This particular estimation of FTL energy-levels which you comment on is based on that given (fairly) recently by several different physicists. One such estimation stated that FTL travel would involve (constantly generated)energy-levels akin to that generated by an exploding/imploding star(!). See L. Krauss's book "The Physics Of Star Trek". That said, this in itself doesn't makes FTL travel impossible. But - if that *is* true - *don't* go kicking any landed UFOs you might find lying about.....!

Another (recent)estimation puts the power-level required for FTL "warp" travel at *such* a high level that it would effectively rule it out!

I was working on the (theoretical) asumption that these estimations *are* right. That view, of course, could be in error, but it does *no* harm to look at these possibilities.....

If, of course, these power-estimations **are** wrong, then FTL would be much easier than my theory-outline assumed! Such reversals of thinking **have** been known of in the history of science. Which may be especially be the case in this area of physics, which is presently very poorly understood.

If those high power-estimations **are** wrong, the "visitors" **could**, of course, come from anywhere, depending how far the FTL drive system can go (and how quickly) Some "versions" of the "spacewarp" drive "allow" for **very** large "jumps" between points in space.

In my discussion I was refering to a drive-system which reaches speeds **fairly** close to that of light, but which does **not** exceed it! Which IS difficult - by our standards - to attain, but by no means impossible (i.e it is **not** forbidden by the current laws of physics).

This drive-system could be a "photon rocket" powered by a fusion/antimatter/Z.P.E, poweplant, a gravational force "reaction" thruster (see the "Known Space" Si-Fi works of Larry Niven for a fictional example), or a system that reduces inertia to near-zero, allowing for very fast rates of speed for very low levels of expended energy. (I may have something more on the latter propulsion concept in the future!)

These speeds are also very, very fast and would allow a reasonable degree of interstellar travel (albeit being more difficult than that shown in TV shows such as "Star Trek").

Thanks for you blunt speaking; I **did** want to hear people's views on my ideas, and I sure hearing them now. I will note them all!

Regards,
Robert Moore.

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Subject: Re: BentwatersCc: pharabod@in2p3.frX-Authentication-warning:
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Date: Mon, 22 Mar 1999 11:35:30 -0500 (EST)
From: RB47Expert@aol.com
Subject: Re: BentwatersMessage-id: <c4bdc26.36f67152@aol.com>

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Dear Jean-Pierre,

I'm glad you're satisfied now that the red-green scintillation does exist. Unfortunately we have a conflict in the data because Col Halt reported on real-time tape recording in 1980 only TWO ELLIPSES together in the N (and one ellipse in the S) but Randy nearly 20 years later remembers or misremembers THREE TRIANGLES were together (maybe he has confused the fact there were THREE lights TOTAL and forgotten that one was in the opposite part of the sky). Regrettably, James Easton has ignored my discussion of this discrepancy in the number of objects and unfortunately has not yet obtained directional data from Randy.

Brad Sparks

In a message dated 3/22/99 1:43:32 AM, pharabod@in2p3.fr writes:

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Subject: Re: An ETH variation!Message-id: <dc7b82b2.36f6b1c8@aol.com>

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Robert,

The scientific method involves formulation of TESTABLE THEORIES and HYPOTHESES that are tested against observational data, past, present and future, in order to provide REALITY CHECKS that the theories are not due to error or self-deception or outright fraud. These reality checks are where predictions, "reproducibility" and/or "repeatability," and "falsifiability" come in. A scientifically useful theory has to be "falsifiable" and it has to explain more than any data set that one might have started with, i.e., it has heuristic power to explain or predict UNEXPECTED events or phenomena. This again provides a reality check against error or deception. The scientific method is NOT restricted to only those things that can be tested in a lab experiment -- that is merely one of the better ways to do scientific reality checks but not the ONLY way. Lab experiment isn't a formal prerequisite for science otherwise most of astrophysics and geophysics would have to be thrown out because they deal with things that cannot be brought into the lab such as the earth's core or a neutron star. The old saw that "an event is not repeatable" is hogwash, since the universe is closed and every event has an effect on its surroundings. These effects in principle at least are testable at any time, though in practice distance and time blur distinctions -- but this must be determined on a case-by-case basis not by some a prior decree made in advance of even trying. Physical effects of many events of past history are actually testable in a lab and are repeatable and reproducible (geology does it all the time).

Right now, almost all of UFOlogy is in a pre-scientific mode of blindly gathering data without exactly knowing WHAT data are ultimately relevant because relevance is determined by the theories or hypotheses we're testing -- and we don't have ETH or anything else developed into an easily testable formulation. I like your STL (Slower Than Light) and FTL (Faster Than Light) models of ETH because these might be developed into TESTABLE hypotheses, especially STL.

One serious defect of UFOlogy is its perverse insistence on going after impossible or untestable ideas instead of doing the hard work of testing the doable or testable. Many times I'll see someone propose an idea that can be tested against a database only to be shot down by someone saying that aliens MIGHT POSSIBLY be so far advanced as to be indistinguishable from magic (paraphrasing Arthur C. Clarke's dictum) and that no theory can be devised to test magic because to us it appears capricious. The result is that no one does any testing of the lower-level TESTABLE theories. Basically no one in UFOlogy wants to "do their homework" before graduating into "advanced" studies of abductions, paranormal powers, etc.

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From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>
Subject: Bentwaters

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Regarding:

>Date: Tue, 16 Mar 1999 10:17:15 +0100 (MET)
>From: "J. Pharabod" <pharabod@in2p3.fr>
>Subject: Re: Bentwaters

Jean-Pierre wrote:

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>A first check would be to ask Halt if he knew of the dozen
>people in the SPCDS tower. AFAIK, he never spoke of that..

Jean-Pierre,

I have now been able to contact Col. Halt and outlining the main details of Randy's story, expressed an obvious interest in discussing the case.

Although hopeful he will respond favourably and we can maybe clarify further what happened that particular night, we have to keep in mind that he may be reluctant to and cautious about disclosing any new information which confirms nuclear weapons were stockpiled in the weapons storage area.

I'm concerned that Randy is also leaving himself open to retribution if he makes a public declaration to this effect, even though it was almost 20 years ago now.

Can anyone clarify what action might be taken - could entitlement to service benefits be invalidated?

Re Halt, I suspect much will depend on whether he still intends to publish his own book and has an agreement not to speak about the case before publication.

Anyway, we'll see what transpires and I'm sure the information will be of interest to him.

Even if Halt does reply and say he can't discuss the case, at least we have achieved what I considered to be an desirable goal - he was informed and his comments invited.

It would be great if he does respond, however, in either event, I indicated that the new evidence would be published shortly and he knows that it will generate some questions for him.

>Another check would be to locate Bob Ball and interview him
>about Randy.

One person I know has been in contact with Bob, or Bobby (Robert) Ball, is Georgina Bruni. She will in due course be publishing a book which is apparently either about 'UFOs in the UK' and incorporating the 'Bentwaters' case, or specifically about this case.

It would be fair to say that I have expressed an adverse opinion of her 'conspiracies and cover ups' approach to 'UFOs' and best if I didn't comment any further.

I did however recently contact her and ask if we might proceed more amicably and could she assist with the very point you have suggested.

Alas, whilst expressing a willingness to embrace co-operation, she is apparently unable to discuss the case under the agreement with her publishers.

No matter, there may be other avenues.

Bottom line, I've undertaken all I consider would be expected of Randy's significant claims and trust they have been treated responsibly. Discussed at length with chief 'Bentwaters' sceptic Ian Ridpath and revealed privately to the list members, I presently await Randy's response to the questions which have come up on the list and some others I had thought of.

I'll post the answers when received and we can take it from there.

If Randy's identity is shortly to be confirmed, his detailed account published and supported with accompanying sketches of what he claims to have observed, it's a 'sensational' story, yet arguably no more than that. Potentially, its importance is in encouraging other participants to come forward and add to our understanding of the case.

There's a further issue related to events in the WSA, which surprisingly hasn't, to my knowledge, received publicity, even in

the 'UFO' magazines.

In 'Left at East Gate', co-authored by Larry Warren and Peter Robbins, they publish [pages 351-366] the transcript of an interview with Halt, apparently recorded with permission.

At some points, Halt asks for the tape recorder to be switched off, e.g., "One of the most interesting things.. You want to turn the tapes off?".

Warren and Robbins write how they were later dismayed and angered when in July 1994, Halt gave a lecture in the UK, during which he dismissed Warren's story, claiming that Warren hadn't been involved at all.

I believe the lecture was given in Leeds, when Halt was in the UK to film an interview for the ITV 'Strange But True?' documentary on the case.

Considering Halt's actions a "breach of confidence" following his discussions with them, Warren and Robbins retaliate by disclosing claims which Halt had allegedly made to them in confidence.

One of these was allegedly that, "Light beams had penetrated the hard-core bunkers of Bentwaters' weapons-security area".

During a 1997 CompuServe conference with Warren and Robbins, I had the opportunity to ask them about this and the CompuServe library transcript records:

James Easton: You claim Halt revealed that beams of light penetrated the weapons storage area and damaged the nuclear weapons. He has now confirmed that the "pencil thin" beams were seen near the storage area., but that's all. Do you still maintain he confirmed that nuclear weapons were compromised?

Larry & Peter: Yes -- he told us this face to face when we met with him in Washington DC -- it is in the book as well.

Strictly, they didn't claim any weapons were damaged.

It's a second-hand story and maybe that's not exactly what Halt said, possibly he only referred to the 'beams' being observed in the WSA.

Only Halt has made any public statement about the 'beams' being reported on radio as coming down near the WSA.

Randy has no knowledge of this, it was never mentioned in the days afterwards and no-one ever interviewed him about the events.

I don't believe Halt knew that anybody in the WSA had possibly observed 'objects'. A clue is in the taped conversation with Warren and Robbins, when he says:

"None of the witnesses that I've talked to from the third night [the second night as we know it - James] say there was anything physical they could catch other than lights"

In which case, Randy's story could be a considerable surprise to him.

We await developments.

James.

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Subject: Re: An ETH variation!
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Message text written by INTERNET:RB47Expert@aol.com
(Brad Sparks),

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Quite true..... in fact I agree with a lot of what you write in your
interesting reply!

To be honest, I first I wanted to see whether such an exotic idea (as I
proposed) was worth bothering with to begin with! Hence my decision to
put it out for discussion. Obviously, defining the distances relating to
this theory (and it's viability!) is going to be one of the *main* aims of
future research into this concept.

For a start, I need to determine whether the concept of an "escaping"
planet is scientifically plausible to begin with!
It if turns out it's *NOT* then the concept is dead in the water! This
will obviously entail a lot of writing, reading and research.....
But we have some interesting instances from our solar system (and others -
ie 51-Pegasi) which shows that solar systems
can be very violent and dynamic places. More so than astronomers even ten
years ago *ever* suspected

Basically, my - and Martin Rushe's - "near world theory" (to give it a
name) is an attempt, foolish or otherwise, to come up with an ETH
concept that does *not* involve very long travel times between a
(hypothetical) world of origin and earth. This is the "bane" of many
versions of the ETH at present, unless you allow for the possibility of
high performance (and easy-to-use) FTL drive systems (Which you probably

have to!). This theory also needed to "fit in" with a situation of protracted non-"open" contact, a lack of radio-communication contact, but also one where (repeat) physical visits to earth would nonetheless occur.

I am also trying to keep the theory as *much* based on scientific fact as I can. This may seem "limited" to some on this list (!), but it does *no* harm to do this as a theoretical exercise (I'm watching those possible "technological ceilings" I alluded to in a previous posting).

After I've examined *this* idea in depth, maybe then I will look at the various FTL concepts.....

One factor where this theory *does* does go "out" a bit is in proposing a highly advanced propulsion system, using concepts that (most of) science currently rejects. But - that said - I based this drive-system on the reported attributes of UFOs. Given that some "True UFO" reports DO involve "machines", this would suggest a (repeatedly?) reusable stage-to-orbit vehicle, with (seemingly) very good endurance and superb flight attributes. In essence UFO flight-aspects seem to encompass *everything* we would ever want from one of "our" aircraft; fast speeds (with no sonic booms, making it possible to fly over bodies of land and inhabited areas in "supersonic" mode) protracted hoverings, and instant accelerations and decelerations. Also the "drive-system" concerned appears to be fairly "clean" and doesn't slag the surroundings like one of our rockets would do!

Incidentally, This *might* be because the propulsion-system in question only requires a very small rate of thrust, utilising an "inertialess" drive system. This also fits in with the lack of sonic booms, etc....

I would guess (at present) that this - *very* hypothetical - world would be located less than 1 light year or so from our solar system. It would need to be positioned at a distance where it would have *no* gravitational effect on the rest of the solar system. Otherwise the existence of such a world would *already* be a well-accepted scientific fact!

Unless, of course, my research DOES uncover evidence of possible anomalous gravitational influences on bodies within the solar system. Then it could be closer! But I am not aware of any such evidence at present.

It could very likely turn out to be (near solar-system?) moonshine. But at least this concept can - maybe even *should* - be looked into, and the research into it (whatever the results) can be preserved for future reference and debate.

Like you said - lets see how well this theory withstands further research and standards of scientific logic and reasoning, and whether it can be shown to be viable (or otherwise)!

Regards,

Robert Moore

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Jean-Pierre,

I've discussed related aspects with Ian Ridpath.

Ian believes that from Randy's description of their positions, the right-hand star was Rigel, the one to the left was Saiph (Kappa Orionis) and to the far left was Sirius.

I pointed out to Ian:

"James McGaha (CSICOP) suggested that the lights Halt observed - two in the north and one to the south - were Vega, Deneb and Sirius, respectively.

That makes five stars, minimum, being mistaken for 'UFOs', described by several witnesses at two separate locations to be *rapidly* accelerating and at least one of them reportedly sending down a beam of light.

The problem with attributing stars as a cause is that even if it's not the explanation, there are always going to be 'nearby stars' which can 'fit'.

Substantiating the argument, it was also noted that when I first told Steuart Campbell about the descriptions from those original witness statements and trusting he won't mind if I mention it, Steuart wrote:

"the reports you now quote are not of a flaming/descending craft, but of a stationary flashing light in red and blue.

Naturally one has to ask what astronomical objects could have been seen at that time in that direction. Until now there has been no need to ask this question. However, I've just made a sky check, with the following results:

Input: 0300Z; 1980 Dec 26; 1.5degE/52deg3'N

Output: Saturn and Jupiter in close conjunction at about 22deg.alt. and azimuth 126/127deg (SE). 1st mag. stars Spica (8deg.alt/121deg.azi); Arcturus (25deg.alt/91deg22'azi).

The report of a flashing object is consistent with a bright star (not a planet) scintillating at low altitude. The only candidate is Spica, incidentally in the same area of sky as the fireball. Scintillation is usually also accompanied by colour differentiation. Since Spica is a predominantly blue star, this should be the dominant colour. But differentiation would also show red. As I explained in my book (p. 52) the red component will appear *below* the blue. A mirage can enlarge and enhance the image and this effect.

[End]

All good and well, however, Steuart failed to appreciate the red and blue lights were being reported within the forest, not in the sky.

He still found an explanation for them as stars though!

Looking at the overall situation, we still have to account for the initial red and blue lights seen within the forest that first night, the source of which hasn't been explained, plus 'Tom's' testimony that when they went in search of Burroughs, Cabansag and Penniston:

I could clearly see the lights from the gate, just outside the back gate (East gate). It was next to the road.

They were intermittent lights, very bright, 15-20 feet above the ground.

They were pulsating and from what I recall there were 3 lights, red green and blue.

It made no noise, but it defied gravity. It was really weird and scary. We all knew what we were looking at, but no one really came out and said it.

I saw them, so did Amn Beachum, Amn Hartman, Amn Hernandez.
[End]

This is the first time I've publicly disclosed these names.

I don't see any reason now why this can't be done.

It's illustrative of the main problem; I know the names of approx. 10-15 people who participated in both nights events and have never been interviewed. Any one of these participants may in turn be able to identify someone else we're unaware of.

How can this be resolved?

Most, if not all, will have long since returned to the US and many will now be civilians. Generating significant publicity in the US and which might result in new information seems the only solution.

Some twenty years on, it had occurred that Randy's story offers an opportunity which, short of Halt publishing his own book, may be the proverbial 'last shot'.

Although a 'newsworthy' item, is the story sufficiently credible to be taken seriously by the media?

If we first await answers from Randy to questions raised and any comments from Charles Halt, that will maybe determine itself.

James.
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Date: Mon, 22 Mar 1999 21:49:44 -0500
From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>
Subject: Bentwaters

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Regarding:

>From: RB47Expert@aol.com
>Date: Mon, 22 Mar 1999 11:35:30 EST
>Subject: Re: Bentwaters

Brad Sparks wrote:

>Dear Jean-Pierre,

>Unfortunately we have a conflict in the data because Col Halt
>reported on real-time tape recording in 1980 only TWO ELLIPSES
>together in the N (and one ellipse in the S) but Randy nearly 20
>years later remembers or misremembers THREE TRIANGLES were
>together (maybe he has confused the fact there were THREE lights
>TOTAL and forgotten that one was in the opposite part of the
>sky).

>Regrettably, James Easton has ignored my discussion of this
>discrepancy in the number of objects and unfortunately has not
>yet obtained directional data from Randy.

Brad,

Apologies for any delay in responding to your queries.

In addition to contacting Charles Halt and inviting his comments,
I've been trying to obtain a specific Ordnance Survey map of the
Bentwaters base which might help answer key points.

One difficulty was that the Ordnance Survey 'Pathfinder' map I
have and which shows RAF Woodbridge, only features half of the
base at the top of the map and it cuts off at this point. The map
'above' would show the rest of RAF Woodbridge and just to the
north, RAF Bentwaters.

The other problem was that the Ordnance Survey 'Pathfinder' maps
have been replaced by a new range, which don't have the same
level of detail.

Locating a copy of the superseded map hasn't been so easy and

then some, however, I seem to have found one, courtesy of Ipswich 'tourist information' and when received, I'll put together a scanned composite showing both bases.

These adjacent maps had better 'line up'.

My thought was that a scan of the composite map could be e-mailed to Randy and he could indicate his recollection of where the 'objects' were 'hovering'.

It would also help to understand where Halt's 'UFOs' were seen, given that we have specific co-ordinates from the 'Halt tape' and we might make some further sense of it all.

Halt and co. were in the forest, approx. south-west of RAF Bentwaters.

Halt describes two objects to the north and one to the south.

Were the northern objects further north than RAF Bentwaters, or were they in-between the bases, in which case Randy and co. would have observed all three to the south, which is what he claims.

Hopefully, this can all shortly be clarified.

As mentioned to Jean-Pierre, I have also asked Randy all of the questions resulting from recent discussions and await his response.

The 'objects' reportedly observed by Randy were not all 'together'.

There was one to the 'left' and two distinctly close together on the 'right'.

This is evident in his sketch of the WSA and having the advantage of understanding the layout of the bases, I can see how this will make infinitely more sense when plotted on a map.

A thought which does occur and can be explored.. if Halt was observing two objects to the north and these were in fact stars.. then Randy was reportedly observing three objects roughly south.. so these could not have been the same stars.

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Date: Wed, 24 Mar 1999 19:42:26 -0500
From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>
Subject: Re: Bentwaters

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Dear list members,

It seems the following mail from Kevin was intended for the list and I've just noticed has been sent directly to myself.

I'm assuming this resulted from the point as mentioned in the 'list housekeeping' notes:

"On some mail software, using 'reply' may not send a response to the list, it will go only to the person who sent the mail.

It's recommended that the destination of your reply is therefore checked before sending".

Hopefully, no other list replies will have been sent only to the originator of the message being responded to, rather than the list.

All list mail is archived and can be checked as necessary.

I'll append Kevin's mail and deal with the list processing in a separate message.

James.

From: INTERNET:KRandle993@aol.com, INTERNET:KRandle993@aol.com

Date: Tue, 23 Mar 1999 09:09:58 EST
Subject: Re: Bentwaters

UFO Research List

> Regarding:

>>Date: Tue, 16 Mar 1999 10:17:15 +0100 (MET)
>>From: "J. Pharabod" <pharabod@in2p3.fr>
>>Subject: Re: Bentwaters

James wrote:

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- > Robbins, they publish [pages 351-366] the transcript of an
- > interview with Halt, apparently recorded with permission.

I've been waiting for Warren's name to pop up in this discussion because there is no good evidence that he was directly involved and very good evidence, including his admission, that he was not at Bentwaters on the first two names of activity. That is why we have a confusion over the dates. Warren needed to create a third night when he was at the base.

Given that, I wouldn't think that his book would provide any viable insight into the events. It is cluttered with his invention, fabrication and irrelevancies.

KRandle

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Date: Wed, 24 Mar 1999 21:31:50 -0500
From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>
Subject: 'List Housekeeping'

UFO Research List

Dear list members,

As there are now, I'm pleased to say, over 50 list subscribers, to recap on the 'housekeeping rules':

1. The 'UFO Research List' is intended to provide a focused forum for any related topics which recognise the need for a scientific and evidential foundation.

It's that twilight zone which is devoid of abject nonsense and where objectivity replaces resolute 'religious', or sceptical, dogma.

2. The list is also primarily intended to enable secure discussions and as subscribers may request feedback on new data or privately debate controversial, sensitive issues, etc., ALL contributions are therefore 'LIST ONLY - IN CONFIDENCE' unless otherwise denoted.

If it appears on this list, it shouldn't be seen anywhere else without the originator's permission.

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- update your member profile, i.e., any information you may have provided when you joined the list.

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8. The list software also requires that each posting is no larger than 10k in size (approx. 1500 words maximum) and larger postings should be broken down into sections.

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Date: Wed, 24 Mar 1999 22:45:56 -0500
From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>
Subject: Bentwaters

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Kevin,

Sentiments appreciated and certainly no disagreement.

In 'Rendlesham Unravalled', I briefly dealt with Warren's claims under 'A Word About Warren':

"Warren has offered his own controversial versions of encounters during this period and the latest is to be found in a book entitled 'Left at East Gate', published last year. Much of Warren's story can be traced back to the tales which proliferated on base at that time.

Warren's tales have grown in the telling over the years, as illustrated by an early statement, not to my knowledge previously published, which he made whilst then under the pseudonym of 'Art Wallace'.[9]

He wrote: "In March of 1981, I met in the room of a Sgt. Bustina [Note: should be Bustinza] and two other people we discussed what had happened reassuring each other that we had seen what we saw...".

"They told me about the underground facility and the UFO store down in that facility also about a number of other things I

probably should not ever go into.

I don't know if it's true or if it isn't true but they certainly seemed to believe it and I didn't have any reason not to believe it, seeing the high strangeness of the events that we had experienced together anything I would have believed".

Not only did Warren subsequently believe it, this anecdote then became a central feature of his own claims - being drugged and taken to the underground base, witnessing the UFO there, telepathically communicating with 'unseen entities', etc.

Warren's supposed experiences have a basis in subsequent 'recollections' under 'hypnotic regression' and the previously untainted story is demonstrably different.

Early reservations about Warren were expressed in 'Skycrash', by Jenny Randles, Brenda Butler and Dot Street:

"Jenny also noticed how his testimony was becoming more elaborate. His first version of events was that he had definitely not seen aliens. This had been an invention to make the story seem too fantastic. Within six months he progressed through 'having a feeling I saw something' to describing how he had a kind of telepathic image of an alien implanted into his mind in an underground room to which he was taken. This seemed suspicious.

On one occasion Brenda spoke with him, telling things that Steve Roberts had said, but interspersing these with bits of information she had made up off the top of her head. This was a deliberate trap and Art Wallace walked right into it. He agreed with everything, including Brenda's fantasies".

Other than this, I've avoided any reference to his tales.

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>invention, fabrication and irrelevancies.

There is surprisingly some useful information in 'Left at East Gate', as noted, the reproduction of Warren's 'letter home' and the Halt interview transcript. The book also contains transcripts from early witness interviews conducted by Larry Fawcett and minus Larry's lamentable hotchpotch of 'recollections' that's its real value.

James.

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Date: Wed, 24 Mar 1999 22:46:12 -0500
From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>
Subject: Bentwaters

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Regarding:

>From: RB47Expert@aol.com
>Date: Mon, 15 Mar 1999 13:51:31 EST
>Subject: Re: Bentwaters

Brad Sparks wrote:

>In your first posting, James, on March 13..

Brad,

As your posting is an exact copy of queries and points previously raised, since answered and acknowledged, presumably this may be an unintentional duplicate.

If not, no doubt you will clarify.

Taking this opportunity, I've now received a response from Randy on the questions I had asked, incorporating those which came up on the list.

I informed Randy that the mailing list had been set up, providing a useful forum to first disclose his story publicly and consider any further feedback.

Replying to the questions highlighted, he writes:

"In regards to cloud cover, I remember the night as being clear. If there were clouds, these objects were lower than the clouds. As you state, clouds would block out stars, these objects were never blocked out. Everyone is wondering how I know we weren't looking at stars? I never saw a star that has a triangular shape with several lights around the bottom. Have you? It wasn't even the lights that were important. It was the shape that made us realize what we were looking at. Specific questions list members have raised: "3 triangular shaped craft" etc. I think we covered that already, but anyway, it's hard to determine how far above the trees these craft were. Best guess, several hundred feet above the ground. They weren't "just above" treetop, but they weren't really that high either. Next question, "During observation, did the objects noticeably change altitude?" They

didn't noticeably change altitude while I was looking. They also didn't appear to be stationary-like a star would have been. More like viewing say a helicopter that's hovering very smoothly. i.e. no or very little yaw, and no buck, (porpoise). And yes, they were always perceived to be the same distance above the trees while I was viewing.

There was only one pair of binoculars in the tower and not on a tripod. The objects were steady in the viewfinder and it wasn't really difficult to keep them centered. You also ask about the tower's windows. They are not angled outwards as with an aircraft control tower. They windows aren't as big as in an aircraft control tower. The window glass is thick and bullet resistant. However, I don't believe my view was either impeded nor distorted by this glass. It's designed to be an OBSERVATION tower, I OBSERVED 3 triangular craft with lights, my vision was and is perfect, the area of observation was clear. There is NO DOUBT in my mind whatsoever"

I've also now received a copy of the Ordnance Survey map detailing RAF Bentwaters and have e-mailed Randy a scan of the base, plus surrounding area, asking if he could indicate on this exactly where the weapons storage area was and the 'objects' perceived to be observed.

When he plots this on the scanned image and returns the updated map, it will be immensely helpful overall.

It's actually Randy and Kathy's son - they call him the 'cyberpunk' - who has handled all of these more technical requests, including scanning and sending many service documents and sketches I had asked for.

I have wondered what he makes of it all..

Not really your average 'Mom and Dad'.

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From: "J. Pharabod" <pharabod@in2p3.fr>
Subject: Re: BentwatersCc: pharabod@in2p3.frX-Authentication-warning:
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Date: Thu, 25 Mar 1999 10:43:55 -0500 (EST)
From: RB47Expert@aol.com
Subject: Re: BentwatersMessage-id: <ae063ba8.36fa59bb@aol.com>

UFO Research List

Dear Jean-Pierre,

The U.S. National Climatic Data Center has all that weather data going back as far as there were weather observations. Pierre must have missed the storm front coming in from the east over the Rockies at the time of the Arnold case.

Brad Sparks

In a message dated 3/25/99 1:43:57 AM, pharabod@in2p3.fr writes:

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Dear Brad,

Hmm... I don't think he missed anything. I myself probably misunderstood what he told me about the good visibility. Sorry.

Jean-Pierre Pharabod

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Date: Thu, 25 Mar 1999 11:30:31 -0500 (EST)
From: Ktperehwon@aol.com
Subject: Greetings!Message-id: <a5047ed.36fa64a7@aol.com>

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This is just a quick one to say hello to my fellow list members and express my delight that we may at last have an online forum in which issues may be discussed, information exchanged, etc., in a collegial and productive fashion.

A thought: Like myself, I imagine the rest of you would find it helpful to know who subscribes to UFORL. Would it be possible to post a list of all the "suspects"? This could facilitate communications. Thx. -- KARL PFLOCK

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Date: Thu, 25 Mar 1999 19:36:37 +0000
From: Sean Jones <tedric@tedric.demon.co.uk>
Subject: Re: Greetings!
References: <a5047ed.36fa64a7@aol.com>

UFO Research List

In message <a5047ed.36fa64a7@aol.com>, Ktperehwon@aol.com writes
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Hi Karl

Would this list be passed on to your CIA colleagues for various reasons
<huge G> No seriously I agree it would be a great idea to know the
people that one is addressing.

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In an infinite universe infinitely anything is possible.

Sean Jones

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From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>
Subject: Bentwaters

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Regarding:

>Date: Thu, 25 Mar 1999 10:42:05 +0100 (MET)
>From: "J. Pharabod" <pharabod@in2p3.fr>
>To: UFORL@listbot.com

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>news for this period.

Jean-Pierre,

As Ian Ridpath is knowledgeable on this aspect, I've provided details of related points which have come up in discussions and asked if he would like to either comment outwith the list and permit me to post his response, or subscribe to the list, even for a short period, where he can reply directly.

One issue we must attempt to understand is this alleged 2:50 a.m. 'fireball' on the morning of 26th December and which, if indeed observable from the joint bases, must surely be related to the 'strange lights' then perceived within the forest at around 0300 a.m. and which were the origins of all subsequent 'UFO' incidents.

This has never been resolved and there's no apparent reason why it can't be.

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Date: Sat, 27 Mar 1999 22:29:14 -0500
From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>
Subject: Bentwaters

UFO Research List

Dear list members,

I've received a reply from Ian Ridpath on some points I raised and which had originated during list discussions.

On "the question of stars appearing to flash colours":

"Actually, there have been several nights recently when I have seen Sirius and some other stars putting on quite a light show. This happens when the atmosphere is particularly unsteady, often accompanied by broken cloud, and I think it's likely that those were the conditions on the nights in question at Rendlesham".

Re "references that show photographs of stars with atmospheric-induced coloration", Ian writes:

"Actually, photographing a star requires a time exposure, and they flash so quickly that it wouldn't be possible to catch individual colours. I think someone on the CompuServe Astronomy Forum did try to photograph individual scintillations of Sirius using a CCD recently, but I don't have the references to hand".

Lest we should "doubt the word of sceptics on this matter", he adds, "I thought I'd look up what a UFO believer said: Allan Hendry in The UFO Handbook. His words also have relevance to Randy's sighting".

[Begin]

This from page 24:

"I still find it quite remarkable that so many adults can observe a stellar body and see fit to call it in as a UFO....what does it say about the total UFO phenomenon when these adults are often in groups and watch these stars for hours?"

Then on to page 26:

"Starlight can be refracted into a rapid sequence of colours. Red, white and blue are the most common although every colour in the spectrum has been reported to me."

On page 28 he reproduces a sketch of what looks like a conical witch's hat with brim, which is how a police witness drew a star as seen with the naked eye. Hendry also says on the same page:

"People have seen 'spikes', 'beams', 'appendages' and 'sparkles' shooting out in all directions from bright stars."

And on page 31:

"Whenever witnesses trained magnifying optics on a star undergoing atmospheric distortions, the magnification served only to exaggerate the distortion effects and make the situation worse."

Hendry devoted a chapter to the use of optics in UFO sightings.

He reports:

"IFO case 26 was based on a star viewed for 40 minutes, yet through binoculars the light looked like a "dome" shape, changing red, green, blue and yellow. In case 51, a star seen in Des Moines was turned into a "cup and saucer" through binoculars. A star that was watched for three solid hours became a mushroom shape, Venus became a "domed disc", and other stars became "pentagons", "cones", "triangles" and so on.

He goes on to say that he always made a point of asking what he object looked like to the naked eye, "only to learn that the 'saucer' through binoculars was only a point source to the eye".

Hendry adds (reminding me of Col Halt's 'ellipses'): "A good number of people experienced trouble focusing on the point sources posed by stars; half of them were honest about it while the rest committed themselves to the strange, enlarged, circular shapes generated by poor focus".

[End]

Randy's reported observation of three 'triangular' objects does have some of these characteristics and they were only 'star-like' to the naked eye.

Conversely, the person in the observation tower whose turn it was with the binoculars reported two of the 'objects' rapidly departing and they were apparently no longer visible when Randy next used the binoculars.

On its own, even allowing for Randy's resolute stance that these were not merely stars, there's isn't enough evidence that they couldn't have been.

However, the point of Randy's account is that the incident wasn't isolated and seems to have occurred at around the same time as Halt and others were describing on tape that 'lights' in the sky were rapidly moving, culminating with one of them approaching and directing a beam of light nearby.

Plus there were other reported 'phenomena', e.g., as noted, Gerry Harris' tale of 'lights hovering near the runway'.

A related issue is the number of 'close encounter' reports where what were initially perceived to be stationary stars or distant lights are claimed to have moved closer to the observer and then been seen to clearly be lights attached to an object. No apparent margin for error in these types of report as the approaching object is generally claimed to be observed at a few hundred feet and described in detail; hovering, slow moving, silent and in the vast majority of cases, triangular.

Bottom line, to place Randy's story in further perspective, we really need to hear the many untold accounts of those who were involved in the events at RAF Bentwaters, RAF Woodbridge and Rendlesham forest.

Another example of the untold evidence is an occurrence which apparently took place on the morning following Burroughs, Cabansag and Penniston's investigation of the 'strange lights'. I first heard about this from 'Tom' (this is a pseudonym and I'm confident 'Tom' will shortly agree to be identified), the previously mentioned member of the 81st Security Police Squadron (SPS) who was in the patrol sent to check on Burroughs, Cabansag and Penniston's whereabouts.

He described:

"Shift change in the morney for "B" flight was extremely late.
"A" Flight relieved us at 9:30 am, very late.

When we went out the East gate back to Bentwaters, leaving Woodbridge, there were many people, including numerous people in typical lab coats making an analysis of the area. You could see out the vehicle to the right side, that there were many people examining the area, searching, looking for something. Some of these people were in white overcoats, that's why I say that they looked like typical techs in lab coats.

They were searching the area in front of the forest.
[End]

This latter statement is interesting, especially taken in conjunction with the following extract from 'UFO Magazine':

"On 31 July 1994, Charles Halt gave a fascinating lecture to UFO enthusiasts at a hastily arranged venue in Leeds. Halt was in the United Kingdom to record an interview with London Weekend

Television.

[...]

One puzzling event which has mystified Colonel Halt ever since that 'fateful week', concerns the arrival of an unscheduled C141 Galaxy transporter just hours after the encounter. He confirmed he knew nothing about its purpose, or why a group of 'special individuals' departed the aircraft and headed immediately out to the East Gate and into the forest".

Was this connected?

Regrettably, it's not clarified which 'encounter' Halt's referring to as he discussed both incidents.

Tom's statement may have corroboration from Chris Arnold, another member of the 81st SPS and who has been critical of the 'UFO' stories, especially Penniston's more recent claims, which do seem to be 'overstated'.

Arnold came forward in September 1997 and in his account of the 'non event', recalled that after the first incident:

"In the morning several of us were asked if we would return to the area to point out the depressions to some folks who I believe were from environmental health. They did have some type of instrument for detecting radiation and I believe they did detect some measure of radiation, however I don't think it was a significant amount".

'Environmental health'?

Did the USAF have such an organisation on the bases?

If the inaugural 'UFO' incident was no big deal, then who were those 'scientists' and why, how, the swift reaction?

These 'depressions' were the infamous ground markings which formed a triangle and had been noted in the forest area after Burroughs and company's pursuit of the elusive lights. A local policeman dismissed them as 'rabbit scrapings'.

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Continuation.

If Halt's claims are accurate and relate to the first night's events, which I suspect they do, then there was apparently some interest in the 'UFO' from another source, at seemingly a 'high level' and it may all tie-up with the 'scientists' who 'Tom' says were examining the forest area near east gate.

In response to my query about reports that a few branches were found broken off in the that forest area, he claimed in a telephone conversation, "The "few branches" that were broken off were not a few, it was a lot, a huge area had been cleared. There were trees missing".

This area is almost directly in front of the main RAF Woodbridge runway - the planes would fly over the forest on take-off - and also where the tall runway lights were allegedly damaged. According to some of the earliest case evidence, a local electrician told Brenda Butler (Brenda and 'Dot' (Dorothy) Street were the two local 'ufologists' who first investigated rumours of a 'UFO landing') how he was called out sometime after Christmas to repair the lights.

Going from west to east, there is in close proximity, the runway, the lights, the base fence, a road which runs through the forest and which Tom was travelling along, and on the other side of the road the forest itself.

If an object had crashed into the forest near east gate, it could easily have hit these lights first of all.

In this scenario, any such crash should have been heard and almost certainly seen by the guards on the east gate.

Last year, 'OMNI on-line', published an article, 'Into the Night' by AJS (Salley) Rayl, which was Penniston's first detailed account of his alleged experiences. He claimed:

"Upon arriving at the East Gate, Staff Sgt. Steffans told me that there was a problem out in the woods. I gazed about 300 meters into the distance and saw what appeared to be a fire. My first impression was that we had an aircraft down. I saw orange, red,

and bluish types of glowing light, pretty standard with aircraft crashes. I asked Staff Sgt. Steffans if he had heard it go down. He told me there had been no sound, that it didn't crash, that it had landed".

This had never previously been revealed and it's proven from the witness statements which Halt took in early January 1981 that the patrol on east gate was Burroughs and Steffans.

Subsequent to them 'calling in' that they were observing 'unfamiliar lights', Penniston and his 'rider' Cabansag responded to the call and leaving Steffans back at east gate, with their weapons, the three others proceeded to investigate.

Steffans, like key witness Cabansag, has never spoken about the incident and consequently, the more we understand about the case, the more we realise hasn't been explained. My intention is that Randy's story provides an opportunity to name everyone I know of who participated, plus the known position or duties of others whose names we don't have.

Continuing to take this one step at a time, I would publish a summary of the basic story, inviting anyone with information to make contact.

This has to be targeted towards the US media, as the US is now likely to be where any answers lie.

Specifically, I also intend to make this 'news release' known about on the web sites which exist for former personnel who served at both bases.

I'm reluctant for the moment to publish Randy's sketch of the object(s) he claims to have witnessed. If anyone who was in the tower that night comes forward, albeit improbable now, it would be sensible not to influence any other sketches of perceived objects.

On a separate matter, I have been contacted by someone who has an interest in the 'Bentwaters' case and explained how they were passed on details of postings to this list re Randy's story by a named subscriber.

These details were of course clearly marked * LIST ONLY - NOT TO BE MADE PUBLIC *.

All postings to this list must be treated as confidential unless otherwise noted.

The point about sharing details of Randy's story was to obtain feedback from subscribers, amongst whom there is a wealth of related research experience and it was only to be publicly disclosed following an overall assessment of the evidence.

Fortunately, there seem to have been no adverse repercussions, although I don't know that for sure.

As the story is 'out' to an unknown extent, I'll now publish a summary, identifying Randy and examining the possible explanations, will conclude that the answer lies with these missing witnesses.

Details of that publication will be confirmed, shortly.

A photograph of the aforementioned landing lights and surrounding area is contained within the 'Resolving Rendlesham: New Insights and Past Claims Examined' article on my web site, at:

<http://easyweb.easynet.co.uk/pulsar/>

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Pulsar Newsletter - Issue No. 4

Welcome to the latest issue.

It's concerned with only one topic - recent developments in the RAF Bentwaters/RAF Woodbridge case.

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The events which occurred just after Christmas 1980 at the twin-base complex of RAF Bentwaters and RAF Woodbridge in Suffolk, England, are one of the UK's most enduring mysteries.

The American bases located on British soil were an important component of NATO's front-line defences.

At approximately 3 a.m. on the morning of 26 December, 1980, a security patrol at the 'east gate' sentry point on RAF Woodbridge, noticed unfamiliar lights in Rendlesham forest, which adjoined the Woodbridge base.

The ensuing investigation by Staff-Sergeant (SSgt) Jim Penniston, Airman 1st Class John Burroughs and Airman Ed Cabansag, all with the 81st Security Police Squadron (SPS), led to later publicised claims from Burroughs and Penniston that they had encountered an unidentified object which manoeuvred through the forest.

During the late evening and early hours of 27th/28th December, further reports of 'strange lights' resulted in the Deputy Base Commander, Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Halt, forming a team to investigate.

Amongst those known to have accompanied Halt were Lieutenant Bruce England, the Duty Flight Lieutenant, Sergeant Monroe Nevilles from Disaster Preparedness Operations and Master-Sergeant [MSgt] Bobby Ball, a shift commander from the 81st SPS.

Also possibly in Halt's party were Major Malcolm Zickler, Chief of Base Security and Captain Mike Verano, the Day Shift Commander.

Sometime around 11.00 p.m., they entered Rendlesham forest and examined the area where Penniston and Burroughs claimed to have seen the 'strange lights'.

Halt's party took radiation readings from possible 'landing marks' which had been identified after the first incident, proceeded through the forest where they saw a 'strange flashing red light' plus other perceived phenomena, and headed due east through farmland.

At this point, the most momentous event of that night was documented on the microcassette recorder which Halt had taken with him. The recording was later made public and a transcript reads:

HALT: 3:05. At about ten degrees, horizon, directly north, we've got two strange objects, er, half moon shape, dancing about, with colored lights on 'em. At, er, guess to be about five to ten miles out, maybe less. The half moons have now turned into full circles as though there was an eclipse or something there for a minute or two.

HALT: 03:15. Now we've got an object about 10 degrees directly south, 10 degrees off the horizon. And the ones to the north are moving. One's moving away from us.

1ST VOICE: Moving out fast.

2ND VOICE: This one on the right's heading away, too.

HALT: They're both heading north. Hey, here he comes from the south, he's coming toward us now.

HALT: Now we're observing what appears to be a beam coming down to the ground.

SHOUT IN BACKGROUND: [Unclear - possibly 'colors!' or 'take cover!']

HALT: This is unreal.

At 0400, Halt's last remarks were, "One object still hovering over Woodbridge base at about five to ten degrees off the horizon, still moving erratic and similar lights and beaming down as earlier".

One possible explanation is that stars were being mistaken for

moving aerial objects. However, it seems clear from the actual tape that the first and second 'voices' are different and added to Halt's observations, means that if stars were being inadvertently assumed to be rapidly moving, then three people had an identical optical aberration at the same time.

There's also the acute point that one of the 'celestial' objects was observed and documented at the time to have not only accelerated from the south, it sent down a beam of light close to Halt's group.

During 1998, Halt was interviewed by American journalist AJS (Salley) Rayl and elaborated:

"We've crossed the farmer's field past his house and across the road, stumbled through a small stream and went out into a large ploughed field. Somebody noticed several objects in the sky to the north - three objects clearly visible with multiple-colored lights on them. The objects appeared elliptical and then they turned full round, which I thought was quite interesting. All three doing that. They were stationary for awhile and then they started to move at high speed in sharp angular patterns as though they were doing a grid search. About that same time, somebody noticed the south, a similar object, it was round - did not change shape - and at one point it appeared to come toward us at a very high speed. It stopped overhead and sent down a small pencil-like beam, sort of like a laser beam. It was an interesting beam in that it stayed - it was the same size all the way down the beam. It illuminated the ground about ten feet from us and we just stood there in awe wondering whether it was a signal, a warning, or what it was. We really didn't know."

"It clicked off as though someone threw a switch, and the object receded, back up into the sky".

"Then it moved back toward Bentwaters and continued to send down beams of light, at one point near the weapons storage facility. We knew that, because we could hear the chatter on the radio".

An incredible tale and somewhat disconcerting as the weapons storage facility has long been rumoured to have housed nuclear weapons.

The apparent intrusion was never solved by Halt and at a subsequent staff meeting of the Third Air Force, he was informed that as the incidents occurred on British soil, it

was a matter for the Ministry of Defence.

In 1993, American researcher Robert Todd, obtained a copy of Halt's memo to the MoD, under the US Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

The Ministry have clarified in writing to myself and others that they did investigate the affair and found nothing which was 'of defence significance'. One reason cited is that considerable time had elapsed between the incidents and receiving Halt's brief memo.

There seems to be no evidence that Halt's memo resulted in a thorough enquiry by the Ministry and Halt has expressed his bewilderment that he didn't even receive an acknowledgement from them.

Although some witnesses to both night's events have come forward with their accounts since 1980, missing from the contemporary evidence was a testimony from anyone who was on duty in the weapons storage area (WSA) that night.

Until now.

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Recently, I was contacted by a member of the 81st SPS who had come across some lengthy articles I had written in 1998, following extensive research into the case.

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I pointed out that if his supervisor had found Randy in a defensive position, rather than inviting him to watch some 'strange lights', wouldn't he first have enquired why Randy thought the WSA was under attack?

Kathy replied:

"Regarding the inability to recall what happened after Randy left the tower, and the less than 100% assuredness of being on the bunker when Tsgt. George invited him to the tower. What if he isn't sure because it was after he left the tower that he took that position up on the bunker? Maybe at that point the area supervisor would have joined him at that location. He would be the one to be in charge of what actions to take if the WSA was penetrated".

This was precisely the scenario I had wondered about. If Halt is correct and those 'beams of light' described on tape were being directed near the WSA, then it's evident from the timing documented in Halt's recording and Randy's statement, that this occurred after Randy had left the observation tower.

Questioned about the exact timings, although realising it was so long ago, Kathy provided more details:

"He believes he heard the radio traffic re Ball crossing active, 'around' midnight, could have been as early as 11:30. He would have begun hearing about the light-alls having problems around 1:00am. He would have gone up in the tower between 1:50-2:00am. Stayed until 3:00-3:30, and doesn't recall anything else, until riding bike home".

We know from Halt's crucial documentation that the most puzzling 'aerial phenomena' occurred between 0300 and 0330. If Randy and his colleagues were conceivably observing the same objects and aware of their evidently sudden, rapid departure, then during this time - 0300 to 0330 - Randy would have to be in the tower.

It looks like he possibly was and may have left directly after that 'excitement' had passed.

Whilst it's impossible to be certain about this, the timings

are at least coincidentally close, perhaps surprisingly so if there's no relationship.

Assuming Randy's claims are accurate and two of the 'objects' being observed from the tower departed rapidly or were no longer visible, then as noted, we have people in the security tower who are experiencing similar misperceptions at around the same as Halt's group, who were some two miles away.

It's something which might be further clarified if we had accounts from the dozen or so others who were in the tower.

Asked for any additional information in this respect, Kathy cited:

"The tower operator was Sgt. Rick Bobo.

Others that could possibly have been there were: Mike Dahl, Dan Grogul, Jim Gouge, Jim O'Farrell, Mike Christian, Mike Smith.

The 15 men with clearance to be in the tower would be a vehicle searcher from the entry control point, the shift supervisor, tower operator, 8 in the alert fire team facility, and two 2-man patrols. The entry controller and the alarm monitor were the only 2 people in the area that could not leave their posts, as far as he knows, bringing the total to 17 people within the WSA".

An explanation of what exactly took place within the WSA that night might lie with these colleagues, most, if not all, of whom have presumably long since returned to the US.

Could the observations reported by Randy simply have been misidentified stars, perhaps distorted by the optically imperfect glass windows of the observation tower, the use of binoculars and further compounded by mist, haze, fog, ice particles, etc.

The answer must be affirmative, there are many examples of stars being misidentified as 'strange objects'.

Where this case notably differs is that Halt's tape recording provides corroborative evidence that there was at around the same time a documented observation of 'star-like' objects which exhibited characteristics that can't easily, if at all, be equated with stars.

Furthermore, a nearby resident, Gerry Harris, has testified that earlier on the same night, he observed 'abnormal lights' moving over the base complex:

"I stood watching them and they were going up and moving about this way and that way and they were going up, they were coming down and I watched them for, three quarters of an hour and, all of a sudden, they disappeared.

But just before they went, before they disappeared, there was a lot of activity on the base, I could hear vehicles running about, I could see the flashing lights of vehicles moving about and I could hear people shouting, it was quiet and the wind must have been in this direction. I could hear their voices and then they were calling to each other and then I could hear the roaring of their vehicles, which at that time of night was unusual".

It's against this overall background that Randy's account needs to be placed in perspective.

Any conclusion about what may, or may not, have occurred during these incidents is hampered by the absence of testimonies from so many who participated.

Added to all who are identified above, are those that took part in the first night's incident, when Burroughs, Cabansag and Penniston pursued the source of 'peculiar lights' through Rendlesham forest.

At Lt. Col Halt's request, Burroughs, Cabansag and Penniston, plus the Flight Chief, Master-Sergeant J. D. Chandler and the Shift Commander, Fred A. Buran [rank unknown], provided written statements of their involvement in this first incident.

I obtained copies of these witness affidavits last year and they served as proof that Burroughs, Cabansag and Penniston pursued a light through the forest and farm terrain for some two miles, before realising it was the beacon from nearby Orfordness lighthouse. This had never previously been disclosed and confirmed the lighthouse was a factor.

The deceptive lighthouse beacon had been suggested as the explanation for all that transpired, however, from a painstaking analysis of the evidence, that seems impossible.

Two of the unidentified lights first observed from 'east gate' were consistently mentioned in this early documentation as

'red and blue', for example, Burroughs described:

"On the night of 25-26 Dec at around 0300 while on patrol down at east gate myself and my partner saw lights coming from the woods due east of the gate. The lights were red and blue the red one above the blue one and they were flashing on and off".

It's the source of these 'red and blue lights', seen from the east gate and then reportedly moving through the forest, which has never been determined.

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In Penniston's written testimony to Halt, he makes the following claim:

"After receiving permission from CSC, we proceeded off base past east gate, down an old logging road. Left vehicle proceeded on foot. Burroughs and I were approximately 15-20 meters apart and proceeding on a true east direction from the logging road. The area in front of us was lighting up a 30 meter area. When we got within a 50 meter distance. The object was producing red and blue light. The blue light was steady and projecting under the object. It was lighting up the area directly under extending a meter or two out.

At this point of positive identification I relayed to CSC, SSgt Coffey. Positive sighting of object...colour of lights and that it was definitely mechanical in nature".

An anomaly is that Penniston then immediately added, "This is the closest point that I was near the object at any point", which differs markedly from his subsequent public claims to have examined a triangular-shaped object at close range for some 10-20 minutes and even touched 'strange symbols' on its surface.

All of the statements gathered by Lt. Col. Halt seem to support Penniston's original contention that the source of the lights was in fact never located.

In later years Burroughs also acknowledged, "I never saw anything metallic or anything hard".

The articles I published in 1998 specifically highlighted the clear discrepancies between what was documented at the time and the more elaborate tales later told. As it was hoped this might lead to the anomalies being addressed and perhaps even rationalised, some other aspects were left aside.

Consequently, a fact which is publicly divulged here for the first time is that in their respective statements, Chandler and Buran do confirm that Penniston radioed he had seen an actual object, nor merely illusive lights.

Chandler wrote: "On one occasion, Penniston relayed that he

was close enough to the object to determine that it was definitely a mechanical object", with Buran agreeing, "at one point SSgt Penniston stated that it was a definite metallic object".

Was it, or wasn't it and if so , what was it.

A key testimony is Ed Cabansag's and he has never spoken about the events. I'm not aware that he has ever been located and asked.

A close colleague of Burroughs and Penniston was Geraldo Valdes-Sanchez, perhaps better known as Jerry Valdez.

Jerry contacted me in April, 1997 and recounted how he was part of 'B flight' in the 81st SPS and a member of a patrol which had been sent to check on Burroughs, Penniston and Cabansag that first night.

Although I published the essence of Jerry's story, giving him the pseudonym of 'Tom', that full story has never been told before now:

"I was assigned to RAF Bentwaters in August of 1980.

I worked with Burroughs and Penniston. What they said was true. As a matter of fact, the following statements are true and can be verified by many people.

The acting squadron was the 81st. SPS and "B" Flight was the acting security force on duty. Burroughs and Penniston were on "B" flight.

"A" flight was the day flight, daytime only.

The Guard at East gate was Amn [Airman] Burroughs and Amn Beachum [it was actually Airman 1st Class John Burroughs and Staff Sergeant Bud Steffans].

I was stationed on Security - 6 with either Amn Hartman or Sgt Sauls. We saw the entire thing.

Shift change was from 26th at 2300 hrs till 0700 hrs of the 27th.

The top Flight Sgt on duty was MSgt Fail. Lt. Col. Halt was not there the first night.

It was a bitterly cold night and clear.

Radio communications were disrupted on and off due to some type of atmospheric disturbance. The radios weren't working at all that night. There were 6 channels, called "Queen", "Queen 1", "King 1" and so on. One channel was reserved for Law Enforcement, one for RAF Bentwaters and the rest were open.

We switched channels all night.

Contact had been lost with Burroughs, Penniston and Beachum [Steffans remained at 'east gate', the other participant was Airman Ed Cabansag].

The base had an Alarm Response Team (ART) and a Security Response Team (SRT).

Codes in use at that time and which have now been declassified were 'Helping Hand' - a potentially hostile threat - and 'Covered Wagon' - a confirmed hostile threat.

If the first alert status was unresolved after 30 minutes, it automatically became a confirmed, hostile threat.

The person on the post should have been Burroughs, but he was missing, the weapons were missing and the phone was off the hook.

This was around 2:00 a.m. [it's known this must have been after 3.00 a.m.].

We were carrying weapons and were told to hold our position. MSgt Fail went out.

I could clearly see the lights from the gate, just outside the back gate [east gate]. It was next to the road.

They were intermittent lights, very bright, 15-20 feet above the ground.

They were pulsating and from what I recall there were 3 lights, red green and blue.

It made no noise, but it defied gravity. It was really weird and scary. We all knew what we were looking at, but no one really came out and said it.

I saw them, so did Ann Beachum, Ann Hartman, Ann Randy Hernandez.

Burroughs and Penniston finally showed up. I somehow think something happened to them. They were acting strange.

We were then told to go back to our posts.

Shift change in the morning for "B" flight was extremely late. "A" Flight relieved us at 9:30 am, very late.

When we went out the East gate back to Bentwaters, leaving Woodbridge, there were many people, including numerous people in typical lab coats making an analysis of the area. You could see out the vehicle to the right side, that there were many people examining the area, searching, looking for something. Some of these people were in white overcoats, that's why I say that they looked like typical techs in lab coats.

They were searching the area in front of the forest.

The 'few branches' that were broken off were not a few, it was a lot, a huge area had been cleared. There were trees missing.

I also saw Bobbys [British Policemen] and little white police cars.

I was pointing these things out and Hartman says, 'Valdez, shut up about that [or words to that effect]'.  
I was green.

I know that they got pictures and hard evidence of this thing.

Penniston told me he shot a roll of film, but it had been confiscated.

The base had a problem with 'bird watchers', people who were suspected to be Russian spies. The base security personnel had to photograph anyone who showed an interest in the base activities. Penniston may have had a loaded camera in his duffel bag.

[Note: it was only last year that Penniston first revealed he had taken photographs of the perceived 'object' in the forest - Penniston states he was told the photographs 'didn't come out', which is likely as they were taken within a dense forest in the dark of night].

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A lot of people staked the place out on the second night. The crew on duty then was "C" Flight, "B" Flight had just finished its last midnight shift for the cycle. Halt's night was "C" shift.

The starlight scope mentioned by Lt. Col. Halt [referred to in Halt's recording], fits on top of an M16. There were no night vision binoculars in those days.

There were a large number of light-alls in the forest and I wondered how they had got them all in there. We always had problems with them. This was 17 years ago, not today's technology.

If Charles [Halt] says a beam of light shone down at his feet, then a beam of light shone down at his feet. You can take that to the bank.

As far as people that saw or knew about this incident, there were well over 30 security people who swept the area looking for Beachum [Cabansag], Burroughs and Penniston, who were missing.

Everyone involved on the 26th and 27th is listed in the Security Police Blotter AF Form 53.

Woodbridge security and LE [Law Enforcement] can verify everything. The Deskblotter AF Form 53 has a complete account of the entire event.

Also, try and get a hold of the form 'Incident Complaint Report 1569'.

[Note: I requested these documents under the US FOIA and was eventually advised they would have been destroyed after 2-3 years per normal procedures].

It happened 17 years ago, but I remember it clearly. Here are some more details:

Other Security Forces involved in incident were Security Flight Leader, Msgt Fail, Security One, Col. Schultz, Chief of

Security Police, Buckholst [spelling uncertain] and Central Security Controller, Chandler [Chandler was the Flight Chief on 'C' flight].

It happened and a lot of people know about it".

What exactly happened remains the mystery.

The people in 'lab coats' are a singular puzzle. Their presence is substantiated by another testimony on record, which refers to them as being from 'environmental health'.

Did the base complex have an environmental health division and why such a rapid response to a sighting of 'odd lights' - this was only a few hours after the initial incident and it was during the holiday period.

Staff Sergeant William A. Kirk Jr., was "NCOIC of the Telecommunications Facility located next to the Commanders hut".

Also published for the first time is his account as told to me of the apparent high-level communications traffic after the 'UFO' incident. He wasn't sure which of the two incidents this followed, however, it was recalled:

"At the time, I was posted on temporary duty to RAF Bentwaters from RAF Martlesham Heath.

When I showed for duty, communications was running at a peak, and stayed that way. Many users complained because of busy signals or being 'bumped'.

Radio traffic between RAF Bentwaters and RAF Martlesham Heath was full. Switch Techs at Martlesham complained to me of a great deal of "Flash" traffic.

Radio Communications Techs at Bentwaters complained about the amount of traffic. Bentwaters Switchboard Operators remarked about how 'busy' it was.

I noted increased personnel traffic into the commanders office. I naturally assumed that an alert or recall was possible or starting. NATO seemed to have a great deal of them over the previous year. Whatever the reason, it was a very busy day for telecommunications traffic".

I asked William he could clarify the nature of 'flash traffic' and he helpfully obliged:

"American military telephone traffic (AUTOVON = automatic voice network) has some small differences to regular telephone communications. The telephone set is push button (long before the general public had push buttons). 4 extra buttons are located to the left of the 1 - 4 - 7 - \* buttons. They are labelled P, I, F, FO (P = priority, and is located next to 1), (I = immediate, located next to 4), (F = flash, located next to 7), (FO = flash override, next to \*). VERY few people had access to autovon phones and usually there was about one to two per office area. Usually they were contained at a desk with a person of higher rank. EVEN fewer were given the power to use the buttons. Just because you had them did not mean you could use them. The more important you were, the higher power you had to 'bump'.

If you were talking on a normal telephone call, just like if you were to pick up the telephone right now and call a friend, and I called you, I would hear a busy tone. Well... if I had the power, I would hang up, push the P button, touch in the number again, and BANG, you were disconnected from your friend, you would get a special ring, and there I would be. Your friend would be high and dry.... HOWEVER if your friend had the power to call on an Immediate precedence, he could "bump" me. If I had flash.... well you get the point by now. Few people had an autovon telephone, fewer had the use of the P button, even fewer had the use of the I button, less the F (usually commanders), and only the President and such had use of the FO button".

As "only the senior base officials had access to 'Flash', usually commanders", it appears there was an exceptional amount of communications traffic using the highest base priority and also, possibly substantiating this, greater than normal activity in the 'commanders office'.

Again, it was the holiday period, so what was this all about?

It brings us full circle and poses the question; was any of this related to the incidents and specifically concerns about nuclear weapons?

How can Randy be so certain about what he claims to have seen.

It's a question I put to him in a number of ways, querying for example:

- was there any cloud cover and if so, were the objects ever covered by cloud or definitely lower than clouds
- if the latter, what was their altitude with respect to the forest trees and did the altitude noticeably change (it would have altered if they were stars)
- was it easy to keep the objects centred in the binoculars' viewfinder (using hand held binoculars and due to inadvertent body movement, it's extremely difficult to focus steadily on stars)

He responded:

"In regards to cloud cover, I remember the night as being clear. If there were clouds, these objects were lower than the clouds. As you state, clouds would block out stars, these objects were never blocked out.

It wasn't even the lights that were important. It was the shape that made us realize what we were looking at.

It's hard to determine how far above the trees these craft were. Best guess, several hundred feet above the ground. They weren't 'just above' treetop, but they weren't really that high either.

They didn't noticeably change altitude while I was looking. They also didn't appear to be stationary-like a star would have been. More like viewing say a helicopter that's hovering very smoothly. i.e. no or very little yaw, and no buck. And yes, they were always perceived to be the same distance above the trees while I was viewing. There was only one pair of binoculars in the tower and not on a tripod. The objects were steady in the viewfinder and it wasn't really difficult to keep them centered.

You also ask about the tower's windows. They are not angled outwards as with an aircraft control tower. The windows aren't as big as in an aircraft control tower. The window glass is thick and bullet resistant. However, I don't believe my view was either impeded nor distorted by this glass. It's designed to be an OBSERVATION tower, I OBSERVED 3 triangular craft with lights, my vision was and is perfect, the area of observation was clear. There is NO DOUBT in my mind whatsoever".

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James,

This is the first time you've revealed that Randy's 3 objects were to the SW. At 3:05 AM on Dec 28, 1980, when Col Halt began his recording (the most exact time we have to correlate with Randy's observations), the brightest star in the heavens Sirius was about 11 degs above the horizon to the SW or more precisely about 222 degs azimuth (SW is at exactly 225 degs). Kappa Orionis (Saiph) was farther to the right at about 11 degs above the horizon at about azimuth 238 degs. Rigel was about 8 degs above the horizon still farther to the right in the WSW at about 246 degs.

It seems unlikely that Col Halt's lone object in the south was Sirius which was in the SW, but the elevation angle was strikingly close. Halt estimated it was about 10 degs above the horizon and Sirius was about 11 degs high.

As for Halt's two objects to the north at about 10 degs elevation, it is striking that Deneb was almost due north (about 10 degs azimuth) at about 8 degs elevation. Fifth brightest star Vega was farther to the right almost to the NE (about azimuth 34 degs) at about 9 degs elevation, again strikingly close to Halt's 10-deg estimate. But the separation between the stars seems rather large, about 24 degs, with Vega not actually being to the north but almost to the northeast. Col Halt should be able to come up with an angular separation estimate with proper investigation.

Brad Sparks

In a message dated 4/5/99 8:36:19 PM, pulsar@compuserve.com writes:  
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>They shimmered like large bright stars to the naked eye. Randy  
>directed the binoculars to the one on the far right, focused,  
>and could immediately distinguish the triangular shaped craft  
>with the bank of shimmery lights underneath. He got the  
>impression of colors shimmering in the silvery white light.  
>Then scanned slightly left and saw identical 2nd craft,  
>scanned further left and saw the 3rd identical craft. The 2 on  
>the right were closer together than the one to the left. No  
>two could be seen simultaneously. He spent at least 15  
>minutes scanning back and forth, they seemed to hold their  
>positions in a 'hover'. Passed the binoculars, next time  
>around, not sure how much later, on 2nd turn, all 3 craft were  
>still visible seemingly in the same positions. After several  
>minutes, passed the binoculars to, perhaps, Rick Bobo, he was  
>next to Randy, and he may have been the one to say, 'WOW, they

>just TOOK OFF!', implying with great speed".

<SNIP>

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>As the three 'objects' were approximately to the south-west of  
>RAF Bentwaters and two of three documented by Halt were to the  
>north (the other to the south), then if they were all stars,  
>there had to be, at least four, if not an astonishing FIVE  
>separate stars, which gave rise to the misperceptions.

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>James McGaha, 'technical consultant' for the Committee for the  
>Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal CSICOP),  
>suggested that the lights Halt observed - two in the north and  
>one to the south - were almost certainly, if not  
>unquestionably, the stars Vega, Deneb and Sirius,  
>respectively.

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>Science writer Ian Ridpath, who has a considerable knowledge  
>of the case history, was asked for his opinion on Randy's  
>testimony and believes that from the description of their  
>positions, the right-hand star was Rigel, the one to the left  
>was Saiph (Kappa Orionis) and to the far left was Sirius.

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>It's understandable why Ian concludes these three objects were  
>also stars, however, as noted, there are conversely reasons to  
>conclude otherwise.

<SNIP>

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>James Easton.

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Just curious... How do James McGaha and Ian  
Ridpath explain (apart from false memory) this  
part of the testimony:

> 'Wow, it just took off'. Two of the craft  
> left at a high rate of speed.

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Jean-Pierre Pharabod

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Brad wrote:

>This is the first time you've revealed that Randy's 3 objects  
>were to the SW.

Brad,

This has only been clarified on receipt of the Ordnance Survey map, where Randy indicated the approximate direction of his sighting.

Viewing this map is essential to place both Randy and Halt's accounts in perspective.

I've cropped the map to reduce the size and an updated version shows the weapons storage area location, the direction of Randy's observation and approximately where Halt's group was located at the time he described the three 'objects'.

A copy is on my web site at:

[http://easyweb.easynet.co.uk/pulsar/rand\\_map.jpg](http://easyweb.easynet.co.uk/pulsar/rand_map.jpg)

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>being to the north but almost to the northeast.

I've always been alert to the probability that Halt's observations were of stars - he was after all looking for 'UFOs' - however, how do we account for the recorded evidence that one of the objects rapidly approached and directed a beam of light downwards? As Jean-Pierre asks, how do further account for Randy's claim that two of the objects reportedly departed at some speed and were no longer visible?

This is the evidence that's posing an enigma, especially as there seems no question about the observation of Halt (and two others on tape) having actually occurred.

I've asked Ian Ridpath how he rationalises that both aspects can be equated with stars and I'll post Ian's response to the list.

There's something else I only recently discovered and which is an interesting, maybe invaluable, comparison.

You might be aware that Halt has spoken of a later sighting - this is from Halt's on-line conference, hosted by Salley Rayl, last year:

HALT: It's hard to put it all together. I'll be very frank. I do know that there were additional sightings at least one later one. But I didn't find out about it at the time. It happened on Guy Fawkes Night, which is a British holiday, later in the year, when three different security police patrols saw large cigar-like shaped object floating in off the coast. Called each other directly on the radio. In other words, they didn't go through their control center, although control center could monitor. Said, "Let's all meet at the base of the tower" the tower again being shut down. We didn't keep Woodbridge tower open at night unless there was night flying. And they all rendezvoused at the base of the tower and stood there and watched this thing do a figure eight over the base and they said it was 200 to 300 feet long and float back out lazily over the sea again and disappeared.

RAYL: Was this after this event?

HALT: Yes. This was about eight months later.  
[End]

I have found on a web site the first-hand account of this incident. The witness is Steve La Plume [or LaPlume], also naturally from the 81st Security Police Squadron (was there

something in the tea?).

First observation, Halt has the date wrong by about 10 months!

According to La Plume, the incident took place only a couple of weeks after the 'main event'. Presumably this may be correct as he 'left' the base in April 1981.

It is new and related evidence to some extent. I've never seen his report published before.

Again we have a witness looking for 'UFOs' and describing what sounds like a star, above the cloud cover, then subsequently reporting a closer 'encounter'.

The other witness was Senior Airman Palmer and his comparative tale would have been welcome.

Anyway, this is La Plumes' testimony, unedited except where perhaps necessary and the editing is in square brackets:

1981 - RAF Bentwaters

Before I get into any great detail of the sighting I had, I would like to state that I will write exactly what I saw. I have [no] cause to lie or stretch the truth. I want nothing out of this. I can say that my recollection is very clear I have a 147 IQ and have an uncanny recall of detail, smell sounds the temperature against my skin etc.

OK just to set the time line up a bit: I was stationed at RAF Bentwaters between Nov. 4th 1980 and April 10,1981. I had just turned 18 years old in July.

This incident happened about three weeks after the Now infamous Bentwaters sighting/encounter. It was in the 2nd week of January 1981. I was booted out of the service almost three months to the day after this event.

Raf Woodbridge is a sister base to RAF Bentwaters. They are about five miles apart and the 81st Security Police Squadron which I was attached to covered the security for both bases. I had not yet received my Secret Clearance and therefore was temporarily assigned to the Law Enforcement flight. I worked on one of the flights that had rotating shifts. three days on swing, three days on nights and then three days off.

Since I had no clearance I could not go into the Non Alert Parking Areas (NAPAS) where the A-10's were nor could I go into the Weapons Storage Area (WSA) which housed all the ordinance and

some small amount of Nukes though I do not know for sure about the nukes.

With all these restrictions I was relegated to sitting out on the further most reaches of our base in a four foot square cubical and watch the grass grow. For some reason I got the East gate a lot. Mostly because I was new and did not really belong to the Law Enforcement (LE) crew. I did not mind and for the first few months it was OK.

No one bothered me and I could just hang out, check ID's until the gate closed at about eight o'clock and then ride shotgun with the shift sergeant. If I was on nights I would ride with the SGT. first and then be put on the East gate just before shift change for the morning traffic. Most of the night was spent relieving other LE members while they went and ate or took a leak.

On this particular night an airman named Senior airman Palmer was on patrol and I was riding along with him. We went out to check the gate because some people knew the combination and were using it after hours. I checked to make sure it was locked. The car was parked back about fifty feet to help light up the area. The gate was locked and I went back to the car.

The night was brisk but not cold and SA Palmer and I hung out leaning against the patrol car and shot the shit for a while. I was facing south and talking to Palmer who was facing north. He said "I guess this is where they saw that UFO a few weeks back ." I said "Oh" and asked him what exactly happened. He did not know for sure but pointed out a light house way the heck off in the distance, toward the north sea., and said that they were saying that was what they saw. I asked about the rumor that it had been moving through the trees and he just shrugged "I, Don't know."

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I faced back south after looking east toward the light house and something caught my eye. Up at cloud level, which was very high as the night was pretty clear, I noticed a light moving across the sky. It was like if you are out side and see a jet off in the distance and while you can not make out its image you know its a jet because it is a small light moving at a steady pace.

This light was not moving at any "Pace" it was darting across the sky very fast. It was up then it was down, up then down. It probably changed altitude at a differance of a few thousand feet in elevation ten times in as many seconds. I simply turned to Palmer and said "huh, that's different." He looked and spotted it also. we watched it for about a half a minute or more and he told me to stay put, that he was going to go to the control tower and see what was up.

He came back about five minutes later and said they only had a C-130 and a helicopter up that night and or in this area. Well I am not [a] pilot but we both agreed that this was neither and asked each other if we should call it in. We agreed that we should. Palmer got on the radio and announces "LaPlume just saw a UFO outside of the East gate." I cussed him out, what about him he saw it too.

The phone in the security booth rang almost immediately. I answered it and it was LT. Eglund [Englund] my shift supervisor. He wanted to know what exactly I saw and where. I told him and he ordered me to stay put and keep an eye on it. The elapse[d] time thus far is approximately fifteen minutes from the time I first spotted it.

The night was partly cloudy and the craft went behind some clouds over the Rendalshin [good grief.] forest. It was still at least fifteen miles away and at an elevation of about twenty thousand feet or so. It was not like it was hanging overhead.

Well holy cow the earth opened up and within twenty minutes I had more people and brass at my post than I had ever seen. There was the deputy base commander [Lt. Col. Halt], his wife and teenage son. They brought along their cameras. I remember his wife saying something to the effect of "Oh boy we get to see one". Lt. Eglund showed up and told my not to be nervous that Colonel Williams was on his way and that he had had just made General. Who me nervous.

I was told to state that my post was "Safe and Secure" I opened the gate and everyone piled into a blue Air Force station wagon and a jeep and took off. Palmer and I were given a night vision scope and told to let them know if we spotted it again.

We did not look for it much because we figured it was long gone. I screwed around looking through the N.V. scope and waited. about an hour later the vehicles came back and I was told to man the post the rest of the night and keep them posted if anything happened. They all then went back to where they came.

Palmer and I stood around for a while. I was in awe of the whole show. It was about a half hour after everyone left that the craft appeared again. It came from the area of the lighthouse. This time it was a lot lower in the sky and moved slowly. It came directly over Palmer and I, its elevation was about two thousand feet I guess and it had some lights on it. I remember seeing a green light and mostly a blue light emitting from the underside.

This light enveloped me as the craft went over. It was about 100 yards long and kind of cigar shaped looking from my angle of view. I remember it being directly over head and thinking 'Wow this is way cool. I was not nervous at all and did not unsling my M-16. I just looked up at it and the next thing I remember it was past me and on its way up where it just blended in with the stars. I have a bit of a gap in time from when it was over me to when I saw it back in the southern sky and departing. This always kind of bugged me.

I asked Palmer if he wanted to report this and told him I did not. He agreed and we never told anyone about this part of the event. The next morning I caught a bit of shit from my fellow Airmen and was reminded a bit about how we harrassed the others a few weeks prior. I never had anyone debrief me other than a few people asking me what I saw. But nothing official. I was tired and went to bed.

My character is a bit different than most peoples. If something happens to me I take it in and move on and try to learn from an experiance. I never dwell on something that has happened because I know that once an event in my life happens I can do nothing to change it. Even if I was the cause of something I hardly ever feel guilty because its over and done with.

It is for this reason that I never much thought about UFO's or Visitor as anything other than "Yea I saw one once and I may go to my grave never knowing, oh well. Life goes on."

Steven R. La Plume

[End]

What to make of this. sheesh.

His statement that, "we never told anyone about this part of the event", would explain why Halt seems to be oblivious about the 'close encounter' claim.

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Without at least Palmer's corroboration, or rebuttal, it's yet another 'east gate UFO sighting' without proven substance.

There's another one, as told to me by Lori E. Rehfeldt:

"I departed RAF Bentwaters in mid-December 1980. I wasn't there when the incident happened. I was one of few women who worked in Law Enforcement back then. I knew John Burroughs of "C" Flight. I too worked swing and mid shifts. Several months prior to the incident, I was working a midnight shift at RAF Woodbridge, Police 4. I finished checking the security of my buildings, fuel sights and bomb dump. I had a rider (partner) with me. I drove out to East Gate and parked my truck west or left of East Gate. At the time, East Gate going east to west was on the left side of the street.

I had my truck facing east, looking off the base. It was around 0200-0300 hours, and things were quiet. I remember talking about the future and just telling stories to keep awake and kill time. Then we saw a round light in the sky move quickly across the sky. It was strange because it made very deliberate moves. It went up, down, right and left. Then it broke off into 3-4 pieces and disappeared. It didn't make a sound. Both of us were aware of typical aircraft. I even watched the C-141's take off on RAF Woodbridge's short runway [Woodbridge didn't have a short runway]. You'd swear the wings were flapping. Anyway, from my experience of a little over two years around Cargo planes, F-4s and A-10s, what I saw was not usual. We reported it to Police Control who told us to go check it out with the air control tower. The airman in the air control tower just woke up, and he didn't see anything. So, it was our word against everyone. Being the only female in Law Enforcement who was not appreciated, I was teased for seeing UFO's. I didn't need the grief and to be ostracized so I let the incident go. I felt I did my job reporting what I had seen and the leadership in the 81st Security Police was quite nasty".

At the time, I was an A1C (Airman First Class).

Sincerely,

1LT Lori E. Rehfeldt"

Responding to some questions, Lori added:

"Let me explain from what I saw...the lights we saw were NOT nearby landmarks. Back then it was dark as all hell out there. East Gate was out there. I remember having to stand guard out there...just me, the forest and the runway. Sometimes, you could hear the fog horn or see a car or truck light going down the road or see an air plane coming in or flying.

WHAT I SAW...the lights was not common. It's movements were disjointed, ragged...not typical of a machine. Envision an etcha sketch board. A line that moves up, down, left, right...no smooth transitions. AND NO SOUND!!".

[Question] How long did the entire sighting last for?

"About 2 minutes.

The object was above tree level and from where we were sitting at East Gate -- it was off base not far from the house off base (Capel Farm) that we could see from East Gate. It moved disjointedly...like it was changing it's mind. It wasn't smooth moves. When it broke into the pieces the pieces stopped then moved again disjointedly like they were talking among themselves. Then they went off into different directions and disappeared. Again, no noise, sound...I wasn't close enough to make out the shape. What ever it was -- was not something I've seen and I've seen things fall and move through the sky...This was not a meteorite breaking up in the atmosphere".

As I suggested it may have been..

Added to the 'high strangeness at east gate' is an account I have still to transcribe from a taped recording.

Not dissimilar, it was a puzzling observation described in detail by local resident Keith Seaman.

Ian Ridpath has spoken to him and I wonder if Ian had any time for Keith's interesting 'UFO' sighting.

When I discussed the Bentwaters/Woodbridge events with Keith, it came up incidentally during that lengthy conversation and I took the opportunity of asking if I could record details on tape.

I'll transcribe the tape soon as possible.

Keith Seaman, as the name might hint, is the keeper for the nearby Orfordness lighthouse.

James.

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James-

Can you go into any detail on the air units based at Woodbridge and Bentwaters in 1980?

Joel Carpenter

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Joel wrote:

>Can you go into any detail on the air units based at Woodbridge  
>and Bentwaters in 1980?

Joel,

There's a detailed feature on the case at URL:

<http://dialspace.dial.pipex.com/town/close/kca07/refint.htm>

It concludes:

"Big Bird 16, a USAF low-altitude spy satellite, is launched from Vandenberg Air Force Base in California on Wednesday 18 June 1980, and is placed in a fast polar orbit. Big Bird has six recoverable film capsules on board, and the 67th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron (ARRS), based at RAF Woodbridge, is one of the units designated to collect these when they re-enter".

It was a plausible theory, however as it relied on so many personnel, including participants, knowing the truth, it's no longer sustainable. At least one thing which seems abundantly clear is that Halt and others were not 'covering up' a military exercise in the forest.

Some relevant information provided therein:

Woodbridge

RAF Woodbridge opened in 1943, as one of three airfields set up to accept damaged or fuel-short bombers returning from raids over Germany, and were therefore fitted with long, heavy-duty runways. Woodbridge was chosen as the site for one of these as it was "nearly fog free and had no obstructions for miles" (Bowyer 1979), although more than a million trees had to be cleared from

Rendlesham Forest to take the new base.

After the end of the War it was used for experimental work: Lancasters based there dropped 'Grand Slam' bombs on Orford Ness, and the Blind Landing Experiment Unit was located there. The RAF abandoned Woodbridge in March 1948.

On 5 June 1952 the USAF took it over for the home of the 79th Fighter-Bomber Squadron, flying first F-84s, then F-100s. In 1958 the 81st Tactical Fighter Wing moved in and upgraded the runway to take F-101 Voodoos, Phantoms (from 1966) and F-4Ds (from 1969). At the end of 1969 the 79th Tactical Fighter Squadron (as the 79th was now known) moved to Upper Heyford, and the 67th ARRS flew in from Moron AFB in Spain.

### Bentwaters

RAF Bentwaters, only a few miles from Woodbridge and essentially part of the same complex, opened in 1944 and was transferred to the USAF in July 1950, becoming the first base in Europe to receive F-86 Sabres. Phantoms turned up in 1965 and F-4Ds by 1973; by the autumn of 1978 it was the main European base for A-10s. Bentwaters at the time of the Rendlesham Forest incident was occupied by the 81st Tactical Fighter Wing's 91st and 92nd Squadrons.  
[End]

I know you've mentioned a possible 'stealth' connection with the December 1980 events and if there was actually 'something' tangible which did occur, I wondered about that also.

It seems a bit early for stealth technology being involved and although Penniston's description of the triangular-shaped object may have some parallels, it's reported manoeuvrability through the forest doesn't. I also remain dubious that Penniston examined and touched the object he describes, it's a story which has demonstrably grown over the years!

As an aside, there is one coincidence which is almost certainly no more than that, though intriguing if nothing else.

There's a relatively well known sketch of the 'UFO' which Larry Warren claims to have seen. We know that Warren's tales are proven to be unreliable evidence - perhaps being charitable here - and if so, no reason to discuss them further as evidence.

That acknowledged, the sketch, which was drawn to his

specifications by Betty Luca, apparently a 'contactee' or such-like, is remarkably similar to one depiction of an F-117A. It's from the 'Team Stealth' patch.

Some time ago, I put together a graphic showing the comparison and I've uploaded it to my web site at:

[http://easyweb.easynet.co.uk/pulsar/team\\_cmp.jpg](http://easyweb.easynet.co.uk/pulsar/team_cmp.jpg)

The most striking similarity is in the top section, where both images are practically identical.

If not a coincidence, how to explain..

The only possibility I could think of was that the patch might have been an 'in-joke' and designed to show the F-117A in a profile which resembled Warren/Luca's published sketch of the Bentwaters/Woodbridge 'UFO'.

I doubt it and presumably we simply have a bizarre coincidence!

Was there conceivably a stealth connection with Bentwaters?

This patch comes up again in 'Left at East Gate', where Peter Robbins, Warren's co-author, writes that when Warren visited the bases in 1988, he allegedly noted "a pilot wearing an unfamiliar flash'. Warren "described it as looking like a UFO on a pattern with lettering above and below".

Robbins later saw the 'Team Stealth' patch and based on Warren's drawing of his recollection, concluded this may have been what he had seen.

Again, it's unlikely. Surely the presence of any stealth aircraft at the bases would have come out before now.

On t'other hand, there is that 1983 newspaper report I mentioned:

"TERRIFIED villagers near the scene of Britain's first official

UFO landing have been buzzed by a new mystery craft.

The bizarre flying triangle hovered almost silently above the tiny hamlet of Hollesley in Suffolk for 20 minutes.

[...]

Captain Kathreen McCullom, at the airbase, said: 'Nothing was

seen on radar. I cannot say more than that'."

I'm pleased to note that some new list members - there are over 60 subscribers now - have particular expertise in military aviation technology, especially 'black' programs.

Further contributions on this 'stealth' aspect are duly invited - is it, for example, out of the question that some form of stealth related technology ever existed at the bases?

James.

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Dear List,

Warren himself, after I challenged some of his ridiculous assertions at the Liverpool BUFORA event in October 1997, claimed to have seen the F-117A 'landing at the base' from 1984 which ties in with the research of both Bill Rose (who lives/lived nearby) and Nick Cook (Jane's). The F-117A interdictor was responsible for UFO sightings in the late 1980s but I doubt that any supposed 'triangular UFOs' seen in/over/near the woods over Christmas 1980 were this particular bird.

Having said that, and in light of my recent discoveries, it never ceases to amaze me how little credence Ufologists give to the very strong possibility that secret military aircraft, possibly unmanned and possibly using an advanced propulsion system, could have been tested at that time. Throughout the 1970s all kinds of triangular a/c were under development and in Britain alone we had experimented with prototype waveriders in the 1960s (see 'Air Pictorial' for this month) although this was a high-speed platform.

(Documents received via FOIA indicate a great deal of interest in so-called 'electrogravitics systems' in the early 1950s and the extent to which these were funded. The studies relating to some of these projects curiously came upon the flying disc as the perfect platform upon which to base further study.)

Military personnel seeing a military-type delta planform aircraft may well be evidence of military personnel seeing a delta wing planform at or near a military facility!! (And why not at Christmas??)

No surprises there and what becomes apparent above all else in terms of classified aircraft research is the number and extent of similar projects..... all of which are still hidden from view.....

No doubt this will debate will rage on for years.....

Tim Matthews.

(See "UFO Revelation - The Secret Technology Exposed?")

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> From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>  
> To: UFORL <UFORL@listbot.com>  
> Subject: 'Bentwaters' and a 'Stealth' Connection  
> Date: 09 April 1999 02:22

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> Regarding:  
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>>From: "joel carpenter" <ufx@mindspring.com>  
>>To: <UFORL@listbot.com>  
>>Subject: Re: 'Bentwaters' 1 of 6  
>>Date: Wed, 7 Apr 1999 23:12:34 -0400  
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> Joel wrote:  
>  
>>Can you go into any detail on the air units based at Woodbridge  
>>and Bentwaters in 1980?  
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> Joel,  
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> There's a detailed feature on the case at URL:  
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> <http://dialspace.dial.pipex.com/town/close/kca07/refint.htm>  
>  
> It concludes:  
>  
> "Big Bird 16, a USAF low-altitude spy satellite, is launched from  
> Vandenberg Air Force Base in California on Wednesday 18 June  
> 1980, and is placed in a fast polar orbit. Big Bird has six  
> recoverable film capsules on board, and the 67th Aerospace Rescue  
> and Recovery Squadron (ARRS), based at RAF Woodbridge, is one of  
> the units designated to collect these when they re-enter".  
>  
> It was a plausible theory, however as it relied on so many  
> personnel, including participants, knowing the truth, it's no  
> longer sustainable. At least one thing which seems abundantly  
> clear is that Halt and others were not 'covering up' a military  
> exercise in the forest.  
>  
> Some relevant information provided therein:  
>  
> Woodbridge  
>  
> RAF Woodbridge opened in 1943, as one of three airfields set up  
> to accept damaged or fuel-short bombers returning from raids over  
> Germany, and were therefore fitted with long, heavy-duty runways.  
> Woodbridge was chosen as the site for one of these as it was  
> "nearly fog free and had no obstructions for miles" (Bowyer  
> 1979), although more than a million trees had to be cleared from  
> Rendlesham Forest to take the new base.  
>  
> After the end of the War it was used for experimental work:

> Lancasters based there dropped 'Grand Slam' bombs on Orford Ness,  
> and the Blind Landing Experiment Unit was located there. The RAF  
> abandoned Woodbridge in March 1948.

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> On 5 June 1952 the USAF took it over for the home of the 79th  
> Fighter-Bomber Squadron, flying first F-84s, then F-100s. In 1958  
> the 81st Tactical Fighter Wing moved in and upgraded the runway  
> to take F-101 Voodoos, Phantoms (from 1966) and F-4Ds (from  
> 1969). At the end of 1969 the 79th Tactical Fighter Squadron (as  
> the 79th was now known) moved to Upper Heyford, and the 67th ARRS  
> flew in from Moron AFB in Spain.

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> Bentwaters

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> RAF Bentwaters, only a few miles from Woodbridge and essentially  
> part of the same complex, opened in 1944 and was transferred to  
> the USAF in July 1950, becoming the first base in Europe to  
> receive F-86 Sabres. Phantoms turned up in 1965 and F-4Ds by  
> 1973; by the autumn of 1978 it was the main European base for A-  
> 10s. Bentwaters at the time of the Rendlesham Forest incident was  
> occupied by the 81st Tactical Fighter Wing's 91st and 92nd  
> Squadrons.

> [End]

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> I know you've mentioned a possible 'stealth' connection with the  
> December 1980 events and if there was actually 'something'  
> tangible which did occur, I wondered about that also.

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> It seems a bit early for stealth technology being involved and  
> although Penniston's description of the triangular-shaped object  
> may have some parallels, it's reported manoeuvrability through  
> the forest doesn't. I also remain dubious that Penniston examined  
> and touched the object he describes, it's a story which has  
> demonstrably grown over the years!

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> As an aside, there is one coincidence which is almost certainly  
> no more than that, though intriguing if nothing else.

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> There's a relatively well known sketch of the 'UFO' which Larry  
> Warren claims to have seen. We know that Warren's tales are  
> proven to be unreliable evidence - perhaps being charitable here  
> - and if so, no reason to discuss them further as evidence.

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> That acknowledged, the sketch, which was drawn to his  
> specifications by Betty Luca, apparently a 'contactee' or such-  
> like, is remarkably similar to one depiction of an F-117A. It's  
> from the 'Team Stealth' patch.

>  
> Some time ago, I put together a graphic showing the comparison  
> and I've uploaded it to my web site at:  
>  
> [http://easyweb.easynet.co.uk/pulsar/team\\_cmp.jpg](http://easyweb.easynet.co.uk/pulsar/team_cmp.jpg)  
>  
>  
> The most striking similarity is in the top section, where both  
> images are practically identical.  
>  
> If not a coincidence, how to explain..  
>  
> The only possibility I could think of was that the patch might  
> have been an 'in-joke' and designed to show the F-117A in a  
> profile which resembled Warren/Luca's published sketch of the  
> Bentwaters/Woodbridge 'UFO'.  
>  
> I doubt it and presumably we simply have a bizarre coincidence!  
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>  
> Was there conceivably a stealth connection with Bentwaters?  
>  
> This patch comes up again in 'Left at East Gate', where Peter  
> Robbins, Warren's co-author, writes that when Warren visited the  
> bases in 1988, he allegedly noted "a pilot wearing an unfamiliar  
> flash'. Warren "described it as looking like a UFO on a pattern  
> with lettering above and below".  
>  
> Robbins later saw the 'Team Stealth' patch and based on Warren's  
> drawing of his recollection, concluded this may have been what  
> he had seen.  
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> Again, it's unlikely. Surely the presence of any stealth aircraft  
> at the bases would have come out before now.  
>  
> On t'other hand, there is that 1983 newspaper report I mentioned:  
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> "TERRIFIED villagers near the scene of Britain's first official  
> UFO landing have been buzzed by a new mystery craft.  
>  
> The bizarre flying triangle hovered almost silently above the  
> tiny hamlet of Hollesley in Suffolk for 20 minutes.  
>  
> [...]  
>  
> Captain Kathreen McCullom, at the airbase, said: 'Nothing was  
> seen on radar. I cannot say more than that'.  
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- > I'm pleased to note that some new list members - there are over
- > 60 subscribers now - have particular expertise in military
- > aviation technology, especially 'black' programs.
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- > Further contributions on this 'stealth' aspect are duly invited -
- > is it, for example, out of the question that some form of stealth
- > related technology ever existed at the bases?
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- > James.
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A topic I would be interested in opinions on are the reported 'close encounters' with objects which appear to defy contemporary, known, technology and which probably make less sense as even conceivably from 'out there'.

I have a considerable number of such accounts on file, some of which I had documented in detail with the witness and they go back some 25 years.

An example comes from the following 'UFO UpDates' postings:

From: Stig Agermose <stig.agermose@get2net.dk>  
Date: Fri, 19 Mar 1999 07:15:45 GMT  
Fwd Date: Fri, 19 Mar 1999 12:23:01 -0500  
Subject: New Jersey Sighting & Mysterious Research Engineers

Source: EBE Online,

<http://ebe.allwebco.com/Experiences/NewJersey.shtml>

Published March 4, 1999.

Stig

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New Jersey, USA

Jodie, e-mail:

[jsmith@early.com](mailto:jsmith@early.com)

Long Valley, New Jersey, USA

10:20 pm, August 21, 1982

First let me say that my husband & I are college-educated, professional people, both working for, (what was then) Bell Laboratories. We were sober, and quite alert - we had our 2 yr. old daughter Th us, coming home from visiting friends. The whole occurrence so astounded us, we called the army, navy, air force, police & UFO Research facility in Illinois. We called the friends

we had visited, we drew pictures of what we saw immediately upon entering our home. My husband thinks that what we encountered was possibly new, secret technology. After speaking with a number of research scientists & engineers at Ma Bell, I tend to agree with them: we haven't yet cultivated or harnessed enough energy/magnetic power...

But I jump ahead...My husband & I were travelling north on Rte. 206, heading home. It was a clear, starry August sky & I noticed a particularly bright, large, "star" in the sky straight ahead. I pointed it out to him (he was driving). As I did, I noticed it was moving due west. It was an odd, yellowish color & stood out as being different from the stars & planets. We chalked it up as being an airplane - but I couldn't stop checking it out. At the light in Chester, we turned left, heading west to our town, Long Valley, on Rte. 24. I lost sight of it with the trees. But as we approached the edge of the valley, there is a long hill going down into it. At this point, I saw it again, still out with the stars but bigger and moving faster, it seemed to go the speed of the car. As we reached the crest of the hill, it came TOWARDS us. The light got bigger & bigger, so big that my husband thought we were about to get hit, head-on. He swerved off to the side of the road. At this point, "the light" seemed to slow down, and we could see that it was tilting up above us and that it was actually 2 large circular lights - side-by-side. We jumped out of the car (curiously no one else was driving on the road, but with my 2 yr. old in the car seat, I didn't want to leave the car). My husband proceeded to walk (backwards) from the car down the middle of the road, staring up at this HUGE aircraft directly above us. It had a smooth, white surface, with blue, green & red rectangular lights along the perimeter of its underside. The lights dimmed as it hovered overhead. It was shaped like a stingray, with wide, rounded wings and a bobbed backend. It seemed as comfortable in the sky as a fish in water, like it was swimming(??)The "nose" (where the two big lights were) wasn't white, but appeared to be glass. It was moving no faster than he was walking, so it "hovered" just above him. We were in awe - but spoke to each other the whole time. We discussed its parameters, using the aforementioned descriptions so we'd agree, out loud, of what we saw. We calculated that the nose could hold about 50-100 people. The wingspan was 3 football fields in length. It made a very low, quiet hum and seemed to be just above the trees. We agreed that we could throw a stone up and hit it. (We didn't, however, neither of us wanted to look away) It was mesmerizing in that it was travelling so low to the ground with no wind, and barely any sound. We decided to wave a friendly hello, figuring that whoever was IN it, was watching us too (we were feeling more comfortable: we reasoned that there were no markings on it, it was so amazingly advanced and quite simply, beautiful to watch. My husband didn't appreciate my humor when I yelled "Beam us up,

Scottie!" He was still tentative about being under the thing...)  
My daughter woke up in the car with my yell and said, "Mommy, whatcha doing?" "Watchin' a spaceship", I said, without diverting my eyes.

We figured our conversation lasted about 3 minutes as this craft stayed above my husband - he was quite far from the car. We couldn't calculate the width of it until this point: I noticed headlights in the corner of my eye, a car was coming. I yelled to my husband to get out of the road. He came running toward the car & this aircraft slowly turned to the south and then, in two blinks of an eye, took off. No sound, no wind. Gone. A car came flying by, seemingly oblivious to what had happened. So, we drove home, checked the time, didn't lose any. Drew pictures, discussed it, called our friends (who told us we left our camera at their house!) and they suggested we make the calls to any authorities. Needless to say, everyone laughed except the local police who said that Long Valley was a "high activity area" for that kind of thing. When I went to work, I told everybody! My husband didn't tell a soul - after all, with working at Bell Labs, he reasoned, these people are the country's top brains - they'll think I'm nuts. Not me. I was SO amazed, I decided I had to find out anything I could on aircraft power. Three days later a group of research engineers came to my office because they'd overheard my story (through the grapevine). They took notes, asked questions and told me that the ONLY kind of power that could fly an aircraft that low, with no wind or sound would be through magnetic energy. To that date, in 1982, scientists had only been able to harness enough magnetic energy to fly a one-man hover craft, at 60 mph, about 100 miles max with NO capabilities for stopping on a dime and turning directions. I've read some since then, regarding magnetic power, and Canadian scientists seem to be continuing research...they had hoped to sell one-man hover crafts by 1995!! Still don't know what we saw - was it a government project? I asked these scientists. They shook their heads, chuckled and said THEY work on government projects and there's just no way that kind of technology exists - yet. They said we were no way near figuring how to harness that amount of power - for that huge a craft. We were babes in the woods. What do you think? Know where I can read more on magnetic power?  
[End]

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[Copy of my reply to UFO UpDates]  
From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>  
Date: Fri, 19 Mar 1999 20:07:34 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 20 Mar 1999 21:17:40 -0500  
Subject: Re: New Jersey Sighting & Mysterious Research

Regarding:

>From: Stig Agermose <stig.agermose@get2net.dk>  
>To: updates@globalserve.net  
>Subject: New Jersey Sighting & Mysterious Research Engineers  
>Date: Fri, 19 Mar 1999 07:15:45 GMT

Stig,

Taken at face value, that's an interesting story.

In April, 1995, following a lengthy correspondence with the claimed witness, I published the following report, writing at the time:

"I have summarised this account using only the verbatim testimony of the witness and have their confirmation that this summary it is an accurate record of events".

[Begin]

I had a UFO sighting at approximately 9:30 p.m., in September of 1974.

I was riding in a car with two other people going down I 5, south from San Francisco.

At about 250 miles north of LA, I saw two huge floodlights on the side of the car. When we passed by the object we could see it very clearly. It was about as wide as three cars and it was much longer.

It had a stingray shape (it was shaped like a stingray fish). It was round in front, it had protrusions on each side (like small wings) and came to a rounded point in the back.

I did see the size of the craft. I think it was about 40 feet long and 30 feet deep, about as high as a two story building.

It was dark and the color was hard to see but I think the color was a metallic grey or black.

It had a blue light on one side and a green light on the other side. It was a long time ago, so I could be wrong, but I think the green light was on the right and the blue light was on the left. The lights were on each side at the farthest point on each side. They were at the end of the "wings" on the sides of the craft.

The floodlights were right on front of the craft, similar to headlights but brighter than daylight and brighter than any light I've ever seen. They were brighter than high intensity mercury vapour lights which are used to light up football fields at night.

They were approximately one fourth to one eighth the size of the front of the craft, similar to the size of headlights on a car.

They were on all the time.

It was hovering above the ground at about three feet. We immediately pulled the car over and got out. There was no wind and absolutely no sound.

Then, it slowly rose up and floated over the two lane freeway and paused very still on the other side before taking off.

I saw the underside of the craft but it was dark so I didn't see details. I do know that I did not see any wheels or landing gear. I was looking specifically for that because I couldn't figure out how the craft was suspended without any moving parts. When I looked to see what was holding it up, I was astonished to find that nothing was holding it up and it was not touching the ground.

There were no lights visible underneath the craft.

When the vehicle went over the freeway, it had been in a stationary position. It paused about 5 seconds and took off at an accelerated rate, which was instantaneous. I mean, it was like going hundreds of miles an hour in one second, with no acceleration time. It travelled straight at about 30 or 40 feet off the ground and then it went up into the sky and disappeared.

The craft made no discernible noise at all, even when it took off.

It had two red lights on the back, they were smaller in comparison to the other lights.

When it took off, it did so at lightning speed and was gone in 3 seconds.

I've never known anyone else who has seen anything like this.

Kathy.  
[End]

Some comparisons between Jodie[J] and Kathy's[K] accounts:

J: Long Valley, New Jersey - August 21, 1982, 10:20 p.m.

K: South of San Francisco - September, 1974, approx. 9:30 p.m.

J: My husband & I were travelling north on Rte. 206, heading home.

K: I was riding in a car with two other people going down I 5, south from San Francisco.

J: At this point, "the light" seemed to slow down, and we could see that it was tilting up above us and that it was actually 2 large circular lights - side-by-side.

The "nose" (where the two big lights were) wasn't white, but appeared to be glass.

K: The floodlights were right on front of the craft, similar to headlights but brighter than daylight and brighter than any light I've ever seen.

J: We jumped out of the car.. My husband proceeded to walk (backwards)from the car down the middle of the road, staring up at this HUGE aircraft directly above us.

K: It was hovering above the ground at about three feet. We immediately pulled the car over and got out.

J: It had a smooth, white surface,

K: It was dark and the color was hard to see but I think the color was a metallic grey or black.

J: ..with blue, green & red rectangular lights along the perimeter of its underside.

K: It had a blue light on one side and a green light on the other side. It was a long time ago, so I could be wrong, but I think the green light was on the right and the blue light was on the left. The lights were on each side at the farthest point on each side. They were at the end of the "wings" on the sides of the craft.

J: It was shaped like a stingray, with wide, rounded wings and a bobbed backend.

K: It had a stingray shape (it was shaped like a stingray fish). It was round in front, it had protrusions on each side (like small wings) and came to a rounded point in the back.

J: It was moving no faster than he was walking, so it "hovered" just above him.

K: Then, it slowly rose up and floated over the two lane freeway and paused very still on the other side..

J: We calculated that the nose could hold about 50-100 people. The wingspan was 3 football fields in length.

K: I did see the size of the craft. I think it was about 40 feet long and 30 feet deep, about as high as a two story building.

J: It was mesmerizing in that it was travelling so low to the ground..

K:..I couldn't figure out how the craft was suspended without any moving parts. When I looked to see what was holding it up, I was astonished to find that nothing was holding it up and it was not touching the ground.

J: ..with no wind, and barely any sound.

K: There was no wind and absolutely no sound.

J: ..this aircraft slowly turned to the south and then, in two

blinks of an eye, took off.

K: When it took off, it did so at lightning speed and was gone in 3 seconds.

J: No sound, no wind. Gone.

K: The craft made no discernible noise at all, even when it took off.

[End]

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Further to this, I was contacted by Charles Stuart, who wrote:

"I just read your report on ufomind about the 1974 sighting being similar to another sighting in New Jersey circa 1982. I have a written report from a very reliable friend detailing another "highway encounter" with a ufo with two bright "headlights." This object was shaped somewhat like a trilobite or lima bean which is not too different from a stingray. The bottom of the craft was a gridwork of black and dark gray. The incident allegedly happened in 1982".

Naturally accepting Charles' kind offer of further information, he stated:

"I'll give you the report that Kelly wrote for me in 1994. I'll have to check with her to see if we can use her full name. There is no doubt in my mind that Kelly describes what she saw. She is an honest, credible person with a B.S. in math and at the time of her report, the manager of a large local hospital. I found out about her sighting from my brother whom she had told. In addition, her ex-boyfriend, David Herzog, was a witness. I have been unable to locate David for confirmation"

"This incident occurred on a Friday night in mid-late October, 1980 - about 6 miles south of Lawton, Oklahoma and Fort Sill Army Base on the HE Bailey Turnpike".

This is Kelly's account:

"I and a friend (boyfriend) were moving from Lawton, Ok. to Austin, Texas -- he drove a U-haul, I drove our car behind him. As we left Lawton (10 P.M.), we travelled south on HE Bailey Turnpike (Rt. 44). About six miles out of town we saw two bright lights above the road. I thought they were street lights, although it seemed weird that there would be street lights THERE. I knew it was not an airplane--- the lights were perfectly still and VERY bright. I thought it might be a helicopter but as we got closer, I knew it was another kind of aircraft.

It was 70 feet above the highway, about 50 feet wide, directly over the southbound lanes of the highway. I could very clearly see the craft. As we drove under it, an orange/red light came on,

filling the air with an orange color. I did not seem to be still driving--- I felt as if the car was slowing down but the speedometer was steady. This seemed to be something I "observed" but had little control over. We pulled over « mile after passing under the craft and discussed going back for a closer look or getting out of there. We were excited and scared. We could still see the craft "parked" over the road. We got back in our respective cars and drove on. When we stopped about another 6 miles down the road, immediately after driving through a toll booth, my friend told me that our dog had been looking up and howling as we passed underneath the craft.

The red/orange light seemed to have 'read our minds' or something very unusual and very hard to describe. We then drove on, stopping again about 25 miles down the road in Wichita Falls. We drew pictures for each other of what we had seen. We stopped several times during the drive but arrived in Austin, Tx the next day about 9 A.M."

Charles added:

"Additionally, Kelly told me that she experienced a sort of psychic ability for several hours after the event. She said that she could "hear" the guy at the toll booth speak several seconds before he actually spoke!

The bottom of the craft she told me was very dark grey with a cross of darker material dividing it into quadrants. A gridwork of metal "fins" could be seen. The red/orange light came from between the two "superbright" white lights. The backside of the craft was covered with small white lights".

"Kelly said you could use her name.

She also said the object she saw did look like a stingray, although she had been calling it a "shield". (The trilobite name was mine, based on her drawing of the craft.)

Her name at the time of the sighting was Kelly Johnson. Now it's Kelly Kelso".

There's one further report I'm aware of which at face value seems remarkably similar and significantly had multiple witnesses.

I have on file a detailed drawing (there may be others) of the object reportedly observed in this case and on first seeing the sketch, noted that it resembled a trilobite-like shape. It could certainly be described as a 'shield'

This reported sightings is also historical, dating from 1975 and importantly, it was documented at the time. It occurred in Lumberton, North Carolina.

The original case material exists and I'm hopeful may shortly become available.

It was reported in the 'National Enquirer' as follows:

'Triangular-Shaped Saucer Shakes Up Five North Carolina Counties'

'Skies Over Lumberton, N.C., Visited By A Glowing Object that Baffled Officials For Nearly A Week - but Remained Unexplained'

Historically, the beings that operate most of the unidentified flying objects that have been reported are, apparently, shy creatures. They don't stay long in one place. They seem to be elusive, many of them having slipped away as soon as any earthlings gave them much attention. But whatever it was that visited Lumberton, N.C., and environs during the month of April, just couldn't seem to get enough of the spotlight. Or give off enough of its own light. It glowed in the sky--off and on--for four days and nights, astounding the hundreds of rural residents and 30 law-enforcement officials who glimpsed it.... but never explained it.

Not only did it break out of the pattern by spending so much time in the area, it broke out of character for UFOs by clinging close to the ground much of the time of its visit to the farms and fields of Lumberton.

Reports from five surrounding counties poured into police and sheriff's offices of the area for four days in which hundreds came as close as they would ever wish to the unknown.

Those who reported the eerie sightings concurred that it was triangular in shape and that it was adorned with almost festive, brightly-glowing lights. Repeatedly over the four days from April 3 to April 6, it was seen hovering silently close to the ground ... or flying low.

The size? "About the size of a Cadillac," said one officer. And was an intelligent hand at its controls? Well, said another cop, a searchlight in the center of the craft flashed responses to his own signals.

"It was just unbelievable," Robeson County Deputy Sheriff Ray Strickland remembered for the National Enquirer. "I'm still shaken up by the whole thing."

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One of the last of the Lumberton people to be favored with a viewing of the weird craft, Strickland was also treated to one of its most spectacular, dramatic displays. Driving with his wife at 5:15 p.m., Sunday, April 6--the last day of the visitation--Strickland says he saw the thing directly over the road ahead. The veteran lawman described a spellbinding, sweeping, hawk-like dive toward a field only 100 yards away.

"I slowed down and my wife let out a gasp because she thought it was going to hit a farmhouse," he said. "But the thing just disappeared behind the farm buildings--without a sound."

The first of the scores of reports came shortly after 1 a.m. on April 3 (of 1975). "We were swamped with calls from the public and 30 officers reported seeing a strange object," submitted Lumberton sheriff's radio dispatcher Ronn Thompson. Most of the callers-in said they had seen the UFO over the north end of the rural hamlet.

"I saw the object hovering about 50 feet over the town's water tank," said officer Phil Stanton, one of the policemen who received calls from citizens who were, if not frightened, certainly very impressed at what many thought was a drop-in from extragalactic beings.

"It seemed to be triangular or vee-shaped. I could make out reddish lights on one side of it and green or blue lights along the other. I thought it was about the size of a Cadillac. The strange thing was that there was no sound at all. It appeared to have a solid hull and one big spotlight."

Just as the mystified officer began to register that he was seeing something that he couldn't do anything about-- and something that very few others could expect ever to see--the strange object vanished, hurtling away at almost unearthly speed. And then--"I heard on my patrol car radio that it was spotted over St. Pauls just 90 seconds later. And St. Pauls is 15 miles away," he said.

Over in St. Pauls, security guard John McPherson and officer Tom Hagens chased the triangular mystery in a patrol car. Their first glimpse of it came with a red flash "like an explosion," behind some trees way back in the boondocks. The strange craft was moving low and slow across an isolated country road and the officers saw their duty.

"We took off after it, but lost it. Then we stopped the car and just waited," reported McPherson. And then, as though playing an

interplanetary game of tag, "There it was again ... it seemed to be triangular, maybe vee-shaped, with blue lights all around the edges and a big pulsating ball of red light in the center. There were two big beams like searchlights. The next thing I knew, it took off at terrific speed--without a sound.

If that isn't the same whatsis that Stanton saw four days later, it must at least have been a sister ship.

And suddenly, the same ship or one much like it turned up a few miles away. When McPherson and Hagens last saw it in St. Pauls, it was racing west. Soon it was picked up by Hoke County Deputy Sheriff George McGuire. "It seemed to be travelling about the speed of a jet, but far closer to the ground than I've ever seen a jet fly," he recalled.

Reports of mysterious doings in the North Carolina skies kept pouring in. The Lumberton radio dispatcher, Ronn Thompson, found that his curiosity was whetted by all the reports he had received from presumably sane and sober citizens. So off he went on his own UFO hunt when he got off duty Friday night. Sure enough about 20 miles southwest of Lumberton he really did spot it.

"It appeared suddenly, less than 200 feet above my car," he told reporters later. "I could see a beam shining out of the thing and flashed my car lights. Incredibly, the beam flashed back at me in response. I flashed my lights a second time and again I got a response.

"Then the object took off at tremendous speed and vanished."

There were more reports. A police chief, Gary Moore, of White Lakes, N.C., said he spotted a similar triangular UFO with a pulsating red light just about at dawn on Saturday, April 5. But the visit to Lumberton was nearing an end. One more cop, State Trooper Marshall McGee, was to make a sighting in the early hours of Sunday, April 6. He saw something in the sky between Lumberton and St. Pauls and his description was substantially the same as those submitted by many others.

Naturally, the Federal Aviation Administration was consulted and, as happens so often, it was, officially, baffled. Authorities at the nearby Fayetteville, N.C., Airport were notified almost as soon as the UFO was first spotted. "We had a Piedmont Airlines Boeing 737 make a test flight in the area," said an FAA spokesman "But the UFO reports continued after it landed "

And not only are the civilian flying folk stumped. An Air Force official at the nearby Fort Bragg flying facility admitted, "We're just as baffled as the FAA."

\*E-O-F\*

This is one of the earliest documented reports with clear parallels to the silent, hovering 'triangular' objects of more recent years.

A 'pulsating', central red light is a distinctive feature of such accounts, many which are similarly, 'highway encounters'.

With little apparent leeway for mistaken identifications of stars, or indeed any of the normal rational explanations, what could be the origin of all these comparative reports?

James.

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Subject: Silent, hovering, 'triangular'-shaped objects

#### UFO Research List

I recently came across the following material which seems to be of immense relevance to the question of whether 'black' aircraft which have a 'triangular' or 'stingray/manta ray' profile, do exist. Even if that's factual, how can it be equated with the corresponding silent, hovering objects reported in so many 'close encounters'?

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Date: Sat, 8 Oct 1994 13:45:24 -0400  
From: Dennis Mercer  
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Subject: sightings

Excerpts from Aviation Week Oct 1, 1990 pg. 20:

#### MULTIPLE SIGHTINGS OF SECRET AIRCRAFT HINT AT NEW PROPULSION, AIRFRAME DESIGNS

Multiple reports from well-qualified observers lend substantial credence to the existence of numerous secret aircraft flying from remote bases in the south-western U.S., regardless of the political, funding or technical arguments against that probability.

Over the past 13 months, large, triangular wing-shaped aircraft characterized by a relatively quiet propulsion system have been the objects of at least 11 sightings near Edwards, AFB, Calif., and one near Fresno, Calif. These are supported by additional reports of similar vehicles seen and heard around remote central Nevada communities near government ranges operated by the Energy Dept. and the Air Force.

Possibly prototypes of concept demonstrators of the Air Force B-2 or Navy A-12, the fairly flat, triangular-shaped vehicles have a rounded nose, rounded wingtips and probably no vertical tail surfaces. The flying wings' trailing edges may be slightly curved, but definitely are not sawtooth-shaped like those of the Air Force's B-2 bomber, according to reports received so far. One observer in Nevada described the shape as "like a manta ray."

Key sightings include:

\* A daytime observation near the Tehachapi mountains (about 30 mi. northwest of Edwards AFB) in early May verified this craft's triangular shape. Numerous earlier sightings had been at night,

although several were under a near-full moon that provided enough illumination to identify a large, triangular planform. The Tehachapi report noted that the aircraft was light-colored, but had a dark area near the center of the trailing edge, presumed to be the engine exhaust area.

\* On the night of May 3, 1990, a quiet aircraft matching the triangular description was reported by five different observers over a 4-hr. period. One or more of the aircraft made multiple passes over Tehachapi, Mojave, Lancaster and Palmdale, Calif., during this time.

\* A triangular aircraft also has been seen flying with multiple-ship Lockheed F-117A flights. Typically, the stealth fighters fly alone, spaced about 8-10 min. apart - a general pattern that has characterized F-117 operations since they were first observed in California in mid-1989.

However, on several occasions, the larger, triangular aircraft appeared on the same general flight path as the F-117As. It was seen after about three or four of the stealth fighters had passed, yet was ahead of another three or four. It has been spotted repeatedly over the northern end of the Antelope Valley, near Edwards AFB and Mojave, Calif., as well as in central Nevada.

This vehicle is quieter than the F-117As - which already are substantially quieter than an F-15 or F-16 - and definitely larger. It normally displays a lighting pattern similar to that of the F-117s - single amber lights under the wingtips and a red beacon near the nose - but can be distinguished by its characteristic hushed engine noise and larger planform.

All observer descriptions of the triangular aircraft correlated closely, and the observer who reported seeing the vehicle before sunset sketched a top view. That sketch matched descriptions of similar vehicles supposedly seen in Nevada-based government hangars several years ago and flying in military operating areas nearby...

A totally separate, distinctly different type of aircraft seen and heard in California and Nevada over the last year is characterized by a loud, very deep, rumbling engine noise. At times, the exhaust noise is punctuated by a slow-frequency (about 1 Hz.) pulsing sound, which has prompted observers to call this aircraft the "pulsar." The aircraft also produces a sausage-link-shaped smoke trail or vapour contrail when it is pulsing. This vehicle is not the triangular-shaped aircraft discussed earlier, and may be capable of hypersonic speeds.

At other times however, the aircraft exhibits a more continuous noise without the pulsing characteristic. Observers are confident it is the same type of aircraft, based on its distinctive deep, loud roar.

There have been multiple reports of "pulsar" flights, including:

- \* The first, in July, 1989, at about 3 a.m. near Edwards AFB, Calif. The vehicle was at medium altitude, flying very fast and exhibiting the characteristic pulsing sound. The "pulsar's" position was marked by a \*white glow\*, rather than a distinct point of light.
- \* An early evening takeoff from Edwards AFB on Oct. 18, 1989.
- \* Multiple reports of an aircraft having a deep, pulsing roar flying over central and eastern Nevada during the early morning hours throughout the past year.
- \* Eight separate reports of an aircraft exhibiting the same characteristics, always flying on a northerly heading near Mojave, Calif., between midnight and about 5 a.m. It was typically at lower altitude and slower speeds than when first seen in July, often had a slower pulsing sound and displayed only two position lights.
- \* Six reports of an extremely fast-moving vehicle in southern California's skies, ranging from Santa Barbara on the Pacific coastline to near George AFB at the eastern end of the Antelope Valley. These aircraft typically were flying at very high altitude, were seen as a \*single bright light\*, and seldom changed direction. Speed changes have been observed, and, on occasion, a pulsing red or white light was seen. Whether these so-called fast movers also are the "pulsar" aircraft is not known.

A Santa Barbara observer estimated the aircraft crossed "some 350 mi. of night sky off the Pacific Missile Range bases in about 6 min." (about 3450 mph!) One Aviation Week & Space Technology editor estimated a similar aircraft - seen as a bright point of white light - required less than 20 sec. to transit [? - James] about 70 deg. of sky...

On Oct. 18, 1989, the "pulsar" apparently took off from North Base, an airfield at the north end of the Edwards AFB complex primarily devoted to classified programs. The noise from that takeoff was described as extremely loud, with a deep, throaty rumble that shook houses 16 mi. away, drawing residents into the street. One observer claimed the noise compared with that of Saturn 5 rocket tests conducted at Edwards AFB in the 1960s and

1970s.

Although no lights were seen, the deep, vibrating roar continued for about 5 min., and its source appeared to be climbing steeply to the north. "Your eyes tended to follow the noise; something was climbing at a very steep angle," one observer noted.

Residents of surrounding communities reported that the sound "was like the sky ripping," and was unlike anything they had heard in the Edwards area for years.

The same pulsing, very loud, rumbling type of engine noise has been reported by multiple observers in central Nevada as well. It typically was heard in the early morning hours and was described as having a 1-2 Hz. pulse rate. One Nevada-based observer said the same pulsing aircraft departed from the Groom Lake range and flew over a nearby community as recently as Aug. 6. It was "the loudest thing I've ever heard. It wasn't breaking the sound barrier, but it was rattling the window!" \*

An interesting note: one of the drawings accompanying the text shows the object as a very rounded triangular shape glowing orange!

[End]

The reported Edwards AFB sightings are intriguing. This is an account I documented and although impossible to be sure, had no reason to believe wasn't a sincere recollection, apparently dating from sometime in 1995. Julia related:

"I swear this craft just appeared over my head. This was at about 10:00 a.m. on a bright, sunny day. There was one of those skyquakes, then in a minute or two after that, (I was outside) the atmosphere seemed to get "heavy" like it was pushing down on me, and it got warm. I have dogs and they were growling and when I looked up, suddenly this craft was over my head, fairly close too. I felt it there before I actually saw it. I did not see it, or hear it approach except for noticing the change in the atmosphere, suddenly it was just there, as if becoming visible for the first time.

It appeared to be gunmetal gray, almost black, but not quite. I'd say the shape was - triangular, a regular triangle. It was exactly like the craft - well, no, but very close to the craft in the second episode of the X-Files.

I'm not sure how to describe how big this craft was. It was big, but not giant. It was wider than a helicopter but not as wide as the stealth fighter wing span, or maybe it was close to that. And

it was very close to me, so close that I had a hard time keeping my eyes open because of the pressure it caused in the air. The eerie part was the silence for a craft hovering so close. It wasn't far above the roof of our kennel and looked close enough to almost touch. I'm not a very good judge of measurements so I can't say for sure how high above me it actually was, but it seemed rather close, I'd guess about 25 feet.

I was almost directly below it, so I only saw the bottom. It had lights around the edges of the triangle, but I couldn't say how many and they didn't appear to be on. I can say for certain that I saw lights at each one of the three corners of the craft and at least one on each of the sides. I did see what appeared to be either a large light or a window directly in the centre of the triangle.

I can't say if the edges were round or flat as I couldn't really focus on it for a long time because I couldn't keep my eyes open. It was sort of like standing under helicopter blades - you have to shield your eyes. I didn't hear any engines or whirring or humming, and there was no real air movement to speak of, just this pressurized feeling and the warmth.

It was there about a minute, give or take a few seconds, then it disappeared from view - I did not see the craft move at all, it just wasn't visible anymore. It disappeared just as suddenly as it appeared and was gone again without any visible movement. It was pretty creepy. I'm not unused to seeing things in the sky. I don't live that far from Edwards Air Force Base, as the crow flies and I'm used to seeing the stealth planes, even when they denied the existence of them. Those looked like giant bats in the distant sky. This triangular craft was the same color as the stealth planes, which leads me to believe they are experimental military planes.

[End]

Could be, however, why was a 'top secret' aircraft hovering so close above Julia's place?

Did it 'decloak' with the wrong co-ordinates, just missing the base and then quickly engage 'invisibility mode' again?

Nonsense, surely.

Yet, the 'Aviation Week' article implies there is substance to the 'mysterious aircraft' sightings, which to the public would presumably be 'UFOs'.

'Tis the proverbial 'hall of mirrors'!

James.

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## UFO Research List

For a list which claims to be dedicated to serious discussion of the UFO subject I find it quite remarkable that so many half-baked accounts should be used to support the moderators unsupported view that FTs are 'alien craft'.

Although I understand that researchers will drag out any sighting, whether it has been checked and/or properly investigated (which hardly ever happens, in the past or these days), to prove their untenable position, it is odd that nobody that I - or anyone associated with research into black projects OR who is actually involved in developing it - has ever said anything about recovered alien technology or supported a view that FTs are 'alien craft'.

For those out there who fail to understand, delta planforms are evidence of basic aerodynamics. If people had bothered to read my book ("UFO Revelation" - check it out, just published and on the subject or aircraft not UFOs)) they would have seen that in terms of FTs these have been on the drawing boards since the 1930s and developed in earnest both in the US, Germany and England from the 1940s onwards.

The US Navy has, since the early 1970s, and initially in conjunction with the Aereon Corporation, sought to develop massive delta planforms for reconnaissance. The Aereon Corporation boss William Miller Jr. believes that the military 'borrowed' his ideas and translated them into hardware. The large delta platform hybrid LTA craft would be made of something like Kevlar, be able to operate in silence and/or produce a slight humming sound (due to it's airship-like propulsion system) and yet, according to maverick genius Michael Walden, also operate at high speeds with an ability to accelerate away.

What concerns me about the sightings mentioned here is that, apart from Hudson Valley and Belgium, they seem to conform to a set pattern of 'unusual' experiences followed by reporting that indicates an overactive imagination.

I am getting to the point where I, and I'm not alone, am giving up on "UFO" sightings at all because they're all the UFO community (that utterly unscientific believer cult) has to offer. Even in terms of the Rendlesham debate we are expected to believe stories from witnesses dredged up years after the event and which might be explained easily, as Ripdath and co have said. Instead of this we find a desperate grasping at straws in the hope that we can prop up this case, or the subject, and somehow make it credible.

In a recent newsletter circulated by former 'Strange Daze' editor Dave Newton he suggested that people like me, and those interested in other areas of study that may occasionally affect Ufology, go our separate ways and engage in research into earth lights, secret military aircraft and so on. This is now happening.

There has been an outright refusal by the UFO community, as evidenced by some of the postings on this supposedly 'expert' list already, to accept (or even look into the possibility) that the military does have things that are so advanced as to shock even those within the military-industrial complex. The amounts of money and scientific expertise given over to the development of advanced aircraft and still-classified black projects over the years has been huge and as I said in a previous post exotic propulsion systems have been a possibility (and more likely a reality in more recent years) since Brown and Biefeld came across their strange electrical effect in 1929.

It might have come to the attention of at least some of you that Thomas Townsend Brown, whose electrogravitics work was supported by Lockheed after the war, was also a founder of NICAP. So was Hillenkoeter whose Navy discs were annoying our forebears. This small example indicates that the military-industrial complex is where the answers to these supposed 'problems' lie...

In terms of electrogravitics systems it is interesting to note very similar configurations in terms of the circular wings they hoped to fly at Mach 3 and the 'Project Silver Bug' discs. Of course it's all still classified (well most of it) and into the breach falls ever so much ill-informed Ufological speculation.....I wonder whether we should take any witnesses seriously anymore. In the last few weeks I've received over 100 calls from UFO witnesses in West Lancashire and their descriptions of the same objects (seen from different locations) are so widely varied as to make a mockery of the claims that people 'know' what they're looking at - whether they're supposed 'trained observers' (no such thing) or not!

No, flying triangles are military - and you take that to the bank.

Ufology? A bad and worsening joke. No wonder most of the best people leave. Nobody wants to hear explanations.....or so it seems.

Tim Matthews.

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> From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>  
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> Subject: Silent, hovering, 'triangular'-shaped objects 1/4  
> Date: 10 April 1999 01:44  
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> A topic I would be interested in opinions on are the reported  
> 'close encounters' with objects which appear to defy  
> contemporary, known, technology and which probably make less  
> sense as even conceivably from 'out there'.  
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> I have a considerable number of such accounts on file, some of  
> which I had documented in detail with the witness and they go  
> back some 25 years.  
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> An example comes from the following 'UFO UpDates' postings:  
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> From: Stig Agermose <stig.agermose@get2net.dk>  
> Date: Fri, 19 Mar 1999 07:15:45 GMT  
> Fwd Date: Fri, 19 Mar 1999 12:23:01 -0500  
> Subject: New Jersey Sighting & Mysterious Research Engineers  
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> Source: EBE Online,  
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> <http://ebe.allwebco.com/Experiences/NewJersey.shtml>  
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> Published March 4, 1999.  
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> New Jersey, USA  
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> Jodie, e-mail:  
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> jsmith@early.com  
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> Long Valley, New Jersey, USA  
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> 10:20 pm, August 21, 1982  
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> First let me say that my husband & I are college-educated,  
> professional people, both working for, (what was then) Bell  
> Laboratories. We were sober, and quite alert - we had our 2 yr.  
> old daughter Th us, coming home from visiting friends. The whole  
> occurrence so astounded us, we called the army, navy, air force,  
> police & UFO Research facility in Illinois. We called the friends  
> we had visited, we drew pictures of what we saw immediately upon  
> entering our home. My husband thinks that what we encountered was  
> possibly new, secret technology. After speaking with a number of  
> research scientists & engineers at Ma Bell, I tend to agree with  
> them: we haven't yet cultivated or harnessed enough  
> energy/magnetic power...

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> But I jump ahead...My husband & I were travelling north on Rte.  
> 206, heading home. It was a clear, starry August sky & I noticed  
> a particularly bright, large, "star" in the sky straight ahead. I  
> pointed it out to him (he was driving). As I did, I noticed it  
> was moving due west. It was an odd, yellowish color & stood out  
> as being different from the stars & planets. We chalked it up as  
> being an airplane - but I couldn't stop checking it out. At the  
> light in Chester, we turned left, heading west to our town, Long  
> Valley, on Rte. 24. I lost sight of it with the trees. But as we  
> approached the edge of the valley, there is a long hill going  
> down into it. At this point, I saw it again, still out with the  
> stars but bigger and moving faster, it seemed to go the speed of  
> the car. As we reached the crest of the hill, it came TOWARDS us.  
> The light got bigger & bigger, so big that my husband thought we  
> were about to get hit, head-on. He swerved off to the side of the  
> road. At this point, "the light" seemed to slow down, and we  
> could see that it was tilting up above us and that it was  
> actually 2 large circular lights - side-by-side. We jumped out of  
> the car (curiously no one else was driving on the road, but with  
> my 2 yr. old in the car seat, I didn't want to leave the car). My  
> husband proceeded to walk (backwards)from the car down the middle  
> of the road, staring up at this HUGE aircraft directly above us.  
> It had a smooth, white surface, with blue, green & red  
> rectangular lights along the perimeter of its underside. The  
> lights dimmed as it hovered overhead. It was shaped like a  
> stingray, with wide, rounded wings and a bobbed backend. It  
> seemed as comfortable in the sky as a fish in water, like it was  
> swimming(??)The "nose" (where the two big lights were) wasn't  
> white, but appeared to be glass. It was moving no faster than he  
> was walking, so it "hovered" just above him. We were in awe - but  
> spoke to each other the whole time. We discussed its parameters,  
> using the aforementioned descriptions so we'd agree, out loud, of  
> what we saw. We calculated that the nose could hold about 50-100  
> people. The wingspan was 3 football fields in length. It made a  
> very low, quiet hum and seemed to be just above the trees. We  
> agreed that we could throw a stone up and hit it. (We didn't,  
> however, neither of us wanted to look away) It was mesmerizing in  
> that it was travelling so low to the ground with no wind, and  
> barely any sound. We decided to wave a friendly hello, figuring  
> that whoever was IN it, was watching us too (we were feeling more  
> comfortable: we reasoned that there were no markings on it, it  
> was so amazingly advanced and quite simply, beautiful to watch.  
> My husband didn't appreciate my humor when I yelled "Beam us up,  
> Scottie!" He was still tentative about being under the thing...)  
> My daughter woke up in the car with my yell and said, "Mommy,  
> whatcha doing?" "Watchin' a spaceship", I said, without diverting  
> my eyes.  
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> We figured our conversation lasted about 3 minutes as this craft

> stayed above my husband - he was quite far from the car. We  
> couldn't calculate the width of it until this point: I noticed  
> headlights in the corner of my eye, a car was coming. I yelled to  
> my husband to get out of the road. He came running toward the car  
> & this aircraft slowly turned to the south and then, in two  
> blinks of an eye, took off. No sound, no wind. Gone. A car came  
> flying by, seemingly oblivious to what had happened. So, we drove  
> home, checked the time, didn't lose any. Drew pictures, discussed  
> it, called our friends (who told us we left our camera at their  
> house!) and they suggested we make the calls to any authorities.  
> Needless to say, everyone laughed except the local police who  
> said that Long Valley was a "high activity area" for that kind of  
> thing. When I went to work, I told everybody! My husband didn't  
> tell a soul - after all, with working at Bell Labs, he reasoned,  
> these people are the country's top brains - they'll think I'm  
> nuts. Not me. I was SO amazed, I decided I had to find out  
> anything I could on aircraft power. Three days later a group of  
> research engineers came to my office because they'd overheard my  
> story (through the grapevine). They took notes, asked questions  
> and told me that the ONLY kind of power that could fly an  
> aircraft that low, with no wind or sound would be through  
> magnetic energy. To that date, in 1982, scientists had only been  
> able to harness enough magnetic energy to fly a one-man hover  
> craft, at 60 mph, about 100 miles max with NO capabilities for  
> stopping on a dime and turning directions. I've read some since  
> then, regarding magnetic power, and Canadian scientists seem to  
> be continuing research...they had hoped to sell one-man hover  
> crafts by 1995!! Still don't know what we saw - was it a  
> government project? I asked these scientists. They shook their  
> heads, chuckled and said THEY work on government projects and  
> there's just no way that kind of technology exists - yet. They  
> said we were no way near figuring how to harness that amount of  
> power - for that huge a craft. We were babes in the woods. What  
> do you think? Know where I can read more on magnetic power?  
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Mr Matthews,

I beg to differ. It is not so much your basic premise which is that UFOs could very well be earth based technology - which after all, is a theory that I view on equal terms as the ETH - it is the data one generally provides to merit this theory.

First of all, deltawinged aircraft were on the drawing board as early as 1896, even before, and not since the 1930's as you claim. Likewise, utopian scetches of the first circular shaped aeroforms appeared around the 1880's, and around 1910 one was actually built.

Exotic propulsion systems and antigravity? In the USA an inventor started to experiment with that as early as the 1870's, I have photo's of his huge device, developed for a proposed earoform, that should be made of aluminium, 60 feet diameter, ovalshaped and airtight, so that one `could travel with it to other planets'. In 1895 someone drew up plans for an aeroform propelled on electromagnetism, and in 1910 another such proposal was made in Russia. All of the above is now matter of history and will be backed by proper references, illustrations and verifiable data in my new book on this subject. This is but a small part of what I have collected over the years.

So, what I want to say is, if there is a joke, it is more to be found in incomplete research that is generally conducted on both sides, be they the ETH or man-made scenario's, and I would suggest anyone to turn around and start digging again.

Kind regards,

Theo Paijmans

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> developed for a proposed earoform, that should be made of aluminium, 60  
feet  
> diameter, ovalshaped and airtight, so that one `could travel with it to  
other  
> planets'. In 1895 someone drew up plans for an aeroform propelled on  
> electromagnetism, and in 1910 another such proposal was made in Russia.  
All of  
> the above is now matter of history and will be backed by proper  
references,  
> illustrations and verifiable data in my new book on this subject. This is  
but a  
> small part of what I have collected over the years.

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- > So, what I want to say is, if there is a joke, it is more to be found in
- > incomplete research that is generally conducted on both sides, be they
- the ETH
- > or man-made scenario's, and I would suggest anyone to turn around and
- start
- > digging again.

I hear this all the time from Ufologists and given that the vast majority of data is still classified by the US government/military how are we supposed to make the kind of quick and easy progress - and therefore quick and easy answers - that Ufologists want?

There are also situations where people contact me and where I cannot divulge their information because they won't let me use their name, or simply want to tell me what took place. Often that's as far as it goes.

Let me give you an example. A man with detailed knowledge of US Navy disc projects that continued until around 1980/1 and which were developed at China Lake in California, came forward and said that basically there had been an unbroken line of development in terms of these aircraft since the initial work on the V-173 and XF5U-1 from 1944. That jet-powered pancakes existed is not in doubt although there were only a few models in the early part of the postwar period. The later aircraft were to some extent stealthy utilizing shrouded turbofans etc. Our man was prepared to go on the record until he was visited by people from the ONI - Office for Naval Intelligence.

He immediately clammed up.....and threatened legal action if we took his story further.

!!NOTE - the US Navy is by far the biggest operator of advanced military aircraft!!

This is the reality of research. How can the military admit that they had more than the 'Avrocar' or XF5U-1 without opening up a Pandora's Box of wild speculation? Realistically how do they declassify tens of millions of documents? There is still a great deal of secrecy surrounding these projects - there are so many problems - although we can make a good case for Man-Made UFOs with the material already in our possession.

If people aren't listening then that's not my problem....

In my first and recently published book "UFO Revelation - The Secret Technology Exposed?" (Blandford 1999) much of the material I now have on flying disc technologies was not available to me and will need to be included in a second book. To some extent the cover-up, if there is one, is entirely within the UFO community, perhaps encouraged by Doty-like figures on the fringes; UFO Magazines will not publish this kind of material on a regular basis and realize that they need to print rubbish about crashed

alien craft, animal mutilations and MJ-12 type conspiracies in order to maintain the interest of a gullible public. Other publishers need Santilli-type 'disclosures' to woo their readers and to wax lyrical about 'Cosmic Consciousness' and ET contact. None of these things are actually based in reality but then the UFO audience is fed a diet of bullshit largely by a small and exclusive group of seemingly well-funded researchers who have been in the field for years AND who have promoted so many lies that it is impossible for people to consider earthly realities any more.

I think that earthbound solutions are far more exciting but I'm in a minority for sure!

I'm even afraid that many people reading this, on the 'expert' list, hope that some of the above fantasies are true. I get this impression from some of the posts. Perhaps people here just have higher standards or better filters....?

The truth is that in terms of advanced disciplines the missions that these a/c undertook REMAIN CLASSIFIED - we have been told this by the US military via refusals to declassify material that we KNOW they have hidden away. In addition I don't see why I should spend thousands of pounds on research only for some Ufological half-wit to come along and plagiarize it!

In order to work with other researchers there has to be trust - and precious little trust exists in within or outside this subject.....

I'm afraid that sightings do, at best, only hint at the wider scenario. My main efforts now are much slower - in terms of results - because I feel that I can no longer rely upon the UFO community to assist in this research to any useful extent because it is not interested in the actual truth of the matter.

David Windle said that when I published some results they would be attacked by the people on this and other lists not because they were wrong but because they threaten the ideological basis of UFO beliefs;

In other words; discs and triangles are entirely of military origin therefore NO "ET technology" and NO "ET craft". Therefore psycho-social theories seem a little shaky because obviously some reports relate to actual structured classified technology - and not a flight of fancy. Various other areas for research are still open - studies into consciousness, altered states, hypnogogia etc. etc. and of course 'earthlights'. I think that these fields of study will explain almost all of the so-called "UFO Mystery". Just because we cannot collectively explain all cases means very little; it simply means that we have a lot of bad data that, in general, comes from questionable sources.

After all, the big threat here is to the UFO subject. What if there are no 'UFOs' and only objects, craft, lights etc. that are REPORTED as 'UFOs'....?

I will be doing my best to get further information about these aircraft but until a few people in America buck their ideas up and offer assistance little progress will be made because the answers lie there. It takes time AND money to get to the bottom of this. If I lied about my views maybe I'd do better and be richer but I'm not prepared to do that.

It's a shame because there are so many leads to follow up - even though the EThers and skeptics have a 40 year head start!!

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Of course any research trip to the former USSR without armed guards would be a bad move at this time!

But it's all still classified.....

Tim Matthews.

> Kind regards,

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> Theo Paijmans

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>> UFO Research List

>> (snip)

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>> Revelation" - check it out, just published and on the subject or aircraft

>> not UFOs)) they would have seen that in terms of FTs these have been on the

>> drawing boards since the 1930s and developed in earnest both in the US,

>> Germany and England from the 1940s onwards.

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From: KAnder6444@aol.com  
Subject: Re: triangular'-shaped objects/the researchMessage-id:  
<dad48e5c.2440de2a@aol.com>

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Subject: Re: triangular'-shaped objects/the research  
Message-id: <199904111245.NAA10028@irwell.zetnet.co.uk>

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Hi there,

Thanks for that! No, this guy lived in Germany and was interviewed by UP late last year.....

Tim

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Subject: Re: triangular'-shaped objects/the research  
References: <dad48e5c.2440de2a@aol.com>

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Ditto that big time! :-)

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>Kathleen Andersen

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In an infinite universe infinitely anything is possible.

Sean Jones

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Date: Sun, 11 Apr 1999 22:43:31 -0400  
From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>  
Subject: Re: Silent, hovering, 'triangular'-shaped objects

UFO Research List

Regarding:

>From: "Lynda Matthews" <matthews@zetnet.co.uk>  
>To: "James Easton" <pulsar@compuserve.com>, "UFORL"  
>Subject: Re: Silent, hovering, 'triangular'-shaped objects 1/4  
>Date: Sat, 10 Apr 1999 12:17:30 +0100

Tim Matthews wrote:

>For a list which claims to be dedicated to serious discussion of  
>the UFO subject I find it quite remarkable that so many half-  
>baked accounts should be used to support the moderators  
>unsupported view that FTs are 'alien craft'.

Tim,

Terrestrially speaking, where on earth did you get this notion from?

To recap:

"A topic I would be interested in opinions on are the reported 'close encounters' with objects which appear to defy contemporary, known, technology and which probably make less sense as even conceivably from 'out there'".

How can this promote a view that reports which, "probably make less sense as even conceivably from 'out there'" are taken to be a demonstration of 'alien technology'?

Answer: it doesn't.

>The US Navy has, since the early 1970s, and initially in  
>conjunction with the Aereon Corporation, sought to develop  
>massive delta planforms for reconnaissance. The Aereon  
>Corporation boss William Miller Jr. believes that the military  
>'borrowed' his ideas and translated them into hardware.

I'm familiar with the Aereon story, which was discussed on the 'Skunk-Works' mailing list a few years ago. If Miller only 'believes', can we take it there's no actual evidence that his company's ideas were ever put into practice by the military?

If I recall and will check the archives to confirm, the Aereon story wasn't considered by the knowledgeable 'Skunk-Works' list subscribers to have any significant bearing.

>The large delta platform hybrid LTA craft would be made of  
>something like Kevlar, be able to operate in silence and/or  
>produce a slight humming sound (due to it's airship-like  
>propulsion system) and yet, according to maverick genius Michael  
>Walden, also operate at high speeds with an ability to  
>accelerate away.

Is this merely speculation or do we have any factual evidence for silent, hovering, Kevlar structured aircraft, capable of rapid acceleration?

What exactly are the conclusions you make; are you arguing the point that some of these accounts from the mid 1970s are of covert aircraft, or that none of them are?

If the former:

- Are you accepting that such technology existed then?
- Can you explain why these secret aircraft might be hovering above populated areas, presumably by their reported actions oblivious to the danger that this technology would be revealed?
- Can you cite some evidence of the technology which allowed these aircraft to be silently powered, yet apparently take off from an almost standing start with remarkable speed?
- Who manufactured them, what was their actual purpose, where were they based, etc.

If, as it seems, you would contend that this technology existed so far back, why do you assume that reported sightings of objects which display similar characteristics are consequently 'half-baked'?

>What concerns me about the sightings mentioned here is that,  
>apart from Hudson Valley and Belgium, they seem to conform to a  
>set pattern of 'unusual' experiences followed by reporting that  
>indicates an overactive imagination.

The reports I had mentioned so far are merely examples. Underlying them is a considerable database of comparative accounts, whatever the explanation may be.

As for an 'overactive imagination', isn't that a subjective interpretation and again, isn't it contrary to any suggestions that such technology may have existed?

Besides, we're surely not dealing with an 'overactive imagination', these accounts are highly detailed and describe events which are so extraordinary they are more likely to be fabricated, or the witnesses were delusional, on drugs, or such-like.

Yet, we have comparative testimonies and the point about Jodie's recently published account was how remarkably similar it is to Kathy's, as highlighted. Also, do these similarities carry to Kelly's story, the multiple witnesses from Lumberton and other reports.

The simple question was, how can that be rationalised?

>I am getting to the point where I, and I'm not alone, am giving  
>up on "UFO" sightings at all because they're all the UFO  
>community (that utterly unscientific believer cult) has to  
>offer.

When evidence is predominately based on witness reports, what can we do. We would look for similarities in the data and if we find any, ask how they might be accounted for. Has, for example, one well publicised case given rise to copycat reports?

We know that's apparent with 'flying saucers' and will happen. There's little in 'ufology' which hasn't grown from an identifiable source - 'saucers' followed misinterpreted reports of Arnold's claimed sighting, 'alien abductions' have their roots in the Betty and Barney Hill case and so on.

If that's the situation with silent, hovering, 'triangular' and similar 'UFOs', then we can see this facet against that background.

What was the pivotal case which all similar reports followed?

I'm not aware of one and if there isn't a single, common source, than that's different for a start.

Another significant aspect of these reports is that they are often 'close encounters' - always keeping in mind they are anecdotal evidence - and as such, provide the opportunity for detailed descriptions of the objects described and their

characteristics to be evaluated.

Particularly noteworthy is how many of the purported witnesses express an apparently genuine bewilderment to what they reportedly observed and conclude it must have been a 'top secret' aircraft, not an 'alien craft'.

As you must realise, it's not remotely justified to brand all 'ufologists' as an 'utterly unscientific believer cult' and it's further a belligerent tone which is not appropriate to this mailing list.

>There has been an outright refusal by the UFO community, as  
>evidenced by some of the postings on this supposedly 'expert'  
>list already, to accept (or even look into the possibility) that  
>the military does have things that are so advanced as to shock  
>even those within the military-industrial complex.

That's another statement without any justification.

The only subscribers mentioned as having any particular expertise were in relation to military aviation and I specifically asked if they would like to subscribe as I considered their input invaluable. I suspect they would take issue with any suggestions they didn't appreciate the subject of 'black projects' in depth.

>No, flying triangles are military - and you take that to the  
>bank.

Doubtless many agree that some reported sightings indicate this possibility, as I would.

However, there's only one \_ detailed \_ 'flying triangle' account I can recall off-hand - Chris Gibson's - where the circumstances were as we might expect, i.e., Chris, who is a recognised aircraft recognition expert, identified a KC-135 Stratotanker, two F-111s and a completely unknown and, last I heard, still unidentified triangular-shaped aircraft.

The numerous \_ detailed\_ reports of extreme low-altitude, hovering or slow moving, silent, 'triangular' objects are by no means straightforward, especially if the evidence dates back to the mid-1970s and possibly earlier.

>Ufology? A bad and worsening joke. No wonder most of the best  
>people leave.

Actually, most of them don't abandon the subject and many of them are subscribers to this list.

>Nobody wants to hear explanations.....or so it seems.

I strongly suspect all the subscribers to this list do, however, there's a lot of rhetoric here and little in the way of tangible evidence to explain the reports highlighted so far and the topic in general

It's the reverse which this forum, which isn't mandatory, was intended to address.

If there is evidence which has some proven substance and can put the entire topic to rest, then we'd all be delighted to hear it and can move on.

In the meantime, I will shortly add some additional reports, either previously unpublished or little known and which are detailed, plus ostensibly credible.

It would be welcome if they can be confirmed as potentially attributed to covert military aviation developments, or whether the answer lies elsewhere, not necessarily of course meaning 'out there'.

James.

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Date: Mon, 12 Apr 1999 17:16:10 -0400  
From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>  
Subject: Re: Silent, hovering, 'triangular'-shaped objects

UFO Research List

[The following sent directly to myself was intended for the list and is being duly forwarded - James]

From: "Lynda Matthews" <matthews@zetnet.co.uk> Subject: Re: Silent, hovering, 'triangular'-shaped objects  
Date: Mon, 12 Apr 1999 10:31:04 +0100

I note with less interest than ever the same problems that I pointed out before. As to what subscribers to the Skunk-Works (the lie factory) mailing list think - who cares? They have as little to go on as the next man and you are falling into the trap....because this is CLASSIFIED and therefore we need to piece bits of information together. I actually know exactly where some of these triangles have operated from and one of the facilities at which they were built but because the investigation is ongoing I'll just have to keep quiet for now.

I was speaking to a colleague the other day and he has just learned that in the 1970s (again) classified advanced airship technologies were on the drawing board - and that they were able to operate at 70,000ft. Even George Filer has heard of these craft being operated at US bases although he might deny it now for reasons of political expediency!

You also fail to understand that most sightings of 'massive' triangles are nothing of the sort. Forget about sightings and concentrate upon technology? Maybe.... After all, we have a situation where Omar Fowler (one of the main pushers of the 'massive triangle' propoganda) has put out stories about similar craft which have turned out to be flights of civilian airliners. A similar lie was put out by Max Burns in his report on the supposed "Sheffield Incident". Now we have mad old Barry King ranting on about something called the "NATO Firefly" which is just pure disinformation yet again emanating from the UFO camp and believed by many (isn't it easy to spread lies and myths??). The truth is that 'Lampyridae' (or Firefly in English) was a cancelled German stealth project said to be more advanced than the F-117A (faceting etc.).

As to your demand for 'hard evidence' about these operation of these large planforms (in just a few cases) I suggest you write a very polite letter to perhaps the National Reconnaissance Office or maybe the US Navy and ask them. The technology to operate these things is not new and as I pointed out before elements of

the 1959/60 Lockheed 'Gusto' programme - dedicated to developing a U2 replacement - are still classified today and guess what.....there were two aircraft - a large boomerang and a dart-shaped 'UFO' design! That's 40 years now and aircraft developed before then - Silver Bug, Ladybird, XF5U-2 etc. are also still classified.

If you are arguing, which you seem to be, that we cannot have built these things because you haven't got access to the plans (!!) then we might as well all go home and stop wasting our time. I always find that UFO researchers are shockingly unaware - often because they want to be - of the state of technology. If people of the calibre of Dr. John Pike (FAS), Bill Sweetman, Nick Cook and Paul Beaver believe that these things can and have been made then what do we need Ufologists for except to tell the public that in fact triangular "UFOs" are alien craft??

There are several instances, in the UK, of these craft being escorted by RAF Tornados (in my files etc. ), of them taking off from military facilities (RAF Boscombe Down Feb. 1997 for instance), accompanied by military helicopters (a case from Oxfordshire, again 1997) and so on. These are all mentioned in my book as are numerous other examples of this kind of technology. But who here has read it or can be bothered?

Members of this list are wasting their time if they think that their interest in these matters, or so-called 'public concern', is going to mean that the military open up their files to us. It'd be nice to think so but why should they, even if we do pay for such advanced technology???

In the meantime a little reading between the lines (Ufologists are good at that) should be done. I suggest reading sections of the Air Force 2025 document.....it's on the net.

I note that nobody addresses the basic and most simple point - that delta planforms adhere to fundamental principles of terrestrial aerodynamics....oh why do I bother.....? You also claim that Ufologists are interested in these matters. Why then do I never get invited to speak at these big Conferences (I got an invite to one in Kent and that's it), to speak to local UFO groups (this only happened once) and to get my oft-submitted articles (fully referenced and factual) into UFO publications? I'll tell you why, because until I came along hardly anybody had considered the military angle. A couple of articles in AWST had appeared (theses were very good and largely ignored by Ufologists again) and Jane's had strongly hinted at many a covert programme - things generally accepted by the wider aviation community.

The public would rather hear some gormless abductee from America

on a UK platform - arranged by Graham Birdsall. Or perhaps Jaime Maussan and his Mexican earthlights - sorry; pleidian craft piloted by ancient Mayans. Maybe even Timothy Good, whose 'Alien Base' relies upon fake photos throughout.

They charge hundreds - I charge nothing....

I don't see anybody asking these people difficult questions!!!!

Let me tell you another story; I was being considered as a speaker for the Laughlin, Nevada, Conference this year and pressure had been applied by a couple of decent types in the US to allow this to happen in the interests of a little balance. Let's just put it like this, people met and talked and decided against it because it might militate against the 'beauty of the UFO phenomenon'!! After all, there's no EBE award for decent research.....

In addition, this research challenges the very notion of the misused term "UFO" and no amount of evasion will alter the fact that flying discs and triangles were/are of military origin. As Kathleen from Seattle pointed out, this does not answer all sightings. But then who ever claimed that it did??

This evening I am doing a talk for a local aviation society. These are becoming regular bookings - for no money I should point out - and it would appear that aviation anoraks are more interested in the truth than are UFO researchers.

I wonder why?

Tim Matthews.

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The following summary account contains the testimony of a gentlemen named Steven Suddell. I documented this over a period of time and he confirmed the verbatim summary to be an accurate record:

[Start]

The time, i.e. year, is now hard for me to remember but the events remain as clear as though it was yesterday.

I was living in St. Brides Major, a small village near Bridgend, South Wales. I was around 16 years old then and keen on astronomy. This fixes the date somewhere between 1974 and 1976. The exact dates I have recorded in a small log book. This book, if I still have it, is buried in my attic somewhere.

I was sitting at my bedroom window with telescope in hand looking out of the window for something to gaze at. The field of view from this window was good. There was a large playing field and single storey school to the right. Approximately 600 yards directly ahead there was a row of houses, with trees beyond and beyond that the Severn estuary, although this could not be seen. To the left were the backs of a row of houses and the main village road was the other side of them. It was Autumn/Winter as there were no leaves on the trees.

I searched around the sky for something to look at and I caught sight of a red star high to the right. I say star as I had a good idea of where the planets currently were and there were none in this area. I continued to look around and decided that the red star was the best thing to look at. I sat myself on the window ledge and raised my telescope. As I did so the star started to move. Ah, I thought a satellite, but hang on, it couldn't possibly be because it was stationary for some time.

It moved diagonally downwards from high right to right of slightly ahead (when viewed from the window). The light, as I now thought of it, remained a constant size and brightness. The light got to tree level and levelled off to move horizontally, left to right across my field of view but behind the distant trees. I continued to catch glimpses of it and it started to move up and down also. It seemed to be moving in an entirely random fashion. At this point I called my father. I suggested to him that it was a helicopter searching for someone/thing in the estuary. My

father thought it was probably moving a bit to quick for this.

As we both continued to watch, it started to come towards us. As it got closer two more lights appeared, also red. It became apparent that whatever it was, was going to pass directly over our house and quite low at that. We both rushed outside, grabbing my mother on the way. We stood in the garden and watched this thing approach our house. As it got closer we could see that the three lights, all red, were arranged in a triangular configuration (i.e., at the corners of a would be equilateral triangle). The lights illuminated the inside of the triangle but not the outer. They appeared to shine inward, albeit that's how it seemed. What was illuminated can only be described as something metallic. It appeared to be a metallic surface that was dull. It did not shine as there were no light reflections in it. I say metallic because that what I felt at the time. The material appeared to be a silvery-grey colour. However, bear in mind that this was observed under red light. It was one piece, i.e. between the lights, there appeared to be no joints, rivet lines, beams, etc., just a flat, dull, metal surface.

The lights were constantly on, they did not flash or go out at any time.

To be honest, I didn't really notice anything outside of the triangle bounded by the lights because I was looking at the lit area. I mean the craft could have been square, rectangular, banana, or round shaped, I just did not see this, all I saw was this image created by the effects of the lights that gave it the appearance of being triangular in shape.

As to size, well, this depends on the height but I would say that it had to be about 20-30 feet between the lights. And irrespective of what height it was at I had the feeling that it was a big craft.

As to how high it was, it's very hard to say. I had the feeling at the time that it was quite low, a few hundred feet, but it was very hard to judge. The feeling I got was that it was below 500 feet.

There were no other lights or distinguishing features \_visible\_ on the object.

We expected to hear the noise of rotor blades or something. There was not a sound. It was a very still night so we should have heard something. It moved almost directly over our house. If you were to project the image of the craft down onto the ground, it would have appeared about 20 feet from where we were standing.

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This was the thing that really made me think it was something odd, because things just couldn't move that way.

We continued to watch this craft as it disappeared off to what would be the left of my window. We had no idea what it was.

My father was quite excited about it. What he saw struck him as being odd also. Normally he is a realistic man and would have said, "it's just a low flying aircraft or something", but he didn't. He decided to phone the local airport - Roose, now called Cardiff, Wales. They had nothing up at all and hadn't for some time. He then called the local RAF base at St. Athen. He spoke to a very nice man who told him that he was not aware of anything flying, however he would call the tower - where they are on constant radar vigil and call us back.

Shortly after the gent from the RAF called back. He informed us that the tower had not picked up anything on their radar and they also had nothing flying.

And that was it. We heard no more about it. I told a couple of mates and discussed it with them. But no one else had seen it.  
[End]

It was an unusual account of what \_ may \_ have been a triangular-shaped object. At face value, it was an apparent object which exhibited these silent, slow moving, low-altitude characteristics.

Perhaps a 'blimp' of some kind?

The sudden, "fluid" change of direction, described as similar to a ball bouncing off a snooker (or pool) table cushion, was intriguing and any comparative reports would be of interest.

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Subject: Re: Silent, hovering, 'triangular'-shaped objects 2/2

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Were all three sides of the triangle of equal size?

Yes, they were; and perfectly dimensioned to boot. There were no sharp edges. Even the tail angles of the delta were beautifully and smoothly rounded.

You mentioned lights being visible. Can you describe them in detail and say whether they were on at all times?

At first I thought the lights were car headlights and they dazzled me. As the craft flew towards the side of my car it became obvious that two distinct beams were emanating from the "nose" of the delta and were aimed directly towards the ground (i.e. they were not aimed at the ground in front of the craft but came directly down at 90 degrees from the delta.) The two beams remained on at all times I had sight of the craft and in fact, it was these beams which enabled me to track the craft from my vantage point on the A16. The beams seemed to have the same intensity of white light throughout their entire length. Strangely, the width of the beams was also the same throughout their length. They did not splay out as would a spotlight or searchlight beam.

Were there any noticeable features on the object? Please mention absolutely anything which comes to mind, no matter how trivial it may seem. How large were any visible features in relation to the object?

Really, none whatsoever that I could see. However, the best view I had of the craft was of its underside as it flew over my car. There were no protrusions or attachments. More tellingly, perhaps, neither were there any panels, rivets, joins or welds. The whole thing seemed to be made of one single sheet of material.

How fast would you describe it as moving?

I would expect that it moved at between 15 and 40 mph, although it seemed to me that its speed was constant. It did not stop at all, and neither did I perceive it to accelerate. I could see the craft (after my initial encounter) as I drove towards Boston on

the A16. It did not pull away from me and occasionally I had to slow down to keep it in sight.

Did it move in a straight line?

When it wasn't turning, it did fly in a perfectly straight line. However, it did navigate a seemingly premeditated route. When I first saw it on the A1104, it was moving towards Alford. As it "left the road" it turned towards Louth and then turned back towards the coast at Skegness directly over my car. It then turned South towards Boston. Throughout all these turns, its height remained constant. I cannot recall the craft "banking" in any of these turns.

Were there any other noises, e.g., traffic, which might have masked any noticeable sound?

No traffic other than my car and one other. As I have said, the area is rural and is very quiet at night.

Did you notice any change in the atmosphere when the object was present?

No. The air was clear, cold and absolutely still. (The stillness may be seen as unusual because the area is renowned for being windy.)

Were there any markings of any kind, even the smallest detail like a different coloured section, which you can recall?

No markings at all. Just an even light blue underbody. No roundels or numbers or logos!

Did you report your sighting?

When I got home, I was very excited and told the whole story to my fiancé (now my wife.) I also excitedly related the tale to my work colleague the next day. However, I did not report the sighting to any official authority. Firstly, because I had no idea which authority to report to and secondly because I didn't want to be seen as a crank!

Were there any other witnesses?

As I said above, another car had come towards me on the A1104 and had stopped on the road. I remember pointing up towards the craft to draw his attention to it (as if the other driver could miss it!). After the craft had passed, he drove on. I didn't speak to him; I've no idea what kind of car he was driving. I've related this story in conversation locally, many times over the years. I have yet to find anyone who saw the craft or who has had a similar experience.

Were there any reports in the local press?

I read most local papers from cover to cover. I found nothing to match my sighting. There were reports of cigar shaped objects seen above the sea off Grimsby, but no reports of my delta.

[End]

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A more recent, 1997, account that I haven't published before and which, again at face value, seemingly lends credence to the possibility of a delta-shaped aircraft being observed in this case.

[Start]

I had an interesting experience a some months ago which I would like to run past you:

I was driving home one evening, not too late, along the main road that joins Oxford to Reading. About halfway home I noticed the proverbial "lights in the sky" over one of the fields off to the side of the road. This was odd as there are no airfields nearby. A couple of other motorists had stopped in a nearby layby, and were stood watching over the fence so I decided to join them. We all watched these "lights" for about 5 minutes, dancing around in the sky above the field, and then the source of this display came a little closer to the road and slowly flew over us to the field opposite, and then carried on maneuvering. After another 3 or 4 minutes or so, it turned south and set off at modest speed, climbing at the same time, until it was out of sight. The whole experience was far from frightening. In fact it was quite mesmerising watching this craft dance around a few tens of feet off the ground. Nobody suffered any burns, distress, nausea or any weird shit, and we all just shrugged it off as "another military toy" and went our own ways after that.

Unfortunately, it didn't occur to me at the time to take anyone's names or numbers. There must have been 8 or 9 people accumulated by the end of the "display."

#### The Object.

I can best describe it's shape as similar to the A12 flying wing but with an extension to the rear edge, and somewhat smaller. (see text-o-gram below) It seemed unpainted except for two black patches, one on each of the rear two corners, and some markings under what I assumed to be the engines. These were slung underneath in a "pod" similar to the engines on the XB70 Valkyrie, the same sort of shape too. There were no navigation lights that I could recognise, instead just 3 bright yellowish white lights, one at each extreme of the craft. These were steady lights, not blinking, pulsating or flashing or anything dramatic like that. We never got a chance to see the top of it, obviously

because it was above us. There was very little noise from it, but what there was was like that of a diesel generator that you might find in a large train, but much quieter. As it passed over us, I could feel the displacement of the air, and there was a slight warmth to the exhaust (if that's what it was) but nothing like what you'd expect from a jet exhaust for example. When I could see the back of it, there was a dark orange glow from the rear end of the engine "pod".

BTW: This is an honest account

This is the best I can do given the limited graphics available to a text editor:

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Not so much a 'highway encounter' as a UK 'dual carriageway encounter'. Doesn't quite have the same panache.

I know who the witness is and have no reason to doubt his sincerity.

Any clues here to what this may have been?

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This case, thanks to James report, is featured in my book and assuming (big assumption) that the details are correct then I suggest that the performance fits the LTA bill.

Interesting stuff and as I mentioned on p. 164 of "UFO Revelation".

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Date: Wed, 14 Apr 1999 01:47:17 +0100  
From: James Easton <pulsar@easynet.co.uk>  
Subject: Pilot Reports

UFO Research List

\* This is NOT list only \*

Dear list members,

I recently made enquiries on an Oregon 'birding' mailing list re Kenneth Arnold's later sighting of those 20-something 'brass coloured objects' which flew like ducks, although seemingly to fast for birds.

Detailing Arnold's report, without mentioning his name or the 'flying saucers' aspect at all, I asked for any opinions on what comparative birds the un-named pilot might have observed and been describing.

I noted that the pilot mentioned (from Arnold's book 'The Coming of the Saucers): "I began to let down over North Powder, Oregon in preparation to land at La Grande when I noticed above me and about ten miles to the right the Empire Airline's old Boeing, also coming in to land at La Grande".

Contacting a 'birding' forum to try and place a 'UFO' sighting in perspective, it was truly ironic to see the following posted in reply:

"Hi - I grew up with Boeing, & still have bushels of unsorted documents from the many times my father cleaned his desk @ the Renton plant before Boeing sent him off to some Classified location.

If there was a Boeing plane in the air within 50 miles of your specified location, there is also a record of anything else that was, or was presumed to be in that airspace. Boeing has a historical / archives section, which you can probably find via a Web search.

Boeing tried to document / photograph & assess every single item that might affect the performance of their stuff - geese, clouds, dust, everything. ( which is why I have thousands of photos of bolts, rocks, twisted metal & so on) One of the reports that my father filed - before missile technology really got going - was about a cylindrical, shiney object that cruised alongside the Boeing for a while, then veered off.

MOST of these reports were ID'd as birds, but that one wasn't, & the report vanished from official Boeing records with remarkable

speed".

I can follow this up with the person who replied and maybe obtain further details, plus put an approximate date of the reported incident.

It led me to wondering if there is a publicly accessible archive for Boeing and other airlines, where pilots reports of 'incidents' might be available.

These would be an invaluable database - the explained 'UFOs' might be consistent with other cases which are still regarded as unexplained and perhaps the archives may even hold some unsolved cases which have never come to light.

What about archives for UK and other European airlines - are they all 'confidential'?

I thought this was worthy of passing on anyway and it would be interesting to know what became of that report which 'disappeared' - presumably it went straight to a military channel?

James.

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Subject: 'New Solar System Discovered'

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Dear list members,

Hot off the press..

"Astronomers have discovered the first solar system other than our own. It has three planets orbiting a star that is 44 light years away".

The full the story is at URL:

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Subject: 'Out of this world discovery'

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Date: Thu, 15 Apr 1999 14:41:14 -0400  
From: AN NewsAlert <newsalert@astronow.cix.co.uk>  
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Astronomers from four research institutions have discovered strong evidence for a trio of extrasolar planets that orbit the star Upsilon Andromedae. This is the first multiple planet system ever found around a normal star, other than the nine planets in our Solar System.

FULL STORY:

<http://www.astronomynow.com/breaking/990415planetsx3/index.html>  
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See also the BBC News detailed feature at:

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/english/sci/tech/newsid\\_319000/319865.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/english/sci/tech/newsid_319000/319865.stm)

'Out of this world discovery'

"Astronomers have discovered the first solar system other than our own. It has three planets orbiting a star that is 44 light years away.

The discovery of a group of planets orbiting a sun like our own will cause great excitement and raises the chances that there may be other forms of life in the Universe.

'It is one of the most important astronomical discoveries for decades,' Professor Geoff Marcy, one of the discoverers of the system, told BBC News Online".

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From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>  
Subject: Pilot Reports

UFO Research List

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\* This is NOT list only \*

Dear list members,

To recap for some new subscribers, on 14 April, I wrote:

I recently made enquiries on an Oregon 'birding' mailing list re Kenneth Arnold's later sighting of those 20-something 'brass coloured objects' which flew like ducks, although seemingly to fast for birds.

Detailing Arnold's report, without mentioning his name or the 'flying saucers' aspect at all, I asked for any opinions on what comparative birds the un-named pilot might have observed and been describing.

I noted that the pilot mentioned (from Arnold's book 'The Coming of the Saucers'): "I began to let down over North Powder, Oregon in preparation to land at La Grande when I noticed above me and about ten miles to the right the Empire Airline's old Boeing, also coming in to land at La Grande".

Contacting a 'birding' forum to try and place a 'UFO' sighting in perspective, it was truly ironic to see the following posted in reply:

"Hi - I grew up with Boeing, & still have bushels of unsorted documents from the many times my father cleaned his desk @ the Renton plant before Boeing sent him off to some Classified location.

If there was a Boeing plane in the air within 50 miles of your specified location, there is also a record of anything else that was, or was presumed to be in that airspace. Boeing has a historical / archives section, which you can probably find via a Web search.

Boeing tried to document / photograph & assess every single item that might affect the performance of their stuff - geese, clouds, dust, everything. ( which is why I have thousands of photos of bolts, rocks, twisted metal & so on) One of the reports that my father filed - before missile technology really got going - was about a cylindrical, shiney object that cruised alongside the

Boeing for a while, then veered off.

MOST of these reports were ID'd as birds, but that one wasn't, & the report vanished from official Boeing records with remarkable speed".

I can follow this up with the person who replied and maybe obtain further details, plus put an approximate date of the reported incident.

[.]

[End]

This is turning out to be interesting.

The person who replied as above is Camille, from Dallas, Texas and she has given permission to post her responses to my further enquiries.

Asked if this incident was ever publicised to her knowledge, she states, "It was not publicised, quite the opposite".

On the question of whether some documentary evidence may exist in her father's papers, that seems a possibility, Camille confirming, "I'm sure that much of this information is here somewhere. I'll see what I can find; however, his papers are not organised in any comprehensible way so it won't be soon".

Although she didn't provide any date or location, perhaps not being sure, I've raised this again. Camille did clarify that the aircraft was "probably not a jet" and that the airline involved could have been 'Pan Am'.

Asked if she could "recall any specific details, e.g., how the object was described (you mention 'shiny'), it's size, apparent speed, etc.", this has produced details which are intriguing, Camille writing that the object was, "cigar shaped, bronze or gold as opposed to silvery, shorter than the Boeing, matched speed to the Boeing".

Whilst it's extremely doubtful we could be so lucky, she added, "For all I know there's a photo of this thing in the boxes of unsorted documents & photos".

Most surprising, if accurate, is her recollection of how long the incident lasted. We might have assumed the pilot's sighting was brief, probably a few seconds or so, however, Camille believes the duration was "more than 10 min, less than an hour".

If true and we can discount the pilot being completely mistaken, etc., that appears to rule out a missile and indeed most obvious explanations other than a bird. As a bird had been discounted, it would leave us with a considerable mystery.

Re the likelihood of a missile, Camille notes, "Nothing was officially being tested, & I believe he could have found out, he worked on Gypsy Moth, Minuteman etc".

All we can do is leave this with Camille and hope that somewhere within those "thousands of photos" and presumably even more documents, is evidence of this alleged 'close encounter'.

How would Camille's father know that "the report vanished from official Boeing records with remarkable speed"? I've asked if she can say what his exact role was and how he knew about this subsequent 'disappearance'.

No obvious reason to doubt Camille's sincerity. In the first place, I had merely raised an ornithological query, mentioning that the un-named pilot had noted a Boeing airplane nearby. This potentially significant 'UFO' account was a fortuitous digression she brought up.

Kenneth Arnold would, I'm sure, also appreciate the absolute irony!

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Subject: Re: 'Out of this world discovery'

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[List mail which was forwarded to myself]:  
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Subject: Re: 'Out of this world discovery'

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If Jupiter had an elliptical orbit around the Sun, we wouldn't have the solar system that we enjoy and there probably wouldn't be any earthlike planets inside of Jupiter's orbit, if elliptical.

Ed Stewart

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Ed Stewart ufoindex@jps.net|So Man, who here seems principal alone,  
There Is Something |Perhaps acts second to some sphere unknown.  
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Ed,

Thanks for the clarification and apologies for taking time to  
post your comments.

If this discovery is important evidence that there are  
probably some solar systems comparable with our own, it could be  
said, 'why is that significant'?

Any civilisations relatively similar or more advanced than  
ourselves are so distant, they are unlikely to ever have any  
direct influence on our species. Unless, of course, the almost  
incomprehensible distances can be bridged without many light  
years of travelling.

A general question; ignoring the discredited Bob Lazar tales, has  
any purported 'visitors' evidence plausibly explained the  
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From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>  
Subject: USAF Patches

UFO Research List

Dear list members,

A couple of USAF patches which might be of interest:

1. At URL:

<http://easyweb.easynet.co.uk/pulsar/81patch.jpg>

The 81st Security Police Squadron at RAF Bentwaters and RAF Woodbridge.

Rumoured to depict what happened if you were caught in one of the 'beams of light'. ;)

2. At URL:

<http://easyweb.easynet.co.uk/pulsar/509patch.jpg>

A stunning patch apparently used a few years ago by the USAF squadron undertaking radar cross-section flight tests of the B-2.

That squadron was the 509th Bomb Wing, successor to the unit at Roswell.

I understand that a translation of the Latin motto shown, "Gustatus Similis Pullus" means "Tastes Like Chicken".

You'll have to see this patch to appreciate the humour and also the serious allusion to perceived UFO mythology.

Unless, of course, it's a secret emblem acknowledging where the Stealth technology originated!

Grateful thanks to Joel Carpenter for making this available and the informative background info.

James.

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Subject: 'Prehistoric Moon Map Unearthed'

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MEDIA NEWS FEATURE - NOT 'LIST ONLY'

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I thought the following may be of interest:

Thursday, April 22, 1999 Published at 04:07 GMT 05:07 UK

By BBC News Online Science Editor Dr David Whitehouse

'A map of the Moon 10 times older than anything known before has been found carved into stone at one of Ireland's most ancient and mysterious Neolithic sites'.

The full story, with images, can be seen at URL:

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/english/sci/tech/newsid\\_325000/325290.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/english/sci/tech/newsid_325000/325290.stm)

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From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>  
Subject: The road to Domestos

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[List posting forwarded]

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Date: Thu, 22 Apr 1999 23:16:29 +0000

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So, now that's out the way, I can get on with what I consider these list groups are about.

Any-one know how to contact the chap involved in the UFO retrieval at Upper Heyford?

Chris

[Note]

Chris was indeed invited to subscribe as I consider Chris's research into those darned 'flying triangles' and his general knowledge of aviation to be invaluable and hugely relevant.

By way of a brief introduction for those who are not familiar with Chris's background and personal experience of a 'flying triangle' sighting, with permission, a copy of Chris's account is on my web site and I'll append the same.

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A bit about me. I work as a drilling technologist for a major oil field service company. I hold an Honours degree in Geology, with some engineering, geophysics and chemistry thrown in. I also did a post graduate course in systems analysis. I was a member of the Royal Observer Corps for 13 years and was a member of the ROC's aircraft recognition team for 12 of those years. In this field I was considered to be an expert and produced an aircraft recognition manual for the ROC.

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After considering and rejecting a Mirage IV, I was totally out of ideas. Here was an aircraft, flying overhead, not too high and not particularly fast. A recognition gift and I was clueless. This was a new experience.

He asked me what was going on. I watched as the formation flew overhead and told him that the big one was a KC-135 Stratotanker, the two on the left were F-111 and that I didn't know what the fourth aircraft was. Graeme said "I thought you were an expert?". I said "I am". To which Graeme replied "Some expert". It was obvious to me that this aircraft was something dodgy.

I watched the formation for a minute or two and went back inside with Graeme. At the time I was writing the aircraft recognition manual and had a Danish Luftmelderkorpset "Flykendingsbog" in my briefcase. This is probably the best aircraft recognition book ever produced. I looked through it, but nothing matched. I then sketched what I had seen.

I sent this sketch to Peter Edwards, who was a Group Officer in the ROC and was also on the recognition team. We discussed what to do about it but decided that if it was reported through official channels, it would be at best rubbished, at worst lead to trouble. Having signed the Official Secrets Act I didn't want to jeopardise my position in the recognition team. So I kept my mouth shut. I told other members of the recognition team in the hope that they could shed some light on the subject.

On returning home I had a look through my book collection. The only aircraft which came close to matching what I had seen was a Handley Page HP115. It was not one of them.

Whether this aircraft was Aurora is debatable, my background precludes jumping to conclusions based on single piece of evidence. I wrote to Bill Sweetman after being sent an illustration from Janes Defence weekly which matched what I had seen. as an aside, I wrote to two other writers who did not reply. Bill reckons it was Aurora, AgentX reckons it was the FB-119. I don't know what it was. It is the only aircraft I have ever seen that I could not identify. Pete Edwards told Bill Sweetman that if I didn't know what this aircraft was, it isn't in any book.

I've been hunting this snark for almost 9 years now and have turned up some interesting stuff, mainly through my own efforts, but also by having looked in the most unusual places. Surfing websites might be cool, but talking to the people involved is a necessity.

As I said before, I welcome the healthy scepticism, but at least give me the opportunity to state my case.

Yours

Chris Gibson  
[End]

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Subject: Re: The road to DomestosMessage-id:  
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UFO Research List

Ah ha!

Nice to hear from someone sensible - lucky Chris gets to leave the UK regularly (must be good for you...) but then Ufology needed a kick up the arse years ago and I don't need anybody to tell me how to proceed. Same goal, different tactics and all roads lead North (unless you're stuck on the M6 behind a caravan).

NO, let's face it Chris, Ufology is a religious movement and you and I are best out of it. The data is almost entirely useless and second hand, unreproducible events not being of interest to scientists as far as I can see.

All these people want is confirmation of their alien beliefs. Period.

The UFO "researchers" input is not required by either of us and I note that your excellent article in "Air Pictorial" (which I have advertised far and wide BTW) does not rely upon anything remotely Ufological so what do we need Ufology for - apart to get us both nearer to that nervous breakdown...

(Looking in the index for "UFO Revelation" I note that the majority of my seven pages of references are aircraft books. Is this a problem?)

In terms of the Upper Heyford incident I recently got a major article printed in the "Oxford Times" newspaper which carried an appeal for new information. As you have read my excellent book you now have the entire transcript of the witness statement. Next time I can afford to go down to Kew I'll see if the log books are still closed - what's the betting they are?

As to loads of articles being printed I count one in 'UFO Reality', one in 'Sightings' and a small effort 'UFO Magazine' over the last four years. Hardly a torrent is it?

Bye for now,

Tim X

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Hi Tim,

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Also please keep abreast of the Trent/McMinnville stereo photographic case, which will soon have publicly announced breakthroughs. There are daily developments in the case and I'm actively leading the investigations, having worked on it for 27 years since a challenge from Philip Klass.

Best regards,

Brad Sparks

In a message dated 4/23/99 3:14:55 PM, matthews@zetnet.co.uk writes:

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Ah ha!

Nice to hear from someone sensible - lucky Chris gets to leave the UK regularly (must be good for you...) but then Ufology needed a kick up the arse years ago and I don't need anybody to tell me how to proceed. Same goal, different tactics and all roads lead North (unless you're stuck on the M6 behind a caravan).

NO, let's face it Chris, Ufology is a religious movement and you and I are best out of it. The data is almost entirely useless and second hand, unreproducible events not being of interest to scientists as far as I can see.

All these people want is confirmation of their alien beliefs. Period.

The UFO "researchers" input is not required by either of us and I note that your excellent article in "Air Pictorial" (which I have advertised far and wide BTW) does not rely upon anything remotely Ufological so what do we need Ufology for - apart to get us both nearer to that nervous breakdown...

(Looking in the index for "UFO Revelation" I note that the majority of my seven pages of references are aircraft books. Is this a problem?)

In terms of the Upper Heyford incident I recently got a major article printed in the "Oxford Times" newspaper which carried an appeal for new information. As you have read my excellent book you now have the entire transcript of the witness statement. Next time I can afford to go down to Kew I'll see if the log books are still closed - what's the betting they are?

As to loads of articles being printed I count one in 'UFO Reality', one in 'Sightings' and a small effort 'UFO Magazine' over the last four years. Hardly a torrent is it?

Bye for now,

Tim X

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> To: UFORL <UFORL@listbot.com>

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> knowledge of aviation to be invaluable and hugely relevant.  
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> with Chris's background and personal experience of a 'flying  
> triangle' sighting, with permission, a copy of Chris's account is  
> on my web site and I'll append the same.  
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> On the topic of triangular-shaped aircraft being observed in the  
> early 1970s - prior to any known 'stealth' demonstrators -  
> something of interest has come up and I'll post details shortly.  
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> In the meantime, echoing Chris's sentiments, let's stick to facts  
> and maybe we can make some sense of the evidence.  
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> I don't believe that's beyond us.  
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> happened from my point of view. I was working in the Indefatigable  
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> Graeme Winton, went out on deck but returned immediately. He told me  
> to "Have a look at this". We went outside and Graeme pointed skywards.

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> I had been at university with Graeme and he knew of my interest in  
> aircraft. As far as Graeme was concerned it was a formation of  
> aircraft and he reckoned I'd be interested. I looked up, saw the  
> tanker and the F-111s, but was amazed to see the triangle.

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> I am trained in instant recognition, but this triangle had me stopped  
> dead. My first thought was that it was another F-111, but there was  
> no "gaps", it was too long and it didn't look like one (might sound  
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>> with Chris's background and personal experience of a 'flying  
>> triangle' sighting, with permission, a copy of Chris's account is  
>> on my web site and I'll append the same.  
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>> On the topic of triangular-shaped aircraft being observed in the  
>> early 1970s - prior to any known 'stealth' demonstrators -  
>> something of interest has come up and I'll post details shortly.  
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>> In the meantime, echoing Chris's sentiments, let's stick to facts  
>> and maybe we can make some sense of the evidence.  
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>> I don't believe that's beyond us.  
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>> James.  
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>> I welcome any questions on my North Sea sighting, as I am of the  
>> opinion that too much is taken at face value in the black aircraft  
>> snark hunt. I think that the snark hunt has degenerated into an  
>> exercise in regurgitating the same old stories with little or no new  
>> research being done.  
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>> A bit about me. I work as a drilling technologist for a major oil  
>> field service company. I hold an Honours degree in Geology, with some  
>> engineering, geophysics and chemistry thrown in. I also did a post  
>> graduate course in systems analysis. I was a member of the Royal  
>> Observer Corps for 13 years and was a member of the ROC's aircraft  
>> recognition team for 12 of those years. In this field I was considered  
>> to be an expert and produced an aircraft recognition manual for the  
>> ROC.  
>>  
>> You obviously know the sighting story, but I'll fill you in on what  
>> happened from my point of view. I was working in the Indefatigable  
>> field on the jack-up rig "Galveston Key" in August 1989. My colleague,  
>> Graeme Winton, went out on deck but returned immediately. He told me  
>> to "Have a look at this". We went outside and Graeme pointed skywards.  
>>  
>> I had been at university with Graeme and he knew of my interest in  
>> aircraft. As far as Graeme was concerned it was a formation of  
>> aircraft and he reckoned I'd be interested. I looked up, saw the  
>> tanker and the F-111s, but was amazed to see the triangle.  
>>  
>> I am trained in instant recognition, but this triangle had me stopped  
>> dead. My first thought was that it was another F-111, but there was

>> no "gaps", it was too long and it didn't look like one (might sound  
>> strange but after a while doing aircraft recognition you get a feel  
>> for the shape of aircraft, what was called the "sit" in the past or  
>> what bird watchers refer to as "jizz".) My next thought was that it  
>> was an F-117, as the highly swept planform of the F-117 had just been  
>> made public. Again the triangle was too long and had no gaps.  
>>  
>> After considering and rejecting a Mirage IV, I was totally out of  
>> ideas. Here was an aircraft, flying overhead, not too high and not  
>> particularly fast. A recognition gift and I was clueless. This was a  
>> new experience.  
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>> He asked me what was going on. I watched as the formation flew  
>> overhead and told him that the big one was a KC-135 Stratotanker, the  
>> two on the left were F-111 and that I didn't know what the fourth  
>> aircraft was. Graeme said "I thought you were an expert?". I said "I  
>> am". To which Graeme replied "Some expert". It was obvious to me that  
>> this aircraft was something dodgy.  
>>  
>> I watched the formation for a minute or two and went back inside with  
>> Graeme. At the time I was writing the aircraft recognition manual and  
>> had a Danish Luftmelderkorpset "Flykendingsbog" in my briefcase. This  
>> is probably the best aircraft recognition book ever produced. I looked  
>> through it, but nothing matched. I then sketched what I had seen.  
>>  
>> I sent this sketch to Peter Edwards, who was a Group Officer in the  
>> ROC and was also on the recognition team. We discussed what to do  
>> about it but decided that if it was reported through official  
>> channels, it would be at best rubbished, at worst lead to trouble.  
>> Having signed the Official Secrets Act I didn't want to jeopardise my  
>> position in the recognition team. So I kept my mouth shut. I told  
>> other members of the recognition team in the hope that they could shed  
>> some light on the subject.  
>>  
>> On returning home I had a look through my book collection. The only  
>> aircraft which came close to matching what I had seen was a Handley  
>> Page HP115. It was not one of them.  
>>  
>> Whether this aircraft was Aurora is debatable, my background precludes  
>> jumping to conclusions based on single piece of evidence. I wrote to  
>> Bill Sweetman after being sent an illustration from Janes Defence  
>> weekly which matched what I had seen. as an aside, I wrote to two  
>> other writers who did not reply. Bill reckons it was Aurora, AgentX  
>> reckons it was the FB-119. I don't know what it was. It is the only  
>> aircraft I have ever seen that I could not identify. Pete Edwards told  
>> Bill Sweetman that if I didn't know what this aircraft was, it isn't  
>> in any book.  
>>  
>> I've been hunting this snark for almost 9 years now and have turned  
>> up some interesting stuff, mainly through my own efforts, but also by

> > having looked in the most unusual places. Surfing websites might be  
> > cool, but talking to the people involved is a necessity.  
> >  
> > As I said before, I welcome the healthy scepticism, but at least give  
> > me the opportunity to state my case.  
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> > Yours  
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> > Chris Gibson  
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Oh, \_those\_ X-planes....

J Carpenter

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I am disappointed to note that you do not reply to my personal emails and prefer to attack me on this "expert" list.....

Tim X

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Chance-Vought built some of them. Have you not read my book? It mentions all this....one of the aircraft used Allison J33's....I have spoken to a very good witness in terms of this part of the investigation, Thomas C Smith who worked for Chance-Vought and upon jet-powered pancakes.

I have been putting this vital information out on US talk radio with great success and on the 'net for months. The public are happy with it, former military engineers and military personnel are happy with it. Ufologists are not happy with it and this comes as no surprise because the UFO 'movement' has had so much disinformation fired its' way, and put out so much of its' own, that the truth has been very effectively buried.

Course, Ufologists know better don't they?

Christ, even Keyhoe in 'Flying Saucers Have Landed' notes conversations where he was told about secret military a/c projects!

What about this quotation from J Allen Hynek's "UFO Report" (Souvenir Press edition, page xi, Prologue):

"Those who sought to find out about the Air Force's investigation of UFOs were usually brushed off on the basis that the UFO files CONTAINED INFORMATION THAT MIGHT REVEAL SECRETS ABOUT EXPERIMENTAL MILITARY AIRCRAFT AND HARDWARE, new and advanced radar equipment and its' secret locations, missiles, and military bases and installations."

Check out pages 174-5 of the same book - sounds (and looks) not unlike a military discplane to me - and near Groom Lake in Nevada!!!!

What about the AS Weyl article entitled "The Biology of the flying saucer" in 'Aeroplane' magazine in 1948 which stated that gas turbines had been fitted to the XF5U-1 and that the Zimmerman 'helicopter-aeroplane' had a flight speed envelope of between "0-500 mph" - ie; from hover to relatively high speed????

For your information we also know the names of two Navy ships from which disc flew in 1957 and when we have done further investigation we shall let people know which ones.

If 'nobody in the AF' knew then how do YOU explain the comments made in AIR 100-203-79 which CLEARLY stated that some 'flying saucer' - the generalised terms for anything remotely strange at that time - reports could well be

jet-powered pancakes. It also mentions the 'operational' XF5U-1. Yes, operational - not experimental. Or was that just a slip of the 'Top Secret' pen.....???

We suspect that there was an XF5U-2 as well.

What about the 2,000 pages of FOIA documents I have here - one of which talks about a joint USAF-Navy discipline project in the 1950s?

Let us hope that you are not another one of these US researchers who believes everything s/he is told by the military. 10 years ago you might have asked about the F-117A stealth interdictor and been told that no such a/c existed.....

Much of the testing took place at China Lake and I have personally heard from people claiming to have seen, and known about, discs at that location.

So much for Area 51.....

Tell you what; try submitting some FOIA's to the US Navy and see what happens.....

Tim X

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Of course I meant;

"Flying saucers from outer space" by Keyhoe. (Arrow Books).

Sorry!

Tim X

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Greetings to the list:

Though this is my first posting to the UFO RESEARCH LIST, I hope that many more will follow. Please note that I'm a member of the PROJECT-1947 list, so this venue is not new to me. To date I've noticed that though postings to this list have not been that plentiful, they often are rather provocative. My interest in the UFO phenomenon goes back nearly fifty years, and where I once was a strong proponent of the ET theory, I now regard myself as a rational skeptic. I look with despair at a field littered with nonsense and crap, those jerks who conjur it up, and perhaps most sadly, those damn fools who believe it. For instance, I once viewed the Roswell Incident as most likely being a genuine recovery of an alien spacecraft. Thanks to being enlightened by the findings of Karl Pflock, Bob Todd, Kent Jeffrey, and dare I say it, the U.S. Air Force, I now realize that the debris field found on the Foster Ranch by foreman Bill "Mac" Brazel was caused by a Project Mogul balloon array. All else re this event is pure myth. No impact site(s), no craft, no bodies. Yet due to a dearth of critical thinking in this field, this damn myth rolls on. The presence of certain fake documents only adds to the problem. This non-event illustrates the idiocy that wracks this field.

What I regard as perhaps one of the most fascinatings aspects of the UFO phenomenon is that category of reports known as satellite-objects/cloud-cigars. I'm in the process of making a study of this category of reports, and needed badly is data from other serious researchers. Therefore, I request that anyone on this list who have little known sighting reports that fall into this category, please be kind enough to send them on to me. My thanks in advance.

BTW, I've been following with considerable interest the discussion on this list concerning the possibility that much of the UFO problem can be laid to classified government aircraft of advanced design. While I don't dismiss this possibility out of hand, needed badly is documentation of the claims supporting this theory, if in fact such exist. Incidentally, how would this theory account for the most impressive satellite-object/cloud-cigar reports? It would seem that this is is one of the areas of the UFO problem that the classified aircraft theory would have considerable difficulty in dealing with.

Regards, Herb Taylor

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Yes,

and as I regularly point out much of the information is still classified although we have a good job of bringing the many issues to the forefront. There is good evidence and we have been putting out regular information for some time.

THE BIG MISTAKE that opponents make is suggesting that we are trying to explain all sightings and in fact the biggest dishonesty is when "researchers" push this line that "AH, well, you're research cannot explain this sighting, or that sightings blah blah".

Given that neither I nor anybody else interested in this perspective has ever claimed that cigar-shapes (clouds, aircraft, god knows) can be explained by invoking secret military aircraft I suggest that there is no debate in the first place!!

When you ask for further documentation - assuming that you are aware of the increasingly impressive array of documents hinting (at least) that we are in some ways right in our view that flying discs and flying triangles are of military origin (quite obvious given that many FT sightings are accompanied by military escort!!) - then we say "Join the club!" because neither the USAF, NRO, CIA or US Navy are interested in telling us the truth.

We know they have the documents and in certain cases they have told us as much - and then gone on to claim "National Security" in defence of their non-release of vital information on this (50 year old) subject.....

Think about it; what would happen if one/some of the agencies admitted that there was more in the air than the Avrocar flop? Pandora's Box.....

Tim X

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> more will follow. Please note that I'm a member of the PROJECT-1947 list, so  
> this venue is not new to me. To date I've noticed that though postings to  
> this list have not been that plentiful, they often are rather provocative.  
> My interest in the UFO phenomenon goes back nearly fifty years, and where I  
> once was a strong proponent of the ET theory, I now regard myself as a  
> rational skeptic. I look with despair at a field littered with nonsense and  
> crap, those jerks who conjure it up, and perhaps most sadly, those damn fools  
> who believe it. For instance, I once viewed the Roswell Incident as most  
  
> likely being a genuine recovery of an alien spacecraft. Thanks to being  
> enlightened by the findings of Karl Pflock, Bob Todd, Kent Jeffrey, and dare  
> I say it, the U.S. Air Force, I now realize that the debris field found on  
> the Foster Ranch by foreman Bill "Mac" Brazel was caused by a Project Mogul  
> balloon array. All else re this event is pure myth. No impact site(s), no  
> craft, no bodies. Yet due to a dearth of critical thinking in this field,  
  
> this damn myth rolls on. The presence of certain fake documents only adds to  
> the problem. This non-event illustrates the idiocy that wracks this field.  
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> What I regard as perhaps one of the most fascinating aspects of the UFO  
> phenomenon is that category of reports known as  
> satellite-objects/cloud-cigars. I'm in the process of making a study of this  
> category of reports, and needed badly is data from other serious researchers.  
> Therefore, I request that anyone on this list who have little known sighting  
> reports that fall into this category, please be kind enough to send them on  
> to me. My thanks in advance.  
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> BTW, I've been following with considerable interest the discussion on this  
> list concerning the possibility that much of the UFO problem can be laid to

- > classified government aircraft of advanced design. While I don't dismiss
- > this possibility out of hand, needed badly is documentation of the claims
- > supporting this theory, if in fact such exist. Incidentally, how would this
- > theory account for the most impressive satellite-object/cloud-cigar reports?
- > It would seem that this is is one of the areas of the UFO problem that the
- > classified aircraft theory would have considerable difficulty in dealing with.
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- > Regards, Herb Taylor
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Date: Sun, 25 Apr 1999 16:19:00 -0400 (EDT)  
From: RB47Expert@aol.com  
Subject: Re: Various itemsMessage-id: <d6d514bd.2454d2b4@aol.com>

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Tim,

Where is your information and US Govt documents published if you've been "putting out regular information for some time" on all this? How do I obtain copies of documents?

I am very puzzled and curious to know why you "know" that the NRO would have documents maybe even an "impressive array of documents" bearing on secret "flying disc" and FT AIRCRAFT? Don't you know that the NRO's mission is the design and launch of secret intelligence-gathering SATELLITES?

Maybe you have the wrong agency and don't realize it. We all know these agencies will not help you in your requests by volunteering the identities and addresses of other agencies especially ones whose names and initials are/were as highly classified as NRO's name and initials once were. Do you know which ultrasecret agencies I am referring to? There are at least two I can think of offhand, and those doing in-depth research in this area of clandestine aircraft development should know about these and other secret agencies I don't know about.

BTW, please go easy on Herb Taylor with his first posting here. He has suffered a lot of abuse on the Project 1947 and it shouldn't be repeated here.

Brad Sparks

In a message dated 4/25/99 12:52:41 PM, matthews@zetnet.co.uk writes:

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>Yes,

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>and as I regularly point out much of the information is still classified  
>although we have a good job of bringing the many issues to the forefront.  
>There is good evidence and we have been putting out regular information  
>for some time.

<SNIP>

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>When you ask for further documentation - assuming that you are aware of  
>the increasingly impressive array of documents hinting (at least) that we are  
>in some ways right in our view that flying discs and flying triangles are  
>of military origin (quite obvious given that many FT sightings are  
>accompanied by military escort!!) - then we say "Join the club!" because

>neither the USAF, NRO, CIA or US Navy are interested in telling us the  
>truth.  
>  
>We know they have the documents and in certain cases they have told us as  
>much - and then gone on to claim "National Security" in defence of their  
>non-release of vital information on this (50 year old) subject.....<SNIP>  
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>Tim X

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-----Original Message-----

From: Lynda Matthews <matthews@zetnet.co.uk><UFORL@listbot.com>  
Date: Sunday, April 25, 1999 1:16 PM  
Subject: Re: The road to Domestos

>Of course I meant;  
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>"Flying saucers from outer space" by Keyhoe. (Arrow Books).  
>  
>Sorry!  
>  
>Tim X

Tim-

Come, let us reason together.

In your response to my questions:

- who was the contractor?
- where were they built?
- why didn't the Air Force know about them?
- how were they powered? If it was by 1947-vintage jet engines, please detail their technology.

you said...

"Chance-Vought built some of them...one of the aircraft used Allison J33's....I have spoken to a very good witness in terms of this part of the investigation, Thomas C Smith who worked for Chance-Vought and upon jet-powered pancakes."

Since Chance-Vought was still based in Connecticut in 1947, I assume that this implies that the saucers of the 1947 wave were built at the Vought plant in Bridgeport, where the V-173 and XF5U-1 were built and tested. You mention the Allison J33 engine as a powerplant. And you suggest that the US Navy was the service branch responsible for funding and operating these saucers.

It is true that several sources, including the "Aeroplane" article you mentioned, refer to the idea that the XF5U-1 was intended to be modified to use a single gas-turbine engine instead of the two Pratt & Whitney R-2000 radial piston engines it originally used, but \_even with this engine it still would have used propellers for propulsion\_. The idea that a 1947-vintage propeller-powered aircraft could have reached sustained speeds of over 500 mph is interesting, and would be news to conventional aero historians. It's still only one-third of the speeds reported for some of the 1947 UFOs, but we'll let that pass.

Let's take a walk through the "World Encyclopedia of Aero Engines," by top aero historian Bill Gunston (presumably he can be relied on...). I assume you know that Vought was a unit of United Aircraft, along with Pratt & Whitney, the aero engine manufacturer. It seems very reasonable to believe that P&W, a favorite Navy contractor, would have built the turboshaft engine the XF5U-1 would have needed, since their engines powered most other Vought planes. Gunston says that P&W began work on its first shaft-turbine, the Navy-funded T34, in 1945. Its design was complete by March 1946, it had a rating of 6,000-7,500 ehp (so far so good), but it took years to develop and didn't go into service until \_1958\_. In January 1947 they began working on another shaft turbine, the Air Force-funded XT45, but it was cancelled in 1948. How about other engine contractors? Allison? Their 2,200 hp T38 (no improvement over the engines the Flapjack already had) didn't fly until April 1949. The modified later T40 that was used in the Navy's VTO "Pogo" and "Salmon" x-planes didn't fly until around 1953. How about GE? Here's a possibility - the big T31 flew in late 1945, but again only put out about 1,650 hp, no improvement on the F5U's engines. Wright? Their giant XT35 for the Air Force flew in September 1947 and only 17 were built. Only three Northrop XT37s existed in 1947 and they were AF-sponsored and far too big to fit in the Flapjack. Westinghouse, another Navy favorite? No turboprop. In sum, there were apparently no suitable turboprop/shaft engines available by summer 1947.

You mentioned the Allison J33 turbojet. Let's think about this. We'll disregard the fact that the Navy used Westinghouse engines in its first Vought jet fighter, the F6U Pirate (first flight Oct '46) - the lackluster J34 (4,100 lb st with afterburner, 3,100 lb military power, 2,600 lb lb cruise). The J33 was a primitive first-generation centrifugal-flow jet based on the original Whittle engine. It had a \_maximum\_ thrust of 4,600 lb, or 5,400 lb for a limited period with water injection. Cruise thrust around 3,000 lb. So obviously, one of these engines could lift something weighing a little over 4,000 lb, if running at full power, allowing some margin for acceleration, etc. The XF5U-1 weighed about 13,000 lb empty and 16,000-18,000 lb loaded. So clearly it would have required at least four, and more likely five, J33s in order to hover, take off vertically, etc. After modification to house all these engines, there would have been nothing left of the original XF5U-1 design. And consider fuel consumption. In an aircraft supported purely by jet thrust, these multiple engines would be consuming fuel at a tremendous rate. And producing tremendous amounts of smoke and noise. Fuel is heavy, and four to five engines would need a lot of it.

The J33 was inadequate for VTOL flight. As you know, two similar Nene engines were barely capable of lifting their own weight when used in the RR Flying Bedstead, which first "flew" in 1953. Its performance was hardly blistering.

For comparison, look at the Hawker-Siddeley P. 1127, the first prototype of the Harrier VTOL jet, which first hovered in fall 1960, over a decade after Vought supposedly solved the problem of supersonic VTOL flight. The airframe weighed only 10,000 lb, the engine barely produced that much thrust, and a hover could only be achieved when the fuel on board was reduced to 65 gallons, enough for a few \_seconds\_ of hover!

And in 1947 they could do at least two orders of magnitude better...?

You will no doubt be impatient with niggling little details like the complete lack of suitable engines for 1947 terrestrial saucers, but really I think it's the key to the whole thing. The US aircraft industry was in a crisis in 1947 due to sweeping funding cuts. If a stupendous breakthrough had been made by an airframe contractor and an engine builder, you would expect to see them reap big rewards in terms of later contracts. If they had solved these problems as early as 1947, you would expect to see this technology show up in unclassified work a decade or so later. Where does this happen? Who built the engines? Find that out and you have the solution.

One last observation. You said

Christ, even Keyhoe in 'Flying Saucers Have Landed' notes conversations where he was told about secret military a/c projects!"

I would suggest that it's extremely inadvisable to cite "The Flying Saucers are Real" to bolster the claim that UFOs are US secret aircraft. The whole \_point\_ of Keyhoe's book is a thorough, logical demolition of that notion. But of course, ufologists are all dupes of the Navy conspiracy, aren't they?

- J Carpenter

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Jeez,

All those billions of unaccounted for tax dollars, Area 51's increased exclusion zone, China Lake, plenty of fascinating insider testimony, the non-release of documents by AF and Navy, disinformation at the highest level and what the hell was that over the North Sea in 1989. Looks like it was configured for very high speed flight.

What about the very serious rumours about the new triangular replacement for the SR-71, artists' impressions of which I have been sent. Just another lie?

Who ever said that numerous discs were built? Not me, that's for sure because I am convinced that most 'saucer' sightings were nothing of the sort.

I also wonder what that flying disc was doing being seen by an AF officer nr Groom Lake on 23rd Nov 1957. It was covered up.

So why put forward an argument that neither I, nor many others support? A very odd way of proceeding. I have never wasted my time on Avrocar, and I remain entirely unconvinced by stories of VTOL discs in the 1950s.....

Given the ability to do rather more with black projects - and the ludicrous security that surrounds them it is a surprise that we know as much as we do.

Remember this folks - on at least two occasions since November 1998 I have been sent replies to FOIA requests in relation to highly classified saucer projects that I know existed. Just to spike Chris' s argument, on both occasions the reply came back that the 'documents have been destroyed'.

Must just be a coincidence and what was that aircraft that came down near Bicester in 1967. An alien craft or an unacknowledged X-plane? At the end of the day at least I didn't put words in your mouth re; the 1989 sighting and at least I bothered to ask you about it first!

The hypersonics thing is your interest, the discs mine and of course there is always a tendency to play up one's own passion. You say that you think discs existed.

Fine, end of story....

Tim X

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- > To: uforl@listbot.com
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- > Date: 26 April 1999 16:51
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love to hear about it.

[End]

At the time of this report, in 1994, Jay was employed by Lockheed.

He later corrected the date of the sighting as 1974, not 1975 and in personal correspondence added:

"My sighting was in Campell, CA., which borders San Jose, about 50 miles south of San Francisco.

[.]

The more I think about the way I calculated the speed and altitude, the more I think I didn't do it correctly.

The interesting thing here, is that if they were travelling much faster, then they would be supersonic, and I would certainly have heard the sonic boom. If they were lower in altitude, then I should have heard their engines, if they were jets (I think I should have heard them anyway, but a friend of mine, who is an F-16 pilot, says not necessarily)".

There's Paul Hamner's 1978 UK account I had further documented, in which Paul claims to have seen at close range a large triangular-shaped 'aircraft'.

These are a couple of the more detailed examples. In terms of the overall evidence, we might have a new claimed sighting.

It comes from Camille, who as I recently mentioned had responded to my enquiries on an Oregon 'Birders' mailing list re Kenneth Arnold's report of 25 or so 'brass coloured' objects which flew like ducks, but weren't ducks because they flew too fast, etc.

As a complete aside, Camille mentioned the sighting of a 'cigar-shaped' object which her father had documented in his work for Boeing, a report which had apparently never been published. More on that later.

In correspondence, adding to the irony of my ornithological query resulting in an unexpected and intriguing 'UFO' report, to my surprise, she wrote: "A question: Very fast, black, high altitude triangle(s) over Utah or Nevada in 1974 or 1975 would have been a Stealth prototype?"

It was a development which reinforced my belief that 'birders' are a largely, if not entirely, untapped source of observational data apropos to 'anomalous' aerial objects.

Few other hobbies or occupations involve scanning the skies for lengthy periods during daylight and in general always being attentive to anything 'unusual' appearing.

Camille clarified:

"I'm fairly certain it was in spring of 1975, not '74, late May, on secondary roads between Beaver & Cedar Breaks Nat Monument, in the vicinity of Parowan Gap, Utah. We were on the way to Zion Nat Park, spent the previous night @ Beaver (which I do not recommend), and I think we headed E. after Parowan Gap. Parowan Gap is a natural feature near the town of Parowan. It was between 10 a.m & 4 p.m., mostly clear with intermittent high altitude clouds, or haze, that developed into non-productive thunderheads in late afternoon. I don't recall if it was on the hike to the Gap or another stop, but I was out of the car without the field glasses, looking for ravens. The black or dark triangle was travelling in an apparently straight line S., SE, or SW against 'white' sky. Difficult to describe size - if I stuck a paper triangle three-sixteenths of an inch on a side on the upper center of my left eyeglasses lens it would be about right. It appeared to be moving very fast. (I currently live under an afternoon commuter jet route & the triangle was moving faster than they do @ about 50 miles out). My companion said there were more than one, but I only saw one. There was never any noise from it. Definitely not a bird.

In talking about the trip to co-workers who had suggested part of our route (to look for hot springs -) a short time later one of them said she (they?) had seen 'those things' in the same general area. I don't remember if anyone else concurred.

The object might not have been triangular. A white or very light colored aircraft of any shape with a triangular dark area on the underside would have 'disappeared' except for the dark area because the sky was 'white' - a standard type of camouflage for many birds & aquatic lifeforms, and something I didn't know about at the time".

One point which does seem to be resolved, there were no 'stealth' aircraft flying until the late 1970s.

Date: Mon, 26 Apr 1999 21:40:52 -0400  
From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>  
Subject: Re: The road to Domestos

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For information, some reports I noted which suggest the possibility that these 'second category', anomalous flying triangles, if they do exist, are capable of unusual manoeuvrability:

"In the early 60's while living in central Texas, I was out in my folks back yard one evening. The sun had already set and it was a perfectly clear night. In this area of Texas you have a nearly horizon to horizon clear view. Now I was only about 10 at the time but I can remember it as clearly as if it happened yesterday. Out of the south-east an object moved across the sky towards my location very fast and dead stopped what I would guess about 5 miles away at about 2 miles up. It then moves closer to my location, very fast and dead stopped. This time it was maybe a mile away so looked to be at about 45deg from the horizon. I could see that it was clearly a triangular shape. Then I noticed that there was another craft following the first, mimicking every move. The first now moved to the east about 3 or 4 miles and stopped again and the second moved to the location near me. I noticed then that while they were at rest they seemed to look more blue and while moving they were more white. The first then took off at another angle more north east and was out of site. The second one followed the same path and was gone. I had no witnesses except my little brother, who was 5 at the time and today he remembers nothing of it".

"As I remember, what I saw had no fuselage either. They just looked like fat triangles with rounded edges with no other features. I think I remember hearing a high pitched crackling sound that followed their movement, but this may have been added in my mind later.

I always have felt they were pretty big for airplanes. Maybe 100 to 200 feet across. I know, from having worked around military aircraft, that they always appear smaller than they really are.

I remember distinctly that the sides were rounded. Like the things were maybe 20 feet thick and had perfectly rounded sides, like a 10 foot radius. They were very smooth looking. I don't remember any thing protruding from the top or anywhere. I always try to put some sort of cockpit on a saucer in my mind but that's not what I saw.

Remember, I say these when I was about 10, that was 30 years ago. I still got all my marbles...but...details do get a little cloudy. But this I manage to remember quite clearly.

Oh yea, one other thing that should rule out the chance that it was an early version of the F117...these things DID NOT turn when they changed direction. They simply stopped, rather abruptly and then took off in the heading off another point of the triangle. Now I suppose the things could have rotated their orientation very quickly, so I couldn't see it, but I never felt they did that. It's like the things have 3 fronts they could choose from".

Andy Christian.

"The time, i.e. year, is now hard for me to remember but the events remain as clear as though it was yesterday.

I was living in St. Brides Major, a small village near Bridgend, South Wales. I was around 16 years old then and keen on astronomy. This fixes the date somewhere between 1974 and 1976.

[.]

As we both continued to watch, it started to come towards us. As it got closer two more lights appeared, also red. It became apparent that whatever it was, was going to pass directly over our house and quite low at that. We both rushed outside, grabbing my mother on the way. We stood in the garden and watched this thing approach our house. As it got closer we could see that the three lights, all red, were arranged in a triangular configuration (i.e., at the corners of a would be equilateral triangle). The lights illuminated the inside of the triangle but not the outer. They appeared to shine inward, albeit that's how it seemed. What was illuminated can only be described as something metallic. It appeared to be a metallic surface that was dull. It did not shine as there were no light reflections in it. I say metallic because that what I felt at the time. The material appeared to be a silvery-grey colour. However, bear in mind that this was observed under red light. It was one piece, i.e. between the lights, there appeared to be no joints, rivet lines, beams, etc., just a flat, dull, metal surface.

[.]

It then abruptly moved to the left. It had made a right 90 degree turn in a totally dumfounded way - like a ball bouncing off a cushion in snooker. The lights remained in the exact configuration and did not change. The whole thing was weird, it

was as though this craft was gliding at a very slow speed. It did not pause or hover over the house, it went about this direction change as one fluid movement. When the craft came towards us it had the point to the front (1 light in front and two behind). When it made the turn, it moved to the side and it did not rotate.

This was the thing that really made me think it was something odd, because things just couldn't move that way".

Steven Suddell.

### 'TRIANGULAR UFOS AND NOCTURNAL LIGHTS IN SE WISCONSIN' By Charles Goldman

"Kevin Crump and his Grandmother Betty Barnick own an antique dealership in the town of Delevan, WI. They travel home by Hywy 12 most often between the hours of 5:00 and 7:30 PM on a daily basis. On February 4th 1993, Kevin and Betty were returning home to FT. Atkinson via Route 12 at 5:35 PM. Kevin carries with him in his car an RCA Camcorder. With it he likes to tape anything that is newsworthy, plus he makes short, creative videos with his friends. On the way home at about 5:30 they spotted a fire-engine and decided to look for whatever was on fire. Both Betty and Kevin were carefully watching for lights or the fire when Kevin spotted something in the sky, from the driver's side window. "We thought at first that it was a low flying plane. Then all of a sudden it shot out a blue glowing ball from the tail-end of the craft. It looked like a flame ball from a Roman candle. It shot out about two inches, in ground to sky distance, with a trail of twinkling lights. The blue ball just hung in the sky over the old school to our left." They pulled off the road to get a better look.

Kevin then got out his video camera and opened the door while Betty decided to stay in the car. Kevin said, "I looked up and saw the ship just about directly overhead. I could see a faint outline of the ship because the moon was above it. The moonlight reflected off the black metallic surface. It was the shape of an oblong triangle with a light at each point. A red and a blue light at the front and a white light at the back". An unusual feature of this craft is that it traveled with the base forward, instead of the point first as with most conventional craft.

To anyone concerned:

About one year ago (May 10, 1994 -- it was my husband's birthday, so it was easy to remember) my husband and I were driving north on I-25 from Colorado Springs, headed back to Denver and we saw the most unusual thing:

He usually drives and I look at the sky thru our sunroof and try not to fall asleep...there is usually some airplane activity and so I usually don't pay any attention to lights in the sky...but I noticed what seemed to be a fairly large "plane?" that wasn't quite in the right place to be approaching any airports that I knew of....and it was fairly low to the ground (later I realized it was headed south and it was following the highway (I-25)). My husband was also looking at it, but neither of us said anything....we just "blew it off" as an approaching plane.

My side window was down and I expected to hear some kind of noise since it was moving so low to the ground....at this point is looked like two very steady lights that appeared larger than normal for most planes, one light seemed bluish and the other red...as it approached I could tell that there was a third light (a round bulb shaped light like the first two), but it was very dim. It was a dark section of the road, so I could see it very clearly. It then passed over our car and I looked straight up, the entire "plane" filled the sunroof and I remember thinking, gee that pilot is a nut....he's flying so slow and so LOW, he should be crashing on the ground or something. I remember thinking, how strange, it was triangular shaped, kinda like a stealth, with one of the "bulb shaped balls" on each point.

We kept driving in silence (The Air Force Academy was behind us by about 15 miles and it was probably just a Stealth or something flying too low (of course, there was absolutely NO noise as it passed over). About 10 minutes passed and it hit me all of the sudden...hey most planes like that would fly with a point of the "triangle" shape to the front...but this "plane" was flying with the flat-edge leading (with those two "bulbs" lit up) and the point to the rear. I remarked on it to my spouse and he said, "Yea, strange that I didn't realize it sooner, but it was!"

Heather Timmons.

I'm sure there are further comparative accounts and I'll see if I have any on file. Any others which are known about, details would be welcome.

James.  
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You'll be glad to know I'm off to do my monthly porridge on Thursday, so I won't be cluttering your hard disks.

Chris

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References: <199904262141\_MC2-737A-7E89@compuserve.com>

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I haven't read Matthews' book, but if in it there is - again - to be found the theory that disc shaped devices were first developed by the Nazi's, then I beg to differ.

Disc shaped devices were already dreamt of in the 1880's (documented). It is a natural thing in the history of aviation to come up with flying contraptions of all kinds, shapes and sizes. Sometimes disc shaped devices were even built and test flown, long before darkness descended over Europe with the coming of the Third Reich.

I have yet to see on scrap of real, hard, historical and verifiable evidence that yes, those pesky Third reich boys built and succesfully flew them. And I am not referring here to 2nd hand accounts, 50's newspaper clippings or later Neo-Nazi pamphlets or Vesco's book, but real, contemporary evidence. The germans documented almost everything they did, but on those designs, we find nothing. And I will not take the `yes but the plans were taken to Russia and the US and kept secret' stuff as an excuse for lazy, sloppy or bad research in general.

I do think that it is a highly interesting theory that at least some UFO sightings may be explained by earth technology; but what I want to see is what I also want to see from the ETH proponents: evidence.

Kind regards,

Theo Paijmans

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Subject: Cash-Landrum

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I'm looking for a sketch, drawn by the central witnesses, of the diamond-shaped object reportedly observed.

Can anyone help?

Date: Tue, 27 Apr 1999 22:12:32 -0400  
From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>  
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Chris,

The point is comprehensively appreciated.

Some further background on that latter story; in answer to the question of what position her father held, Camille explained:

"My father was a tech rep before people got degrees in such things, and was on most of these flights doing assessments. There were often several passengers on these flights; engineers, reps from potential customer companies etc. The flying thing was observed from the cabin, rather than the cockpit, although I assume the pilot saw & reported as well. This was not a flight where he was taking surveillance photos as far as I know - I recall some kind of comments about why the Exacta wasn't with him.

I've wondered if it was a glider @ an angle which concealed the wings, or if the US somehow had an intact "V" up in the air. Is

it that unusual for an object like this to match speed & course?  
On a low altitude Boeing test flight there's always the possibility of misperceived aircraft; some of the test flights out of Moses Lake in the 70s were intentionally @ very slow speeds - alarming when hiking under one of them!"

She adds, "after years of just assuming that the sky was full of stuff we either didn't understand, didn't want to admit we had, or weren't supposed to see (this being just another one of those 'things'), I'm beginning to wonder about it. So I will look, eventually.

Send me a list of aircraft project names like Have Blue, at some point, and I'll look for them in the documents when I get into them. There was a lot of back & forth between the techs @ Boeing, Lockheed & McDD whether they were competitors or not".

Although 'Have Blue' would be later than the documents in 'Camille's attic', few of us wouldn't like the opportunity to see exactly what was there.

Date: Wed, 28 Apr 1999 13:32:56 +0100  
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NO TIM DOES NOT SAY - THE USAF SAYS!!!!

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What about Lockheed's Gusto projects - one a boomerang and one a delta not  
unlike those snarks which Chris is looking for.

I can hear the answer already; "ah yes that was cancelled".

So we have a situation where the UFO camp, secret alien believers all,  
require photos and film footage of these various projects. Unless this is  
forthcoming we have a situation where, in the post-Lazar era, everything is  
a lie - unless they don't want it to be. Then, on the other hand, we have  
the aviation buffs and anoraks. If it hasn't been officially admitted to or  
can't be found in the records (not all of which live at the PRO I suspect)

then it 'doesn't exist'. God, and I thought George Orwell's 'unpersons' were scary....

Being in the middle is not easy but I think when you have people of the calibre of Jack Pickett saying that he saw three saucers of varying sizes at MacDill in 1967 - and was subsequently debriefed by USAF Intelligence - then we need to take this seriously. There is no reason that I can see for this guy to lie and why not a less complicated jet-powered disc of 100ft (or so) sitting there in the scrap yard?

OK, maybe it was only used on a few occasions but the tail numbers ('UL' I believe) indicate manufacture by Bell and Vought before 1962.

Then some pillock comes along and argues; "Yes, but that cannot explain sighting X where the witness saw a 'disc' hovering and flying off at Mach 56". So what? Who says the witness saw a disc? Given the hysteria surrounding the subject and the nonsense that many UFO witnesses give us I think that perhaps they saw natural phenomena, earth light perhaps?? Or, more likely, they saw nothing unusual at all....

We have good evidence (well I have, sod you lot) from a witness who saw a discplane on board a Navy ship in 1957 from very close range. I am following this up. I might not have a photograph, and may never have, but I am thinking to myself that a guy trained in aircraft recognition, as the witness was, would have been having a very bad day if he mistook something relatively conventional.

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Well yes and if the millions of pounds directed towards alien-hunting was pointed in our direction we could go over to the Former Soviet Union and bribe people to tell us what happened and to gain access to their archives.....

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Unsurprisingly yes. FT is a mag for (slightly more intelligent) skeptics.  
And I thought that Charlie Fort was into aliens.....

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Well, absobloodylutely. This search is not one for Ufologists I suspect and it is the lonely road least trodden. No money in it either.

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- > contact for the witness involved, neither have provided a means for me to
- > correspond with him.

Oh, bollocks! I don't have the guy's a/d either so join the club!

Ring Andy on (01484) 719687 and ask him.

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This seems to be the point and people like John Pike at the FAS are often arguing that declassifying material is very long-winded, costly and time-consuming. I understand that the GAO no longer supports the FOIA and so the agencies have to charge more people for release of information, search fees etc. This makes things more difficult. Often the FOIA civvies who work at an agency one requests information from have no idea where all its' records are or where to search.....

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Or even designers wet dreams, as Phil Patton suggests....

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Dea All,

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Just chase the technology - or buy 'UFO Magazine'.

The choice is yours.....

Tim X

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> To: UFORL <UFORL@listbot.com>  
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> Date: 27 April 1999 02:40  
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> For information, some reports I noted which suggest the  
> possibility that these 'second category', anomalous flying  
> triangles, if they do exist, are capable of unusual  
> manoeuvrability:  
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> "In the early 60's while living in central Texas, I was out in my  
> folks back yard one evening. The sun had already set and it was a  
> perfectly clear night. In this area of Texas you have a nearly  
> horizon to horizon clear view. Now I was only about 10 at the  
> time but I can remember it as clearly as if it happened  
> yesterday. Out of the south-east an object moved across the sky  
> towards my location very fast and dead stopped what I would guess  
> about 5 miles away at about 2 miles up. It then moves closer to  
> my location, very fast and dead stopped. This time it was maybe a  
> mile away so looked to be at about 45deg from the horizon. I  
> could see that it was clearly a triangular shape. Then I noticed  
> that there was another craft following the first, mimicking every  
> move. The first now moved to the east about 3 or 4 miles and  
> stopped again and the second moved to the location near me. I  
> noticed then that while they were at rest they seemed to look  
> more blue and while moving they were more white. The first then  
> took off at another angle more north east and was out of site.  
> The second one followed the same path and was gone. I had no

> witnesses except my little brother, who was 5 at the time and  
> today he remembers nothing of it".  
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> "As I remember, what I saw had no fuselage either. They just  
> looked like fat triangles with rounded edges with no other  
> features. I think I remember hearing a high pitched crackling  
> sound that followed their movement, but this may have been added  
> in my mind later.  
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> I always have felt they were pretty big for airplanes. Maybe 100  
> to 200 feet across. I know, from having worked around military  
> aircraft, that they always appear smaller than they really are.  
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> I remember distinctly that the sides were rounded. Like the  
> things were maybe 20 feet thick and had perfectly rounded sides,  
> like a 10 foot radius. They were very smooth looking. I don't  
> remember any thing protruding from the top or anywhere. I always  
> try to put some sort of cockpit on a saucer in my mind but that's  
> not what I saw.  
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> Remember, I say these when I was about 10, that was 30 years ago.  
> I still got all my marbles...but...details do get a little  
> cloudy. But this I manage to remember quite clearly.  
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> Oh yea, one other thing that should rule out the chance that it  
> was an early version of the F117...these things DID NOT turn when  
> they changed direction. They simply stopped, rather abruptly and  
> then took off in the heading off another point of the triangle.  
> Now I suppose the things could have rotated their orientation  
> very quickly, so I couldn't see it, but I never felt they did  
> that. It's like the things have 3 fronts they could choose from".  
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> Andy Christian.  
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> "The time, i.e. year, is now hard for me to remember but the  
> events remain as clear as though it was yesterday.  
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> I was living in St. Brides Major, a small village near Bridgend,  
> South Wales. I was around 16 years old then and keen on  
> astronomy. This fixes the date somewhere between 1974 and 1976.  
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> [.]  
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> As we both continued to watch, it started to come towards us. As  
> it got closer two more lights appeared, also red. It became  
> apparent that whatever it was, was going to pass directly over  
> our house and quite low at that. We both rushed outside, grabbing  
> my mother on the way. We stood in the garden and watched this

> thing approach our house. As it got closer we could see that the  
> three lights, all red, were arranged in a triangular  
> configuration (i.e., at the corners of a would be equilateral  
> triangle). The lights illuminated the inside of the triangle but  
> not the outer. They appeared to shine inward, albeit that's how  
> it seemed. What was illuminated can only be described as  
> something metallic. It appeared to be a metallic surface that was  
> dull. It did not shine as there were no light reflections in it.  
> I say metallic because that what I felt at the time. The material  
> appeared to be a silvery-grey colour. However, bear in mind that  
> this was observed under red light. It was one piece, i.e. between  
> the lights, there appeared to be no joints, rivet lines, beams,  
> etc., just a flat, dull, metal surface.

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> It then abruptly moved to the left. It had made a right 90 degree  
> turn in a totally dumfounded way - like a ball bouncing off a  
> cushion in snooker. The lights remained in the exact  
> configuration and did not change. The whole thing was weird, it  
> was as though this craft was gliding at a very slow speed. It did  
> not pause or hover over the house, it went about this direction  
> change as one fluid movement. When the craft came towards us it  
> had the point to the front (1 light in front and two behind).  
> When it made the turn, it moved to the side and it did not  
> rotate.

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> This was the thing that really made me think it was something  
> odd, because things just couldn't move that way".

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> Steven Suddell.

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> 'TRIANGULAR UFOS AND NOCTURNAL LIGHTS IN SE WISCONSIN'

> By Charles Goldman

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> feature of this craft is that it traveled with the base forward,  
> instead of the point first as with most conventional craft.  
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>  
> To anyone concerned:  
>  
> About one year ago (May 10, 1994 -- it was my husband's birthday,  
> so it was easy to remember) my husband and I were driving north  
> on I-25 from Colorado Springs, headed back to Denver and we saw  
> the most unusual thing:  
>  
> He usually drives and I look at the sky thru our sunroof and try  
> not to fall asleep...there is usually some airplane activity and  
> so I usually don't pay any attention to lights in the sky...but I  
> noticed what seemed to be a fairly large "plane?" that wasn't  
> quite in the right place to be approaching any airports that I  
> knew of....and it was fairly low to the ground (later I realized  
> it was headed south and it was following the highway (I-25)). My  
> husband was also looking at it, but neither of us said  
> anything....we just "blew it off" as an approaching plane.  
>  
> My side window was down and I expected to hear some kind of noise  
> since it was moving so low to the ground....at this point is  
> looked like two very steady lights that appeared larger than  
> normal for most planes, one light seemed bluish and the other  
> red...as it approached I could tell that there was a third light  
> (a round bulb shaped light like the first two), but it was very  
> dim. It was a dark section of the road, so I could see it very  
> clearly. It then passed over our car and I looked straight up,  
> the entire "plane" filled the sunroof and I remember thinking,  
> gee that pilot is a nut....he's flying so slow and so LOW, he  
> should be crashing on the ground or something. I remember  
> thinking, how strange, it was triangular shaped, kinda like a  
> stealth, with one of the "bulb shaped balls" on each point.  
>  
> We kept driving in silence (The Air Force Academy was behind us

> by about 15 miles and it was probably just a Stealth or something  
> flying too low (of course, there was absolutely NO noise as it  
> passed over). About 10 minutes passed and it hit me all of the  
> sudden...hey most planes like that would fly with a point of the  
> "triangle" shape to the front...but this "plane" was flying with  
> the flat-edge leading (with those two "bulbs" lit up) and the  
> point to the rear. I remarked on it to my spouse and he said,  
> "Yea, strange that I didn't realize it sooner, but it was!"  
>  
> Heather Timmons.  
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>  
> I'm sure there are further comparative accounts and I'll see if I  
> have any on file. Any others which are known about, details would  
> be welcome.  
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>  
> James.  
> E-mail:pulsar@compuserve.com  
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From: Joel Carpenter <ufx@mindspring.com>  
Subject: Re: Holistic Snark huntsMessage-id:  
<002001be9199\$516e27b0\$82c9cdf@ws606a>

UFO Research List

Tim-

>  
>So we have a situation where the UFO camp, secret alien believers all,  
>require photos and film footage of these various projects. Unless this is  
>forthcoming we have a situation where, in the post-Lazar era, everything is  
>a lie - unless they don't want it to be. Then, on the other hand, we have  
>the aviation buffs and anoraks. If it hasn't been officially admitted to or  
>can't be found in the records (not all of which live at the PRO I suspect)  
>then it 'doesn't exist'. God, and I though George Orwell's 'unpersons' were  
>scary....  
>  
>Being in the middle is not easy but I think when you have people of the  
>calibre of Jack Pickett saying that he saw three saucers of varying sizes  
>at MacDill in 1967 - and was subsequently debriefed by USAF Intelligence -  
>then we need to take this seriously. There is no reason that I can see for  
>this guy to lie and why not a less complicated jet-powered disc of 100ft  
>(or so) sitting there in the scrap yard?  
>  
>OK, maybe it was only used on a few occasions but the tail numbers ('UL' I  
>believe) indicate manufacture by Bell and Vought before 1962.

What's amazing to me about the above is that despite all your indignant  
statements such as the below...

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You have the balls to say IN THE NEXT PARAGRAPH:

>We have good evidence (well I have, sod you lot) from a witness who saw a  
>discplane on board a Navy ship in 1957 from very close range. I am  
>following this up. I might not have a photograph, and may never have, but I  
>am thinking to myself that a guy trained in aircraft recognition, as the  
>witness was, would have been having a very bad day if he mistook something  
>relatively conventional.

Pray tell, what do we have here but a UFO SIGHTING? All you're doing is

replacing gravity wave amplifiers with pulsed detonation wave engines and tarding the same old UFO pheomenon in shiny carbon-fiber and radar-absorbing materials. What's the difference from any other UFO eyewitness description?

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From: Joel Carpenter <ufx@mindspring.com>  
Subject: Ah, the conspiracy...Message-id:  
<007a01be91b6\$47ec0c80\$82c9cdf@ws606a>

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Commercial high-resolution satellite vanishes after launch

Tuesday's launch  
April 28, 1999  
Web posted at: 9:52 AM EDT (1352 GMT)

LOS ANGELES (AP) -- A civilian satellite that can take the kind of detailed photos that previously only spy satellites could produce disappeared shortly after it was launched Tuesday.

An Athena II rocket carrying the Ikonos 1 satellite roared off a Vandenberg Air Force Base launch pad at 11:22 a.m., bound for an orbit 400 miles high.

Communications with the spacecraft ended about eight minutes after liftoff, as planned, but it failed to re-establish contact as expected later in the flight. Officials could not say whether it remained in orbit.

Space Imaging, the Denver company that planned to operate the satellite, has already built a spare one. John Copple, the chief executive officer, said he expects it will be launched before the end of the year.

Ikonos 1, named after the Greek word for "image," has a camera capable of resolving objects one meter square -- about 10 square feet. That means the satellite would be able to distinguish between a car and truck, according to Space Imaging.

Until now, only military satellites have been able to photograph Earth in such detail. Some experts said they worried that images from Ikonos 1 could be used by terrorists or enemy governments to plan attacks or spot mobilizing troops.

The federal government approved the satellite in 1994. Space Imaging, a privately held company, said it expects its clients to use the images for urban planning, environmental monitoring, mapping, assessing the scope of natural disasters, oil and gas exploration, monitoring farmland and planning communication networks.

John Pike, an authority on space reconnaissance with the private Federation of American Scientists in Washington, D.C., pointed out that the government will not allow images of some places to be sold.

"The dilemma that you've got, though, is how do you make sure that Serbia

doesn't know where American troops are while making sure that American news media is able to cover the war," Pike said. "And we're obviously going to have a hard time drawing that line."

The satellite was built by Lockheed Martin Commercial Space Systems. Raytheon built the communications, image processing and other

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Date: Wed, 28 Apr 1999 21:40:10 +0100  
From: Sean Jones <tedric@tedric.demon.co.uk>  
Subject: Re: The road to Domestos

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In message <199904281238.NAA02597@irwell.zetnet.co.uk>, Lynda Matthews  
<matthews@zetnet.co.uk> writes

>UFO Research List

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>Dea All,

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>Why waste time with sightings? They're all very problematic and we end up  
>having no way to check the witness statements.

>

>Just chase the technology - or buy 'UFO Magazine'.

>

>The choice is yours.....

>

>Tim X

>

Hi Tim

Why waste time with sightings? I could give you plenty of reasons. But I  
am almost sure that you said this as a joke? Sightings are rarely  
problematic, but the witnesses can be. Explaining the sightings can  
sometimes be problematic as well, BUT and its a big but, how the hell do  
we gather our information if we don't "waste time" with sightings?

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People can have it any colour, as long as its black!

Sean Jones

Homepage--<http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Zone/1745/index.htm>

Research page--<http://www.tedric.demon.co.uk/>

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Date: Wed, 28 Apr 1999 22:01:25 -0400  
From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>  
Subject: Cash-Landrum and 'Bentwaters'

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Regarding:

>Date: Tue, 27 Apr 1999 19:11:32 -0400  
>From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>  
>Subject: Cash-Landrum  
>To: UFORL <UFORL@listbot.com>

I wrote:

>I'm looking for a sketch, drawn by the central witnesses, of the  
>diamond-shaped object reportedly observed.

>Can anyone help?

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Date: Thu, 29 Apr 1999 13:06:22 +0100 (BST)  
From: Chris Gibson <cgibson@dmu.ac.uk>  
Subject: Delta lights (fwd)Message-id: <Pine.GSU.4.04.9904291306130.169-100000@helios.dmu.ac.uk>

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----- Forwarded message -----

Date: Wed, 28 Apr 1999 16:36:19 +0000  
From: Chris Gibson <cgibson@skomer.u-net.com>Subject: Delta lights

I'm not too interested in the equilateral deltas (my description), but have kept an eye on the developments. Purely in the pursuit of balance, you understand.

I've been struck by reports of the equilateral deltas moving fast. Does any-one have a report of one of these deltas moving very fast. Now, I don't mean triplets of lights that jump from one position to another, but a discernable airframe at speed.

May I chip in my own lights in the sky report...

I've just returned from Borneo. While in a place called Balikpapan, I was walking from a restaurant to my accomodation I noticed the following

Time: 2010 local (GMT +8hrs)  
Date : end of march I can get the date, but don't have it here.  
Weather - 1/10 cloud  
Moon : low in the eastern sky, maybe 1/4 Moon, good clear sky, not too much light pollution.

What I saw: three point white lights in a triangular formation. moving across the sky from South to North. As they crossed the sky, not quite overhead of my position the dimmed and disappeared.

Classic delta sighting? Maybe not. These look like they are a trio of satellites. South to north movement - Polar orbit?

Dimming slightly before disappearing - I've seen sats do that.

A few years ago I was told about Triplets of sats that the US Navy / NSA or some other secret US non-profit government agency based in Maryland (That's how the reps from the Mitre Corporation introduced themselves to my wife) are flying. It was suggested these triplets were Ferrets doing Elint / Comint with the triplet being used for triangulation.

Dare I suggest that some of these lights in the sky sightings (not the ones where an airframe is discernable) are / were such triplet sats? If so how are the sudden changes in direction made?

Chris

PS I'd had one bottle of the excellent local Anker Bir.

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From: Chris Gibson <cgibson@dmu.ac.uk>  
Subject: Re: Delta lights (fwd)

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Oooops WWW.Trouble@mill.com with my email

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Can anyone verify this and has anyone else seen this type of thing?

Yours bemused

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From: Joel Carpenter <ufx@mindspring.com>  
Subject: Re: Delta lights (fwd)Message-id:  
<001801be925f\$7fa7e2d0\$23c9cdf@ws606a>

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-----Original Message-----

From: Chris Gibson <cgibson@dmu.ac.uk>Date: Thursday, April 29, 1999 12:16 PM  
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[http://www.fas.org/spp/military/program/surveill/noss\\_andronov.htm](http://www.fas.org/spp/military/program/surveill/noss_andronov.htm)

The U.S. Navy's "White Cloud" Spaceborne ELINT System

[Kosmicheskaya Sistema Radiotekhnicheskoy Razvedki VMS SShA "Uayt Klauud"]  
by Major A. Andronov  
Zarubezhnoye Voyennoye Obozreniye [Foreign Military Review] (ISSN  
0134-921X), No.7, 1993, pp.57-60  
translated by Allen Thomson

The US Navy's spaceborne electronic intelligence (ELINT) system, White Cloud, is based on SSU (Subsatellite Unit) satellites and is intended for determining the location of warships of foreign states and following them by the method of taking bearings on the ships' onboard radioelectronic equipment from several positions. Official Pentagon representatives try not to attract attention to this system, since it is the principal means of over-the-horizon reconnaissance and target designation for the US Navy's weapons systems. In comparison with other American reconnaissance satellites, (for example, "Keyhole" and "Lacrosse") the SSU satellites are mentioned comparatively infrequently and have various names: White Cloud, Classic Wizard, and Parcae.

The last designation more precisely reflects the mission and operating principle of the system's satellites. The mythological Parcae were the three daughters of Zeus and the goddess Themida (the SSU satellites are launched in groups of three and fly relatively close together.) One of the daughters spins the thread of fate for each mortal (one satellite has a wide observation swath, but cannot exactly determine the coordinates of radio emitters). The second daughter measures out a length of thread for each person (when two satellites get a fix on the shipborne emitters, the position is obtained, but with some ambiguity). The third sister (Atropos - "she from whom one may not flee") cuts the measured thread of life (the third satellite, getting a fix on the emitters' signals, enables their coordinates to be determined precisely and then transmitted to Navy ships for weapons employment....

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Subject: Re: Holistic Snark huntsMessage-id:  
<199904292025.VAA27287@irwell.zetnet.co.uk>

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I'm having great fun winding everyone here up - now you see what it's like!

Ha Ha!

Tim X - from a sunny beach somewhere within the NWO!!

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> From: Theo Paijmans <th.paijmans@wxs.nl>  
> To: uforl@listbot.com  
> Subject: Re: Holistic Snark hunts  
> Date: 03 March 1999 21:56  
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> UFO Research List  
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> Tim,  
>  
> I expected this manoeuvre to happen sooner or later in this discussion;  
it has  
> been deployed by W.A. Harbison in his Projekt UFO, where he too (and  
> genealogically speaking, before you) reasons that since UFOs are  
man-made, and  
> he obviously cannot explain - nor do you - that part of the sightings  
which  
> escape a readily man-made explanation, he simply brushes these aside as  
being  
> delusions etc. All so highly scientific. Thus you, Tim, seem to deploy  
the very  
> method which you accuse the ETH proponents of: instead of an open mind  
you  
> simply discard that part of the UFO phenomenon which has no place in your  
pet  
> theory. I presume you are able to back this claim of yours too, with some  
> decent references?  
>  
> Kind regards,  
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> Theo Paijmans  
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> Lynda Matthews wrote: actually, it was Tim, but anyway, here goes:  
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> To: UFORL@listbot.com  
> Subject: Re: Holistic Snark hunts  
> Date: 28 April 1999 18:05  
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What is my agenda? It changes from day to day.....

Shades of Commander X??!!

No - the "Yanks" are OK and you'll be horrified to learn that I have  
relatives all over the US.

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> - J Carpenter

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Here's another reference on these sats:

- J Carpenter

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[http://www.tbs-satellite.com/tse/online/prog\\_noss.html](http://www.tbs-satellite.com/tse/online/prog_noss.html)

Program: NOSS

Naval Ocean Surveillance System, also called Parcae

American military ocean reconnaissance system. The first experimental satellite of this program could be 05678 / 71110A

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Whitecloud (1976-1987, 9 satellites)

The NOSS constellation consists of three orbital planes, each containing four satellites flying in formation; a main satellite and three sub-satellites. Some believe that the satellites periodically deploy solar sails to provide the propulsion required to maintain their precise formation flight.

Another theory says the satellites would be connected by long (several km!) wires?

Some of the NOSS launches carried a LIPS (Living Plume Shield) subsatellite. In those cases a jetisonable toroidal plume shield, which protected the satellite from the exhaust of the Star-37E motor, was fitted with some solar-cell experiments.

The use of the Star-37E motor for the NOSS launches is somewhat conjectural, but its performance fits good with the published weights of the NOSS satellites.

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Triplet (1990-..., 3 satellites)

Satellites equipped with infrared sensors, built by Martin Marietta, 3600 kg

The cluster could be composed of only the 3 sub-satellites?

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Date: Fri, 30 Apr 1999 08:35:32 -0400  
From: joel carpenter <ufx@mindspring.com>  
Subject: Re: Holistic Snark huntsMessage-id:  
<000601be9305\$f15bd700\$18c9cdf@ms015609>

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>Hello Tim,

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>Hopefully the weather on the beach (Neville Shute?) is good. Say, old chap,  
do

>you really like your self appointed role as agent provocateur?

>

>Kind regards,

>

>Theo Paijmans

Careful, Timmy, that stick in the water is really the periscope of a US sub.

- J Carpenter

Aerial Polygon Coverup Division (Provisional)  
Office of Navel Research

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>Lynda Matthews wrote:

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>> I'm having great fun winding everyone here up - now you see what it's  
like!

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>> Ha Ha!

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>> Tim X - from a sunny beach somewhere within the NWO!!

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Date: Fri, 30 Apr 1999 11:49:16 -0400  
From: Joel Carpenter <ufx@mindspring.com>  
Subject: UFO sightingMessage-id: <002b01be9321\$0134e480\$0ecbcdcf@ws606a>

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NOSS 2-3 by naked eye  
Terry Pundiak (terrypun@fast.net)  
Thu, 02 Jul 1998 00:05:46 -0500

Messages sorted by: [ date ][ thread ][ subject ][ author ]  
Next message: Earl Needham: "Re: Spacecom told OIG not to release the full list"  
Previous message: jeff@satellite.eu.org: "RE: Spot 3 / Seesat-L problems"

The triplet satellites NOSS 2-3 (C,D, and E) came over on schedule tonight and they looked as neat as ever - about 1 to 2 degrees apart from each other... forming a nice vee in the direction that it was heading. Very dim - about mag 5 or 6, initially, but brightened a great deal near their illumination extinction. And just 10 or 20 seconds before they entered the Earth's shadow, they had brightened to about magnitude 3.5 - and actually naked eye visible even in my light polluted area were I can't see anything dimmer than about 4.0 at this time....

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Date: Fri, 30 Apr 1999 22:17:59 -0400  
From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>  
Subject: Re: Delta lights

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Regarding:

>Date: Thu, 29 Apr 1999 13:06:22 +0100 (BST)  
>From: Chris Gibson <cgibson@dmu.ac.uk>  
>To: uforl@listbot.com  
>Subject: Delta lights (fwd)

Chris wrote:

>I've been struck by reports of the equilateral deltas moving  
>fast. Does any-one have a report of one of these deltas moving  
>very fast.

Chris,

Yes, there are various reports.

Where to start... a useful source is the National UFO Reporting Center's (NUFORC) on-line database and I recently compiled an index of 208 "Triangles" reports at:

<http://www.ufocenter.com/ndxTriangle.html>

I've also downloaded all of these reports and created one large text file which can be searched for key words. Here's one report [I've allowed the spell checker to correct contents of all reports] of a "fast" triangular-shaped object:

Sighting Report

Occurred : 1/28/1999 06:30 (Entered as : 01/28/99 06:30)

Reported : 2/2/1999 06:40

Posted : 2/16/1999

Location : Scottsdale, AZ

Shape : Triangle

Over the past few days 1-25-99 until yesterday 1-31-99 I've seen some interesting things in the sky over north Scottsdale in AZ. I wont speculate on what I saw but I will provide this brief explanation. The rear balcony of my 2nd story apartment faces east - north/east overlooking Stone Creek Golf course so I've a very clear view with little or no obstruction. The other day I was relaxing on my balcony just enjoying the sky as I am an amateur astronomer. Then I saw a streak in the sky low on the

horizon about 10 degrees. This streak was black against the darkening sky, and triangular in shape. The time was around 6:30 pm and the sky was turning a deep low saturation purple as is does here in the desert. The shape almost reminded me of an orderly flock of birds but it was clearly not birds as the speed was way to great and there was no variation in its shape, it was solid. The object covered at least 45 degrees horizontally in about 2 seconds. I estimate the object to be approximately 2 to 4 miles distant making it quite large about the size of an f-15 or larger. At first I thought this is what I must have seen but there were no lights and no reflected light the only way I saw the object was due to the fact that it obscured the darkening sky. The sky was dark but the object was much darker. There was no sound and what seemed to be a dark streak or trail behind the object. I noticed that I could more clearly see the object by not looking directly at it. As all astronomers know when looking at very faint objects it is best to not look directly at the object due to the make up of the human eye, rods and cones. I've a very clear understanding of aircraft, speed, size and action. Just to the north east of me is the Scottsdale Airpark, an airport that can handle many types of jets up to small passenger jets. It is a very busy airport and at any time you can see 4 to 6 jets on approach from the north. I know how fast a leer jet looks as it takes off and lands and this object was approximately 5 times that. Well after this first sighting a couple days ago I didn't give it much more thought, I don't need to dwell on such things as I've seen many unexplained things in the sky. Well yesterday I saw 2 more such objects in the same place at the same time with 2 friends who also saw something. This time I saw the object for a good 90 degrees horizontally it was not quite as dark so I could see it more clearly. This occurred just after the full moon had cleared the mountains in the distance. Again there was no sound and the shape was triangular. I saw one and then within a few seconds another one. I could clearly point at it and follow it across the sky telling my friends as it crossed various reference points such as houses and the moon. I'll be watching the desert skies at dusk in that area everyday now with my camcorder in hand.

[End]

>May I chip in my own lights in the sky report...

>What I saw: three point white lights in a triangular formation.  
>moving across the sky from South to North. As they crossed the  
>sky, not quite overhead of my position the dimmed and  
>disappeared.

>Classic delta sighting? Maybe not. These look like they are a  
>trio of satellites. South to north movement - Polar orbit?

>Dimming slightly before disappearing - I've seen sats do that.

>A few years ago I was told about Triplets of sats that the US  
>Navy / NSA or some other secret US non-profit government agency  
>based in Maryland (That's how the reps from the Mitre  
>Corporation introduced themselves to my wife) are flying. It was  
>suggested these triplets were Ferrets doing Elint / Comint with  
>the triplet being used for triangulation.

>Dare I suggest that some of these lights in the sky sightings  
>(not the ones where an airframe is discernible) are / were such  
>triplet sats?

Following on from comments made by Joel and yourself, I believe it's now possible, maybe for the first time, to confidently state that some of the more recent 'triangular UFO' reports can be explained as exactly that.

One thing noticeable in looking at the NUFORC data was the number of sightings which came from amateur astronomers who had seen something 'triangular' moving at high altitude and could not be equated with a satellite.

Reading through this data with the hindsight of what's been highlighted here, it's evident that some observations are consistent with 'triplets' of satellites. The following is a classic example:

Occurred : 7/3/1998 00:30 (Entered as : 07/03/98 24:30)

Reported : 8/4/1998 00:33

Posted : 11/21/1998

Location : Campbell River (Vancouver Island), B.C.,

Shape : Triangle

I was laying out on my sundeck looking at the stars. It was just after midnight and the sky was mostly clear with some high cirrus. As I looked up I saw what I thought was a satellite, except it seemed to be moving almost twice as fast as the average satellite. It only took a fraction of a second for me to realize that there was more than one point of light moving across the sky (as described above). The three points of light that made up the main outline of the triangle were a dull reddish-orange colour and about the same size as most of the smaller stars that make up the night sky. The two other lights that could be seen from within the triangle were a white light but were no larger and only slightly more intense than the outer lights. These two lights were quite close together and located on either side of a central axis extending from a halfway point at the base to the

apex and closer to the front of the craft. I could not see any of the usual running lights associated with typical aircraft ie. (port and starboard lights and the bright pulsing central light). As it moved across the sky in a southeast to northwest direction it seemed to me that there was no substance to this shape, as if it were held together by strands of wire, with the leading light pulling the others in tow. The colour within the triangle was exactly the colour of the night sky, and there was no dark silhouette, and no reflected light. It did make a slight sound as it passed overhead but, the sound was not far behind which seemed odd considering the speed it seemed to be travelling at. It was not as loud or delayed as even the highest jetliners that fly over. The best way to describe the size would be to say that across the base of the triangle it would measure about the length of an average human thumb extended to arms length, with the two sides being slightly longer than the base. I was the only one in my family to see this although my wife and three children were all sleeping beside me. I tried to wake my wife but the duration of the event was so short that she never had a chance to roll over. I am 45 years old and I have been married for ten years I have three young children and I live an otherwise normal and routine existence. I have my own design and construction business and my wife is a recreational co-ordinator. We own our house and live in a suburban neighbourhood. I would like to know if anyone else saw this object on this or any other night or if anyone can give a reasonable or scientific explanation of this sighting.  
[End]

Noting that, "it seemed to me that there was no substance to this shape, as if it were held together by strands of wire, with the leading light pulling the others in tow. The colour within the triangle was exactly the colour of the night sky", it's a fair bet that what was observed within the triangle of lights \_was\_ the night sky.

Can't explain the 'slight sound' and would have to assume this was unrelated or inadvertently imagined.

Another example:

Occurred : 11/16/1998 22:11 (Entered as : 11/16/98 22:11)  
Reported : 11/17/1998 16:56  
Posted : 11/19/1998  
Location : Greeley, CO  
Shape : Triangle

I was in my backyard hoping to catch a view of the Leonid meteor shower.

Date: Fri, 30 Apr 1999 23:20:03 -0400  
From: Joel Carpenter <ufx@mindspring.com>  
Subject: Re: Delta lightsMessage-id: <001601be9381\$81c92560\$ebc9cdf@ws606a>

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Regarding:

>Date: Thu, 29 Apr 1999 13:06:22 +0100 (BST)  
>From: Chris Gibson <cgibson@dmu.ac.uk>  
>To: uforl@listbot.com  
>Subject: Delta lights (fwd)

Chris wrote:

>I've been struck by reports of the equilateral deltas moving  
>fast. Does any-one have a report of one of these deltas moving  
>very fast.

James, Chris, List members -

I have been looking for better information on these triplet satellites...obviously it's hard to evaluate the accuracy of the data on things that are as classified as these spacecraft are, but evidently there are at least two independent systems that use these triad configurations - NOSS/White Cloud/Parcae being the older system going back as far as 1976. Drawings and technical details at:  
<http://www.fas.org/spp/military/program/surveill/noss.htm>

The second system is Space-Based Wide-Area Surveillance System, SBWASS:  
[http://www.fas.org/spp/military/program/surveill/sbwass\\_n.htm](http://www.fas.org/spp/military/program/surveill/sbwass_n.htm)

"Under the unacknowledged program, the first Navy SB-WASS triplet (USA 59 - 1990-50) was launched on 8 June 1990 by the second flight of a Titan 4 from the Eastern Test Range. The booster was launched at a reported inclination of 51 degrees, but a significant plane change maneuver placed the spacecraft into a circular 454 kilometer orbit inclined at 61 degrees. A subsequent maneuver on 19 June raised the inclination of the orbit to 63.4 degrees, and following this maneuver three SB-WASS sub-satellites were released.

The identity of these primary payloads was initially unclear, with several interpretations under discussion, including a possible relationship to the KH-9 SIGINT sub-satellites.

However, it is clear that both of these launches also included a triplet of

sub-satellites, which were placed into a 63 degree inclination orbit that would permit them to maintain a stable relative formation in orbit. Thus these sub-satellites have been interpreted as being probably related to the NOSS program. Each of these would have a mass of several thousand kilograms, consistent with the presence of an advanced infrared scanning sensor, such as was contemplated under the acknowledged program.

A second triplet (USA 72 - 1991-76) was launched on a Titan 4 on 8 November 1991. A third attempted launch ended in failure on 4 August 1993. At least one more launch is planned to complete the operational constellation. This occurred on 12 May 1996..."

The SBWASS triplet satellites are enormous. C. P. Vick's drawing shows that the solar panels have 100-foot spans.

A chart at <http://www.fas.org/spp/military/program/surveill/open.htm> shows a timeline for the development of parts of this system. It may be of interest that the "Bus 1" propulsion system for SBWASS, shown at the bottom of this page, was apparently proposed at one point as a possible replacement for the then-delayed Russian FBG propulsion module of the International Space Station.

Apologies for unnecessary facetiousness in previous posts.

- J Carpenter

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Date: Sat, 01 May 1999 15:24:22 +0000  
From: win@writer.win-uk.net (David)  
Subject: Re: Delta lights / Man-Made Unconventional A/CMessage-id:  
<931@writer.win-uk.net>

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Chris Gibson wrote:

>Anyway, what the message said was that while I was out in Indonesia I had  
>seen a trio of satellites pass overhead from south to north. I was just  
>north of the equator in a place called Balikpapan (get the atlas out, I  
>had to) time about 2010hrs local, I'd have to check the date, but it was  
>about 5 weeks ago.

>

>These three sats were in a triangular formation. What I was wondering was  
>if this type of formation has been seen before, could this account for  
>some of the "lights only" delta sightings?

[edit]

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>PPS I think I mailed Dave Windle about this the following day. Got a date  
>Dave?

Yes. This would be 29 March.

Thanks Joel for the sat. info. Very interesting and much appreciated.  
Bill Rose has taken at some images of these things, and with his  
permission, I'm passing on his remarks:

BEGIN QUOTE

Satellite Formation

During the early hours of April 26 1992, I was making a series of  
night sky tests with a new wide aperture 50mm camera lens near to my  
home in Eastern England.

As I wound on the film and opened the shutter, I spotted a formation of  
what appeared to be three satellites entering my field of view and I  
managed to make two 15 second exposures on very fast B&W film.

A couple of minutes later, the three points of light had passed beyond  
visual range, although I noticed they were very close to each other and  
seemed to be travelling in a highly inclined polar orbit.

I guessed they were probably NOSS (Naval Oceanic Surveillance  
Satellites) or perhaps a Russian equivalent, but enquiries (to the  
RGO, NASA and BAA's satellite section) failed to track down any launches

which might have been responsible.

The pictures have subsequently been published in several magazines and there has been some response from other astronomers who have seen similar formations.

Bill Rose  
END QUOTE

I'd like to make a few very quick observations on the way things seem to be going here on with the discussion of man-made, unconventional aircraft and their place in the study of aerial phenomena:

I know Joel has spent a good deal of time and effort in researching the subject, and his comments are based on that body of work. For that reason, I take his points very seriously.

As far as I'm aware, none of us looking into this area have the answers to >all< the questions that arise from the man-made hypothesis, so FWIW, I feel we should exchange information where possible rather than argue.

I know factors like writing books and articles will delay this exchange to some extent for obvious reasons, but we need to decide which is more important: getting to the bottom of these things or pushing our own pet hypotheses.

James has taken the trouble to set up this invitation-only list to keep the noise level down, isn't it up to us ensure we draw on the collective experience of those here to generate some meaningful signal ?

Finally, no-one is suggesting that a/c of whatever type are a panacea of explanation for all UFO sightings, but no-one here would argue that a/c do generate UFO reports. As we know, the CIA has admitted to early U-2 and A-12 flights being the cause of many reports. On the grounds of OPSEC, it seems reasonable to assume , that should classified a/c (operated by whatever agency) be dismissed as UFOs, it would their owners very well.

Best

David

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Date: Sun, 02 May 1999 20:15:18 -0400  
From: Joel Carpenter <ufx@mindspring.com>  
Subject: Open source/"black" program  
Message-id: <004301be94fa\$071082d0\$a2cbcdcf@ws606a>

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Listmembers-

This may seem off-topic, but it's an example of how you can "read between the press releases" to get a pretty detailed picture of how open projects relate to "black" programs. If you went to the reconnaissance agencies and asked them for details of the propulsion system of the Triplet reconnaissance satellites you'd be laughed out the door. But with just a little hunting I found the items below, which give many details on the International Space Station's Interim Control Module, which was based on the Triplet's maneuvering engine module. With a little more digging you can get down to the actual engines used, fuels, etc. IMO, more of this needs to be done re the alleged FTs.

- J Carpenter

<http://www.nrl.navy.mil/pao/rel-97/7-97r.html>  
NRL Revamping Control Module for NASA Space Station

(Washington, DC · June 1997) -- A spacecraft previously designed and flown by the Naval Research Laboratory (NRL) on a Titan IV rocket has been selected by NASA to serve as the back-up Interim Control Module (ICM) for the International Space Station (ISS).

ICM will be mated with the ISS via the Shuttle, and will reboost the ISS to higher orbits and provide attitude and guidance control for the positioning of the spacecraft. ICM may also provide a refueling capability that could extend ISS operations for up to 3 years. Using this spacecraft in combination with Clementine- and NASA-derived hardware designs, NRL will be able to meet NASA's tight schedule for providing a means to control the ISS during its critical "build-up" stage and keep this major U.S. space program "on track."

ICM, which was originally designed by NRL's Naval Center for Space Technology (NCST) in the 1980's to launch on NASA's Space Shuttle, was first named the Shuttle Launch Dispenser (SLD). It was developed for and funded by the National Reconnaissance Office.

The SLD program had passed its Phase Two Safety Review at the time of the Challenger accident in 1986. Subsequently, all Department of Defense missions were directed to launch on expendable launchers. The SLD had to launch on the then-new Titan IV, which necessitated that certain modifications be made. At that time, the instrument was renamed the Titan Launch Dispenser (TLD). The first TLD was launched from the Eastern Test

Range and therefore, the system has gone through all the field processing and safety reviews required to load its 12,000 lbs of bi-propellant fuel and oxidizer.

The TLD program ended in 1996. All residual hardware was retained by NRL for future potential use. Modifications are now required to change the TLD into the ICM needed for the ISS. TLD was spin-stabilized and ICM requires three-axis stabilization.

Propellant management devices will be added inside the propellant tanks and the attitude control electronics will be changed to a three-axis design. NRL had previously developed the three-axis Clementine spacecraft and many of those designs and components will be used on ICM. Clementine also used a 110-lb thrust main engine, which will replace the 900-lb engine used on TLD. The Command and Data Handling will be changed to make it ISS compatible and will include communications via tracking and data relay satellite systems.

<http://ifmp.nasa.gov/codeb/budget2000/HTML/RPA.htm>

The U.S./Russian Cooperation and Program Assurance (RPA), as part one Step one, was initiated in May 1997. It provided contingency planning funds to address ISS program requirements resulting from delays on the part of Russia in meeting its commitments to the ISS program. The first step in the contingency plan, which was to protect against a potential further delay in the SM, has been implemented. The ISS program is purchasing an interim control module (ICM) from the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory (NRL) to provide attitude control and reboost functions for continuation of the ISS assembly sequence in case the Russian SM is launched later than July 1999. The NRL's ICM is currently being prepared to support a March 2000 launch to back up any shortfall of Progress fuel resupply vehicles. The Program is also maintaining an option to attach it to the back of the Russian-built functional cargo block (FGB), should the Russian Service Module slip considerably beyond its scheduled launch in July 1999.

Step One of NASA's RPA contingency plan had two primary components. First, modifications were done to the Zarya, an element purchased from Russia and owned by the U.S, to enhance the Zarya's propulsion control capabilities and make it refuelable. The Zarya was launched on November 20, 1998. Second, the development of an interim control module (ICM) is being pursued to ensure that sufficient attitude and reboost capability is available if required in the assembly sequence. The Zarya modifications and the ICM addition will enable the on-orbit build to continue even without the Russian Service Module, although not as planned due to the loss of the Service Module's habitation resources...

<http://www.marquardt.com/products.htm>

In the early 1960s – the dawn of the space age – Kaiser Marquardt developed and produced man-rated high performance 100 lbf earth storable liquid rocket engines for the Apollo Service Modules and Apollo Lunar Modules. Subsequent man-rated engines produced by Kaiser Marquardt included the 870 lbf Primary and 25 lbf Vernier thrusters for the Space Shuttle Orbiter. The most recent application of Kaiser Marquardt's 100 lbf and 25 lbf engines are for the

International Space Station Interim Control Module.

<http://www.marquardt.com/R-4D.htm>

110 lbf (490 NEWTON)

LIQUID BIPROPELLANT ROCKET ENGINE

Model Number R-4D

#### Technical Description

The Model R-4D rocket engine is a pressure fed liquid bipropellant configuration providing a nominal thrust of 110 lbf (490 Newton) at a minimum inlet pressure of 210 to 235 psia (15 to 16 bar). The demonstrated operating thrust range is 60 to 135 lbf (270 to 600 Newton). The engine design incorporates radiation and fuel film cooling and a C-103 (niobium) combustion chamber material operating at 2350°F (1300°C). The engine is capable of operation at electrical pulse widths from less than 0.050 second to 45,000 seconds of steady state on time. Solenoid valves provide positive isolation of the nitrogen tetroxide oxidizer and monomethylhydrazine fuel during non-operating periods. The engine has also demonstrated more than 2 hours of firing time using hydrazine fuel at specific impulse levels of 317 seconds.

#### Performance Characteristics

##### Spec Highlights (with MON-3/MMH)

##### Thrust

110 lbf

490 Newtons

##### Specific Impulse

315.5 seconds

3100 N-sec/kg

##### Inlet Pressure Range

100 to 425 psia

7 to 29 bar

##### Voltage Range

21 to 50 vdc

##### Minimum Impulse Bit

3.5 lbf sec

15.6 N-sec

##### Maximum Impulse

4,500,000 lbf sec

20,000,000 N-sec

##### Weight

8.0 lbm  
3.6 kg

Temperature Range  
20 to 160° F  
-7 to 71° C

Size:

Length  
27.5 inches  
70 cm

Maximum Diameter  
15 inches @ Nozzle Exit  
38 cm @ Nozzle Exit

Status  
Flight Qualified

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Date: Mon, 10 May 1999 21:55:22 -0400  
From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>  
Subject: Captain Ardanza's 'Unidentified Submarine Object'

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I have posted the following to the 'PROJECT-1947' mailing list, where the case was first mentioned and thought it might also be of interest to this list's non 'PROJECT-1947' subscribers.

James.

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Re: 7/20/67 - Captain Ardanza and crew, Naviero,  
Cape Santa Maria Grande, Brazil.

Mark Cashman recently mentioned that the above case was featured on his (excellent) web site at:

<http://www.geocities.com/~mcashman/ufo/report/670720.htm>

I hadn't seen this one before and immediately realised that details of the 'object' were similar to a mass of bioluminescent marine creatures.

I've highlighted the case on a marine biology mailing list and asked if any subscribers could offer an explanation which would meet all the characteristics - size, speed, diving and resurfacing, 'glowing' etc. - mentioned in the strange tale of Captain Ardanza.

On the list and privately, one apparently prime candidate has been suggested - *Pyrostremma spinosum* (*Pyrostoma*).

Never heard of it...? Can't say I had either.

Dr Dennis P. Gordon from the National Institute of Water & Atmospheric Research, near Wellington, New Zealand, wrote:

"The fire salp *Pyrostremma spinosum* (*Pyrostoma*) achieves lengths of 20 m. Photographs were published in 1971 of giant colonies (with a diver entering one end) in New Zealand waters (see references below). Divers described the organism as a looking like a giant sock. Their powers of propulsion are limited but I presume they may appear to accelerate if affected by the

underwater wake of a passing vessel.

References :

Baker, A.N. 1971: *Pyrosoma spinosum* Herdman, a giant pelagic tunicate new to New Zealand waters. *Records of the Dominion Museum (Wellington)* 7(12): 107-117.

Grace, R.V. 1971: Giant pyrosoma seen in New Zealand seas. *Australian Natural History* 17(4): 118-119".

Gustav Paulay, from the Marine Laboratory, University of Guam, also responded:

"The pelagic tunicates known as pyrosomas fit the shape, luminescence and even approach that size, but not the speed".

If the reported speed of the object was actually within parameters for *Pyrostoma*, then this explanation seems a reasonable conclusion; the luminescence especially, I would have thought was a significant clue.

It can't be proven of course, however, am I correct in assuming this conceivable explanation hasn't previously been considered?

James.

E-mail:pulsar@compuserve.com

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Date: Mon, 10 May 1999 21:56:09 -0400  
From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>  
Subject: Tremonton Footage

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Copied for information, a further posting to the 'PROJECT-1947'  
list.

Any suggested explanations re these films?

James.

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Regarding:

>Date: Fri, 5 Mar 1999 00:57:59 EST  
>From: Brad Sparks <RB47Expert@AOL.COM>  
>Subject: Re: Utah images not birds  
>To: PROJECT-1947@LISTSERV.AOL.COM

Replying to:

>From: slk <slk@EVANSVILLE.NET>  
>Subject: Re: Utah images not birds  
>Date: Thu, 4 Mar 1999 20:43:40 -0600

Brad wrote:

>I've repeatedly stated that NO ONE has ever taken a MOVIE CAMERA  
>COMPARABLE or identical to Newhouse's out to the Tremonton area  
>under similar lighting and weather conditions, using COMPARABLE  
>FILM (here in the late 90's it might be harder finding film  
>comparable to early 50's film in sensitivity, grain size, color  
>separation, etc., than it was in the 50's), and attempted to  
>duplicate Newhouse's exposure settings while filming seagulls,  
>other birds and objects, at varying distances nearly overhead  
>(as Newhouse did) as well as near the horizon, and then tried  
>focusing and defocusing, zooming in and out, following one bird  
>as well as flocks, etc.

Brad,

For general information and appreciating this may be known, there  
are two comparative films to the Tremonton footage which were  
shown on 'Sightings'.

One source of these is a video, 'UFOs Over Mexico', available from UFO Magazine (UK). It's a recording of the presentation given by Santiago Yturria Garza on 8 September 1996 at the Quest International conference.

I've had a look at this again and amongst the footage shown by Santiago are two films, one shot in Monterrey, Mexico on October 27, 1992 and the other attributed to South Korea, September 1995.

Some of the 'Sightings' segment is included, featuring the almost obligatory analysis from Jim Dilettoso, plus the Tremonton footage. The comparison between all three films is highlighted and the similarities are quite striking.

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Date: Tue, 11 May 1999 01:49:03 -0400 (EDT)  
From: RB47Expert@aol.com  
Subject: Re: Tremonton FootageMessage-id: <9d6a1dac.24691ecf@aol.com>

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James,

I'm not familiar with the Mexico and Korean footage so I can't comment on possible similarities to the Tremonton (not "Trementon"), Utah, film of July 2, 1952.

One point I might add is that on the C-E or 1947 List someone rebutted that Dr. Robert M. L. Baker had done a simulation of the Tremonton film with a movie camera. However, it turns out that Baker did his experiments in Southern California using stationary painted targets instead of actual flying or soaring birds, and he does not specify the make and model of movie camera in the report I have (1968 House Symposium on UFO's).

Baker himself recommends, " However, actual movies of birds in flight would have to be taken to completely confirm this conclusion." (p. 140) Baker had concluded that the images did not conform to what would be expected for birds.

Brad

In a message dated 5/10/99 6:56:44 PM, pulsar@compuserve.com writes:

>UFO Research List  
>  
>Copied for information, a further posting to the ' PROJECT-1947'  
>list.  
>  
>Any suggested explanations re these films?  
>  
>James.  
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>Regarding:  
>  
>>Date: Fri, 5 Mar 1999 00:57:59 EST  
>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47Expert@AOL.COM>  
>>Subject: Re: Utah images not birds  
>>To: PROJECT-1947@LISTSERV.AOL.COM  
>  
>Replying to:  
>  
>>From: slk <slk@EVANSVILLE.NET>  
>>Subject: Re: Utah images not birds

>>Date: Thu, 4 Mar 1999 20:43:40 -0600

>

>Brad wrote:

>

>>I've repeatedly stated that NO ONE has ever taken a MOVIE CAMERA  
>>COMPARABLE or identical to Newhouse's out to the Tremonton area  
>>under similar lighting and weather conditions, using COMPARABLE  
>>FILM (here in the late 90's it might be harder finding film  
>>comparable to early 50's film in sensitivity, grain size, color  
>>separation, etc., than it was in the 50's), and attempted to  
>>duplicate Newhouse's exposure settings while filming seagulls,  
>>other birds and objects, at varying distances nearly overhead  
>>(as Newhouse did) as well as near the horizon, and then tried  
>>focusing and defocusing, zooming in and out, following one bird  
>>as well as flocks, etc.

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>Brad,

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>For general information and appreciating this may be known, there  
>are two comparative films to the Tremonton footage which were  
>shown on 'Sightings'.

>

>One source of these is a video, 'UFOs Over Mexico', available  
>from UFO Magazine (UK). It's a recording of the presentation  
>given by Santiago Yturria Garza on 8 September 1996 at the Quest  
>International conference.

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Date: Tue, 11 May 1999 07:34:44 -0400  
From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>  
Subject: Re: Trementon Footage

UFO Research List

[Forwarded]

From: KRandle993@aol.com  
Date: Mon, 10 May 1999 22:05:46 EDT  
Subject: Re: Trementon Footage

Hello All -

Just a note to let those interested in the Trementon footage that I had the opportunity to speak to Newhouse in the 1970s. He told me then, as he told others earlier, that he and his wife had seen the objects close at hand. By the time he got the car stopped and his camera out and began filming, the objects had moved off a long way.

The Blue Book files, as well as Ruppelt's book suggest that Newhouse told others that the object had a specific shape and that as they flew over the car, he was unable to identify them. Unfortunately his film provides us with few real clues.

KRandle

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Date: Tue, 11 May 1999 07:47:58 -0400 (EDT)  
From: RB47Expert@aol.com  
Subject: Re: Tremonton FootageMessage-id: <d5176f70.246972ee@aol.com>

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Even more unfortunately it seems no investigator ever obtained a statement directly from Mrs. Newhouse or the two children or interviewed them. It is effectively a single-witness case because of that. The misguided mentality has always seemed to be that "we have the film why do we need the witnesses?"

BTW everyone the spelling is TremOnton not TremEnton.

Brad

In a message dated 5/11/99 4:35:12 AM, pulsar@compuserve.com writes:

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Date: Wed, 12 May 1999 19:51:42 -0400  
From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>  
Subject: Fu-Go Balloons

UFO Research List

\* LIST ONLY \*

A historical topic, specifically relevant to the PROJECT-1947 mailing list and cross-posted from there for information.

James.

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I recently came across a book called 'Secrets and Stories of the War' published in 1963 by the Reader's Digest.

It contains an insightful article about the Fu-Go (Fugo) balloons and I thought it might be of further interest:

**JAPAN'S LAST SECRET WEAPON - BALLOONS**  
By Brigadier-General W. H. Wilbur  
(Formerly Chief of Staff, US Western Defence Command)

The first bombing of Tokyo, on 18th April 1942, hit the Japanese right in the middle of their pride. Casting about for a means of reprisal, they conceived the first transoceanic automatic-balloon campaign in history. It took them two years to get ready, but in the six months following 1st November 1944 they turned loose 9,000 ingeniously contrived gas-bags, engineered to drop incendiary and fragmentation bombs on American forests, farms and cities.

These new weapons, thirty-three feet in diameter, were designed to travel across the Pacific at an altitude of 30,000 to 35,000 feet, where prevailing air currents move towards America at the rate of 100 to 200 miles an hour. Although no human hand exercised any control over the balloons - even by radio - after their release, it is conservatively estimated that between 900 and 1,000 of them reached the American continent.

They appeared everywhere, from Alaska to Mexico. Nearly 200 more or less complete units were found in the north-western United States and western Canada. Fragments of seventy-five more were picked up on land elsewhere or fished out of the coastal waters of the Pacific, and flashes in the sky indicated to observers that at least 100 exploded in mid-air.

Efforts have been made to belittle this attack. The fact remains that it marked a significant development in the art of war. For the first time, missiles were sent overseas without human guidance, and the threat of damage was very real. Fortunately winter snows eliminated the forest-fire hazard. If the balloon assault had continued into the dry summer, when America's vast western forests were like tinder; if the Japanese had maintained their March 1945 rate of launching an average of 100 balloons a day; and if they had equipped them with hundreds of small incendiaries instead of a few large ones - or with bacteriological agents - they would have wrought havoc.

The Japanese made their first mass balloon tests in the spring of 1944, setting loose 200 trial gas-bags. None of these reached American shores. The first successful ocean-spanning balloons were released on 1st November 1944, and on 4th November the first report of them was received. That day a navy patrol craft spotted what looked like a large fragment of tattered cloth floating on the sea. A sailor tried to drag the fragment aboard and discovered a heavy mass attached to it. Unable to lift it, he slashed it off with a knife, thus permitting the undercarriage of gadgets and explosives to sink. All that was salvaged was the envelope; it bore Japanese marks, however, and revealed the fact that something mysterious has been introduced into the struggle of war.

Date: Thu, 13 May 1999 07:49:25 -0400  
From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>  
Subject: List Members

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Date: Thu, 13 May 1999 07:50:10 -0400  
From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>  
Subject: List 'Housekeeping'

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It's that twilight zone which is devoid of abject nonsense and where objectivity replaces resolute 'religious', or sceptical, dogma.

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If it appears on this list, it shouldn't be seen anywhere else without the originator's permission.

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8. The list software also requires that each posting is no larger than 100k in size.

9. Strict 'Netiquette' rules apply and all postings are expected to be cordial, ensuring the list is always a pleasant environment.

For further information see:

<http://www.pbs.org/uti/guide/netiquette.html>

10. Any related problems or queries should be addressed to:

UFORL-owner@listbot.com

James.

E-mail: [pulsar@compuserve.com](mailto:pulsar@compuserve.com)

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Date: Thu, 13 May 1999 07:51:02 -0400  
From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>  
Subject: List 'Housekeeping' and Development

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Expanding on some 'housekeeping' items:

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Please check that you're reply isn't trailing the entire original message!

"The list software also requires that each posting is no larger than 100k in size".

This is a new and significant enhancement, the previous limit was 10k.

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Some initial, 'heated' viewpoints were expected and although a few comments were noted as less than congenial, I trusted that would all settle down.

As it looks like this list is here to stay and it's intended to expand the membership to over 100 subscribers in the near future - for example, a number of recognised scientists who are known to have an objective interest in the subject matter are being invited to join - that period of leniency has expired forthwith.

One of the advantages of having this list is that people can be invited to subscribe, even for a short time.

Similar to an on-line conference, someone who has e-mail and was agreeable to answering questions, perhaps discussing their research, encounter, experience(s) etc., could be subscribed for a brief period.

Any suggestions along these lines?

There's also no reason why current subscribers can't invite others to join the list, providing of course any new subscribers fully understand the list's objectives.

Those interested in subscribing can write to:

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They will then be sent the standard 'verification' message.

James.

E-mail: pulsar@compuserve.com

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Date: Thu, 13 May 1999 13:55:08 +0200  
From: Theo Paijmans <th.paijmans@wxs.nl>  
Subject: Re: List MembersMessage-id: <373ABD9C.E6EB7227@wxs.nl>  
X-Accept-Language: en  
References: <199905130749\_MC2-758C-D9A9@compuserve.com>

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Best,

Theo

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Date: Thu, 13 May 1999 13:06:58 -0400 (EDT)  
From: RB47Expert@aol.com  
Subject: Re: List MembersMessage-id: <6a35ae7b.246c60b2@aol.com>

UFO Research List

Hi Theo,

James said he wasn't going to provide the E-mail addresses with the names, so it cannot be used for advertising or spamming. I for one would like to know who is on this List so I have an idea of the kind of resources are available -- this is the first time I've spoken up on this so I'm not the one(s) who first suggested it.

Brad Sparks

In a message dated 5/13/99 4:53:19 AM, th.paijmans@wxs.nl writes:

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Date: Thu, 13 May 1999 17:48:31 -0400  
From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>  
Subject: Re: List Members

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Regarding:

>Date: Thu, 13 May 1999 13:55:08 +0200  
>From: Theo Paijmans <th.paijmans@wxs.nl>  
>To: UFORL@listbot.com  
>Subject: Re: List Members

Theo wrote:

>Before I'd like to see my name included in a list, I'd like to know who  
>would want a list with subscribers and what for?

Theo,

Although I had replied to your question by return, that reply seems to have gone astray.

I should have clarified that the information was for posting to the list only. No details, even names, are ever disclosed elsewhere.

So, you won't be receiving any 'special offers' from 'Candy' or 'Melissa'. ;)

James.  
E-mail:pulsar@compuserve.com

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Date: Thu, 13 May 1999 17:23:30 -0700 (PDT)  
From: Paul Wittry <ppw3@premier1.net>  
Subject: Re: List Members

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---Reply to mail from James Easton about List Members

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Ummmm. . . Who is asking for these details, if all they want  
(or get) are names? Why do they want them? Where will these  
names be published?

Thanks,  
Paul

---End reply

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Date: Wed, 19 May 1999 12:52:56 +0100 (BST)  
From: Chris Gibson <cgibson@dmu.ac.uk>  
Subject: Triplet sats Message-id: <Pine.GSU.4.04.9905191252310.2988-100000@helios.dmu.ac.uk>

UFO Research List

Thanks for all the info on the triplets sats. I was discussing this with a chap who spent early 1991 in eastern Syria (working on a rig, I have to add). When I said I had seen these in March, he said, "Ah yes, you only see them when there's a war on." He isn't a serious astronomer, but enjoys looking at the night sky, so is fairly familiar with what goes over.

Have any delta sightings been of three white lights? Could these sats explain some of these sightings?

Thanks

Chris

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Date: Sun, 23 May 1999 21:33:20 -0400  
From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>  
Subject: Re: Triplet sats

UFO Research List

Regarding:

>Date: Wed, 19 May 1999 12:52:56 +0100 (BST)  
>From: Chris Gibson <cgibson@dmu.ac.uk>  
>To: uforl@listbot.com  
>Subject: Triplet sats

Chris wrote:

>Thanks for all the info on the triplets sats.

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>sats explain some of these sightings?

Chris,

You may have missed an earlier response to your question about  
this:

Date: Fri, 30 Apr 1999 22:17:59 -0400  
From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>  
Subject: Re: Delta lights  
Regarding:

>Date: Thu, 29 Apr 1999 13:06:22 +0100 (BST)  
>From: Chris Gibson <cgibson@dmu.ac.uk>  
>To: uforl@listbot.com  
>Subject: Delta lights (fwd)

Chris wrote:

>A few years ago I was told about Triplets of sats that the US  
>Navy / NSA or some other secret US non-profit government agency  
>based in Maryland (That's how the reps from the Mitre  
>Corporation introduced themselves to my wife) are flying. It was  
>suggested these triplets were Ferrets doing Elint / Comint with  
>the triplet being used for triangulation.

>Dare I suggest that some of these lights in the sky sightings  
>(not the ones where an airframe is discernible) are / were such  
>triplet sats?

Following on from comments made by Joel and yourself, I believe  
it's now possible, maybe for the first time, to confidently state

that some of the more recent 'triangular UFO' reports can be explained as exactly that.

One thing noticeable in looking at the NUFORC data was the number of sightings which came from amateur astronomers who had seen something 'triangular' moving at high altitude and could not be equated with a satellite.

Reading through this data with the hindsight of what's been highlighted here, it's evident that some observations are consistent with 'triplets' of satellites. The following is a classic example:

Occurred : 7/3/1998 00:30 (Entered as : 07/03/98 24:30)

Reported : 8/4/1998 00:33

Posted : 11/21/1998

Location : Campbell River (Vancouver Island), B.C.,

Shape : Triangle

I was laying out on my sundeck looking at the stars. It was just after midnight and the sky was mostly clear with some high cirrus. As I looked up I saw what I thought was a satellite, except it seemed to be moving almost twice as fast as the average satellite. It only took a fraction of a second for me to realize that there was more than one point of light moving across the sky (as described above). The three points of light that made up the main outline of the triangle were a dull reddish-orange colour and about the same size as most of the smaller stars that make up the night sky. The two other lights that could be seen from within the triangle were a white light but were no larger and only slightly more intense than the outer lights. These two lights were quite close together and located on either side of a central axis extending from a halfway point at the base to the apex and closer to the front of the craft. I could not see any of the usual running lights associated with typical aircraft ie. (port and starboard lights and the bright pulsing central light). As it moved across the sky in a southeast to northwest direction it seemed to me that there was no substance to this shape, as if it were held together by strands of wire, with the leading light pulling the others in tow. The colour within the triangle was exactly the colour of the night sky, and there was no dark silhouette, and no reflected light. It did make a slight sound as it passed overhead but, the sound was not far behind which seemed odd considering the speed it seemed to be travelling at. It was not as loud or delayed as even the highest jetliners that fly over. The best way to describe the size would be to say that across the base of the triangle it would measure about the length of an average human thumb extended to arms length, with the two sides being slightly longer than the base. I was the only one in my family to see this although my wife and three children were

all sleeping beside me. I tried to wake my wife but the duration of the event was so short that she never had a chance to roll over. I am 45 years old and I have been married for ten years I have three young children and I live an otherwise normal and routine existence. I have my own design and construction business and my wife is a recreational co-ordinator. We own our house and live in a suburban neighbourhood. I would like to know if anyone else saw this object on this or any other night or if anyone can give a reasonable or scientific explanation of this sighting.  
[End]

Noting that, "it seemed to me that there was no substance to this shape, as if it were held together by strands of wire, with the leading light pulling the others in tow. The colour within the triangle was exactly the colour of the night sky", it's a fair bet that what was observed within the triangle of lights \_was\_ the night sky.

Can't explain the 'slight sound' and would have to assume this was unrelated or inadvertently imagined.

Another example:

Occurred : 11/16/1998 22:11 (Entered as : 11/16/98 22:11)  
Reported : 11/17/1998 16:56  
Posted : 11/19/1998  
Location : Greeley, CO  
Shape : Triangle

I was in my backyard hoping to catch a view of the Leonid meteor shower.

Date: Sun, 30 May 1999 16:09:50 -0400 (EDT)  
From: Ktperehwon@aol.com  
Subject: Research aid request: AztecMessage-id: <d659b777.2482f50e@aol.com>

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Dear Colleagues -- I have an urgent need to acquire or borrow copies of two document compendium volumes published by Bill Moore in 1989 under his William L. Moore Publications "imprint":

(1) "FBI Files on Silas M. Newton, 1941-1971: The Story of One of the Men Behind the Aztec 'Saucer' Crash Story" (WLM Pubs #4512/A)

(2) "FBI Files on Leo A. GeBauer, 1941-1969: The Story of the Second Man Behind the Aztec 'Saucer' Crash Story" (# 4512/B)

I will gladly cover all costs of postage/copying, etc. Please contact me directly. Many thanks. -- KARL PFLOCK <Ktperehwon@aol.com>

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Regarding the newsletter feature, a more detailed explanation...

Realising that Arnold's long out-of-print book was crucial evidence I hadn't seen, I was subsequently able to acquiring a copy on loan. It was only on reading this, that the full significance of Arnold's later sighting became apparent.

I also undertook some further research, which isn't mentioned in the newsletter as it was already lengthier than intended.

What follows are relevant findings and additional background, some of which is being published here for the first time. It will hopefully assist in the understanding the rationalisation behind the premise offered.

Indigenous to Washington state, the American White Pelican (*Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*) is the largest bird in North America and amongst the biggest in the world. A predominately white bird, with black primaries and outer secondaries, it weighs up to 15 kg, (33 lb) and it's massive wingspan can extend to 3 m (10 ft) or more.

The clue to possibly identifying the enigmatic objects remains in Arnold's description of their flight characteristics. Often, birds have a distinctive signature, the "jizz" as it's known, and from this a bird's probable identity can be determined, even if the sighting was inconclusive.

Don Baccus, an ornithologist, also commented to Michael Price:

"Michael, my first thought when I started reading your analysis was white pelican. Several years ago, when training a good birder in the finer details of splitting migrating hawks into species, age, etc. at long distances at the beginning of the fall migration season (i.e. training him to run our count), we saw distant white 'blurps' fading in and out of visibility many miles north. This was at the Goshutes, i.e. on the Utah/Nevada border. It was near sunset. It was obvious that the sun was reflecting on their underwings. They'd disappear momentarily and then reappear in sequence. They were flying east-to-west and we first spotted them somewhat to the northeast. I pegged them as white pelicans

almost immediately, as the whole cadence of the thing matched the way white pelicans will soar in line (in this case - they'll also 'V' up), and rather than flap all at once, often will each begin to flap as each reaches the position where the previous bird began to flap. Same with turning, etc. Of course, they'll also do this in more of a synchronized formation, too, but I'm sure you've all seen white pelicans flap and glide in the kind of pattern I'm describing.

I couldn't think of any bird that would show such a cadence and literally twinkle white while switching from soaring to flapping".

Investigating this suggestion further, there are notable correlations with Arnold's observations.

Arnold claimed, "They flew like many times I have observed geese to fly in a rather diagonal chain-like line as if they were linked together".

"...they numbered nine. They were flying diagonally in echelon formation..."

In 'Birds of the World', by Oliver L. Austin Jr. p 42, he states:

"Pelicans fly in long lines, sometimes in a V formation, sometimes abreast, sometimes in single file directly behind one another. Most often they form a wide echelon, each bird slightly behind and to one side of the next".

Arnold also mentions, "They were flying diagonally in echelon formation with a larger gap in their echelon between the first four and last five". Discussing this with Michael, he agreed with my assessment that this is standard behaviour in a flock and wrote, "all line-abreast, diagonal and astern flocking birds develop gaps and fill them in randomly".

What "startled" Arnold the most, he recalled, "was the fact that I could not find any tails on them".

Pelicans have "stumpy" tails, similar to the representation in Arnold's later sketch showing one of the "objects". Arnold's sketch now begins to make sense and could be based on a distant viewing of a pelican in flight. The large, swept back wings are self-explanatory and the darker top center is not inconsistent with the fact that pelicans in flight "tuck" their heads back.

As commented in 'Birds of the World': "In flight, pelicans carry

their heads well back on their shoulders, with the long beak resting on the folded neck".

A further, distinctive connection, is Arnold's claim, "They didn't fly like any aircraft I had ever seen before. In the first place their echelon formation was backward from that practiced by our Air Force. The elevation of the first craft was greater than that of the last".

This is a typical feature of American White Pelicans flying in formation.

Consider also his statements that:

"I observed the objects' outlines plainly as they flipped and flashed against the snow and also against the sky".

"They fluttered and sailed, tipping their wings alternately and emitting those very bright blue-white flashes from their surfaces".

In 'The Birds', by Roger T. Peterson (Time-Life International), he writes:

"Much the simplest form of flight, certainly much less complicated than flapping or hovering, is gliding flight".

"Swallows employ gliding flight, - several strong wing strokes and a glide. So do pelicans travelling in formation...".

"Gliding saves energy, but gravity and air conditions determine how far a bird can skim before it must flap again".

The parallel between Arnold's objects in echelon which "flipped and flashed", "fluttered and sailed", and a formation of pelicans in echelon "beating and gliding", as 'Birds of the World' describes their flight, seems evident.

As Don Baccus remarked, "I couldn't think of any bird that would show such a cadence and literally twinkle white while switching from soaring to flapping".

Michael Price also confirmed, "Assuming he was looking at birds, the flipflop appearance of these birds would be visible whether higher, same altitude, or lower as the sun might be reflecting strongly and directly off white upper and/or underwing surfaces".

Kenneth Arnold was perhaps after all on the right track when he

stated:

"They flew in a definite formation but erratically. As I described them at the time their flight was like speed boats on rough water or similar to the tail of a Chinese kite that I once saw blowing in the wind. Or maybe it would be best to describe their flight characteristics as very similar to a formation of geese, in a rather diagonal chain-like line, as if they were linked together".

Very similar to a formation of geese, but based on the above evidence, remarkably like a formation of American White Pelicans.

It would have been an uncommon, if not rare, sighting, especially with the birds flying south and a possibility which Arnold is most unlikely to have examined.

If that should be the answer and Arnold mistakenly concluded the objects must be distant airplanes, it plays havoc with his estimated calculations.

It's these estimates of speed and distance which are open to dispute and Arnold's 'second coming of the saucers' encounter must surely be considered critical evidence that he was capable of mistaking the distance and airspeed of birds.

American researcher and writer Martin Kottmeyer had previously reached a similar conclusion and more details can be found at:

Resolving Arnold - Part 1, by Martin Kottmeyer  
<http://www.reall.org/newsletter/v05/n06/resolving-arnold-part-1.html>

Resolving Arnold - Part 2: Guess Again, by Martin Kottmeyer  
<http://www.reall.org/newsletter/v05/n07/resolving-arnold-part-2.html>

Kottmeyer thought that Arnold may have been deceived by a flight of swans.

British researcher and author, Peter Brookesmith, asked for an opinion on the results of my investigations and Kottmeyer wrote:

"James Easton's thought that pelicans might be a better guess than swans sounds plausible to me at first blush and no objections come to mind. I guessed swans primarily on the points that I knew they flew high enough and were larger, whiter, faster, and rarer than geese. If pelicans match the flight

characteristics better as claimed - cool, I like it.

The people asking we take Arnold's testimony of the distances at face value naughtily ignore the reasons I gave why we can't. If real, the objects had to be huge and visible to scores of people. They also had to be supersonic and generating sonic booms that thousands should have heard. The guys arguing about the trigonometry keep putting the birds and the planes on perpendicular paths, but overlook that Arnold explicitly turned the plane to get a better look out the side window. The paths were parallel. Once you put that straight, the angular sizes and velocity implicit in Arnold's report can fit coherently those of a swan. I'm not sure if the speed or size of pelicans would materially change the math, but if the flight characteristics are a valid signature I wouldn't sweat such details.

Give Easton my appreciation for offering the alternative".

Any proposition that the American White Pelican was responsible for Arnold's reported sighting, must be able to substantiate that these birds are known to fly relatively fast and at high altitude.

The ideal person to offer an informed opinion would be a pilot who has encountered pelicans in flight and Mike Havener is a glider pilot who wrote an article on his experiences.

He told me, "The birds I was soaring with were at about 3000 - 4000 feet MSL. We were flying in a continuous band of lift, so we were continually climbing. I have seen pelicans at higher altitudes when the lift is really good (maybe 6000 feet MSL)".

"The glider I was flying has a 38 mph stall speed... as a matter of fact, I was flying at 52 mph between thermals, and these birds were staying with me".

So, it seems whilst still not quite supersonic, pelicans are no slouches and under ideal flying conditions, could show a surprising turn of wing.

Mike added, "Since writing the article, I have received several letters from other glider pilots who have shared the same experience. Though none of them mentioned their flight profiles, these reports have come from various locations around the world".

Peter Kingsmill is a naturalist and Director General of The Redberry Pelican Project (Canada) Foundation, one of the Canada's foremost conservation organisations. Asked for an expert

assessment of the American White Pelican's airspeed and altitude capabilities, Peter replied:

"In response to your questions:

1. Typical airspeed of AWP = 20 - 25 mph (These are ponderous birds, but of course they soar marvellously on thermals and glide effortlessly.)

Typical altitude of flight during migration 600 meters (perhaps 2000 feet.)

Certainly they fly at well over 1000' above ground. Also, of course if pelicans in Saskatchewan only flew at altitude 1000' they would be flying underground... I would guess I have seen them frequently at over 2000' above the terrain".

"These birds are quite reflective when flying overhead - big bodies and wingspans 9 - 10 feet and white except for wingtips makes for quite a reflective area".

"Everything in Arnold's description that you quoted points to the strong possibility he saw a flock of AWPs... the formation, the allusion to the tail of a Chinese kite, etc".

"I have also been baffled by optical illusions of distance when these birds are against a backdrop (hills)".

I have the advantage of watching film showing a formation of high-flying, American White Pelicans. Viewed from distance, their undulating flight in echelon does resemble a kite's tail.

Kenneth Arnold's reported sighting of nine unidentified 'aircraft' gave birth to a expansive genre of 'flying saucer' mythology and science fiction, even though the archetypal 'saucer shape' wasn't something Arnold described. It was a popularised misconception from the beginning, whether or not, outwith the countless known hoaxed photographs etc., there truly are anomalous aerial craft which coincidentally look like 'upturned' saucers.

That Arnold's 'aircraft' might simply been a formation of American White Pelicans, is really no more remarkable.

If that is the explanation, what does it matter?

There's no shortage of non 'flying saucer' cases.

Aside from the 'Trent' photos, what other 'pivotal' UFO cases are affected?

Not 'Roswell', 'Rendlesham', 'Exeter', 'Cash-landrum'...

Or even... 'Gulf Breeze'!

James.

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Robert Sheaffer will be known to many subscribers.

A researcher whose involvement with 'ufology' resulted in a defection to the 'dark side' - can't understand how that could conceivably happen - he is now a prominent CSICOP 'debunker' [if your web site address is [www.debunker.com](http://www.debunker.com) then the label fits!].

Although Robert isn't a subscriber to this list, not yet anyway, he is a recipient of the Voyager newsletter and offered the following observations re the NOSS satellites:

"The "triangle UFOs" to which you refer are almost certainly the NOSS series of satellites, which are (as the quoted article stated) U.S. naval intelligence sats that fly in formation to triangulate the position of ships on the ocean. See:

<http://www2.satellite.eu.org/sat/seesat/May-1999/0043.html>

for an explanation from an expert concerning these sats, and their visibility. Most of the time they are visible only in binoculars (I have seen them this way), but satellite brightness can vary considerably, and often all 3 are seen, flying in formation, by the naked eye".

He later added, "I've already posted a query with a pointer to the Seesat list, hoping that somebody on that list might enjoy the task of trying to match up the incidents on the "triangle UFO" list with the NOSS satellite clusters".

That would be an interesting exercise and I'll keep tabs on any developments.

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Robert Sheaffer also mentions, "you might want to look at my UFO page to see the McMinnville stuff I recently added".

The URL is:

<http://hugin.imat.com/~sheaffer/texts/trent.html>

and relates to:

'An Investigation of the McMinnville UFO Photographs  
Unpublished paper written November, 1969; summarized by Philip J. Klass in chapter 15 of UFOs Explained (Random House, 1974).

Electronic version (with revisions) compiled April, 1999. Minor revisions May 3, 1999'.

Love it, loathe it, or merely curious, his 'UFO Skeptic's Page' is at:

<http://hugin.imat.com/~sheaffer/ufo.html>

and notes re the McMinnville, or 'Trent' photographs, "My unpublished 1969 paper on this 'classic' case, often referred to but never available, is now available here on-line".

I'm not sure, indeed have no idea, how much of this material is belatedly 'new' and/or may have been overtaken by subsequent research.

Brad Sparks is known to have been researching this case of late and intimates his resulting publication may be significant evidence of the 'Trent' photographs' authenticity.

They are certainly puzzling photographs of a 'flying saucer' and whilst I would personally doubt the authenticity of any photographs depicting the archetypal 'flying saucer', I agree that the two photos and the Trent's honesty seem relatively convincing.

Trouble is of course, many of Billy Meier's 'saucer' photos are

arguably convincing also and 'hoaxers' often seem to be beyond suspicion.

Presumably that's why so many hoaxes are successful!

That said, I'll leave it to Brad and others to consider the fine details and maybe comment on their assessment of Robert Sheaffer's sceptical conclusions, plus any new developments.

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Apologies to subscribers of the UFO Updates list, where the newsletter has also been posted, or those who receive a copy directly.

Many UFORL subscribers are outwith both and some of the contents will be the subject of a follow-up here.

The purpose of the newsletter is primarily a means of distributing information and where discussions from this list or elsewhere are featured, it's trusted that the material is clearly not confidential and contributing to research.

James.

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Welcome to the latest issue of the newsletter, which the observant will notice, has undergone a name change!

We had decided some time ago to revise the newsletter and related World Wide Web site, giving both a more distinctive UK Internet presence.

So, it's goodbye to the nondescript US based CompuServe addressing and hello to UK Online, a division of Easynet Group plc, voted the UK's best Internet Service Provider (ISP).

The new Web site address is:

<http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/>

Please update any bookmarks or links.

A major expansion of the 'Voyager On-line' Web site is planned and has begun with inauguration of 'The RAF Bentwaters and RAF Woodbridge Incidents', which will be the Web's premier 'home page' for credible case material. See:

<http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/enigma.htm>

It's hoped that the 'RAF Bentwaters and RAF Woodbridge Incidents' will shortly feature an audio of the complete and infamous 'Halt tape', plus audio interviews and further unpublished case material.

The Web site has recently been a recipient of some awards from the Internet community, including one of the most prestigious five-star accolades. Which is all very nice and indicates that the content is being appreciated by many people with an objective interest in the subject matter.

Please update any address book entries and note that all related e-mail should now be sent to:

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James Easton,  
Editor.

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## 1. The 'International UFO Network' and BUFORA's disintegration.

Also coming out of a transition is the 'International UFO Network' (IUFON), which we are sure will make an impact in the future, especially within the UK.

The IUFON organisers are predominately former leading members of the British UFO Research Association (BUFORA) and their reasons for wishing to be dissociated from BUFORA's perceived decline can be read at:

BUFORA Watch - Resignations Galore!

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/1999/apr/m06-014.shtml>

BUFORA Watch - Journal Editor Leaves

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/1999/apr/m18-001.shtml>

Although BUFORA are a small organisation, I understand from a long-standing 'ufologist' that they were once highly regarded throughout Europe and it's disappointing to see them capitulate to the inane 'British government UFO cover up' material they currently seem satisfied to promote.

## 2. The 'Flying Saucer' mythology.

One of the problems with private pilot Kenneth Arnold's pivotal 'flying saucer' report on 24 June 1947, aside that is from the fact he never actually described 'saucer' shaped objects at all, is an ensuing encounter which took place only five days later.

Comparably, it's a little-known anecdote and at the time Arnold never revealed it to the media, who were still falling over themselves in excitement at his original claim to have witnessed nine 'airplanes' which flew at an estimated speed of "more than 800 miles an hour".

In Arnold's book 'The Coming of the Saucers', he first described the later incident, writing:

"It was on the morning of July 29, 1947 that I took off from a private cow pasture near my home.

[...]

It was a perfect day to fly. The air was sharp, moist, clear as crystal and smooth as silk. There is something of a real thrill in flying on a day like that.

[...]

Within an hour I was over Baker, Oregon.

[...]

I began to let down over North Powder, Oregon in preparation to land at La Grande when I noticed above me and about ten miles to the right the Empire Airline's old Boeing, also coming in to land at La Grande. There is something about having company in the air that always seems pleasant and friendly. I rocked my wings at him in a gesture of hello and continued my let down until I was directly over Union, Oregon at 5,000 feet.

I recall looking at my instrument clock which read about five minutes to seven. As I looked up from my instrument panel and straight ahead over the La Grande valley, I saw a cluster of about twenty to twenty-five brass coloured objects that looked like ducks.

They were coming at me head on and at what seemed a terrific rate of speed.

The sun was at my back and to my right. These objects were coming into the sun. I wasn't sighting through the viewfinder on my camera but was sighting along the side of it. As the group of objects came within 400 yards of me they veered sharply away from me and to their right, gaining altitude as they did so and fluttering and flashing a dull amber color.

They appeared to be round, rather rough on top, and to have a dark or a light spot on top of each one. I couldn't be absolutely positive of this because it all happened so suddenly. I attempted to make a turn and follow them but they disappeared to the east at a speed far in excess of my airplane. I knew they were not ducks because ducks don't fly that fast.

I heard later that several farmers in the vicinity of Union had observed what they thought a peculiar cluster of birds that same morning. I did not know of this until much later. Actually, they flew in a cluster more like blackbirds than ducks but each one was larger than a duck. I should judge some twenty-four to thirty inches in diameter. They rather wheeled on edge, flipping as they went as efficiently as when they were flat in reference to the

surface of the ground. That morning I was pretty disappointed that no one around the airfield had seen them, to my knowledge".

I recently brought up the subject of his second, and arguably more sensational claim, on an Internet discussion forum for 'birdwatchers' in Oregon. Detailing Arnold's report, without mentioning his name or the 'flying saucers' aspect at all, I asked for any opinions on what comparative birds the unnamed pilot might have observed and been describing.

Most emphasised amongst responses was that 'ducks are pretty fast!', incorporating the following opinion from Mike Patterson:

"[They were coming at me head on and at what seemed a terrific rate of speed].

Try as we might we intuitively put ourselves at rest relative to other objects. Head-on the speed of the ducks relative to the observer is your airspeed + their airspeed which can be pretty scary looking. Ducks can do 50+ mph ground speed.

[I recall looking at my instrument clock which read about five minutes to seven. I saw a cluster of about twenty to twenty-five brass coloured objects that looked like ducks].

The sun has this effect on objects, especially in the morning. I've tried to turn Tree Swallows into Barn Swallows. Gulls into Jaegers from this effect. They probably were ducks..."

It's not very likely, to say the least, that a formation of "twenty to twenty-five brass coloured objects that looked like ducks" each being "some twenty-four to thirty inches in diameter", were small spaceships.

Surely troubling for those who avow an extraterrestrial explanation for Arnold's earlier 'flying saucer' tale, is that Arnold attributed the same, distinctive, flight characteristics to both sightings.

A full account of Arnold's first report, which led to the misinterpreted 'flying saucer' phrase generating perhaps the most prevailing twentieth century icon, can be seen on our Web site at:

<http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/saucers.htm>

The phrase was used to describe the objects' flight characteristics, not their shape, and the Web site feature contains a photograph showing Arnold with a model of a bat-like 'craft', which was one of the objects he actually did claim to have seen.

In what may have been his first interview, of which there's also an audio file on our site, Arnold describes the objects encountered whilst he was flying over the Cascade mountains and how he first, "thought they were geese because it flew like geese, but it was going so fast that I immediately changed my mind and decided it was a bunch of new jet planes in formation".

The nine objects "looked something like a pie plate that was cut in half with a sort of a convex triangle in the rear" and "seemed to flip and flash in the sun".

Arnold subsequently related how "they were flying diagonally in echelon formation with a larger gap in their echelon between the first four and last five".

"Their echelon formation was backward from that practiced by our Air Force. The elevation of the first craft was greater than that of the last. They flew in a definite formation but erratically. As I described them at the time their flight was like speed boats on rough water or similar to the tail of a Chinese kite that I once saw blowing in the wind. Or maybe it would be best to describe their flight characteristics as very similar to a formation of geese, in a rather diagonal chain-like line, as if they were linked together. As I put it to newsmen in Pendleton, Oregon, they flew like a saucer would if you skipped it across the water. They fluttered and sailed, tipping their wings alternately and emitting those very bright blue-white flashes from their surfaces. At the time I did not get the impression that the flashes were emitted by them, but rather that it was the sun's reflection from the extremely highly polished surface of their wings".

During my research into Kenneth Arnold's 'flying saucers', I also asked knowledgeable ornithologists, with expertise in North-west American species, if there were any birds which might offer a conceivable explanation for what Arnold described.

The logic being applied was simple; all other research seemed to conclusively prove that there were no aircraft, 'top secret' or otherwise, which could explain the reported sighting. If Arnold's story was to be accepted, then only one other terrestrial candidate seemed likely, a flock of birds as Arnold first thought.

And it was no ordinary birds that the ornithologists proposed.

It was a formation of American White Pelicans.

Michael Price from Vancouver, was first to offer the suggestion:

"There's another possible candidate species in the area at that time of year (sporadically) whose color, size, flight profile and proclivity for formation flight at sometimes quite high altitude would even more produce *every* detail of the phenomenon which Arnold observed: a flock of non- or failed-breeder southbound White Pelicans. They'd have been large enough to visible for a good distance, they fly in formation, and if the light were reflecting just right off a large nearby glaciated peak, their comparatively vast white underwing area would reflect a *ton* of light in exactly the pattern described by Arnold.

I'd submit that the hypothesis of a small southbound flock of failed- or non-breeder American White Pelicans observed by someone unfamiliar with underwing reflectivity would provide the same phenomena and be at least as good an alternative possibility than seeing artefacts from another planet.

Darn it".

Richard Rowlett, from Seattle, concurred:

"Oh no! Another myth debunked. But, you've just gotta believe.

Yikes Michael! Are we of like minds or what?! When I first read the original post from James Easton, White Pelicans was the first thing that came to mind as I was reflecting back on an ultra-high flying southbound formation I saw a few years ago over the Barancas in western Durango, Mexico, east of Mazatlan. It was a fluke that I detected them at all by unaided eye. Even in the bins, I was perplexed about what they were for awhile, at first not even sure they were birds. Strange lighting and angle it was.

I spend more time than just about anyone out exposed and looking at the sky. Much to my dismay, I've yet to see anything that couldn't be explained. I'm taking it personal by now, and am convinced that I've been singled out and left out".

This ostensibly promising development was greeted with similar good humour and tremendous enthusiasm by 'flying saucer' devotees, who almost en masse leapt to acclaim it as the mundane

solution they had always been searching for.

And I've just won the lottery twelve weeks in a row, been asked out by Gillian Anderson and turned her down to go out for a pint with the lads.

The one objection which did seem an obstacle was that Arnold's estimate of the nine objects' airspeed would rule out birds of any description.

However, those estimates had been shown to be subjective and there were known errors in some of Arnold's judgements and perceptions - see the case material on our Web site.

It was only having acquired a copy of Arnold's long since out-of-print book, that I realised how Arnold had also dismissed the duck-like objects as ducks on the same basis.

The logical conclusion is therefore straightforward.

In regard to Arnold's first, celebrated sighting, it's proven that his airspeed and distance estimates are not entirely reliable and open to dispute. Consequently, the nine objects which at first appeared to be birds may have been exactly that and the new evidence obtained offers an informed rationale for one prime candidate.

Alternatively, less than a week after encountering nine objects which came from 'outer space', Arnold was involved in another confrontation with twenty-five or so miniatures, which also came from 'out there'.

The 'Pendleton, Oregon East Oregonian' newspaper of 26 June, 1947 carried a report entitled, 'Boise Flyer Maintains He Saw 'Em: Kenneth Arnold Sticks To Story of Seeing Nine Mysterious Objects Flying At Speed Of 1200 Miles An Hour Over Mountains'.

It was written by Bill Bequette, who has been credited with coining the term 'flying saucer', although interviewed by Pierre Lagrange in 1988, Bequette stated his belief that he wasn't responsible.

The article notes of Arnold: "He admitted he might have erred 200-300 miles in his figuring but added 'they still were the fastest things I ever saw'.

When first sighted, he thought the objects were snow geese.

'But geese don't fly that high -- and, anyway, what would geese be doing going south for this time of year?'"

It's evident that Arnold would, understandably, not have considered it might be an echelon formation of high-flying, south-bound American White Pelicans, perhaps another meaningful factor to take into consideration.

Over fifty years later, it's unlikely ever to be proven what Kenneth Arnold truly did observe and it will remain an enduring mystery to those who would disagree with this theoretical resolution of the world's most famous UFO sighting.

3. 'Cigar-shaped' object paced airplane for ten minutes.

When describing the unnamed Arnold's later sighting to the Oregon 'birders' it was as noted above, mentioned that the pilot recalled: "I began to let down over North Powder, Oregon in preparation to land at La Grande when I noticed above me and about ten miles to the right the Empire Airline's old Boeing, also coming in to land at La Grande".

One of the helpful respondents was Camille, from Dallas, Texas and although I won't reveal this person's full identity at present, Camille has given permission to disclose the following information:

"I grew up with Boeing, and still have bushels of unsorted documents from the many times my father cleaned his desk at the Renton plant before Boeing sent him off to some classified location. If there was a Boeing plane in the air within 50 miles of your specified location, there is also a record of anything else that was, or was presumed to be in that airspace. Boeing has a historical/archives section, which you can probably find via a Web search.

Boeing tried to document/photograph and assess every single item that might affect the performance of their stuff - geese, clouds, dust, everything (which is why I have thousands of photos of bolts, rocks, twisted metal and so on). One of the reports that my father filed - before missile technology really got going - was about a cylindrical, shiny object that cruised alongside the Boeing for a while, then veered off.

MOST of these reports were ID'd as birds, but that one wasn't, and the report vanished from official Boeing records with

remarkable speed".

Asked if this incident was ever publicised to her knowledge, Camille stated, "It was not publicised, quite the opposite".

On the question of whether some documentary evidence might exist in her father's papers, that seems a possibility, Camille confirming, "I'm sure that much of this information is here somewhere. I'll see what I can find; however, his papers are not organised in any comprehensible way so it won't be soon".

Although she didn't provide any date or location, perhaps not being sure, Camille did clarify that the aircraft was "probably not a jet" and that the airline involved could have been 'Pan Am'.

Asked if she could "recall any specific details, e.g., how the object was described, size, apparent speed, etc.", Camille replied it was, "cigar shaped, bronze or gold as opposed to silvery, shorter than the Boeing, matched speed to the Boeing".

Whilst it's extremely doubtful we could be so fortunate, she added, "For all I know there's a photo of this thing in the boxes of unsorted documents and photos".

Most surprising is her recollection of how long the incident lasted. We might have assumed the pilot's sighting was brief, probably a few seconds or so, however, Camille believes the duration was "more than 10 min, less than an hour".

If that's relatively accurate and we can discount the pilot being completely mistaken, etc., that appears to rule out a missile and indeed most obvious explanations other than a bird. As a bird had definitely been discounted, it would leave us with an enigma.

On the likelihood of a missile, Camille notes, "Nothing was officially being tested and I believe he could have found out, he worked on Gypsy Moth, Minuteman etc".

Hopefully in due course we can find out more and that somewhere within those "thousands of photos" and presumably even more documents, is evidence of what seems to be an intriguing incident.

Considering that I had merely raised an ornithological query, this 'UFO' account was a fortuitous digression and Kenneth Arnold would, I'm sure, also appreciate the absolute irony.

Adding to that irony Camille asked: "A question: Very fast, black, high altitude triangle(s) over Utah or Nevada in 1974 or 1975 would have been a Stealth prototype?"

It was a development which reinforced my belief that 'birders' are a largely, if not entirely, untapped source of observational data apropos to 'anomalous' aerial objects.

Few other hobbies or occupations involve scanning the skies for lengthy periods during daylight and in general always being attentive to anything 'unusual' appearing.

Camille expounded: "I'm fairly certain it was in spring of 1975, not '74, late May, on secondary roads between Beaver and Cedar Breaks Nat Monument, in the vicinity of Parowan Gap, Utah. We were on the way to Zion Nat Park, spent the previous night at Beaver (which I do not recommend), and I think we headed E. after Parowan Gap. Parowan Gap is a natural feature near the town of Parowan. It was between 10 a.m and 4 p.m., mostly clear with intermittent high altitude clouds, or haze, that developed into non-productive thunderheads in late afternoon. I don't recall if it was on the hike to the Gap or another stop, but I was out of the car without the field glasses, looking for ravens. The black or dark triangle was travelling in an apparently straight line S., SE, or SW against 'white' sky. Difficult to describe size - if I stuck a paper triangle three-sixteenths of an inch on a side on the upper center of my left eyeglasses lens it would be about right. It appeared to be moving very fast. (I currently live under an afternoon commuter jet route and the triangle was moving faster than they do at about 50 miles out). My companion said there were more than one, but I only saw one. There was never any noise from it. Definitely not a bird.

In talking about the trip to co-workers who had suggested part of our route (to look for hot springs) a short time later one of them said she (they?) had seen 'those things' in the same general area. I don't remember if anyone else concurred.

The object might not have been triangular. A white or very light colored aircraft of any shape with a triangular dark area on the underside would have 'disappeared' except for the dark area because the sky was 'white' - a standard type of camouflage for many birds and aquatic lifeforms, and something I didn't know about at the time".

One point which does seem to be resolved, there were no 'stealth' aircraft flying until the late 1970s.

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We would also appreciate if any of our British (or USA, for what it's worth) colleagues who are versed in intelligence, air force or wartime documents might also check these and other aspects and let us know.

Best regards

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Yes!

All very theoretical and once again NO EVIDENCE of so-called "recovered alien technology".

I note with great interest that the latest efforts to claim "recovered technology" - the circulation of the lie that former IBM Chief Jerry Hartsell had worked upon such technology in the 1950s - were deliberately deceitful...

Like all lies, the bigger the better - and the more believed.....

Tim X

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> By BBC News Online Science Editor Dr David Whitehouse  
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> In Star Trek, the USS Enterprise is powered by what is called a  
> "warp drive" and at the moment only Paramount Pictures know its  
> secrets. But new, highly mathematical research may have brought  
> us one step closer to being able to explore the Universe in a  
> starship capable of travelling faster than the speed of light.  
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> The analysis of the concept of a warp drive by Chris Van Den  
> Broeck of the Catholic University in Leuven, Belgium means that  
> building a starship Enterprise is a little closer. The fabric of  
> space Dr Van Den Broeck was reanalysing ground-breaking  
> calculations made five years ago by Mexican mathematician Miguel  
> Alcubierre. Alcubierre said that it was possible to imagine how a  
> warp drive would work by distorting the fabric of space.  
> Starships would ride along waves in so-called spacetime, like  
> surfers do along waves in the sea. The idea relies on the concept  
> that, to physicists, space is not empty. Strange as it may seem,

- > space has a shape that can be distorted by matter. In fact the
- > force of gravity is actually due to the curvature of space -
- > recognising that was the greatest triumph of Albert Einstein's
- > career. So you could use matter to distort the space around a
- > starship to create a "ripple" in spacetime.
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- > Miguel Alcubierre came up with the idea of expanding the space
- > behind a starship and contracting it in front of it. The starship
- > would rest in a 'warp bubble' between the two spacetime
- > distortions. The result would be a wave in spacetime along which
- > the starship would surf. It was a fantastic idea. There would be
- > no limit to the velocity that a starship could attain. It could
- > travel faster than the speed of light because the starship would,
- > strictly speaking, be stationary in the space of its warp bubble.
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- > Also, the starship and its crew would be weightless and would
- > therefore not be crushed by the enormous G-forces of acceleration
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Date: Tue, 08 Jun 1999 23:19:58 +0200  
From: Maurizio Verga <mauverga@wolf.it>  
Subject: Re: 'Foo Fighters' - New Material from Italy?

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At 18.21 07/06/99 +0100, you wrote:

>UFO Research List

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>Hello,

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>Funny how we get these stories from Italy (no offense intended). I'm still  
>waiting for the near-mythical Renate Vesco to allow us to interview him. I  
>am interested to know just how much continued evasion we will have to  
>suffer before meeting our man.....

>

See Edoardo Russo's comments about the new foo-fighter story: we recommend to be very cautious with it for the time being. About Renato Vesco: I already told in an earlier message that the guy is old (77) and sick, besides being pretty cold with human relationships, due to many past nasty experiences (I regret this situation, yet I can understand it). I still confirm is still alive, but he always refused any kind of personal meeting. I was unsuccessful a couple of times at least, Edoardo the same, while seasoned UFO researcher Gianni Settimo (of historical Clypeus group fame) talked to him about six weeks ago. Maybe he could be the only one to arrange a personal meeting, because of his long friendship with Vesco. I passed to Mr. Settimo some questions for Vesco: if you want to do the same, please send them to me privately. Sorry, but it seems an interview is really impossible for all of us. But this doesn't mean Vesco does not exist at all, as I read somewhere in a email message!

Take care.

Maurizio

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Date: Wed, 09 Jun 1999 02:07:28 +0100  
From: James Easton <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
Subject: 'Parchment parachutes' - Prof. Moore Explains  
Message-id: <000d01beb215\$08aa7a00\$c0c428c3@cis.compuserve.com>

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Following recent discussions concerning the 'parchment', or 'tough paper' described by some witnesses to the 'Roswell' debris, I am indebted, as we should all be, to Bob Todd for the following.

Having mentioned the technical queries to Prof. Charles Moore, Bob has kindly taken the time to pass on, with permission of course, an unexpected response.

This contains significant details that I have personally never seen clarified and which may be explained here for the first time, definitively resolving the question of those 'parchment parachutes'.

Prof. Moore writes:

"This is a belated response with a few comments on the extended outburst from [David] Rudiak on the subject of "MOGUL parchment" parachutes.

First. I still have one of the ML-132 parachutes (of the original World War II design) used to lower radiosondes to Earth after the 350 gram, ML-131 sounding balloon burst at the end of its ascent. This parachute is made with a rather tough, red, parchment-like paper, a wicker hoop that holds the parachute open for easy inflation and eight "risers" made of cotton twine. The paper canopy would be about 59 inches in diameter if it could be laid out flat; each of the 8 triangular gores is about 29 inches long. The paper is unusual; it's stiff and has been treated to prevent absorption of water.

When stretched out as in the load line in an NYU flight train, the distance from the center of the canopy to the point beneath the wicker ring where the 8 risers came together is about 64 inches.

The 8 risers are strong enough to support a 3 pound radiosonde but are too weak to be withstand the 30 pound or so pull that would have been needed in one of the NYU flight trains used in 1947. We reinforced these parachutes by tying a 60 inch long, 500 pound test nylon line between the top center of the parachute and the bottom of the risers (through the wicker hoop) so that, in flight, the risers were slack and carried none of the load.

If the parachute were to inflate on descent, the canopy would distend such that the distance from the center of the canopy and the load attachment point would be much less than 60 inches such that the 500 pound test nylon line would be slack and would not interfere with the parachute deployment. The parachute reinforcement consisted of no more than the tying of a strong nylon line between the apex of the uninflated, stretched-out parachute and the load attachment point at the bottom. It was no big deal.

The pre-war radiosonde parachutes developed by the Weather Bureau were made of silk; when the Signal Corps began procuring parachutes for the U. S. Army, they followed the Weather Bureau design but shifted to the water-resistant paper after silk was no longer available in 1942. In 1947, the NYU group was furnished with both paper and some silk parachutes (and radar targets) from the Signal Corps supplies at Evans Signal Laboratories. As I remember, we preferred the scarcer silk parachutes because they were stronger and lighter. Since both types of parachute were adequate for our purpose which was to prevent free-fall of the instruments from high-altitude, there was no reason to record which type was used on a given flight and this sort of inconsequential detail was not recorded. I suspect that in drawing up the records for a given flight, our data analysts used the available information on the flight train including what had been planned earlier, back in New York, and not what had actually been available and used in Alamogordo. I have no idea as to which version of ML-132 parachute was used on NYU Flight 4 but the fact that a rather tough, parchment-like paper was found along with debris with pink-purple, flower-like figures suggests to me that the debris included part of a ML-132 paper parachute.

Despite Rudiak's information, there is (and was) no metal used in a ML-132 parachute of the types that we used. And contrary to Rudiak's assertion, the ML-132 parachutes were NOT like "tiny toy paper parasols they sometimes stick in alcohol drinks to be cute".

The ML-132 parachutes were used on the early neoprene-balloon flights because those balloons burst suddenly and Dr. Peoples was concerned about free-falling objects being a hazard when they came to Earth. Having demonstrated to Dr. Peoples that there was little danger of free-falling instruments from cluster flights, we used no parachutes on the HELIOS-configured Flight 7. The later polyethylene balloons such as used on NYU Flights 8, 10, 11, 12 did not fail catastrophically and so, no parachutes were used on these flights. On the other hand, the General Mills people under Project SKYHOOK carried cosmic ray measuring instruments aloft suspended under standard, 24-foot diameter, nylon personnel parachutes. The payloads were recovered by

cutting the suspension between the top of the parachutes and the balloons floating at high altitudes. The General Mills people and SKYHOOK never employed the ML-132 radiosonde parachute; all of the payloads were far too heavy for such an insignificant parachute.

The reason that we made an effort to recover NYU Flight 5 and the absence from the Brazel debris of other portions of the NYU Flight 4 train are both discussed in some detail in my chapter in the 1997 by Saler et al".

Both Bob and Prof. Moore express they have no further interest whatsoever in 'Roswell' discussions and this is an exception.

James.

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Subject: 'Star Trek 'warp drive' possible'  
Message-id: <003901beb26f\$9eed0500\$097151c2@es5.scot.ac.uk>

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This might be of interest...

'Star Trek 'warp drive' possible'  
By BBC News Online Science Editor Dr David Whitehouse

In Star Trek, the USS Enterprise is powered by what is called a "warp drive" and at the moment only Paramount Pictures know its secrets. But new, highly mathematical research may have brought us one step closer to being able to explore the Universe in a starship capable of travelling faster than the speed of light.

The analysis of the concept of a warp drive by Chris Van Den Broeck of the Catholic University in Leuven, Belgium means that building a starship Enterprise is a little closer. The fabric of space Dr Van Den Broeck was reanalysing ground-breaking calculations made five years ago by Mexican mathematician Miguel Alcubierre. Alcubierre said that it was possible to imagine how a warp drive would work by distorting the fabric of space. Starships would ride along waves in so-called spacetime, like surfers do along waves in the sea. The idea relies on the concept that, to physicists, space is not empty. Strange as it may seem, space has a shape that can be distorted by matter. In fact the force of gravity is actually due to the curvature of space - recognising that was the greatest triumph of Albert Einstein's career. So you could use matter to distort the space around a starship to create a "ripple" in spacetime.

Miguel Alcubierre came up with the idea of expanding the space behind a starship and contracting it in front of it. The starship would rest in a 'warp bubble' between the two spacetime distortions. The result would be a wave in spacetime along which the starship would surf. It was a fantastic idea. There would be no limit to the velocity that a starship could attain. It could travel faster than the speed of light because the starship would, strictly speaking, be stationary in the space of its warp bubble.

Also, the starship and its crew would be weightless and would therefore not be crushed by the enormous G-forces of acceleration and deceleration.

What's more, the passage of time inside the warp bubble would be the same as that outside it. The crew would not suffer from Einstein's "time dilation" effect where time passes at different

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Subject: Flying surveillance platformsMessage-id:  
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References: <003901beb26f\$9eed0500\$097151c2@es5.scot.ac.uk>

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Of possible interest -

J Carpenter

#### INTRODUCTION

The Air Mobile Ground Security and Surveillance (AMGSSS) project has the objective of developing a system that can rapidly position remotely operated ground sensors at locations of operational interest and provide information obtained by those sensors back to the operator. AMGSSS exploits the capabilities of small, remotely operated, vertical-take-off-and-landing (VTOL) ducted fan aircraft to provide mobility to the sensor payload. These platforms can be operated effectively over the low-bandwidth tactical radio data-links required by military users.

<http://www.nosc.mil/robots/air/amgsss/amgsssi.html>

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Subject: Re: Triangular AirshipsMessage-id:  
<199906101408.PAA08027@irwell.zetnet.co.uk>

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Hello all,

Joel is being (perhaps) a little dishonest here because he knows very well that neither I nor anyone associated with the view that triangular airships have indeed been built by the military/industrial complex believes that Aereon have secretly built them.

Miller's views are well-known and I note a lengthy interview with him in "UFO Revelation".

Nevertheless check out the patents and look at some "huge triangular UFOs"; the solution is in front of your own eyes - unless you're completely stupid of course.....

Tim Matthews.

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> From: joel carpenter <ufx@mindspring.com>  
> To: UFORL@listbot.com  
> Subject: Triangular Airships  
> Date: 10 June 1999 14:36  
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> and enter "Aereon" in the search engine. This is the relevant one:  
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> Inventor(s): Miller, Jr.; William McE. , Princeton, NJ  
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> Applicant(s): Aereon Corporation, Princeton, NJ  
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> - J Carpenter

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For those interested in details on the US Navy Triplet satellites, which appear to be responsible for a percentage of FT reports, it seems that even the system's name has been incorrectly reported in the public domain. The code names "White Cloud," "Classic Wizard" and "Parcae" have been reportedly applied to it (Parcae being the Fate Sisters of mythology), and it's also called "NOSS," which supposedly stands for "Naval Observation Satellite System," according to at least one source.

Date: Thu, 10 Jun 1999 11:36:48 +0200 (METDST)  
From: "J. Pharabod" <pharabod@in2p3.fr>  
Subject: Element 118Cc: pharabod@in2p3.frX-Authentication-warning:  
polhp2.in2p3.fr: pharabod owned process doing -bs

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Element 118 has been discovered at Lawrence Berkeley lab. For more details, please look at <http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates>

Disregard the comment from Mr. Balaskas about the instability. The isotope discovered has only 175 neutrons; theoretically stable isotopes should have more than 180 neutrons.

Jean-Pierre Pharabod

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Subject: Re: Triangular Airships, u.s.w.Message-id:  
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References: <199906101408.PAA08027@irwell.zetnet.co.uk>

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From: Lynda Matthews <matthews@zetnet.co.uk> Sent: Wednesday, June 09, 1999  
10:06 AM  
Subject: Re: Triangular Airships

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> Aereon have secretly built them.

Tim-

You're overreacting. I think the purpose of this list is to deal with data.  
Sorry if I was being a little too objective for your tastes, but isn't it  
effective to establish a common baseline and work up to more speculative  
information?  
I have more to post about this class of flying objects but that will have to  
wait until later today. I think you'll find it much more to your taste.

- J Carpenter

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5-13-99 10:04:23 AM

Hi Theo,

James said he wasn't going to provide the E-mail addresses with the names, so it cannot be used for advertising or spamming. I for one would like to know who is on this List so I have an idea of the kind of resources are available -- this is the first time I've spoken up on this so I'm not the one(s) who first suggested it.

Brad Sparks

In a message dated 5/13/99 4:53:19 AM, th.pajmans@wxs.nl writes:

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Before I'd like to see my name included in a list, I'd like to know who would want a list with subscribers and what for? I already have a tv set and a don't buy from door salesmen :-)

Best,

Theo

James Easton wrote:

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> I have received a number of requests to publish details of  
> current subscribers.  
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> If there are no objections, I will do so - this will only be  
> subscriber's names, not e-mail addresses.  
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> If anyone wishes to be excluded, please let me know urgently

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> James.  
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List(s) only please

There is a discussion on the above subject on  
[www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates](http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates)

Since I can't (and don't want to) post to  
this list, and since many subscribers to  
PROJECT-1947 and UFORL read ufo/updates,  
I will try to correct here an error and  
a possible inaccuracy which have appeared  
in this discussion.

First, the error: the short lifetime of the  
discovered isotope of element 118 does not  
mean that the "island of stability" may not  
exist. The discovered isotope has only 175  
neutrons; theoretically stable isotopes should  
have more than 180 neutrons.

Now, the possible inaccuracy: it is not clear  
that even numbered elements seem more stable  
than odd numbered elements. Up to element 92  
(uranium), there is no hole in the table of  
(stable) elements. What is true is that, up to  
this element 92, nuclides with odd number Z of  
protons \*and\* odd number N of neutrons are  
generally unstable; the number of stable  
nuclides are:

| N    | Z    |     |
|------|------|-----|
| Odd  | Odd  | 4   |
| Odd  | Even | 48  |
| Even | Odd  | 50  |
| Even | Even | 156 |

(ref: Nuclear Structure Theory, J. M. Irvine,  
Pergamon Press, 1972).

After uranium, it is true that, generally  
speaking, elements with Z even are less  
unstable. But there are counter-examples:

Z = 97 Berkelium half-life 1400 years  
Z = 98 Californium half-life 900 years

Z = 102 Nobelium half-life 58 minutes  
Z = 103 Lawrencium half-life 3.6 hours

I don't know what are the theoretical predictions  
for these elements with  $Z > 92$ .

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Brad,

Let me assure you I have been working on this and it wasn't so straightforward as expected.

Firstly, not all members names, or full names, are clearly shown in their subscription e-mail headings and this required some diplomatic further enquiries!

There were some other queries about anonymity, plus some subscribers in 'limbo', who still had to confirm their subscription request to the list server, etc.

It's only now that these matters has been clarified and I can confirm the current list members are:

Kathleen Andersen  
Dave Bauer  
Ole Jonny Braenne  
Peter Brookesmith  
John Burtenshaw  
Joel Carpenter  
Larry Clark  
David Clarke  
Richard Conway  
Michael Corbin  
Tinus de Beer  
Maurice DesJardins  
Geoff Dittman  
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Stefano Innocenti  
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Brian Straight  
Clas Svahn  
Herb Taylor  
Maurizio Verga  
Dave Vetterick  
David Windle  
Paul Wittry  
Mike Wootten  
Steve Yarwood

Obviously, as previously noted, this information is strictly 'list only'.

There are additionally three members who have requested anonymity, plus a recent subscriber from Spain, whose name is presently unknown.

I think it desirable that the names of all members are known at least to myself. In future, I'll note this condition in the automated subscription e-mail.

What I will also do from now on is ask new subscribers (there's quite a few currently in 'limbo'), if I they will agree to their subscription being disclosed to other list members.

This could be done at the time, or maybe as part of a 'list update' at the beginning of each month - let's see how this works out.

In the meantime, there's a few items I had hoped to respond to, or bring up, on the list and which have been frustratingly delayed due to replies/information being awaited.

One of these relates to 'triangular UFO' cases (not satellites!) from Croatia and sounds particularly interesting.

More on these topics later today.

James Easton.

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From: joel carpenter <ufx@mindspring.com>  
Subject: Chinese manned rocket?Message-id:  
<002301beb6ab\$e19edbe0\$5f198ad1@ws606a>

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Listmembers-

Sorry that this is way off topic, but there's evidence that the Chinese may be preparing a manned spacecraft for tests. See

<http://solar.rtd.utk.edu/~mwade/craft/proct921.htm>

Some US military sources have denied that such an impressive launch complex exists in China (see current issue of Aviation Week, for example), which would make these some amazingly well-hoaxed photos indeed.

- J Carpenter

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Perry Petrakis, from SOSOVNI in France should be included within the subscribers list.

Conversely, Nicolas Maillard regrets he has to unsubscribe due to other commitments - he is currently writing a history of parapsychology research.

The most recent subscriber mentioned, from Spain, is no longer anonymous and has kindly provided a short bio:

"My name is Luis R. Gonzalez. I have been studying UFOs since 1975. At present I work with the Anomaly Foundation. I have written several articles for our Spanish bulletin "Cuadernos de Ufologia", but I have also published some articles in MAGONIA (one about UMMO plus several letters). My last contribution in English is a letter just published in MAGONIA Monthly Supplement number 15".

Thank you Luis.

All subscribers are invited to provide a bio if they wish.

I'm sure there are several areas of expertise which are largely unknown to others.

James.  
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Subject: Re: Triangular Airships  
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Subject: Bentwaters and Lakenheath - 1956.Message-id:  
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Sorry it's all in capitals:

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HOWEVER, I MENTIONED THE PROGRAMME TO MY FATHER, HE  
"CORRECTED"  
ME,  
SAYING THAT THE INCIDENT CONCERNED OCCURRED IN THE LATE  
1950s. I  
DISMISSED HIS NOTION, TELLING HIM THAT, AS EVER, HE DIDN'T LISTEN  
TO  
ME. WITH THE BENEFIT OF HINDSIGHT IT WOULD APPEAR THAT WE  
WERE  
TALKING ABOUT TWO VERY DIFFERENT STORIES.

HE TOLD ME OF A CONVERSATION WITH A LONG TIME ACQUAINTANCE  
OF  
HIS, A  
RADAR ENGINEER WORKING FOR RACAL, A TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
COMPANY.  
HE  
TOLD ME THAT THIS MAN SPUN HIM A STORY ABOUT A COLLEAGUE  
WHO WAS  
CALLED TO R.A.F BENTWATERS TO TEST RADAR EQUIPMENT, I HAVE  
NEVER

BOTHERED PRYING AS MY FATHER WOULD NEVER LET-UP WITH  
BARRACKING  
ME IF  
HE THOUGHT I SAW THIS TALE AS ANYTHING OTHER THAN SPOOKY  
NONSENSE,  
THOUGH HIS OWN POSTSCRIPT TO THE STORY WAS THAT THE TALE  
HAD  
NEVER  
VARIED IN IT`S DETAIL OVER THE YEARS.

IN A NUTSHELL, THE ENGINEER AND HIS BOSS WERE CALLED WITH  
SOME  
URGENCY TO TEST GROUND RADAR AT BENTWATERS, HE (THE  
ENGINEER) WAS  
SURPRISED TO SEE AN AMERICAN MILITARY TECHNICIAN FROM  
ANOTHER  
BASE  
(LAKENHEATH) ALREADY RUNNING MAGNETIC TAPE SPOOLS ON A  
PORTABLE  
VIEWER, A C.R.T AND ASSOCIATED AMPLIFIERS, A RADAR WITHOUT  
THE  
RADAR,  
IF YOU WILL. HE WAS REQUESTED TO CHECK AND TEST THE CONSOLES  
IN  
THE  
BASES CONTROL TOWER. AFTER SEVERAL HOURS HE PRONOUNCED  
THE  
EQUIPMENT  
TO BE IN GOOD WORKING ORDER.

BOTH HE AND HIS BOSS WERE OBVIOUSLY CURIOUS BECAUSE OF THE  
MORE  
THAN  
USUAL LACK OF SMALL TALK WITH THEIR CLIENTS AND THE BRUSQUE  
ATTITUDE  
OF THE NORMALLY FRIENDLY AMERICAN FROM LAKENHEATH. SOME  
WEEKS  
LATER  
THE ENGINEER RELATED THE MORNING IN QUESTION TO ANOTHER  
TECHNICIAN  
WORKING AT AN R.A.F BASE IN EAST ANGLIA, THIS FELLOW TOLD THE  
ENGINEER  
HE HAD HEARD FROM "SOMEONE WHO KNEW SOMEONE" THAT THE  
EVENING  
BEFORE  
HIS CALLOUT TO BENTWATERS THERE WAS GREAT PANIC AT BOTH  
LAKENHEATH AND  
BENTWATERS. THE FELLOW SAID THAT FIGHTER AIRCRAFT HAD BEEN  
SCRAMBLED

AFTER ERRATIC BUT "SOLID LOOKING" RADAR TRACES WHERE  
OBSERVED  
TRAVELLING FROM EAST TO WEST ON FIRST SIGHTING. HE SAID THAT  
THE  
PERSONNEL ON SITE AT BENTWATERS (THOSE ON DUTY) ALL SAW  
LIGHTS IN  
THE  
SKIES AND THAT LAKENHEATH BASE CONTROL TOWER PERSONNEL  
HAD  
TELEPHONED  
THEIR CONCERNS TO BENTWATERS.

AS I HAVE STATED, IT IS A SKETCHY STORY TO ME AT LEAST, IT  
DOESN'T  
SEEM TO HAVE ANY SUBSTANCE, NO DATES OR NAMES. I HAVE NOT  
HEARD OR  
SEEN  
OF ANY MENTION CONCERNING THE ALLEGED EVENTS BUT THOUGHT  
IT AN  
INTERESTING TALE TO MENTION. PERHAPS I HAVE NOT LOOKED VERY  
HARD.

BEST REGARDS  
[name deleted]

Although maybe nothing of new substance re what is presumably the  
renowned August, 1956 'radar' case, an interesting tale  
nonetheless.

James Easton.  
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<001f01beb733\$79af4fa0\$097151c2@es5.scot.ac.uk>

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I've had to remove the capitalisation to solve 'wrap round'  
formatting problems.

Hopefully this will all now be much clearer.

James.

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a further insight into one of the classic, historical cases.

Although initially discussing the December 1980 'Bentwaters'  
incidents, the writer has correctly surmised that their father  
was referring to a much earlier event!

Dear Sir,

I recall seeing a TV documentary with this subject matter, I  
dismissed the testimonies of the contributors as a government  
experiment or "somesuch" and left it to others "with too much  
free time and imagination" to conjecture upon.

However, I mentioned the programme to my father, he "corrected"  
me, saying that the incident concerned occurred in the late  
1950s. I dismissed his notion, telling him that, as ever, he  
didn't listen to me. With the benefit of hindsight it would  
appear that we were talking about two very different stories.

He told me of a conversation with a long time acquaintance of  
his, a radar engineer working for Racal, a telecommunications  
Company. He told me that this man spun him a story about a  
colleague who was called to R.A.F. Bentwaters to test radar  
equipment, I have never bothered prying as my father would never  
let-up with barracking me if he thought I saw this tale as  
anything other than spooky nonsense, though his own postscript to  
the story was that the tale had never varied in its detail over  
the years.

In a nutshell, the engineer and his boss where called with some  
urgency to test ground radar at Bentwaters, he (the engineer) was  
surprised to see an American military technician from another

base (Lakenheath) already running magnetic tape spools on a portable viewer, a C.R.T. and associated amplifiers, a radar without the radar, if you will. He was requested to check and test the consoles in the bases control tower. After several hours he pronounced the equipment to be in good working order.

Both he and his boss where obviously curious because of the more than usual lack of small talk with their clients and the brusque attitude of the normally friendly American from Lakenheath. Some weeks later the engineer related the morning in question to another technician working at an R.A.F. base in East Anglia, this fellow told the engineer he had heard from "someone who knew someone" that the evening before his callout to Bentwaters there was great panic at both Lakenheath and Bentwaters. The fellow said that fighter aircraft had been scrambled after erratic but "solid looking" radar traces where observed travelling from east to west on first sighting. He said that the personnel on site at Bentwaters (those on duty) all saw lights in the skies and that Lakenheath base control tower personnel had telephoned their concerns to Bentwaters.

As I have stated, it is a sketchy story to me at least, it doesn't seem to have any substance, no dates or names. I have not heard or seen of any mention concerning the alleged events but thought it an interesting tale to mention. Perhaps I have not looked very hard.

Best regards  
[name deleted]

Although maybe nothing of new substance re what is presumably the renowned August, 1956 'radar' case, an interesting tale nonetheless.

James.  
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From: Lynda Matthews <matthews@zetnet.co.uk>  
Subject: Re: Triangular AirshipsCc: joel carpenter <ufx@mindspring.com>, UFORL@listbot.com  
UFO Research List

Interesting question.

Of course there are only two candidates - well, one actually because this would more than likely have been a UKUSA project and there is some very good evidence - entirely ignored by this list (maybe people are unaware that a remarkably similar craft was seen in the South West of England, near.....RAF Boscombe Down. There is good evidence that testing was going on there up to Feb. 1997) that the craft flew from the UK.

Why not Belgium?

I submit that through simple means Ufology was encouraged or prompted to put out a certain story an the press took it up. The perfect cover-up...

Belgium is near the UK, it is flat, and perhaps it was a calculated risk.

Only when we start asking the right questions and thinking about secret military operations and not propaganda about "ET over Belgium" will we be able to progress. I suspect that until people realize that **NO TRIANGLE WAS SEEN AT 10,000FT FROM THE GROUND OR BY THE AF INTERCEPTOR PILOTS** will we get anywhere....

How many times does it need to be said that the AF interceptors radar was faulty?

I should add that Eric Morris is visiting me tomorrow or Thursday and has the details of the aircraft/pilots at the Woodford show. He was not amused to learn that people were doubting what he has reported in good faith!

Bye for now,

Tim Matthews.

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> From: J. Pharabod <pharabod@in2p3.fr>  
> To: Lynda Matthews <matthews@zetnet.co.uk>  
> Cc: joel carpenter <ufx@mindspring.com>; UFORL@listbot.com  
> Subject: Re: Triangular Airships  
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Subject: Re: Triangular AirshipsMessage-id: <376688D4.21356E9C@wxs.nl>  
X-Accept-Language: en  
References: <Pine.HPX.4.10.9906151414180.15973-100000@polhp2.in2p3.fr>

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Theo Paijmans

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It's nice to know that we all agree on this because I've never said that my so-called "hypothesis" explains everything that happened in Belgium. Any reading of the complicated picture indicates, as Jenny Randles notes, a "strong sociological factor" - amongst other things..

Tim.

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> From: Theo Paijmans <th.paijmans@wxs.nl>  
> To: UFORL@listbot.com  
> Subject: Re: Triangular Airships  
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Wasn't "faulty radar" an essential ingredient in Phil  
Klass' analysis of this case ?

Jean-Pierre Pharabod

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Please read the following carefully if you intend to stay online and continue using email:

The last few months have revealed an alarming trend in the Government of the United States attempting to quietly push through legislation that will affect your use of the Internet. Under proposed legislation the U.S. Postal Service will be attempting to bill email users out of "alternate postage fees".

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Richard Stepp is working without pay to prevent this legislation from becoming law.

The U.S. Postal Service is claiming that lost revenue due to the proliferation of email is costing nearly \$230,000,000 in revenue per year.

You may have noticed their recent ad campaign "There is nothing like a

letter". Since the average citizen received about 10 pieces of email per day in 1998, the cost to the typical individual would be an additional 50

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Don't sit by and watch your freedoms erode away!

Send this e-mail to EVERYONE on your list, and tell all your friends  
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It will only take a few moments of your time, and could very well be  
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RESEARCHERS!Message-id: <199906162108.WAA29882@irwell.zetnet.co.uk>

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This is very interesting but, once again and for the nth time, we are not claiming that Aereon has actually built these FTs!!! (Of course, one of the highly successful prototypes from the 1971 tests, an orange beast, is still sitting in a hangar somewhere. These things DID fly, some 28 years ago.....)

I think that people are under an illusion re; McPhee's "Deltoid Pumpkin Seed". I was under the distinct impression that it was a NOVEL, not a work of non-fiction.....

Nevertheless, it is not inconceivable that Miller or whomever is not telling us everything. After all, both Lockheed and the military denied the existence of the F-117A for rather a long time, admitting only to the existence of 'stealth' technology and not the actual aircraft. (This was, to some extent, a political move by the Carter presidency to outmaneuver Reagan during the 1980s election campaign. Like much of Carter's work, it backfired...)

Miller, in conversation with me in 1997, DID state that he was working with the Navy on a stealthy sensor platform and that the delta shape would be best for this.....So maybe he does the work and somebody else builds it. If it's just a one-man op then why the grants/loans???

In any case one thing we know is that often different bits of black a/c are built by different contractors.....

In addition, and on a perhaps separate note, nobody has been able to explain Chris Gibson's delta that he saw off Galveston Key in 1989 (under escort by F-15s in memory serves), nor the other very credible sightings off the Scottish coast where RAF Tornados have been seen to accompany FTs. (I saw this myself in June 1996; in daylight!) Neither has anybody here been able to explain the 1992 radio intercept provided for us by Steve Douglass (mentioned in my book, again) where an AF General is heard to admit to the existence of a secret military a/c and give details of how his underlings should cover it up. Furthermore, nobody here is able to explain our very own UK radio intercept where a Tornado pilot from Coningsby is heard to say - on 264.4 MHz that;

"I have made contact with a triangle" - having been vectored onto a position by an E3 AWACS.

THE PLOT thickens and attempts to claim that we are seeing 'alien technology' in action continue to get more desperate....

I note with great interest the way that both my and Eric Morris' information about Belgium was met with derision when almost any rubbish about alien technology/ET is played up, without serious checking, almost every day by UFO researchers.....

Eric will be putting out further information on these vital new revelations in the next couple of days.

And it won't be copyright.....

Tim Matthews.

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Once again apples and oranges.

The fact is that VTOL airships are now a reality and no doubt things have moved on. Whether Miler is a minister or not makes very little difference and why bother including Miller in any loop if any agency of the military was going to take his ideas on board?

They're hardly going to tell him ASSUMING he's telling the truth. He might well be prepared to be economical with the truth for all kinds of reasons. Like having to keep quiet?

I usually find that in most cases these things haven't actually hovered but moved slowly. Having said that I've seen plenty of airships moving at very low speed (and hovering) and in fact it was only recently that the Skyship 600 was flying around at my local base (RAF Woodvale).

Airship designs are rather advanced these days and I'd be hopeful that some progress could be made in the 28 years since the original tests in 1971....!

Note also that a secret project, to do with testing a similar a/c, was undertaken down in the South of England and official reports noted that the public had been "unwitting witnesses" to these efforts. The only reason the story broke was because somebody talked out of place. I doubt that happens very often.

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Hi Brad, All

I believe it was either me or Karl Pflock who suggested it first, about  
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In an infinite universe infinitely anything is possible.

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Interviewer: Bill Miller, if you could, give us a little history, a little background of the company – how you became involved in it, and how did the modern aerobody aircraft come about?

Miller: Be glad to. The company was actually incorporated in 1959 in Pennsylvania. Most of its life has been in New Jersey. The men who formed the company...were really trying to overcome the deficiencies they saw in airships, to make them a viable commercial product. And that meant making them able to carry a heavier load, fly faster, require fewer ground crew, and thereby be more efficient. The...first seven years were devoted to the Aereon III, because they wanted to honor the inventor Solomon Andrews of a century before. So they named the company the Aereon Corporation in honor of him but also they built that aircraft. Then the concept was superseded, because the research NASA had done with lifting bodies for high speed reentry from space inspired a German physicist [Jurgen Bock] to think that this might be a much better shape for a semi-buoyant aircraft than the triple hulls would be. This man joined the company, and then we coined the name "Dynairship," for dynamic-lift airship – a semi-buoyant, triangular body filled with helium, but flying aerodynamically as well. That then was the subject of pursuit for the next seventeen or eighteen years, twenty years, and then, in the course of doing work under contract for the Air Force, Aereon decided that buoyancy might not be essential to satisfy the customer's wish – in fact, it might be better not to use it, and so the last years since 1986, we have focused on a purely aerodynamic lifting body. We call it an "aerobody," so it isn't misunderstood as a space vehicle coming in, as the lifting bodies have been known to be, and so this aerobody is a generic concept, which is in a way maybe a new type of aircraft.

Interviewer: Bill Putman, you were the designer on this aircraft. Can you lend anything to that explanation about what "dynamic" and "static" mean, how the aircraft works?

Putman: Oh, sure. The words static and dynamic lift should in our case be called aerodynamic and aerostatic lift. The aerostatic lift is associated

with the buoyancy. The lighter gas inside causes it to be buoyant and that gives you some lift. The aerodynamic lift is the same sort of lift that a normal airplane wing generates. We combine those two forms of lift and call it a Dynairship with aerodynamic and aerostatic lift.

Interviewer: ...How have you kept the company alive for the past thirty years? That's a story in itself.

Miller: It is. Well, Aereon has been financed throughout its life by private investors. Also by those in the company who were willing to go without salary, and let it accrue as an obligation. And I as one of those, also took stock instead of salary...but mainly private investors who had vision, who believed in the concept, who I guess believed in us - otherwise they shouldn't have done it - and also in recent times, we've succeeded in obtaining government contract support from the Air Force and from the Navy, under the Small Business Innovation and Research program, which enabled us to do a great deal of work we otherwise wouldn't have been able to.

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I sometimes wonder what is the matter with people when they can't get certain erroneous ideas out of their head.

Take just one example, for instance:

"Tim Matthews says that Aereon built an ultra-secret LTA triangular aircraft."

No he didn't/doesn't but the fact that Aereon didn't get funding - if we are to believe the official line (not dissimilar to that put out by ever-so-many companies developing secret technology. SR-71? Never heard of it? A-12 Avenger? No, no such aircraft? Mind control? Never done that! F-117A? No, sorry, nothing to do with us!) tends to suggest that somebody else had a similar idea and well.....went for it!

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> Date: 17 June 1999 19:15  
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> video about the company which was produced by a New Jersey media  
> organization for the state's TV network. The series was called "Wings

over

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> Aereon." It included a lot of interesting footage of the 1960s-70s Aereon  
> prototypes. Here's some of the relevant dialog from the show:

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> background of the company – how you became involved in it, and how did  
the

> modern aerobody aircraft come about?

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> Miller: Be glad to. The company was actually incorporated in 1959 in

> Pennsylvania. Most of its life has been in New Jersey. The men who formed

> the company...were really trying to overcome the deficiencies they saw in

> airships, to make them a viable commercial product. And that meant making

> them able to carry a heavier load, fly faster, require fewer ground crew,

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a

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> because the research NASA had done with lifting bodies for high speed

> reentry from space inspired a German physicist [Jurgen Bock] to think  
that

> this might be a much better shape for a semi-buoyant aircraft than the

> triple hulls would be. This man joined the company, and then we coined  
the

> name "Dynairship," for dynamic-lift airship – a semi-buoyant, triangular

> body filled with helium, but flying aerodynamically as well. That then  
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> years, and then, in the course of doing work under contract for the Air

> Force, Aereon decided that buoyancy might not be essential to satisfy the

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> call it an "aerobody," so it isn't misunderstood as a space vehicle

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> Interviewer: Bill Putman, you were the designer on this aircraft. Can you

> lend anything to that explanation about what "dynamic" and "static" mean,

> how the aircraft works?

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> Putman: Oh, sure. The words static and dynamic lift should in our case be

> called aerodynamic and aerostatic lift. The aerostatic lift is associated

> with the buoyancy. The lighter gas inside causes it to be buoyant and that

> gives you some lift. The aerodynamic lift is the same sort of lift that a normal airplane wing generates. We combine those two forms of lift and call

> it a Dynairship with aerodynamic and aerostatic lift.

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> investors. Also by those in the company who were willing to go without salary, and let it accrue as an obligation. And I as one of those, also took

> stock instead of salary...but mainly private investors who had vision, who

> believed in the concept, who I guess believed in us - otherwise they shouldn't have done it - and also in recent times, we've succeeded in

> obtaining government contract support from the Air Force and from the Navy,

> under the Small Business Innovation and Research program, which enabled us

> to do a great deal of work we otherwise wouldn't have been able to.

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> Interviewer: Bill Putman, just as in dirigibles, there's terrific scale economies in size...the Hindenberg was what, a quarter mile long or something...the idea was to scale the Aereon - the aerobody aircraft that you were developing- to three hundred, seven hundred feet...

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I suspect that James is overly concerned with UFO witnesses - especially the ones he's interviewed.

I mentioned Wisconsin the other day.

As for FT sightings why the belief that there aren't as many misidentifications of mundane objects as for the rest of the UFO data?

In my experience, and the experience of many others, 99 times out of 100 FT sightings do Not relate to actual FTs - most often these are reports of three lights in a pattern - the witness fills in the rest because the template for FT sightings has been set by some shoddy research.

Triangular aircraft have long been a reality.

That's a fact.

The suggestion that they may invoke some sort of 'advanced power source' (Joel C possibly suspects 'anti-gravity' - maybe, who knows?) is interesting, but not proven.

I THINK YOU WANT these things to be extra-terrestrial - hence your horror at my 'speculation'.

Most "FT" sightings are nothing of the sort and so we're not dealing with as many reports as is generally believed. AS to manta-rays I suggest that you read Bill Rose's excellent article in Don Eckers improving (US) UFO Magazine for May 1999 (page 42) which gives details of such an aircraft back in the 1950s. But then of course triangular a/c were developed by Lippisch in the 1940s - well before Roswell.

I also suspect (actually Bill suspected first!) that the Douglas Skyray was a candidate for UFO reports and that it was a whiteworld version of a heel-shaped black projects a/c...also responsible for it's share of reports.

I also have a number of FOIAs to the US Navy on the subject of similar aircraft. I wonder what will emerge.....?

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Hi Joel,

You know what they say about assumption?

It is the mother of all f\*\*\*k-ups.....

Tim.

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> To: J. Pharabod <pharabod@in2p3.fr>  
> Cc: UFORL <UFORL@listbot.com>  
> Subject: Re: Triangular Airships  
> Date: 18 June 1999 13:30  
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> car encounter in Wisconsin - where the object was comparable in size to a  
> fighter jet, was silent, and accelerated at fantastic speed. Assuming  
that  
> this was accurately reported, it's very difficult to understand how it  
could  
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It's the best explanation, but it's still a bad one...

Jean-Pierre Pharabod

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-----Original Message-----

From: Lynda Matthews <matthews@zetnet.co.uk>Cc: UFORL  
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'Xcuse me for asking but what do the two incidents have in common? Sounds like the Cash-Landrum thing was definitely military - unless ET has Chinook helicopters - and some rather radioactive nasty was being transported. My information on the case comes from Jerome Clark's excellent UFO Book and I cannot recall people in Belgium being fried.....

In terms of these detachable lights I'm trying to find mention of these in my texts which include "Beyond Top Secret" (Good), "UFO - A Deadly Concealment" (Sheffield, very detailed) and also , for instance, van Utrechts first-class "The Belgian 1989-90 UFO Wave" in "UFO-1947-1997, Fifty Years of Flying Saucers" (Evans, Stacy).

To quote liberally from the latter;

One colleague patrolling the area northwest of Eupen, confirmed that not only had he seen an object carrying three blinding white lights and a pulsating red light, but he had noticed 'something at the back of the craft that was turning around, like a turbine.'

It was only in 1996 that an independent researcher discovered that the planet Venus had been at exactly the spot where the Gendarmes had situated the 'bright ball of light' over the watch-tower of the lake of Gileppe. My verification revealed that Venus had reached its' maximum nagnitude that day and was only five degrees above the horizon. The planet's azimuth also natched that of the presumed UFO."

"As for the 'unclear impression of beams of light shooting out from the sides', this could have been the well-known atmospheric effects that occur when light sources are observed low on the horizon."

And so on.

Van Utrecht also calls into question the objectivity of researchers associated with SOBEPS - the main group involved and who seem to have developed a relationship with the official military investigation.

As for lights detaching themselves this seems fairly mythical and has been associated with reports featured in the now defunct UK magazine UFO Reality. These lights were also said to be associated with supposed UK 'black helicopters' - which were actually very mundane and based at Middle Wallop - home of the Army Air Corps!!!

I state again that the radar evidence was a misnomer and perhaps thrown in to deliberately confuse matters. At the same time that so many of us accuse/suspect the military of being involved in these matters at a

high-security level, we accept its' version of events re; Belgium.

Tim M.

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> To: matthews@zetnet.co.uk

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object, which had nothing to do with the Flying  
Triangle phenomenon. If the witnesses were really  
hit by nuclear radiations (something which has been  
recently challenged on this list or on PROJECT-1947),  
it could have been a damaged small military or test  
nuclear reactor, hanging from a big military helicopter,  
which was enough high over it to avoid these radiations  
(weren't there several helicopters around ?)

Jean-Pierre Pharabod

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Dear Researchers,

Eric Morris is making the following statement via my email a/d whilst his computer is upgraded;

"On Saturday 12th June I attended the Woodford Airshow held at British

Aerospace, Woodford, Cheshire. At approximately 12.45pm I made my way over to a group of pilots who were talking to the public and giving stickers out to enthusiasts. I managed to get into conversation with two of these men, one the pilot of a Royal Netherlands Air Force aircraft and the other an F-16 pilot.

After a few minutes I asked them candidly about the 'Belgian UFO incidents' of 1989/90 and without any hint of a lie they told me that firstly, they were knowledgeable about the case. Secondly, they knew the name of Colonel Wilfred de Brouwer who was most closely associated with the case at the time - from an official point of view. The pilot laughed when asked about triangular 'UFOs' and stated that they were/are not UFOs as such but classified aircraft. I feigned surprise and said that the press and public thought differently. This encouraged them to be a little more forthcoming and they added that 'an experimental aircraft' had been involved and had developed problems. The men stated that knowledge of this incident was not exactly limited to Belgium and that Dutch, UK and German radars were affected by this and that some tracks were made. In the UK radar stations on the East coast had, apparently, picked the aircraft up.

They argued that the jet fighters were tasked to track the experimental aircraft in the air for some reason. They knew the Belgian pilots involved.

They were adamant that this was not a UFO sighting and having had conversations with other NATO pilots had discovered that NATO Air Forces were 'in the know'. Official statements, of the type put out by de Brouwer, were little more than a smokescreen to hide the facts.

The actual craft in question was, as far as they knew, of European design and they didn't know about any possible US involvement. America was not mentioned in this respect.

They also had heard about cover-ups of incidents at RAF Boscombe Down.

The aircraft in question were F-16'S Serial J-256, J-259, attached to R. Netherlands AF Sqdn 299, 301, 311."

I am prepared to make a statement in front of a Solicitor in the form of an affidavit if required. This statement is true to the best of my recollection and for further information I can be contacted as follows;

Eric Morris, 78 Greenall Rd, Northwich, Cheshire CW9 5RN. Tel (01606) 330567.

PS - despite having put out my contact details not one researcher has called me which leads me to conclude that they're not interested in the truth! "

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Tim Matthews comments;

Although this is a remarkable account some of the facts fit what we know. Derek Sheffield's "UFO - A Deadly Concealment" indicates that the MOD (UK) knew all about it and that North Atlantic Ground Defence Environment (NADGE) radar picked the aircraft up. Importantly, he states that anything reported to one country's radar would necessarily be passed on to the rest in the loop. He also indicates that there was an official cover-up and it is remarkable to note how, on the one hand, researchers who believe in a UFO cover-up treat the Belgian military as a different, and truthful, entity, when on the other hand, claiming that there is a Covert Agenda of UFO cover-ups at the highest levels of power.

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> Date: 18 June 1999 14:37  
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> On Fri, 18 Jun 1999, joel carpenter wrote:  
>>  
>> There is a type of balloon known as a "tetroon" that has been used  
since the  
>> late 1950s for high-altitude research. The early ones were apparently  
huge,  
>> maybe a million cubic feet - you can see lots of photos of them in  
"UFOs  
>> Behind the Iron Curtain" - and they're still used for research at  
smaller  
>> scales, at least. See  
>>  
<http://lumahai.soest.hawaii.edu/Dept/meteorology/businger/balloon/fig-3.htm>  
>  
> Joel,  
>  
> Yes, I know that, but these tetrahedric balloons usually don't  
> flow or hover at low altitude, illuminating sometimes the ground  
> below them...  
>  
>> I should be really clear - what I was trying to say was not that I  
>> personally believe that there has been a secret breakthrough involving  
>> antigravity (something like Lazar's claims), but just that these FTs  
are

> > very much like other UFOs - they force you toward more radical  
> > explanations -- either they're hoaxes, misidentifications of  
conventional  
> > objects, or possibly extraterrestrial vehicles. I personally don't  
believe  
> > that there is a propulsion system made on earth that can provide both  
silent  
> > hovering (or very low speed flight) as well as silent, near-instant  
> > acceleration and maneuvering. So the FTs are more like "conventional"  
> > UFOs -- it's just that they're triangular...  
> > - J Carpenter  
>  
> I never found a well-documented Belgian case of "near-instant  
> acceleration". The F-16 radar echoes during the night March 30-31,  
> 1990, could have just been "ground clutter". Some witnesses say  
> that they have seen the object departing instantly at very high speed,  
> but that was during night, and it's difficult to estimate the  
> speeds - if the craft accelerates quickly from 5 mph to 100 mph,  
> that's spectacular, but within the possibilities of a modern  
> terrestrial airship. That's why the most puzzling aspect of the  
> whole story would be, if confirmed, the behaviour of the red-orange  
> central spherical light.  
>  
> Another puzzling aspect is the behaviour of the scientific and  
> political communities (at least the Belgian military tried to  
> do something). They just wanted to ignore the whole thing... (in  
> France we would say like ostriches putting their head in the sand).  
> Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo has just reposted yesterday 17 June, on  
> www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates, "The Roots Of Complacency", by J. Allen  
> Hynek, which fits very well the "Belgian wave" (I am not sure for the  
> Hudson Valley, but in Belgium the explanation is definitely not "planes  
> in formation").  
>  
> Jean-Pierre Pharabod  
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The constantly changing story and I should point out that a great deal of sense if being written by Pharabod.

I was just thinking of a possible explanation for lights seeming to 'detach' themselves (and I should point out that in much higher altitude sightings I have investigated cases where triangles have supposedly 'split into bits' and these have corresponded to ARA - refuelling areas - and refuelling activities). In several cases from the South West around RAF Boscombe and RNAS Yeovilton I have spoken to people who have claimed that 'electrical discharges' were seen emanating from the large-ish deltas. Given that people like Michael Walden expect that such things are a natural by-product of the propulsion system (I'm not saying anti-grav BTW!!) then is this not a reasonable conclusion to reach?

I would also be very much happier if these detachable lights were reported in greater numbers. I have got copies of the SOBEPS books as has one of members, Laurence Michel, a Belgian member of Lancashire UFO Society. I shall ask her to translate!

TM.

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The answer is NO, I don't think that ET is visiting in "mass numbers" and IF YOU DO then you've been misled by a bunch of people for whom I have little respect.

At best there is SOME VERY TENUOUS EVIDENCE that cannot be ignored. I introduced some of this myself on a recent Jeff Rense "Sightings" radio

show (see; [www.sightings.com](http://www.sightings.com)).

I think, if you carry on with this, that you will discover the ultimate truth; that Ufology is all about humanity, and not ET.....

I can't wait for your next post....

Tim.

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> Dear All,

> I think that it is time that we cleared up something that seems quite  
> unclear to me. Do you, or do you not, believe that extraterrestrials are  
> visiting our planet in mass numbers and that their craft are what we  
> commonly call UFO's? This excludes all test aircraft of course.

> For those who don't, I look forward to the conversation ahead. Once  
> again, I welcome all comments at [ductman@netins.net](mailto:ductman@netins.net) . Goodbye.

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> Respectfully,

> Ash Young

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>Date: Fri, 18 Jun 1999 08:30:20 -0400

Joel wrote:

>...the daytime car encounter in Wisconsin - where the object was  
>comparable in size to a fighter jet, was silent, and accelerated  
>at fantastic speed. Assuming that this was accurately reported,  
>it's very difficult to understand how it could be any type of  
>"airship" using lighter-than-air technology.

Joel,

I've had a search for possible comparative cases in my files and extracted details of some which feature a similar 'rapid acceleration'.

All evidence does seem to indicate that any explanation for these numerous 'close encounter' cases - I must have 300 or so on record - is not related to LTA technology. Not only is there apparently no evidence for the operation of 'triangular airships' in the first place, there's seemingly no answer to the simple question why any 'top secret' airships, aircraft or whatever would be operating in this ridiculous manner.

It's the most unlikely explanation of all - at least so far as these accounts are concerned.

Anyway, we can see what's made of the reports which follow, which interestingly come from both the US and UK.

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(The Eastern Midlands UFO Association, now defunct I believe - James)

#### Case 55 - TRIANGULAR LIGHTS OVER KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD

On the evening of July 14th at approximately 21:30, Mr Thomas Rose noticed out of his living room window a strange configuration of lights. He pointed it out to his wife and brother-in-law who all went out into the back garden to get a better view.

The lights on the craft were in a triangular configuration and all shone a yellow/orange colour. The body of the object could also be made out and it was also triangular in shape. Mr Rose could clearly see that it had no wings and no tail section which would have distinguished it from a conventional aircraft. The object also lacked the usual red, green and white lights which can be seen clearly on airliners.

Mr Rose who lives in Kirkby-in-Ashfield watched in amazement as this craft, the size of a Boeing 747 silently passed from left to right, stopping and hovering on three separate occasions as it passed from Mutton Hill to the put tip in line with the Alfreton by-pass. The craft then suddenly had instant acceleration and shot over the distant horizon. There was no sound of any engines which would have been heard if it was a conventional airlines. It was a warm summer evening with no wind and a few scattering clouds.

All three witnesses were still swapping notes when they noticed

two  
helicopters appear and travel in the same direction that the UFO  
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[Source: UFO Magazine (UK)]

September 27, 1994, Ossett, England

The small town of Ossett, West Yorkshire, is situated on the outskirts of Wakefield.

The M1 motorway cuts a path between the two, and the skies above the area are usually filled with the noise and lights of the West Yorkshire police helicopter, whose landing facility is based nearby.

At 8.00 p.m., on Wednesday, 27 September 1994, Tina drove her car out of Ossett en-route to Barnsley, south Yorkshire, where she was due to meet her boyfriend, Steve.

Before reaching the M1 (motorway), Tina noticed a triangular-shaped object in the sky. With some difficulty, she determined that the shape was black in colour, had a green light at the front, and two red lights at the rear. In front of the green light, was a thin point, similar to those seen on fighter aircraft.

Suddenly, having taken her eyes off the object for a few seconds, she saw that it had now descended above her vehicle and appeared to be pacing her.

Tina when asked, said the height was about three average house sizes above her vehicle.

At last, she joined the motorway to head south, at which point and much to her relief, the object moved away in the distance at great

speed. On arrival at Steve's house in Barnsley, Tina blurted out her experience. After some excited discussion, the two decided to venture back up the motorway to Ossett, in case the object was still "loitering in the vicinity".

Their journey to Ossett proved uneventful, but as they left the motorway junction at Ossett itself, they caught sight of it towards the east, some distance away in the skies near Huddersfield. They stopped their vehicle and got out, and quickly observed the triangle shoot across the sky at an "incredible speed", and alarmingly, come to a stop directly overhead.

As they watched in nervous amazement, a second triangular craft appeared and hovered alongside. Shortly afterwards, this moved quickly away and was lost behind some trees in the distant horizon. A few minutes later, the remaining triangle suddenly shot off at great speed. Throughout this incredible sighting, neither Tina nor Steve heard a solitary sound emanating from either craft.  
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As previously mentioned on this list, in messages number 68 and 69:

[Source: UFO UpDates' posting]:

From: Stig Agermose <stig.agermose@get2net.dk>  
Date: Fri, 19 Mar 1999 07:15:45 GMT

Long Valley, New Jersey, USA  
10:20 pm, August 21, 1982

First let me say that my husband & I are college-educated, professional people, both working for, (what was then) Bell Laboratories. We were sober, and quite alert - we had our 2 yr. old daughter Thus, coming home from visiting friends. The whole occurrence so astounded us, we called the army, navy, air force, Police & UFO Research facility in Illinois. We called the friends we had visited, we drew pictures of what we saw immediately upon entering our home. My husband thinks that what we encountered was possibly new, secret technology.

[...]

My husband & I were travelling north on Rte. 206, heading home. It was a clear, starry August sky & I noticed a particularly bright, large, "star" in the sky straight ahead. I pointed it out to him (he was driving). As I did, I noticed it was moving due west. It was an odd, yellowish color & stood out as being different from the stars & planets. We chalked it up as being an airplane - but I couldn't stop checking it out. At the light in Chester, we turned left, heading west to our town, Long Valley, on Rte. 24. I lost sight of it with the trees. But as we approached the edge of the valley, there is a long hill going down into it. At this point, I saw it again, still out with the stars but bigger and moving faster, it seemed to go the speed of the car. As we reached the crest of the hill, it came TOWARDS us. The light got bigger & bigger, so big that my husband thought we were about to get hit, head-on. He swerved off to the side of the road. At this point, "the light" seemed to slow down, and we could see that it was tilting up above us and that it was actually 2 large circular lights - side-by-side. We jumped out of the car (curiously no one else was driving on the road, but with my 2 yr. old in the car seat, I didn't want to leave the car). My

husband proceeded to walk (backwards) from the car down the middle of the road, staring up at this HUGE aircraft directly above us. It had a smooth, white surface, with blue, green & red rectangular lights along the perimeter of its underside. The lights dimmed as it hovered overhead. It was shaped like a stingray, with wide, rounded wings and a bobbed backend. It seemed as comfortable in the sky as a fish in water, like it was swimming(??)The "nose" (where the two big lights were) wasn't white, but appeared to be glass. It was moving no faster than he was walking, so it "hovered" just above him. We were in awe - but spoke to each other the whole time. We discussed its parameters, using the aforementioned descriptions so we'd agree, out loud, of what we saw. We calculated that the nose could hold about 50-100 people. The wingspan was 3 football fields in length. It made a very low, quiet hum and seemed to be just above the trees. We agreed that we could throw a stone up and hit it. (We didn't, however, neither of us wanted to look away) It was mesmerizing in that it was travelling so low to the ground with no wind, and barely any sound.

[...]

We figured our conversation lasted about 3 minutes as this craft stayed above my husband - he was quite far from the car. We couldn't calculate the width of it until this point: I noticed headlights in the corner of my eye, a car was coming. I yelled to my husband to get out of the road. He came running toward the car & this aircraft slowly turned to the south and then, in two blinks of an eye, took off. No sound, no wind. Gone.

[Source: My own research]:

In April, 1995, following a lengthy correspondence with the claimed witness, I published the following report, writing at the time:

"I have summarised this account using only the verbatim testimony of the witness and have their confirmation that this summary it is an accurate record of events".

[Begin]

I had a UFO sighting at approximately 9:30 p.m., in September of 1974.

I was riding in a car with two other people going down I 5, south from San Francisco.

At about 250 miles north of LA, I saw two huge floodlights on the side of the car. When we passed by the object we could see it very clearly. It was about as wide as three cars and it was much longer.

It had a stingray shape (it was shaped like a stingray fish). It was round in front, it had protrusions on each side (like small wings) and came to a rounded point in the back.

I did see the size of the craft. I think it was about 40 feet long and 30 feet deep, about as high as a two story building.

It was dark and the color was hard to see but I think the color was a metallic grey or black.

It had a blue light on one side and a green light on the other side. It was a long time ago, so I could be wrong, but I think the green light was on the right and the blue light was on the left. The lights were on each side at the farthest point on each side. They were at the end of the "wings" on the sides of the craft.

The floodlights were right on front of the craft, similar to headlights but brighter than daylight and brighter than any light I've ever seen. They were brighter than high intensity mercury vapour lights which are used to light up football fields at night.

They were approximately one fourth to one eighth the size of the front of the craft, similar to the size of headlights on a car.

They were on all the time.

It was hovering above the ground at about three feet. We immediately pulled the car over and got out. There was no wind and absolutely no sound.

Then, it slowly rose up and floated over the two lane freeway and paused very still on the other side before taking off.

I saw the underside of the craft but it was dark so I didn't see details. I do know that I did not see any wheels or landing gear. I was looking specifically for that because I couldn't figure out how the craft was suspended without any moving parts. When I looked to see what was holding it up, I was astonished to find that nothing was holding it up and it was not touching the ground.

There were no lights visible underneath the craft.

When the vehicle went over the freeway, it had been in a stationary position. It paused about 5 seconds and took off at an accelerated rate, which was instantaneous. I mean, it was like going hundreds of miles an hour in one second, with no acceleration time. It travelled straight at about 30 or 40 feet off the ground and then it went up into the sky and disappeared.

The craft made no discernible noise at all, even when it took off.

It had two red lights on the back, they were smaller in comparison to the other lights.

When it took off, it did so at lightning speed and was gone in 3 seconds.

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Also preciously highlighted on the list, a significant 1975 case, as reported here in the 'National Enquirer' (this case was well documented at the time):

'Triangular-Shaped Saucer Shakes Up Five North Carolina Counties'

'Skies Over Lumberton, N.C., Visited By A Glowing Object that Baffled Officials For Nearly A Week - but Remained Unexplained'

[...]

The first of the scores of reports came shortly after 1 a.m. on April 3 (of 1975). "We were swamped with calls from the public and 30 officers reported seeing a strange object," submitted Lumberton sheriff's radio dispatcher Ronn Thompson. Most of the callers-in said they had seen the UFO over the north end of the rural hamlet.

"I saw the object hovering about 50 feet over the town's water tank," said officer Phil Stanton, one of the policemen who received calls from citizens who were, if not frightened, certainly very impressed at what many thought was a drop-in from extragalactic beings.

"It seemed to be triangular or vee-shaped. I could make out reddish lights on one side of it and green or blue lights along the other. I thought it was about the size of a Cadillac. The strange thing was that there was no sound at all. It appeared to have a solid hull and one big spotlight."

Just as the mystified officer began to register that he was seeing something that he couldn't do anything about-- and something that very few others could expect ever to see--the strange object vanished, hurtling away at almost unearthly speed. And then--"I heard on my patrol car radio that it was spotted over St. Pauls just 90 seconds later. And St. Pauls is 15 miles away," he said.

Over in St. Pauls, security guard John McPherson and officer Tom Hagens chased the triangular mystery in a patrol ear. Their first glimpse of it came with a red flash "like an explosion," behind

some trees way back in the boondocks. The strange craft was moving low and slow across an isolated country road and the officers saw their duty.

"We took off after it, but lost it. Then we stopped the car and just waited," reported McPherson. And then, as though playing an interplanetary game of tag, "There it was again ... it seemed to be triangular, maybe vee-shaped, with blue lights all around the edges and a big pulsating ball of red light in the center. There were two big beams like searchlights. The next thing I knew, it took off at terrific speed--without a sound.

If that isn't the same whatsis that Stanton saw four days later, it must at least have been a sister ship.

And suddenly, the same ship or one much like it turned up a few miles away. When McPherson and Hagens last saw it in St. Pauls, it was racing west. Soon it was picked up by Hoke County Deputy Sheriff George McGuire. "It seemed to be travelling about the speed of a jet, but far closer to the ground than I've ever seen a jet fly," he recalled.

Reports of mysterious doings in the North Carolina skies kept pouring in. The Lumberton radio dispatcher, Ronn Thompson, found that his curiosity was whetted by all the reports he had received from presumably sane and sober citizens. So off he went on his own UFO hunt when he got off duty Friday night. Sure enough about 20 miles southwest of Lumberton he really did spot it.

"It appeared suddenly, less than 200 feet above my car," he told reporters later. "I could see a beam shining out of the thing and flashed my car lights. Incredibly, the beam flashed back at me in response. I flashed my lights a second time and again I got a response.

"Then the object took off at tremendous speed and vanished."

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[Source: National UFO Reporting Center]

Occurred : 2/20/1998 22:57 (Entered as : 2/20/98 22:57)  
Reported : 2/26/1998 06:47  
Posted : 1/28/1999  
Location : Columbus, OH  
Shape : Triangle

I first noticed a long, thin, sort of cigar shaped bright white light slowly moving W to E behind my house. Upon looking out the window that was gone but, after several seconds 3 lights just came on, about 150 or 200 ft. up. They were in a triangular formation, the front being yellow, one red and one green. These lights made several odd manoeuvres and never flashed or blinked; we are relatively close to Port Columbus so, I am used to seeing airplanes and helicopters yet, I have never seen anything like this.

The long, bright white light was odd because it seemed to be close and flying very low,( 20-40 ft.), and even though this was a very intense bright white light it cast no light on surrounding objects. I could see the trees in my neighbor's yard silhouetted against the light as it moved across the neighbor's yard. This object was about as long as the first joint of your finger,( from the tip of your finger to the first knuckle), held at arms length - as I sat about 22 ft. from the window that I saw it through. The triangular shaped object that I saw after I got up and went to the window appeared over the intersection of Morse & Westerville Roads at an altitude of about 100-150 ft. and headed due North, in my general direction. Once it got slightly North of Morse Rd.,( which runs E & W), it banked slightly and headed west, the whole time going about 25-35 mph. The object travelled West until it was 200 ft. or so past Westerville Rd. then, came to a stop rotated 180 degrees and began flying back East at about the same speed as before. When the object got back to where it originally began moving to the West it suddenly got a burst of speed like nothing I've ever seen and made a U-turn that seemed to take it slightly higher and its own width to the South. This U-turn was one of the main things that made me stop and think " Hey this is not a helicopter or airplane" because, just last year I went to the Dayton Airshow and saw how fast these modern military planes can accelerate. Let me tell you nothing I have ever seen could do this- not to mention the g-forces this

manoeuvre would have exerted on a pilot would have been more than any human could ever stand. After this abrupt U-turn the object immediately returned to its previous snail like speed and continued on to the West. As it got about 300 ft. or so from Westerville Rd. it slowly turned to the South South West and as it made this turn all the lights instantly turned red but, there was no blink or flash as though I was seeing a different side of the object, the lights just simply switched colors!!!! After the object had changed course and color it just flew at the same slow speed out of my field of view to the Southwest. This triangular object seemed to emit a wide, highly dispersed light at about a 45 degree angle, from the front yellow light- this light is totally different than a normal search light on a helicopter. It also seemed like there was a triangular shadow in-between the lights so that since the sky was overcast the clouds were slightly brighter than the object itself- so, it was possible to make out the shape but, there was only a slight hint of it. The object appeared to be an equilateral triangle of about 50-75 ft. per side. I also stuck my head out the door during the sighting and heard no sound, other than the usual traffic sounds, and there was no change in the object's appearance.  
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[Source: National UFO Reporting Center]

Occurred : 7/9/1994 23:15 (Entered as : 07/09/94 23:15)  
Reported : 1/21/1999 23:09  
Posted : 2/16/1999  
Location : Clovis-on Herndon Ave, between Maine & Locan Avenues,  
CA  
Shape : Triangle

A friend of mine left my house at approx. 11:10 pm heading west on Herndon Ave. It being a clear night, he looked out his windshield to see the stars. There weren't any. It was then that he noticed a large isosceles triangle shape directly above him. The object was about as big as a football field and had completely blocked out his view of the stars. There were 3 white lights on the underside, one at each corner. The rest of it was dark. It was flying (or floating) very close to the ground, approx. 100 ft. above him. He said it seemed close enough to hit with a rock. He pulled his car off to the right shoulder of the road and turned off the engine and radio. He leaned out the window and looked up to watch the object. There was no noise. He couldn't see how thick the craft was. It hovered silently for a few seconds, slowly rotated to its right, then proceeded to slowly move towards the southwest. Suddenly, it shot upwards and away at an angle with lightning speed going in the same direction. He noticed a sulphur-like smell in the air after it left. There were no cars on that section of the road at the time of his sighting. He immediately drove back to my house and banged on my bedroom window. Thinking he had forgotten his keys or had car trouble, I rushed to open the front door. He looked me right in the eyes and said, "I just saw a UFO!" He was visibly very shaken up. I went out outside into my driveway with him and he explained what he'd seen. I looked in the direction of his sighting but could see nothing. A few weeks later, we were watching an episode of "Unsolved Mysteries" that dealt with the UFOs sighted in Belgium. They showed a picture of a large triangular craft with 3 lights on the underside, and he told me that was something like what he'd seen, but without the red light in the center. We decided not to report the sighting until now because he was too shaken up by it at that time. I've known him for quite a long time and I have no reason not to believe him.  
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Laugh all you like!

Check out some sensible research material on Roswell; Karl Pflocks' report (available from FUFOR), Kal Korffs' book,, the USAF report. All of these and a great deal more cast serious doubt upon the Roswell Industry, sorry

Incident. Check out Robert Todd's excellent 'Kowflop Quarterly' (is that its name?).

Things that have been established;

1 - Official documents strongly indicate that no wreckage was recovered and taken to Wright Field.

2 - The testimony of Frank Kaufmann is entirely discredited.

3 - There are approximately seven different crash sites.

4 - This was not an important incident until either 1973 or 78 depending upon which fantasy you want to believe.

5 - As to Jesse Marcel, who supposedly found the wreckage, the painful truth is that he was not exactly forthcoming about his record and when he was Robert Todd showed that some of it was made up.

6 - Glen Dennis's testimony is in tatters - for a start there was no nurse of the name or description he gave working at the hospital at the time.

7 - The local fire brigade did not travel as far outside Roswell as has been claimed, so how could the firemen have seen the wreckage.

8 - According to some researchers it's the 8th July, others the 4th July, Michael Hesemann now says another crash (of the Autopsy alien/s) took place on the 31st May 1947 (!).

That's just for starters and as you are so ignorant.....

1 - Roswell was situated near not only the location of the early rocket tests but the home to several hundred 'Paperclip' scientists who had variously worked upon rockets, discs, propulsion systems and more. They were based at Fort Bliss on the TX/NM border. All kinds of secret projects were undertaken not only here but at Holloman, Alamogordo etc. at that time.

2 - The idea that advanced alien civilizations would need to fly around in a thunderstorm on the night of 31st May/4th July/8th July 1947 in order to scout out US Nuclear bomber facilities is completely ridiculous - almost as ridiculous as your hysterical email!!

3 - There is no credible evidence for recovered alien technology.

4 - MJ-12 Marks 1 and 2 are so obviously fakes that only a complete moron could believe otherwise.

4 - SOM 1-01 (or whatever) is another fake because it makes reference to Area 51. If the document was written in 1948 (supposedly) and nobody

actually touched down at Groom Lake to scope it out until 1955, and the remote location wasn't named Area 51 (according to Glen Campbell amongst others) then how is this possible?

5 - Why are all the 'new' documents relating to Roswell fakes - as established by numerous experts including government archivists?

Need I say more?

Oh Yes, the supposed 'analysis' of the Ramey letter is laughable in the extreme. As to 'abductions' (better termed 'close encounters' I suspect) you have not read my email properly. I myself have spoken to 13 people (in detail) about their experiences which are all different. Of this 13, 8 had severe medical problems, 1 is clearly suffering from electrohypersensitivity (see Albert Budden's excellent "Electric UFOs", published Blandford 1999), and two others stories change every time I see them. They have all been affected by the powerful imagery of the Strieber 'Grey' and undoubtedly the plethora of alien junk that has appeared on our TV screens recently.

Having read all of Hopkins' books, and many others on 'close encounters' some interesting things emerge in terms of mind control techniques. The first piece of information comes from an official European Parliament report (An Appraisal of Technologies of Political Control", Scientific and Technological Options Assessment, European Parliament, Jan. 1998)

""5.6 Second Generation Incapacitation Weapons

In the Nineties, the revolution in so called 'non-lethal weapons' was given fresh impetus by new US programmes to fight internal conflicts - ostensibly without casualties. The US Government was driven towards finding a universal panacea because of a series of embarrassing and widely publicized debacles including the Rodney King beating, the Waco siege and their unfortunate experiences in Somalia, where they failed in crowd control operations with only lethal technology. The new policy was avidly pushed in the States by the likes of Col. John Alexander (who made his name as part of the Phoenix Assassination programmes during the Vietnam war) and science fiction writers such as Alvin Toffler (Toffler, 1994) and Janet and Chris Morris, (Morris & Morris, 1990, 1994) and picked up by the

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DoD and Justice Department.

Thus a second generation of kinetic, chemical, optico-acoustic, microwave,

disabling and paralysing technologies is on the horizon, to join the existing arsenal of weapons designed for public order control. Much of the initial new work has been undertaken in US nuclear laboratories such as Oak Ridge, Lawrence Livermore and Los Alamos. Many cynics see the work as a rice bowl initiative with scientists looking for new weapons projects to justify their future careers as the cold war made their old skill redundant. Already they have come up with a pandora's box of new technologies. These include:

- \* Ultra-sound generators, which cause disorientation, vomiting and involuntary defecation, disturbing the ear system which controls balance and inducing nausea. The system which uses two speakers can target individuals in a crowd.
- \* Visual stimulus and illusion techniques such as high intensity strobes which pulse in the critical epileptic fit-inducing flashing frequency and holograms used to project active camouflage.
- \* Reduced energy kinetic weapons. Variants on the bean bag philosophy which ostensibly will result in no damage ( similar claims were once made about plastic bullets). (See Fig. 32)
- \* New disabling, calmative, sleep inducing agents mixed with DMSO which enables the agent to quickly cross the skin barrier and an extensive range of pain causing, paralysing and foul-smelling area-denial chemicals. Some of these are chemically engineered variants of the heroin molecule. They work extremely rapidly, one touch and disablement follows. Yet one person's tranquillization may be another's lethal dose. (See Fig. 33)
- \* Microwave and acoustic disabling systems. (see Fig. 34)
- \* Human capture nets which can be laced with chemical irritant or electrified to pack an extra disabling punch. (See Fig. 34)
- \* Lick 'em and stick 'em technology such as the Sandia National Laboratory's foam gun which expands to between 35-50 times its original volume. Its extremely sticky, gluing together any target's feet and hands to the pavement. (See Fig. 35)
- \* Aqueous barrier foam which can be laced with pepper spray.
- \* Blinding laser weapons and Isotropic radiator shells which use superheated gaseous plasma to produce a dazzling burst of laser like light. (See Fig. 36)
- \* Thermal guns which incapacitate through a wall by raising body temperature to 107 degrees.
- \* Magnetosphere gun which delivers what feels like a blow to the head.

We are no longer at a theoretical stage with these weapons. US companies are already piloting new systems, lobbying hard and where possible, laying down potentially lucrative patents. For example, last year New Scientist reported that the American Technology Corporation (ATC) of Poway California has used what it calls acoustical heterodyning technology to target individuals in a crowd with infra-sound to pinpoint an individual 200-300

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metres away. The system can also project sonic holograms which can conjure audio messages out of thin air so just one person hears.<sup>79</sup> Meanwhile, Jane's reported that the US Army Research Laboratory has produced a variable velocity rifle for lethal or non lethal use a new twist to flexible response.<sup>80</sup> Other companies are promoting robots for use in riot and prison control.

The National Institute of Justice in the US is now actively soliciting new ideas for such weapons from corporate bodies,<sup>81</sup> and corporate US has responded with bodies like SPIE (The International Society For Optical Engineering), which have enthusiastically responded with a special conference on 'Enabling Technologies for Law Enforcement and Security' at the Hynes Convention centre in Boston, Nov 19-21, 1996. The panel on less than lethal technologies has experts talking on subjects such as: The non-lethal laser baton; design of a variable velocity gun system for law enforcement applications; sticky shocker; definition of lethality thresholds for KE less-lethal projectiles; violence reduction and assailant control with laser sighted police pistols; directed energy technologies: weaponisation and barrier applications; pepper spray projectile for countering hostage and barricade situations; aqueous foam as a less than lethal technology for prison applications etc. A formal Pentagon policy on the use of non-lethal weapons was prepared last year in response to Congressional instructions to initiate a joint acquisitions programme. Whilst there are practical problems regarding whether it is preferable to leave an enemy or a citizen dead rather than permanently maimed, and whether or not hallucinogenic or other psychotropic 'calmative' agents fall foul of the Chemical Weapons Convention, the spending call was for \$15 million annually over the next three years, to fund new and existing projects.<sup>82</sup>

Critics of such projects suggest that non-lethal war is a contradiction in terms. Many of the so called non-lethal weapons are in reality are far from non-lethal. They can and have killed, maimed, blinded and scalped innocent bystanders. There is a real danger that they will make conflicts more lethal by enraging crowds and by paralysing people making them more vulnerable to other operations by the military and security forces. In that

sense these weapons could be considered pre-lethal and actually lead to higher casualty rates. (See above) In fact the US proponents of these weapons are under no illusions. Their focus is 'not to replace lethal munitions but to augment existing and future capabilities which will provide a spectrum of force response options.'<sup>83</sup> The area most commentators have not addressed is the extent that such weapons will help the military create new roles for themselves as part of internal policing operations.

Most of the debate has been about their role in war. We know from the proceedings of the Non Lethal Defence II conference, (organised by The American Defence Preparedness Association held in March last year), that the that the Joint Program Office of Special Technology Countermeasures (JPO-STC) have developed a multi-service co-ordination strategy that incorporates both the HQ Allied Forces of Southern Europe and the 'Doctrine & Training HQ' of the United Kingdom.<sup>84</sup> Other formal liaison links between the USA non-lethal research community and Member States are anticipated but little public information has emerged.

The work done so far has led to dubious weapons based on dubious research, strongly influenced by commercial rather than humanitarian considerations. There is a pressing need for a wide ranging debate in the European Parliament of the humanitarian and civil liberties implications of allowing these weapons on to European soil to become part of the technology of political control in the EU. Much of the work that has been undertaken in secret, but part of the bibliography of the present report covers a representative sample of the available literature. What is required is a much more detailed assessment of these weapons than space permits here and it is recommended that a new study be commissioned to achieve this work."

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SOOOO, there you are. Clearly these techniques give rise to the exact same experiences as reported by many so-called 'experiencers' and the POINT IS THAT often the victim is an UNWITTING victim.

Check out back issues of Lobster magazine (Lobster doesn't like me, but one day the Editor will grow up) and also an excellent book by Armen Victorian entitled "Mind Controllers" (Vision, 1999) in which some of this is expanded upon. Again, many of the techniques lead to similar experiences and more often than not these are covered up. Only a fraction of the official documentation has been released as yet.

The shocking truth is that the last conclusion a sensible person could reach is that 'abductions' are evidence of alien phenomena when most likely some of them are the result of modern technology, others the result of mental disorders, and others the result of mind control.

I was speaking in person to a US UFO researcher (with MUFON) three weeks ago and she told me that in certain cases people just make up their abduction experiences as they go along and that some MUFON meetings are

entirely taken over by claimed abductees.

In any case, many of these experiences are re-worked and modern-day version of the fairies at the bottom of the garden, or perhaps even the Incubi/Succubi tales of old....and you don't believe in the devil do you??

Bye for now,

Do some research,

Tim X

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> Subject: Re: BELGIUM LATEST? STATEMENT BY ERIC MORRIS, BUFOSC.

> Date: 18 June 1999 23:56

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> Dear All (Tim specifically),

> I'm sorry, but I can't help from letting out a hardy laugh. You  
> seriously don't believe that ET's are visiting our planet, do you? Well,  
> let us begin...

> First of all, I suppose you think that the UFO that crashed in  
Roswell

> on July 2, 1947, was just a weather balloon, or some secret government  
> aircraft, right? And I suppose you also believe that the victims of the  
> crash were simply humans, am I still correct? So, what your saying is  
that

> somehow a man made aircraft crashed mainly intact (yeah right), that the  
> "humans" flying it just happened to be four feet tall, with bald  
over-sized

> heads, huge eyes, four digits on their hands, no noses, ears, and  
unusually

> small mouths. I don't hear any witnesses to the Roswell crash saying  
> anything to the contrary, do you?

> If you still don't believe the dozens of witnesses who have spoken  
out

> on the incident then, as they say, pictures equal proof. Recent  
> photographic analysis (still with me?) has shown that a memo/letter in  
the

> hands of Gen. Ramey in the famous photograph of him holding a weather  
> balloon (another hardy laugh) shows that one of the sentences clearly has  
> the word "victims" on it. The press conference was immediately after he  
was

> debriefed about the Roswell incident. I suppose that those victims were  
> just a bunch of severely deformed and bald Air Force pilots, right? For  
> those of you on the edge of your seat, the analysis of the photos is  
still

> going on, and further results will be available in the future.

> Oh, and let me guess. All UFO abductions are just created by secret  
> government personnel or hallucinations, right? WRONG, dead wrong. Oh  
sure,

> there are some cases in which the "abductee" is plum crazy, but that  
> certainly isn't the majority. You can try and debunk them all you want,  
but

> when multiple abductees start telling the exact same story, and  
> corroborating it with an investigator before they communicate with each  
> other, the truth seems clear to me. Oh, and the implants are just blood  
> clots, right?

> Once again, I'm looking forward to your response Mr. Matthew's, and  
that

> goes for anyone else also.

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> Respectfully,  
> Ash Young  
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> >The answer is NO, I don't think that ET is visiting in "mass numbers"  
and  
> >IF YOU DO then you've been misled by a bunch of people for whom I have  
> >little respect.  
> >  
> >At best there is SOME VERY TENUOUS EVIDENCE that cannot be ignored. I  
> >introduced some of this myself on a recent Jeff Rense "Sightings" radio  
> >show (see; www.sightings.com).  
> >  
> >I think, if you carry on with this, that you will discover the ultimate  
> >truth; that Ufology is all about humanity, and not ET.....  
> >  
> >I can't wait for your next post....  
> >  
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> >> Dear All,  
> >> I think that it is time that we cleared up something that seems  
quite  
> >> unclear to me. Do you, or do you not, believe that extraterrestrials  
are  
> >> visiting our planet in mass numbers and that their craft are what we

>>> commonly call UFO's? This excludes all test aircraft of course.  
>>> For those who don't, I look forward to the conversation ahead.  
Once  
>>> again, I welcome all comments at ductman@netins.net . Goodbye.  
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>>>  
>>> Respectfully,  
>>> Ash Young  
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#### UFO Research List

As usual James believes everything the witness tells him - no efforts at evaluation, just trotting out their perceptions - which is all we have here. A little scratching below the surface would help.

The number of times I've heard similar stories (and actually, the same claims) and the FT has turned out to be Venus or a passenger airliner is remarkable.

Omar Fowler recently included an "FT" sighting not dissimilar to those posted by James. It looked very impressive until Dave Clarke and Dave Baker discovered that it was in fact a passenger airliner en route to Leeds/Bradford airport!

A report (back end of last year I think, can check) spoke of an FT seen in Troup County, Georgia, US of A. It emerged, after some research by a British researcher (Bill Rose) that this was actually a Rockwell B-1B!!

As US interceptor and black projects expert Steve Douglass points out; "To us, it's military aircraft but to the believer it's an alien mothership."

I had a report from a woman, claims to be psychic and lives near me. She reported recently that she and her daughter had been mesmerized by a 'huge FT hovering' above the estate. It soon emerged that they'd seen a bright star!

In Nottingham in 1988 (investigated by the now-defunct East Midlands Group which you quote from) they claimed that a huge FT had passed silently over the town. This was 'ultimate proof' etc. etc. I spoke to two of the investigators in 1996 and 1997 (Tony James and Nick Nicholson) and they were still making this claim **DESPITE THE FACT** that it had been shown, beyond any reasonable doubt, that this was no FT sighting but an passenger airliner!!!

As for reports in UFO Magazine, the only thing I believe about it is the price on the front cover.

Tim Matthews.

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> UFO Research List  
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> [Source: UFO Magazine (UK)]  
>  
> September 27, 1994, Ossett, England  
>  
> The small town of Ossett, West Yorkshire, is situated on the  
> outskirts  
> of Wakefield.  
>  
> The M1 motorway cuts a path between the two, and the skies above  
> the  
> area are usually filled with the noise and lights of the West  
> Yorkshire  
> police helicopter, whose landing facility is based nearby.  
>  
> At 8.00 p.m., on Wednesday, 27 September 1994, Tina drove her car  
> out of  
> Ossett en-route to Barnsley, south Yorkshire, where she was due  
> to met  
> her boyfriend, Steve.  
>  
> Before reaching the M1 (motorway), Tina noticed a  
> triangular-shaped  
> object in the sky. With some difficulty, she determined that the  
> shape  
> was black in colour, had a green light at the front, and two red  
> lights  
> at the rear. In front of the green light, was a thin point,  
> similar to  
> those seen on fighter aircraft.  
>  
> Suddenly, having taken her eyes off the object for a few seconds,  
> she  
> saw that it had now descended above her vehicle and appeared to  
> be  
> pacing her.  
>  
> Tina when asked, said the height was about three average house  
> sizes  
> above her vehicle.  
>  
> At last, she joined the motorway to head south, at which point  
> and much  
> to her relief, the object moved away in the distance at great  
> speed. On  
> arrival at Steve's house in Barnsley, Tina blurted out her  
> experience.  
> After some exited discussion, the two decided to venture back up

> the  
> motorway to Ossett, in case the object was still "loitering in  
> the  
> vicinity".  
>  
> Their journey to Ossett proved uneventful, but as they left the  
> motorway  
> junction at Ossett itself, they caught sight of it towards the  
> east,  
> some distance away in the skies near Huddersfield. They stopped  
> their  
> vehicle and got out, and quickly observed the triangle shoot  
> across the  
> sky at an "incredible speed", and alarmingly, come to a stop  
> directly  
> overhead.  
>  
> As they watched in nervous amazement, a second triangular craft  
> appeared  
> and hovered alongside. Shortly afterwards, this moved quickly  
> away and  
> was lost behind some trees in the distant horizon. A few minutes  
> later,  
> the remaining triangle suddenly shot off at great speed.  
> Throughout this  
> incredible sighting, neither Tina nor Steve heard a solitary  
> sound  
> emanating from either craft.  
> [End]  
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>Dear All,

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> For those who don't, I look forward to the conversation ahead. Once  
>again, I welcome all comments at ductman@netins.net . Goodbye.

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>Respectfully,

>Ash Young

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Hi,

The \$64,billion trillion dollar question this (which is probably what it would cost to send one spaceship to earth which doubtless means the greys are the alien equivalent of mega rich yuppies).

My answer would be simple. There is no overpowering evidence to support this belief. Thus, on balance, one has to say no.

Why? Because most UFOs are not alien spacecraft and provably a lot of other things (from secret aircraft to UAP) and the possibility that all are explicable is not a remote one; although I still think there are residual cases of craft like devices that leave the ET door open a crack.

Why? Because alien contacts are still a puzzle but we know some things about them with assurance. They happen during altered states of consciousness. They involve images/hallucinations/fantasies that are abstractions of ourselves rather than true alien visitors. They occur to psychically gifted people not any old person. And when people are observed during an abduction (barring rare and rather dubious cases like the Manhattan transfer) they are clearly seen by others to physically go nowhere but to remain put in an altered state.

There are some signs of magical technology at work in the UFO mystery, but, frankly, it is as likely (more likely in my opinion) that any such visitors are human - perhaps time travellers from our future - than that they are alien space voyagers. Indeed, the recent DNA testing of an alien hair in Australia - discovering it to be an extremely rare but earth originated cross match of Nordic and Asiatic - fits better the idea that it comes from a future earth where such a race is common than from an alien race that

chances to have this same DNA pool.

That we have any visitors coming here is not a given. I'd put the likelihood at maybe 50/50. It is at least as probable that we will find ways to resolve all UFO phenomena in earth based ways that require no visitors at all. But if we do have visitors I am more convinced daily that they are not extraterrestrial but human.

An open mind is still necessary. New facts can emerge to redirect our thinking. But 50 years of UFO research have, in my view, driven us further than ever from the simplistic concept of aliens from alpha centauri flying here in fleets of starships.

Best wishes,

Jenny Randles

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>In Nottingham in 1988 (investigated by the now-defunct East Midlands Group  
>which you quote from) they claimed that a huge FT had passed silently over  
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>investigators in 1996 and 1997 (Tony James and Nick Nicholson) and they  
>were still making this claim **DESPITE THE FACT** that it had been shown,  
>beyond any reasonable doubt, that this was no FT sighting but an passenger  
>airliner!!!

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>As for reports in UFO Magazine, the only thing I believe about it is the  
>price on the front cover.

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>Tim Matthews.

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Hi,

There have been reports of flying triangles so long that if they are some sort of airship they should be in a museum. One classic case I recall was in South Wales in January 1983 and ironically the MoD actually put me onto it as a means of trying to put me off Rendlesham.

The case was far more fascinating the deeper you looked. I worked with BBC Wales for two days filming a documentary on it (never seen beyond Wales I think). At the time I seriously contemplated a secret military airship (and I think I say as much in Sky Crash) because one set of witnesses saw it fly above the RAF base at Llantwit Major and one witness was an aircraft engineer.

That said, flying triangles, as Tim says, are very often misperceptions. Living in the Peak District I often see aircraft inbound to Manchester late at night, engines throttled back for noise abatement reasons and visible from miles away. They do at times look triangular. I know these are aircraft that just seem strange because we are 1000 feet up and so a lot closer to them than you would imagine. If you plot many of the Derbyshire triangles you will see they follow precisely the route taken by these aircraft (coming from Scandinavia, Belgium etc - a route I know as I have flown over here twice since we moved to Buxton). Straight in they do cross Belper etc. I am pretty sure some of the concentration of activity near this town is down to aircraft and I have noted how UFO reports from the Peak District often come from people passing through unfamiliar with their height and with the proximity (as the aircraft flies) to Ringway. I am lecturing at Duffield library (next town to Belper) as part of a five date tour of Derbyshire libraries in summer 2000 for their millenium futures festival. So maybe I'll see then.

The other cause of triangular sightings - especially over Nottinghamshire / Lincolnshire has been mid air refuelling exercises which - in my view - are the principle cause of 'football field' sized triangles with unusual lights, slow motion and faint noises - all consistent with such a stimulus, as the aircraft head out to North Sea above which these exercises normally take place. Given the low population density of Lincolnshire Nottinghamshire is the first county where the line up has already formed in advance of the exercise and where there are sufficient witnesses on the ground to see them. With all the tensions in the Gulf there must have been frequent, covert testing of this kind.

Best wishes,

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Tim wrote,

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Tim,

I'm sure you don't really give credence that any witness statements are 'believed' without question - it's been pointed out often enough and indeed, well known that the opposite is true. Perhaps the real objection is that you just don't like these numerous, consistent reports at all?

Evaluation is probably covered by the abundant points which have been highlighted re comparative reports amassed over recent years and of course the witness testimonies I've personally documented in great detail.

If I remember, you mentioned that one of those cases, Paul Hamner's UK 'flying triangle' sighting was featured in your book as 'good evidence' of a secret aircraft.

For some reason, you seem to have had no objections to featuring my research in that instance, even though it was merely an anecdotal account.

As of course was the Belgian's pilot's recently reported tale, which you hardly hesitated to publish.

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>those posted by James. It looked very impressive until Dave  
>Clarke and Dave Baker discovered that it was in fact a passenger

>airliner en route to Leeds/Bradford airport!

If the story involved Omar Fowler, can't say I'm surprised.

Was it really that 'impressive' though, or similar to the many apparently convincing 'triangular UFO' cases I wouldn't reference, though they may be reliable testimonies, because they seem just too 'out there'?

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>FT seen in Troup County, Georgia, US of A. It emerged, after  
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>actually a Rockwell B-1B!!

What was the nature of that 'FT' sighting - many are consistent with aircraft and these can be separated from the 'close encounter' reports. Was this a 'highway encounter' and if so, what were the details?

Maybe Bill could help out on this.

>As US interceptor and black projects expert Steve Douglass  
>points out; "To us, it's military aircraft but to the believer  
>it's an alien mothership."

Alternatively, some researchers might say, "To us, it's an ongoing evaluation of the evidence and there may be nothing in it at all, but to the believer it's a military aircraft." ;)

Re your recent postings:

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> way to keep his girl is to lop off her lovely but troublesome limbs and  
> ensconce her in a crate...

Haven't seen the film. Don't agree. I actually suspect that the ETHers/believers are so blind to other possibilities that they hate anything different and challenging, which us MMUFOers certainly are!

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- > phenomenon to fit your theory.

NO, cos I had a very unusual encounter in 1990 - well before any interest in Ufology (1994). No aliens I'm afraid. My wife Lynda has taken some intriguing 'ghost' photos too....I also suspect that 'close encounters' happen BUT that they are not 'alien' related in the ways we are told to believe. Some scientists believe in Otherworldly realities too and claim that substances like ketamine can encourage similar 'journeys' an visions as experienced by a shaman. But the experiencers go nowhere other than their own mind.....

Some natural phenomena may well be the trigger for such experiences and sometimes these phenomena might badly/loosely be described as "UFOs" .....

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Don't know because it depends upon which sightings. I should point out that the FH is about the military using various stories (often flying saucer or alien-related) to cover its' own ass. That doesn't mean that an incident has to involve secret technology - just that this MAY be the case.

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> >price on the front cover.  
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> >Tim Matthews.  
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> Hi,  
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> There have been reports of flying triangles so long that if they are some  
> sort of airship they should be in a museum. One classic case I recall was  
in  
> South Wales in January 1983 and ironically the MoD actually put me onto  
it  
> as a means of trying to put me off Rendlesham.

And of course actual FTs were being built in the 1940s!

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> The case was far more fascinating the deeper you looked. I worked with  
BBC  
> Wales for two days filming a documentary on it (never seen beyond Wales I  
> think). At the time I seriously contemplated a secret military airship  
(and  
> I think I say as much in Sky Crash) because one set of witnesses saw it  
fly  
> above the RAF base at Llantwit Major and one witness was an aircraft  
> engineer.

Fascinating!

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> That said, flying triangles, as Tim says, are very often misperceptions.

- > LIving in the Peak District I often see aircraft inbound to Manchester late
- > at night, engines throttled back for noise abatement reasons and visible
- > from miles away. They do at times look triangular. I know these are aircraft
- > that just seem strange because we are 1000 feet up and so a lot closer to
- > them than you would imagine. If you plot many of the Derbyshire triangles
- > you will see they follow precisely the route taken by these aircraft (coming
- > from Scandinavia, Belgium etc - a route I know as I have flown over here
- > twice since we moved to Buxton). Straight in they do cross Belper etc. I am
- > pretty sure some of the concentration of activity near this town is down to
- > aircraft and I have noted how UFO reports from the Peak District often come
- > from people passing through unfamiliar with their height and with the
- > proximity (as the aircraft flies) to Ringway. I am lecturing at Duffield
- > library (next town to Belper) as part of a five date tour of Derbyshire
- > libraries in summer 2000 for their millenium futures festival. So maybe I'll
- > see then.

Exactly! In the South West, in the area where there have been many reported FT sightings, AARA (Airborne Refuelling Area) 7 covers a huge area from just West of Boscombe Down to Culdrose. It extends outwards in a rectangle to include most of Somerset, Devon, Cornwall, parts of Dorset and Wiltshire (extrapolating from my map). I suggest that y'all buy a copy (abut £5) of UKL2, En-route Low Altitude map produced by no.1 AIDU, RAF Northolt, Middlesex. Ring the base and ask for the publications dept.

In support of our view, there is a large AARA off the Humberside coast and a massive air lane stretching from East-West from the River Humber to Liverpool - the area of so many FT sightings.

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- > The other cause of triangular sightings - especially over Nottinghamshire /
- > Lincolnshire has been mid air refuelling exercises which - in my view - are
- > the principle cause of 'football field' sized triangles with unusual lights,
- > slow motion and faint noises - all consistent with such a stimulus, as the
- > aircraft head out to North Sea above which these exercises normally take
- > place. Given the low population density of Lincolnshire Nottinghamshire is
- > the first county where the line up has already formed in advance of the
- > exercise and where there are sufficient witnesses on the ground to see them.

> With all the tensions in the Gulf there must have been frequent, covert  
> testing of this kind.

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> Best wishes,

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> Jenny Randles

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Subject: Re: F-16 registrations and Belgian FTs  
Message-id: <199906201937.UAA06516@irwell.zetnet.co.uk>

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Yes Chris but Eric just gave out the Sqdn numbers for all the R. Neths a/c that were on display. For your information I have the official leaflet, or whatever it's called, from the show and can confirm what Eric has written.

Either that is mistaken or something else is amiss.

The fact is, as far as I can see, that Eric talked to these people and they gave him this intriguing information. As usual nobody actually bothers to contact Eric even though his phone number has been posted, nobody actually bothers to try and contact the various authorities in question.

The suggestion that 'throwing a few numbers around' in order to impress people (like who??) is evidence of a complacent attitude. For the umpteenth time; if the armchair brigade out there want to speak to Eric they can ring him on (01606) 330567. Now I wonder whether anybody will bother!

Having checked this out Eric's information valid. In fact 299/301 and, more importantly, 311 Sqdn IS stationed in the Netherlands, as stated and this can be very simply checked at the unofficial KLu home page;

<http://www.come.to/klu>

<http://www.biol.rug.nl/neuro/klu/ebases.html>

(311VolkelF-16A/

Lockheed-Martin/General Dynamics F-16 A(M) / B(M)

typeswing-role fightercrew1-2max. speedMach 2engines1 Pratt & Whitney F100-PW-220 turbofan with 105.7 kN (10,778 kg) thrust powermax. take-off weight16,057 kg (35,682 lbs)span10 m (32.8 ft)length14.5 m (47.6 ft)height5 m (16.4 ft)armamentM61 20mm cannon (511 rounds; 100 rounds/sec) and >9,200 kg external load (max. 5.5 G). See below for more details.additional informationThe AM and BM versions are Mid-Life Updates (MLU) of the regular A and B versions ("block 10" and "block 15"). The update includes a new computer, a better radar (APG-66v2) with better discriminating capabilities (up to 80 nautical miles) and multi-target locking, a complete re-design of the cockpit main instrument panels (a.o. new full-color MFDs and a larger HUD), an advanced IFF system, an IDM Improved Data Modem, a DTS Digital Terrain System, and capabilities for satellite navigation, Night Vision Goggles, FLIR (forward-looking infrared), all-weather defence and bombing (including full IFR and night capabilities), BVR Beyond Visual Range air

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Tim M.

Now make that call.....

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This is very interesting indeed although I would like to see some evidence that black triangular shapes could be produced in this way. It would explain some sightings but why don't hundreds of reports (of something..) come in (as they did in Hudson Valley) when these things are seen in broad daylight. The Strensham services case (it's on the Motorway near the M5 if I recall) was, according to several Ufologists, seen by thousands of people parked at the facilities - but only one UFO report????

The earthlights and black projects research continue to grow in stature at the expense of the ETH.

Geologists step forth!

Tim M.

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From: Chris Gibson <cgibson@dmu.ac.uk>  
Subject: Stotting

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Tim,

Of course, I don't doubt that these are all KLu units based in the Netherlands. My point is why tell us this information in the first place? If you had only said that Eric had spoken to these Dutch pilots and they said etc etc, I'm sure we'd be happy with that. I don't see what you were trying to gain by posting that information in the first place.

By providing more information than necessary you opened yourself to criticism. You get annoyed, start throwing defensive posts about and nobody wins.

I think you'll find 201 sqdn is an F-16 unit as well.

On another matter, this Upper Heyford delta chap still proves to be elusive.

I also see no point in giving us the websites for the KLu. I do believe biologists refer to this as "Stotting".

As in the past, feel free to pick my brains on military aviation.

Chris

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Subject: Re: Triangular AirshipsCc: pharabod@in2p3.frX-Authentication-warning: polhp2.in2p3.fr: pharabod owned process doing -bs

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For those happy people who have got the two books published by the SOBEPS (in 1991 and 1994), and for what it's worth.

The two testimonies (true or false) describing clearly the central red-orange pulsating light escaping from the nearby craft and travelling alone, can be found:

Volume 1, pages 36-38 (November 29, 1989, about 19 h 30, Henri-Chapelle): 1 witness, (gendarme). According to him, the light dropped vertically and then went away horizontally.

Volume 1, pages 88-89 (December 11, 1989, about 18 h 50, Jemeppe-sur-Sambre): 2 witnesses (husband and wife). This is the case where the light (allegedly) came towards the witnesses, at a distance of only a few meters, and was described as a cluster of 10 to 20 small red lights.

Volume 2, page 165, there is a summary of the two above cases.

There are also a couple of cases where this central light is described as roughly spherical and located slightly below the craft itself.

Jean-Pierre Pharabod

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From: joel carpenter <ufx@mindspring.com>  
Subject: "Ren Hoek"Message-id: <001f01bebbec\$26adfda0\$5e30f7a5@skyray>

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Can anyone enlighten me as to who "Ren Hoek" is? A couple of years ago "Air Forces Monthly" published an article about a "black airplane" sighting incident at a major base in the UK. The article was co-authored by "Hoek."

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Can't answer about Ren Hoek, but if this article was the one published in the March 1997 issue about the Boscombe Down incident (end of September 1994), there has been a discussion about it on the skunk-works discussion group. And there was a general agreement that the article was not serious.

Jean-Pierre Pharabod

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Regarding those witnesses who say that they saw the Belgian triangle disappearing suddenly at very high speed, I myself heard one of them at a meeting at the SOBEPS, February 1991. Lt. Col. Amond (Belgian Army) observed the object at close distance during 10 minutes on December 11, 1989, around 18 h 45, near Ernage. Amond was with his wife, who was also at the SOBEPS meeting and confirmed what her husband said. (By the way, same day and same time two people observed a triangle and its detaching central light at Jemeppe-sur-Sambre, see my previous posting, which would mean, if the testimonies are correct, especially about time, that there were at least two triangles - a conclusion which seems likely from analysis of the events of November 29, 1989). Interestingly, Amond is one of these witnesses who say that the central red light was just under the craft.

Amond said that, at the end of his observation, the craft went away at very high speed. I myself asked him if he was absolutely sure of that, and he answered yes, absolutely. Obviously he is a serious man. However I myself am not convinced (maybe I am too skeptical). There is of course the "conspiracy theory", according to which Belgian military lie to hide a real secret terrestrial craft behind a false ET craft. But I think rather of a trick with the lights: if they can shrink quickly, and if the corner lights can be moved quickly towards the centre, whoever is in control of the craft can give the false impression of a tremendous acceleration and departure at very high speed. That's why the explanation by a team of pranksters using a commercial advertising blimp and tricks a la David Copperfield seems to me the most rational, psychologically speaking (military explanations are too much conspiracy-like IMHO; however I don't dismiss them completely). Against this pranksters hypothesis, there are a couple of technical difficulties (difficult to make a commercial blimp hover vertically, but not

impossible; very difficult to have an autonomous detachable central light...).

In addition to this meeting at the SOBEPS, I have been twice at the Royal Military School (Brussels) and saw military and/or scientist(s) working there, including general De Brouwer. Sure, they can play a game and just try to hide the truth, but that's really not my impression (and I always try to detect if people are lying, when I make such inquiries). Otherwise, they are excellent comedians and would earn plenty of money at Hollywood.

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The following article on the 'Belgian flap', is one of the most detailed summaries I've seen and includes the final conclusions of General-Major De Brouwer, plus, it seems, some F-16 serial numbers.

I'm sure much of this material will be new to many on the list and I've asked the author, Lieve Peten, if I can publish it further afield.

I've only recently seen all of this data myself.

From:

<http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Vault/9054/ufobelg.html>

Triangular UFOs over Belgium (1989-1991), a short analysis  
Copyright Lieve Peten, 1997

A few dates:

September 28th 1989 at Braine-le-Compte (province of Brabant),  
the first sighting on record of a triangular UFO over Belgium.

November 28th 1989: 3 sightings in the province of Liege, and one  
in Perwez-en-Condroz (province of Namur)

November 29th 1989 officially registered sightings :

- \* early in the morning in Eynatten, Eupen
- \* Jalhay, province of Liege at 4 pm
- \* Charneux, province of Liege, 4.40 pm
- \* Eisdien, province of Limburg, 4.55 pm
- \* Verviers, province of Liege, shortly before 5.20 pm
- \* Eupen, province of Liege, 5.20 pm - amongst others by two gendarmes (state police officers) von Montigny and Nicoll
- \* Andenne, province of Namur, 9.30 pm
- \* Solieres, province of Namur, 11.10 pm

The total of sightings on that day came to over 70 (involving twice as many witnesses). November 29th was a beautiful sunny day with hardly any wind. The sun went under at around 4.45 pm, after which the stars became visible (and no moon). Description of one of the sightings : The two gendarmes, von Montigny and Nicoll,

first notice a bright light and move in closer, then they see the object hovering (stationary) at about 120 meters above the ground. They describe it as a large platform with three enormous circular (conical) beams shining down on the meadows below the craft. Both gendarmes are amazed at the absence of any sound. There is a little daylight left in the sky and they are also able to observe the triangular shape of the craft as well as bottom of the craft's smoothness (evenness). The 3 white beams have a diameter of over one meter, and in the middle of the triangle is a red flashing light, flashing on and off about twice per second. They estimate the size of the object at about 30 to 35 meters at the base, 25 meters long, and about two meters high.

Then the object starts to move towards Eynatten, parallel to the road the gendarmes are on, so they drive in the direction the craft is taking, overtaking it and waiting for it at the next crossroads. The gendarmes estimate the object's speed at around 50 kilometers per hour at that time. In the mean time they report the sighting to their barracks (the Gendarmerie is part of the Armed Forces) in Eupen (at 5.24 pm) and suggest to the guard on duty (Albert Kreutz) that he inquire about eventual military 'special' planes at the military base of Elsenborn. The gendarmes stop at the crossroads and wait for the craft which is moving towards them - then it halts suddenly, and moves off in the opposite direction (back towards Eupen). The two men follow the craft which is still moving slowly.

The craft is now also observed by various other witnesses on its way to Eupen, between 5.25 pm and 6 pm. Some witnesses remark on the altitude of the craft - very low above the rooftops. The sound the craft makes is described by some as 'the hum of an electrical motor'. Some people say they observed rectangular port-holes with a soft orange light shining within. The guard on duty at the barracks informs the two gendarmes that Bierset and Elsenborn (both military airports) say no military activities of any kind are taking place in the area. After crossing the town the craft flies over 'lake' Gileppe (a lake formed by a dam) and remains hovering there (at a distance of about 4 kilometers from the gendarmes) for about 45 minutes, still observed by the gendarmes.

The gendarmes are too far away to see the 3 lights individually, the beams now appear as one beam. At intervals they notice the emission of two thin horizontal red beams in opposite directions. At 6.45 pm while the craft is still hovering above the lake, a second triangular craft appears in a flash (i.e. very fast) from over the woods, up and away, turning left and right, towards the motorway (E 40 Ostend-Brussels-Liege-Aachen motorway or highway).

This second craft is similar to the first, but its movements

allows the gendarmes to observe the top of the craft as well, and they too notice rectangular (lit) port-holes, as well as the spherical superstructure (dome) on top of the craft. Back at the barracks, from his office on the first floor, their colleague (Albert Kreutz) has been keeping an eye on a 'ball of light' he sees hovering in the area he knows the two other gendarmes had followed the craft to. The ball of light is stationary for 45 minutes, then, at 6.45 pm he notices this 'ball of light' shooting up into the sky. So the craft Albert observed must have been the second craft, which the two gendarmes saw coming up from over the trees. Back at the lake, at 7.23 pm the red beams transmitted by the craft they are still observing cease, and the craft moves away in the direction of Spa (another town).

December 11th 1989, 21 sightings over 5 different provinces: First sighting over Esneux (Liege) at 5.35 pm, the last one at 10.45 pm above Gileppe (Liege), other sightings include ones above La Louviere (province Hainaut), Malonne and Spy (both Namur), Bastogne (prov. Luxembourg), Pietrain (Brabant) One of the Dec. 11th witnesses is army officer Lieutenant-Colonel Andre Amond. He and his wife were in their car driving from Ernage (prov. Namur) to Gembloux. they observed a UFO for some 8 to 10 minutes at a distance of about 200 to 300 meters. The description of the UFO in his report (to the Minister of Defense) tallies with that of the one seen by the gendarmes on Nov. 29th.

The sightings continue over the whole of 1990, then, in the beginning of 1991 they seem to die down in intensity. (The report of the UFO sighting of March 30-31st is on my other 'UFOs over Belgium' page)

On March 12th 1991 some 20 sightings are noted, spread over a wide area, including the province of Antwerp (Geel and Olen at 9.45 pm) and several of the provinces where sightings took place before.

Witnesses:

Over the whole period (Sept. 1989 - March 1991) more than 2000 sightings were noted. Some of the sightings were supported by radar reports (Dec. 5th 1989 and March 30-31, 1990). The majority of sightings took place in the area between the towns Verviers, Liege and Bastogne. Most of the witnesses were small groups of people who reported the sightings independently of the other groups. Sightings took place in other areas too, f.i. across the borders into Germany, the Netherlands and France.

Radar:

On December 5th 1989 unknown objects were registered for over an hour by various radar installations of Bertem, Glons and Bierset in Belgium, as well as Maastricht (Netherlands) and Dusseldorf (Germany). Sensitivity to radar was variable, some of the UFOs were not detected by radar at all.

Description of sightings:

Most witnesses reported a triangular shaped craft if a shape was visible at all, since at night only the lights were visible. The most common description was : three bright white lights in the shape of a triangle (i.e. one light at every corner) with one red flashing light in the middle.

At times a soft humming sound was detected when the craft remained stationary, then in a fraction of a second the craft would 'whizz off' and disappear.

The craft could remain motionless while hovering. Unusual flight patterns were noted, including immediate changes of course at right angles. The craft were seen above busy towns and highways. No effect was noted on animals, nor on engines (as some UFO-reports mention engines are cut when UFOs are close, this was not the case here).

The authorities:

Ministers of defense Guy Coeme and (subsequently) Leo Delcroix as well as the Belgian Air Force's positive attitude towards the phenomena were helpful in the investigations by ufologists and 'Sobeps', the organisation that investigates UFOs in the French-speaking part of Belgium.

Because of the media attention for the observed UFOs, the Belgian Air Force organized a press conference (July 11th, 1990) and released the various military reports (to be found on the my other UFOs over Belgium page) concerning the night of March 30-31st 1990.

The various accounts of sightings even prompted the Belgian Air Force to make an Air Force plane (with an infrared camera) available to Sobeps. Radar stations were asked to keep watch manually, by switching off their computers, since our radar systems are designed to only register objects moving at speeds faster than 150 kilometers per hour, to avoid the movement of cars being picked up by radar.

The point of view of the Air Force was that whoever was flying over the Belgian Airspace without authorisation, was violating

our airspace - an illegal activity, since every flight after sundown and before daylight starts has to be authorised and registered by the Regie der Luchtweegen (Belgian Air Traffic Control, Regie des Voies Aeriennes) The Belgian Airforce did contact the American embassy to inquire about eventual test flights of American spyplanes. The Americans denied that any such activities took place above or in Belgium - which would have been an illegal activity anyway, without authorisation of the Belgian authorities. Besides, the American F-117, which had been doing test flights from 1986 onwards, could not even have been responsible for the sightings - its shape is triangular, and it does escape radar detection, but it cannot fly at slow speeds.

'UFOs Over Belgium', the book:

Extracts of the book 'UFOs above Belgium', written by John van Waterschoot, reknowned mathematician and economist, professor at the University of Leuven. John van Waterschoot is vouched for as being a serious researcher by Mark Eyskens, former prime minister of Belgium and professor of economy (Leuven University) and General-Major Wilfried De Brouwer, former Adjunct Chief of Staff of the Belgian Air Force. Publisher : Lannoo, Tielt, Belgium, 1997. Language : Flemish

The following is a text translated from Flemish. I remain as close as possible to the original text, which may not make for the best of English. Each '(note:..)' in the text is inserted by me for clarification. My translating this text and posting it publicly is probably a violation of copyright - for which I apologise to the author. I can only hope he sees it as a promotion for his book. If he should request this, I will take this text off this page.

Quoting General-Major Wilfried De Brouwer, former Adjunct-Chief of the Belgian Air Force, who wrote the foreword of the book:

Personally I was very sceptical about the sensational press reports of triangular UFOs being sighted above Belgium on November 29th 1989, which was the start of the UFO-flap - I thought the cause of the phenomena were either laser beams or holograms. I was very happy when the pilot of an F-16 was able to determine the cause of a UFO sighted in the beginning of December 1989 - the UFO in question turned out to be the result of the laser beams of a dancing in Limburg (note: province in the North East of Belgium).

My satisfaction at being able to dismiss the subject didn't last long: when I was confronted with the various witnesses on a press conference by Sobeps on December 18th 1989, their descriptions made firewood of my hypothesis. Triangular-shaped craft, larger

than a jumbo-jet (note: Boeing 747), that moved at speeds below 60 kilometres per hour (note: roughly 40 miles p.h.), with a slight whirring sound and not the classic reaction-motor noise - cannot be confused with laser projections or holograms. Then there were the three strong beams of light, strong enough to light a soccer field, and these three lights melted into one whenever one of those triangles would shoot off.

The witness accounts were coherent and convincing. The witnesses themselves were credible, even if their stories seemed like something out of science fiction. As the official representative of the AF I could not think of an explanation for the observations made. Then certain members of the press accused us of allowing experimental flights above Belgium. The days that followed more and more newspapers suggested that F-117 Stealth planes were responsible, planes invisible to radar. This is easily determined as wrong: no permission was granted for such activities in the Belgian air space, on top of which these Stealth planes were incapable of flying at around 60 kilometres per hour, then shoot off at incredible speeds, without any loud noise. To make absolutely sure, the American Embassy was formally asked about this, which prompted them to issue an official statement to the press which said no such flights had taken place in Belgian air space.

The Belgian AF now had a problem - the multitude of sightings, particularly in the evenings, were an indication certain activities were taking place in Belgian air space. These activities were illegal. Each flight after sundown and before dawn must be requested and registered officially. Neither the Regie der Luchtwezen (note: Air Traffic controlling body) nor the Air Force were aware of any request. If the UFOs sighted were real craft, they were violating our air space and contravening regulations. Both the Regie der Luchtwezen (note: Air Traffic controlling body) and the Air Force needed to find out the origin of the supposed craft.

Radar stations were asked to be alert and give more attention to slow-moving craft. These are very difficult to observe for radars which are set to trace planes and helicopters that fly at speeds of over 150 kilometers (note: about 100 miles) per hour. The fact that the craft moved at very low speeds forced the radar operators to switch off the computer systems and work with so-called 'raw video'. Thereby more signals were bounced back than on a computer-operated screen. Difficult to work this way, while registration of events may become unreliable. Under normal circumstances all information is stored, which makes it possible to reconstruct certain observations and compare these with other radar stations. This is impossible when working manually, in that case a reconstruction relies on the judgement of the radar

operator. Such personal appreciation is subjective and has insufficient scientific value to confirm certain observations. The F-16s of the Bevekom (Beauvechain) airfield (note: an Air Force airfield), which must be able to lift off within 5 minutes at any time when required, were on permanent stand-by to be able to go and check out suspect air activities. But also the F-16 radars are set to detect vessels that operate at high speeds. This setting has as reason that the F-16 radar screens would pick up cars driving fast and make it difficult for the pilots to discern between planes and cars. So detecting the so-called UFOs was not going to be easy. Which is why visual detection was going to be crucial - on condition this was done by the members of the Gendarmerie (note: state police). We were only going to react to observations made by Gendarmes (note: state police officers) to avoid just anyone's testimony would cause the AF planes to be sent out. This procedure proved to be cumbersome and time-consuming.

It was the F-16 intervention of March 30-31 1990 which made the real huge headlines. The large public interest was due to a coincidence: The analysis of the video-takes of the F-16 was not finished when an article appeared in a French magazine that ridiculed the 'Belgian UFO flap' once again, a UFO-flap which, according to this magazine, was just a cause of F 117 test exercises. Further more the magazine claimed the F-16s which had taken off that night (March 30-31) had not obtained any results at all. I then agreed to an interview with a French weekly magazine's journalist who was accompanied by the director of the French National UFO research centre. I allowed the latter to take a few photos of the registered F-16 radar locks on a supposed craft that, according to the available data, moved at speeds which were clearly beyond the scope of any known airplane. I showed him this to prove the AF fighters had not returned without results and that, if indeed real vessels were in the skies, they were certainly not F 117s. I added quite clearly that an analysis of the video takes still had to be completed and that it could not at that point be ruled out that electro-magnetic interferences were at the base of the radar registrations.

The article that was written as a result of this interview had the effect of a bomb! It was pure sensationalism and the hypothesis that the registrations could have been caused by interference wasn't even mentioned.

Since after this publication the Belgian media pressed us for answers, the Air Force felt it was necessary to give a press conference where the same photos were shown and give the same explanation as I had already given the French weekly magazine. The press conference had a snowball-effect which resulted in endless phonecalls to my staff from morning to night! A week

later the ministry of defense decided not to give out any more information in order for me to be able to return to my regular schedule.

The Belgian UFO flap has been a unique experience. A large amount of observations were sensational and have not yet been explained. The press reacted in different ways: the French-speaking press was open on the subject, the Flemish press feared ridicule and remained tongue-in cheek. Such a fear was not present amongst the Air Force authorities. The Air Force has as duty to observe and keep safe the Belgian air space, and together with the Regie der Luchtwezen (note: Air Traffic controlling body) it has to check on activities in Belgian air space. The countless UFO observations were taken seriously.

The UFO-issue is a very emotional subject which is treated differently by everyone. The reaction goes from indifference to rejection to disbelief, and to the intense conviction that UFOs are from extra terrestrial origin. The fear of being ridiculed is real and is inspired by the fact that many find it difficult to accept we are visited on a regular basis by extra terrestrial craft, be it manned or unmanned. Because a lot of people are interested a lot of authors write books merely for money. Valuable information is distorted and mixed up with personal interpretations, with as a result that the UFO-issue becomes unbelievable. But the public has the right to be informed in a correct manner. I have the fullest trust in John van Waterschoot whose only intention in writing this book (UFOs above Belgium) was to create an objective work. His reputation as professor of university, senator, writer amongst others guarantee his objective method of approach. The UFO-flap in Belgium from 1989 to 1991 was and is an enigma which remains unsolved.

Wilfried De Brouwer, Gen.-Maj., former Adjunct chief of staff Belgian Air Force.

Further extracts from the book

- The intensity of the observations over Belgium is strengthened by the limitation of the area where UFOs were seen (Southern part of Belgium, John van Waterschoot means if it was mass-hysteria it would have spread all over), the large amount of witnesses, the fact that the witnesses were usually small groups.

- There was a variety of witnesses - all accounts were similar. Triangular shape, or no discernable shape but lights in the shape of a triangle were seen (one light at the edge of each corner, often a less clear light in the middle too).

- The report that hit the press on November 29th 1989 concerned

two gendarmes (state police) making the observation. (note: as in 'credible witnesses')

A member of Sobeps (Mark Valckenaers) studied the characteristics of the flying triangles by looking at what the sightings had in common:

- \* A variety of speeds, including very slow to hovering over one spot
- \* A very unusual flight pattern - with instantaneous changing of direction
- \* Some witnesses mentioned the craft followed the relief of the countryside beneath
- \* Quite a few UFOs were seen from busy motorways (note: aka highways) and built-up and densely populated areas
- \* In deviation to other UFO sightings, the flying triangles had no discernable effect on engines, nor did they cause unrest amongst cattle, while sensitivity to radar was variable. The objects did not show up well on film or photo.

The reports made by Sobeps included contributions by various known and respected scientists.

The report on the Belgian UFO flap would not have been so meaningful if it hadn't been for the co-operation of the two subsequent ministers of defence, namely Guy Coombe and Leo Delcroix. Afterwards it came out that the Chief of Staff were not exactly enthralled at the ministers of defence's openness on the matter.

Night 30-31 March 1990 (excerpts):

The two F-16s which lifted off from Bevekom (Beauvechain) were AL-17 and AL-23 of the first wing, their official mission was the identification of the UFOs which had been reported both visually and via radar just south of the axis Brussels-Tienen.

The operation was a full co-operation between the Air Force and the Gendarmerie (state police) the gendarmerie took care of the ground patrols and the observations of the various gendarmes backed up and complemented the radar reports by Glons radar station in the province of Liege and Semmerzake, a Nato radar station in the province East-Flanders.

A report by Major Lambrechts, closest assistant of (as he was then) Colonel De Brouwer, was made on the happenings of March 30-31st (note: that's on my second page on the subject). This is one of the only military UFO documents in the world that was ever released to the public in full (be it as a summary of the

events), said report was released at the insistence of our press. Another reason for this report being made public was to refute the claims of a few French magazines saying the sightings were F117s.

Quote from 'Knack', a Flemish news magazine: "Between 00.07 and 00.54 the 2 F-16 fighters, under guidance of the Radar station in Glons, try to intercept the UFOs 9 times. No success. The pilots did have lots of radar contacts on the targets as the Glons Radar stations gave the pilots the relevant positions. Three times the pilots succeeded a lock-on, but each time the target showed a drastic change in behaviour: at the first lock-up (at 00.13 hours) the speed of the target went from 280 to 1800 kilometers per hour (miles 180 to 1200 p.h., 150 to 970 knots), while the 'Thing' went from 2700 metres to 1500 metres, then back to 3300 metres, then suddenly, dived down to close to the ground and in doing this escaped the radar of the F-16, Glons and Semmerzake (note: metres to feet: multiply by three)"

- Though speeds greater than the sound barrier have been measured several times, no 'sound boom' has been noticed. No explanation can be given for that.
- Study of the radar tapes did not provide a solution - the occurrences remain a mystery.

So far the extracts of John van Waterschoot's book.

ET craft or conventional (but advanced) man-made craft?  
(This part by Lieve Peten, owner of this website.)

Our military did not at any time say the craft were ET (extra-terrestrial), but they do say that the phenomenon remains unexplained. Our military have been quite open on the matter. They said that no known aircraft can do what the UFOs over Belgium did. They did a lot of research and came to the conclusion the craft observed were not known craft. What else is left? We are now 8 years later - John van Waterschoot's book came out in 1997, 7 years after the event. The mystery is still there.

Were these craft advanced craft from another country? Anything is possible, of course. The moment whatever Air Force comes up with a craft that can do what the triangular craft did by way of performance AND can demonstrate these 'new' aircraft were already capable of that in 1989-1990, AND give me a valid reason why whatever military project found it necessary to violate our air space rather than practice their fun and games closer to home, I'll be convinced they were not ET craft! After which I hope our military will go to an international court and fine the crafts in question. That would help our budget along some, particularly in

view of there having been some 2000 sighting reports. Hey, the government may lower our taxes as a result!!!

All in all, there may be no evidence of the craft observed in our airspace in the period 1989-1991 being either ET or T (as in Terrestrial) - BUT consider the following: A nation having a technology as displayed by the craft visiting Belgium and wanting to keep it a secret, would be mad in thinking it then still was a secret. If they didn't want their technology to remain a secret, they could have behaved in a conventional way and have their plane fly off at normal speeds. Or stayed on their own territory rather than fly over Belgium at regular intervals for some two years and make everyone wonder what was happening. If this same nation denies that ET craft visit our planet AND deny they have that kind of technology it makes even less sense - in denying UFOs exist they say the craft observed was man-made. In denying they had any craft over Belgium they are saying the craft was ET. Doesn't that sound just slightly contradictory to you???? So again, my question is: why the hell were they here if they were man-made? Over such a long period of time?

Sightings go back many years, many centuries. Belgium has had its share of them. Some sightings involved plenty of credible witnesses. An example: In January 1980 a disk hovered for some seven hours above the Bevekom Beauvechain) air force base. 35 Belgian military of various ranks observed said phenomenon. The UFO sighting was what is usually referred to as a classical case' - hardly any sound, spheric shape, tremendous acceleration from a very slow movement. No radar trace. Could these advanced planes do that in 1980 already? Why are not all planes by now built using that kind of technology? Doesn't make sense. Another power could somehow get hold of that technology, build a load of planes, then strike... and hold the world to ransom!

there were some real UFOs here, whether they were man-made or ET. UFO as in Unidentified Flying Object... Some of the radar traces were later judged to be reflections of other signals. The result (condensed version) of the research is underneath - the problem is, as usual, that because they managed to explain some of the radar traces as not being an ET craft, they pretend that the matter is over with!!

Radar registrations March 31st - result of research:

Research was done by professor August Meessen, professor of physics at the Catholic University of Louvain-la-Neuve and member of Sobeps since its foundation. After a first analysis the professor concluded that 'the only reasonable hypothesis is that it concerns UFOs of which the performance clearly indicate their non-terrestrial origin'.

An analysis done by Colonel Salmon (then a Major still) and by civil engineer Gilmard (former employee Electronic War Centre) concluded that mistakes were made in the interpretation of the radar takes. This official investigation shows that on at least three of the ten 'abnormal' registrations, the radar on board of the one F-16 had taken the other F-16 for a UFO. The remainder of the non-identified echos was then assumed to be the reflection of the radar waves on temperature inversions and humid masses of air. The light beams which had been signalled earlier were then dismissed as 'stars'.

NOTES:

- Three out of ten registrations were explained - no word on the others.
- Even if 5 or 7 or even 9 were explained, that leaves one (or 3 or 5) which remains a mystery, doesn't it?

Strangely enough, at the time the meteorological institute reported there was no significant temperature inversion, that was stated in the original report issued to the press. But for the convenience of explaining the phenomenon away suddenly we do have temperature inversion... Or was the original report wrong?

Of course, prof. Meessen may have been biased and seen evidence of an ET craft where none was - he was a member of Sobeps and had been involved with UFO research for ages and may have wanted the thing to be an ET craft - but the military would have been biased in the other direction. Conflicting evidence... what else is new? Maybe they should have done a joint research or present their evidence to a judge and let him decide...

What it comes down to, really and truly, is that something unexplained went on in the Belgian sky that night, and quite a few other nights in that (roughly) 2-year period. No proof - but it's still a far stronger case of the craft (or at least some of them) being ET than most other cases I've looked at...

Sources:

'UFO above Belgium', book written by John van Waterschoot, renowned mathematician and economist, professor at the University of Leuven. John van Waterschoot is vouched for as being a serious researcher by Mark Eyskens, former prime minister of Belgium and professor of economy (Leuven University) and General-Major Wilfried De Brouwer, former Adjunct Chief of Staff of the Belgian Air Force. Publisher : Lannoo, Tielt, Belgium, 1997. Language : Flemish

SOBEPS, Societe Belge d'Etudes des Phenomenes Spatiaux (I left off the accents because these show up as other characters on different computers), 74 Avenue Paul Janson, 1070 Bruxelles

Military report (on my other UFOs over Belgium page) : by Major Lambrechts, Air Force. The reports were turned over to Sobeps who publicised them.

[End]

It seems abundantly evident that reported characteristics of the `UFO(s)' in the Belgian `flap', are identical to those from numerous `triangular UFO' reports, especially `close encounter' cases, from the US and elsewhere, i.e.:

- \* A variety of speeds, including very slow to hovering over one spot
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All of these occur repeatedly in global reports.

The Belgian `flap' is really no more than one facet of a much larger `triangular UFO phenomenon' which pre-dates it by some 15 years, or more.

James Easton.

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I strongly suspect this 'sighting' should be treated with due  
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If all else fails, try 'Pictures Of Ren Hoek': at:

<http://www.geocities.com/HotSprings/6770/renpix.html>

Enjoy. ;)

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James,

Yes, I know that Ren's a cartoon character -- I'm just curious --  
1) who the real author of the piece was; and  
B) why he would pick such an, er, odd nom de guerre. Although I have my  
suspicions.

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There's a copy of the 'AirForces Monthly' article at

<http://services.csi.it/~ufo/astra.uk>

I can't locate any references to 'Ren Hoek' or 'Marco P Van der Valk' ('Van der Valk' was coincidentally the name of a circa 1977 UK TV series) other than the TV connections.

Maybe it was considered necessary for the authors to use a pseudonym and I've e-mailed David Oliver, the editor of 'AirForces Monthly', asking if he could clarify this.

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I'm afraid that I can't help here.

Not me - and not an associate.

In any case I don't like moonlight - although it can aid the crop  
circlemaker...

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Joel et al,

The article "The truth is out" by Ren Hoek and Marco P. Van der Valk appeared in the March 97 issue of Air Forces Monthly (AFM). In 10 pages it dealt with the Boscombe Down incident. AFM is, and always has touted itself as, a serious journal on military aviation. I have always found it to be accurate and well written (apart from some bollocks about TWA800 last year)

The "truth is out" article was seen by many as an anomaly, indeed it is without precedent in AFM's lifetime. The article postulated that an aircraft called ASTRA (Advanced Stealth Technology Reconnaissance Aircraft) had crash landed at Boscombe Down, the Defence Research Agency airfield near Salisbury in southern England. The article placed great emphasis on registration and scanner interceptions as proof that something had happened. It generated a lot of interest, then nothing. AFM offered £1000 reward for any photos of the ASTRA, but no contenders came forward.

The authors were Dutch spotters and scanner enthusiasts. Now, in the UK as spotter is some-one who collects numbers, as opposed to the older meaning of one who identifies aircraft (what I do. I don't do numbers, I see enough at work). The term "Spotter" in particular Train Spotter is, in common parlance, quite derogatory, implying a person obsessed with minutiae.

Spotters are, however, very thorough and keep meticulous records. They also have this odd habit of not believing that something exists until they have the tail number. This is, I believe, why many of the spotters will have nothing whatsoever to do with UFOs or black aircraft.

That is why the AFM article was so strange. A pair of Dutchmen (who are probably the most pedantic spotters of the lot) come out of the woodwork, put forward a totally off the wall theory (for spotters anyway) and back it up with tail numbers and scanner frequencies. It was very strange indeed. Since then (two years) nothing has been seen or heard of ASTRA.

Their expertise would be an asset to what we are trying to do, but the spotters won't get into it. For example: I posted a question on a spotter net a few years back. It was:

Can anyone give me any information on KC-135 movements through Mildenhall on the three days either side of the 26th of August 1989.

I got nothing back, apart from one guy (who might be on this list) who suggested that some of the local chaps would know.

I know that Mildenhall has a 24hr spotter patrol and network of comms to alert the boys. I also know these guys can nail a particular aircraft to a particular place on a particular date and time. They are very good at what they do.

Why won't the spotters get involved in this? But why did they produce an article on something that even Bill Sweetman gave a body swerve for lack of hard data? We knew about this incident the day after it happened and almost everything in the article happened: closed off roads, unusual aircraft, dodgy bizjets clearing customs at odd entry points. Everything checked out. BUT we heard it was the aircraft formerly known as the TR-3A that had gone "tech" and came into Boscombe.

As a footnote, when Sweetman and I were taken to Boscombe for a spot of filming, there was a BAe Hawk doing circuits of the airfield. A quick squint through the bins revealed, in 6 inch letters "ASTRA".

You can Email the editor of AFM, Alan Warnes, at edafm@keymags.demon.co.uk

I'd be interested in what he has to say about it, I reckon AFM were left with, as we say over here, egg on face.

Chris (definitely not a spotter)

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Date: Mon, 21 Jun 1999 16:09:49 +0200 (METDST) From: J. Pharabod <pharabod@in2p3.fr>Cc: UFORL@listbot.com  
Subject: Re: "Ren Hoek"

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On Mon, 21 Jun 1999, joel carpenter wrote:

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> Listmembers-  
> Can anyone enlighten me as to who "Ren Hoek" is? A couple of years ago "Air > Forces Monthly" published an article about a "black airplane" sighting

> incident at a major base in the UK. The article was co-authored by "Hoek." > - J  
Carpenter

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Can't answer about Ren Hoek, but if this article was the one published in the March 1997 issue about the Boscombe Down incident (end of September 1994), there has been a discussion about it on the skunk-works discussion group. And there was a general agreement that the article was not serious.

Jean-Pierre Pharabod

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From: joel carpenter <ufx@mindspring.com>  
Subject: Re: "Ren Hoek"Message-id: <00ef01bebc36\$80cfa3e0\$5e30f7a5@skyray>  
References: <Pine.GSU.4.04.9906212222090.2856-100000@helios.dmu.ac.uk>

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Joel et al,

The article "The truth is out" by Ren Hoek and Marco P. Van der Valk appeared in the March 97 issue of Air Forces Monthly (AFM). In 10 pages it dealt with the Boscombe Down incident. AFM is, and always has touted itself as, a serious journal on military aviation. I have always found it to be accurate and well written (apart from some bollocks about TWA800 last year)...

Hi Chris-

Thanks for the amplification. I do have the issue of AFM in question, and I usually like the magazine too. That article does seem an anomaly. You're right, the writers were identified as Dutch spotters, but I have never heard or seen anything else about them, and the coincidence with the Hoek name bothered me a little.

It's unfortunate that neither the satellite watchers nor the plane spotters seem to want to get involved with UFOs (or at least not to my knowledge) since they obviously would have lots of crucial data. For instance, could they come up with a list of traffic into Macrahanish around the time of the "Aurora" incident, etc?

- J Carpenter

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From: Chris Gibson <cgibson@dmu.ac.uk>  
Subject: MachrihanishMessage-id: <Pine.GSU.4.04.9906241850170.13720-100000@helios.dmu.ac.uk>

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- J Carpenter

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#### REVIEW OF THE WEEK: 'SAUCERS' OVER THE PENTAGON

For years, the standard technique for explaining our political institutions has been to relate them to the feelings they might evoke from a Man from Mars. The happenings of the past fortnight could hardly have failed to make the thoughtful Washingtonian speculate that, perhaps, the Man from Mars had at last come down to see for himself.

These happenings, of course, had to do with sightings hereabouts of strange objects in the sky and on radar scopes. Were they flying saucers or merely illusory things like reflections, mirages, St. Elmo's Fire and electronic interference? Were they weather balloons ... as some scientists have suggested? Or were they real aircraft, and if so, were they Ours or Theirs - or something from outer space?

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If all that is said about saucers is true, they are by far the hottest performers ever seen in earthly skies. A synthesis of reports indicates that the strange craft can travel at speeds up to several miles a second or down to 35 miles an hour. They can hover motionless at any altitude. They can ascend to heights of 50 miles or more. They can climb vertically at speeds equal to their horizontal velocities.

They can turn on literally no more than a dime and streak away instantly in another direction. They can come instantly to a halt from high speed, or accelerate almost infinitely fast from a standing position. They can streak soundlessly through the skies at speeds greater than those which make artillery shells sound like express trains.

Obviously none of those feats is within the scope of known aircraft.

Supersonic planes cannot move slowly; helicopters cannot reach very high altitudes. Planes as we know them travel more slowly in a vertical climb than when in level flight. Quick turns and jackrabbit starts and stops are quite impossible for real-life planes and pilots alike. Noise is always a companion of speed in any kind of aircraft we know.

In appearance, too -- assuming they exist -- the saucers are unlike anything in our experience. Some of them look, as the name implies, like flat discs -- Lewis Carroll's "tea tray in the sky." Others are like cigars. At least one, reported in Spain, resembled a flying triangle. Still another bore a resemblance to an ice cream cone with a ball of fire where the ice cream ought to be....

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Subject: Re: MacrihanishMessage-id:  
<199906242110.WAA18610@irwell.zetnet.co.uk>

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> To: uforl@listbot.com  
> Subject: Machrihanish  
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Tim-

Is is "Macrihanish" or "Machrihanish?" :>

- J Carpenter

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On Mon, 21 Jun 1999, I wrote:

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- > [...]
  
- > Lt. Col. Amond (Belgian Army) observed the
- > object at close distance during 10 minutes
- > on December 11, 1989, around 18 h 45, near
- > Ernage. Amond was with his wife, who was also
- > at the SOBEPS meeting and confirmed what her
- > husband said. (By the way, same day and same
- > time two people observed a triangle and its
- > detaching central light at Jemeppe-sur-Sambre,
- > see my previous posting, which would mean, if
- > the testimonies are correct, especially about
- > time, that there were at least two triangles -
- > a conclusion which seems likely from analysis
- > of the events of November 29, 1989).

I was wrong, in fact it was very likely the same craft. Amond saw the craft between Ernage and Gembloux, and the three little cities Ernage/Gembloux/Jemeppe-sur-Sambre follow each other on a line North -> South. The distance between the location of Amond's sighting and Jemeppe-sur-Sambre is about 10 kilometers. And Amond said that, at the end of his observation, the craft went away at high speed towards the South, i.e. towards Jemeppe-sur-Sambre. Since Amond saw the craft around 18 h 45, during 8 or 10 minutes, and since the other witnesses saw the "detaching central light" slightly after 18 h 50, it was very probably the same craft. In a sense, each of the two testimonies (two witnesses each) gives coherence to the other.

- > Interestingly,
- > Amond is one of these witnesses who say that the
- > central red light was just under the craft.
- >
- Amond and his wife saw the central light as sticked

under the craft, and the two other witnesses saw it detach itself. Apparently more coherence again. However, maybe these two witnesses invented the whole story after having read Amond's testimony somewhere... It's difficult to eliminate the possibility of pranksters. Sometimes I think that this "Belgian flap" may be a big collective hoax, perpetrated by thousands Belgians: a revenge, because we French people often laugh at them with our "blagues belges" (needless to say, I don't really believe this hypothesis).

Jean-Pierre Pharabod

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The Lubbock lights (1951) were described as "boomerang" shaped. Not exactly triangular, and were lights in the sky during night, but during this flap, not far from Lubbock, a dark triangle was once seen during day (or dawn, or sunset). At least, that's what I read in a book written by Brad (?) Steiger (?) about project Blue Book, and translated into French. AFAIK, this is the first mention of a triangular UFO. Of course, it could have been a misidentification of an ordinary plane.

Jean-Pierre Pharabod

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From: Bill Rose <bill.rose@virgin.net>  
Subject: RAF MachrihanishMessage-id: <3774BE65.E7B@virgin.net>

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In answer to Joel Carpenter's earlier query, Machrihanish uses the extra H, as shown. Most people seem to pronounce it Mak-ree-hanish.

Any comments Chris, as this is your territory?

Bill Rose

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From: Chris Gibson <cgibson@dmu.ac.uk>  
Subject: Re: Macrihanish

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Chaps,  
according to my Psion mapper, it is MACHRIHANISH. When Tim says remote, he should point out that it is indeed remote by surface transport. As the crow flies it's only about 75miles from Glasgow.

Campbeltown is the nearest biggish place.

Chris

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From: James Easton <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
Subject: Re: MachrihanishMessage-id:  
<002a01bec10c\$e661f3e0\$3bc428c3@cis.compuserve.com>

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Chris,

Coincidentally, I've just come back from a few days on the Isle of Mull and had contemplated a detour, via Oban, to Machrihanish on the return journey.

Even being 'relatively' close, as Machrihanish is situated at the end of that extensive peninsula it's still a long way to go and I doubt if there's anything now which is likely to justify the trip.

I have access to the 'Scotsman' newspaper archives and had kept on file some publications re Machrihanish.

One of the newspaper articles, although it relates to 'Aurora' speculation, might be of interest and I'll append it for general information.

I presume it's now accepted that 'Aurora' as a theorised SR-71 replacement was always a misconception, arising from an unrelated project named 'Aurora' in a 1986 US Procurement Program document?

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West Freugh is featured in a separate 'Scotsman' article which notes it was the centre of Scotland's "most famous UFO sighting" and also mentions the speculative 'Aurora' connection:

Date: 20/10/1995  
Headline: Blast at top secret MoD base injures two scientists  
Byline: NIC OUTTERSIDE

Article: AN EXPLOSION at a top secret military base in south-west Scotland seriously injured two scientists yesterday.

[...]

West Freugh is one of the MoD's most secret research establishments, and the full facts surrounding the explosion may never emerge.

The base, five miles from Stranraer, borders an RAF bombing range, and in 1957 it was at the hub of Scotland's most famous UFO sighting, when staff tracked an unidentified flying object across the Borders to the Irish coast. The incident remained on secret files until four years ago.

It has also been reported that the base, which extends to several thousand acres on land and sea, has been involved in the development of the US Air Force's new secret spy plane, codenamed the Aurora.

West Freugh employs 200 workers, mostly under contract to the MoD. It specialises in trials for aircraft weapons systems, and is linked to other DERA research at Boscombe Down in Dorset. Its range is bordered by a danger area where short-range surface-to-air missiles are tested. The neighbouring Luce Bay is a licensed MoD and NATO bombing range.

[End]

A possible West Freugh/'triangular craft' connection was also suggested in the following, from John Locker:

From: satcom@mail.cybase.co.uk (John Locker)  
To Mailing List: EURO-SCANNER@PEGASUS.CH  
Date: Friday 14th February 1997

#### FLYING TRIANGLE OVER THE EAST COAST

Some time ago you may recall that I circulated details of a triangular craft flying over the North West of England.

Sighting reports have been frequent in the area between Liverpool and West Freugh...

My findings are as follows...

This is an unmanned triangular craft, unmanned, about 30-50 foot span...a UAV. Very often it is seen in the company of two Tornados, as in the latest sighting, just 2 days ago at 1458 over Mablethorpe.

If I am correct the craft is flown from the rear cockpit of one of the Tornados using a virtual cockpit setup, and microwave video link. Powerplant is difficult...witnesses describe a

humming sound , possibly created by an electro-magnetic field, however in such close proximity to other a/c I doubt this is the case....the motor is certainly not conventional.

The sighting over Mablethorpe is important as I think the 3 a/c may have been heading for the ACMI...so if any of you out there have the ACMI in "range" it may be worth listening in to the special tasks cells for any unusual activity.

Officials say this craft does not exist...in fact...they seem quite happy for the rumours of UFOs to go from strength to strength!

The ACMI playground frequencies are listed in the usual publications....I would be interested to hear from anyone who gets a visual on the triangle.

[End]

That proven 'visual', outwith perhaps the 'Petit-Rechain' image (the 'Trent' photograph of 'triangular UFOs?'), remains elusive.

Comparatively, were there any 'amateur' photographs of the Stealth airplanes before their public unveiling?

Whilst on Mull, I did see demonstrations of extraordinary, tree-top level, hovering, slow moving, then rapidly accelerating flight from several aerial objects.

They were positively identified as Skylarks though!

James.

E-mail: [voyager@ukonline.co.uk](mailto:voyager@ukonline.co.uk)

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Date: 16/01/1995

Headline: Fresh claims surface over secret US jets

Byline: By Nic Outterside

Article: NORWEGIAN authorities are worried that a secret US spy-plane flying from a Scottish airbase has caused avalanches along some of its coastal fjords. New claims have surfaced that sonic booms from the top- secret Aurora aircraft, which can fly at three times the speed of sound, are responsible for the sudden avalanches and an earthquake in the Netherlands as well as unexplained radar blips, eerie noises and isolated UFO sightings in Scotland. The Aurora is surrounded by secrecy. It has never been photographed and the US defence department denies it exists,

in much the same way the first stealth bombers and fighters were denied even after they entered service. British specialists say the aircraft has operated test flights out of Machrihanish airfield in Argyll for three years while hi-tech tracking equipment at Benbecula and Fylingdales monitor its progress.

Reporters from a Norwegian national newspaper have visited Scotland to collate evidence of the plane's activities between Britain and mainland Europe. They say they have received numerous complaints of sudden bass-like booms from isolated fishing communities and farmsteads between Trondheim and Narvik, followed by sudden avalanches of snow.

The Scotsman understands that Norwegian Government officials are now concerned about the Aurora's flights, damage caused by the sonic booms and the lack of consultation from their US NATO allies. A government spokesman said they were carrying out long-standing research into the causes of avalanches and they were aware of the concern over test flights by military jet aircraft from the UK. A spokesman for Norwegian Defence High Command said: "We always receive a number of complaints from people over low-flying aircraft and sonic booms - and it is probably true that sonic booms could cause avalanches." However, he refused to comment on the existence or activities of the Aurora. Dutch scientists have blamed the 5,000 mph jet for causing a sudden earth tremor which jolted the north coast of the Netherlands.

The reports are mirrored by 30 similar official recordings of "low pitched sonic booms" in another test area in California, in America. Evan Wiley, a military aircraft specialist, said Scottish close encounters with the Aurora have tailed off after a spate of sightings two years ago. However, a north of Scotland RAF base tracked a very fast radar blip early last year but when the incident was reported to RAF Buchan, superior officers denied all knowledge of it. "The whole Aurora project has been shrouded in secrecy," said Mr Wiley. He added that Machrihanish's 10,000 feet isolated runway was a logical base for the aircraft and the Highlands and Islands and northern corridors are an ideal European testing ground. An MoD spokesman said he knew nothing about the aircraft. A spokesman for the US defence department said: "I think you have been reading too many science fiction magazines."

Bill Sweetman, the technical editor of Jane's Information Group and a specialist in stealth technology said that it was natural for British and American military spokesman to deny the existence of the plane. "Put it this way, in 1988 the US Air Force had 50 F-117 Stealth aircraft operating in Nevada and still denied they existed," he said.

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> of Mull and had contemplated a detour, via Oban, to Machrihanish  
> on the return journey.  
>  
> Even being 'relatively' close, as Machrihanish is situated at the  
> end of that extensive peninsula it's still a long way to go and I  
> doubt if there's anything now which is likely to justify the  
> trip.  
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>  
> I have access to the 'Scotsman' newspaper archives and had kept  
> on file some publications re Machrihanish.  
>  
> One of the newspaper articles, although it relates to 'Aurora'  
> speculation, might be of interest and I'll append it for general  
> information.  
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> I presume it's now accepted that 'Aurora' as a theorised SR-71  
> replacement was always a misconception, arising from an unrelated  
> project named 'Aurora' in a 1986 US Procurement Program document?  
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>> There is however, the story about the guy who took the photos of  
>> a UFO near Dumfries. He reported a UFO and that he had photos.  
>> Lo and behold his photos "didn't come out" after telling his  
>> visitors his photofinisher's address. Dumfries is about 100miles  
>> ESE from Machrihanish. Mind you it's even closer to West Freugh,  
>> my bet for dodgy goings on in SW Scotland.

>  
> West Freugh is featured in a separate 'Scotsman' article which  
> notes it was the centre of Scotland's "most famous UFO sighting"  
> and also mentions the speculative 'Aurora' connection:  
>  
> Date: 20/10/1995  
> Headline: Blast at top secret MoD base injures two scientists  
> Byline: NIC OUTTERSIDE  
>  
> Article: AN EXPLOSION at a top secret military base in south-  
> west Scotland seriously injured two scientists yesterday.  
>  
> [...]  
>  
> West Freugh is one of the MoD's most secret research  
> establishments, and the full facts surrounding the explosion may  
> never emerge.  
>  
> The base, five miles from Stranraer, borders an RAF bombing  
> range, and in 1957 it was at the hub of Scotland's most famous  
> UFO sighting, when staff tracked an unidentified flying object  
> across the Borders to the Irish coast. The incident remained on  
> secret files until four years ago.  
>  
> It has also been reported that the base, which extends to several  
> thousand acres on land and sea, has been involved in the  
> development of the US Air Force's new secret spy plane, codenamed  
> the Aurora.  
>  
> West Freugh employs 200 workers, mostly under contract to the  
> MoD. It specialises in trials for aircraft weapons systems, and  
> is linked to other DERA research at Boscombe Down in Dorset. Its  
> range is bordered by a danger area where short-range surface-to-  
> air missiles are tested. The neighbouring Luce Bay is a licensed  
> MoD and NATO bombing range.  
> [End]  
>  
>  
> A possible West Freugh/'triangular craft' connection was also  
> suggested in the following, from John Locker:  
>  
> From: satcom@mail.cybase.co.uk (John Locker)  
> To Mailing List: EURO-SCANNER@PEGASUS.CH  
> Date: Friday 14th February 1997  
>  
> FLYING TRIANGLE OVER THE EAST COAST  
>  
> Some time ago you may recall that I circulated details of a  
> triangular craft flying over the North West of England.  
>

> Sighting reports have been frequent in the area between Liverpool  
> and West Freugh...  
>  
> My findings are as follows...  
>  
> This is an unmanned triangular craft, unmanned, about 30-50 foot  
> span...a UAV. Very often it is seen in the company of two  
> Tornados, as in the latest sighting, just 2 days ago at 1458 over  
> Mablethorpe.  
>  
> If I am correct the craft is flown from the rear cockpit of one  
> of the Tornados using a virtual cockpit setup, and microwave  
> video link. Powerplant is difficult...witnesses describe a  
> humming sound , possibly created by an electro-magnetic field,  
> however in such close proximity to other a/c I doubt this is the  
> case....the motor is certainly not conventional.  
>  
> The sighting over Mablethorpe is important as I think the 3 a/c  
> may have been heading for the ACMI...so if any of you out there  
> have the ACMI in "range" it may be worth listening in to the  
> special tasks cells for any unusual activity.  
>  
> Officials say this craft does not exist...in fact...they seem  
> quite happy for the rumours of UFOs to go from strength to  
> strength!  
>  
> The ACMI playground frequencies are listed in the usual  
> publications.....I would be interested to hear from anyone who  
> gets a visual on the triangle.  
> [End]  
>  
> That proven 'visual', outwith perhaps the 'Petit-Rechain' image  
> (the 'Trent' photograph of 'triangular UFOs?'), remains elusive.  
>  
> Comparatively, were there any 'amateur' photographs of the  
> Stealth airplanes before their public unveiling?  
>  
>  
> Whilst on Mull, I did see demonstrations of extraordinary, tree-  
> top level, hovering, slow moving, then rapidly accelerating  
> flight from several aerial objects.  
>  
> They were positively identified as Skylarks though!  
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>  
> James.  
> E-mail: voyager@ukonline.co.uk  
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> Date: 16/01/1995  
> Headline: Fresh claims surface over secret US jets  
> Byline: By Nic Outterside  
>  
> Article: NORWEGIAN authorities are worried that a secret US spy-  
> plane flying from a Scottish airbase has caused avalanches along  
> some of its coastal fjords. New claims have surfaced that sonic  
> booms from the top- secret Aurora aircraft, which can fly at  
> three times the speed of sound, are responsible for the sudden  
> avalanches and an earthquake in the Netherlands as well as  
> unexplained radar blips, eerie noises and isolated UFO sightings  
> in Scotland. The Aurora is surrounded by secrecy. It has never  
> been photographed and the US defence department denies it exists,  
> in much the same way the first stealth bombers and fighters were  
> denied even after they entered service. British specialists say  
> the aircraft has operated test flights out of Machrihanish  
> airfield in Argyll for three years while hi-tech tracking  
> equipment at Benbecula and Fylingdales monitor its progress.  
>  
> Reporters from a Norwegian national newspaper have visited  
> Scotland to collate evidence of the plane's activities between  
> Britain and mainland Europe. They say they have received numerous  
> complaints of sudden bass-like booms from isolated fishing  
> communities and farmsteads between Trondheim and Narvik, followed  
> by sudden avalanches of snow.  
>  
> The Scotsman understands that Norwegian Government officials are  
> now concerned about the Aurora's flights, damage caused by the  
> sonic booms and the lack of consultation from their US NATO  
> allies. A government spokesman said they were carrying out long-  
> standing research into the causes of avalanches and they were  
> aware of the concern over test flights by military jet aircraft  
> from the UK. A spokesman for Norwegian Defence High Command said:  
> "We always receive a number of complaints from people over low-  
> flying aircraft and sonic booms - and it is probably true that  
> sonic booms could cause avalanches." However, he refused to  
> comment on the existence or activities of the Aurora. Dutch  
> scientists have blamed the 5,000 mph jet for causing a sudden  
> earth tremor which jolted the north coast of the Netherlands.  
>  
> The reports are mirrored by 30 similar official recordings of  
> "low pitched sonic booms" in another test area in California, in  
> America. Evan Wiley, a military aircraft specialist, said  
> Scottish close encounters with the Aurora have tailed off after a  
> spate of sightings two years ago. However, a north of Scotland  
> RAF base tracked a very fast radar blip early last year but when  
> the incident was reported to RAF Buchan, superior officers denied  
> all knowledge of it. "The whole Aurora project has been shrouded  
> in secrecy," said Mr Wiley. He added that Machrihanish's 10,000  
> feet isolated runway was a logical base for the aircraft and the

> Highlands and Islands and northern corridors are an ideal  
> European testing ground. An MoD spokesman said he knew nothing  
> about the aircraft. A spokesman for the US defence department  
> said: "I think you have been reading too many science fiction  
> magazines."  
>  
> Bill Sweetman, the technical editor of Jane's Information Group  
> and a specialist in stealth technology said that it was natural  
> for British and American military spokesman to deny the existence  
> of the plane. "Put it this way, in 1988 the US Air Force had 50  
> F-117 Stealth aircraft operating in Nevada and still denied they  
> existed," he said.  
> [End]  
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There's a 'UFO' photograph which may not be well known and which depicts an object similar to the 'flying saucer' photographed by Paul Trent on 11 May, 1950.

If it's of interest, I've uploaded the respective images for comparison and they can be seen at:

<http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/similar.jpg>

Some notes:

- the 'new' photograph is looking down on the 'object' - a perspective not seen in the Trent pictures - and shows a 'rim', which would appear to be consistent with the two Trent profiles
- the object is flat on top, similar to the Trent image
- it also has a comparable 'antenna'
- the dark 'blobs' visible may be photographic artefacts - I don't know
- for convenience, all images have been rotated to appear horizontal.

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Subject: Re: MachrihanishMessage-id: <1039@writer.win-uk.net>

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This is a very strange point you raise here James, for reasons I'll explain:

According to Bill Sweetman:

Due to an apparent slip of the censor's pencil, a DoD budget request in '85 called for production funding in '87 under the code name Aurora. The line item appeared below the SR-71 & U-2 recon. a/c. (Bill Sweetman's Aurora book & other sources)

According to Ben Rich:

" Aurora was the code name for the B-2 competition funding" [between LockMart & Northrop.] (Ben Rich Leo Janus' Skunk Works book)

Now since Ben Rich then goes on to say that Northrop had the go-ahead in Oct. 1981 to build the ATB [which was to become the B-2,] I don't follow this line of thought for obvious reasons. The B-2 competition funding had to be much earlier than the Aurora budget line we all know about.

Have I missed something here Chris ?

David

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Subject: Re: Trent PhotographsCc: UFORL <UFORL@listbot.com>  
UFO Research List

It's funny how those who don't believe that these important photographs show a Navy disc (pancake type) say that the 1947 Rhodes photograph and the Trent photographs are questionable - or faked.

There isn't any evidence that I've seen to suggest this. Everything to do with MMUFOs is a fake whereas everything else is 'believable'.

Excuse me for noting the irony of the situation.....

Tim M.

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<199906291146.MAA18482@irwell.zetnet.co.uk>

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Confusion.

Chris wants to know as much as I do. I was told that the Martin Marietta factory in Georgia, USA (?), was a candidate BUT....

...I repeat, that a couple of smaller triangles were living at Warton (perhaps at the Projects Site, who knows?). I was told this by a guy who actually worked there, had seen them in the hangars, and had the requisite clearances. He showed me proof of this.

I'm not going to mention any details because it's his livelihood.

After all, these things were seen at Warton from very close range very early on in the morning during 1996 - at the height of our local sightings of a small FT seen accompanied by RAF Tornados...

I am still trying to get hold of BAe promotional material from the 1980s which (not unlike the recent stuff we've got hold of) included some details, and images, of future deltas. Several aviation buffs that I have spoken to claim to have seen this material.

I wish I could be more specific.

We also have some fairly good information on the location for some testing/flying of the larger models; Fort Drum, in Northern NY state (an easy flight to Hudson Valley, following the course of the river...). Of course nobody has actually bothered to check any of this out (except my source who has been there on many occasions). In fact I'll probably get there before most American researchers!!

Time for lunch, see below.

Tim.

Recent posting to my email list;

"(Note my recent email to y'all where I reported upon a December sighting in Preston where a small, well-lit triangular aircraft flew down the River Ribble TOWARDS SAMLESBURY!!!)

Yesterdays' Lancashire Evening Post (27th May 1999), a regional daily, and one which has reported upon developments within BAe for years, wrote as follows;

"Fighters with no pilot - Tim Garvell (Industry)

Aircraft experts in Lancashire are working upon a Top Secret project which could produce the UK's own version of the Phantom Menace.

The team is developing a 'pilotless plane' technology that would look at home in a Star Wars movie as part of the country's Future Offensive Aircraft System. And although in the early stages [the old lie -TM], prototypes are not expected until 2008, the scientists and engineers have already received praise from top defence chiefs.

GEORGE LUCAS' X-wing fighters may be able to fly in outer space, but they still need a pilot. But the stealthy FOAS weapons can be flown by remote control which means they will be smaller, stealthier, stronger, packed with technology and can undertake astonishing maneuvers at blistering speeds. A pilot can withstand G-forces around nine times the force of gravity which limits high-speed turns to around 600mph, but the FOAS vehicle could potentially top 1,000mph in break-neck turns leaving the opposition baffled.

The teams at Warton and Samlesbury, near Preston, came second out of hundreds of defence contracts in the Chief of Procurement's awards for team excellence. Praise was heaped on them for "innovative vigour, responsiveness and excellent working relations" which contributed to its' success as a "pioneer amongst pioneers." The MOD is striving to get better value, quicker development and improved products in what can be expensive projects by working hand in glove with industry in its Smart Procurement initiative.

Project Director Martin Blaze [sounds like a British wrestler - TM] said; "The support for FOAS in both the Strategic Defence Review and not the Team Excellence award add up to a big vote of confidence in the programme. "We intend to keep FOAS as a lead project in this MOD drive to get better value for the taxpayer."

He said that in around 20 years the UK would have a new weapons system to carry out the sort of precision strikes and deep reconnaissance behind enemy lines that the Tornados have been doing in the Gulf and the Balkans. He said one of the crucial issues was what the military call C3I - Command, Control, Communications and Intelligence. That is the use of information, telecommunications technology and satellites to coordinate the units' attack formation.

Although pilots will not be needed, a manned support aircraft would still be needed to control the attack, for example to minimize casualties.

Martin Blaze said BAe's experience in combat aircraft design and systems integration should stand it in good stead for winning the contract."

ENDS."

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Jean-Pierre,

Although a similar `object', it isn't related to the Rouen image.

However, this recently re-discovered photograph does originate from Europe.

I would be slightly surprised if no-one recognises the source - it has been published before - though I had personally never seen it until this week.

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Yes, I had noticed this, thank you.

It would have been helpful if a copy of the photograph showing a light cover `identical' to the Trent's `flying saucer', had been provided.

There was enough information given to locate the `light cover' picture. I hoped someone with access to the sources which were mentioned might follow this up.

In the same context, this newly re-discovered Trent look-alike 'flying saucer' could be significant as I strongly believe it's a model.

If so, where did that model originate and importantly was it, 'off the shelf', i.e., an 'everyday' item which co-incidentally looked like a 'flying saucer' and was never intended to resemble the Trent photographs.

I also suspect that is correct and there's a possibility of being able to identify what the object actually was - a light fitting, pot lid, whatever...

More on this in due course.

James.

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Listmembers-

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Bombers "during the Gulf War." .....?

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>>From: "J. Pharabod" <pharabod@in2p3.fr>  
>>To: UFORL <UFORL@listbot.com>  
>>Subject: Re: Trent Photographs  
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> Jean-Pierre wrote:  
>  
>>>The 'new' image is from a bona-fide 'UFO' photograph (as such),  
>>>taken many years ago.  
>  
>>Isn't that the Rouen photo, 1954 ?  
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>  
> Jean-Pierre,  
>  
> Although a similar `object', it isn't related to the Rouen image.  
>  
> However, this recently re-discovered photograph does originate  
> from Europe.  
>  
> I would be slightly surprised if no-one recognises the source -  
> it has been published before - though I had personally never seen  
> it until this week.  
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>  
>>On June 6, Jan Aldrich forwarded to PROJECT-1947 a posting  
>>from somebody who claims that the Trent photo and the Rouen  
>>photo are in fact photos of an old model (1920s or 1930s)  
>>of outdoor light cover. He says that he has found this model  
>>on a photo made at a girls' school in Memphis in 1933. It  
>>would be interesting to find back this model.  
>  
> Yes, I had noticed this, thank you.  
>  
> It would have been helpful if a copy of the photograph showing a

> light cover `identical' to the Trent's `flying saucer', had been  
> provided.  
>  
> There was enough information given to locate the `light cover'  
> picture. I hoped someone with access to the sources which were  
> mentioned might follow this up.  
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>  
> In the same context, this newly re-discovered Trent look-alike  
> `flying saucer' could be significant as I strongly believe it's a  
> model.  
>  
> If so, where did that model originate and importantly was it,  
> `off the shelf', i.e., an `everyday' item which co-incidentally  
> looked like a `flying saucer' and was never intended to resemble  
> the Trent photographs.  
>  
> I also suspect that is correct and there's a possibility of being  
> able to identify what the object actually was - a light fitting,  
> pot lid, whatever...  
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> More on this in due course.  
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Date: Tue, 29 Jun 1999 14:02:37 +0100  
From: John Burtenshaw <jburtens@bournemouth.ac.uk>  
Subject: Re: Machrihanish - HALO

UFO Research List

Hi All

You may wish to have a look at <http://www.colinmil.mcmail.com/colin12.htm>.  
Some interesting stuff on HALO.

Sorry if this is teaching granny etc....

Cheers

John  
John Burtenshaw  
University Webmaster

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Subject: Re: Trent Photographs  
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This 2nd photo is symmetric, but this does not mean that the object itself is symmetric: if the photo is made while the diameter on which is located the "peak" points towards the photo apparatus, the "peak" will appear in a central position. Therefore this would not enable to say that the object is not the same. There are other small differences, in particular it seems that there is something emerging below the 2nd object. But, assuming the craft hypothesis, it could be something retractable.

Jean-Pierre Pharabod

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From: win@writer.win-uk.net (David)  
Subject: Re: Machrihanish - HALOMessage-id: <1041@writer.win-uk.net>

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Data on HALO ( if it still exists) is just about impossible to come by.  
Data on the FOAS (Future Offensive Air System) also mentioned on this site  
is pretty scarce too. In short, such a site is a tough one to put together.

If I could make a couple of quick comments: this quote from the site  
confuses me:

" I would like to raise one point which arises from the "photographs" is  
any one who has looked at the latest version of the JSF ( Joint Strike  
Fighter) will notice the striking similarity between the two aircraft. It  
makes me wonder if BAe have borrowed one to help in the development of a  
British Stealth Aircraft. If you think about it, it makes sense as it  
would be much cheaper than to design one from scratch."

The UK is a potential buyer of the JSF (almost certain buyer for the STOVL  
variant - to replace the Harrier.) It would seem odd to say the least for  
US contractors to hand over their designs let alone a/c to a customer.  
Also, neither the X-32 nor X-35 JSF technology demonstrators are complete,  
let alone flyable.

David

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Although the CD-ROM contains numerous hoaxed photographs, some of  
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<http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/schilling.jpg>

Another (inferior quality) copy, plus further material from this CD-ROM can be found at:

<http://www.xs4all.nl/~pro/033.htm>

So, what became of Herr Schilling's photograph?

I may have been overly optimistic in expecting to find further references to it. Do any of our colleagues in Germany perhaps know more about this `Trent look-alike' case?

James.

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Date: Tue, 29 Jun 1999 18:01:58 +0100 (BST)  
From: Chris Gibson <cgibson@dmu.ac.uk>  
Subject: Re: Machrihanish - see news article at bottom.

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So you don't know where they're built then? "It quite clearly states  
in zis email that..." Stotting again?

Chris

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From: Chris Gibson <cgibson@dmu.ac.uk>  
Subject: Re: Machrihanish

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Dear all,

B-2s at Mach'h. Doubtful. We have had reports of B-2s in the UK prior to their non airshow arrival at Fairford. This dates back to March, but we tapped up the spotters, who quite categorically said it was not true. Brian James was the origin of the story and it involved Fairford.

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Chris

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[Forwarded to list]

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Luis R. Gonzalez.

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- > combine both kind of characteristics.

There's no suggestion of complementary aircraft and in fact I give examples of a/c that might well be able to fulfil both functions.

You probably won't read about them in tomorrow's papers...  
or on UFORL (!).

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- > speed and size, to simply accept that explanation. For instance,
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Certainly the refuelling explanation is relevant and as I have pointed out before, a quick perusal of official RAF maps indicates some link between FT sightings (especially FTs that "split into pieces") and AARAs.....

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I have NEVER claimed that UFO Revelation is an answer to the whole thing and I never will because I am convinced by studies into earthlights, consciousness and so-called "alternate" realities.....

Thanks for the comments...very balanced....

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- > Luis R. Gonzalez.
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From: RB47Expert@aol.com  
Subject: Re: Trent PhotographsMessage-id: <674fcfb4.24aa7e48@aol.com>

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Dear James, Jean-Pierre & List,

I've been offline most of the last several weeks so I've only caught snippets of this discussion.

I've looked at the purported Schilling photo of 1977 and I don't see the great similarity to the Trent object from 1950.

The Trent UFO has a very narrow "rim" or lip at the base, only about 3% of the object diameter in width whereas the Schilling object's rim is much much wider, about 10% of object diameter in width.

The Schilling "antenna" is much longer than the Trent "post." It is about 17% of object diameter in height whereas the Trent UFO's "post" is about 11% of object diameter in height to the double notches at the top of the "post."

The Schilling object is asymmetrical in a way different than the Trent object. The Schilling object's "platform" appears to be higher or thicker on the right by about 30% than it is on the left. The Trent object's "platform" is the same in height throughout to within +/- 5% or better (compensating for the approximate 1 degree pitch down angle which makes the base and the platform appear slightly curved).

I would do a similar analysis on the Max Standridge "Lausanne school" outdoor light but my copies of the JPG's were corrupted by AOL and I haven't received uncorrupted copies yet.

The lighting of the object in the Schilling photo appears to be backlit with sun illumination from in front of the camera and above the scene. Foreground vegetation likewise appears to have shadowing from a backlit sun, and background trees similarly appear to be backlit. I can see no shadow of the "UFO" and it wouldn't be to the right but approximately below the object and nearer to the camera than the object (if not behind the camera and thus not visible).

If the allegedly "30 foot" shadow in the Schilling photo is supposed to indicate a UFO of nearly that size then we have a problem. There is a distant fence in the background. The diameter of the "UFO" appears to be about 5 times the height of the fence. If the fence is about 5-6 feet tall, then a 30-foot UFO must be at approximately the same distance as the fence. The purported shadow of the "UFO" would be cast down in the vicinity of the fence and would not be visible in the grass at this distance and low camera angle above the ground. Alternatively, if the "UFO" shadow does appear relatively close to the camera, perhaps on a portion cropped off to one side

or other of the photo, then the "UFO" itself must be closer than the fence and smaller than 30 feet. My general impression is the object appears to be no more than several feet from the camera.

It is a joke to compare this one blurred photo to the stereo-pair sharp Trent photos with their mass of fine detail visible down to almost the 5-10 micron grain size, which has stimulated 30+ years of productive scientific analysis.

Brad Sparks

cc: Dr. Bruce Maccabee

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Subject: Re: Trent Photographs James Easton <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>, UFORL <UFORL@listbot.com>

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The left portion of the image in the first trent photo showing the bottom is not a perfect ellipse, as it would be if the disc were round. In fact, it has a "hint" of convexity similar to that reported by Arnold for all but 1 of the 9 objects he saw. This is not a lens or film distortion.

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Subject: Re: MachrihanishCc: UFORL@listbot.com  
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Chris wrote:

>Brian was adamant it was true. Two B-2s in a formation surrounded by 6  
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In fact it was four..count 'em 4 B-2s surrounded by 6 B-52s: 1 leading, 1  
at the rear & 2 on either flank according to the diagram Brian sent us.  
As you said, he was absolutely confident in his source. They were also  
displaying that odd lighting config.

As far as B-2s outside CONUS during the Gulf War - I'd doubt that >very<  
much indeed.

Dave

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I've had the following on file for a couple of years and can't recall seeing the subject mentioned before:

London 'Daily Telegraph', dated 28 December, 1982:

The shapes to take aviation into the 21st century'  
by Air Commodore G. S. Cooper

"Since 1964 the Advanced Concepts Department at Lockheed-Georgia Company has been exploring new transport design ideas.

The delta wing spanloader for 1995 would carry its cargo totally inside the delta wing, thus eliminating fuselage weight and drag. It would carry a payload of 777,000 pounds for a distance of 3,500 miles, Lockheed claims".

Did Lockheed acknowledge this project and if so, what became of it?

The Telegraph article features a sketch of the 'Delta Wing Spanloader' and it can be seen at:

<http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/spanload.jpg>

Interestingly, remove the somewhat dated Boeing-type jet engines and the planform is almost identical to the enhanced Petit-Rechain image - see:

<http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/triangle.htm>

Presumably that's because they're both delta-shaped...

Some other, related on-line material:

Rockwell Delta Spanloader Flying Wing Bomber Painting  
<http://www.aircraftdesign.com/dltspan.jpg>

Which comes from:

Aircraft Conceptual Design Drawings & Pictures  
<http://www.aircraftdesign.com/acpix.html>

<http://www-phys.llnl.gov/clementine/ATP/Path.html>

Flight Testing of the Raptor Pathfinder

<http://www-phys.llnl.gov/clementine/ATP/PATH.gif>

Lastly:

U.S Black Aircraft

by Terry E. Mahon, September 1998

<http://www.fas.org/irp/eprint/mahon/index.html>

In this feature, Terry writes:

General Dynamics Model 100

"There were several well-documented sightings in 1989 and 1990 of a triangular secret aircraft. Bill Scott of Aviation Week & Space Technology (AWST) reported sightings of the aircraft operating with F117's over the Mojave Desert.<sup>1</sup> Bill Sweetman reported a sighting over the North Sea with F111's.<sup>2</sup> Scott later reported that the aircraft was the Northrop TR3 reconnaissance platform.

Northrop's financial records, however, showed no significant revenue that could have come from such a program.

Over time, many aviation writers have dismissed Scott's TR3 story, especially since the sightings seemed to stop.

[...]

The first GD Model 100 prototype flew in 1988, and prototypes were seen over the Mojave desert and the North Sea in 1989".

See:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/eprint/mahon/part03.htm>

I'm sure Chris's thoughts on this would be interesting.

James.

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From: joel carpenter <ufx@mindspring.com>  
Subject: Triangular AirshipsMessage-id:  
<004b01bec30c\$ea03bd10\$0100a8c0@mindspring.com>

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Here are a couple of old inflatable (but not LTA) hypersonic triangular vehicle concepts:

<http://solar.rtd.utk.edu/~mwade/craftfam/rescue.htm>

Spacecraft: FIRST Re-Entry Glider.

In the early 1960's Aerojet studied project FIRST (Fabrication of Inflatable Re-entry Structures for Test) in order to evaluate the use of inflatable Rogallo wings for emergency return from orbit. The system would be stowed in a cylindrical package, docked to the external surface of a space station. In an emergency the escaping crew member would enter the coffin-sized cylinder, seal the back hatch, and be blown free of the station. The paraglider would then inflate and deploy. The crew member would use a gas stabilisation and control system to orient the spacecraft for retro-fire, and then to keep the glider at the correct attitude for re-entry.

Date: Wed, 30 Jun 1999 16:30:38 +0100  
From: James Easton <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
Subject: List Information - IMPORTANTMessage-id:  
<001901bec30d\$81e65660\$097151c2@acad80.scot.ac.uk>

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Good news.

It seems that 'ListBot' have now resolved the anomaly with sending a 'reply' to list mail.

Depending on your mail software, sometimes that reply would be addressed directly to the person whose mail you were responding to. It would not be sent to the list.

To reaffirm, this is what should happen now:

If you 'reply' to a list message, your reply will appear on the list.

If you 'reply to all' a copy of your reply will also be forwarded to the person who sent the mail you are responding to.

In a further development, it's possible to make this list 'public', via the mailing list's 'home page' at:

<http://UFORL.listbot.com/>

The advantages?

- it allows any potentially interested subscribers to browse the list discussions and subscribe on-line

- any message can be referred to by a unique URL, i.e., "please see the following information at URL...", etc.

- it would be extremely useful to have this facility when the material may also be of interest to other lists. Rather than a time consuming re-post, a URL could be specified. For example, I would like to mention the recent Bentwaters/Lakenheath information, plus some queries about the Schilling photograph, on the 'Project 1947' list. Highlighting the relevant URLs from this list would make that much easier.

Disadvantages?

- primarily that the discussions would be publicly accessible.

However, the ListBot mail service has an important facility not available on other lists - it's possible to make any message `PRIVATE', which prevents that message appearing in the public archive. It is then effectively a `LIST ONLY' message.

If I mark my last `Flying Triangles' list posting as `PRIVATE', the list server confirms:

"Message #270 is now hidden from the public archive. You can always make the message public later".

As indicated here, it is possible to switch the `PRIVATE' setting `on' or `off' for any message ever posted to the list.

In the public archives, the message heading simply doesn't show - I marked messages 270 and 265 as `PRIVATE' and the public archive (only briefly enabled for testing) appears thus (use fixed font):

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Msg# Subject    Time Sent
269 Re: Trent Photographs  Tue Jun 29 15:54:35 1999 EDT
268 Re: Trent Photographs  Tue Jun 29 15:54:07 1999 EDT
267 Re: Machrihanish    Tue Jun 29 15:51:46 1999 EDT
266 Re: Flying Triangles  Tue Jun 29 14:42:26 1999 EDT
264 Re: Machrihanish    Tue Jun 29 13:08:51 1999 EDT
```

This seems to be an excellent compromise and enables the `best of both worlds'.

If there are no strong objections - and please send any to myself privately if preferred - I would like to proceed with this for a trial period.

Before doing so, I will go through all of the archive list mail and mark as `PRIVATE' any postings which were either `LIST ONLY', refer to `LIST ONLY' mail, or which should be presumed as such, erring greatly on the side of caution.

For example, the recent posting confirming names of subscribers, would be flagged `PRIVATE' and not publicly accessible.

If there are strong objections, then this obviously needs to be reconsidered.

James.  
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Date: Wed, 30 Jun 1999 17:54:53 +0100 (BST)  
From: Chris Gibson <cgibson@dmu.ac.uk>  
Subject: Re: Flying Triangles

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James et al,

I've had a look at the GD 100. Well, it's a bit tapered at the back (something for the weekend, Sir?) and rather rounded. It was the apparent sharpness of the Snark that got me back in 89. With the rounded "wingtips" the GD 100 could be confused with an F-111, but a F-111 would show a concave rear due to the recessed jetpipes. The Snark had an almost straight, normal to the centreline, trailing edge. It may have been slightly convex, but not much. The tailfins on the GD 100 would probably have been visible from below but I didn't see any.

One of these days I'll find out. At least 6 people know the score (4 x F-111 crew, a KC-135 boomer and the Snark pilot) so I'll just wait and see.

Chris

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Subject: Flying TrianglesMessage-id:  
<002701bec3b3\$4e736420\$097151c2@acad80.scot.ac.uk>

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Here's an interesting organisation which encompasses all things  
'hovering':

AHS International - The Vertical Flight Society

"The professional society for the advancement of vertical flight  
technology and its useful application throughout the world".

"...a professional technical society founded in 1943 to advance  
vertical flight. The Society's members include more than 6,000  
aerospace engineers, managers, scientists and technicians, and  
most of the world's major rotorcraft manufacturers and industry  
suppliers".

<http://www.vtol.org/>

The site contains an article entitled, "V/STOL: The First Half-  
Century", which notes of the apparent delta-winged 'Boeing X-32':

"As part of the Joint Strike Fighter (JSF) program, the Boeing X-  
32 concept demonstrator (artist's drawing above) uses a  
derivative of the Pratt & Whitney F119 engine with Rolls-Royce  
lift components. The X-32 concept has a chin inlet and a blended  
delta wing. In short take-off and vertical landing (STOVL) mode,  
the engine closes the vectorable cruise nozzle and opens two lift  
nozzles at the aircraft c.g. First flight is planned for 2000.  
The winner of the JSF source selection in 2001 will then develop  
its operational STOVL version of the concept as a supersonic  
multirole aircraft to replace the Harrier. Boeing's design for  
the operational aircraft has an empty weight of about 22,000 lb,  
length of 45 ft and a wingspan of 30 ft; maximum take-off weight  
would be about 50,000 lb. During the Concept Development Phase  
that ended in November 1996, Boeing completed 11,700 hours of  
developmental testing and piloted simulations, including testing  
of a Pratt & Whitney YF119-powered 94% scale model in 1995".

I presume this implies that no test planforms were ('officially')  
flown.

If this is a proposed replacement for the Harrier, I wonder if  
any testing of a hovering, delta-shaped aircraft, might have been  
carried out in the UK?

Hmm...

A must-see in this article is a photograph of the 'SNECMA C450 Coleoptere'

Maybe Jean-Pierre knows of this 'aircraft':

"In France, the Societe Nationale d'Etude et Construction de Moteurs d'Aviation (SNECMA) began working on a jet powered tail-sitter in 1954. Various rigs were tested from 1955-1957 powered by the 6,400 lb thrust Atar D jet engine, each with increasing complexity".

I hesitate to call it an aircraft, as it looks like something out of a low-budget, 1950s sci-fi movie!

The article's at:

<http://www.vtol.org/wheel/wheel.jpg>

and note also the link to a useful diagram - :

<http://www.vtol.org/wheel/same.html>

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Subject: Re: Flying Triangles

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Interesting that artist impression has it wearing RN markings and being  
launched from ski-slope carrier.

The SNECMA C450 Coleoptere has to be one of the ugliest aircraft ever built!!

John

John Burtenshaw  
University Webmaster

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From: "J. Pharabod" <pharabod@in2p3.fr>  
Subject: Re: New Delta -Stealth a/c admitted??????  
X-Authentication-warning: polhp2.in2p3.fr: pharabod owned process doing -bs

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(James: is it like that that we must now say "List only"?  
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On Fri, 2 Jul 1999, Tim Matthews wrote:

> A slip-up by American defence officials may have confirmed the existence of  
> a new stealth reconnaissance aircraft. DARO, the American Defence Airborne  
> Reconnaissance Office, issued a report in 1997 concerning unmanned aerial  
> vehicles, or robot aircraft. The report makes a fleeting reference to a  
> vehicle called the "Air Force Special Platform". According to Janes'  
> International Defence Digest, DARO commander Major-General Kenneth  
> Israel recently admitted that the report reference was to "a covert  
> reconnaissance aircraft — in the classified world." Paul Beaver of Janes  
> said: "It appears to be quite a large, delta winged manned aircraft that  
> uses conventional jet power to cruise in excess of Mach 2. It could be the  
> aircraft which has been dubbed Project Aurora, or another project called  
> 'Senior Citizen'. [snip]

"large, delta winged" makes me think of the Belgian sightings, but  
I don't think that this "Air Force Special Platform" could fly at  
Mach 2 and also hover... Unless they can now build rigid airships with  
a hull made of new light materials which can withstand Mach 2. Maybe,  
after all...

Jean-Pierre Pharabod

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From: Chris Gibson <cgibson@dmu.ac.uk>  
Subject: Re: New Delta -Stealth a/c admitted??????

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Mach 2? How odd. Not fast enough to provide the surprise of a nice fast hypersonic or evade SAMS, but fast enough to warm up the airframe for a IR AAM/SAM. Hmmmmmmm. I suppose it's super stealthy and uses all that fancy paint. Is it large as well?

Oh well, must go.

Chris

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Date: Fri, 02 Jul 1999 21:26:42 +0100  
From: Lynda Matthews <matthews@zetnet.co.uk>  
Subject: Re: New Delta -Stealth a/c admitted??????Message-id:  
<199907022031.VAA09234@irwell.zetnet.co.uk>

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> Subject: Re: New Delta -Stealth a/c admitted??????  
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> BTW, the NASA-Langley website has HUNDREDS of articles at the URL you gave.  
> WHICH ONE has the material enabling a reader to, as you claim, "catch up with  
> the  
> detective story"?  
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> In a message dated 7/2/99 5:22:19 AM, matthews@zetnet.co.uk writes:



Date: Fri, 02 Jul 1999 16:42:26 -0400  
From: joel carpenter <ufx@mindspring.com>  
Subject: Tetrahedral balloonsMessage-id:  
<007101bec4cb\$767f9330\$0100a8c0@mindspring.com>

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Listmembers-

I'd like to point out again that a possible factor in the origin of the FT phenomenon as a subset of the overall UFO phenomenon may have been the use of scientific balloons of tetrahedral form, especially in Europe. An article in "Space Science Reviews 13" (1972), "History of the Use of Balloons in Scientific Experiments," by G. Pfozter, is a pretty general treatment of the subject, but it does have some interesting information. Here's the part on the tetrahedral balloons:

"...The "Tetroon" represents an economical solution for certain purposes. This balloon, shaped like a tetrahedron, was designed by W. F. Hutch and R. Thorness at the University of Minnesota. It requires only straight line cuts and sealing of flat [plastic] film. It is relatively cheap and a kind of work horse. The shape approaches that of a sphere [when fully inflated] but stresses are not evenly distributed. Such a 28 000 m<sup>3</sup> balloon, launched first by the University of Minnesota on September 7, 1956 ... and reached an altitude of 44 000 m and had a flight duration of 3 days. "

I have a copy of Thorness' patent for the Tetroon. The shape is a little hard to visualize, but you can make a model of one by rolling about half a sheet of typing paper into a cylinder with the long edges touching. Tape the edges together. Then flatten the top end and tape the edges together. Now flatten and tape the bottom end of the tube \_crossways\_ to the top end. The patent rights were assigned to the US Navy (naturally), suggesting military applications were the primary US interest, although scientific organizations in Germany and France are known to have used the design (and still do).

If you don't think these had an important effect on the evolution of the FT phenomenon, I suggest a hard think about this:

"My first sighting of a UFO took place on the evening of 1 August 1963, when together with other witnesses I observed a bright star-like object over Beckenham. Through binoculars the stationary object looked tetrahedral in shape, of a translucent or glass-like appearance. I learned that thousands of people in London and the home counties had seen the object; that a US Air Force F-100 Super Sabre from RAF/USAF Bentwaters and another plane from the DeHavilland Aircraft Company had been sent up to investigate but were unable to get anywhere near, owing to its great altitude (at least 90,000 feet); and that an amateur astronomer from Bushey in Hertfordshire took a clear photo.

The official explanation that the object was a balloon failed to satisfy me, not least because identical objects seen and photographed elsewhere in Europe in the 1960s have never been positively identified. One such "balloon" was seen by thousands over Madrid on 5 September 1968....

I sent a print of the 1963 photo to the Max Planck Institute fur Aeronomie in Germany, which had launched some of the balloons for cosmic ray research in the 1960s. "Our institute launched some from near Gottingen," came the reply, "but I cannot confirm that the balloon you observed was indeed launched from here....At that time many balloons were tetrahedral in shape. They were built by a French factory. The volume of these balloons amounted to about 4.000 to 10.000 m3. Your photo ... possibly shows a balloon, if you turn it by 180 deg. Then you can also recognize the tetrahedral shape with the flat side to the top....'

The object I saw in 1963, however, did not have a flat side to the top. Jan Willemstyn, the amateur astronomer and former pilot who took the best photograph of the object, told me that the base consisted of three triangles with a common apex, the bases of the triangles forming a triangular periphery roughly equilateral. At the top apex he observed a rodlike extension with several transverse members - a detail confirmed by the pianist John Bingham, living near me at the time, through his reflector telescope. Jan Willemstyn said that the object was stationary in the field of view of his four-inch refractor telescope for over two hours - an impossible feat for a balloon."

The witness was Tim Good. Now let me make a couple of comments on this. Firstly, take a look at Willemstyn's photo in "Above Top Secret." Clearly the balloon is directly overhead, and the apex that Good describes as being at the "top" is actually the BOTTOM, or payload suspension point, of the tetrahedral balloon. The top isn't visible at all. The antennas that Willemstyn saw were actually probably the primary payload of the device. What about the stationary aspect? Well, by the early 1960s there had been a lot of progress in balloon design. They could carry sophisticated ballast systems that would allow a good degree of control. If you recall the recent around-the-world balloon flights, remember that their primary navigation method was to change altitude to intercept the wind currents that move in different directions at different altitudes. Likewise with these big Tetroons. If the balloon began to drift, ballast could be released by ground controllers to cause it to enter a more favorable wind current. At the altitudes these balloons could reach, they could even encounter nearly stationary airmasses and remain in one spot for a considerable time. (In the caption to Willemstyn's photo, Good softens his argument significantly, saying only that "While it is probable that it was a Tetrahedral balloon released from Germany, its ability to remain stationary in the field of view of a telescope is puzzling.")

The function of some these balloons may have been electronic intelligence. If, say, GCHQ wanted to monitor something of interest on the Continent, or

maybe out at sea, they could hang antennas on a nice, slow-moving balloon way up at 100,000 feet and suck signals up at will. Good might have fooled himself about what he was looking at, but the Soviet Bloc countries knew exactly what they were. In "UFOs

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Your book is not available to me here in the US and besides you were going off about "NRO" on this List earlier this year -- that's why I made the request that you name the secret NRO-type orgs and then never did. Bet you can't because you don't know, haven't done the research, and didn't know of DARO till the Jane's item came out (is DARO named in your book?).

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From: James Easton <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
Subject: Re: Tetrahedral balloonsMessage-id:  
<003801bec4f2\$9b933c40\$5bcc28c3@cis.compuserve.com>

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Joel,

I was considering this very topic earlier tonight and intended to bring it up!

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<199907030849.JAA01505@irwell.zetnet.co.uk>

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Looks like one of the NASA X-planes! (No, I'm not suggesting.....)

Can't be though, must be an alien craft....

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I note a lot of these tetrahedral balloons have been sighted in the FSU. During the Cold War there was an major use of balloons for reconnaissance by the United States (or some-one). This reached such an extent that the Myasishev design Bureau was contracted to develop an aircraft specifically to shoot down ballons.

This eventually became the Myasishev M-17 / M-55, ASCC reporting name "Mystic". While originally seen on Sat imagery at what was then Ramenskoye, they were thought to be analagous to the U-2. The Soviets had discovered that the best way to destroy these ballons was by turret mounted cannon on a slow flying high altitude aircraft. Apparently balloons are rather difficult to shoot down.

An article in Air International outlines the programme (I can't give a date, as I'm in Aberdeen, but Bill Rose has a copy I sent him. Any dates Bill?).

Perhaps some of these tetrahedral balloons were used in this programme?

The balloon offensive reached a peak in 1981 if I recall correctly.

I was quite surprised by this, being aware that balloon reconnaissance is rather hit and miss, but that it was done to such an extent as to prompt a counter to it did really surprise me.

Chris

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Subject: Trent Photographs - New AnalysisMessage-id:  
<005301bec5b2\$36174da0\$73c628c3@cis.compuserve.com>

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Broadcast this week on Sky One satellite TV in the UK was a program, 'Confirmation - The Hard Evidence of Aliens Among Us?'.

Given some of the content, thankfully, they put that question mark there.

Typically, the dreadful nonsense was interspersed with some more ostensibly credible material. Featured was a long rumoured confirmation that analysis of the negatives from the 'Trent photographs' would support there was no discernible evidence of a hoax.

That analysis was carried out by the Brookes Institute in Santa Barbara and I'm not sure if the program has been broadcast yet in the US.

Bottom line, even contemporary computerised examination of the negatives fails to detect any trace of wires or how a hoax could have been perpetrated.

An additional opinion from one of the institute staff was that the light and detail visible were not consistent with a 'close up' model and did suggest a large, distant object.

Unfortunately, there was no comparison made with a 'test hoax', where a model, suspended on a thin thread, was photographed in the same context and these negatives then analysed.

Still, the score was Trents 1, sceptics 0.

I suspect it's not quite full-time though!

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To Jean-Pierre and all subscribers:

Please continue to send list mail as before.

As I thought might be the case, it's maybe not feasible to easily identify what was intended as a 'list only' contribution.

The more I think about it, the more I become concerned about how easily a mistake could be made.

And eventually will be...

Ugh... perhaps better to leave things as they are and spare myself that anxiety!

On the principle that 'if it ain't broken...', please disregard my suggestion that the list archives could be made public.

It was worth considering and I trust a sensible conclusion has determined itself.

James.  
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Subject: 'Triangular UFO' Footage?Message-id:  
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Also shown in the UK, earlier tonight on Channel 5 national TV,  
was a program, 'UFOs: The Best Evidence Ever - Caught on Tape'.

I believe this has been seen before here.

One of the films shown, from 'Midway City', Florida in 1993, was  
particularly interesting.

It shows what could be... I say, could be... one of them  
hovering, tree-top level, lights-a-blazin' triangular-UFOs.

Is this footage likely to be authentic?

Date: Sat, 03 Jul 1999 22:16:50 -0400 (EDT)  
From: RB47Expert@aol.com  
Subject: Re: Trent Photographs - New AnalysisCc: voyager@ukonline.co.uk  
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James & List,

The "Confirmation" program you mention was an NBC primetime special first aired in the US on Feb 17, 1999. The Trent/McMinnville photos were featured early on in the show and Rand Molnar of the Brooks Institute was the on-camera analyst. (A careless error in the program gives the year of the case as "1951" instead of 1950.) As I understand it, Rand found little to add to Dr. Bruce Maccabee's exhaustive scientific investigations which go back to 1974, so he basically confirmed Bruce's findings. I have worked with Bruce since 1976 on the case studies and am also working with Rand (I began my investigations in July 1972 as a result of exchanges with Phil Klass). An entirely new generation of scientific studies of the Trent case is in the works and promises to be a quantum leap above the preceding work.

Your suggestion of a control study photo of a hoax model is excellent. But you should know that the Trent's camera was not even correctly identified until I did so in April of this year. Thus the exact shutter speed, focal length and other data was not precisely known or available until literally just several weeks ago, as a result of my comprehensive reinvestigation and re-analysis of the case. Hence, a proper control study would have been difficult. Some control study photography of the lighting capabilities of sunlit cumulus clouds to cast sunlike shadows have been done by Bruce and David Rudiak. These refute Robert Sheaffer's and Klass' contention that shadows on the east wall of the Trent garage could only have been caused by the bright sun in the morning so supposedly disproving the evening time reported by the Trents, who are then classified as liars by Sheaffer-Klass. Weather records from east of the Trents prove the existence of altocumulus clouds in the area at the exact time of the sighting, plus or minus several minutes.

Fortunately, Bruce's figures for focal length etc. were not far off the mark so the identification of the camera does not overturn previous findings but lends support to them.

Regards,

Brad Sparks

In a message dated 7/3/99 5:15:02 PM Pacific Daylight Time, voyager@ukonline.co.uk writes:

<< Subj: Trent Photographs - New Analysis  
Date: 7/3/99 5:15:02 PM Pacific Daylight Time  
From: voyager@ukonline.co.uk (James Easton)

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Broadcast this week on Sky One satellite TV in the UK was a program, 'Confirmation - The Hard Evidence of Aliens Among Us?'

Given some of the content, thankfully, they put that question mark there.

Typically, the dreadful nonsense was interspersed with some more ostensibly credible material. Featured was a long rumoured confirmation that analysis of the negatives from the 'Trent photographs' would support there was no \_discernible\_ evidence of a hoax.

That analysis was carried out by the Brookes Institute in Santa Barbara and I'm not sure if the program has been broadcast yet in the US.

Bottom line, even contemporary computerised examination of the negatives fails to detect any trace of wires or how a hoax could have been perpetrated.

An additional opinion from one of the institute staff was that the light and detail visible were not consistent with a 'close up' model and did suggest a large, distant object.

Unfortunately, there was no comparison made with a 'test hoax', where a model, suspended on a thin thread, was photographed in the same context and these negatives then analysed.

Still, the score was Trents 1, sceptics 0.

I suspect it's not quite full-time though!

James.

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The article Chris mentioned was called "Mystery of the Mystic", by Piotr Butowski which appeared in the Aug 1994 issue of Air International.

As I recall, US Genetrix balloon recce flights across the Soviet Union were supposed to have been halted in 1956 on the explicit orders of Eisenhower following diplomatic protests.

However, according to Butowski, some 793 (of more than 4000 observed) balloons were shot down by Russian fighters between 1956 and 1977.

It seems that the "Mystic" was specifically developed for this purpose and its design can be traced back to analysis of wreckage recovered from the Gary Powers U-2 shootdown in 1960.

(There have been rumours that 4 copies of U-2s were secretly built by Beriev)

Evidently, modern balloons are not easy things to shoot down with conventional weapons, as the RCAF recently discovered.

Bill Rose

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This is how they operate; by going against all protocol and destroying documents that lead back to the many FT and disc projects of the past. It is also our experience - and Nick Cooks' - that the fear and pressure exerted by those tasked to maintain the near-impenetrable walls of secrecy and disinformation surrounding these projects ruins peoples' lives. They will do whatever it takes to maintain secrecy.

I suggest that using intelligence agents to create a mountain of disinformation via the relatively simple seeding of something like the MJ-12 documents would be money very well spent.

It is clear that the UFO subject has been controlled from the top since 1947.....

It sometimes seems like the UFO community is a target test group for psychological warfare and black propaganda.

Within the halls and corridors of democracy and totalitarian mindset

operates against the principles of freedom we all hold dear....

Try convincing people.....

Tim M.

Note; see p. 114 of Miller's "Lockheed Skunk Works" (Midland/Aerofax) for a mention of Widmer...

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>decades.

Tim,

What did Nick uncover which further supported that view?

Wasn't he spectacularly unsuccessful in locating any new evidence  
whatsoever?

I'm sure others will agree he was far too easily distracted by  
interviewing Jim Marrs - not universally regarded as the most  
credible source and who supports the view that some UFO sightings  
are of alien/time-travelling/interdimensional/'any flavour you  
like' craft.

Also, interviewing witnesses to 'cattle mutilations' and  
participants in 'remote viewing', including an 'alien abductee',  
wasn't really conducive to unravelling what was draining the  
'black budget'.

Disappointing that he got sucked into these, totally irrelevant  
and tenuous, at best, facets.

There were more obvious and potentially productive avenues to spend time on.

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Widmer's ideas were never developed though.

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Widmer said, "a lot of it was then burnt or destroyed", which could mean, say, only 25%, or even less.

He didn't claim that most of the project documentation was destroyed,.

I may have missed this; when did he state, "categorically that ALL material" had been "disposed of"?

The most interesting interview, I thought, was with Lt. Gen. George Muellner who acknowledged that 'black projects' are kept that way until they 'mature' - a very apt phrase.

The following discussion between Nick Cook (NC) and 'General' Muellner (GM), transcribed from a recording of the program, was incredible and most illuminating:

NC: General, I've just spent a couple of days in Southern Colorado, where a lot of apparently credible witnesses are reporting sightings of apparently unconventional aircraft, and I mean things like huge black triangles, silent helicopters, all kinds of extraordinary craft.

Should we be looking to the USAF for whatever is going on in this place?

GM: Well, the only programmes that I'm aware of that we have operating out in that environment... obviously are 117s operate out of Holloman... they're triangular shaped, obviously they're black and they operate at night quite frequently and so on.

All of the rest of the aeroplanes we have operating down in the Holloman area in particular are all conventional airplanes.

So, I don't know of any other development programmes or anything else that's going on down in that area or in southern Colorado in general, or for that matter in the New Mexico area.

We don't have anything of significance operating there.

I can tell you as an aviator though, quite frequently it's very, very difficult to discern what a platform is. B-2 for instance, if you're looking near co-altitude with it, it just seems to disappear into the background.

NC: But again, these people are describing things that literally hover over them sometimes, seemingly unmistakable sightings of these things.

GM: Well, I'll tell you, if they can get me the name of the contractor and whosoever operating, I'd love to put them under contract to develop some of these things.

Which is the most extraordinary confirmation of the point I've been emphasising during recent years and specifically highlighted in the material posted to the UFO Research List in the past weeks.

There is no evidence that the USAF has any triangular-shaped aircraft capable of hovering, or travelling at 'walking pace', yet also able to suddenly accelerate at 'phenomenal' speed.

Even if USAF had developed such technology, they would not be operating these aircraft over densely populated areas at the frequently reported 'tree-top' level and especially, would refrain from harassing people as reported in the numerous, comparable, 'highway encounters', which are the essence of this 'triangular UFO' enigma.

Far from verifying that 'man-made UFOs' (MMUFOs) are responsible for a significant percentage of 'UFO' sightings, Nick Cook's documentary has produced unprecedented evidence to the contrary.

Finally, someone was able to ask the simple question of a senior USAF representative - should these reports of amazingly low-altitude, hovering, triangular-shaped 'UFOs' be attributed to covert USAF developments [nudge, nudge, just give us a 'say no more' nod].

The answer - if only we did have that capability.

If the USAF doesn't have it now, then presumably we can conclude they certainly didn't have it in the 1960s/70s/80s.

There is of course possibly, if not probably, a mundane explanation for all of the reports which come into this category.

However, thanks to Jane's Defense, we can now 'officially' proclaim UFOs ARE REAL!!!

OK, slightly 'tongue in cheek'. ;)

However, there are some 'curious' repercussions from this development.

I wonder what Lt. Gen. Muellner would have said in answer to 'UFO' sightings of 'triangular' craft, accompanied by recognised USAF aircraft, say... over the North Sea in 1989.

Or the Belgian 'triangular UFO' reports.

Pity Nick didn't ask about this.

James.

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I was simply quoting from Widmer - so in this case no reliance upon our Nick. Perhaps Widmer was telling us something? After all, the documents were destroyed and I can't help thinking that our knowledge of the subject is so limited entirely because of the sort of operation discussed in the programme.

No, the prog wasn't perfect; these things never are. Nevertheless, it was the best programme on the subject for some time. My only gripe was that it went into animal mutilations where there MAY be solutions (which Bill recently put forward in an article for "Strange Daze" magazine).

What's more - and most importantly - it wasn't aimed at us buffs but at the public who remain largely misinformed by the alien hype directed at and generated by the UFO community....

He went over similar ground but for somebody from Jane's I think this might be good evidence of his neck sticking out a little too far....

Bye for now,

TM.

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Subject: Re: Billion Dollar Secret

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Unfortunately, I missed this gem, as channel 5 has yet to reach the wilds of Aberdeen.

A drawing of Kingfish can be seen in the Aerofax book on the B-58 Hustler. It is only shown in the second edition.

It also shows the underground bases the B-58s were to be based in. Did I say underground bases? I meant bunkers.

Chris

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I wholeheartedly agree with David's appraisal of the programme. For many people MMUFOS simply do not compute.

I have spoken to several people (friends, family) about the programme and they all enjoyed it and realised, perhaps for the first time, how unlikely the ET explanation for crashed discs, flying triangles and UFOs actually is. It is far more likely, and easier to demonstrate, that the MMUFO school of thought is the one that is going places.

The thing that really hit me about the programme, in a way that no other TV effort has done, is just how useful things like MJ-12, stories of recovered alien technology a la spook Corso, and 'aliens'/hybridization really are. They serve to obscure all manner of terrestrial-governmental goings on.

I suspect that it may even be the case that non-MMUFO researchers are making great progress. With so many documents on mind control experiments and techniques emerging from the black vaults we have yet more staggering and very worrying evidence that the military and their allies are prepared to go to almost any lengths not only to protect their secrets and lies but also the human cost of their myriad of programmes.

As Dave Clarke frequently observes, the UFO phenomenon is all about humanity.....

Tim M.

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I spoke to Nick Cook earlier and he tells me there will be a longer version ( around 1 hr 50min) of the Billion Dollar Secret shown on the Discovery Channel later this year. So that will be well worth seeing.

David Windle

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Containing over 200 cases which feature 'triangles', 'deltas', etc., it's a consummate source of raw data.

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From: Lynda Matthews <matthews@zetnet.co.uk>  
Subject: Re: NUFORC 'Triangular UFO' Reports  
Message-id: <199907061117.MAA05587@irwell.zetnet.co.uk>

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If you read the European Parliament report on technologies for political control then you'll perhaps come to the conclusion that the beam of light which comes down can be used to control a subject on the ground.

This technology may have been used in the infamous 1990 incident at Boscombe Down.

Believe it - they have the technology and it's in official reports!

Tim M.

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> From: James Easton <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
> To: UFORL <UFORL@listbot.com>  
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From: John Burtenshaw <jburtens@bournemouth.ac.uk>  
Subject: Re: NUFORC 'Triangular UFO' Reports

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From: "J. Pharabod" <pharabod@in2p3.fr>  
Subject: Re: Billion Dollar SecretCc: pharabod@in2p3.frX-Authentication-warning:  
polhp2.in2p3.fr: pharabod owned process doing -bs

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Thanks in advance for answers,

Jean-Pierre Pharabod

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Date: Tue, 06 Jul 1999 13:41:26 +0100 (BST)  
From: Chris Gibson <cgibson@dmu.ac.uk>  
Subject: Wind cannon

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Perhaps the programme dealt with the wind cannon and sound cannon the Germans worked on at the end of the second world war. They were developed as anti aircraft devices, but their range was insufficient. Perhaps the technology was further developed...

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Date: Tue, 06 Jul 1999 08:42:11 -0400  
From: "Steven W. Kaeser" <steve@konsulting.com>  
Subject: Re: Billion Dollar Secret

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At 02:09 PM 7/6/99 +0200, you wrote:

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I can only help with this one. Jim Marrs is a US author, who has written a book entitled, "Alien Agenda".

<http://www.ufomind.com/people/m/marrs/>

He had previously made a name for himself with a publication related to the JFK assassination conspiracy theory. I would regard him as more of an author than I would a researcher. I'm sure that others on this list will be a bit harsher regarding his credentials as an "expert".

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From: win@writer.win-uk.net (David)  
Subject: Re: Billion Dollar SecretCc: pharabod@in2p3.fr  
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Subject: Re: NUFORC 'Triangular UFO' Reports and technological control?Message-  
id: <199907061425.PAA04929@irwell.zetnet.co.uk>

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Yeah!

Absolutely.

Tony Benn MP has noted the use of such equipment by the security services in Northern Ireland and whilst I'm sure that there have abuses on either side the fact remains that these things are used on occasion.

I know several former Greenham Common women and whilst I don't entirely agree with their pacifism I respect their opinions and the fact that they were targetted by some sort of microwave device during the demonstrations there in the early-mid 1980s.

Some abductees claim to have heard voices and so forth. Guess what?

the EP report noted above states that they have the technology to focus upon and immobilize single members of huge crowds. I can see this being used against political activists - if it hasn't already.

It's a dirty world - to say the least - and I strongly suspect that these technologies are related to various "UFO" encounters. In this case we have the facts of the case presented and documented. There is very little room for skeptics to claim that they government 'would never use' these devices. Everybody must surely realise by now that if 'they' have then 'they' will use it.

Love and peace,

Tim M.

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> From: John Burtenshaw <jburtens@bournemouth.ac.uk>  
> To: UFO Research List <UFORL@listbot.com>  
> Subject: Re: NUFORC 'Triangular UFO' Reports  
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From: Lynda Matthews <matthews@zetnet.co.uk>  
Subject: Re: Billion Dollar SecretCc: pharabod@in2p3.fr  
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Hutchison is a Canadian researcher;

The best treatment of his controversial work is included in Albert Budden's "Electric UFO" (Blandford 1999) and I am sure that Jean-Pierre's views on the technology would be interesting.

It's available from amazon.com

Tim.

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> To: UFORL@listbot.com; UFORL@listbot.com  
> Cc: pharabod@in2p3.fr  
> Subject: Re: Billion Dollar Secret  
> Date: 06 July 1999 14:44  
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Its no secret that the US military are developing microwave weapons as part  
of their "non-lethal" weapons policy. Maybe they tested them at Greenham?

John B  
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From: "J. Pharabod" <pharabod@in2p3.fr>  
Subject: Re: NUFORC 'Triangular UFO' Reports  
X-Authentication-warning: polhp2.in2p3.fr: pharabod owned process doing -bs

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These are suggestions about \*what\* could be these flying triangles. Another important question is: \*who\* are the pilots ? (whether on board, or elsewhere if these triangles are remotely piloted vehicles). Of course this assumes that there is really an "unidentified flying triangle" phenomenon, something I am quite sure of after my inquiry about the Belgian events.

In see only three possibilities, which I will list in a "more and more disturbing, less and less probable" order:

1) Pranksters. It would be a little disturbing because that would mean that any private group with enough resources could ridicule during a long period the most powerful military organisation in the world: US/NATO

(the disturbing element is not that US/NATO would have been ridiculed, but that other "pranksters" could have less inoffensive intentions...).

2) Military. More disturbing, because:

- if it's US/NATO military, that would mean that they are crazy (that's why I said that it's less probable, but since recent events I begin to think that US/NATO are really crazy...);

- if it's Russian military, it would mean that they can do what they want where they want (on the other hand, it would mean that they have a good sense of humour and are not really dangerous...).

3) Even more disturbing (and less probable): others...

Jean-Pierre Pharabod

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Date: Tue, 06 Jul 1999 16:14:21 +0100  
From: John Burtenshaw <jburtens@bournemouth.ac.uk>  
Subject: Re: Wind cannon  
References: <199907061154.MAA25756@athena.bournemouth.ac.uk>

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Although I have heard of the Nazi wind cannon (Vindenkanon;-) ), the first reference to an infrasound device was when a French scientist lodged a patent in Paris during the late 1950's / 60's. It was, believe it or not, based on a scaled up version of the French police whistle!!. It used compressed air to make it work. The problem was that it was not very directional, but I would think that with the advances in electronics and speaker technology it is possible to make quite light weight units. If you want to try playing with infrasound get a frequency generator, switch it to about 18 Hz, connect into some speakers. Below is a report about its effects. Sounds a bit like the classic UFO close encounter to me.

"Research has previously proven that exposure to low frequency sound can cause a variety of physiological effects, many of them adverse ones, such as shivering, anxiety and breathlessness. These responses can lead a person to think that some unseen danger is imminent, or feel like he is being watched. Infrasound might even cause hallucinations. Tests at NASA have shown that the human eyeball has a resonant frequency of 18 cycles a second, and will vibrate in sympathy with infrasound waves that have a similar frequency. Under these conditions, there would be a "smearing of vision" that is capable of making someone see evanescent hallucinations in the periphery of their visual field. This effect is reminiscent of the theories of neurologist Michael Persinger, who has suggested that electromagnetic waves can interfere with brain activity and lead people to think they see ghosts or aliens."

Cheers

John B  
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Date: Tue, 06 Jul 1999 18:00:49 +0100  
From: James Easton <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
Subject: \* URGENT \* - Mail ArchivesMessage-id:  
<008901bec7d1\$19d60020\$097151c2@acad80.scot.ac.uk>

UFO Research List - <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/>

Uh... Houston, we have a problem...

The ListBot software which allows us to operate a free mailing list has undergone some changes.

Familiarising myself with these, it looks like the options to make this list private or public are:

`Anyone may view the archive'

`No one may view the archive'

`Anyone' appears to mean everyone, subscribers or not.

`No one' also seems to be unrelenting and means exactly that, no-one, including subscribers can view the archives. Suddenly, there is just no archive mail to view.

Incredibly, there doesn't appear to be an option where `Members may view the archive'.

This hasn't posed any difficulties previously, as there wasn't a `List home page', now kindly set up by ListBot.

The difference is that before, to view any list archives you had to log on via the `list members' screen and required a password.

Now, anyone can go straight to the UFORL `home page' and if `Anyone may view the archive' has been enabled, there's an automatic ListBot link to the mailing list postings.

I've sent a copy of this mail to ListBot with my suggestion there has been something of an oversight here.

If you log in as a list member, then you're still able to alter your own settings. One of the options is `View List Archives' and I hoped that even though `No one may view the archive' was enabled, it would still allow list members access. Alas, the message reads, `The archive for this list is not available for display'.

So, I've been forced to proceed as originally intended and make the list archives public - otherwise nobody has access.

However, the archives are currently marked as unavailable and I'm going through all the list mail, marking `private' the messages which I definitely don't want to appear on the public list display. At least it's still possible to do that.

This means you have to be very careful about `list only' mail. Please send it directly to myself and I'll ensure it does not appear publicly when it's distributed to the list members.

Alternatively, there is a ListBot option to make this a `moderated list', where all mail is automatically held back until the list owner approves it for distribution. Any 'list only' postings can be caught at this point.

It's similar to how `UFO UpDates' operates and means there is no list mail until the moderator releases it en masse.

I'm assuming that the normal flow of mail is preferable and unless suggestions otherwise, will continue with the careful selection of public list mail.

I'll let you know how this proceeds.

James.

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There are two basic types of UFO. One is physically real and can be seen by anyone in the right place at the right time. It can also be photographed, tracked on radar, etc. It probably is not 'a' phenomemon in the singulat sense but a range of phenomena (eg some types of UAP). There may, or may not, be physically real craft of unknown (non terrestrial) origin in this mix. I have an open mind on that.

The other UFO type is essentially the close encounter experience. It is an experience as opposed to a sighting (which UFO type one is). It does not occur to just anyone, but certain kinds of witness. It does not occur anywhere, but in specific locations and at certain times. It is possible (as real cases show) for person A to be near person B and for person A to have the experience and person B not to do so. In that sense it is subjective. The average number of witnesses per case for an objective UFO is 2.6. The average number of witnesses for the close encounter experience is around 1.2, showing the fundamental difference. People have been seen during the close encounter at a time when they believed they were having an alien abduction. In fact they had physically gone nowhere and were variously

observed as being in a trance like state, or deep asleep, or some other similar status. In other words the experience was occurring at the level of an ASC rather than as a physically real event. This seems hard to deny from much of the evidence.

What I mean by a close encounter is not the strict Hynek definition. In my view his CE 1 case is not even a close encounter but a mundane sighting and CE 2s with physical evidence are usually some form of UAP, but are certainly objectively real events. So I am talking about CE 3 and CE 4 cases - alien contacts and abductions. These are the episodes that appear to take place during an altered state (as demarked by the onset of phenomena I call the Oz factor where perception of time and space changes and sensory deprivation occurs). NDEs and OOBES also occur during altered states. I have had an OOBE so can speak first hand about that, although in many respects it felt like a real world event. Only research indicates my doubts about that.

Calling these things altered states, by the way, is not a method to denigrate them. Nor is it a solution to the problem. They may well still involve amazing, life changing phenomena and indeed may even still involve real alien contact. It is simply a description of the method through which these contacts appear to occur - not in the mundane everyday reality mode that you and I share now as we write and read e mail messages (although some e mails induce an altered state called sleep pretty fast in my experience!) This is an insight we need to take on board because a presumption of real world objectivity directs our search for answers and misleads us if we are hunting for the wrong thing, as I believe we are.

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I've been looking at one of the unsolved 'Blue Book' cases, where the object was apparently described as a 'semi-triangular grey mass with large luminous cylinders at the end of each wing'.

The witnesses were "Deputy Sheriffs Bob Goode and Billy McCoy", from, Damon, TX. Source:

<http://www.temporaldoorway.com/ufo/report/650903a.htm>

What would we expect this 'triangular UFO' report to contain?

Well, the object would be a-hoverin', probably at 'tree-top level' and it might be an immense size, possibly 'as large as a football field', which has been mentioned on several occasions.

The alleged encounter would likely take place at night and the object was almost certainly first seen as just a 'light' or 'lights', which then began to come towards the car, revealing the object itself.

There's a fair chance of it beaming down a light or 'beam' at some point.

It would depart at 'tremendous speed'.

Slightly selective, but not unreasonable, I would suggest.

The report, by comparison, reads:

"Returning from a night football game, the two officers were passing through Damon when they noticed some lights to their right. The lights moved upward. The officers tried to get close to the lights, and lost sight of them until the lights approached their vehicle across the prairie. There was a bright pulsating purple light stationary above the horizon (which was several miles away). A second light, blue, moved away from the first light and hovered not far away. They saw no solid object until it the lights [sic] approached. 'It was about telephone pole high, maybe 100 feet... it looked like a football field. I mean, the shadow it threw was like a football field. I couldn't see any windows or portholes or anything... The inside of our patrol car

was a brilliant light. We estimated the thing was 200 feet wide... It was a dark grey-looking object.'

Deputy Goode's hand was outside the car window and he could feel heat from the object. The object moved rapidly back to where they first saw it, and then shot vertically into the sky".

This 'returned to its original position' before leaving is an odd feature which comes up in several reports.

Looks like it could be another 'highway encounter'.

Any further information on this case?

Dated 3 September, 1965, it's also now the earliest (probable) 'triangular UFO' sighting I've found that fits the established hovering/low altitude, etc. pattern and is a detailed account.

Yet again, no obvious explanation and no apparent sense in the actions of the presumed object's controllers.

[Shrug]

On a dark desert highway  
Cool wind in my hair  
Warm smell of colitas  
Raising up through the air

Up ahead in the distance  
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[6 more paragraphs-JC]

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<199907081031.LAA20217@irwell.zetnet.co.uk>

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Fascinating,

an excellent clipping from Joel...

Tim M.

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> From: joel carpenter <ufx@mindspring.com>  
> To: UFORL@listbot.com  
> Subject: Re: Billion Dollar Secret  
> Date: 08 July 1999 03:39  
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Adding to Joel's informative posting, from John Stone's aerospace site at:

<http://www.thepoint.net/~jstone/successortou2.html>

[Begin]

This document was approved for release by the CIA in Oct 1994, it is an expanded version of the history of the A-12.

[...]

By the late summer of 1959, both Convair and Lockheed had completed new designs for a follow-on to the U-2. Convair's entry, known as the KINGFISH, used much of the technology developed for the F-102, F-106, and B-58, included stainless steel honeycomb skin, planiform wing design, and crew capsule system, which eliminated the need for the pilot to wear a pressurized suit. The KINGFISH had two side-by-side J58 engines inside the fuselage, which significantly reduced the radar cross section. Two additional important design features that contributed to a small radar return were fiberglass engine inlets and wings whose leading edges were made of Pyroceram. Convair Division, General Dynamics Corporation. "KINGFISH Summary Report" 1959 (S). Kelly Johnson was very skeptical of the Convair design, noting in the Archangel project log on 1-20 August 1959: "Convair have promised reduced radar cross section on an airplane the size of A-12. They are doing this, in my view, with total disregard for aerodynamics, inlet and afterburner performance"

Lockheed's new entry was much like it's first, but with several modifications and a new designator, A-12. It too, would employ two of the powerful J58 engines. Lockheed's major innovation in reducing radar return was cesium additive in the fuel, which decreased the radar cross section of the afterburner plume. This improvement had been proposed by Edward Purcell of the Land committee. Desiring to save weight, Kelly Johnson had decided not to construct the A-12 out of steel. Traditional lightweight metals such as aluminum were out of the question because they could not stand the heat that would be generated as the A-12 flew at Mach 3.2, so Johnson chose a titanium alloy.

On 20 August 1959, Lockheed and Convair submitted their proposals to a joint Department of Defense, Air Force, and CIA selection

panel. As the table shows, the two aircraft were similar in performance characteristics, although the Lockheed design's specifications were slightly better in each category. The Lockheed design was also preferable in terms of overall cost. In the vital area of vulnerability to radar detection, however, the Convair design was superior. It's smaller size and internally mounted engines gave it a smaller radar cross section than the Lockheed A-12. OSA History: chap 20. pp. 18-19.

[...]

[End]

The CIA document also has a comparison between the Lockheed and (not quite so secret) Convair designs.

James.

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Yes,

What WAS Widmer talking about in that programme?

It seemed to bring back some fairly painful memories.....

As to FOIAS' to the US Air Force - so much for the freedom of information!  
We know rather less than we like to think we do.....

TM.

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> The first photographs released of wind tunnel Kingfish (Fish) models  
> for the two seat proposal accompanied an Oct 1995 Air International  
> article "In the Valley of Shadow," by Dr David Baker.  
> The overall shape of this aircraft was probably influenced by the  
> ventral air breathing engine layout and hypersonic studies conducted in  
> the early 1980s by McDonnell Douglas seem to have used almost the same  
> formula.  
> Later Kingfish drawings show a slightly more flattened fuselage with an  
> offset cockpit canopy for a single pilot and by then, performance

- > estimates had been revised downwards.
- > If I might make a small correction to the background info provided by
- > James, (from John Stone's site) the Kingfish was not planned to be
- > fitted with two side by side J58 engines in the fuselage.
- > Kingfish would have been powered by two Marquardt ramjet engines,
- > supplemented by two retractable GE J85 turbojets for low speed flight.
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- > So what was Bob Widmer talking about in Billion Dollar Secret?
- > Well just about every major US aviation contractor studied flying discs
- > during the 50s and there were proposals floating around which ranged
- > from commercial airliners to small truck launched battlefield weapons.
- > Perhaps Widmer was referring to a separate parallel study? I would just
- > add that I have made two recent requests to Lockheed-Martin for
- > information on specific 1950s flying disc projects, which have both
- > been refused.
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I have a collection of historical newspaper articles on 'UFOs',  
going back to the pre-Roswell July 1947 'flying saucer' hysteria.

Time permitting, I'll be saying more about this collection  
shortly.

I've been browsing through the various articles for the first  
time in a year or two and appreciating more that many of them are  
not only of historical interest, there is material which could be  
little known and maybe of some significance.

One article I noticed which, although perhaps not significant,  
could be of interest. It seems to be the first official (or at  
least a major) announcement concerning the Avro project and was  
coupled with something of a USAF 'debunking' exercise re those  
other saucers.

Date: Fri, 09 Jul 1999 11:46:24 +0200 (METDST)  
From: "J. Pharabod" <pharabod@in2p3.fr>  
Subject: Re: Billion Dollar Secret! The latest proof for MMUFOs?  
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At 08:39 PM 7/8/99 +0100, Jenny Randles wrote:

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>As I replied yesterday to Bill I dont write lectures in advance. I give them  
>ad lib out of my head. So there is no written version anywhere. The summary  
>I gave was based on the note cards used to guide my thoughts.  
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>MUFON filmed the talk and are selling videos.. So its not inaccessible.  
>Gloria Dixon at Strange Daze magazine also asked me to write an article  
>around the paper , which I will do when I have time.  
>  
>Sorry I cant help further.  
>  
>Best wishes,  
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To All-

The complete set of VHS videos of all 13 speakers was being sold for \$69.95 (US) at the Symposium via pre-orders, and individual tapes (which included two to three speakers) were \$19.95. I don't know if the price is the same for those purchasing them after the event, but I will try to find out.

Audio cassette tapes were also being produced, but you would then miss all of the visuals, that were part of Jenny's presentation.

Steve

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<http://www.books.com/scripts/view.exe?sid~NAWYwBJBVcsxMti/isbn~0312958838>

He has now followed up that publication with "Enter The Valley; Ufo's, Religious Miracles, Cattle Mutilation, And Other Unexplained Phenomena In The San Luis Valley "

<http://www.books.com/scripts/view.exe?sid~NAWYwBJBVcsxMti/isbn~0312968353>

I don't think that the sightings mentioned in these books are what one would commonly call a "flap", but this may what you are talking about. I suppose it really depends on who you're talking to and what their belief

system dictates. Since some of the alleged sightings involve military flights and "black helicopters", some of them may well fit into the MMUFO explanation. But keep in mind that O'Brian discusses a broad range of phenomena (and I use that term loosely), including cattle mutilations and crystal skulls, so many on this list may find the "critical thinking" component in these books to be lacking.

Steve

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From: James Easton <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
Subject: Delta-shaped Target DronesMessage-id:  
<004201beca6a\$0c9b48c0\$e5c428c3@cis.compuserve.com>

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Date: Fri, 09 Jul 1999 22:12:01 -0400  
From: "Steven W. Kaeser" <steve@konsulting.com>  
Subject: Re: A Saucerful of Secrets

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James-

This artist's impression reminds me of the cover sketches that can be found on Popular Mechanics in the U.S., and I would suspect that it came from that type of publication. I would, of course, be interested in the exact provenance of this drawing (if that information is available). I should add that this type of drawing may well have been part of a package of information designed to help secure funding, but it reminds me of "Concept Car" mock ups that used to be shown at car shows in the US (and perhaps still are). They were little more than wishful thinking, and had little or no chance of development, since the future development of automobile rarely took the path outlined by "dreamers". It would also be interesting to know exactly what the intake ports were for on the apparent "front" of the saucer, since it doesn't appear to have any exhaust ports (of course we can't see the bottom from the angle shown).

Maybe I'm way off base, but I really hate to see one more "impression" being used in support of an anecdotal theory.

Steve

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Date: Sat, 10 Jul 1999 13:14:15 +0000  
From: win@writer.win-uk.net (David)  
Subject: Re: A Saucerful of SecretsMessage-id: <1065@writer.win-uk.net>

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More specifically, the image relates to the Silver Bug AVRO disc.

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Subject: Re: A Saucerful of SecretsMessage-id:  
<199907101331.OAA14473@irwell.zetnet.co.uk>

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Hi,

This is the same image (with different background) featured in Blue Book Special report no. #14 and also the "Secret" rated "Air Intelligence Review" dated December 1954 which I recently received via FOIA from Maxwell AFB.

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Message-id: <199907101333.OAA14674@irwell.zetnet.co.uk>

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They use these a great deal and one compnay that has produced/produces them is Target Technology in Kent. They work in conjunction with MOD. David W knows more I think.....

I hear that they use them occasionally at ranges like Llanbedr....

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From: Bill Rose <bill.rose@virgin.net>  
Subject: Saucer Full of SecretsMessage-id: <37878C2C.6934@virgin.net>

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Subject: Re: Saucer Full of SecretsMessage-id:  
<199907102233.XAA27687@irwell.zetnet.co.uk>

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Well exactly and there is plenty of evidence to suggest that small prototype saucers were tested by the USAF before 1955 which means that Donald Quarles was lying.

Small models were also tested in the UK in 1953. That's what it say in my FOIA documents.....

It's still a cover-up and when in doubt, as I have said before, they destroy the documents relating to the projects. In my FOIA docs there is mention of Project Ladybird (NOT Ladybug), Projects 318 and 618. Anybody have more on these?

TM.

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> From: Bill Rose <bill.rose@virgin.net>  
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Date: Sun, 11 Jul 1999 11:24:41 +0100 (BST)  
From: Chris Gibson <cgibson@dmu.ac.uk>  
Subject: Re: Saucer Full of Secrets

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What is the difference between a small model and a small prototype? Small models are routinely knocked up for presentations to management, small prototypes suggest a bit more interest. What would be very interesting is a full scale mock up or fabrication jigs. Any of these mentioned in the FOIA docs?

Chris

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From: Chris Gibson <cgibson@dmu.ac.uk>  
Subject: Re: Hypersonic Discplanes & Kingfish

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Chris

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Subject: Re: Hypersonic Discplanes & Kingfish  
Message-id: <199907120934.KAA18805@irwell.zetnet.co.uk>

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This is odd because I'm wondering who is proposing a hypersonic disc?

I very much doubt that this was possible - especially given that any disc documents in my possession put Mach 3.5 as the very upper speed range.....and even that would have been pushing it I reckon!!

Maybe I've missed something?

TM

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> To: UFO Research List <UFORL@listbot.com>  
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From: joel carpenter <ufx@mindspring.com>  
Subject: Re: Hypersonic Discplanes & KingfishMessage-id:  
<004901becc69\$66b6c900\$0100a8c0@mindspring.com>  
References: <Pine.GSU.4.10.9907120904030.24114-100000@helios.dmu.ac.uk>

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Chris and all-

The Aviation Week article is somewhat misleading on this subject, I think. What it actually seems to have been talking about was NASA's investigation of "lenticular" reentry vehicle shapes. They were being considered as shapes for ICBM warheads and manned spacecraft. The "rocket-boosted Convair disc" would have been launched into orbit on a Titan or similar booster (as proposed for the other manned lifting bodies and Dyna-Soar) inside a cone-shaped fairing, like a satellite. Reentry would have been blunt-face-forward, like the Apollo capsule, and as it slowed down to around Mach 1 it would pitch down and transition to a glide (a little better glide ratio than a brick, I would think). The NASA drawings show it using big deployable flaps at the trailing edge for pitch trim. So in "normal" flight it wouldn't really look like a disc. I was wondering if maybe the Convair designer was actually describing the development work that Convair did on these disc-shaped high-speed vehicles, and not something related to KINGFISH. The AW article also mentions Boeing and Lockheed hypersonic disc designs. I have seen some Boeing concepts but never anything from Lockheed

that would fit this hypersonic reentry vehicle description.

- J Carpenter

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Subject: Re: A Saucerful of SecretsMessage-id:  
<199907121549.QAA15788@irwell.zetnet.co.uk>

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According to Jay Miller a re-worked version of the XF5U-1 was considered for the X-13 project too.

Got some interesting stuff from NASA on this project recently. If only I had a scanner that I could work!

TM.

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> From: David <win@writer.win-uk.net>  
> To: UFORL@listbot.com  
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The disk-shaped reentry concept goes back quite a ways. This one's from 1952. I think Hilton was the one who coined the phrase "sound barrier." I believe he worked for Hawker Siddeley.

- J Carpenter

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Aviation Week, Nov. 3, 1952, p. 34-37

Saucer Shape Seen Best for Spaceship  
by John Humphries

There is a logical and acceptable reason for a flying saucer, says Dr. W. F. Hilton, well-known British aerodynamicist, because such a shape appears to offer the best solution to the problem of braking within the atmosphere of a planet.

What you need for best deceleration, assuming that braking rockets are not used, is a vehicle with maximum drag per unit area, he says. Spheres, which show such drag, are out because you also need lift. Thus a disk, rotated for stability, and thick at the center to take payload, seems to be promising for certain classes of spaceship.

\* The Problem -- Dr. Hilton made these points at a recent meeting of the Midlands branch of the British Interplanetary Society, where he considered the aerodynamic problems of landing and takeoff.

Since most of any interplanetary flight would be spent in space -- where vehicle shape is unimportant -- it would be the short time spent in the atmosphere that would dictate the design of the craft.

Takeoff is a negligible factor in design of spaceships, Hilton feels. Takeoff would be vertical and from the highest point available to minimize drag losses. Acceleration would be low, and no serious aerodynamic problems would arise, he says.

But on the return journey the arrival velocity would be the same as that of escape -- 7 miles per second, roughly -- and the vehicle would make contact with the upper layers of the atmosphere at a Mach number of about 35. As one clue to the magnitude of the problem, Hilton states that a steel bullet will melt at a Mach number of 5.5 in the absence of thermal radiation. Thus a returning spaceship will have to reduce speed from Mach 35 to Mach 5 before sustained flight in the atmosphere is possible.

\* Path Solution -- To slow down most efficiently, the spaceship must make grazing contact with the atmosphere, absorbing as much heat as either the ship or occupants can take, and then climb out to radiate heat into space. Contact in such an orbit -- similar to a flat stone skipped across the surface of water [! He must have been reading his UFO reports - JC] -- would be made on the dark side of the planet to increase the available temperature difference....

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I think Arnold's second sighting was not 5 days later but a MONTH and 5 days later, on July 29, 1947.

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or the projection of their path, which is contrary to Arnold's testimony in every account he gave in 30+ years.

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Notice I'm carefully refraining from getting into heated arguments over the SHAPES, FLIGHT PATTERNS and ANGULAR SIZE. These could be argued endlessly so I don't think it fruitful to pursue.

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Does anyone in the group have any information on the French aerodynamacist Rene Couzinet and the small Silver Bug sized flying disc (mockup?) he displayed in about 1955. Presumably, Couzinet is now dead? Were any patents taken out by him?

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To All-

Clark McClelland's credentials will likely be scrutinized very carefully, but there are many who believe that he has something important to add to the current UFO debate. He has established a web page to promote an upcoming book,

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The Holy Bible, best-selling book of all ages, has numerous events recorded by writers of the gospel telling of unique aerial objects that defy imagination. The Book of Ezekiel describes one such object as "a wheel within a wheel." Was Ezekiel describing a modern-day flying saucer? Are all these ancient records to be discounted, disregarded as fanciful misinterpretations of ordinary phenomena? Pure fantasy? Or is there a grain of some greater truth within these records?

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The logic in one's skepticism or impassioned belief is always rightly in question. However, the credibility of these witnesses and believers is rock solid. They have no reason to fabricate anything, and many reasons to keep their beliefs (and close encounters) in this area to themselves. The same can be said for myself, but I will hold my tongue no longer.

The sad state of many UFO books and documentaries today is that of merely retelling a story over and over, actually doing a disservice to the UFO cause by boring people to death. One can only read so many books on Roswell or Area-51 until one's head implodes from lack of information. This book is different. It contains new, never-before-released material. It will not only satisfy the appetite of the UFO community (and general public) for new data, but also stimulate a desire to know more.

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REMEMBER THIS:

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Clark McClelland

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I remember this debate taking place around a year ago and nobody took the business of Arnold's having seen 'flying wings' seriously.

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Tim M - The Heretics Club.

Ps - If the Church of England can bring back heretics then so can we!

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Another reference for flying wings is the article "Northrop's Flying Wings" in Vol 2 of Wings of Fame (Aerospace Publishing)

One comment on the XB-35. I would have thought that had the bigger object been an XB-35 the contraprops would have been visible. One of the recognition features of the Tupolev Bear is that the contraprops "twinkle". According to the article the XB-35 flew in 25th June 1946, BUT would have flown 18 months earlier had the props been ready (shades of XF5U).

It probably wouldn't be a Gotha 229, as the example transported to the USA lay in the Smithsonian for years. I saw it last year and it looks pretty tatty. However, Jack Northrop had designed and built quite a few small flying wings prior to 1947, eg the N-1M (1940), N-9M from 1942, plus the jet powered XP-79B Flying Ram.

Of added interest are the RB-35 and EB-35, reconnaissance and "special electronics" versions of the B-35. We know how "interesting" anything to do with reconnaissance is... Would a test flight of a special purpose version of a long range platform be made in a remote area? Perhaps.

Chris

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Heretics unite!

An unusually similar "mistake" ('operational in recent years' XF5U-1 etc.)  
is made in AIR 100-203-79 and in the A.S Weyl article from "The Aeroplane"  
in 1948....

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James,

Many thanks for all the info on Couzinet.

Bill

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Discussion of the Arnold Sighting seem to go around in circles, but there are two or three reasonable alternatives to the extraterrestrial spacecraft theory.

The perception that alien craft were involved can be attributed to the alleged supersonic speed of the objects, their irregular flight behaviour, the fact that Arnold was accepted as a competent/credible witness and the USAAF denying all knowledge of the incident.

Of course, the object's speed was progressively revised upwards as the story gained momentum and the only independent witness (I'm aware of) on the mountainside, reported no supersonic boom.

Furthermore, at a distance of 100 miles closing to about 25 miles, there is in my opinion no realistic possibility that Arnold actually saw any detail or discerned overall shapes of these objects.

If aircraft were involved they were probably not models listed in USAF or USN inventories. Most of the X/YB-35s were indeed grounded and the improved jet powered YB-49 didn't fly until October 1947.

It also seems unlikely that any captured German WW11 technology like (or based on) the Go-229 could have been responsible.

That said, a lot of aviation development was taking place in the black domain by 1947 and it seems reasonable to explore the idea that a small number of experimental military aircraft, perhaps with marginal supersonic performance were built and test flown.

Mach 1+ was just about achievable in early 1947 with prevailing aerodynamics/engine technology and Lockheed or Northrop would have been the front runners for prototypes.

Of course, once the Arnold story was up and running, there would have been no public disclosures of these aircraft - ever!

Suddenly the Pentagon would have realised how useful the general belief in aliens was for hiding black programmes and of course, nobody would have wanted to re-write history and say that Chuck Yeager wasn't the first pilot to break the sound barrier.

Bill Rose

And now, back to the birds...

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In response to various comments re the suggestion that Kenneth Arnold's pivotal sighting report was possibly of White Pelicans...

In his report for the Air Force, Arnold wrote:

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Ashford is to the north-east of Mineral and if he made a "360 degree turn to the right" and was "starting again toward Rainer", which is also north-east of Ashford, how he was also travelling in the direction of Yakima?

Although his ultimate destination was Yakima, Arnold was still engaged in the search for a missing, presumed crashed, C-46 'Marine transporter' and a five thousand dollar (ten thousand according to one newspaper report) reward.

Yakima was not directly east of his position and if instead he was travelling due east, 'almost in the direction of Yakima', it makes a significant difference to the interaction between Arnold and the objects, should they have been much closer than he realised.

I note from the 'Pendleton, Oregon East Oregonian' newspaper article of 26 June: "Mr. Arnold reported he was flying east at 2:50 p.m. Tuesday toward Mt. Rainier when the objects appeared

directly in front of him 25-30 miles away at about 10,000 feet altitude".

The further due east he was actually travelling, the more he was heading in the direction of the objects and they sooner they would cross his path.

The account in his later book, 'The Coming of the Saucers', is also different, making no mention whatsoever of 'heading towards Yakima' and stating, "It was during this search and while making a turn of 180 degrees over Mineral, Washington, at approximately 9200 feet altitude" when he first noticed a 'bright flash'.

Back in time, in what seems to be the first radio interview he gave, Arnold explained:

"I had made one sweep in close to Mt. Rainier and down one of the canyons and was dragging it for any types of objects that might prove to be the Marine ship, uh, and as I come out of the canyon there, was about 15 minutes, I was approximately 25 to 28 miles from Mt. Rainier, I climbed back up to 9200 feet and I noticed to the left of me a chain which looked to me like the tail of a Chinese kite, kind of weaving and going at a terrific speed across the face of Mt. Rainier. I, at first, thought they were geese because it flew like geese, but it was going so fast that I immediately changed my mind and decided it was a bunch of new jet planes in formation".

According to this earliest full account - original witness testimonies often proving to be more reliable - the first thing which Arnold noticed was a chain of objects that flew like geese and were crossing the face of Mt Rainier.

Further documented at the time, were the following:

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There's no evidence here that Arnold saw the objects before they were perceived to be crossing Mt. Rainier.

However, when his book, 'The Coming of the Saucers', was published, it was literally a different story with Arnold claiming:

"It was during this search and while making a turn of 180 degrees over Mineral, Washington, at approximately 9200 feet altitude, that a tremendously bright flash lit up the surfaces of my aircraft. I was startled. I thought I was very close to collision with some other aircraft whose approach I had not noted. I spent the next twenty to thirty seconds urgently searching the sky all around--to the sides, above and below me--in an attempt to determine where the flash of light had come from.

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In this final account, Arnold submits:

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3. There was a further flash.
4. He then (some more seconds having elapsed), saw "a formation of very bright objects coming from the vicinity of Mount Baker",

which was to the north of Mt. Rainier.

5. Even then, the objects were "still at a distance of over a hundred miles".

So, how far distant were they when that first flash "lit up the surfaces" of his aircraft, some 30 seconds before?

If the objects were travelling at Arnold's estimated speed, as he later timed them, some 1,200 mph, then in that 30 seconds they would have been even further north.

Let's call it an even hundred miles from that initial 'flash' and say it's 50 miles (probably slightly less ) from Mt. Rainier to Mt. Adams.

Arnold claimed the objects took one minute and forty two seconds to travel southwards between Mt. Rainier and Mt. Adams, therefore, they should have taken about twice as long to first of all reach Mt. Rainier from their starting position 100 miles northwards.

Bottom line, Arnold would have had the objects in view for around three minutes before they even arrived at Mt Rainier.

Now we know that simply isn't correct, Arnold previously having clarified in his letter to the Air Force that the total duration of his sighting only lasted for, "around two and one half or three minutes".

A further uncertainty is that in the early radio interview, he stated differently: "the whole observation of these particular ships didn't last more than about two and a half minutes".

Worse still, in one of the first newspaper reports, the 'Chicago Daily Tribune' of 25 June, quoted Arnold as confirming he "checked off one minutes and forty two seconds from the time they passed Mount Rainier until they reached the peak of Mount Adams" and that, "All told the objects remained in view slightly less than two minutes from the time I first noticed them".

This could be a more accurate recollection, corroborating that Arnold first saw flashes from objects which were between his location and Mt. Rainier and which were already passing the mountain's slopes.

There seems no doubt that Arnold did observe bright flashes from the objects, although whether they were so brilliant as his evident elaborations, is questionable.

Is it really sustainable that his aircraft was 'set alight' from the reflection of an object which was more than 100 miles away?

Yet, that's what Arnold claimed in his book and apparently didn't consider a problem.

In conclusion, there's sufficient documented evidence to accept some innocent exaggerations along the way, as we might expect.

That may be acceptable in other circumstances, but not when we are dealing with purported evidence of objects which could be extraterrestrial spacecraft.

By any default, there can be no tolerance for so much ambiguity.

Speed and distance estimates are of course still dependent on where Arnold was in relation to the objects and their respective routes.

As we appreciate, it's greatly compounded by Arnold's comments that at some point he turned his airplane around and opened the window - accepted this would be the right-hand side window - to get a better look at the departing objects.

When this action occurred is absolutely critical and we simply don't know as he never explained it in context.

Is there maybe a clue when he did this?

Unfortunately, the only references seem to be:

"Well, uh, I uh, it was about one minute to three when I started clocking them on my sweep second hand clock, and as I kept looking at them, I kept looking for their tails, and they didn't have any tail. I thought, well, maybe something's wrong with my eyes and I turned the plane around and opened the window, and looked out the window, and sure enough, I couldn't find any tails on 'em".

Source: Radio interview.

"I observed these objects not only through the glass of my airplane but turned my airplane sideways where I could open my window and observe them with a completely unobstructed view. (Without sun glasses.)"

Source: Letter to the Air Force.

However, both indicate that Arnold recognised his observational difficulties before too long and not in the latter stages.

Pointedly, in his letter to the Air Force, Arnold strives to affirm that he had the objects in sight for some time after having altered course for a clearer view.

Theorising the probabilities with Arnold's exact location and direction, the nine objects' initial location and direction, plus when Arnold changed course, is like a game of chess, when each side has only three equitable pieces left on the board. You can move them around continually without ever reaching a resolution.

Evidence why Kenneth Arnold's description of the distinctive flight characteristics of those enigmatic objects was consistent with a formation of White Pelicans, has previously been cited in detail.

For those suffering from Pelicanitis, I would only add a mention of the National Geographical article, 'Pelican Profiles', which I recently located in the November 1943 issue and records:

"I recall the day in the early thirties when a companion and I, sight-seeing among the bubbling mud geysers on the eastern side of the [Salton] sea, observed a hundred white birds manoeuvring majestically in the sky. They played follow the leader.

Then they soared into the blue until only the sun, glinting on white feathers, flashed their location".

As I've said, this is proof these birds were reflective from a considerable distance, even 'out of sight'.

Perhaps how they 'flashed their location' is comparative to Arnold's comments, from the early radio interview:

"I could see them against the snow, of course, on Mt. Rainier and against the snow on Mt. Adams as they were flashing".

"They seemed to flip and flash in the sun, just like a mirror"

"I could see them only plainly when they seemed to tip their wing, or whatever it was, and the sun flashed on them".

Bruce Maccabee, in his paper, "The The Complete Sighting Report of Kenneth Arnold..." states:

"It is important to notice how Arnold's attention was first drawn to the presence of strange flying objects because his initial observation rules out any explanation that is based on things in the sky which are not shiny (reflective, like a mirror) such as, for example, birds".

Demonstrably not so and once these birds are 'ruled in'...

Notably, the 1943 article records how, "Descending, they 'snapped the whip' and performed other acrobatic feats".

It further corroborates that these massive birds were seen to be flying in formation similar to how a whip would uncoil, or comparatively, as Arnold described, "a chain, which looked to me like the tail of a Chinese kite".

"The white pelican is a giant seaplane of the bird world...it is a master of graceful formation flying".

Documented in the early 1940s, it confirms what I had been emphasising - that these birds are rarely recognised as being majestic formation flyers - Arnold's nine enigmatic objects also "flying diagonally in echelon formation".

The point about Pelicans... is that they are unlike other birds and when migrating have a long, motionless gliding action, interspersed with 'flapping.'

To an unfamiliar observer, these bat-like (Arnold's objects of course being bat-like), tail-less birds, if at first seen to gliding at speed, could appear to be 'aircraft'.

If this is what Kenneth Arnold briefly observed, there should naturally be some clues and he did describe how the nine objects, "fluttered and sailed, tipping their wings alternately and emitting those very bright blue-white flashes from their surfaces".

What type of 'craft', terrestrial or otherwise would conceivably 'flutter'?

Arguably conclusive, it's a description which features in Arnold's subsequent encounter, as he relates in 'The Coming of the Saucers':

"I recall looking at my instrument clock which read about five minutes to seven. As I looked up from my instrument panel and straight ahead over the La Grande valley, I saw a cluster of about twenty to twenty- five brass coloured objects that looked like ducks.

They were coming at me head on and at what seemed a terrific rate of speed.

The sun was at my back and to my right. These objects were coming into the sun. I wasn't sighting through the viewfinder on my camera but was sighting along the side of it. As the group of objects came within 400 yards of me they veered sharply away from me and to their right, gaining altitude as they did so and fluttering and flashing a dull amber color.

They appeared to be round, rather rough on top, and to have a dark or a light spot on top of each one. I couldn't be absolutely positive of this because it all happened so suddenly. I attempted to make a turn and follow them but they disappeared to the east at a speed far in excess of my airplane. I knew they were not ducks because ducks don't fly that fast".

What could these "twenty to twenty- five brass coloured objects that looked like ducks", and which were "fluttering and flashing", possibly have been?

Arnold noted, "I was a little bit shocked and exited when I realized they had the same flight characteristics of the large objects I had observed on June 24".

Err... in other words they were birds?

Trusting it can be accepted that a critical evaluation of Arnold's overall claims is demonstrably long overdue.

James.

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My Dear Mr Easton:

We've seen all this stuff before ad nauseum.

Prove 50 miles an hour pelicans can satisfy the dynamics of the sighting....

DRAW A MAP and publish same....

with positions of the pelicans and plane every 15 seconds. Make up an initial position for Arnold (roughly 25 miles south-southwest of Rainier) and have him heading at 100 mph (at least) toward Yakima (almost eastward). Pick an initial position for the pelicans that would make them appear to be north of Mt. Rainier (perhaps even in the direction of Mt. Baker) and have the pelicans flying at 50 mph (at most) on 170 azimuth (almost southward) and SEE WHAT YOU COME UP WITH!

Why do you think Arnold opened the right side window?

How can you demonstrate that Arnold DID NOT see highly reflective objects, and therefore birds can be "ruled in"?

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In response to various comments concerning the recently published proposal that Kenneth Arnold's celebrated, inaugural 'UFO' (not 'flying saucer') sighting of 24 June, 1947, was resolved.

The two main accounts which Arnold gave of the entire incident were in a letter he subsequently sent to the US Air Force and in his much later book, 'The Coming of the Saucers'. It doesn't help matters that both accounts seem to be significantly different.

Established is that Arnold was flying from Chehalis to Yakima, a journey which took him across the Cascade mountains and specifically, near Mt. Rainier. There was a five thousand dollar reward for the finder of a missing C-46 Marine transporter, presumed crashed in the locale and it was common practice for private pilots to take advantage of any opportunity to search for it.

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The sky and air was as clear as crystal. I hadn't flown more than two or three minutes on my course when a bright flash light reflected on my airplane. It startled me as I thought I was too close to some other aircraft".

The anomaly with Arnold's affidavit that it clearly implies he

was heading in the direction of Yakima, his ultimate destination, when the sighting occurred.

As I've previously emphasised, it doesn't make obvious sense that Arnold made "a 360 degree turn to the right and above the little city of Mineral, starting again toward Rainer", in a continued search for the C-46 and was then travelling towards Yakima.

Mt. Rainier is North-east of Mineral and Yakima was to the south of due east.

It could be that at the time of writing, Arnold had somehow confused when his brief sighting transpired, placing the incident at a time after he had abandoned his search and was on course for Yakima.

The account in his later book, 'The Coming of the Saucers', makes no mention that he was on route to Yakima when the spectacle began, Arnold stating, "It was during this search and while making a turn of 180 degrees over Mineral, Washington, at approximately 9200 feet altitude" when events began to unfold.

A further source is the first radio interview he gave, to KWRC in Pendleton, Oregon on June 26, 1947, in which Arnold explained:

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It's trustworthy, as an audio of the interview still exists and a copy can be downloaded from my web site at:

<http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/arnold2.htm>

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However, in his letter, he continued, "I looked every place in the sky and couldn't find where the reflection has come from until I looked to the left and north of Mt. Rainier where I observed a chain of nine peculiar looking aircraft flying from north to south at approximately 9500 foot elevation and going, seemingly, in a definite direction of about 170 degrees".

These claims were further elaborated in 'The Coming of the Saucers':

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4. He next (more seconds ticking away) observed, "a formation of very bright objects coming from the vicinity of Mount Baker", which was to the north of Mt. Rainier.
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There seems no doubt that Arnold did observe bright flashes from the objects, although whether they were so brilliant as his evident elaborations, is questionable. There's sufficient documented evidence to accept some innocent exaggerations along the way, as we might expect.

That may be acceptable in other circumstances, but not when we are dealing with purported evidence of objects which could be extraterrestrial spacecraft. Arnold leaves us with so much ambiguity and assertions which are contradictory.

Speed and distance estimates are dependent on his situation in relation to the objects and their respective trajectories.

Although we can't say for certain where Arnold or the nine, undulating objects were, it is proven that Arnold was mistaken in his perception of the objects' altitude.

It's an aspect which conveniently leads us to Martin Kottmeyer's past research into this case.

In his article 'Resolving Arnold', Kottmeyer hypothesised why Arnold's nine objects were possibly birds:

"The absence of a large population of corroborative witnesses near Mount Rainier seems sufficient grounds for wondering if the event was much more localized than Arnold surmised. A critical look at the distance estimate is both warranted and necessary".

"What of distances closer than Mount Rainier's vicinity? It has been pointed out that Arnold spoke of the objects having "swerved in and out of the high mountain peaks." This would seem to put a lower limit to the distance if one could first determine which peaks they swung around and if they were broad enough to have a transit time to regard the observation as secure. Arnold was slightly more specific in later recountings of the event. In The

Coming of the Saucers he said they momentarily disappeared "behind a jagged peak that juts out from Mount Rainier proper. In his memoir for the First International UFO Congress he says, "When they turned length-wise or flat-wise to me they were very thin and they actually disappeared from sight behind a projection on Mount Rainier in the snowfield. These are not exactly the same thing, but they give a fair indication of what to look for on the geological survey maps.

Arnold estimated the crafts were at an altitude of 9,200 feet plus or minus 1,000. The task at hand is thus to locate some feature extending above the 8,200 foot level. This yields a neat little surprise. There are no such peaks between Mount Rainier and Mount Adams.

The closest thing I could find was Pyramid Peak which stands only 6,937 feet tall in front of Mount Rainier's base. There is a sharp little projection called Little Tacoma which sticks out around the 10,000 foot level, but it is on the wrong side of the mountain to be seen from Arnold's flight path. It would be badly stretching things to suggest he got either his position or altitude that far wrong.

Normally one prefers early accounts to later ones, but the Congress memoir may provide the clue to what happened here. When the object turned flatwise, the optical thickness likely dropped below the half minute resolution limit and briefly dropped from sight. The rough surface of the mountain provided opportunities for an illusory correlation of the disappearance to some feature of the mountain. The disappearance seemed to be caused by an intervening feature where none in fact existed. With no firm lower distance estimate, the way is opened for the objects being closer to Arnold than he had surmised".

Kottmeyer's suggestion that Swans were a probability is the forerunner of my own proposal that there's a more suitable candidate.

On hearing the conclusions of my ensuing research, Kottmeyer wrote:

"James Easton's thought that pelicans might be a better guess than swans sounds plausible to me at first blush and no objections come to mind. I guessed swans primarily on the points that I knew they flew high enough and were larger, whiter, faster, and rarer than geese. If pelicans match the flight characteristics better as claimed - cool, I like it".

This was remarked before either of us had seen the recently re-

discovered newspaper report from 12 July, 1947, confirming that nine 'discs' sighted in the same area by an airline pilot, proved to be nine White Pelicans.

Martin Kottmeyer's full article can be seen at:

<http://www.reall.org/newsletter/v05/n06/resolving-arnold-part-1.html>

<http://www.reall.org/newsletter/v05/n07/resolving-arnold-part-2.html>

Relative speed and distance is greatly compounded by Arnold's comments that at some point he turned his airplane around and opened the window - accepted this would be his left-hand side window - to get a better look at the departing objects.

When this action occurred is absolutely crucial and we simply don't know as he never explained it in context. Is there maybe a clue when he did this?

Unfortunately, the only references seem to be:

"Well, uh, I uh, it was about one minute to three when I started clocking them on my sweep second hand clock, and as I kept looking at them, I kept looking for their tails, and they didn't have any tail. I thought, well, maybe something's wrong with my eyes and I turned the plane around and opened the window, and looked out the window, and sure enough, I couldn't find any tails on 'em".

Source: Radio interview.

"I observed these objects not only through the glass of my airplane but turned my airplane sideways where I could open my window and observe them with a completely unobstructed view. (Without sun glasses.)"

Source: Letter to the Air Force.

However, both indicate that Arnold recognised his observational difficulties before too long and not in the latter stages.

Pointedly, in his letter to the Air Force, Arnold strives to affirm that he had the objects in sight for some time after having altered course for a clearer view.

Theorising the probabilities with Arnold's exact location and direction, the nine objects' initial location and direction, plus

when Arnold changed course, is like a game of chess, when each side has only three equitable pieces left on the board. You can move them around continually without ever reaching a resolution.

It was Kenneth Arnold's description of the objects' distinctive flight attributes which I suspected might be the key to any explanation. A detailed summary of how there was found to be such a notable consistency with a formation of White Pelicans, can be read on my web site at:

<http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/saucers.txt>

I would only add a mention of the November 1943, National Geographical article, 'Pelican Profiles', which I recently located. A wonderful historical insight, the author recalls...

"...the day in the early thirties when a companion and I, sight-seeing among the bubbling mud geysers on the eastern side of the [Salton] sea, observed a hundred white birds manoeuvring majestically in the sky. They played follow the leader.

Then they soared into the blue until only the sun, glinting on white feathers, flashed their location".

As I've said, this is proof these birds were reflective from a considerable distance, even 'out of sight'.

Perhaps how they 'flashed their location' is comparative to Arnold's comments, from the early radio interview:

"I could see them against the snow, of course, on Mt. Rainier and against the snow on Mt. Adams as they were flashing".

"They seemed to flip and flash in the sun, just like a mirror"

"I could see them only plainly when they seemed to tip their wing, or whatever it was, and the sun flashed on them".

Notably, the 1943 article records how, "Descending, they 'snapped the whip' and performed other acrobatic feats".

It further corroborates that these massive birds were seen to be flying in formation similar to how a whip would uncoil, or comparatively, as Arnold described, "a chain, which looked to me like the tail of a Chinese kite".

"The white pelican is a giant seaplane of the bird world ...it is

a master of graceful formation flying".

Documented in the early 1940s, it confirms what I had been emphasising - that these birds are rarely recognised as being majestic formation flyers - Arnold's nine enigmatic objects also "flying diagonally in echelon formation".

The point about Pelicans... is that they are unlike other birds and when migrating have a long, motionless gliding action, interspersed with 'flapping.'

To an unfamiliar observer, these bat-like, tail-less birds, if first seen gliding at speed, could appear to be 'aircraft'.

If this is what Kenneth Arnold briefly observed, there should naturally be some clues and he did describe how the nine objects, "fluttered and sailed, tipping their wings alternately and emitting those very bright blue-white flashes from their surfaces".

Arguably conclusive, it's a description which features in Arnold's subsequent encounter a few weeks later, as he relates in 'The Coming of the Saucers':

"I recall looking at my instrument clock which read about five minutes to seven. As I looked up from my instrument panel and straight ahead over the La Grande valley, I saw a cluster of about twenty to twenty-five brass coloured objects that looked like ducks.

They were coming at me head on and at what seemed a terrific rate of speed.

The sun was at my back and to my right. These objects were coming into the sun. I wasn't sighting through the viewfinder on my camera but was sighting along the side of it. As the group of objects came within 400 yards of me they veered sharply away from me and to their right, gaining altitude as they did so and fluttering and flashing a dull amber color.

They appeared to be round, rather rough on top, and to have a dark or a light spot on top of each one. I couldn't be absolutely positive of this because it all happened so suddenly. I attempted to make a turn and follow them but they disappeared to the east at a speed far in excess of my airplane. I knew they were not ducks because ducks don't fly that fast".

Arnold noted, "I was a little bit shocked and exited when I realized they had the same flight characteristics of the large

objects I had observed on June 24".

In total, during his flying days, Kenneth Arnold claimed to have had some eight encounters with 'UFOs'.

The more we understand about Arnold's pivotal 'UFO' sighting, the more we realise can never be understood.

We don't know Arnold's position, the exact direction in which he was travelling, his speed, the trajectory of the objects, where they actually were when he first observed them, when he turned his plane around and significantly, what exactly he meant by 'around' and in which direction he was then heading, plus how fast.

Any one of these is a critical factor and if all of them are open to interpretation, then there will be naturally be different interpretations of how it was possible for Arnold to be deceived by birds, or conversely why that couldn't have happened.

As I emphasised when first raising the prospect that Arnold's nine objects might have been Pelicans in formation, we will never know what he witnessed.

My contention was that in perspective, there were sufficient indications that these objects could have been White Pelicans and that Arnold had demonstrated a capability for errors of judgement.

Of course, the recent highlighting of a newspaper report, dated 12 July, 1947 and which confirms how an airline pilot's investigation of nine 'discs' in the same area found then to be White Pelicans, was unimaginable corroboration of the likely explanation proposed.

Consider if the dates of these two incidents were reversed.

An airline pilot reports that nine 'disc-like' objects were, on further investigation, discovered to be nine White Pelicans.

Subsequently, a pilot encounters nine unfamiliar objects in that region and which have the distinctive characteristics of those same birds.

What are the probabilities that those 'objects' were also White Pelicans, or, nine small, thin, 'bat-like spacecraft' from another planet which somehow made their way here.

Reason would conclude without much, if any, hesitation that the former explanation was infinitely more likely, increasingly so with over 50 YEARS hindsight and no tangible evidence of ET visitations.

The only barrier is Kenneth Arnold's testimony and we already know that his perceptions of the nine objects' distance, their altitude and how they interacted with surrounding peaks have been factually challenged.

That barrier crumbles completely when confronted by Arnold's subsequent tale of how those twenty-five, small, brass coloured objects, which flew like ducks, also "fluttered" and "had the same flight characteristics" of the larger objects previously encountered.

It seems impossible why Arnold couldn't rationalise that these were in fact ducks - the area of his second 'encounter' being prime duck country.

The claim that he, "attempted to make a turn and follow them but they disappeared to the east at a speed far in excess of my airplane", can only be deduced as incredulous.

Furthermore, Arnold's location was an inadequate position to make any judgement of how long it took the objects to travel between Mt. Rainier and Mt. Adams.

Wherever he was exactly, it was relatively much closer to Mt. Rainier, with Mt. Adams being some 40 to 50 miles southwards.

According to the 'Pendleton, Oregon East Oregonian' of June 26, 1947, Arnold acknowledged as much, the newspaper reporting, "Mr. Arnold admitted the angle from which he viewed the objects would make difficult precise estimation of their speed, but insisted any error would not be grave "for that speed".

If the oblique viewing angle was problematic, it's not necessarily a sensible inference that errors would have been insignificant. They could, and arguably would, have been of immense relevance.

This estimation was, after all, the entire basis of the apparent enigma.

Arnold's 'bat-like' alien craft failed to become symbolic of UFO lore and instead, his misinterpreted comment of how they flew "like a saucer would if you skipped it across water", became

synonymous with 'flying saucers'.

His account may be a 'classic' - THE classic - yet, as others have surmised, the belief, sometimes a fanatical religious devotion, that subsequent reports of 'flying saucer' shaped objects were 'ships from outer space' couldn't be based on a more specious foundation.

It should be stressed though that there are many 'UFO' cases, notably those not involving 'saucer-shaped' objects, which have no obvious resolution and conceivably merit some kind of formal, recognised study.

Perhaps Arnold's bat-like 'UFOs' truly were nine alien spacecraft, performing death defying stunts by weaving in and out of mountain tops and canyons at 1,500 miles per hour.

For reasons best known to themselves.

Alternatively, having looked at the full picture of Arnold's various reports, inconsistencies and proclivity to make some claims which at times bordered on the absurd, I'm satisfied that overall there's sufficient evidence why a formation of White Pelicans is demonstrably the 'best fit' by a long way for Arnold's nine, perplexing, 'flying discs'.

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Dear Jim,

We've heard all this before. Nice that you are now very confident that the Pelican Theory is not for the birds.

Do us a favor, Jim.

**DRAW A MAP SHOWING HOW PELICANS CAN EXPLAIN THE SIGHTING** so we, too, can be confident that the sighting is explained.

Shouldn't be too hard.... pick starting locations for Arnold and the pelicans. We don't know exactly where they were so you have lots of freedom. Allow Arnold to be flying as slowly as 100 mph if you like, although 110, 120 mph would be more likely. Allow pelicans to be flying as fast as 50 mph. Demonstrate that they could **APPEAR** to come from a location north of Rainier and last be seen **APPEARING** to pass by Mt. Adams (be in the same direction as Mt. Adams) while not getting so close to Arnold's plane that he would recognize them. Explain what he meant by turning and opening the window to get an unobstructed view. Specify which window he opened and which way he turned the plane.

This is a challenge **YOU SHOULD ACCEPT AND ANSWER PUBLICLY** if you expect to maintain your own credibility.

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Regarding:

>From: Chris Gibson, INTERNET:cgibson@dmu.ac.uk  
>Date: 20/06/99, 18:15  
>Re: Viaducts and deltas

Chris wrote:

>I see that an object has been seen hovering over a viaduct in  
>Scotland. I was told the following a few years ago by a chap  
>called Dugald McCormick. A bit of a joker, but he says the  
>following is genuine. I don't recall the details, as this  
>happened near Bonnybridge, so need I say more.

>Dugald and a colleague were driving down the A80 from Aberdeen  
>to Glasgow in the early hours. Near Cumbernauld they saw an  
>object hovering over a railway viaduct. (I think it was the  
>viaduct at Castlecary). Dugald said it was rectangular with  
>lights at the corners.

>He said it was "Huge".

>Is this the same viaduct in the report below? I don't have any  
>details, because, as I have said before, these big deltas are  
>not really my area of interest. Dugald is also a bit of a wind-  
>up merchant, but almost every time I saw him after telling me  
>this, he asked me about it. Mind you, since then, everytime I  
>pass this viaduct I do tend to have a look upwards.

Chris,

To recap, the report you were referring to was the following I  
had mentioned:

"One other, which hasn't been seen on the list previously, is  
from Scotland and was reported in the 'Daily Telegraph' a couple  
of years back:

"Ray and Kathy Procek were driving along the motorway nearby...As  
they approached a viaduct spanning the road they say they saw an  
object the size of a Jumbo Jet, hovering above it. 'The back end  
was elliptical and as we passed underneath it we could see it was

triangular in shape. There was a light at each corner. We passed underneath the viaduct and looking back, there sitting on the other side was another craft and it looked like a mirror image, the way they were pointing towards each other".

I knew that I had seen more details about this case and have found the article in question. It was, surprisingly, a two-page spread in the normally high-browed Guardian newspaper and headed, 'Something weird is going on in Bonnybridge'. Dated 31 October, 1995, it reads:

"Then there are Ray and Kathy Procek, nipping through to Cumbernauld to visit friends two years back. Mrs Procek, 44, a school dinner lady, is unshakeable. It was a dark, clear night, a feature common to the sightings.

'I was driving under the viaduct, and I saw the lights to the right. It was an elliptical shape, with bright lights around the edge. We have a big sun roof - we drive a SpaceCruiser - and we opened it up. We went under the viaduct and there was an identical craft on the other side. They were absolutely silent.

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From: Chris Gibson <cgibson@dmu.ac.uk>  
Subject: Re: Viaducts and the Buckfast triangle

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Ah, yes. The Buckfast Triangle. This is a play on the Bermuda Triangle in that the cause of the strange happenings is a fortified tonic wine created by the monks of Buckfast Abbey. The Bonnybridge area has the highest consumption of Buckfast the the UK. (Alledgedly). Or is this a vicious rumour?

I doubt Dugald would have seen the Grauniad article, he's more of a Sun reedur. (No, not the Baltimore Sun, either)

Could all this interest in viaducts (and even the nuclear plants these deltas hang about) perhaps being the equivalent of a Baedeker (?) tour of industrial structures? I must say if I was running these trips I'd be having a look at the work of Telford or Brunel.

Perhaps I've been in Aberdeen too long.

Chris

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Check out the inflatable F-16 decoy. And the truck. Also a decoy. Don't know about the man.

<http://www.aerostar.com/coldair/f16.jpg>

- J Carpenter

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Bruce,

You're the experienced mathematician - work out the method for measuring how close Arnold would have to get before he understood what was happening. Remember to take into account those 25 small, brass-coloured objects that flew like ducks, which came within a stated 400 yards of Arnold's plane and that he failed to identify what they were.

These were intelligently controlled objects, not meteors. Something must have been controlling them, because they "veered sharply away" from Arnold's oncoming plane, "fluttering and flashing a dull amber colour".

I know this seems outrageous, but I think they might have been ducks.

Oh, and allow for the inexplicable fact that these twenty-five ducks, erm...objects, also outstripped Arnold's aircraft when he tried to follow them. "At a speed far in excess of my airplane", as he put it.

Put it all together in a formula where we can apply a 'misperception propensity' factor to Arnold and then stir in the realisation that in his main account of the incident, the USAF report, he seems to have placed the incident much later than it in fact occurred, claiming he was flying in the direction of

Yakima and had been on that course for two or three minutes.

As I've highlighted, in his book Arnold says a reflection from the objects was first noticed WHILST he was making a 360 degree turn over Mineral. This agrees with the detailed early radio interview and I've also provided the evidence why Arnold was still engaged on his search for the missing C-46 marine transporter. If he was on route for Yakima, it certainly wasn't because he had completed that search.

If the objects were initially to Arnold's left hand side and, as he says, he was puzzled that they didn't have any tails, how do we know he didn't turn his plane around, heading behind the objects and looked out of his ride-hand side window?

How do we know he didn't alter course more than once?

As I said, you can play about with these parameters endlessly and never accept how Arnold might have been deceived, any more than you can rationalise how a flock of ducks could have baffled him, remained unidentified at 400 yards and were much faster than his aircraft.

So do us a favour with the 'credibility' baloney.

I've illustrated why the various sighting reports he gave are inconsistent, contradictory and ambiguous, that he had demonstrated a capacity for misperception and, most importantly, there were birds in that area which had a number of quite distinctive flight characteristics that matched the objects Arnold described.

I went beyond that and was able to cite a 'flying disc' report from the same area, in the same time-frame, of the same number of objects which were discovered to be those same birds.

Why not save a lot of time and tell us how Arnold might have been mistaken - you can put him as close to the objects as you wish without recognising the situation - I've no objections.

Remember these would have been birds and they can change course at any time, especially if something is heading in their direction.

You speculate how it was possible and I'll agree that's maybe what happened, because we both know it's all that we're ever going to agree on.

You can't prove what's impossible, all you can ever conceivably

prove is how unlikely it theoretically was. Even then, the definition of 'unlikely' would itself be unquantifiable, dependent on many other factors, most of which are unknown.

Conversely, no-one is ever likely to prove what Kenneth Arnold truly observed, so what's the point.

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Taken directly from this year's MUFON conference promotion, is this the kind of scientific research credibility we should be looking for?

Let's keep it in perspective.

'UFO Magazine (US)', currently headlines:

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MILABS: Military Kidnapping of Alien Abductees

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Melinda Leslie: A MILAB Speaks

"An abductee who claims to have evidence of having been taken and interrogated by military captors".

On Resisting Abduction

"In 10 years of research, Ann Druffel found that there are specific ways to thwart those alien kidnappers".

Karla Turner: A Tribute

"A posthumous memorial to a special woman--an abductee unafraid to acknowledge alien terrorism".

The 'MUFON Journal' also headlines:

Military and abductees by Dr. Helmut Lammer.

UFO Press: MILABS by Helmut and Marion Lammer.

'UFO Magazine' (UK) announce their next issue will contain a "world exclusive" exposing "attempts by NASA to conceal the reality of UFOs from the masses".

This \_is\_ 'ufology', Bruce.

All of the above, more of the same, worse, and yes, even cocktails at the piano with 'Bruce and the Abductees', in association with FUFOR.

Which is fine, we all know it's part of the subject's eclectic nature.

And if Arnold's sighting could be definitively solved, it wouldn't change anything.

James.

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Bruce and James,

In my summer schedule of being up in the mountains every weekend between now and November, I spent this weekend doing a little research. Quite by accident actually.

In my constant quest to find yet another wilderness road for my Jeep to try out, I found a newly opened logging road that has an incredible viewpoint of Mt. Rainier.

I pulled out my lawn chair, binoculars, GPS, compass and video camera. I was at 7700 feet according to the GPS. Looking due south, a tad southwest at this magnificent mountain. No matter how many times you see her, you will lose your breath, especially at this elevation. According to the forestry maps I was about 32 miles away (by the crow flies).

When using my binoculars 10x50 I could see two planes (looked like possible Cessna type) flying on the other side of the cone. I took out my Cannon ES300V video camera with its 72x zoom. I could see the planes with the binoculars but not with the camera.

Then I saw a huge flock of Canadian Geese a little higher than myself. I could only see them with binoculars and they were only less than 10 miles away. The naked eye could not see Canadian Geese! The area we have here in Washington is immense. We have large mountain ranges and deep valleys and passes. Seeing Mt. Baker? I think a map can hardly give you the concept of the large area we are covering. Mt. Baker's cone can be seen from Seattle as she is a snow covered volcano but you could never see an aircraft even a pack of 747s flying by her from the Seattle area. Its too far!!

Again I don't buy the pelicans. I have never seen pelicans coming thru Washington state. Its much too cold especially in the area of Mt. Rainier. It is now almost August and the lodges at the visitors centers of Mt. Rainier still have almost 21 feet of snow. And they are only at 7,000 feet. Where were these pelicans coming from and where would they be going? Why would they not take a coastal route where there is fish to eat instead of flying over desolate forested wilderness.

At Kenneth Arnold's position of both mountains and his altitude I believe he

did see something, much larger than any bird. You gotta be here to see it.  
The  
topography can never be imagined by reading a map.

Kathleen Andersen  
Seattle

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Subject: Thermoplane - A real saucer  
Message-id:  
<003301bed754\$1fa84a20\$8d34f7a5@skyray>

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[http://www.thermoplane.orc.ru/html\\_e/ind\\_e\\_b.htm](http://www.thermoplane.orc.ru/html_e/ind_e_b.htm)

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Some list members will be aware of Mike Walden's saucer-shaped airships.

<http://www.nevada.edu/home/8/walden/lta01.html>

Walden was involved with a Mexican designer Mario Roldan (from memory) in a large saucer-shaped airship that flew some years ago in Mexico. Sadly, that ship was destroyed and the pilot injured by locals who got upset by the sight of a large 'UFO' silently floating down (engines had run into trouble.) Roldan was later killed in a car accident, but Walden continues his solar powered and more advanced designs. His latest project is a small UAV called Cambot which as you can guess, is a unmanned camera platform.

Hope this helps.

David

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From: David <win@writer.win-uk.net>Sent: Monday, July 26, 1999 1:11 PM  
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Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold's 'flying discs'  
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JIM EASTON WROTE

Bruce,

>You're the experienced mathematician - work out the method for  
>measuring how close Arnold would have to get before he understood  
>what was happening. Remember to take into account those 25 small,  
>brass-coloured objects that flew like ducks, which came within a  
>stated 400 yards of Arnold's plane and that he failed to identify  
>what they were.

>These were intelligently controlled objects, not meteors.  
>Something must have been controlling them, because they "veered  
>sharply away" from Arnold's oncoming plane, "fluttering and  
>flashing a dull amber colour".

>I know this seems outrageous, but I think they might have been  
>ducks.

>Oh, and allow for the inexplicable fact that these twenty-five  
>ducks, erm...objects, also outstripped Arnold's aircraft when he  
>tried to follow them. "At a speed far in excess of my airplane",  
>as he put it.>

YES, sounds a bit outrageous that ducks could have flown so fast that  
in the 30 seconds or so (??? ninety degree turn?) that it would have  
taken Arnold to turn his plane that ducks would have gotten away from  
him. Circular ducks, at that.... and brass colored.

But first let's get this "brass duck" thing out of the way. A bit of  
review for those

who are coming into the middle of this:

The "BD sighting" by Arnold was first discussed wwaayyy back in Dec. 1997  
at the end of a many week discussion of the Arnold sighting that  
was largely based on Kottmeyer's bird (swan) hypothesis of several year  
ago. Kottmeyer  
mentioned the BD sighting. Now in April 1999 Easton resurrected the  
ducks.

Here is Easton's summary of Arnold's BD sighting:

"It was on the morning of July 29, 1947 that I took off from a  
private cow pasture near my home.

(SNIP)

It was a perfect day to fly. The air was sharp, moist, clear as

crystal and smooth as silk. There is something of a real thrill in flying on a day like that.

(SNIP)

Within an hour I was over Baker, Oregon.

SNIP

I began to let down over North Powder, Oregon in preparation to land at La Grande when I noticed above me and about ten miles to the right the Empire Airline's old Boeing, also coming in to land at La Grande. There is something about having company in the air that always seems pleasant and friendly. I rocked my wings at him in a gesture of hello and continued my let down until I was directly over Union, Oregon at 5,000 feet.

I recall looking at my instrument clock which read about five minutes to seven. As I looked up from my instrument panel and straight ahead over the La Grande valley, I saw a cluster of about twenty to twenty-five brass coloured objects that looked like ducks.

They were coming at me head on and at what seemed a terrific rate of speed. I grabbed my camera and started rolling out film. Even though I thought they were ducks when I first saw them, I wasn't taking any chances.

The sun was at my back and to my right. These objects were coming into the sun. I wasn't sighting through the viewfinder on my camera but was sighting along the side of it. As the group of objects came within 400 yards of me they veered sharply away from me and to their right, gaining altitude as they did so and fluttering and flashing a dull amber color.

I was a little shocked and excited when I realized they had the same flight characteristics of the large objects that I had observed on June 24. These appeared to be round, rather rough on top, and to have a dark or a light spot on top of each one. I couldn't be absolutely positive of this because it all happened so suddenly. I attempted to make a turn and follow them but they disappeared to the east at a speed far in excess of my airplane. I knew they were not ducks because ducks don't fly that fast.

After a few minutes I gave up the chase and continued to let down at La Grande. I phoned Dave Johnson from there and related my experience but told him not to print it. I knew he had more than a newsworthy interest now in flying disks. I questioned the whole crew of the Empire Airlines ship to see if they had seen this cluster of objects, too. If they had seen them, they would not admit it, but there is a good possibility they did not see them. They were on almost their final approach to the La Grande airfield, their plane being much faster than mine, and this cluster of objects at the time would have been seven to nine

hundred feet above them.

I heard later that several farmers in the vicinity of Union had observed what they thought a peculiar cluster of birds that same morning. I did not know of this until much later. Actually, they flew in a cluster more like blackbirds than ducks but each one was larger than a duck. I should judge some twenty-four to thirty inches in diameter. They rather wheeled on edge, flipping as they went as efficiently as when they were flat in reference to the surface of the ground. That morning I was pretty disappointed that no one around the airfield had seen them, to my knowledge.

I am fully familiar with the La Grande Valley, the reservoirs, streams and lakes that are all over this area in the summer and you can be sure, on the conservative side, that I felt positive these things were not birds. I was curious as to what my movie film had recorded. Later, after it was developed, I found that my movie try was not very successful. Only one or two of these objects could be found on my film and you could see them only under a jeweller's glass".

(THE FOLLOWING ARE COMMENTS BY EASTON)

[E]This must be one of the largest 'multiple UFO' reports on record, especially from a pilot.

[E]Of momentous importance is that Arnold notes, "I was a little shocked and excited when I realized they had the same flight characteristics of the large objects that I had observed on June 24".

[E]Logically, it seems likely these objects had the same origins as those spotted previously.

My comment: logically? Whose logic?  
(No mention of ducks flying at 50 mph, by the way)

BEFORE CONTINUING with EASTON'S RECENT MESSAGE, I would like to draw your attention to the attached .gif map I have drawn. Since Easton didn't take up the challenge I have done it for him. If he doesn't like the way I have done it, he should do one himself, now that he knows what such a map should show. I have tried to maintain proper scaling of lengths and directions. However, the map is not perfect. But it should be good enough to answer a few questions about the pelican hypothesis. I recommend printing out the map and "playing" with it yourself. The curve indicating a turn southward is not quite long enough, that is the arc should have a slightly larger radius.

This map is based on reasonable assumptions as applied to the

PH (pelican hypothesis). First, I have assumed 50 mph pelicans and 100 mph Arnold.

Next, I have placed Arnold near Mineral. His exact location relative to Rainier is largely irrelevant. What counts is his initial position relative to the pelicans. If you move Arnold's initial position all you will change on the map is the sighting line angle toward Rainier. I have assumed the initial location of the birds about 4 miles from Arnold. This could be closer, but probably not farther. Although they may have a 10 ft wingspan, he would not see this wingspan but rather he would see the birds from the side. A 4 ft (huge) pelican body plus wings at 4 miles is an angle of 0.2 milliradians....barely detectable at 4 miles, especially considering they would be seen against a bright sky and might not have much contrast against that sky. If you move the PH circle closer to the plane you can see that the birds could reach the track of the plane BUT (!!!!) don't forget this is a dynamic situation. By the time the birds reach the track of the plane the plane is ALREADY GONE PAST that point. In other words, the birds could not appear to Arnold as if they passed between him and Rainier.

I suggest interested readers make their own maps and try to find a path for the pelicans which would make it appear to Arnold as if they appeared first to the north of Rainier, then passed Rainier, after which he turned his plane, and finally that they appeared to Arnold to disappear in the direction of Mt. Adams. NOTE ALSO that objects 20 miles away, 80 ft in size, traveling at 1700 mph (give or take a few hundred) could agree with the observations/descriptions by Arnold.

#### RETURNING TO EASTON'S MESSAGE

>Put it all together in a formula where we can apply a  
>'misperception propensity' factor to Arnold and then stir in the  
>realisation that in his main account of the incident, the USAF  
>report, he seems to have placed the incident much later than it  
>in fact occurred, claiming he was flying in the direction of  
>Yakima and had been on that course for two or three minutes.

If he had been on the course 2 or 3 minutes then he would have been nearer to Rainier than suggested on my map. That would change the angle to Rainier slightly. It would NOT change the map itself noticeably because what counts is the starting point for the sighting. All times are relative to the INITIAL sighting, regardless of where Arnold was along his track. In other words, your "realization" that Arnold placed the beginning of the sighting "much later than it in fact occurred" (in fact? how do you know this? and who cares? ) is irrelevant to the reconstruction in the map.

>As I've highlighted, in his book Arnold says a reflection from

>the objects was first noticed WHILST he was making a 360 degree  
t>urn over Mineral. This agrees with the detailed early radio  
i>nterview and I've also provided the evidence why Arnold was  
>still engaged on his search for the missing C-46 marine  
>transporter. If he was on route for Yakima, it certainly wasn't  
>because he had completed that search.

If he was coming out of a 360 turn and heading toward Yakima  
then the end of the turn is the starting point on the map.  
If he had been flying a couple of minutes toward Yakima, then  
the map begins several miles after the turn. No big  
deal for the pelican analysis.

>If the objects were initially to Arnold's left hand side and, as  
>he says, he was puzzled that they didn't have any tails, how do  
>we know he didn't turn his plane around, heading behind the  
>objects and looked out of his ride-hand side window?

Huh? You mean fly north while they are flying south, reach  
across his airplane and roll down the window to see the rears  
of the objects better? OK, on my map, have him turn north  
at some time and see what you get.

>How do we know he didn't alter course more than once?

We only know what he said. He talked about turning his plane  
and rolling down the window. He did not say anything about another  
turn while he was observing the objects.

>As I said, you can play about with these parameters endlessly and  
>never accept how Arnold might have been deceived, any more than  
>you can rationalise how a flock of ducks could have baffled him,  
>remained unidentified at 400 yards and were much faster than his  
>aircraft.

You have "jumped" to the conclusion that the BD sighting was actually a  
sighting  
of ducks. I suppose if you can accept that explanation.... you can't be  
dissuaded from the  
pelican explanation fo his first sighting.

>So do us a favour with the 'credibility' baloney.

>I've illustrated why the various sighting reports he gave are  
i>nconsistent, contradictory and ambiguous, that he had  
>demonstrated a capacity for misperception and, most importantly,  
t>here were birds in that area which had a number of quite  
>distinctive flight characteristics that matched the objects  
>Arnold described.

>I went beyond that and was able to cite a 'flying disc' report  
>from the same area, in the same time-frame, of the same number of  
>objects which were discovered to be those same birds.>

>Why not save a lot of time and tell \_us\_ how Arnold might have  
>been mistaken - you can put him as close to the objects as you  
>wish without recognising the situation - I've no objections.

Put him as close? How Arnold could have been mistaken? Huh?  
He would have to be even much more in error than you have made him  
out to be for the PH to work..

Evidently you have not played with any maps.  
In some "scenarios" or reconstructions Arnold wouldn't get  
close to the HP's (hypothetical pelicans). IN other scenarios  
he would fly past them and have to look far to the left (while heading  
east) to see them  
(no need to turn the plane). In other scenarios he would fly parallel to  
them...and  
of course, outfly them. In other scenarios he could get within a few  
hundred feet...  
or closer if he flew toward them. Remembering the BD sighting, note that  
he  
turned toward the objects but they too fast...and had gotten out of view (I  
guess)  
before he got turned around to head toward them. If they were as close  
as  
400 yards, or let's say 1000 ft, and it took Arnold 30 seconds to turn  
toward them  
and if they had been speedy 50 mph brass ducks, they would have traveled  
about 2200 ft during the 30 second turn and would be no farther than 3300 ft  
from  
him as he started to turn. Hence, had they been ducks, they should not  
have  
been out of view by the time he turned.  
(Never before seen BD analysis!)

>Remember these would have been birds and they can change course  
>at any time, especially if something is heading in their  
>direction.

Sure. And remember Arnold was flying a plane that could outrun any birds.

>You speculate how it was possible and I'll agree that's maybe  
>what happened, because we both know it's all that we're ever  
>going to agree on.

>You can't prove what's impossible, all you can ever conceivably  
>prove is how unlikely it theoretically was. Even then, the  
>definition of 'unlikely' would itself be unquantifiable,

>dependent on many other factors, most of which are unknown.>

>Conversely, no-one is ever likely to prove what Kenneth Arnold  
>truly observed, so what's the point.

Well, yes, I suppose you can appeal to the debunker's stance which is that "any explanation is better than none." If the PH has a probability of 0.000001 of being true, that is still better than having true unknowns. So let's stick with the PH. But, on the other hand, there are many other explanations which have been offered. So how do we know which one is the least improbable? Which one should we choose? Is the PH really better than the meteor hypothesis (strongly defended by science reporter Key Davidson) or the mirage hypothesis which is the explanation according to Project Blue Book ?

>"Attendees are invited to join the Fund for UFO Research (FUFOR)  
>for a special breakfast brunch and presentation by KELLY CAHILL  
>and local area abductees. You will enjoy a buffet brunch at the  
>hotel while listening to BRUCE MACCABEE at the piano. A  
>discussion is to follow that will compare US abduction  
>experiences with Australian cases".

>Taken directly from this year's MUFON conference promotion, is  
t>his the kind of scientific research credibility we should be  
>looking for?

>Let's keep it in perspective.

Yeah, like what's this got to do with it. But since you bring it up, I was asked to provide music while people ate lunch and then Kelly spoke. It was a fund-raising special event to help pay the costs of bringing her from Australia to the MUFON meeting. I did not play while she was speaking, so I fail to see the relationship between this special luncheon with music and "scientific credibility."

If you want to question the credibility of Miss Cahill, then that's another matter you can take up with her.

>'UFO Magazine (US)', currently headlines:

>Mind Control.

>Remote Viewing, Remote Controllers

>"'RV' has become one of the hottest buzzwords on the UFO  
>circuit".

- >MILABS: Military Kidnapping of Alien Abductees
- >"Beyond bizarre, this offshoot of alien abduction takes military
- >secrecy to a whole new and fearsome level".
  
- >Melinda Leslie: A MILAB Speaks
- >"An abductee who claims to have evidence of having been taken and
- >interrogated by military captors".
  
- >On Resisting Abduction
- >"In 10 years of research, Ann Druffel found that there are
- >specific ways to thwart those alien kidnapers".
  
- >Karla Turner: A Tribute
- >"A posthumous memorial to a special woman--an abductee unafraid
- >to acknowledge alien terrorism".
  
  
- >The 'MUFON Journal' also headlines:
  
- >Military and abductees by Dr. Helmut Lammer.
- >UFO Press: MILABS by Helmut and Marion Lammer.
  
  
- >'UFO Magazine' (UK) announce their next issue will contain a
- >"world exclusive" exposing "attempts by NASA to conceal the
- >reality of UFOs from the masses".
  
  
- >This \_is\_ 'ufology', Bruce.

Date: Mon, 26 Jul 1999 21:54:42 -0400  
From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>  
Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold's 'flying discs'

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Kathleen,

Thanks for your information and your vote of confidence in Kenneth Arnold

Date: Tue, 27 Jul 1999 18:34:29 +0100  
From: Sean Jones <tedric@tedric.demon.co.uk>  
Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold's 'flying discs'  
References: <de37dceb.24cd47a9@aol.com>

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>did see something, much larger than any bird. You gotta be here to see it.  
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>topography can never be imagined by reading a map.  
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>Kathleen Andersen  
>Seattle  
Hiya Kathleen

Your writing shows quite clearly you can reference the area that Kenneth Arnolds' sighting took place thus you can easily from personnel knowledge know that the pelican/goose/ostridge/Dodo bird explanations are total hokum. But this does not stop the armchair ufoologist or debunker from quoting statistics that would \_seem\_ to add logical grounds for his or her research. I for one would never believe the bird theory because it just doesn't make sense. Tim Matthews potential of flying wings would make more sense, but I still don't \_believe\_ that either.

I applaud your comments and would remind others that no matter where in the world a sighting took or takes place you can rest assured that there is a researcher who is reasonably local and can check out topography at least.

James, sorry mate, but in *\*my opinion\** your theory for explaining Kenneth Arnolds' sighting doesn't hold realistic water.

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In an infinite universe infinitely anything is possible.

Sean Jones

Homepage--<http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Zone/1745/index.htm>

UFO page--<http://www.tedric.demon.co.uk/>

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Joel asks:

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>David, do you know if the Russian Thermoplane actually flew? There were  
>illustrations and claims, but I have never seen photos of it in free flight.

It never did fly. The only travelling it ever did was when it was pulled  
out of the hangar and trundled down the taxi-way where it was photographed  
in the open air.

They've been trying for funding from western countries in recent years, but  
without success. There was another company in the UK - Wren Thermo Skyships  
who proposed a similar design back in the 80s, but that didn't happen  
either.

Interestingly, although the Thermoplane was essentially a saucer, it  
had/has quite a lot of control surfaces.

Hope this helps

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Subject: Re: 'Billion \$ Secrets' Message-id:  
<001c01beddb0\$0a618b60\$edca28c3@cis.compuserve.com>

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With grateful thanks to John Stepkowski, an article which seems to contain some information which wasn't featured in Nick Cook's documentary.

Date: Tue, 03 Aug 1999 20:39:29 -0400  
From: Mendoza <DarkSecretPB@compuserve.com>  
Subject: Re: 'Billion \$ Secrets'

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Compliments of the Duke:

QUOTE----

AS A defence journalist working in Britain, you know when you're getting dangerously close to something the Ministry of Defence would really rather remained under wraps, because you'll almost certainly get a call from the Ministry's D-Notice Committee telling you so before you rush to print.

The D-Notice system is a fairly gentlemanly affair and relies on a certain amount of goodwill on both sides.

Chances are, a retired rear admiral or air vice-marshal will gently pull you aside and explain patiently how your story will endanger national security, or the lives of serving British military personnel, or both. The system is voluntary, but it lets you know where you stand before things get heavy and unpleasant under the Official Secrets Act.

The essential point is that you're in no doubt where the line is -- and you step beyond it at your peril.

-----UNQUOTE

This is paranoid rubbish. How does the MoD know what every hack is writing, that an old gent is hauled out of his Club to have a word? It doesn't. And defence correspondents are extremely well connected, and suitably discreet: this image of a "word in the ear" from some old buffer comes from the fiction of John Buchan, or worse.

The D-Notice system is indeed voluntary: generally speaking, only if an editor feels queasy about the security implications of some story does he contact MoD and ask if it's okay to print it. D-Notices *may* be issued by the MoD giving guidelines about what's patriotic to print, or not, in time of war or "limited conflict", but the issues are usually technical, like not showing Navy wives baring their breasts to HMSs departing from Plymouth Sound on combat duty (an ancient tradition). The consequences of ignoring the advice are no worse than an injunction against publication, usually. No editor is going to be mad enough to print details of the Chevaline warhead or Chobham armour, and the

OSA is hardly ever invoked as a consequence.

During the Falklands War there was some huffing and puffing in military and MoD circles about the amount of expert speculation that was going on, on TV news programmes & so on, some of which undoubtedly gave some gratuitous hints to the Argentines as to Brit intentions and options on the ground. No one was silenced, no injunctions were issued, and no one was indicted, however.

That ought to give you a measure of how nervous the MoD really is about those in the know giving real secrets away.

best wishes  
Palmreader D. Milehighclub  
Black Hand

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Subject: Re: 'Billion \$ Secrets'

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The original article has the following paragraph.

>While there seems to be no end of people, many of them weaned on  
>'90s X-Files culture, who accept these yarns at face value, the  
>US defence and intelligence community is not beyond putting its  
>own spin on them from time to time. Two years ago, the CIA  
>admitted that it had encouraged reports of flying saucers in the  
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This is not what the CIA "admitted." This interpretation is a "myth" started by the (shallow of understanding!) American press and endlessly repeated as "the truth" about the CIA. The CIA did not "enourage " flying saucer reports.

What was actually said was this. The people running the U-2 project CLAIMED (in top secret literature, so the general public was not aware of it) that over half of the UFO sightings reported to Project Blue Book after

August, 1955 when the U-2 started flying were caused by the U-2.. They claimed that the Blue Book staff, knowing about the flights, were diligent to explain the sightings as natural phenomena, thereby covering up the U2 flights. That was "OK" as far as the CIA operators were concerned, just as long as the U-2 was not identified. In other words, they did not create

UFO stories and did not intentionally create UFO sightings, but, identification of a U-2 as a UFO or natural phenomenon was preferable to them than identification as a very high flying (60,000 ft) airplane.

Actually, they were wrong on all counts.... see below:

#### CIA'S UFO EXPLANATION IS PREPOSTEROUS

by Bruce Maccabee

June 3, 1997

The CIA recently (May, 1997) published an article that describes its involvement in the history of UFO phenomena. (The article is published in the unclassified version of "Studies in Intelligence," a twice-yearly CIA

journal.) According to historian and author Jerry Haines, the CIA believed that when the U-2 high altitude spy plane began flying in early August, 1955,

"commercial pilots and air traffic controllers began reporting a large increase in UFO sightings."

The U-2 is the high altitude spy plane made famous by the 1960 shootdown of Gary Powers as he flew over the Soviet Union and by photos of Russian missile sites in Cuba during the "Cuban Missile Crisis."

Mr. Haines has written,

"According to later estimates from CIA officials who worked on the U-2 project and the OXCART (SR-71 or Blackbird) project, over half of all UFO reports from the late 1950's through the 1960's were accounted for by manned reconnaissance flights (namely the U-2) over the United States. This led the Air Force to make misleading and deceptive statements to the public in order to allay public fears and to protect an extraordinarily sensitive national security project. While perhaps justified, this deception added fuel to the later conspiracy theories and the coverup controversy of the 1970's. The percentage of what the Air force considered unexplained UFO sightings fell to 5.9 percent in 1955 and to 4 percent in 1956."

This explanation for many ("over half of all") UFO reports is new in the sense that it has never before been publicized. It was not contained within documents released by the CIA in December, 1978 after a lawsuit filed under the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act (FOIPA) by Ground Saucer Watch, a civilian UFO organization which closed in the early 1980's.

According to Mr. Haines the U-2 was reported as a UFO because

"the early U-2's were silver (they were later painted black) and reflected the rays of the sun, especially at sunrise and sunset. They often appeared as fiery objects to observers below. Air Force BLUE BOOK investigators, aware of the secret U-2 flights, tried to explain away such sightings by linking them to natural phenomena such as ice crystals and temperature inversions. By checking with the Agency's U-2 Project Staff in Washington, BLUE BOOK investigators were able to attribute many UFO sightings to U-2 flights. They were careful, however, not to reveal the true cause of the sighting to the public."

Project BLUE BOOK was the publicly known Air Force effort to collect UFO sightings and explain, or at least categorize, them as explainable or unexplainable. Project Blue Book ran from early 1951 through 1969. When it closed Blue Book and its predecessors (Project Sign, 1948, and Project Grudge, 1949-1951) had collected about 13,000 sightings, of which about 700 were left unexplained.

The claim that the U-2 caused "over half of all UFO reports from the late 1950's through the 1960's" is, to put it gently, preposterous. The U-2, with its 80 ft long by 6 ft wide (front to back) wingspan flew at

60-70,000 feet and at that altitude was essentially invisible during the day. It created no contrail because of the lack of moisture at that altitude. It was, after all, intended to be invisible! During the hour before sunrise and the hour following sunset it would be possible for an unpainted aircraft to reflect the sun enough to be visible, perhaps with a reddish glow resulting from the reddening of sunlight (caused by passage of the sunlight through the atmosphere, which acts like a filter that removes blue and green relative to red). High altitude balloons (e.g., Project Skyhook) did cause some UFO reports during these times of day and were so identified by the Air Force and civilian investigators. However, only a small fraction of sightings occur during these times. The largest fraction of sightings is at night when the U-2 can't be seen and the next largest fraction is during the daytime.

A check of the Project Blue Book sighting statistics, which includes sightings by pilots and air traffic controllers as well as by military personnel and civilians, shows the following: for July, 1955 there were 89 reports and for August there were 67. These numbers are the sum of explained and unexplained sightings and so, presumably, include U-2 sightings, if any. These numbers show that the sighting rate **\*\*diminished\*\*** just as the U-2 started flying. The Blue Book record shows about 316 sightings in the 6 months before the U-2 and about 326 in the six months afterward.

Mr. Haines has pointed out that the percent unexplained fell from 5.9% in 1955 to 4% in 1956, with the implication that this decrease was a result of more explained U-2 sightings. If we assume that the increase in sightings from 316 to 326, mentioned above, was caused by the U-2, then the U-2 could account for about  $100 \times (10/320) = 3\%$  of the sightings in the 6 months following. Hence these statistics do not bear out the claim that there was a large increase in sightings by any segment of the population, pilots and air traffic controllers included, once the U-2 aircraft started flying.

Statistics based on a different set of data are contained within the "U Database" of over 16,000 sightings by Larry Hatch (Larry Hatch Software, 142 Jeter St., Redwood City, CA 94025-1957). This excellent PC based software provides statistics that are based on unexplained sightings recorded by Project BLUE BOOK and by other organizations (civilian UFO groups). If Project BLUE BOOK investigators explained some sightings as the U-2, these sightings would not appear in the list of unexplained Blue Book sightings and hence would not be included in this database. On the other hand, the far larger collection of non-Blue Book sightings in this database could include U-2 sightings, if the CIA is correct, that were not identified by civilian investigators who were unaware of the U-2's existence and hence a comparison of the sighting statistics before and after U-2 flights started could provide evidence that the U-2 was being reported as a UFO. In this database I find the following:

YEAR/MONTH Ja Fe Ma Ap Ma Ju Ju Au Sep Oc Nov De TOTAL

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|------|------------------------------------|-----|
| 1953 | -----                              | 188 |
| 1954 | 13 13 12 17 25 28 18 14 18 4 15 10 | 187 |
| 1955 | 11 8 9 4 12 11 30 29 12 13 12 6    | 157 |
| 1956 | 10 11 7 5 13 20 33 43 9 6 12 3     | 174 |
| 1957 | 3 6 7 3 6 5 12 7 9 10 110 11       | 189 |
| 1958 | 5 0 4 8 3 5 2 8 4 12 6 1           | 58  |

As one can see from the above table, there is scant evidence of a jump in sighting rate following the first flight of the U-2 on Aug. 4, 1955. The surprising jump in November, 1957 is coincident with the "Sputnik flap" which occurred just after Sputnik 2 was launched. (This flap is noted for the large number of close-range car-stopping events. Most of the sightings were not sightings of Sputnik itself.)

An even more telling set of statistics uses the sightings which occurred near sunrise or sunset when, according to Mr. Haines, the U-2 would have appeared as a shiny or fiery bright spot in the sky.

TIME 0400 to 0700 (which encompasses the time before sunrise)  
 (With a time window this wide we get an overestimate of the number of sightings just before sunrise since the time of sunrise varies during the year.) August 1955 is noted by \*\_\*.

|            |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |     |   |   |    |    |
|------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|---|---|----|----|
| YEAR/MONTH |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |     |   |   |    |    |
| 1953       | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0   | 1 | 1 | 1  | 5  |
| 1954       | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1   | 2 | 0 | 0  | 7  |
| 1955       | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | *2* | 1 | 1 | 1  | 7  |
| 1956       | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 2   | 1 | 0 | 1  | 15 |
| 1957       | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0   | 1 | 0 | 13 | 19 |
| 1958       | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0   | 0 | 0 | 0  | 1  |

TIME 1700 to 2100 (which encompasses the time after sunset)  
 (With a time window this wide we get an overestimate of the number of sightings just after sunset since local sunset time varies during the year.)

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|------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|-----|---|---|----|----|
| YEAR/MONTH |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |     |   |   |    |    |
| 1953       | 9 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2  | 4   | 6 | 2 | 7  | 44 |
| 1954       | 3 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 8 | 5  | 2   | 4 | 2 | 4  | 40 |
| 1955       | 5 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 10 | *7* | 2 | 4 | 5  | 46 |
| 1956       | 5 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6  | 12  | 2 | 0 | 3  | 37 |
| 1957       | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0  | 3   | 1 | 2 | 26 | 38 |
| 1958       | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1  | 1   | 2 | 0 | 1  | 10 |

Clearly there is no statistical support for a sudden increase in the number of sightings at sunrise or sunset when the U-2 started flying. In fact, the number of sightings in August 1955 was lower than during the previous month.

In the early 1960's many of the U-2s were painted black or other camouflage colors thus reducing the number of U-2's that could potentially

be seen by glint reflection from the sun.

Aside from the statistics it should be pointed out that many unexplained sightings involved relatively nearby, structured objects, not nearly invisible distant points of reflected light. These objects were reported to move rapidly at speeds that would far exceed in apparent speed that of the U-2, flying at about 500 mph at 70,000 ft (the U-2 would seem to move slowly, if seen at all).

The documented history of the agency involvement has been known to ufologists since late 1978 when the CIA, after an FOIPA lawsuit. The history has been published in "Clear Intent" by Larry Fawcett and Barry Greenwood, in "Above Top Secret" by Timothy Good and most recently in "The FBI-UFO Connection/the REAL X-files" by Bruce Maccabee (available from the author). There is little not previously known in the new, official CIA history.

The CIA history is to be available on the web page of the Center for the Study of Intelligence at [www.odci.gov/csi](http://www.odci.gov/csi) (where odci = Office of the Director of Central Intelligence.... shudder!)

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I read the exchange on D notices and official secrets with interest. I've signed the OSA (on two occasions) and so has just about every civil servant (especially those involved in any type of research) in the UK.

I think it is best summed up by the following pearl of wisdom from "Yes, Minister" (one of those quirky British comedy shows)

"The Official Secrets Act is not to protect secrets but to protect officials."

You probably wouldn't be prosecuted for a minor breach, but would possibly have one's career prospects slightly curtailed. That was what concerned me. I had a fairly nice number on the ROC's recognition team and I did not want to lose that. Five years of porridge didn't even cross my mind. Mind you, I did get a tad worried when two chaps sat outside my house in a grey Ford Sierra for two hours one afternoon. Turned out they were tax inspectors investigating my neighbour.

Chris

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Dear All,

As one of the vocal and "aforementioned critics" I'd just like to say how welcome James' open letter is. It seems to me that several things are clear;

1 - Nick Pope's work for Air Staff 2a was part-time. His successors have confirmed to me that the UFO work, if you can call it that, makes up but a minor part of the job.

Kevin McClure, another researcher interested in Pope's claims, worked out that over three years he worked on "UFOs" for something less than 100 days.

2 - He never had access to Most Secret and similar information and his knowledge claims regarding the non-existence of secret military aircraft that could be responsible for some UFO sightings are bogus.

3 - He had an interest in UFOs BEFORE he took the Air Staff job. THIS IS VITAL because it destroys the image of the man who only became interested in the UFO issue after he saw the "massive evidence".

I challenged him about his supposed 'Florida abduction' on a live TV debate and since then he's smeared me to the extent of my having to involve solicitors. I am hardly the only person to have been highly critical of his behaviour in this matter.

We know for a fact that Pope's publishers, Simon and Schuster, amended the proofs of "Open Skies, Closed Minds" in order to cover this unfortunate fact up. Pope didn't even write all of it - a ghost writer from Sussex did alot of the work. Now that's spooky.....

4 - He has made a great deal of money from Ufology on the false pretence of being an expert. I suggest that his conversion to Ufology was planned. After all, he was having dinner with well-known UFO personalities very early on in his tenure.....

5 - He is not, and never has been, a "government insider".

(Neither am I by the way!!!!)

6 - He did not tell the truth about whether (or not) documents relating to "UFO" sightings were sent routinely to RAF Rudloe Manor. We learned that they were sent there during his tenure - again from his successor Kerry

Philpott.

He initially claimed not to have heard of the place!

This from my own magazine - UFO NEWS JULY 1998.

"Perhaps one of the more telling comments about Nick and what he never knew in the first place came to us via Lord Hill-Norton, who at one time was Chief of the Defence Staff at the MOD, and these are taken from Derek Sheffield's intriguing book "UFO - A Deadly Concealment" (p.217).

"I disregard your letter from Pope, because he is a very junior civil servant....."

FOR YOUR AMUSEMENT.....

Imagine this conversation;

Room 101, Whitehall, MOD, sometime in 1992;

Our Nick is sitting at his desk with "that poster" in front of him. After his fifth cup of tea of the day he picks up the phone and rings the US Embassy in Grosvenor Square, London;

Pope; Er, hello. My name's Nick Pope, I'm at the MOD. I'm a very junior civil servant but could you put me through to liaison. I want to ask about one of your Top Secret aviation projects.

Operator; Thank you, I'm putting you on hold sir.....(My God, we have a wacko on the phone, want's to know about one of our Top Secret aircraft!).

DIA spook; Oh Christ, not again! Who is it this time? Pope, let me handle this....

Hello, Mr. Pope, how can I help you? Bob Smith, Defence Intelligence, happy smiling face of the New World Order here....

Pope; Er, well, Bob, we've had a few reports about these triangular aircraft under escort by F-15s. I wondered if you could give me anything on that?

Smith; Hell, yeah, sure. The US Government doesn't have anything like that I'm afraid. Area 51? Never heard of it, it's not on any of my maps! Must have been another F-15 at a strange angle.

Pope; I hear you Bob, but these witnesses were RAF personnel, some of them trained observers.

Smith; OK, Pope, how can I put this, our government has a good relationship with yours and it would be a shame to jeopardize this by asking too many

questions. UFOs, we don't have any, and none crashed at Roswell either. I'm sorry that you've had to waste valuable time on this....Bye!

Pope; Oh well, the US would never lie to the MOD would they. Now where's my kettle.....

(And so the cover-up continues. Later that night, Sir Anthony Bollingers, UK head of the DSTI is dining at his club when his old Berlin buddy Bob Smith appears, grinning.)

Smith; Well, hey Bolls, how's it hangin'???. What a day! Can I have a quick word with you?

Bollingers; Do sit down old chap. What's up?

Smith; Well, it's nothing really, just had a call from a Mr. Nick Pope at something called Air Staff 2a this morning. Wanted to know about our joint hyperjet projects!

Bollingers; Jesus Christ! His brief is to keep his head down and, in future, to write books about UFOs, not to ask questions like that. God, next thing he'll be doing is getting drunk and shouting our security classifications across a crowded London pub after a UFO Conference!

Smith; So you'll sort it?

Bollingers; No problem, we've covered this little baby up for 25 years and we've had no problems thus far!

I shouldn't worry about Pope. That department had it's balls cut off at birth. As long as the idiot public believe these things are alien spacecraft that's fine by me. Or natural phenomena. I don't want to see my publishing shares in Ryman and Booster lose value after all! My brothers' the MD you know.

Smith; Perfect, just perfect.

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- Viking rockets and some more of the radar tracking facilities at White Sands.

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James & List,

The caption to the photo at the indicated URL  
(<http://www.netcomuk.co.uk/~spaceuk/viking/viking.html>) actually gives 1949  
as the date, NOT 1947. It says:

"SCR 584s helped provide data on guided missiles launched  
from White Sands Proving Ground in 1949" [<--- NOTE DATE]

The other URL ( <http://www.netcomuk.co.uk/~spaceuk/v2page/v2.html>) has a  
photo captioned:

"Radar Observation Station C - used at White Sands  
Proving Ground in 1947"

"The two antennas on left are AM/TPS-I's" [sic!!]

"Those on the right are SCR-270-D's one of which is  
positioned for a meteor shower tracking"

Sincerely,

Brad Sparks

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<http://www.netcomuk.co.uk/~spaceuk/viking/viking.html>

- Viking rockets and some more of the radar tracking facilities at White Sands.

James.

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Subject: Re: An Open Letter to Nick Pope - short sketch below...Message-id:  
<000301bee262\$944b7c80\$528e01d4@default>

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Date: 07 August 1999 08:09

Subject: Re: An Open Letter to Nick Pope - short sketch below...

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>Dear All,

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>As one of the vocal and "aforementioned critics" I'd just like to say how

>welcome James' open letter is. It seems to me that several things are

>clear;

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>1 - Nick Pope's work for Air Staff 2a was part-time. His successors have

>confirmed to me that the UFO work, if you can call it that, makes up but a

>minor part of the job.

JR: - I interviewed / was interviewed by one of Nick's predecessors in the job when Brenda, Dot and I took the Halt memo unannounced to the MoD and challenged her (Pam Titchmarsh). She insisted that her job devoted only a few minutes per day or a couple of hours per week to UFO matters. The rest of the time was spent on other matters interfacing the Air Force and public (eg complaints about low flying aircraft). James suggests that Nick's first interview was in UFO magazine May 1996. It was not. I interviewed him (on camera) for my BBC documentary in December 1995. Only parts of the film I secured were transmitted . I asked Nick then about the above issue. He told me that the percentage of time spent had increased since Pam Titchmarsh's day but was still only a proportion of his job. I got the impression Nick's personal interest caused him to spend more time than others on the job. Certainly no prior or subsequent Air Staff 2A occupant has communicated so freely by letter and phone with UFO investigators during what at times were almost joint investigations of cases. On several occasions,also, I commented to other BUFORA investigators (and I think put in print in articles) how strange it felt to be seeking to solve cases and concluding that an answer had been found whilst the MoD office was encouraging us towards an unsolved nature to a case. I recall specifically the 31 March 1993 case where there is little doubt in my mind that most - if not all - that was seen that night was a Cosmos burn up. We reached that conclusion at BUFORA quickly but Nick's letters were directing us towards parts of the case he regarded as unsolved . It was an odd experience being the skeptic to the MoDs 'believer' but it happened sometimes with Nick.

None of this is sinister, I should emphasise. I am not suggesting hidden meaning. But I had no doubt from my dealings with Nick as far back as 1993 whilst only mid way through his MoD tenure that he was sufficiently interested/personally persuaded by the evidence to look beyond misperceptions and seek UFOs amidst otherwise seemingly resolved stories - something previously unthinkable activity for the MoD.

But the basic point that he was not a full time worker is correct. He never left his office to investigate a case, so far as I know. But he was liaising with UFO investigators in the field in a way the MoD has never done before or since. Not because of the job, I suspect, but his own interest in it. Every previous Air Staff 2A or DS 8 occupant I dealt with over 20 years (and that was quite a few) treated the post as a sort of exile where they had to do terminally boring work like answer letters from UFO nutters accusing them of cover ups. Either this was bad luck and the MoD just chanced to pick UFO skeptics for the job time after time or it was design and Nick - with his personal interest - slipped the net. But at the heart of it, as I found via Pam Titchmarsh when I interviewed her, was the sincere belief by those who did the job that Air Staff 2A simply did not get the calibre of case that UFOlogists were always telling her about. No radar visuals. No car stops. No physiological effects. No abductions. Just trivial, easily resolved, LITS. As such UFOlogists were arguing that the MoD must be doing this or that about the data on the assumption that they were receiving a similar cross section of evidence as say the Piddletown UFO Group. As such PUFORG thought the MoD were covering up. But as Air Staff 2A was getting no such thing they thought the UFOlogists who kept writing making accusations were deluded cranks. That is absolutely what the position was when I spoke to Pam - unless, of course, she was lying to me and I don't think she was. This begs the question - was there a flow of better case evidence going not to Air Staff 2A but to elsewhere? Or, did the input of data change to become much better during Nick's day ?

As yet I have not seen Nick refer to close encounters, or car stops or other such big cases that came into Air Staff 2A during his three years - at least not ones that were not publicly known at the same time. Much of 'Open Skies' is filled with already known cases. I am not suggesting Nick break witness confidences or MoD rules. But could he maybe give us a breakdown of the 1000 (?) or so cases the MoD must have received during his tenure. It would be useful to know, for instance, how many came from air bases, or pilots, how many were car stops, physiological effects, abductions etc. So we can cross refer to other sources of UFO data.

The only alien contacts he cites (anonymously) as submitted to the MoD in 'The Uninvited' are worrying because I can identify most of them. They too are already investigated cases by UFOlogy. One is a famous story in UFOlogy that is akin to Condons 'universe populated by bears' saga used by him as an after dinner speech. It is not a case that would enlighten UFOlogists about UFO reality as a five minute phone conversation with the witness (which Nick cannot possibly have had) would easily demonstrate. If Nick had any real knowledge on that case (as I do from first hand meetings with the witness ) he would never have risked the public ridicule he would have faced had I chosen to enlighten his many media admirers to the full story of this case that he had foolishly included uninvestigated into his book.

But that's an aside. My real point is that we don't need tall tales like this one from Nick. We need usable data (1991 to 1994) - even guesstimates from Nick would allow us to compare with the data flowing into private UFO groups

during the same period. This will enable us to make a vital judgement. Had the inflow of data to the MoD changed since Pam Titchmarsh's day? Was it now more like what UFO groups are getting than Pam attested it was in her day? Or, if not, why was it such a different sub set when you might have thought close encounters stood at least an equal chance of being reported to the MoD rather than BUFORA.

And if not, and the data coming into 2A is inferior to that reaching UFO groups, then why is Nick so scornful of the possibility I have to take very seriously (that this better calibre data by passed Air Staff 2A and went elsewhere in the MoD?) His argument that it could not be because such a unit would need the data he had so would have to interact with him does not seem watertight. Presumably he was supplying reports with basic data on them up the chain in the MoD. These could be read by another department and would no doubt be all they needed on inferior quality cases. But if, as I suspect, the role of Air Staff 2A is a public aunt sally - a distraction to lure public attention away from the real UFO data research - then it would have no need to know about the higher classification data going elsewhere and the recipient of all that better data would have little need to have to go cap in hand to Air Staff 2A.

It all revolves around the - to me - pretty feasible argument that the occupant of Air Staff 2A is made to feel like the only one doing this job by intent and by believing he or she is the head of the MoD UFO desk they can honestly respond to the public that nothing much is going on and all the crackpot UFOlogists who say otherwise are misguided. As that PR headache is taken away the real MoD research goes on way out of sight and at several classification levels about Nick's admitted civil service ranking at the time of Captain.

If not, then why did Ralph Noyes (ranking Air Commodore) tell me he saw gun camera film but Nick told me in that Dec 1995 interview he knew nothing of such evidence? To me the most obvious answer is that a Captain was not security cleared high enough to do so. But if it existed and was not at Air Staff 2A (not just the film was missing but any written record of analysis of same, which surely would survive even if, as Nick suggested to me, the film itself had deteriorated over time) then does this not infer the better data went somewhere else above and beyond Air Staff 2A.

So, to me, we should not be attacking Nick Pope as an individual but seeking to get from him an insight into such reasonable questions and why he is adamant no such other department can exist and that he cannot have been - in effect - an MoD patsy, pretty much as I suspect Ed Ruppelt was.

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>Kevin McClure, another researcher interested in Pope's claims, worked out  
>that over three years he worked on "UFOs" for something less than 100 days.

JR: - Based on what Pam Titchmarsh told me (she cited fairly precise figures) a three year tenure in her day involved no more than 30 days spent in total on UFO matters. So if Kevin is correct there has been a three fold stepping up of UFO time allocation between 1983 (the day of Pam Titchmarsh) and 1993 (Nick Pope's day) - itself an interesting fact about changes in MoD policy and about which we might want to ask questions.

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>3 - He had an interest in UFOs BEFORE he took the Air Staff job. THIS IS >VITAL because it destroys the image of the man who only became interested >in the UFO issue after he saw the " massive evidence".

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>I challenged him about his supposed 'Florida abduction' on a live TV debate >and since then he's smeared me to the extent of my having to involve >solicitors. I am hardly the only person to have been highly critical of his >behaviour in this matter.

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>We know for a fact that Pope's publishers, Simon and Schuster, amended the >proofs of "Open Skies, Closed Minds" in order to cover this unfortunate >fact up. Pope didn't even write all of it - a ghost writer from Sussex did >alot of the work. Now that's spooky.....

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JR:- I know the truth about this story but I have been asked to publicly refrain from talking about it. As it is not my place to do so, I have agreed.

>4 - He has made a great deal of money from Ufology on the false pretence of >being an expert. I suggest that his conversion to Ufology was planned. >After all, he was having dinner with well-known UFO personalities very >early on in his tenure.....

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JR:- All of which is true, but Nick is as entitled to be regarded as an expert as any of the rest of us. And you should not hold making money out of UFOlogy against someone. It is a distraction from what really matters - which is not Nick, his money making or the publicity he has attained. It is what is really going on at the MoD. I think rather than antagonise Nick with accusations we should seek to get him to reveal useful data about his experience at Air Staff 2A (which, sadly, Open Skies, did not provide) - the kind of data requested above that might help us determine if indeed Air Staff 2A is all that there is to the Mod UFO involvement.

Best wishes,

Jenny Randles

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Date: Mon, 09 Aug 1999 16:18:15 +0200  
From: Edoardo Russo <edoardo.russo@torino.ALPcom.it>  
Subject: Re: NUFORC 'Triangular UFO' Reports

UFO Research List - <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/>

Hello List!

At 02.43 06/07/99 +0100, James Easton wrote:

>I've received permission from Peter Davenport, director of the  
>National UFO Reporting Center (NUFORC), to make available their  
>published 'triangular UFO' reports, which I've previously  
>mentioned and often cited extracts from.

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>Containing over 200 cases which feature 'triangles', 'deltas',  
>etc., it's a consummate source of raw data.

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>Coming with my disclaimer, 'sold as seen - you never bought it  
>'ere mate', these reports cover most, maybe all, of the elements  
>which encapsulate that twilight zone between UFOs/black  
>aircraft/contemporary mythology.

[omissis]

>The case reports have been collated in one large text file which  
>can downloaded from my web site at:

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><http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/nuforc.txt>

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>The file is 383k in size.

>All of these 'core' reports obviously have an explanation and I'm  
>sure a consensus can be agreed. My suggestions would include:

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- >- commercial aircraft
- >- known military aircraft - 'stealth' in particular
- >- 'black' aircraft
- >- helicopters
- >- blimps
- >- stylised hot-air balloons
- >- hang gliders
- >- light aircraft
- >- ultralites
- >- misidentified stars
- >- balloons with lights attached, maybe as an intended hoax
- >- military flares
- >- RPVs
- >- "too much LDS in the sixties..".

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>Any others?

Upon request by Victor Kean, who has been collecting triangle-shaped UFO reports for some time now, I asked all Regional Catalogues coordinators here in Italy to extract pertinent data of such Italian reports, and a specific Italian database DELTACAT was initiated by Roberto Raffaelli ("[http://www.ufodatanet.org/workgroups\\_e.htm](http://www.ufodatanet.org/workgroups_e.htm)"). Only a few have answered as yet, but based upon those data and my own personal experience, I'd add a specific source of triangular IFOs which - though more frequent in the '60s - is still with us.

I mean the high-flying stratospheric balloons, usually sent up for special interest studies. French CNES (Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales) has been regularly sending them from the Atlantic base of Air-sur-Adour, as well as Italian CNR (Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche) has been doing from Trapani, in Sicily.

I am not meaning simple, small-sized weather balloons, but those huge monsters more than 100 meters in diameter.

Our own reports include thousands of bewildered witnesses in large areas, beginning in the mid-'60s, so much that a popular mysteries magazine in the early '70s titled: "Triangle: the New Shape of the Motherships?". Air Force planes were dispatched to intercept such UFOs, some times. A strong polemic exchange was kept alive between true-ET-believers and man-made-UFO-proponents, in 1971-72, as of their exact nature.

Similar objects were sighted (and photographed) in Spain (I can remember a very spectacular case in 1968 over Madrid), and a whole triangular-UFO flap developed over Yugoslavia in 1971 (NATO spy-balloons this time). Am I wrong to also recall some 1967 UK reports and the following discussion in FSR about "deltavolants" and the like?

Similar sightings have been recorded over Italy since at least 1954, but the most recent Italian flap of the triangular kind was in 1985, when national TV news gave front page treatment to one such objects seen by thousands, photographed by dozens and even filmed by one of their crew who tried to chase it with a small plane over Aosta. My colleagues and I took the trouble of passing a few weekends chasing some dozens witnesses from widely scattered places in order to be able to get precise azimuth and zenith data, so to triangulate (oops!) its position, altitude and real dimensions. 'twas precisely one of those giant balloons, a French one.

I can also remember some very graphic reconstructions of a fast-flying triangle who crossed the Italian skies at dawn on September 14, 1978, but it was just a bolide, i.e. a very large meteor. But that's another story.

Though I can easily agree that the greater part of presently reported "triangular UFOs" in our own country is nothing more than three lights in the night sky (most often planes, plus that well-known "airship effect" making separate dots of light looks like a structured dark object).

I mean: we don't even need to call for some terrestrial man-made high technology, in most reports we get. Old-fashioned, classical IFOs often suffice (blame on me).

That was my two-pence contribute, folks, but I'd like to get some other experiences from other countries, too (that's why I'm also crossposting to EuroUfoList).

Regards

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By Steve Douglass -

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`Kens Ufo Page'

"This video was taken 20th January 1999 by myself. It shows a flying triangular object [3.3mb size] at Inver, Larne town, Co.Antrim":

<http://www.users.globalnet.co.uk/~kenm/mainufo.htm>  
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Also from:

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"Oct 23 1978 - Corby, Leicestershire.

Investigators Mark Brown and Graham Hall produced an eighty-three page report of an object seen on this night by over 67 witnesses. Here is a typical description by a man from Corby: 'I noticed three white lights travelling towards me. I thought at first it was an aeroplane going to land at Castle Donnington with landing lights on. As it got nearer the lights got very bright and formed a triangle. This in itself seemed an unusual formation. I slowed down to view it more safely and realised there were no other lights as on a normal aircraft . . . as it got closer . . . I could see the shape as a black silhouette. It was like a Vulcan Bomber, triangular with a light on each point. The other strange

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`Close FT Encounters'

"Steven Spielberg's film "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" was released on an unsuspecting public in 1977. With the release of the film, sightings increased dramatically - no doubt it made us much more aware of the possibility of visitors from outer space. I must admit that the film fired my imagination and I hoped that one day I would see a UFO, although I did not really believe it would happen. Well happen it did.

It was the evening of Monday 23rd October 1978, and at that time I lived on Hinckley's Hollycroft estate. On Monday evenings I drove my wife to an evening class at Hinckley College, and on this particular Monday I was driving up Hollycroft Hill at about 6.35pm when my wife suddenly said: "what's that strange object in the sky"? I glanced in the direction of the Gas Works in Coventry Road and saw it for myself.

The object appeared to be delta-shaped and had lights dotted around it. By the time I reached the junction of Lower and Upper Bond Street, the object was high in the sky above The Borough. I drove along Lower Bond Street into Holliers Walk and then into Stockwell Head. All the time my wife was saying the object was overhead, and my curiosity got the better of me. I pulled into the Concordia Theatre car park and noticed that two or three other cars were doing the same thing.

We got out of the car - as did other people - and looked up. The object was immediately above us. It was now perfectly still. How high I could not say. There was no sound coming from it. There appeared to be some form of observation cabin below the main structure, which seemed to have numerous windows from which lights flashed on and off. We all held our breath, not knowing what was going to happen next, when all of a sudden there was a loud "whoosh" and the object vanished.

Those of us who had been watching in silence suddenly began to discuss what we had seen, but nobody seemed to be too sure. Recently I discussed the incident with someone who is very knowledgeable about astronomy and he contended that it could not possibly have come from outer space.

Well, I can only tell you what I saw. It was certainly no hallucination as a number of other people saw it as well. So what did we see on that night? Whatever it was, it was an unnerving and thrilling experience".

[End]

This October 1978 account is personally of interest, in view of the March 1978 report I documented in detail. It featured a `massive' triangular object viewed at close range near Ulceby Cross - see:

[http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/paul\\_h.txt](http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/paul_h.txt)

An above description notes, "I could see the shape as a black silhouette. It was like a Vulcan Bomber"; the witness I interviewed, commented, "The craft was shaped like a delta, very similar to the Vulcan bombers based in Lincolnshire at the time".

He also emphasised, "However, it was about four times the size of a Vulcan, flew extremely slowly and was absolutely silent!".

Do any of our UK subscribers have a copy of that eighty-three page report? I think it could be very interesting to reconsider this some 20 years later and in light [white at each corner and a big red one in the middle] of the `silent vulcan' enigma.

Interesting to be reminded of current `hovering' technology in the following news story:

"Heliplanes' race to take off"

"A vision of the future: Artist's impression of the Eurotilt.

A consortium of European engineering companies is reported to be developing a vertical take-off passenger plane".

Full details at:

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/english/business/the\\_economy/newsid\\_396000/396241.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/english/business/the_economy/newsid_396000/396241.stm)

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Accompanying this article is the sketch of a `futuristic' twin-rotor, heli-plane. If there was a reality and advanced technology behind the reported silent, hovering, etc. `mega-vulcan' of twenty years ago, there's no evidence of it in this `latest' VTOL

aircraft!

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Subject: "Times" article on the MUFON Symposium

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I've been asked if there is a copy of the "Times" article on the MUFON Symposium that was (I believe) circulated on this list last month. If anyone has a copy of it archived in their email, please forward a copy of it to me. I've been attempting to locate it for one of the speakers who was curious about it, but so far I've come up empty handed. I believe that it was in the "Washington Times", but that may be in error.

Thanks in advance for your help.

Steve Kaeser

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I've got a copy of the long report entitled "Silent Vulcan" that relates to the Leics sightings of October 1978. It's pretty good actually.

People are welcome to photocopies but they cost me 5p so that's around £5 including p+p.

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> drove my wife to an evening class at Hinckley College, and on  
> this particular Monday I was driving up Hollycroft Hill at about  
> 6.35pm when my wife suddenly said: "what's that strange object in  
> the sky"? I glanced in the direction of the Gas Works in Coventry  
> Road and saw it for myself.  
>  
> The object appeared to be delta-shaped and had lights dotted  
> around it. By the time I reached the junction of Lower and Upper  
> Bond Street, the object was high in the sky above The Borough. I  
> drove along Lower Bond Street into Holliers Walk and then into  
> Stockwell Head. All the time my wife was saying the object was

> overhead, and my curiosity got the better of me. I pulled into  
> the Concordia Theatre car park and noticed that two or three  
> other cars were doing the same thing.  
>  
> We got out of the car - as did other people - and looked up. The  
> object was immediately above us. It was now perfectly still. How  
> high I could not say. There was no sound coming from it. There  
> appeared to be some form of observation cabin below the main  
> structure, which seemed to have numerous windows from which  
> lights flashed on and off. We all held our breath, not knowing  
> what was going to happen next, when all of a sudden there was a  
> loud "whoosh" and the object vanished.  
>  
> Those of us who had been watching in silence suddenly began to  
> discuss what we had seen, but nobody seemed to be too sure.  
> Recently I discussed the incident with someone who is very  
> knowledgeable about astronomy and he contended that it could not  
> possibly have come from outer space.  
>  
> Well, I can only tell you what I saw. It was certainly no  
> hallucination as a number of other people saw it as well. So what  
> did we see on that night? Whatever it was, it was an unnerving  
> and thrilling experience".  
> [End]  
>  
>  
> This October 1978 account is personally of interest, in view of  
> the March 1978 report I documented in detail. It featured a  
> `massive' triangular object viewed at close range near Ulceby  
> Cross - see:  
>  
> [http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/paul\\_h.txt](http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/paul_h.txt)  
>  
>  
> An above description notes, "I could see the shape as a black  
> silhouette. It was like a Vulcan Bomber"; the witness I  
> interviewed, commented, "The craft was shaped like a delta, very  
> similar to the Vulcan bombers based in Lincolnshire at the time".  
>  
> He also emphasised, "However, it was about four times the size of  
> a Vulcan, flew extremely slowly and was absolutely silent!".  
>  
> Do any of our UK subscribers have a copy of that eighty-three  
> page report? I think it could be very interesting to reconsider  
> this some 20 years later and in light [white at each corner and a  
> big red one in the middle] of the `silent vulcan' enigma.  
>  
>  
> Interesting to be reminded of current `hovering' technology in  
> the following news story:

>  
> "Heliplanes' race to take off"  
>  
> "A vision of the future: Artist's impression of the Eurotilt."  
>  
> A consortium of European engineering companies is reported to be  
> developing a vertical take-off passenger plane".  
>  
> Full details at:  
>  
> [http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/english/business/the\\_economy/newsid\\_396000/396241.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/english/business/the_economy/newsid_396000/396241.stm)  
>  
> [this URL will `wrap around' at 65 characters]  
>  
> Accompanying this article is the sketch of a `futuristic' twin-  
> rotor, heli-plane. If there was a reality and advanced technology  
> behind the reported silent, hovering, etc. `mega-vulcan' of  
> twenty years ago, there's no evidence of it in this `latest' VTOL  
> aircraft!  
>  
>  
> James Easton.  
> E-mail: [voyager@ukonline.co.uk](mailto:voyager@ukonline.co.uk)  
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Date: Mon, 09 Aug 1999 15:57:57 -0400 (EDT)  
From: Ktperehwon@aol.com  
Subject: Re: "Times" article on the MUFON Symposium  
Message-id: <2e9145a3.24e08cc5@aol.com>

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In a message dated 08/09/99 16:53:53, you wrote:

> I believe that  
> it was in the "Washington Times", but that may be in error.

Yep, Washington Times it was...

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Date: Tue, 10 Aug 1999 00:59:24 +0100  
From: James Easton <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
Subject: 'List Only' Mail and ArchivesMessage-id:  
<007b01bee2c3\$35458080\$14cc28c3@cis.compuserve.com>

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Looks like the ListBot management may have been taking notice of feedback and I'm pleased to say have now resolved the problem with list archives suddenly being available to anyone (or no-one).

There's now an 'archives can be viewed by members only' setting which I have enabled.

This means that 'LIST ONLY' mail is only accessible to list subscribers and all archive mail can be viewed.

A reminder how to do so, especially for some recent subscribers:

Archives of messages posted to the list can be viewed on the ListBot server, at URL:

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

Log in as a list member under:

contents - log in - list member

You will require the password provided by the list server when you subscribed.

If that's been mislaid, use the 'Lost yours?' link above the password field.

You can also use the member log-in to:

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- change your password
- change the e-mail address where you wish mail to be sent (very useful and this can be done regularly)
- add e-mail aliases, i.e., provide additional addresses you might send mail from
- update your member profile, i.e., any information you may have provided when you joined the list.

The list address for mail remains:

UFORL@listbot.com

A few messages earlier today came through with the list name as 'Voyager' and that has also been rectified - apologies for any confusion.

James.

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Date: Tue, 10 Aug 1999 01:15:45 +0100  
From: James Easton <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
Subject: Re: "Times" article on the MUFON Symposium  
Message-id: <008701bee2c5\$7e014640\$14cc28c3@cis.compuserve.com>

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Regarding:

>Date: Mon, 09 Aug 1999 12:47:03 -0400  
>To: UFORL <UFORL@listbot.com>  
>From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>  
>Subject: "Times" article on the MUFON Symposium

Steve wrote:

>I've been asked if there is a copy of the "Times" article on the  
>MUFON Symposium that was (I believe) circulated on this list  
>last month. If anyone has a copy of it archived in their email,  
>please forward a copy of it to me.

Steve,

I can't recall any such posting on this list and can't locate it in the archives (Jenny did post a comprehensive review of the conference).

However, I saw the article you're referring to and note your response to same at:

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/1999/jul/m05-002.shtml>

As the original article doesn't seem to be in the UpDates archives, was it possibly a posting Errol didn't archive, maybe re copyright concerns?

James.

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Date: Tue, 10 Aug 1999 01:46:58 +0100  
From: James Easton <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
Subject: 'The Foo Fighter Mystery: Revised' Message-id:  
<000901bee2c9\$db29b4c0\$9eca28c3@cis.compuserve.com>

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I recently came across the following on-line material which is richly detailed and could be of immense interest to some subscribers:

The Foo Fighter Mystery: Revised.

By Jeff A. Lindell  
B.A., I.U. Folklore Institute  
Electronic Warfare Systems Analyst, USAF (Ret.)

<http://www.kiva.net/~dellwood/foorev6.html>

Also note the links at the bottom of that article, particularly the one to:

F497,  
Folklore Seminar  
Jeffery A. Lindell  
For: Dr. J. Johnson  
April 1994

'Supernatural Belief Traditions'

"Other forms of transmission such as the media and literature are very important in the preservation of held beliefs but will be dealt with to a lesser degree in this paper. The immediate traditions that will presently be viewed concern the origins of the UFO or the "Flying saucer."

The two competing traditions that exist within the UFO community are those who consider themselves to be "skeptics" and those who support the contention that UFOs are spacecraft from another planet, ie., the Extraterrestrial Hypothesis (ETH)".

No way.... ;)

Would some of the historical references in the 'Foo fighter' paper maybe of interest to the 'Project-1947' list?

James.

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Date: Tue, 10 Aug 1999 10:37:58 -0400 (EDT)  
From: Ktperehwon@aol.com  
Subject: Re: Re: "Times" article on the MUFON Symposium  
Message-id: <98c82f75.24e19346@aol.com>

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>As the original article doesn't seem to be in the UpDates  
>archives, was it possibly a posting Errol didn't archive, maybe  
>re copyright concerns?

I imagine Lu Farish will include it in his clipping service. The current ish carries the Washington Post article on the symposium. -- KARL

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Date: Tue, 10 Aug 1999 10:47:22 -0400  
From: joel carpenter <ufx@mindspring.com>  
Subject: :)Message-id: <003a01bee33f\$71cb0d50\$0100a8c0@mindspring.com>

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[http://www.cs.hmc.edu/~hodas/courses/cs5/week\\_02/lecture/foo.html](http://www.cs.hmc.edu/~hodas/courses/cs5/week_02/lecture/foo.html)

The New Hacker's Dictionary contains the following entry under Foo:

foo /foo/

1. /interj./ Term of disgust. 2. Used very generally as a sample name for absolutely anything, esp. programs and files (esp. scratch files). 3. First on the standard list of metasyntactic variables used in syntax examples. See also bar, baz, qux, quux, corge, grault, garply, waldo, fred, plugh, xyzyzy, thud.

The etymology of hackish `foo' is obscure. When used in connection with `bar' it is generally traced to the WWII-era Army slang acronym FUBAR ('Fucked Up Beyond All Repair'), later bowdlerized to foobar. (See also FUBAR.)

However, the use of the word `foo' itself has more complicated antecedents, including a long history in comic strips and cartoons. The old "Smokey Stover" comic strips by Bill Holman often included the word `FOO', in particular on license plates of cars; allegedly, `FOO' and `BAR' also occurred in Walt Kelly's "Pogo" strips. In the 1938 cartoon "The Daffy Doc", a very early version of Daffy Duck holds up a sign saying "SILENCE IS FOO!"; oddly, this seems to refer to some approving or positive affirmative use of foo. It has been suggested that this might be related to the Chinese word `fu' (sometimes transliterated `foo'), which can mean "happiness" when spoken with the proper tone (the lion-dog guardians flanking the steps of many Chinese restaurants are properly called "fu dogs").

Paul Dickson's excellent book "Words" (Dell, 1982, ISBN 0-440-52260-7) traces Foo to an unspecified British naval magazine in 1946, quoting as follows: "Mr. Foo is a mysterious Second World War product, gifted with bitter omniscience and sarcasm."

Other sources confirm that `FOO' was a semi-legendary subject of WWII British-army graffiti more-or-less equivalent to the American Kilroy. Where British troops went, the graffiti "FOO was here" or something similar showed up. Several slang dictionaries aver that FOO probably came from Forward Observation Officer. In this connection, the later American military slang `foo fighters' is interesting; at least as far back as the 1950s, radar operators used it for the kind of mysterious or spurious trace that would later be called a UFO (the older term resurfaced in popular American usage in 1995 via the name of one of the better grunge-rock bands).

Earlier versions of this entry suggested the possibility that hacker usage actually sprang from "FOO, Lampoons and Parody", the title of a comic book first issued in September 1958, a joint project of Charles and Robert Crumb. Though Robert Crumb (then in his mid-teens) later became one of the most important and influential artists in underground comics, this venture was hardly a success; indeed, the brothers later burned most of the existing copies in disgust. The title FOO was featured in large letters on the front cover. However, very few copies of this comic actually circulated, and students of Crumb's `oeuvre' have established that this title was a reference to the earlier Smokey Stover comics.

An old-time member reports that in the 1959 "Dictionary of the TMRC Language", compiled at TMRC, there was an entry that went something like this:

FOO: The first syllable of the sacred chant phrase "FOO MANE PADME HUM." Our first obligation is to keep the foo counters turning.  
For more about the legendary foo counters, see TMRC. Almost the entire staff of what later became the MIT AI Lab was involved with TMRC, and probably picked the word up there.

Very probably, hackish `foo' had no single origin and derives through all these channels from Yiddish `feh' and/or English `foeey'.

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Date: Tue, 10 Aug 1999 16:54:14 +0100  
From: James Easton <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
Subject: UK Subscribers - Exhibition NewsMessage-id:  
<009101bee348\$9bce6da0\$097151c2@acad80.scot.ac.uk>

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Forwarded:

From: "Phill Parker,FBIS" <spaceuk@netcomuk.co.uk>  
Newsgroups: sci.space.history  
Subject: UK Apollo Exhibition  
Date: Thu, 05 Aug 1999 21:02:39 -0700

My small Apollo space artefacts exhibition - to mark 30th anniversary of Apollo-11 lunar landing - has been so successful (according to the curator) that it has now been extended by 4 more weeks to 5th September 1999 at the Potteries Museum & Art Gallery in City of Stoke-on-Trent, UK.  
[End]

There are unconfirmed rumours that Matthew Williams was seen in attendance...

James.  
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Date: Tue, 10 Aug 1999 13:27:33 -0400  
From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>  
Subject: Re: Landing at Socorro

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At 11:48 AM 8/25/1999 -0500, Larry Robinson wrote:

>  
>First, I suggest that you read my web page on the subject.  
>Since it is not robot-searchable (due to decisions beyond  
>my control), I am not sure if all of you have found it.  
>  
>It is at:  
>  
><http://php.indiana.edu/~lrobins/howisoco.htm>

[snip]

>16. The object did NOT disappear in the distance, but went  
> behind terrain. As I recall, the balloonists (in their  
> article) said they flew a few miles and set down again.

When I get home I'll review your web site, but could you provide a reference for the "article" you mention.

Thanks,

Steve

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Date: Tue, 10 Aug 1999 18:26:07 -0400  
From: joel carpenter <ufx@mindspring.com>  
Subject: Smokey StoverMessage-id:  
<002d01bee37f\$697faf80\$0100a8c0@mindspring.com>

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There's a photo of an original 1938 "Smokey Stover" comic book cover at

<http://www.ulink.net/~jimc/bigbooks/smokey.htm>

"Smokey Stover, The Foo Fighter"

It's not so clear in this picture, but he's a fireman, with his helmet on backwards. He drove around in a weird two-wheeled car. Kooky, much like Rube Goldberg.

- J Carpenter

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Date: Thu, 12 Aug 1999 15:14:20 -0400  
From: joel carpenter <ufx@mindspring.com>  
Subject: Fw: Cassini Mission Status Report - Aug. 11, 1999  
Message-id: <001101bee4f6\$e1d939b0\$0100a8c0@mindspring.com>

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Off topic but...

- J Carpenter

> On Wed, 11 Aug 1999 17:09:37 -0700, cassini@jpl.nasa.gov wrote:  
>  
>> MEDIA RELATIONS OFFICE  
>> JET PROPULSION LABORATORY  
>> CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY  
>> NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION PASADENA,  
CALIF. 91109  
>> TELEPHONE (818) 354-5011 <http://www.jpl.nasa.gov>  
>>  
>> Cassini Mission Status  
>> August 11, 1999  
>>  
>> With another flawless maneuver, the Saturn-bound Cassini spacecraft  
today  
>> successfully executed the final adjustment to its flight path for a flyby  
>> of Earth that will occur Tuesday, August 17 at 8:28 p.m. Pacific Daylight  
>> Time (August 18 at 03:28 Universal Time).  
>>  
>> The spacecraft, launched on a mission to Saturn in 1997, is now  
precisely  
>> set to make its closest approach to Earth at an altitude of 1,166  
>> kilometers (725 miles) over the eastern South Pacific at -23.5 degrees  
>> latitude and 231.5 degrees longitude. The spacecraft may be visible from  
>> small islands in that area, such as Pitcairn Island or Easter Island. Two  
>> successful flybys of Venus, next week's flyby of Earth, and a flyby of  
>> Jupiter in December 2000 all give Cassini the additional speed it needs  
to  
>> reach Saturn in 2004.  
>>  
>> Cassini's onboard rocket fired as scheduled this morning at 8:30  
a.m.  
>> Pacific Daylight Time (15:30 Universal Time) for 130 seconds, completing  
>> the final adjustments to the spacecraft's flight path before the Earth  
>> flyby.  
>>  
>> Nine of Cassini's 12 scientific instruments will make observations  
of the  
>> Earth-Moon system during the spacecraft's passage, including studies of  
>> Earth's magnetic environment and images of the moon. Cassini's primary

> >mission is to make up-close studies of Saturn, its rings, moons and  
> >magnetic environment while orbiting the ringed planet from 2004-2008.  
Upon  
> >arrival at Saturn in 2004, Cassini will release a probe called Huygens,  
> >provided by the European Space Agency, to drop via parachute to the  
> >surface of Saturn's big moon, Titan, which is thought to resemble a  
> >frozen, primordial Earth.  
> >  
> > Today, Cassini is about 9 million kilometers (about 5.8 million  
miles)  
> >from Earth, traveling at a speed of about 58,000 kilometers per hour  
> >(about 36,000 miles per hour) relative to Earth. It has traveled 1.671  
> >billion kilometers (1.038 billion miles) since launch from Cape  
Canaveral,  
> >Florida, on Oct. 15, 1997.  
> >  
> > Cassini is an international mission of NASA, the European Space  
Agency  
> >and the Italian Space Agency, and is managed for NASA's Office of Space  
> >Science by NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena, Calif. JPL is a  
> >division of the California Institute of Technology (Caltech), Pasadena,  
> >Calif.  
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> >To unsubscribe from Cassini Spacecraft Updates, send a message to  
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> 601972A@list.jpl.nasa.gov  
> >---  
> >Visit the JPL Cassini home page for more information about the Cassini  
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Date: Fri, 13 Aug 1999 17:15:58 +0100  
From: James Easton <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold's 'flying discs' Message-id:  
<002d01bee5a7\$215e9b60\$097151c2@acad80.scot.ac.uk>

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An article will be published at a later date concerning my research into the Kenneth Arnold case during the past two years, incorporating recent discoveries and resulting conclusions, etc.

Although it will not initially be published on the Internet, I'll provide details when possible.

In the meantime, rather than repeat some new material which has been mentioned elsewhere, I'll simply highlight the existence of the following, which has a direct relevance to the Arnold case and the specularity of birds per se:

[...]

"They looked like metallic mirrors, and they were oscillating or flipflopping with a regular seesaw motion. Once again, I could not guess their size or distance.; they were so bright and tiny against the darkening sky that it was almost impossible to decide their shape, but they gave the impression of being ellipses. I don't mind admitting that in the few minutes before they came closer I felt myself wondering if the Martian invasion had started; this was the only time I have ever seen a fleet of textbook flying saucers.

[...]

The lights I saw flipping across Brisbane were nothing more than sea gulls, the undersurfaces of their wings acting as mirrors.

Though I have lived beside the sea for a quarter of my life and am doing so now, this is the only time I have ever witnessed this phenomenon, and I would never have credited it without the evidence of my own eyes.

The effect of oscillating metallic disks was absolutely realistic; it would have fooled anyone".

Date: Fri, 13 Aug 1999 15:07:59 -0400 (EDT)  
From: RB47Expert@aol.com  
Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold's 'flying discs' Cc: PROJECT-1947@listserv.aol.com  
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Subj: Re: Kenneth Arnold's 'flying discs'  
Date: 8/13/99 9:11:00 AM Pacific Daylight Time  
From: voyager@ukonline.co.uk (James Easton)  
To: UFORL@listbot.com (UFORL)  
<SNIP>

On this point, can someone please confirm that in Arnold's letter to the Air force, it reads verbatim:

"Unable to see anything that looked like the lost ship, I made a 300 degree turn to the right and above the little city of Mineral, starting again toward Mt. Rainier. I climbed back up to an altitude of approximately 9200 feet.

I trimmed out my airplane in the direction of Yakima, Washington, which was almost directly east of my position, and simply sat in my plane observing the sky and the terrain".

Or is there some text between these two sentences, maybe explaining how he was suddenly heading in the direction of Yakima?

James.  
E-mail: voyager@ukonline.co.uk

COMMENT:

James, there is no missing text. The very sentence you quote from Arnold, "I trimmed out my airplane in the direction of Yakima," is his statement of ending the 300-degree turn by leveling out and heading straight. If he had been flying roughly southeast across the southwestern slopes of Mt. Rainier looking for the crashed Marine plane then a 300-degree turn would take him on an approximately EAST heading towards Yakima.

Sincerely,

Brad Sparks

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Date: Fri, 13 Aug 1999 15:40:12 -0400 (EDT)  
From: KRandle993@aol.com  
Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold's 'flying discs' Message-id:  
<c974a566.24e5ce9c@aol.com>

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> "Unable to see anything that looked like the lost ship, I made a  
> 300 degree turn to the right and above the little city of  
> Mineral, starting again toward Mt. Rainier. I climbed back up to  
> an altitude of approximately 9200 feet.

The Air Force file reads the same except it was a 360 degree turn,  
which obviously means a full circle.

> I trimmed out my airplane in the direction of Yakima, Washington,  
> which was almost directly east of my position, and simply sat in  
> my plane observing the sky and the terrain".

This is what the Air Force file says except that a word was blacked  
out and east hand written above that.

> Or is there some text between these two sentences, maybe  
> explaining how he was suddenly heading in the direction of  
> Yakima?

The missing line is: The air was so smooth that day that it was a  
real pleasure flying and, as most pilots do when the air is smooth  
and they are flying at a higher altitude, I trimmed...

So, on page two of his report to the Air Force Arnold wrote:

"Unable to see anything that looked like the lost ship, I made a  
360 degree turn to the right and above the little city of  
Mineral, starting again toward Mt. Rainier. I climbed back up to  
an altitude of approximately 9200 feet.

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Hope this helps.

KRandle, Ph.D.

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James,

I mean no missing text explaining his turn towards Yakima (the sentence you quote does explain the turn). I'm away from my files so I can't check if this is verbatim or not.

Brad

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On this point, can someone please confirm that in Arnold's letter to the Air force, it reads verbatim:

"Unable to see anything that looked like the lost ship, I made a 300 degree turn to the right and above the little city of Mineral, starting again toward Mt. Rainier. I climbed back up to an altitude of approximately 9200 feet.

I trimmed out my airplane in the direction of Yakima, Washington, which was almost directly east of my position, and simply sat in my plane observing the sky and the terrain".

Or is there some text between these two sentences, maybe explaining how he was suddenly heading in the direction of Yakima?

James.  
E-mail: voyager@ukonline.co.uk

COMMENT:

James, there is no missing text. The very sentence you quote from Arnold, "I trimmed out my airplane in the direction of Yakima," is his statement of ending the 300-degree turn by leveling out and heading straight. If he had been flying roughly southeast across the southwestern slopes of Mt. Rainier looking for the crashed Marine plane then a 300-degree turn would take him on an approximately EAST heading towards Yakima.

Sincerely,

Brad Sparks

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During recent discussions on the 'Project-1947' mailing list, I brought up the 'classic' 1964 Socorro incident, specifically that there was a conceivable, yet maybe little known, explanation for the 'UFO' which local Police Officer Lonnie Zamora encountered.

Initially, I wrote to Brad Sparks:

Socorro, on the other hand, is a case which can conceivably be resolved with proof.

If the object encountered was the hot-air balloon which Larry Robinson claims he saw evidence of, it can be traced and enough information exists to do that.

I'm not sure how well known Robinson's published material is known and perhaps surprisingly, or maybe not, I've only ever seen it mentioned once, briefly, on any 'UFO' related forum. He states:

"I believe I have solved the 1964 Socorro NM UFO case. I not only think I know what it was, but who owned it. I have seen the same thing here, and identified it. Once, it flew so low over my house that I could hear the occupants talking. The intermittent roar scared my dog. I have seen it land and take off, and the effects and sounds were identical to the descriptions in Sanderson's and Hynek's books. I even saw the tilting of the elliptical shape, and heard the rise in pitch when the roar ceased.

What was it? A manned hot air balloon. I didn't tumble to this fully until I heard the rising pitch of the burner as the pilot shut it down after a burn. I have seen them start it up, and I have witnessed a touch-and-go landing, as well as several end of flight landings. The only difference is the color. Our local balloon is green, with white advertizing for the owner's local winery on the side.

I then remembered seeing an ad published in 1962 or 1963, showing the development of this wonderful vehicle by the St. Regis Paper Company. My hobby at the time was aviation and model airplanes. The ad was in a magazine in my social studies classroom (so I do not know what magazine it was, but it had to do with business). There was a beautiful picture of the balloon flying over the

northwest forests. The company logo was on the side of the white balloon. The blurb said the balloon was going to fly an exploratory mission around the western U.S. in 1963-64. Get this: The company logo is A CIRCLE WITH AN ARROW IN IT, POINTING UP. Very similar to what Zamora reported.

Here's what I think happened. Either the dump flap on the balloon (for collapsing it after landing) accidentally opened partway, or some other problem forced a landing. The crew made it right, and seeing a policeman approaching (with a possible trespass arrest), set up the stand, turned the fans and burner on, refilled the bag, and took off. With a warm bag, this can be done in one to three minutes. The bag tilts from a horizontal ellipse to a vertical one as it fills with hot air. A man stands near the bag to keep the mouth open with the stand and a pole.

Notice the flame blasts up from the basket into the balloon, just as Zamora described. The fan sounds like a gasoline engine (which runs it), and the burner roars much louder. The platform, crew, and stand leave marks -at one end of the landing site! The bag probably did not.

This early balloon had a platform with a railing rather than a solid basket, so Zamora didn't see the platform easily without his glasses. Note that this may have been the only one of these in the world at the time. The sport developed from the St. Regis balloon--the ad said they developed the burner.

The only discrepancies seem to be the size reported (Zamora thought it was a car at first), and the speed of disappearance. We know how hard it is to determine the size, speed, or distance to an unfamiliar object without knowing at least one of them accurately. I have seen our local balloon go from hovering to disappearing in the distance in under five minutes by rising into moving air. Add to that the loss of Zamora's glasses and the balloon could easily have been lost to sight quickly".

Quit significant claims for the Zamora case and having read Ray Stanford's 'Socorro Saucer' earlier this year, I didn't see anything in the evidence which argued against the hot air balloon suggestion and plenty that supported it.

In a summary of his investigations, Robinson notes:

"1) 1963-1964: I saw an advertisement in a magazine showing a balloon belonging to, or sponsored by, the International Paper Corporation. The logo is a circle containing an arrow, made of the letters I and P, pointing up. They were going to go on a cross country exploration with it".

and also makes another striking claim:

"2) 1965-Feb 1967: I saw an article or ad showing the results of a multi-state series of hot-air balloon flights. A map was included, showing the landing points of the balloon and some amusing anecdotes of things that happened to the balloonists. One of these was an encounter with a lawman who they thought was going to shoot it out with them. The balloon freaked him out. The article said, "We later found out that he thought he was seeing a space ship." IF ANYONE CAN POINT ME TO THIS ARTICLE, IT MIGHT COMPLETE THE PROOF".

The (current) 'International Paper' logo is indeed practically identical to Zamora's sketched 'insignia' and a copy can be seen on their web site at:

[www.internationalpaper.com](http://www.internationalpaper.com)

Although Robinson says that 'International Paper' never answered his e-mail - so far as I know, this all dates from 1996 - they have responded to my enquiries (some months ago now) and I'll say more about that in due course.

I did locate an article in the National Geographic magazine, entitled, 'Hot Air Balloons Ride on Silent Winds', published in the March 1966 issue.

Although this isn't the article Robinson recollects, it has provided important clues and I currently have some follow up enquiries awaiting replies.

So far, many of the points Robinson makes have been verified by archive material I've found. Some of these are significant facts and were not at all easy to find information about.

As such, no reason to question the sincerity of Robinson's recollections and if he's correct, it odds-on that's the explanation.

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The close proximity to White Sands has always struck me as the most significant detail of this incident and as I recall, Blue Book dismissed the balloon idea and privately concluded that it might have been a prototype vehicle for NASA's Surveyor Moon landing project which had gone astray during a test flight on the range.

Surveyor landing trials were certainly taking place at White Sands on the same day as the Socorro incident, but this explanation can easily be dismissed on technical grounds.

Okay, so balloons manufactured by the St. Regis Paper Company carry a company logo that has a red arrow and circle on it, but I find it odd that Zamora might be expected to note this detail, while apparently not being able to tell he was looking at a hot air balloon.

Douglas Aviation also used a company logo which was not totally dissimilar to one described and during the 1960s, they produced many studies of re-usable rocket vehicles for NASA/USAF.

These Douglas concepts were more advanced than anything else being considered at that time and NASA believed they might lead to an SSTO (single stage to orbit) spacecraft using advanced aerospike engine.

But the work quietly faded away, only to be resurrected relatively recently as McDonnell Douglas DC-XA VTOL rocket demonstrator. (Which was destroyed during a test flight!)

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Bill Rose

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Bill, it's an interesting point and lord knows I often suspected the same type of thing, but there are two issues that are hard to reconcile with this approach. First, if it were a rocket-powered vehicle, its weight could be estimated within a reasonable range based on the ground prints. This would give a ballpark engine thrust range for the observed departure speeds. If you think about the effects on the ground, there doesn't seem to be anything like the blast footprint that engines of that level of thrust would produce. Didn't the DCX operate off a special pad for this reason? I think that the Zamora object would have produced a tremendous mushroom cloud of dust and debris that would dwarf helicopter rotor downwash effects and would have been visible for a considerable distance, and would have continued as the object flew off. Imagine what the DCX would do if flying "nap of the earth" over open terrain. Not very inconspicuous...

Although it does seem rocketlike in some respects, it's almost as though it was weightless, which is a point in favor of James' theory.

Second, say it was a "black" test vehicle that somehow came down off-range. Would the crewmen really have jumped back in their ailing craft and blasted off in the opposite direction to the range when they saw a car approaching? If they were in distress, wouldn't they have welcomed an approaching officer who could call for assistance, help secure the area and potentially prevent intruders from coming too close?

- J Carpenter

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To Joel and the list:

I'm not sure that I agree with your second objection to the theory that a "black" test vehicle came down off-range. Had the crew fixed a minor problem, there'd be no reason to stick around. Coming down off-range would most likely pose a problem for the crew, as well as their superiors. Leaving would've avoided this problem. Of course, this assumes that Zamora saw such a vehicle, and we have no evidence to support this.

Regards, Herb Taylor

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I ALSO can see MANY problems with the "Socorro UFO was a rocket-based device" theory;

1: Endurance; would it have been POSSIBLE to build a rocket-powered craft with sufficient fuel to fly some distance, land and then take off again (to fly back to it's "hanger" (or whatever). In regards to the Socorro "UFO", we seem to be talking about an object the size (and weight) of a car, moving under Earth's gravity, with no wings/fins to generate any extra lift/stability and - given that it WAS an early experimental rocket-powered device - built in the early 1960's!!! Remember, too, that IF this craft was a "rocket", it would HAVE to have been a "Vertol" device (ie an aircraft kept airborne totally by it's own thrust, without NO generated lift from any wing surfaces). This would add - dramatically - to the craft's fuel consumption rate.

Rocket powered aircraft are very fast, but very fuel-hungry, with fuel/flight durations often measured only in minutes (ie the WW2 Me-163 had a powered flight duration of 10 minutes (and a very bad safety record to boot). Many Rocket aircraft had to be designed as gliders, as all of their fuel was used during flight. Hence, the pilots had to land "deadstick" (ie glide down, like the space shuttle has to even in the 1990's). Of course, ICBM's and rockets (unfortunately!) have much longer ranges, but only because 90%+ of their mass is rocket fuel; i.e the V2 rocket = Take-Off mass 12,900 kgs, Payload mass 1000 kg! (Range 320 Kms).

2: Power/weight factor. If the Socorro "UFO" was a rocket-powered flying machine, it would have to be powered by a sufficiently powerful - and elaborate - rocket engine to give it lift and, by all description, a quite flexible (vertol?) flight capability. This device, in addition to the fuel, engine and body-mass would also have to lift the weight of two men. Note also that TWO "men" were seen

If it \*was\* an experimental rocket-system, why not aim to initially lift the mass (and carry the volume) of only ONE man, which would have been MUCH easier!). A two-man vehicle would equate to quite a heavy craft, having to carry quite a heavy payload (and hence much less fuel) in regards to most other rocket-powered devices.

- Little wonder, then, they were described as being "small men or large kids"; they would have needed to be!

And yet, the physical evidence for the Socorro was that - whatever it was - it didn't generate all THAT much thrust; the upward take-off force for the "object" only very lightly - in rocket terms, anyhow - toasting a

greasebush. Surely, an rocket-powered device would badly toast the ground about it and create notable down-blast traces?

3: The "Rocket" that could (seemingly) fly - without any thrust!

Appart from the other problems listed above, it has to be explained - if it WAS a rocket - HOW the "UFO" was seen by Zamora to be airborne WITHOUT a flame or "roar", a factor that was noticed several times during the sighting!

...."It had no flame whatsoever as it was travelling over the ground and made no smoke or noise....".

Lonnie Zamora (HYNEK UFO Report p 228. Sphere 1981).

That was SOME rocket! Rocket propulsion that doesn't require any thrust.

Truely amazing; an't science grand!.....

Now, in regards to the balloon theory.....

In regards to Zamora's testimony, he DID , at one point in his statement, compare the "UFO" to a "balloon".

....."He asked, "What it is?" I [Zamora] answered , "It looks like a balloon....."

THE HYNEK UFO REPORT ( pg 228).

In regards to his closeness to the UFO and the clarity of his observation.... Although it seems he got several (fairly) good looks at the "UFO" when he initaly approached it, they were from some distance initially (an estimated 150-200 yards; it seems the closest he came to it was 75-100 ft or so). Not only that, when he WAS fairly close to it. he heard a "roar" from the UFO, and ran away from it, hitting his leg on the fender of his policecar and fell over, knocking his glasses off. After doing this, he then got up and continued running (fearing that the object was going to explode) - "glanc(ing) back" a couple of times at it while doing so.

Yes, he was able to see "two figures" associated with the "UFO", at one point, but not clearly enough to make out their features.

So, the clarity of Zamora's view of the "UFO" is - based on his own testimony alone - a little questionable. But it doesn't make him a fool, or a bad witness, only someone who saw something at a distance, tried to approach and then quickly removed himself from the site of something he feared was going to explode.

So what could have Zamora have seen? I feel there are three options:

1: A highly advanced wingless vertol aircraft, running on conventional

aviation gas, using experimental turbofan/turbojet engines (a system which probably has a better "endurance" than a rocket-based system). The "flame" could have been the device in "afterburner" mode - they were, after all, seen during take-off (the "UFO" was also most noisier at this phase in the sighting, as well). Maybe once it was airborne it then flew off (in a quieter "turbofan" mode).

However, such a device would require quite a highly developed vertol technology to construct, even today.

2: The device WAS a balloon. The sighting IS consistent with this idea. A flame was seen on take-off (along with a roar), then the UFO (balloon?) floated up into the air (ie the "gasbag" being heated by a burner?). Being an aerostatic body it would be capable of flight without requiring thrust; hence NO flame and NO roar when it was airborne. Furthermore, most balloons carry about two people (and can do so quite easily). The "UFO" itself was even compared to a "balloon" by the witness himself.....

Lastly, the striking similarity the Socorro "UFO" insignia shares with the International Paper logo (even down to it having a red colour!) is uncanny, to say the very least. For those interested in seeing this, I have a Jpeg showing both logo's (ie the "UFO" and the International Paper one ) side-by-side; just email me and I'll be pleased to send it on).

However, some will find it difficult to accept that the Zamora "UFO" could have been as something as proasic as a balloon!

3: The UFO was an extra-terrestrial craft. It was a "contragravity" device, able to become virtually massless in flight and hence only require a small degree of thrust to "lift" it (ie an advanced form of "rocket" motor?). Hence, it generated no destructive backblast effects with it's propulsion system on take-off. Once airborne it was able to "coast" on it's previously generated thrust (remember, we are talking about a hypothetical , very highly advanced device able to "screen" itself from our planet's gravity), and hence didn't need to generate any further thrust, for a while, at least. Hence the noise and flame stopped as it "sailed" away!!

- Or another form of ultratech exotic propulsion that doesn't generate dangerous levels of heat and backblast effects (ie devices akin to the "gravitational thrusters" featured in Larry Niven's "known space" Si-Fi works?).

Obviously, this last theory is highly controversial and would be rejected by many due to lack of proof for "alien" UFOs, the lack of evidence for any advanced extra-solar culture(s), and the lack of any scientific research that supports the possibility that such exotic propulsion systems could be developed outside the pages of a science fiction book!

Robert Moore.

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Even if it could be proven that a hot-air balloon was  
responsible, I don't believe it detracts from Zamora's ability as  
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I would suggest that perhaps the reverse applies - Zamora was an  
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seeing a hot-air balloon, if that's what he encountered.

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The important point to keep in mind is of course that manned hot-  
air balloons, as opposed to other balloons, were rare in 1964.  
Relatively few people in the US - maybe only a couple of hundred  
- had ever seen one first-hand.

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>carefully before his prescription glasses dropped off and he ran  
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It seems from his statement that Zamora had little time to study  
the object, i.e.:

"At this time heard a roar and saw a flame in the sky to southwest some distance away--possibly a 1/2 mile or a mile. Came to mind that a dynamite shack in that area had blown up, decided to leave chased car go.

Flame was bluish and sort of orange too. Could not tell size of flame. Sort of motionless flame, slowly descending. Was still driving car and could not pay too much attention to the flame. It was a narrow type of flame. It was like a "stream down"--a funnel type--narrower at top than at bottom. Flame possibly 3 degrees or so in width--not wide.

Flame about twice as wide at bottom as top, and about four times as high as top was wide. Did not notice any object at top, did not note if top of flame was level. Sun was to west and did not help vision. Had green sun glasses over prescription glasses. Could not see bottom of flame because it was behind the hill. no smoke noted. Noted some "commotion" at bottom--dust? Possibly from windy day--wind was blowing hard. Clear sunny sky otherwise--just a few clouds scattered over area.

Noise was a roar, not a blast. Not like a jet. Changed from high frequency to low frequency and then stopped. Roar lasted possibly 10 seconds--was going toward it at that time on the rough gravel road. Saw flame about as long as heard the sound. Flame same color as best as recall. Sound distinctly from high to low until it disappeared. Windows both were down. No other spectators noted--no traffic except the car in front--and car in front might have heard it but possibly did not see it because car in front was too close to hill in front, to see the flame.

After the roar and flame, did not note anything, while going up the somewhat steep rough hill--had to back up and try again, two more times. Got up about halfway first time, wheels started skidding, roar still going on, had to back down and try twice and rock. While beginning third time, noise and flame not noted.

After got to top, traveled slowly on the gravel road westwardly. Noted nothing for awhile. . .for possibly 10 or 15 seconds, went slow, looking around for the shack--did not recall exactly where the dynamite shack was.

Suddenly noted a shiny type object to south about 150 to 200 yards. It was off the road. At first glance, stopped. It looked, at first, like a car turned upside down. Thought some kids might have turned over. Saw two people in white coveralls very close to the object. One of these persons seemed to turn and look straight at my car and seemed startled--seemed to jump quickly somewhat.

At this time I started moving my car towards them quickly, with

idea to help. Had stopped about only a couple seconds. Object was like aluminum-it was whitish against the mesa background, but not chrome. Seemed like O in shape and I at first glance took it to be overturned white car. Car appeared to be up on radiator or on trunk, this first glance.

The only time I saw these two persons was when I had stopped, for possibly two seconds or so, to glance at the object. I don't recall noting any particular shape or possibly any hats, or headgear. These persons appeared normal in shape--but possibly they were small adults or large kids.

Then paid attention to road while drove towards scene. Radioed to sheriff's office "Socorro 2 to Socorro, possible 10-44 (accident), I'll be 10-6 (busy) out of the car, checking the car down in the arroyo."

Stopped car, was still talking on radio, started to get out, mike fell down, reached back to put up mike, then replaced radio mike in slot, got out of car and started to go down to where I knew the object (car) was.

Hardly turned around from car, when heard roar (was not exactly a blast), very loud roar--at that close was real loud. Not like a jet-knows what jets sound like. Started low frequency quickly, then roar rose in frequency (higher tone) and in loudness--from loud to very loud. At same time as roar saw flame. Flame was under the object. Object was starting to go straight up--slowly up. Object slowly rose straight up. Flame was light blue and at bottom was sort of orange color

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Bill Rose

Bill-

It does seem that the object (assuming it wasn't a balloon) could have been built within the state of the art as of 1964, but the behavior is just too hard to take. Pilots of experimental aircraft just don't land and start "wrenching" on them when things go wrong. Realistically, how much could they do on their own? If they had engine or guidance problems the first priority would be to land safely -- and if the problems were serious enough to warrant that, they hardly would have jumped back in and flown away...

The closest thing around was the LLRV, and its characteristics are well known.

[http://trc.dfrc.nasa.gov/gallery/graphics/LLRV/Medium/LLRV\\_3view.gif](http://trc.dfrc.nasa.gov/gallery/graphics/LLRV/Medium/LLRV_3view.gif)

But I facetiously pointed out elsewhere that the object looked amazingly like the Soviet lunar lander, the LK

<http://www.interaxs.net/pub/spacey/SOVPHOT2.HTM>

Here's the "white-suited occupant" descending the ladder

<http://www.interaxs.net/pub/spacey/lkrare3.htm>

So I guess the insignia Zamora saw was the Hammer and Sickle... :)

- J Carpenter

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From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>  
Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold's 'flying discs'

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I agree with what Dr. Randle has written except:

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This is what the Air Force file says except that a word was blacked out and east hand written above that.

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I made a copy of the microfilm record of Arnold's letter to the Air Force way back in the middle 70's.

(National Archives, Blue Book file microfilm)/. In my copy there is no word blocked out; "east" is east (typed in the original). There is no handwritten word.

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Subject: Re: "Times" article on the MUFON Symposium

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Hello Steve!

At 12.47 09/08/99 -0400, you wrote:

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Sorry if it was not that...

Date: Tue, 13 Jul 1999 09:37:09 -0400  
From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>  
Subject: UFO UpDate: LA Times: 'MUFONeers' In Washington

Date: Sat, 10 Jul 1999 06:09:29 From: Stig Agermose <stig.agermose@get2net.dk>  
Subject: LA Times: MUFONeers In Washington

[List only]

Source: The Los Angeles Times,

<http://www.latimes.com:80/excite/990709/t000061238.html>

Stig

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Friday, July 9, 1999

Something (Probably) Is Out There

Space: Most everybody thinks they're wacky, but next millennium  
might prove the prescience of the MUFONeers.

By JAMES P. PINKERTON

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At the end of a century, at the dawn of a millennium, American

presidential politics has boiled down to a choice between Republican middle-of-the-roadism and Democratic split-the-difference-ism--a battle between the bland and the blanded. Yet just 30 years ago this month, on July 20, 1969, Americans did something truly bold: They put men on the moon.

Then the U.S. stepped back from greatness; the space program was mothballed, an innocent victim, perhaps, of the Vietnam War. In the minds of many, the Right Stuff rocket jocks were too close to Phantom-flying baby-napalmers. The first Earth Day, in 1970, signaled an anti-technology backlash; meanwhile, counterculturalist historians were redefining discoverers and explorers as despoilers and exploiters. And short-termist politicians expanded domestic spending programs that crowded out funding for space. Even now, with the deficit days over, Washington is transfixed by such weighty questions as whether Medicare should pay for Viagra. Manifest Destiny will just have to wait.

But if NASA isn't doing much, there's MUFON. That's the Mutual UFO Network, based in Seguin, Texas; some 700 "X-Files" types gathered in Washington last weekend for their annual convention. MUFON is an outsider vigilante space organization; if Uncle Sam won't own up to looking outward and upward, then it will. And while one can easily make fun of flying saucer followers, and while all of them are likely misguided in their particulars, they're probably right in general: Something is out there. And whether it becomes known to us in the next year or the next thousand years, all those who watched and waited by the sky horizon will have earned their vindication.

Unfortunately, most MUFONeers are to serious space research what astrology is to astronomy. Typical is Budd Hopkins, a New Yorker who has been writing about alien abductions for a quarter-century. In a speech to a rapt audience, he recounted the tale of a man who claimed he had been kidnapped and physically probed by space aliens in 1961. Of course, there is no physical evidence to support his story; his account emerged when he was under hypnosis. But to UFO true believers, the more incredible the claim, the more credible it is. As Hopkins said, even survivors of the Holocaust have a hard time believing it happened to them, even though it did. So, by that sleight-of-logic, Hopkins argued, if it's hard to believe in alien abduction, then it's easier, maybe, to believe it actually happened.

Philip Klass, a veteran writer for *Aviation Week & Space Technology* magazine, also attended the conference. He has studied UFOs for three decades, written four debunking books and publishes a skeptical newsletter. He has seen zero evidence, he



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Subject: Re: "Times" article on the MUFON Symposium  
References: <3.0.2.32.19990809124703.00a33260@pop.digiweb.com>

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[massive snip for brevity]

Thanks for the response. With information that was forwarded directly to me I was able to locate the Washington Times article, which I believe I posted to this list several days after my initial request. James had indicated that he didn't recall seeing the article and I thought it was relevant given the discussion that had taken place on this list surrounding Jenny Randle's talk.

The Washington Times article seemed to concentrate on the alien abduction end of UFO research, and it was one of the speakers who had expressed an interest in a copy of it.

Unfortunately, all of the coverage the MUFON Symposium received failed to cover the broad spectrum of information presented. Anyone who bases their perception of the Symposium on the coverage as presented would come away with a narrow view of actually transpired.

Steve

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James & List,

I find it highly ironic that UFOlogists who have never before regarded Project Blue Book's investigations as competent and thorough are now reciting Blue Book's investigation of the Socorro case as if it was. There is no indication that Blue Book ever even thought of a manned hot-air balloon as a possible explanation for the case so Blue Book could not possibly have investigated an explanation it didn't know about it -- it had trouble enough investigating matters it did know about!!

If manned hot-air balloons were a relative rarity in April 1964 it makes it all the less likely that Zamora, Blue Book, Hynek, White Sands Missile Range, APRO, et al., would ever have thought of it, much less investigated it and if they had it would be in their investigative reports. That should be a straightforward matter to check their reports for mentions of manned hot-air balloons.

**TIME DURATION:** I haven't found any reports of a TIMED reenactment and the most quantitative data comes from Zamora's original raw police report which mentions just seconds of observation interspersed with periods of distracted driving, walking, running -- there seems to be even LESS quantitative time data in subsequent investigations. In Jerry Clark's revised UFO Encyclopedia (vol. 2, p. 861b) I find excerpts from Hynek's memo of May 20, 1964, mentioning that he and Zamora (and Chavez) "reenacted it at the spot." But there is no mention of a TIMED reenactment in what is quoted, and there is no quantitative time data from such a reenactment. Maybe such data are unpublished still if the timings were ever actually done at all.

Zamora's original police report suddenly drops out on quantitative time data at the very end when he states "The object seemed to lift up SLOWLY, and to 'get small' in the distance VERY FAST. It seemed to JUST CLEAR Box Canyon or Six Mile Canyon mountain. It disappeared at it went over the mountains. It had no flame whatsoever as it was travelling over the ground..." (my emphasis). It would be very important to get a quantitative time estimate for this "very fast" receding to the distance and a quantitative angular size change as to how "small" it got. But note that Zamora DID NOT say it DISAPPEARED that way only that it "got small." He kept saying it was "travelling" low "over the ground," that it just "cleared" the dynamite shack by three feet, it only "just clear[ed]" the canyons or "mountains" (how far away, how high?) This sounds like a balloon with lift problems.

**WIND DIRECTION:** This seems like such an important refutation of the hot-air balloon theory. Yet where is the documentation for it? Who reported that the wind was from the SSW and at WHAT TIME? A weather station several miles

away in Socorro at the local airport? Or from many miles away at White Sands? Wind directions are notorious for varying over very short distances and very small changes in height, and they CHANGE WITH TIME -- a report from the morning would not be valid for the evening, for instance, and winds often change at sundown due to the drop in solar heating. Surface wind is not necessarily the same as the winds aloft. The SSW direction sounds suspiciously like it may have come from Zamora himself instead of a professional weather observer since it was the approximate direction of the UFO and he said there was wind from that direction. What if Zamora was wrong about the wind direction? What WAS the direction of "Box Canyon" and "Six Mile Canyon mountain" that Zamora mentioned the object just cleared? What if there was a channeling or wind tunnel effect in the arroyos that sent wind in his direction at his location but channeled it in another direction for the object?

We need the surface weather and winds aloft reports from ALL the weather stations in that region of New Mexico for the afternoon and evening of April 24, 1964. If there was one consistent wind direction everywhere and aloft, then we might have some confidence in it as applying to the site of Zamora's encounter, though that would still leave the possibility of a local wind-tunnel effect with channeling along the gullies.

LANDING MARKS: Speaking of Hynek's report, he states that from his firsthand observations on April 29, 1964 -- contrary to various sources such as Ray Stanford who claimed the landing prints were "impressions" caused by "great weight" -- that in fact they were "4 rectangular SCRAPINGS as if a rectangular object had SCRAPED along DIGGING into the ground.... The GOUGING was done away from the center in every case."

A very sharp photo of one of the Socorro "pad prints" appears in The UFO Encyclopedia, p. 859, which shows the heavy rocks Army Capt. Holder placed around it to protect it. The print shows several small rocks protruding IN SITU from the crater as if they belonged there but now are exposed -- so they could not simply have been accidentally kicked in by investigators from the surrounding soil outside of the landing print.. These small rocks have obviously NOT been pressed down into the bowl shape of the crater by any "great weight." A "great weight" would have pushed the small rocks down into the soil so that their tops would have been flush or almost flush with the contour of the crater, and they most likely would have been crushed or broken -- but they are not pushed down or broken. The imprints look like they have been dug or gouged out exactly as Hynek said, NOT pressed down by a massive object.

"BALLOONISTS" REACTIONS: The Larry Robinson story is that he saw an ad for manned hot-air ballooning that mentioned a landing incident with a "lawman" whom the crew thought was going to "shoot it out" with them thinking the balloon was a "space ship." Zamora did say that one of the two white-cloaked figures noticed him approaching and seemed startled. Some have pooh-poohed this saying that balloonists in trouble would have approached a law

enforcement officer seeking help, and that that is the only possible response. But even besides the "shoot out" fear there are several other possibilities, not all mutually exclusive either: The balloonists may have feared arrest for trespass and endangering the public with the balloon and its fire hazard -- especially if they did in fact set a fire (smoldering bushes were found by the initial officers on the scene). The balloonists might have had a problem with the balloon such that they could not leave it untended even for one second to go approach the officer for help and when the problem was rectified at least partially that they could not stop what they were doing but had to proceed with their ascent or risk losing control of the balloon. Some might object that the balloonists could have waved at Zamora without leaving the balloon, but Zamora said he only saw the "figures" for about "two seconds" as he drove towards them but lost sight of them as his car dipped down into the gully.

Obviously we need a lot more data on this case. Once again, as with other classic UFO cases such as the Kenneth Arnold sighting, the public record does not have all of the important investigative data collected together in one easily accessible place, or the data are missing or were never collected in the first place. THOUSANDS of UFO books have been published over the past half century, yet not one book that collects all of the available documentation on the Arnold case, not one that documents everything available on the Socorro case (Ray Stanford's book certainly doesn't qualify), etc. Yet many books are published with complete reprints of the fraudulent MJ-12 documents -- many times over. What a shame.

Brad Sparks

In a message dated 8/15/99 6:25:09 PM, you wrote:

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Regarding:

>Date: Sun, 15 Aug 1999 19:48:15 +0100  
>From: Bill Rose <[bill.rose@virgin.net](mailto:bill.rose@virgin.net)>  
>Subject: Socorro Incident  
>To: [uforl@listbot.com](mailto:uforl@listbot.com)

Bill wrote:

>I'm always in favour of looking at rational explanations for UFO  
>incidents. However, if you want to pursue the balloon idea as an  
>answer to the Socorro Incident, I believe you must accept that  
>Sgt Zamora is either an exceptionally poor witness or he decided  
>to alter specific parts of his story.

Bill,

Even if it could be proven that a hot-air balloon was responsible, I don't believe it detracts from Zamora's ability as a witness.

I would suggest that perhaps the reverse applies - Zamora was an excellent observer and much of his testimony is consistent with seeing a hot-air balloon, if that's what he encountered.

>I regularly see all manner of hot air balloons in my part of the  
>world and I cannot imagine any observer would be so mistaken,  
>even at twilight.

The important point to keep in mind is of course that manned hot-air balloons, as opposed to other balloons, were rare in 1964. Relatively few people in the US - maybe only a couple of hundred - had ever seen one first-hand.

>Its also my understanding that Zamora had studied the object  
>carefully before his prescription glasses dropped off and he ran  
>for cover.

It seems from his statement that Zamora had little time to study the object, i.e.:

"At this time heard a roar and saw a flame in the sky to southwest some distance away--possibly a 1/2 mile or a mile. Came to mind that a dynamite shack in that area had blown up, decided to leave chased car go.

Flame was bluish and sort of orange too. Could not tell size of flame. Sort of motionless flame, slowly descending. Was still driving car and could not pay too much attention to the flame. It was a narrow type of flame. It was like a "stream down"--a funnel type--narrower at top than at bottom. Flame possibly 3 degrees or so in width--not wide.

Flame about twice as wide at bottom as top, and about four times as high as top was wide. Did not notice any object at top, did not note if top of flame was level. Sun was to west and did not help vision. Had green sun glasses over prescription glasses. Could not see bottom of flame because it was behind the hill. no smoke noted. Noted some "commotion" at bottom--dust? Possibly from windy day--wind was blowing hard. Clear sunny sky otherwise--just a few clouds scattered over area.

Noise was a roar, not a blast. Not like a jet. Changed from high frequency to low frequency and then stopped. Roar lasted possibly 10 seconds--was going toward it at that time on the rough gravel

road. Saw flame about as long as heard the sound. Flame same color as best as recall. Sound distinctly from high to low until it disappeared. Windows both were down. No other spectators noted--no traffic except the car in front--and car in front might have heard it but possibly did not see it because car in front was too close to hill in front, to see the flame.

After the roar and flame, did not note anything, while going up the somewhat steep rough hill--had to back up and try again, two more times. Got up about halfway first time, wheels started skidding, roar still going on, had to back down and try twice and rock. While beginning third time, noise and flame not noted.

After got to top, traveled slowly on the gravel road westwardly. Noted nothing for awhile. . .for possibly 10 or 15 seconds, went slow, looking around for the shack--did not recall exactly where the dynamite shack was.

Suddenly noted a shiny type object to south about 150 to 200 yards. It was off the road. At first glance, stopped. It looked, at first, like a car turned upside down. Thought some kids might have turned over. Saw two people in white coveralls very close to the object. One of these persons seemed to turn and look straight at my car and seemed startled--seemed to jump quickly somewhat.

At this time I started moving my car towards them quickly, with idea to help. Had stopped about only a couple seconds. Object was like aluminum--it was whitish against the mesa background, but not chrome. Seemed like O in shape and I at first glance took it to be overturned white car. Car appeared to be up on radiator or on trunk, this first glance.

The only time I saw these two persons was when I had stopped, for possibly two seconds or so, to glance at the object. I don't recall noting any particular shape or possibly any hats, or headgear. These persons appeared normal in shape--but possibly they were small adults or large kids.

Then paid attention to road while drove towards scene. Radioed to sheriff's office "Socorro 2 to Socorro, possible 10-44 (accident), I'll be 10-6 (busy) out of the car, checking the car down in the arroyo."

Stopped car, was still talking on radio, started to get out, mike fell down, reached back to put up mike, then replaced radio mike in slot, got out of car and started to go down to where I knew the object (car) was.

Hardly turned around from car, when heard roar (was not exactly a blast), very loud roar--at that close was real loud. Not like a

jet-knows what jets sound like. Started low frequency quickly, then roar rose in frequency (higher tone) and in loudness--from loud to very loud. At same time as roar saw flame. Flame was under the object. Object was starting to go straight up--slowly up. Object slowly rose straight up. Flame was light blue and at bottom was sort of orange color

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One thing has always bothered me about the balloon theory.  
So far as I know, all balloons have a "basket" underneath where the  
people ride. If Zamorra was able to see the object well enough to see  
the drawing on the side, couldn't he have seen some structure under the  
balloon itself holding the "creatures"? And doesn't this lift off the  
ground  
AFTER the balloon itself has ascended some distance?

And doesn't the hot air blower reside below the balloon?

Larry Robinson's arguement, if I recall, was that this was a new type of  
balloon.  
How different from the old type?

Don't forget that Hector Quintanilla, of all people (Project Blue Book)  
wrote an article for the Studies in Intelligence in 1966(?) in which he  
essentially endorsed Zamorra's sighting after the most detailed  
investigation ever carried out by Blue Book.

Studies in Intelligence was/is a CIA publication.

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Regarding the flame:

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Seems to me that the burner which supplies heat to the balloon blasts upward: would expect the flame to originate below the opening of the balloon and head upward into the balloon.

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Subject: SocorroMessage-id:  
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This is from the National Security Archive website. Please note the fourth paragraph. The "sources and methods" issue as always is the probable driver for any residual secrecy surrounding Socorro, if it involved a secret balloon. If you read the complete document referred to by the link below, you can see the Agency's Oct 1962 obsession with providing plausible deniability for a propaganda balloon operation against Cuba. There were to be only two people, it says, who were "witting" as to the US Government's sponsorship of the operation -- the Cuban asset and the CIA officer funding the project. This document was considered more sensitive in 1993 than even Kennedy-Khrushchev communications from the Missile Crisis period. Was it because of the description of the process of creating a front for an operation, or because of the discussion of the use of balloons for propaganda purposes?

Also, the issue of the Agency's "extensive tests" during the 1950s concerning balloon/aircraft attacks has a direct bearing on many UFO cases which were apparently balloons (Mantell, Gorman, etc.) This documentation should be obtained if it's still available. It's rare data.

- J Carpenter

"27 August 1993

Echoing Earl Long's famous taunt to arch-segregationist Leander Perez ("Whatcha gonna do now, Leander? The feds got the H-bomb!"), book reviewers have challenged thriller-writers ("Whatcha gonna do now, le Carre?") with the end of the Cold War. John le Carre of course simply retired Smiley to the British equivalent of the Declassification Branch and rang for The Night Manager. But judging by some of the truth-is-stranger-than-fiction items which have emerged in recent months from archives on all sides of the Cold War, spy novelists won't have to come in from the cold for lack of material.

August's Document of the Month, for example, reads like a movie treatment: "High Winds Over Havana," featuring Ricardo Montalban as The Sponsor (p. 1) and Arnold Schwarzenegger as the brave Balloon Technician. See Arnold battle tropical depression and protect Cuban schoolchildren from being thumped on the head with four-pound propaganda drops (p. 8).

A casual reader might think this memo is completely serious, but it contains several dead giveaways which illustrate the dry wit and sense of delicious irony with which the CIA approached its Operation Mongoose mission to undermine Fidel Castro. For example, the balloon drops were not only to

include written propaganda, but also "novelty items such as 'gusano libre' pins, toy balloons... decals, stickers, etc." (p. 6). Also, on the issue of risk to aviation, the memo notes that "during the extensive tests conducted by CIA during the 1950's, it proved to be impossible to fly a propeller-driven aircraft into an unmoored balloon" (p. 8). (Imagine Tom Cruise as "Top Pop.")

Only in the final round of settlement negotiations this summer, which brought our Freedom of Information Act lawsuit for Cuban Missile Crisis-related documents to a successful conclusion, did the State Department release this document. Why was this the very last document produced, the most secret of all 3,500, more sensitive even than the Kennedy-Khrushchev letters? Because, said State in 1992, "Disclosure of this document could vitiate the potential usefulness of this and similar proposals in the future," and "intelligence sources and methods" must be protected under the National Security Act of 1947.

This legal limitation suggests that the review of the secrecy system ordered this year by President Clinton will not succeed in reducing secrecy and cutting costs just by executive order; some legal relics of the Cold War also need to move from the U.S. Code to the realm of novels and screenplays. Enjoy your reading. "

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Bertrand Meheust (acute accent on first "e" in Meheust), generally considered as a skeptic, is going to publish a book about the Belgium events, which according to him happened from 1989 to 1992 (in my opinion, it was rather from November 1989 to surely mid-1990, and possibly mid-1991). Apparently, his conclusions are that these things in the sky looked like real UFOs (i.e., in case you forgot it, Unidentified Flying \*Objects\*), which were neither "black" military aircraft, nor pranksters' blimps. He says that these events are still unexplained, and that the socio-psychological explanation has big weaknesses in that case. I should not presume before reading the book, but from what he writes in the advertizing letter I got, it seems that he does not exclude the ET hypothesis...

Jean-Pierre Pharabod

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BRAD, from your post--

"WIND DIRECTION: This seems like such an important refutation of the hot-air balloon theory. Yet where is the documentation for it? Who reported that the wind was from the SSW and at WHAT TIME? A weather station several miles away in Socorro at the local airport?..."

The Zamora site was just off the end of the Socorro airport runway, so weather observation data taken at the airport would have significant direct relevance. However, I do agree we need as complete wind data as possible.

As for bearings to Box Canyon Mt., etc., all those are consistent with a SSW departure path.

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Date: Tue, 17 Aug 1999 18:38:14 -0400  
From: engima9 <ENGIMA9@compuserve.com>  
Subject: Socorro: 'Insignia' and other matters

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Hi everyone,

In regards to the Socorro case - here's a posting, dealing with the Socorro balloon theory (in reply to Mark Cashman and others), which I posted to "updates" tonight.

- for those who didn't see it!

It deals with many of the topics mentioned in the "winds of Socorro" emails (something I would like clarified, too).

Comments? Clarifications??

Robert Moore.  
IUN.

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From: engima9,  
Date: 17/08/99 19:43

RE: UFO UpDate: Re: Socorro: The Zamora 'Insignia'

Message text written by UFO UpDates - Toronto  
>man <mcashman@ix.netcom.com>  
Date: Mon, 16 Aug 1999 12:31:20 -0400  
>Date: Sun, 15 Aug 1999 15:28:27 -0400  
>From: Robert Moore <ENGIMA9@compuserve.com>  
>Subject: Socorro: The Zamora 'Insignia'  
>To: UFO Updates <updates@globalserve.net>

Firstly, I would like to thank Mark Cashman for his detailed rebuttal of the Socorro "Balloon solution", to which I reply as follows.

>The balloon as an explanation of the Socorro is easily  
>refuted by the following facts from the case report  
>- the content of which Mr. Robinson, Mr. Easton, and  
>yourself seem surprisingly unaware of:

Not so - read on!

>1) The object was first heard in the middle of a high-speed  
>chase from a distance of about 0.75 mile. The sound was a  
>roar with volume comparable to a jet engine or an explosion.  
>The roar frequency descended from high to low. These are not  
>characteristic of hot air balloon envelope heating systems,  
>which at most emit a sort of "foosh" sound or a relatively soft  
>non-pitched white / pink noise spectrum sound (at sustained full on).

One whole problem with the Socorro case that the report contains several contradictions. There is, for example, the phenomena of the "changing insignia" (detailed by Martin Jeffery in another post - yes, I do know (and wonder) about this. I, too, would LIKE to know \*IF\* (and why) it changed in the way it reportedly did, according to some. There is also the statement re the initial part of the sighting (ie whether a flame WAS seen), which I mention below. In regards to the "roar", some have suggested it may have come from Zamora's police radio (which was \*reportedly\* faulty, according to some commentators).

>2) The object was roughly in the direction of the sun and yet the flame  
>was visible as bluish against the sky and the hills, and in the shape of  
>a cone (point up). This is not characteristic of a hot air balloon  
envelope  
heating system.

But it \*could\* also suggest a burner (ie the flame coming from the burner and then tapering upwards)! I DO note the comments you make regarding this.

But I am (as well) at some loss to understand \*why\* no shape was associated with the "flame". Surely that would cause a problem for the "UFO" possibility, as well (unless it was quite far away when it was \*initially\* seen - hence only the flame was visible). Like when you watch an aircraft contrail from a distance and can only see the contrail, NOT the aircraft making it.....  
But, then again, see below.....

> It is also likely that a heating system flame at such a distance would  
>subtend a very small visual angle and would be much less noticeable  
>than the balloon envelope and the gondola. Yet neither the envelope nor  
>the gondola were observed. This suggests an extreme brightness for the  
>flame, far in excess of typical hot air balloon heating systems. Note that  
hot  
>air balloon flames are typically invisible at the bottom and orange at the  
top  
>(I have photos to prove this for anyone skeptical). Indeed, such flames  
are

>typically invisible with any proximity to the sun (again, I have photos  
>to demonstrate this). Also, there was no translucency  
>noted at any time, which would be expected with a balloon.

- But a later statement by Zamora(?) claimed that he *\*never\** saw any flames  
during the early portion of the sighting (some say he heard simply a noise,  
which attracted him to the "dynamite shack" area because he feared that  
an explosion was going to take place (due to the contents of said shack!))

Date: Tue, 17 Aug 1999 22:02:09 -0400 (EDT)  
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Subject: Re: Socorro IncidentMessage-id: <bc52a96.24eb6e21@aol.com>

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Hi Bruce,

You make some good points (and I've read some further elaborations). The gas burner pointed upward would be apparently inconsistent with the "flame" Zamora sighted -- but what was the exact orientation of his "flame"? The question is whether the fire was started in the course of attempting to repair the burner (could it be taken down?), not during the normal operation of the balloon. Quite obviously IF it was a balloon -- and that's a very BIG IF -- it was in some kind of trouble and landed unexpectedly.

Brad

In a message dated 8/17/99 2:54:10 PM Pacific Daylight Time, brumac@compuserve.com writes:

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Sender: brumac@compuserve.com (bruce maccabee)  
To: UFORL@listbot.com (UFO Research List)  
CC: 72326.3625@compuserve.com (bruce maccabee)

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Subject: Re: Winds at SocorroMessage-id: <1ec16c01.24eb7117@aol.com>

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Hi Joel, Karl & List,

Thanks for the input. But the weather data looks even more confused and uncertain now. The current USGS Geographic Names Information System lists a separate "Socorro Weather Station" that is NOT at the Airport but located downtown. This is 1999 info so I can't tell if that was the arrangement in 1964. If it was, the distance to the Zamora site was greater than the approximately 2 miles to the airport terminal / weather station. Furthermore someone else posted that there supposedly was NO weather station at Socorro in 1964 and that the weather data came from White Sands scores of miles away.

And we still don't have the TIME recorded for the weather observation.

And I'm very disturbed at the discovery that the Socorro Airport runway was just a mile from the Zamora landing site and in approximately the direction of the UFO's departure (to the South to SSW). I had never remembered ever reading this before. I had thought it was a completely isolated and almost deserted area outside of town. It raises all sorts of questions: Why didn't someone at the Socorro Airport see the UFO -- especially when it departed almost directly over the runway -- but even before it landed? Could the object have been part of some military activity using the airport as a staging area?

Brad Sparks

In a message dated 8/17/99 1:51:46 PM Pacific Daylight Time, ufx@mindspring.com writes:

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[Cross-posted from 'UFO UpDates']

I didn't bring up the 'Socorro' incident on the 'public' UpDates list and currently wouldn't have, in view of certain ongoing enquiries.

However, as it's a controversial topic and comments are being made without any appreciation of recent breakthroughs in research (not only my own, I would add), I will respond.

It may be prudent to keep in mind the following, from an article entitled 'Don Piccard - 50 Years of Ballooning Memories', at:

<http://www.balloonlife.com/9707/piccard.htm>

"During his years at Raven, between 1962 and 1964, Piccard devoted his energy to marketing the Vulcoon, one-man thermal balloons. Stressing his lack of security clearance at the time, Piccard says he worked strictly on sport balloons and had no contact with any of Raven's military contracts. Be that as it may, following a 1987 interview in Balloon Life with Don Piccard, where he described his civilian work with Raven, the CIA library in Langley, Virginia, began to subscribe to the magazine".

[...]

"Reflecting back to those days at Raven, Piccard thinks the company's sport balloon division was a cover-up for the military applications of ballooning. 'The sport balloon program, which was not believed in by the Raven Industry management, was strictly getting this crazy guy who liked to fly in balloons and make cover. So, when one of these other balloons went down, it would just look like a sport balloonist'. When the Navy terminated its contract with Raven, the sport balloon program died too. That was in December of 1964".

[End]

Although generally realised that the reconnaissance possibilities offered by hot-air balloons were overtaken by the successful deployment of spy satellites, this is a significant 'cover up' claim by Piccard, one of the central figures in the development of hot-air ballooning.

If the "military applications" program was terminated at the end of 1964, then all work must have taken place before then.

Which means that there were a number of publicly undocumented, hot-air balloon flights prior to December 1964 and these must have taken place somewhere.

It's now known exactly where.

Some 'impossibilities' have been cited in opposition to the suggestion (which was Larry Robinson's, not mine) that Zamora possibly encountered a hot-air balloon.

Recent, unpublished, developments have proven that some 'impossibilities' are not based on a full understanding of the overall situation at that time.

This has nothing to do with Zamora and everything to do with what none of us realised about the work Don Piccard alludes to.

Until some further enquiries are resolved, it's not really possible to say more and whether there might be a connection to the Zamora sighting

The rumoured 'International Paper' balloon may be a misnomer. Larry Robinson's recollections seem to involve elements of different articles he read and which have become jumbled over time.

It still requires some sorting out, however, the probabilities are much clearer now.

As previously highlighted, Robinson claimed:

"1965-Feb 1967: I saw an article or ad showing the results of a multi-state series of hot-air balloon flights. A map was included, showing the landing points of the balloon and some amusing anecdotes of things that happened to the balloonists. One of these was an encounter with a lawman who they thought was going to shoot it out with them. The balloon freaked him out. The article said, "We later found out that he thought he was seeing a space ship." IF ANYONE CAN POINT ME TO THIS ARTICLE, IT MIGHT COMPLETE THE PROOF".

This 'multi-state series' was almost certainly a transcontinental crossing of the U.S. by Tracy Barnes from April to September 1966.

As such, this could not have involved the Zamora case.

These flights were featured in a number of magazines and one source - which hasn't yet been located - is the 'Popular Science', July 1966 issue.

Interestingly, Robinson refers to 'Popular Science' as a magazine he read:

3) Mar 1967: I bought the LOOK special on flying saucers.(2) I first saw the account of the Socorro sighting here. For some reason, the name Socorro NM was very familiar at the time, because I had just seen it on a map. I thought of a map I saw in Popular Science involving a performance run of a car, but Socorro was not on it. I did not see the drawings Zamora made until June 1968, in NICAP's "The UFO Evidence." I immediately thought of the logo I had seen earlier, but I discounted a balloon, because I did not know balloons could be noisy.  
[End]

As the July 1966 'Popular Science' article was written whilst the transcontinental flights were ongoing, it couldn't have featured a map of all the locations visited. It might have shown the intended landing points.

If it did refer to a humorous incident, when a 'local cop thought a hot-air balloon was a space-ship', it could still be a knowledgeable reference to the Zamora incident from 1964.

That article is obviously important to see.

Does anyone have access to a copy?

Its contents and the possible significance of some other matters, can hopefully be clarified before too long.

James.

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[End]

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Jim Winker, former Vice President of Raven Industries has confirmed that circa 1964, a hot-air balloon would conceivably have had "a platform with a sort of railing, rather than a basket".

He now has a copy of Zamora's statement and has been asked if he can reconcile the 'trace evidence' and 'thumps' reported by Zamora.

It could be that in these early flights, as Larry Robinson suggested, "The burner blasts sideways during refilling until the envelope lifts".

James.

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This still is a structure hanging below the balloon (when it is flying)

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>envelope lifts".

Yeah, right. When the balloon is lying on the ground. One tries to keep the flame above the ground level because the bottom of the opening of the balloon is lying on the ground. If the flame reached the ground level it could ignite the balloon.

Also,, try to imagine how long it takes to raise the balloon from a condition when the burner is blowing sideways and the balloon is on the ground to when the balloon is floating above the gondola and the flame is blowing upward.

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Subject: Re: Winds at Socorro

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At 03:51 PM 8/17/1999 EDT, Karl wrote:

[snip]

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>you in a state of shock?" He replied, "No. I was in the state of New  
>Mexico.") -- Cheers, KARL

I would also caution against making too many generalized statements . . . .  
<g>

Let us not forget that English was a second language to Lonnie Zamora, who primarily spoke spanish. A lot was made of his various interviews and how he came across as someone who was (as you put it) a "tad slow on the uptake". However, much of that can probably be attributed to language difficulties, rather than his expertise. You are probably correct in that we need to be careful in taking his statements too literally, but perhaps not entirely for the reason you state. I would also agree that he was not a highly educated person and would have generated his descriptions in terms that he was familiar with.

Since you have looked into this far more than I, as it happens to be near your back yard (so to speak), do you know if there were any interviews in spanish that would have perhaps generated a more clear picture of his experience? As I understand it, Zamora became quite upset with his treatment by the press and others after the incident and eventually left Socorro for a time and really didn't want to discuss the incident further. But I've seen him on more recent programs, so that apparently isn't the case any longer.

I suppose it would also be interesting to have Zamora's reaction to the theory that he had witnessed an early version of the common Hot Air Balloon.

Another question that comes to mind is that of the burning, or smouldering, brush that was left behind. I don't know the specifics of this prototype Hot Air Balloon, but if it is similar to more modern versions, the balloon (or canopy) is inflated while the burner if being operated with the flames (and heat) being directed along the ground and into the opening. As the canopy fills with hot air, the balloon lifts up and the basket (or Gondola) is tilted upright. This action could indeed cause brush to become charred

and burn the ground around the take-off point. However, this would only occur in one direction from the point of take-off, usually downwind. Do the records indicate that the charred or burned brush was only on one side of the depressions in the ground left by the "craft"? If brush on all sides, or at least two opposite sides, became charred, then it would seem to rule out this scenario and we still need to come up with an explanation for the charred brush.

Steve

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NASA is sponsoring a radical new kind of spacecraft propulsion system which uses a solenoid coil to generate a magnetic field around the craft. This reacts with the solar wind to form a sort of virtual solar sail. They say that the spacecraft would be so fast that it could catch up to the Voyagers. Reminiscent of some theories of UFO propulsion.

- J Carpenter

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<http://www.geophys.washington.edu/Space/Movies/m2p2notes.html>

### Mini-Magnetospheric Plasma Propulsion, M2P2

Mini-Magnetospheric Plasma Propulsion seeks to ride the solar wind which is traveling at speeds of 350 to 800 km/s to allow spacecraft to attain unprecedented speeds for spacecraft. To achieve this, it is proposed to inflate a magnetized plasma bubble or balloon or mini-magnetosphere. The spacecraft will use a solenoid coil and plasma injection to produce the The inflation of this balloon can be seen in Movie 1 and as it is inflated more solar wind plasma is being deflected. This balloon will be like no other - extending 15 - 20 km in space.

Another way to look at the system is through the plasma currents that it generates. These currents are embedded in the solar wind and will produce a strong magnetic field that will push the spacecraft solenoid to accelerate it forward.

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Date: Wed, 18 Aug 1999 11:27:40 -0400 (EDT)  
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Subject: Re: Re: Winds at SocorroMessage-id: <ab5ee9e4.24ec2aec@aol.com>

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STEVE & LIST --

>Since you have looked into this far more than I, as it happens to be near  
>your back yard (so to speak), do you know if there were any interviews in  
>spanish that would have perhaps generated a more clear picture of his  
>experience? As I understand it, Zamora became quite upset with his  
>treatment by the press and others after the incident and eventually left  
>Socorro for a time and really didn't want to discuss the incident further.  
>But I've seen him on more recent programs, so that apparently isn't the  
>case any longer.

I didn't mean to disparage Zamora, but rather to point out the necessity for  
avoiding the error so many on both sides of the ufological fence make,  
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things, so he had good reason to be peeved and to almost entirely avoid being  
interviewed over the years. He still is VERY reluctant to do interviews (Tom  
Tulien and I are discovering that, but are continuing to work on it.)

The Spanish-language interview notion is a very good one, Steve. I have no  
idea if any were done at or close on to the time of the incident. It's worth  
checking out. I suspect the recent Calamia interview in the MUFON Journal  
was at least partly conducted in Spanish, but it's too far removed from the  
event to be very helpful.

-- Cheers, KARL

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Cc: RB47Expert@aol.com  
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Karl & List,

I am even more bothered by this new discovery of the close proximity of the Socorro Airport to the Zamora UFO landing site, at a distance of only about 3800 feet according to you Karl, or less than 3/4 mile, with the UFO departing in the general direction of that airport. In all the 30+ years of reading on the Zamora case I do not recall ever reading about a nearby airport or that any investigator had checked with the Socorro Airport for possible flight activity that might account for the UFO or to locate additional UFO witnesses. I ASSUME but do not KNOW that if I checked the Blue Book files (I don't have a copy) it would routinely list Socorro Airport as having been checked. Klass' map conveniently cuts off the airport right at the bottom and he strangely never mentions the airport in UFOs Explained (I don't have UFOs Identified here to check).

Some more COMMENTS below:

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COMMENT: The trigonometry is wrong. And besides, visibility of an airborne object does not suddenly end at the airport boundary. :) Your close-approach distance is more consistent with a SW track than a SSW which is only 22.5 degrees west of due south, thus the UFO distance from the airport runway would have been as little as 1500 feet or less ( $\sin 22.5 \times 3800 = 1454$  feet).

Moreover, the airport terminal near the middle of the runway would have meant that observers ROUTINELY would have been looking north towards the north END OF THE RUNWAY AND TOWARDS ZAMORA'S UFO LANDING SITE for incoming and departing aircraft.

This is one of the few maps of the Zamora site aside from Klass'. But the poor typography of Olsen's book (old computer printout in all caps) makes it a little used resource I've had to put away in storage.

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COMMENT: We don't know what kinds of activities were going on at the Socorro Airport early in the LBJ administration in 1964. There is a researcher on these lists investigating indications that the New Mexico Institute of Mining & Technology was operating a facility involved in military work of some kind evidently south of Socorro and thus in the general vicinity of Zamora's UFO site and Socorro Airport. Since Zamora's sighting occurred at the end of the work day, around 5:45-50 PM, it might have been a very busy time for Socorro Airport as it gets ready to shut down, aircraft return, etc.

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COMMENT: We need to find out the exact locations and activities of ALL aircraft and military operations near Socorro in 1964. You answered your own question at the end, Karl, a wide swing (unless of course there was another base we need to find out about as I mentioned earlier).

Plus some allowance for witness imprecision and error must be made. It is still ESSENTIALLY a SINGLE-WITNESS CASE and for that reason I would never put it on a Best Evidence list, as it fails my criteria and even failed Hynek's (UFO Experience, Ballantine ed., p. 165).

Thus I would never have had the problem of this great controversy about a hot-air balloon explanation because I would never put Zamora on my best evidence list (another reason is that Zamora's intermittent seconds of observations may not add up to a total of at least 1 minute of observation and my criteria require a minimum of 1 minute). I only point out that it is on a number of surveys of best cases made by polling UFOlogists and that skeptics cannot keep complaining that UFOlogists "never" give them lists of ten or twenty best cases to tackle.

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Mayor owned the land at the UFO landing site and wanted to attract tourism so he conspired with Zamora to concoct a UFO hoax. Maybe the land was legitimately owned by the City not the Mayor personally, and because it surrounded the airport it was never intended to be worth much or to be used and was zoned that way for safety and noise reasons.

Regards,

Brad

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From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>  
Subject: Re: Re: Winds at Socorro

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Subject: Re: Re: Winds at SocorroMessage-id:  
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References: <199908190345\_MC2-8196-51A0@compuserve.com>

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- J Carpenter

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Subject: Re: Socorro: What was where and where it wentCc: RB47Expert@aol.com  
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Concerning departure paths and such, I measured the distance from the Z site to the end of the runway. I merely eyeballed the closest approach distance. Further, and I haven't time to check this precisely, the departure track is closer to WSW than SSW, which does make a difference.

The Olsen is well worth digging out, and not just for info on this case. I'm indebted to Herb Taylor for loaning me his copy (which I'll copy and get back to you soonest, Herb! Honest Injun), as this was one I missed when it was new and have never succeeded in finding to buy since. The map on the Zamora case is excellent, with the data taken from the USAF file and plotted on a large-scale USCGS chart. The one in Ray Stanford's book is also helpful and squares with Olsen's. -- Cheers, KARL

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BRAD & LIST --

Forgot to comment in re winds data: Hmmmm...

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Karl & List,

We'll just have to see specific data on the nature and operations of the Socorro Airport in 1964, as well as specific meteorological data by date, time, and location.

Karl can you point to me ANY major account of the Socorro case that mentions the AIRPORT and the PROXIMITY of the Airport to the UFO landing site? Maybe I missed something or have faulty memory. (And I don't mean a map either but an actual textual discussion.) That's my point. The existence and closeness of the Socorro Airport to Zamora's UFO landing site is a gigantic surprise to me -- and I shouldn't even have to justify its relevance to an investigation of the Zamora case. I can recall a number of published accounts of the Zamora case that discuss the possibility that some activity at White Sands might have strayed off site and mention that checks were made at White Sands. I do not recall any such similar point being made about the much much closer Socorro Airport. Nor do I recall anyone ever writing something like the following to dispose of the possibility of additional witnesses at the airport, "Socorro Airport was nearby but it doesn't have permanent operations personnel manning a tower or a terminal and no one could find records of pilots or crew who might have been eyewitnesses of Zamora's UFO." For all we know in 1964 there WERE airport personnel who might have seen or known something. Today's "sleepy" condition, here in 1999, is not a reliable indication of its status in 1964. You can't assume linear progress and project back in time an even more "sleepy" state for 1964. Activities may have been up and down. Airports can experience decreasing activity for various reasons (economy of the region, loss of an air carrier's route, etc.) rather than only increasing activity.

If the Socorro Airport was checked and disposed of back in 1964 then every major account should say so, even if just in a laundry list of something to the effect of "We checked the FAA, White Sands, SOCORRO AIRPORT, Holloman AFB, NASA" and we should see that kind of list all over the place. But I've never seen Socorro Airport ever mentioned that way or mentioned AT ALL. Maybe I just don't remember and it is there in someone's published account. Maybe it's in Blue Book's investigative report.

You may be even more right than you thought on the UFO's departure path. The two site maps from the Blue Book file (see Steiger book) show the landed object taking off towards the dynamite shack almost due W of it. Interestingly, the object was in a E-W gully so if there were wind channeling effects it is possible the wind -- at least initially as a balloon rose -- might have blown to the W, the same direction of the UFO's initial ascent.

Crosswinds of course are quite hazardous to aviation even for powered aircraft so imagine a balloon totally at the mercy of air currents and sudden turbulence (CAT) and crosswinds. However there are further landmarks for the UFO's final disappearance which are mentioned in Zamora's police report (Box Canyon and Six Mile Canyon Mtn.) and in Hynek's final trip report of March 1965 (a "pearlite mill"), whose direction and distance need to be established.

Hynek's trip reports inconsistently mention either a SW or a S wind, but doesn't cite the source for the info. I was bothered to note that Hynek's March 12-13, 1965, trip report says that Zamora was denying having ever said to him that he had seen a flame BEFORE the landing that he'd "only" seen the flame "at the time when he saw it [the UFO] rise from the ground." Hynek agreed with Menzel on this one point only that "Zamora's evidence is very mixed up and suggests some embroidery of the original sighting either by Zamora or by Captain Holder." But the flame and the roar are in all the early reports of Zamora's sighting and so the "mixup" must only have come a year or so later when recollections were dimming and getting contaminated by press attention and public controversy.

Another point that is ambiguous or conflicting in the reports I have is Zamora's exact position when he heard the roar and saw the "flame" to the SW. In the more rough-appearing site map from Blue Book files (Steiger p. 108) this Point A is located BEFORE a branched-off road turn and the distance to the eventual UFO landing site looks like roughly 1,700 feet. Whereas in the more refined map (Steiger p. 117) there is no mention of seeing the "flame" pre-landing only hearing the roar and that Point "A" is positioned AFTER the road turnoff, at roughly 1,400 feet from the eventual landing spot.

In either case Zamora was roughly 1/3 mile or less (1400-1700 feet) from the eventual landing site which was off to his west or WSW when he first saw the "flame" to the SW, which was roughly the same direction of both the WIND and the landing site. But at that moment Zamora's distance estimate was 1/2 to 1 mile to the "flame," or well beyond the landing spot. If that was correct, then the UFO "flame" was not sighted as it was vertically descending but as it was flying FROM the S or SW in the direction of the reported WIND (if we can ever verify this further) and coming from the direction of the Socorro Airport.

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close encounter as the object lifted off until it disappeared. Thus by Zamora's own original estimates when summed up, the total UFO observation time was something like 32 seconds interrupted with intervals of unknown length. The final period before disappearance may be subject to much greater estimation error since it was influenced by the extreme stress of Zamora running for cover from the loud flaming UFO taking off.

Keep me posted. I will look forward to what you find.

Brad

PS: PLEASE "cc" POSTINGS DIRECTLY TO ME SO I CAN RESPOND BEFORE THE DAILY AUTO DIGEST ARRIVES ON THE PROJECT 1947 LIST. (I'm cross-posting this on PJ47 and Easton's UFO Research List.)

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Concerning departure paths and such, I measured the distance from the Z site to the end of the runway. I merely eyeballed the closest approach distance. Further, and I haven't time to check this precisely, the departure track is closer to WSW than SSW, which does make a difference.

The Olsen is well worth digging out, and not just for info on this case. I'm indebted to Herb Taylor for loaning me his copy (which I'll copy and get back to you soonest, Herb! Honest Injun), as this was one I missed when it was new and have never succeeded in finding to buy since. The map on the Zamora case is excellent, with the data taken from the USAF file and plotted on a large-scale USCGS chart. The one in Ray Stanford's book is also helpful and squares with Olsen's. -- Cheers, KARL

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From: Ktperehwon@aol.com  
Subject: Re: Re: Re: Re: Winds at SocorroMessage-id:  
<a9a7890d.24ee0602@aol.com>

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BRUCE -- In a message dated 08/19/99 23:19:03, you wrote:

>Wouldn't you rather be in Philadelphia?

Nah. Much prefer Placitas. North Woodstock, New Hampshire, is nice, too.

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Date: Fri, 20 Aug 1999 08:56:36 -0400  
From: joel carpenter <ufx@mindspring.com>  
Subject: Winds in NMMessage-id:  
<002b01beeb0b\$706e5880\$0100a8c0@mindspring.com>

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Here's some general data regarding winds in NM.  
This is from a chart called "Climatic Wind Data for the United States" which  
is a summary of wind data for the period 1930-96. DIR is prevailing wind  
direction, SPD is mean speed in MPH and PGU is peak gusts in MPH. Chart is  
at  
<http://www5.ncdc.noaa.gov/documentlibrary/pdf/wind1996.pdf>

- J Carpenter

|                      |     | APR |    |
|----------------------|-----|-----|----|
| MAY                  |     |     |    |
| Alamogordo/ Holloman | DIR | WSW | S  |
| 6                    | SPD | 6   |    |
| 79                   | PGU | 77  |    |
| Albuquerque          | DIR | SW  | S  |
| 10                   | SPD | 11  |    |
| 70                   | PGU | 64  |    |
| Clayton              | DIR | SW  | SW |
| 13                   | SPD | 15  |    |
| N/A                  | PGU | N/A |    |
| Clovis/ Cannon AFB   | DIR | W   | W  |
| 9                    | SPD | 10  |    |
| 75                   | PGU | 68  |    |
| Roswell AFB          | DIR | S   | S  |
| 9                    | SPD | 9   |    |
| 66                   | PGU | 62  |    |

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Date: Fri, 20 Aug 1999 09:58:49 -0400 (EDT)  
From: RB47Expert@aol.com  
Subject: Re: Winds in NMMessage-id: <4bad2e54.24eeb919@aol.com>

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Joel,

So the most relevant data, from Albuquerque and Alamogordo/Holloman AFB is that of winds from the WSW to S or SW to S of about 6-11 mph but peak gusts up to 79 mph in April-May. However the time of day is important for daily cyclical variation and is not shown on these cumulative averages over a period of decades. No listing of a Socorro weather station but maybe they have data and it's too sporadic.

Brad

In a message dated 8/20/99 5:56:14 AM, you wrote:

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|                      | SPD | 15  |  |    |
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From: joel carpenter <ufx@mindspring.com>  
Subject: Re: Winds in NMMessage-id:  
<00c701beeb1c\$a02a9730\$0100a8c0@mindspring.com>  
References: <4bad2e54.24eeb919@aol.com>

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----- Original Message -----

From: <RB47Expert@aol.com>Sent: Friday, August 20, 1999 9:58 AM  
Subject: Re: Winds in NM

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> Joel,  
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> cyclical variation and is not shown on these cumulative averages over a  
> period of decades. No listing of a Socorro weather station but maybe  
> they  
> have data and it's too sporadic.  
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> Brad

Brad, probably the closest airfield that might have wind data is Stallion  
(Army Air Field?) at the NW corner of the White Sands range. I haven't been  
able to find much on that.

- J Carpenter

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Subject: Re: Re: Winds in NMCC: ufx@mindspring.com  
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JOEL & LIST --

Date: Fri, 20 Aug 1999 14:42:05 -0400 (EDT)  
From: Ktperehwon@aol.com  
Subject: Re: Socorro: What was where and where it wentCc: RB47Expert@aol.com  
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BRAD, LIST --

>Karl can you point to me ANY major account of the Socorro case that mentions  
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>AIRPORT and the PROXIMITY of the Airport to the UFO landing site?

Not off the top of my head, and I don't have time to check right now.  
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Didn't mean to suggest you should, or to ruffle your feathers inadvertently.  
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Cheers, KARL

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From: joel carpenter <ufx@mindspring.com>  
Subject: Re: Re: Winds in NMMessage-id:  
<007401beeb40\$54558e40\$0100a8c0@mindspring.com>  
References: <25365d81.24eef801@aol.com>

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Date: Fri, 20 Aug 1999 15:30:24 -0400 (EDT)  
From: RB47Expert@aol.com  
Subject: Re: Socorro: What was where and where it went  
Message-id: <271bb62f.24ef06d0@aol.com>

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Karl & List,

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COMMENT: Klass' UFOs Explained has the Socorro Airport completely cut off of the map and there is no mention of it in the captions or the text (UFOs--Identified! is boxed up somewhere). I cannot find ANY published account that mentions the Socorro Airport.

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>even have to justify its relevance to an investigation of the Zamora case.

Didn't mean to suggest you should, or to ruffle your feathers inadvertently. Apologies. Of course, the airport angle certainly is very important, and I'd be surprised to learn that the Air Force and perhaps others didn't check this out (nah, not really) .

COMMENT: My apologies to you. I often stress points for clarity not complaint, and often still do not succeed in expressing myself.

Brad, needless to say, you're also correct about the rise and fall of airport fortunes and operations. I was basing my observations about '64 on what I've been told by those who were there at the time (admittedly not backed up by

independent research). In any event, my point really was the simple one (1) that, if no one at the airport saw the UFO (and that seems likely), that doesn't mean there wasn't one, and one that did what Z said it did, and (2) that a "sleepy" airport would have fewer potential witnesses and so reduce the likelihood of the thing being seen from there.

COMMENT: What I was trying to get across, very imperfectly, is the fact I've read over and over about how efforts were made (or in the AF's case not made) to track down MOTORISTS who might have seen Zamora's UFO. Yet I have NEVER seen anything mentioned about tracking down PILOTS and AIRPORT PERSONNEL who might have seen the UFO off the end of the runway of Socorro Airport. Aviators are a much more close-knit breed than motorists who represent a virtual random sample of population, so that an inquiry at the Airport might have turned up something. Pilots and other aviation personnel would have been much easier to locate than motorists or tourists who could have come from anywhere.

Nonetheless, if no one checked out the airport at the time, that was a major and downright shameful oversight, akin to my good and respected friend Walt Webb failing to check out the spots on the trunk lid of Betty Hill's car. -- Cheers, KARL>>

COMMENT: Agreed!

Regards,

Brad

(Brad Sparks)

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Date: Sat, 21 Aug 1999 02:24:50 +0100  
From: James Easton <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
Subject: The Socorro 1964 'UFO' SightingMessage-id:  
<007701beeb73\$f7e37d00\$7dc428c3@cis.compuserve.com>

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The following seems to be a relatively accurate summary of the events following Zamora's main encounter with the enigmatic object.

It sets in context the main issues and is taken from 'Socorro Saucer', by Ray Stanford. My comments are clearly marked:

[Start]

Date: Sat, 21 Aug 1999 14:09:55 +0100  
From: Bill Rose <bill.rose@virgin.net>  
Subject: Socorro IncidentMessage-id: <37BEA523.3A39@virgin.net>

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James and All,

I begin to think the first hurdle is still to try and establish if Zamora was a credible witness. Despite everything that's been said, I cannot believe he was unable to recognise a hot-air balloon, however unusual its appearance might have been, even if it was carrying a fully enclosed pressurised gondola.

If some kind of a balloon was responsible, does this mean that Zamora quickly decided to embark on a major enhancement of the story or was it in reality just a pre-planned hoax?

Certainly, Zamora continued to adjust (or he agreed to the adjustment of) details in pseudo documentaries and "Dark Skies" which pictured the landing of a disc shaped flying saucer. (Okay, I know this was fiction, but...)

Then there is the question of Blue Book, who were little more than a PR operation. If you accept that the Pentagon has covered up the truth about Roswell and numerous other UFO incidents, it seems quite reasonable to suggest that Blue Book participated in covering up this incident.

Saying they checked with all the local military facilities and possible aerospace contractors really means nothing at all.

My Rand-McNally road map of NM shows Highway 85 as some way above Socorro. Does anyone know if this road originally formed part of the 25 and where exactly did the car chase take place?

Nobody has mentioned the footprints around the landing site, said to have been left by the occupants of the craft and there has been no recent reference to the two hatch doors (?) being slammed shut or the "girderlike" landing legs.

It seems to me that the only thing which can be confidently dismissed is the idea that a vehicle operated by extraterrestrials might have been involved and I am unaware of anything which even suggests this.

Bill

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From: Ktperehwon@aol.com  
Subject: Re: Re: Re: Winds in NMMessage-id: <36b13093.24f01538@aol.com>

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In a message dated 08/20/99 19:15:18, you wrote:

>I have a topo map that calls it "Stallion Army Air Field" but doesn't show a  
>runway.

Likely that means the chopper pad that serves Stallion Site. As for what they do there... Well, WSMR is a test range...

Might be worth checking to see if weather data from SS is available from 4/24/64. Or running an op against SS. If nothing else, it would give us a good excuse for stopping at the Owl Bar in San Antonio for green chile cheeseburgers, lol.

Seriously, though, a check with WSMR about wind data and then, if necessary, a FOIA... Stallion Site seems like the best bet for closest data source. --  
Cheers, KARL

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From: RB47Expert@aol.com  
Subject: Re: Socorro IncidentMessage-id: <2c446acc.24f029ad@aol.com>

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Bill Rose & List,

Some selected COMMENTS.

Brad Sparks

In a message dated 8/21/99 6:13:01 AM, you wrote:

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COMMENT: Zamora's first radio report of the object said "It looks like a balloon."

even if it was carrying a fully enclosed pressurised gondola.

COMMENT: I don't think anyone has suggested that the hot-air balloon carried a pressurized gondola.

However, Zamora's failure to describe or see ANY gondola at all is a major problem for the manned hot-air balloon theory. I think I've seen it suggested that one of the early manned hot-air balloons had only a "platform" for the crew rather than a gondola or basket, and a flat platform on the ground with air and cords in between might have been missed by Zamora because of the rough terrain (the stick-like "legs" he saw may have been the cords attaching the platform below which was out of view due to the terrain obstructions). If not a platform, the only explanations for the failure to see a gondola beneath the round balloon envelope that I can think of are that the rough terrain obscured the lower part of the object, the envelope was partially collapsed over or in front of the gondola from Zamora's viewpoint during the 2 seconds he saw "figures," and the remainder of the sighting was

also too brief in duration and influenced by fear.

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From: James Easton <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
Subject: Re: Socorro IncidentMessage-id:  
<009101beec4c\$21038120\$18c428c3@cis.compuserve.com>

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Regarding:

>Date: Sat, 21 Aug 1999 14:09:55 +0100  
>From: Bill Rose <bill.rose@virgin.net>  
>To: uforl@listbot.com  
>Subject: Socorro Incident

Bill wrote:

>Despite everything that's been said, I cannot believe he was  
>unable to recognise a hot-air balloon, however unusual its  
>appearance might have been...

Bill,

It's almost certain Zamora wouldn't personally have seen and heard a hot-air balloon in the US before April 1964. It appears there were only around a dozen or so hot-air balloons in the entire country then, maybe not that many.

The first crossing of the US by hot-air balloon didn't take place until 1966 and even that was a news story which may not have been a hot topic in Socorro.

Zamora might have been familiar with hydrogen and helium filled balloons, certainly, but most unlikely a balloon whose ascent and descent was controlled by the intermittent release of a roaring flame.

What would Zamora's frame of reference have been if it "looks like a balloon", yet balloons don't have rocket-like propulsion.

It's crucial to realise that Zamora rarely got a good look at the object at all.

As his affidavit confirms:

"...heard a roar and saw a flame in the sky to southwest some distance away--possibly a 1/2 mile or a mile. Came to mind that a dynamite shack in that area had blown up, decided to leave chased car go.

Flame was bluish and sort of orange too. Could not tell size of

flame. Sort of motionless flame, slowly descending. Was still driving car and could not pay too much attention to the flame. It was a narrow type of flame. It was like a "stream down"--a funnel type--narrower at top than at bottom. Flame possibly 3 degrees or so in width--not wide.

Flame about twice as wide at bottom as top, and about four times as high as top was wide. Did not notice any object at top, did not note if top of flame was level. Sun was to west and did not help vision. Had green sun glasses over prescription glasses

Could not see bottom of flame because it was behind the hill. no smoke noted. Noted some "commotion" at bottom--dust? Possibly from windy day--wind was blowing hard. Clear sunny sky otherwise--just a few clouds scattered over area.

Noise was a roar, not a blast. Not like a jet. Changed from high frequency to low frequency and then stopped. Roar lasted possibly 10 seconds--was going toward it at that time on the rough gravel road. Saw flame about as long as heard the sound. Flame same color as best as recall. Sound distinctly from high to low until it disappeared.

After the roar and flame, did not note anything...".

It's the tale of an overhead, roaring flame.

As for the source - Zamora could see absolutely nothing.

He did later confirm to Ray Stanford that the flame/object descended slowly.

That was part one.

Part two I've detailed from 'Socorro Saucer', which adds further insight. Zamora's official report tells the story thus:

"After the roar and flame, did not note anything, while going up the somewhat steep rough hill--had to back up and try again, two more times. Got up about halfway first time, wheels started skidding, roar still going on, had to back down and try twice and rock. While beginning third time, noise and flame not noted.

After got to top, traveled slowly on the gravel road westwardly. Noted nothing for awhile. . .for possibly 10 or 15 seconds, went slow, looking around for the shack--did not recall exactly where the dynamite shack was.

Suddenly noted a shiny type object to south about 150 to 200

yards. It was off the road. At first glance, stopped. It looked, at first, like a car turned upside down. Thought some kids might have turned over. Saw two people in white coveralls very close to the object. One of these persons seemed to turn and look straight at my car and seemed startled--seemed to jump quickly somewhat.

At this time I started moving my car towards them quickly, with idea to help. Had stopped about only a couple seconds. Object was like aluminum--it was whitish against the mesa background, but not chrome. Seemed like O in shape and I at first glance took it to be overturned white car. Car appeared to be up on radiator or on trunk, this first glance.

The only time I saw these two persons was when I had stopped, for possibly two seconds or so, to glance at the object. I don't recall noting any particular shape or possibly any hats, or headgear. These persons appeared normal in shape--but possibly they were small adults or large kids.

Then paid attention to road while drove towards scene. Radioed to sheriff's office "Socorro 2 to Socorro, possible 10-44 (accident), I'll be 10-6 (busy) out of the car, checking the car down in the arroyo."

Stopped car, was still talking on radio, started to get out, mike fell down, reached back to put up mike, then replaced radio mike in slot, got out of car and started to go down to where I knew the object (car) was".

No matter what it actually was, I've never been able to understand why an overturned white car was his first impression of an oval-shaped object. The fact that Zamora reported over the radio that he was 'checking the car down in the arrayo', might question his [then] eyesight when viewing distant objects.

Let's take a time-out here and further realise that Zamora had only, by his own account, seen the actual object for a couple of seconds at this point.

What happened next:

"...got out of car and started to go down to where I knew the object (car) was.

Hardly turned around from car, when heard roar (was not exactly a blast), very loud roar--at that close was real loud. Not like a jet--knows what jets sound like. Started low frequency quickly, then roar rose in frequency (higher tone) and in loudness--from loud to very loud. At same time as roar saw flame. Flame was

under the object. Object was starting to go straight up--slowly up. Object slowly rose straight up. Flame was light blue and at bottom was sort of orange color

Date: Sun, 22 Aug 1999 00:01:19 -0400  
From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>  
Subject: Re: Re: Re: Winds at Socorro

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>>Hasn't anyone thought about th POSSIBILITY that Zamorra was maki  
>>ng a joke?

>>Trust me, Bruce, he wasn't. -- KARL

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>Wouldn't you rather be in Philadephia?

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I'd rather be in Euphoria (or perhaps Orgasmia).

Bruce

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From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>  
Subject: AIRPORT/Klass

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Phil Klass has a map in "UFOs IDENTIFIED" which shows the boundary of the airport nearly due south (actually about south-south-south-west) of the UFO landing point.

The departure is indicated as SW, over the dynamite shack,. Klass interviewed Zamorra (and others) in Dec. 1966.

--Bruce

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From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>  
Subject: The Socorro 1964 'UFO' Sighting

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REFERRING to your most interesting recent post:

>So, from the time of that initial lift-off, the itinerary now  
>reads something like:

>Zamora is frightened, turns and runs. He -

>- hits his car

>- falls down

>- loses his glasses

>- [maybe briefly searches for them]

>- looks back a couple of times

>- and some twenty-five feet from his starting position, notices

>the object has slowly risen about 20 feet

>- runs a further twenty-five feet

>- jumps over the hill's edge

>- turns towards the object, shielding his eyes

>- the roar stops, leaving a short whining, which also stops>

>- Zamora runs back to his car, whilst keeping watch on the object

>(per his affidavit)

>- finds his glasses

>- gets into the car

>- calls the station and speaks to Nep Lopez.>

>Stanford also writes:

>[Start]

>He [Zamora] later commented: "I couldn't tell what might have

>kept the thing up or going; it was now completely silent. It kept

>>and never did get much higher until it got over near the perlite

>mill on the west side of US 60, maybe a mile away. Then it angled

>up at a steep climb and got small in the distance, over the

>canyon or mountain that way, very fast".

>

I am struck by the short duration of the flame and roar. Ten seconds, maybe?

The point comes in a question: If it is true that there was no flame/roar

after 10 seconds while within ear/eyeshot of Zamorra, then:

how much time must a flame be introduced into a balloon to

take it from a "lying on the ground state" (flame horizontal to

burn some bushes) to an upright state and a lift of the basket and then maintain an altitude while allowing itself to be blown in the wind?

To phrase it differently, it seems to me that the flame would operate rather continuously or perhaps in a series of bursts to maintain the altitude. I have heard such balloons and they periodically eject hot air/gas into the balloon just to maintain altitude.

IF it was a balloon that landed for some reason, why would they allow the gas to get so cold that the balloon itself and not just the basket would lie on the ground?"

Bottom line: THIS IS TESTABLE. Get the best approximation to a 1964 vintage gas-jet supported hot air balloon and time how long it takes for the balloon to lie on the ground after landing (The balloon MUST be above the basket at the time the basket touches the ground... else the basket crashed!) and then how long does it take for the balloon to be "re-erected" from a "on the ground" position. And then how long does it take for the balloon to lift a basket or frame with two men in it?

(Note: Odd that Zamorra did not report the men's heads being visible over the railing of the basket or over the side of the framework...)\nDid any such balloons carry completely enclosed gondolas such that an external observer couldn't see inside?)

----- Bruce

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Date: Sun, 22 Aug 1999 04:01:14 -0400  
From: Andy Roberts <Brigantia@compuserve.com>  
Subject: The Socorro 1964 'UFO' Sighting

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Date: Sun, 22 Aug 1999 04:24:57 -0400  
From: joel carpenter <ufx@mindspring.com>  
Subject: Re: The Socorro 1964 'UFO' SightingMessage-id:  
<001401beec77\$d25c99e0\$0100a8c0@mindspring.com>  
References: <199908220401\_MC2-81E7-D113@compuserve.com>

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Date: Sun, 22 Aug 1999 15:06:03 +0100  
From: Lynda Matthews <matthews@zetnet.co.uk>  
Subject: Re: The Socorro 1964 'UFO' Sighting  
Message-id: <199908221409.PAA16584@irwell.zetnet.co.uk>

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I think the argument about how near it was to the minor air station is off the point because an object could be nearer than 2 (?) miles and nobody would see it.....

The thing that emerges from this intriguing and extended debate is how totally unreliable witnesses are.

Tim M - BEYOND magazine.

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> From: Andy Roberts <Brigantia@compuserve.com>  
> To: UFO Research List <UFORL@listbot.com>  
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Date: Sun, 22 Aug 1999 15:44:07 +0100 (BST)  
From: Chris Gibson <cgibson@dmu.ac.uk>  
Subject: Re: The Socorro 1964 'UFO' Sighting

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Chris

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Message-id: <199908221603.RAA26231@irwell.zetnet.co.uk>

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How does it impact? Probably harder than the Socorro saucer. I suspect a little hypocrisy here because Chris is hardly one to trumpet the claims of UFO witnesses. How many has he interviewed?

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(Perhaps Jim Moseley is right to suggest - as he did in a recent editorial in 'Saucer Smear' - that "UFOs" should not be detached from the larger paranormal field of study. That's another debate....?)

My Editorial, not that Chris will be reading the magazine (UFOs not being his thing), will be honest.

That's what we need in Ufology.

95% of witnesses I've spoken to have told me something like "I know what I saw" and in nearly as many cases it's been reasonably easy to identify the object given enough clear reporting and investigating on either side.

Please stop whingeing on about the Upper Heyford delta chap. Like most UFO witnesses he knew what he saw and what he didn't (!!!) - if you know what I mean. I note with amusement the implicit suggestion that the witness is less credible because Chris hasn't talked to him..

Ho Ho,

I'm off downstairs to watch the football - at least it's worth the effort....

Tim M.

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> To: UFO Research List <UFORL@listbot.com>  
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Date: Sun, 22 Aug 1999 12:57:44 -0400 (EDT)  
From: RB47Expert@aol.com  
Subject: Re: Re: The Socorro 1964 'UFO' Sighting  
Message-id: <5b53fd8c.24f18608@aol.com>

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Brad

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Subject: Re: Re: The Socorro 1964 'UFO' Sighting

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Brad, when light aircraft pilots calculate weight and balance charts, they usually use 200 lb per passenger as a standard weight figure (allows for some baggage, etc.) So let's say that the two occupants weighed 400 lb. The 1966 Popular Science article on Tracy Barnes' transcontinental hot air balloon trip gives weight figures for his smaller 21,000 cubic-foot balloon - 40 lb for the balloon envelope and "even less than that" for its wicker basket. Let's say that the entire loaded balloon weighed around 500-550 lb., since the occupants probably weighed less than 200 lb each and the burners and tanks have substantial weight. It appears to be between 20 and 30 feet tall.

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J Carpenter

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From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>  
Subject: Re: Socorro Incident

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REGARDING THE APPARENT SIZE OF THE OBJECT:

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Suddenly noted a shiny type object to south about 150 to 200 yards. It was off the road. At first glance, stopped. It looked, at first, like a car turned upside down. Thought some kids might have turned over. Saw two people in white coveralls very close to the object. One of these persons seemed to turn and look straight at my car and seemed startled--seemed to jump quickly somewhat.

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Looked like a car upside down. OK, let's take the height of the upside down car as 4 ft and the length of 8 ft. But to make it as big as possible,  
let's assume the car was about 5 ft high.

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Yes, and I posted the following comment::

I thank Dave Rudiak for providing a quantitative analysis of the balloon "problem." It is a further illustration of the fact that a phenomenon which forms the core idea of a "prosaic explanation" must be a known physical phenomenon and must therefore obey known physical laws.

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I care. If it wasn't a balloon, what was it? To rule out  
"extraterrestrial  
vehicle" you need a convincing explanation. Either that or pass on it.

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>totally unreliable witnesses are.

I gather that this is the statement that Tim really wants to get across.  
We may as well close up shop and go home. The field of ufology  
has been "pelicanized."

Tim M - BEYOND magazine.

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Reprise on Tim's unqualified claim that witnesses are unreliable.

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OK. So they are unreliable. What level of unreliability, nis the question. Witnesses often mix "raw observation" with "interpretation." The result of this mix can be VERY unreliable. It is the job of the interviewer/investigator to separated, as much as possible, the raw observation from the interpretation. ONce the details of the raw observation the investigator can then try to compare these with "candidate explanatory hypotheses" or with Klassic "prosaic explanations." In most cases one or more prosaic explanations will be consistent with PART OF the raw observation data. The investigator is then left with a choice: reject the explanations or reject the conflicting "raw data." Granted that there is some "modification of raw data" possible since there still could be a "modicum of interpretation " buried within the raw data, one must still be careful not to go to a reductio ad absurdum aka "pelicanization" and conclude that because it is impossible to prove the observation could not be explained, that, therefore one may as well accept some explanation. (Maccabee's First Rule for Debunking: ANy explanation is better than none.)

Regarding Tim's point about only multiple witness, photo and "hard evidence" cases being worthy of

analysis from now on is well taken. It is much easier to pelicanize a single witness case. There are multiple witness cases, even some supported by visual imagery, which form the truly hard core of the UFO mystery. These are cases in which the pelicanizer must assume that two or more people "went wacko" temporarily, perhaps in concert with a camera or a radar set, and that everything reverted to normalcy immediately afterward.

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The one-person balloon at  
<http://www.lindstrand.com/hopper.htm>  
is probably as small as it's practical for a hot air balloon to be, maybe  
9,000 cubic ft.

I believe Zamora said that his closest approach to the obj was about 103 ft  
as later measured.

J Carpenter

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RB47Expert@aol.com  
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JOEL, BRAD, LIST --

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garbled too Karl) --

One of the hot air balloon (HAB from now on in my posts) manufacturers -- I think it's Cloud9 -- in a comment on their website concerning balloon envelope durability, points out that the entire useful life of a nylon balloon could be used up in one day if it was heated to 350 degrees. This is an interesting comment. Assume that there was such a thing as an agent HAB, inherently disposable and just barely capable of lifting two occupants and a box of nasty items. The big tourist-type HABs we're used to today are conservatively designed for durability and long lifetime. An agent HAB might be smaller than would be considered ideal and would have to be kept aloft by "overburning" the propane, since there would be little concern for envelope life. It would be interesting to plug 350 degrees into Rudiak's equations. Of course there would be a range penalty.

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I still am hung up on the wind direction. This is priority one for even giving the balloon theory a chance.

J Carpenter

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I know this to be true, because many mentioned it as a factor when joining this list.

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If there's, exceptionally, considered to be a scientific contribution from the fervent faithful, and which is worthwhile highlighting here, please forward the sanitised contents directly to myself. I will then consider whether it meets this list's charter.

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In a message dated 8/23/99 8:11:38 AM, ufx@mindspring.com wrote:

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> JOEL, BRAD, LIST --

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The one-person balloon at  
<http://www.lindstrand.com/hopper.htm>  
is probably as small as it's practical for a hot air balloon to be, maybe 9,000 cubic ft.

I believe Zamora said that his closest approach to the obj was about 103 ft as later measured.

J Carpenter

JOEL, KARL & LIST,

A 9,000 cubic foot balloon would be 25.8 feet in diameter as a sphere. I think I've seen UFO size estimates attributed to Zamora that were 12-15 feet or 15-20 feet, but I'd like to see the documentation (I can't readily find it). But 50% or even factor 2x witness errors are common in UFO investigations especially when there is only a SINGLE WITNESS to provide data so there is no cross-check, no averaging.

I do vaguely recall reading somewhere that someone worked with Zamora to obtain exact terrain/vegetation reference points in the gully where the UFO landed in order to precisely determine the UFO's dimensions. This would be extremely useful info to have and to have documented as it could settle the whole question of a hot-air balloon. Such data could narrow down error margins well below 50% or 100%.

As for wind directions, we still have no documentation, no source references, no time/location/altitude data, except Hynek's inconsistent statements in his trip reports referring to a S or SW wind (still unsourced though, undocumented). Plus the site maps (see Steiger pp. 108, 117) show the UFO in a gully oriented E-W, with a N-S gap between hills on the east end where Zamora had trouble getting the car to climb over. This could make a wind-tunnel effect channel for the wind to go E to W, which was very roughly the initial direction of the object as it lifted off, even if the wind was otherwise from the south. But the direction of movement still needs to be better documented. The second site map shows the landed UFO and the dynamite shack that Zamora said the object barely cleared, and they are on a line about 10 degs S of W. However, I have no data on how the west line on the map was determined (by magnetic compass? was declination corrected? by eyeballing the road and referring to street maps?).

As I've pointed out, Zamora's distance estimate of 0.5 to 1 mile for the initial "flame" in the SW when combined with the fact the eventual UFO landing site also to his SW was only about 0.3 mile away suggests the object was a further 0.2 to 0.7 mile away to the SW of the landing spot when Zamora first sighted it as the "flame."

This indicates the UFO came in from the SW -- the same approximate direction as the reported though undocumented wind direction -- before it landed. But this inference depends on Zamora's initial distance estimate for a highly unfamiliar "flame" seen in the sky with no reference marks to determine distance. Thus Zamora's distance estimate like any other observational estimate could be off by a large factor.

So the main problems with the manned hot-air balloon theory are:

1. AVAILABILITY OF BALLOON (was such a balloon ACTUALLY there?)
2. SIZE TOO SMALL (needs more documentation)

3. WIND DIRECTION vs. UFO MOVEMENT (needs documentation)
4. APPARENT LACK OF GONDOLA (was it a platform instead of gondola/basket, which was hidden below terrain? why didn't Zamora see crew below balloon right in plain sight at 103 feet distance BEFORE he ran and dropped his glasses? how was that distance determined anyway?)
5. LANDING MARKS (what part of a hot-air balloon would create the four marks in the ground or did the crew dig them and why? could the hot-air burner or crew attempts to relight have caused burned brush?)

Other potential problems with the hot-air balloon theory will require QUANTITATIVE DATA or better documentation before they can be considered serious objections as witness observational accuracy may not be sufficient:

6. UFO LIFT RATE & DISAPPEARANCE (what was the lift rate in feet/sec? how reliable is that? what was the duration of Zamora's encounter at different segments? how was it determined? what was the distance to disappearance? was Zamora wearing his glasses when it disappeared? Zamora says "I picked up my glasses" which he had earlier dropped in his panic but says NOTHING ABOUT PUTTING THEM BACK ON again. was Zamora nearsighted or farsighted?)
7. FLAME APPEARANCE/COLOR/ORIENTATION (how reliable can this be?)
8. SOUND/NOISE (quantitative data on Zamora's observations? on balloons?)

POSSIBLE points in favor of manned hot-air balloon theory depending on how well each holds up on further scrutiny:

1. GENERAL SHAPE & SIZE (Zamora himself initially radioed to dispatch "It looks like a BALLOON")
2. TWO-MAN CREW (don't they pick balloonists to be SMALL like jockeys because of weight considerations?)
3. INSIGNIA
4. FLAME
5. ROARING SOUND
6. SLOW LIFTOFF
7. POSSIBLE CLASSIFIED PROJECT UNKNOWN TO BLUE BOOK
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Those are the facts but we need a lot more. The possibility of a manned hot-air balloon never occurred to anyone until the 90's so it was never investigated at all by Blue Book, Hynek, McDonald, APRO, NICAP or anyone else in the 60's (if it WAS investigated let's see the investigative reports saying so). At this point, I'm not rendering an opinion one way or another on this possible explanation for the famous Socorro case.

Brad Sparks

(cross-posted on UFORL and PJ47 Lists)

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JOEL & JAMES,

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JOEL,

You don't mention whether the 350-degree temperature for nylon balloons was 350 F or K or C. I'm assuming it was 350 F which equals 450 K. So if plugged into Rudiak's assumptions, the balloon volume would be about 333 cubic meters or about 11,600 cubic feet. However, a mylar balloon could have been heated more perhaps, which would have given greater lift from a smaller volume. And what about exotic materials for balloon envelopes? Given a "black project" budget and availability of exotic materials, high-performance burners, frame, etc., a classified agent infil/exfil balloon might have been smaller still. Reducing the visibility of a balloon for agent infiltration ops would be an important consideration. Testing the visibility in a sparsely populated but not completely unpopulated area might have been part of the testing and training.

Brad

In a message dated 8/23/99 8:58:54 AM, you wrote:

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> Ktperehwon@aol.com said:

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> >>For the record, neither am I. My main hangup is the wind direction.

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> >>What if you had a case where an object resembled, in almost every respect, a

> >>parachute, complete with rigging and a figure hanging below it ... but it

> >>was falling up?

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> >>This is not too different from that.

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> >Persac'ly!! Another problem is the unlikelihood of Zamora mistaking even a

> >partially deflated balloon (even a super-small spooky one) for some the size

> >of a car, even a land yacht of '64ish vintage. -- Cheers, KARL

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- > I'm a little confusedS
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- > If we don't know what it was, how can we eliminate the possibility that
- > there are/were \*secret\* "balloons" of this size in '64.
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- > And if balloons were that uncommon in '64, how can we assume the shock of
- > seeing a balloon might not stump someone who had never seen one (perhaps)
- > and cause their memory to be a bit faulty as they struggle to place the
- > object they've just seen within their previous frame of reference?
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- > object at this great distance, more than thirty years, while we work out
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Pardon yet another post by me on this today -- (and my last was a little garbled too Karl) --

One of the hot air balloon (HAB from now on in my posts) manufacturers -- I think it's Cloud9 -- in a comment on their website concerning balloon envelope durability, points out that the entire useful life of a nylon balloon could be used up in one day if it was heated to 350 degrees. This is an interesting comment. Assume that there was such a thing as an agent HAB, inherently disposable and just barely capable of lifting two occupants and a box of nasty items. The big tourist-type HABs we're used to today are conservatively designed for durability and long lifetime. An agent HAB might be smaller than would be considered ideal and would have to be kept aloft by "overburning" the propane, since there would be little concern for envelope life. It would be interesting to plug 350 degrees into Rudiak's equations. Of course there would be a range penalty.

Note that Yost's balloon, according to James' info, WAS smaller than a modern typical HAB and was MYLAR, not cloth-like nylon, and was white, smooth, seamless, shiny and not ribbed like the ones you typically see today. Very flattened-egg-shaped.

I still am hung up on the wind direction. This is priority one for even giving the balloon theory a chance.

J Carpenter

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From: Chris Gibson <cgibson@dmu.ac.uk>  
Subject: Whingeing?

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Not my suggestion at all. Why is this guy being "sheltered" from other researchers? I'm sure he has some very interesting information, but the only account of what he saw is in Tim's book and Tim has said that eyewitnesses testimony is not worth the paper they are written on.

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Chris

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Date: Mon, 23 Aug 1999 22:31:54 +0100 (BST)  
From: Chris Gibson <cgibson@dmu.ac.uk>  
Subject: ROC sightings (fwd)Message-id: <Pine.GSU.4.10.9908232228430.22160-100000@helios.dmu.ac.uk>

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Ok, so how about this then:

Kirsten and I were travelling south on the A46 Narborough Road in South Leicester, date hazy, but spring 97, I do remember the time as I was picking Kirsten up from work, so 2010hrs local. Clear skies, twilight, brightest stars just becoming visible. We approached the traffic lights at the Rex Williams snooker hall. We have the sun roof (what the British get instead of air conditioning) open.

I notice two white lights moving north at about 11 o'clock, high. Aircraft methinks, but I see no nav lights or strobes. I comment on this to Kirsten who sees the pair of lights as well. We stop at the traffic lights. Kirsten lowers the passenger window (on the left, over here) for a better view. I'm thinking satellites.

By this time the lights are to our left, but are clearly visible to me through the sun roof and to Kirsten through the open window. The lights stop dead, then rotate about a common centre at a mid point between them.

I say "Did you see that?" Kirsten says "Yes". I say "What did you see?" Kirsten describes exactly what I saw.

The traffic lights change and I take a left turn and pull over for a better view. When I stop the car and get out, the lights have gone.

I have no explanation for this, but two of us saw this.

Has this ever been seen before?

Why didn't I report this? The usual reason why most people don't report this stuff. You are labelled a "nutter" and some chap turns up at the door telling you that this was obviously the Orddivician Mothership. Who do you report this stuff to?

So, a UFO sighting from an ROC chap. There are more, I'm sure, but they tended to keep quiet about them. After all, we were supposed to be experts in what was flying about. Admitting that you didn't know what you saw was asking for having the piss taken. Pete Edwards (as qualified as myself in the recognition field) saw a light moving across

the sky in a "stepped" motion in the mid 1960s. Although I've known Pete for 20 years he only admitted to this about 5 years ago.

I think the ROC was asked to report UFO sightings back in the 60s, but I have no hard evidence on that (might be in the PRO) and don't intend looking as it isn't my field. As Tim says, UFO aren't really my interest.

A delta in a field is, however. I would ask this chap some questions relevant to what it probably was rather than being an answer to everything.

Chris

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From: Lynda Matthews <matthews@zetnet.co.uk>  
Subject: Sightings - Chris Gibson etc.Message-id:  
<199908232223.XAA12571@irwell.zetnet.co.uk>

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Dear Oh Dear!

Sheltering witnesses - rubbish. This sounds curiously conspiratorial.

In an email sent to me some months ago Chris noted, amongst other things,  
that - in what he termed - the "post - Lazar" age nothing was provable  
anymore. Well, that may be the case.

The facts are clear as far as I'm concerned. Sightings by themselves are  
useless and that's Ufology's central weakness and one we can't get around.

In my book, which is obviously a matter of some concern to Chris, I tried  
not to rely just on sightings. If, for instance, at a point 3/4 years ago  
when sightings of a small triangular aircraft were at their peak in and  
around the NW coast, we hadn't known about Warton and been told by various  
employees with the requisite clearances etc. that something was going on at  
the Special Projects Site, then, by themselves, the sightings would have  
been pretty useless.

Then of course these things were being reported under escort by RAF  
Tornados - AND BEING PICKED UP BY LOCAL MIL SPOTTERS - on 264.4  
MHz.....

Steve Douglass band of Interceptors, military monitors, have been far more  
successful in indicating the true nature and extent of the cover-up  
relating to black aircraft projects - through just a few radio intercepts.  
He's also got some intriguing, but by no means 100% solid, video footage to  
accompany his monitoring activities.

In the book I also tried to bring in other information including recently  
released documents and so forth. As I pointed out in relation to the  
pathetic and much-criticised Fortean Times review/hatchet job this month -  
a book review undertaken by somebody who had not read "UFO Revelation" -  
there was no attempt to rely upon documents either. I ensured that I asked  
the right people, including Chris, non-Ufologists in the main, for their  
views and opinions on the subjects I was covering. Apart from Chris,

they're pretty happy - as are the dozens of people who have sent supporting emails to me since publication. They're not Ufologists either.....

Sightings prove that SOMETHING has been seen and no amount of evasion can alter the fact that witnesses are terribly unreliable. Effective skeptical UFO research proves this time and time again whether it be related to the increasing number of holes being fired into the body of the Roswell alien craft myth (numerous crash sites, different numbers of bodies, different shaped craft, different people involved at different times, Glen Dennis 10 years out etc. etc.), the supposed "aliens" at Rendlesham (the lighthouse and....) or the supposed "UFO crash retrieval" in Wales in the 1970s.

Venus is, of course, actually an 'alien mother craft' according to many a local UFO witness in England's North West....In Tony Dodd's book "Alien Investigator" he even claims a UFO picture exclusive and shows a photograph of a planet! He's a former Policeman, and therefore a "trained observer".

I was looking at the hundred of pages of released FBI FOIA material on UFOs/Flying Saucers in my files today (again) and what became clear was that terminology used in the press/media encouraged a certain kind of reporting by witnesses. Any anomaly was described as a "flying saucer" and soon anomalous objects (anomalous to the viewer, that is) became flying saucers.

Moving on, good evidence for this comes in the shape of the October 23rd 1978 'UFO wave' over Leicestershire. Having re-evaluated my position on this somewhat - by having had another look at the detailed UFOIN report completed two years later - it is clear that many people's descriptions of what they saw were coloured by what they THOUGHT they should see; in other words whilst a majority drew pictures of triangles and diamonds, a significant number drew pictures of the 'classic' flying saucer even though it is clear that the one "UFO" seen by all, at the same time of night, was on the same flightpath as their sightings....

I note also the powerful imagery of the "Close Encounters" film that was no doubt in many peoples' minds at the time.....

Perhaps from the point of view of a suggestion that witnesses are (very) reliable comes a report in the 23rd October document where people in the same area reported the same object at the same time and drew entirely different pictures of it.....

Lets just hope that around the UK this week the "trained" military and Police observers of Ufology's legend are not out chasing stars, reporting UFOs, making "credible reports" to Air Staff 2a and building more myths in the process.

Tim M.

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Subject: Re: The Socorro 1964 'UFO' Sighting  
Message-id: <006501beedc8\$147f9420\$96c928c3@cis.compuserve.com>

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Regarding:

>From: "joel carpenter" <ufx@mindspring.com>  
>To: "UFO Research List" <UFORL@listbot.com>  
>Subject: Re: Re: Re: The Socorro 1964 'UFO' Sighting  
>Date: Mon, 23 Aug 1999 13:18:58 -0400

Joel wrote;

>Well, I've been reading all the versions of the story I can  
>find, and they all repeat the mantra that the wind was blowing  
>strongly from the SW, or WSW. It appears that the object flew  
>straight into the wind. Hynek used this as an argument as to why  
>the people in the nearby house (apparently) downwind didn't  
>hear the object's roar.

>There's little to go on as to the origin of the wind info --  
>it's very possible that it was Zamora's own estimate. Although  
>since they were a half mile or so from the airport, they should  
>have been able to check the windsock or wind T pretty easily.

Joel,

So far as I'm aware, the only referenced source about the wind direction is in fact Zamora. The following comes from 'Socorro Saucer':

"...I couldn't see bottom of that flame. It was behind a hill from my view. Didn't notice any smoke, but some dust seemed moving over the land in that general direction. The wind was blowing hard. Possible it came from the windy day. But the sky was mostly clear - just a few clouds scattered around. Wind was blowin' against me, from the south-southwest or maybe the southwest, 'cause I could tell the way the dust [from spinning tyres] flew off when I was trying to put the car up that first hill to where I had a view of the ravine and the object down in it".

As he struggled to climb that hill, presumably focusing on controlling the car and with his first two attempts being failures, it seems uncommon that Zamora would consciously have noted which direction the dust was blowing.

Could this possibly have been a retrospective recollection, when a question arose of how the object was travelling in relation to the wind?

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>"platform" basket. It's a tent-shaped metal tube frame with a  
>square platform. The tanks sat on the platform and the crew  
>either squatted or stood. James, I'll forward a copy, maybe you  
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Will do, that's an interesting find.

I've also located a helpful (presuming it's accurate) map of the sighting location and I'll post this for information - shouldn't be a large file.

James.

E-mail: [voyager@ukonline.co.uk](mailto:voyager@ukonline.co.uk)

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These images are now on-line at:

<http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/raven3.jpg>

<http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/raven4.jpg>

The site map, from 'The Age of the UFO', can also be found at:

[http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/site\\_map.jpg](http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/site_map.jpg)

Unrelated - one other 'Raven' balloon I came across (no date  
unfortunately) and which looks like a 'UFO dream!':

<http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/balloon4.jpg>

James.

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Subject: Re: Re: Re: Re: The Socorro 1964 'UFO' Sighting

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Rudiak assumed  $102C = 375 K$  ("absolute" scale). that is  $T = 375$ .

350 C would be  $350+273 = 613 K$ . Compared to the previous value, this temperature is

1.6 times the previous value, so the density of the gas inside would be  $1/1.6 = 0.6$

of that used before. Hence the volume would be 0.6 of the previous volume.

Since the volume is proportional to the radius cubed, the radius is proportional to the  $1/3$  power of the volume. Note that the volume

RATIO is here estimated as 0.6, so the radius ratio is estimated as  $(0.6)^{0.333} = 0.84$ .

So the radius at this high temperature would be about 80% of the previously estimated value

Not a big change.

If the 350 refers to F degrees, convert to C and get  $(5/9)(F - 32) = 176 C$ , which is lower than the 350 C used in the above calculation and so there will be even less reduction in the radius.

Bruce.

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Memory is a funny thing, memory of unexpected and unique (to us) things is really funny. It's subject to all kinds of metamorphosizing in our heads as we struggle to put the data into the context of previous experience.

If this had been me, I wouldn't be surprised if my memory deflated the distance by a factor of two, or deflated (or inflated) the size of the object based on that distance perception and my brain trying to sort the thing out.

But we sit around and say, "Okay, it was 103 yards" and stuff, and that just \*seems\* to me to be kind of rushing off after rainbows.

Which isn't meant to denigrate the validity of what he saw, nor the validity of the calculations.

Merlin

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Not that I'm convinced by the balloon hypothesis, but in the interest of fair play: Why does this have to be an either / or choice ?

A Rozier type balloon uses a lifting gas such as Helium in conjunction with an secondary internal hot air balloon inside the same envelope. The idea is to use the hot air to control trim, thus conserving the main lifting gas.

It was developed some time in the 1780s and is still such a good principle that just about all the round-the-world balloon attempts used a Rozier design. They have burners like a hot air balloon, so they look like one, but they have far more lift

I don't know what time of day the sighting took place - it's important in that it would affect the ambient temp. As you know hot air balloons generate less lift in hot weather than in cold - the same is true of any LTA craft. I always imagine NM to be hot, so the lift from a pure hot air craft wouldn't be very inspiring.

As for the flames underneath, well that's a tough one. I've never heard of RATO being used in LTA, but I suppose it's a long shot possibility.

Dave W

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>really funny. It's subject to all kinds of metamorphosizing in our heads  
>as we struggle to put the data into the context of previous experience.  
>  
>If this had been me, I wouldn't be surprised if my memory deflated the  
>distance by a factor of two, or deflated (or inflated) the size of the  
>object based on that distance perception and my brain trying to sort the  
>thing out.  
>  
>But we sit around and say, "Okay, it was 103 yards" and stuff, and that  
>just \*seems\* to me to be kind of rushing off after rainbows.  
>  
>Which isn't meant to denigrate the validity of what he saw, nor the  
>validity of the calculations.  
>  
>Merlin

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I believe there were also other witnesses to an unusual craft that day and thought by some to be the same one. I would have to dig up the details, but it is my understanding that their description isn't very balloon-like. On the other hand, Zamora's description doesn't seem to fit that of a "space craft", so it remains (at least in my mind) an Unknown.

Steve

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From: joel carpenter <ufx@mindspring.com>  
Subject: Re: The Socorro 1964 'UFO' SightingMessage-id:  
<001901beee3e8f7f5a0\$2c30f7a5@skyray>  
References: <199908232256\_MC2-8213-1B3D@compuserve.com>  
<199908232256\_MC2-8213-1B3D@compuserve.com>  
<199908241142.HAA18377@nki001.netkonnct.net>

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Yes, the distance between the car and the "padprints" was measurable, as well as the geometry of the other sightlines, so none of these important issues rely on witness estimates. The location of first sighting (or "hearing"), speed of disappearance, etc., depend more on estimates by Zamora, but they can at least be ballparked.

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Exactly. Correct me if I'm wrong, but I believe this is the only occupant case on the Blue Book "unidentified" list. It's a distinctive case from a number of points of view.

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This is a strange case of the "dog that didn't bark," isn't it? Why \_wasn't\_  
the balloon issue ever raised by Blue Book, if only to cover all the bases?

The case file mentions all sorts of other theories, like helicopters (there's a sketch of a chopper with the strange insignia on its side, setting the bushes on fire with its exhaust), and Quintanilla seems to have really been into the idea that it was a lunar test vehicle. He contacted NASA and several aerospace contractors about that. But no mention of balloons...it's a rare instance where the AF \_didn't\_ trot out the balloon "cover story" <g>.

I'm really torn over this balloon idea. There are many things that recommend it and some that I just can't easily accept. I do have a hard time with the size issue. It's just a fact that it takes a HAB of around 20,000 cubic feet to lift two men, according to the balloon books I have, unless there are some special techniques that I don't know about. This means that his size estimates were radically wrong. Of course that's possible.

I keep thinking of a classic example of this effect in a non-UFO case. R V Jones' book on his WWII technical intelligence work goes into detail on the type of judgment he had to develop to pull the reliable details out of eyewitness accounts of new German weapons systems. In one case, he requested the French underground to provide him with details of a giant German radar installation. The antenna of this thing was huge, literally the size and shape of a bridge, and was mounted firmly in a fixed location. Several agents got a look at it and forwarded sketches to Jones. In the book, Jones has a photo of the actual antenna compared with the sketches, and \_not one\_ of them is accurate. Most of them are so cartoonish that they're laughable, and completely useless for purposes of estimating anything technical about the antenna. Granted, the witnesses couldn't just walk up to the antenna and measure it, but it was immobile, at a fixed distance, etc. It's exactly the type of thing that Alan Hendry pointed out about UFO testimony. I don't want to dump on witnesses, but it's just a fact that you can't take their estimates literally.

J Carpenter

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Date: Tue, 24 Aug 1999 19:15:41 +0100  
From: Lynda Matthews <matthews@zetnet.co.uk>  
Subject: Re: Sightings - Chris Gibson etc.Message-id:  
<199908241839.TAA06230@irwell.zetnet.co.uk>

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At last,

somebody talking sense about this business. As usual in Ufology, no conspiracy and plenty of evidence that it's all above board.....

Tim M.

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> From: Andy Roberts <Brigantia@compuserve.com>  
> To: UFO Research List <UFORL@listbot.com>  
> Subject: Sightings - Chris Gibson etc.  
> Date: 24 August 1999 17:46  
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> UFO Research List - <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/>  
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> Chris Gibson wrote:  
>  
> >I might as well forget talking to the elusive Upper Heyford delta chap  
> and  
> >put it all in the the file titled "Bolleaux". I assume it never happened  
> >then?  
>  
> and  
>  
> >Why is this guy being "sheltered" from other  
> >researchers? I'm sure he has some very interesting information, but the  
> >only account of what he saw is in Tim's book and Tim has said that  
> >eyewitnesses testimony is not worth the paper they are written on.  
>  
> Let me clarify this matter.  
>  
> I was the source of the account which appeared in Tim M's book. To the  
> best of my knowledge I am the only person he has talked to about it.  
> Tim hasn't spoken to him and worked entirely from the tape transcript  
> I supplied him with.  
> I can assure Chris that the witness has not been 'sheltered' at all. I  
> thought  
> I'd told Chris all this a while ago in private email. But so you can all  
> forget  
> about Tim (or myself) 'sheltering' witnesses this is what happened.  
>  
> \* I received a call from this guy about an entirely unrelated matter  
> \* He phoned back and asked if I wanted to know where there was a UFP

- > \* I went to see him and he talked on tape for about one hour
- > \* He also did a couple of drawings of the object and marked its 'crash'
- > point on a map
- >
- > I intended to follow the case up in the locality but personal events
- > intervened. In
- > the time between spring '97 (when I spoke to the guy) and now I have
- > moved
- > house several times, each time lugging thousands of books, files etc etc
- > with me. Somewhere in that maelstrom I have mislaid the guy's telephone
- > number
- > and address (written in a diary). I can't remember if I gave the drawings
- > and map to Tim
- > or if that's vanished as well.
- >
- > So that's why the matter hasn't been pursued any further. I have a vague
- > idea of
- > where he lives and intend sometime to take a drive round that way and
- > locate
- > his house again. When and if I do so I will let anyone who wishes have
- > his
- > address, if he says that's ok.
- >
- > As far as I could tell (and working with liars and criminals is part of
- > my
- > professional),
- > this guy was completely on the level. He was an experienced electrical
- > engineer
- > now working in industry. He showed me photos of him in uniform etc etc.
- > He existed and had a story to tell. Any lapse in the follow up to this
- > case
- > is
- > mine alone but hey, sometimes, just sometimes, life can get in the way
- > of ufology!
- >
- > Happy Trails
- >
- > Andy
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From: RB47Expert@aol.com  
Subject: Re: Balloon dataMessage-id: <d265022c.24f44f85@aol.com>

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Brad

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Let's put some numbers to this. This is from "Ballooning: The Complete Guide to Riding the Winds" by Dick Wirth and Jerry Young (Random House, 1991). I hope my formatting doesn't get garbled like the wind data I posted the other day.

J Carpenter

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Hot-air balloons are bigger than gas balloons because even heated air is much denser than hydrogen or helium, so more of it is needed to lift off. Typically a gas balloon (hydrogen) will derive about 60 lb of lift per 1,000 cu ft whereas a hot-air model will develop only 17-20 lb per 1,000 cu ft (at

100-120 deg C). Thus a 77,000 cu ft balloon will lift:  $77 \times 17 = 1,309$  lb gross lift.

Assuming the weights are:

Envelope - 160 lb

Basket and burner - 150 lb

4 gas tanks - 290 lb

total - 600 lb

Net lift:  $1309 - 600 = 709$  lb

The average person weighs 170 lb and therefore a standard '77' operating in standard atmospheric conditions will lift  $709 / 170 = 4.17$  people -- or three passengers, one pilot and equipment.

Type Max size (cu ft) crew

|     |         |     |
|-----|---------|-----|
| AX2 | 12,000  | 1   |
| AX3 | 20,000  | 1   |
| AX4 | 31,000  | 1   |
| AX5 | 42,000  | 2   |
| AX6 | 56,000  | 2/3 |
| AX7 | 77,000  | 3/4 |
| AX8 | 105,000 | 5/6 |

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Date: Tue, 24 Aug 1999 22:20:44 +0100  
From: James Easton <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
Subject: Re: Balloon dataMessage-id:  
<008d01beee76\$87af0b20\$1dcc28c3@cis.compuserve.com>

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[End]

In a recent communication from Piccard, he suggested that the New Mexico 'test flights' might have involved gas-filled balloons.

I have a number of follow-up questions with him and which might make further sense of the possibilities.

One of the potential difficulties in seeing the overall perspective is that Piccard also raised the prospect of 'compartmented' operations being involved, with sections not necessarily being aware of other operations .

It's one of the reasons I alluded to why Ed Yost may not have known about flights near Socorro.

One thing we can be reasonable sure of is that any Socorro hot-air balloon must have been launched from within a 10-20 miles (maximum) area, maybe much less if the theoretical operation was simply to test new equipment/operational procedures. A short flight could have been all that was necessary.

A main objection I see to Zamora having encountered a hot-air balloon is the size of the balloons which would normally be used. That was very much still under enquiry.

If a heated hydrogen balloon, could that also maybe explain why the balloon could remained inflated whilst a brief landing was made (how do you carry out such special ops otherwise).

Incidentally, re the question of how populated the locale was, I notice that the FBI report says "So far as could be noted, there were no houses or inhabited dwellings in the area or in sight of the area".

What I still don't quite understand is how a balloon, at the mercy of wind direction, could go from point A to point B and then return, against the wind, to point B.

You could drop off or pick up an agent, but how would you get back home instead of ending up further into enemy territory?

James.

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From: joel carpenter <ufx@mindspring.com>  
Subject: Re: Balloon dataMessage-id:  
<002501beee82\$070eeb50\$0100a8c0@mindspring.com>  
References: <d265022c.24f44f85@aol.com>

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Subject: Inflatable planesMessage-id:  
<003f01beee83\$a97de840\$0100a8c0@mindspring.com>

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Here's the Goodyear "Inflatoplane" of 1957-8 in Office of Naval Research markings:

<http://www.ifb.uni-stuttgart.de/~doerner/gummiflugzeug3.jpg>

Some other interesting things at  
<http://www.ifb.uni-stuttgart.de/~doerner/bfecurious.html>

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Subject: Balloon data/CORRECTIONMessage-id: <6e0ded40.24f48849@aol.com>

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Joel thanks also for correcting my calculations in your E-mail. The actual lifting capacity of hydrogen, depending on ambient temperature etc., is about 65 lbs per 1,000 cu-ft. So two men of small size, with balloon envelope, burner, fuel, gondola or platform, would probably need 4,000 cu-ft (diameter 20 ft) of hydrogen at least.

Good points on the greater maneuverability of a hot-air or hot-gas balloon over a simple gas balloon. However, disposability was not necessarily always a requirement as in the border crossing example I gave previously.

Brad

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JAMES & LIST,

A few COMMENTS here and there.

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"Reflecting back to those days at Raven, Piccard thinks the company's sport balloon division was a cover-up for the military applications of ballooning. `The sport balloon program, which was not believed in by the Raven Industry management, was strictly getting this crazy guy who liked to fly in balloons and make cover. So, when one of these other balloons went down, it would just look like a sport balloonist'."

[End]

COMMENT: James, you've also hinted at specific knowledge of ONI and/or CIA tests of hot-air balloons and of knowing specific test sites in New Mexico in 1964.

In a recent communication from Piccard, he suggested that the New Mexico 'test flights' might have involved gas-filled balloons.

I have a number of follow-up questions with him and which might make further sense of the possibilities.

One of the potential difficulties in seeing the overall perspective is that Piccard also raised the prospect of 'compartmented' operations being involved, with sections not necessarily being aware of other operations .

It's one of the reasons I alluded to why Ed Yost may not have known about flights near Socorro.

COMMENT: The secrecy for the development of a clandestine agent extraction balloon would extend beyond just compartmentation, since that suggests that all one needs to do is get through the perhaps routine compartmentation and the development agency would just naturally tell you what might explain Zamora's sighting. Rather, such a development would have had extreme secrecy in 1964 and it would remain highly classified today. I would expect serious problems trying to pry loose much about it today as it is possible maybe probable the balloon techniques are still in use today.

If it was developed by the CIA Clandestine Service, the unit would probably have been the infamous Technical Services Division (TSD), perhaps in collaboration with Richard Bissell's Development Projects Staff that developed the U-2 and A-12 OXCART ("SR-71") since Bissell himself had become head of the Clandestine Service from 1959 to 1962 thus ensuring closer coordination between his "baby" and the clandestine ops people.

One thing we can be reasonable sure of is that any Socorro hot-air balloon must have been launched from within a 10-20 miles (maximum) area, maybe much less if the theoretical operation was simply to test new equipment/operational procedures. A short

flight could have been all that was necessary.

COMMENT: IF the nearby Socorro Airport, less than 1 mile away from Zamora's landing site, was truly a "sleepy" airport in 1964 it might have been ideal for clandestine ops and tests, as the CIA liked to use "sleepy" airports back then for special ops and training. If it was being used for training or testing for clandestine agent ops that would explain the choice of a small-town populated area rather than the isolated White Sands range, as that would allow more realistic testing while still remaining relatively less likely to be exposed. Part of the testing might have been to see how easy or difficult the balloon was to be seen in a lightly populated setting.

A main objection I see to Zamora having encountered a hot-air balloon is the size of the balloons which would normally be used. That was very much still under enquiry.

If a heated hydrogen balloon, could that also maybe explain why the balloon could remain inflated whilst a brief landing was made (how do you carry out such special ops otherwise).

Incidentally, re the question of how populated the locale was, I notice that the FBI report says "So far as could be noted, there were no houses or inhabited dwellings in the area or in sight of the area".

COMMENT: This comment by FBI Special Agent J. Arthur Byrnes, Jr., is evidently incorrect since the Felix Phillips home was reportedly just 1,000 feet east of the landing site and in the same gully as the landed UFO according to Hynek. Recall that Zamora's sighting of the "figures" for two seconds was from a distance of 800 feet (see Blue Book site maps).

What I still don't quite understand is how a balloon, at the mercy of wind direction, could go from point A to point B and then return, against the wind, to point B.

You could drop off or pick up an agent, but how would you get back home instead of ending up further into enemy territory?

James.

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COMMENT: In the days of sailing before powered ships, sailors could go from A to B then back to A again using the wind. Wind directions change especially near sunrise and sunset when solar heating changes drastically and thus the convection patterns of air masses. The Zamora incident took place close to sundown. Wind directions also change depending on the terrain --

I've suggested that the E-W gully the UFO landed in could have channeled a south wind into an E-W direction. But again, the provenance and/or reliability of our wind data is highly uncertain at present.

Moreover, when facing desperate situations against formidable opponents and there is no other way out, a solution to the wind problem could no doubt be devised, based on shrewd understanding of meteorology.

The CIA has had to extract defectors from within the then Soviet Union over heavily fortified borders. I recall one high-level KGB defector (Gordievsky?) traveled from Moscow over thousands of miles to a southern border and it was remarked that the interior travel was easier than the last few miles of border crossing. The manner of the border crossing remains secret.

One can easily imagine a CIA operative in a balloon crossing over a remote Soviet border to drop off equipment for another balloon, and waiting for the wind to reverse in order to return. Then the agent (maybe a defector) arrives at the drop site, assembles the balloon, waits for the right wind then sails over the border to freedom. Highly dangerous, extremely risky, but what if there was no other way? Perhaps the border is remote and unmanned but consists of miles and miles of booby traps, land mines and barbed wire, so that a balloon with a 10-20 or 50-mile range is all that is needed to sail right over it.

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Listmembers, particularly James-

On the topic of balloon maneuverability, here are some more details from the excellent book "Ballooning: The Complete Guide to Riding the Winds":

"How can you race balloons? They are virtually unsteerable, and they travel at the pace of the wind. But, the competitive urge being as strong as it is, balloonists have devised a range of close-quarter contests as tests of flying skill...To understand how balloonists compete with each other one must discard the notion of the winner always being the first past the post. Since balloons are at the mercy of the atmosphere, all traveling in the same airstream at more or less the same speed, balloon racers have to be accurate rather than fast. The winner is the balloonist who comes closest to a target -- either by landing on it or by dropping a marker to fix his notional landing point....

In the northern hemisphere the wind generally veers to the right with height. And the words 'Right with height' are drummed into every learner pilot's head. Race theory, then, is simple. A target is chosen downwind of the launch site and the balloon pilot gains altitude to turn right and flies low to regain left, zig-zagging through the sky while aiming for the target."

Then some examples of competitions are given:

"Hare and Hounds. In this race the hounds try to land or drop a marker as close as possible to the landing position of the hare...

Judge Declared Goal. The pilot flies to a goal downwind and drops his marker. The winner is closest to the goal. In the early days of racing only one goal was set but the one-target version has been superseded by the multiple-target version...The pilot chooses the most appropriate goal when actually in the air. The result of this variant has been to produce some amazingly accurate flying. Pilots as good as world champion Paul Woessner have achieved zero ft -- putting the marker in the center of the target cross.

Big Bender or Elbow. This race involves changing course as acutely as possible. Balloons fly out for a specified minimum distance, for example 5 miles; the pilot drops a marker to indicate his position and then flies the second leg, attempting to change course as much as possible...on a typical day they may climb to between 10-15,000 ft in an effort to find 'Right with height.'"

...Target smoke and target approach.

Good balloon pilots are capable of steering their craft with a reasonable degree of accuracy through a narrow band of wind about the main flow and most competitive pilots can land within 200 yds of a goal. Most problems occur in the final approach to the target because the wind is fickle; either smooth flowing or turbulent, it runs like a river over trees, houses and hills....The wind is capricious below 250 ft, and many pilots plan their approach to arrive at 250 ft over target and 'drop like a brick'...

Last-minute wind indicators, such as chimney smoke, help and the ground crew may set off a smoke bomb to show the local turbulence."

Comment: One could speculate that in the Socorro case a person on the ground was burning a smoke bomb or flare to indicate the wind direction, and this is what burned the bushes.

J Carpenter

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J Carpenter wrote.... and I added size:

>Type Max size (cu ft) crew DIAMETER (assume sphere)

|     |         |     |       |
|-----|---------|-----|-------|
| AX2 | 12,000  | 1   | 28 ft |
| AX3 | 20,000  | 1   | 34 ft |
| AX4 | 31,000  | 1   | 39 ft |
| AX5 | 42,000  | 2   | 43    |
| AX6 | 56,000  | 2/3 | 47    |
| AX7 | 77,000  | 3/4 | 53    |
| AX8 | 105,000 | 5/6 | 59    |

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Begins to look like over 30 ft is "solid" for a plain old HAB. Don't know what a hybrid would be like.

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Date: Wed, 25 Aug 1999 11:48:56 -0500 (EST)  
From: Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS Kinesiology <lrobins@indiana.edu>  
Subject: Landing at Socorro

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First, I suggest that you read my web page on the subject. Since it is not robot-searchable (due to decisions beyond my control), I am not sure if all of you have found it.

It is at:

<http://php.indiana.edu/~lrobins/howisoco.htm>

For the same reason, I cannot paste from other emails, email through web page forms, or control the line length.

Addressing the comments of all who have posted (part of this is an edited copy of a message I sent to UFOmind):

1. The burner used in modern hot-air balloons was invented in 1962. The balloons were very rare in 1964, but several races had already occurred. I can get documentation of this if necessary.
2. The metal triangular platform was used until 1965, when a suitable basket became available. I have photos of them, including some copied from a Time magazine article published before the sighting. Zamora's "legs" would have been the A-frame over the platform (which explains why only two legs were seen).
3. Newer burners are quieter and more efficient than the original ones.
4. A zinc-iron alloy (described in the analysis of the scrape mark) is found on the surface of galvanized iron.
5. At the first sighting of the flame, the roof of the car may have hidden the envelope of the balloon, or the sunglasses may have made it match the sky.
6. My work here at Kinesiology has borne out this relevant fact:

NO human can correctly estimate the size, distance,

speed, or altitude of an object, unless one of these happens:

- a. The witness knows what the object really is, and thus has a valid size estimate.
- b. The object comes within 20 feet (6 m) of the witness, where binocular vision can find distance accurately.
- c. The object passes in front of AND behind known objects.
- d. The object casts a shadow from a known light source, or leaves marks in a known location (Zamora's visual estimate differs remarkably from the actual measured distance to the marks).
- e. Other measuring techniques or instruments are used.

If the witness makes an incorrect guess of the identity of the object, ALL size, distance, speed, and altitude estimates are distorted by the guess.

Pilots and air support personnel can routinely make good estimates of the distance, speed, or altitude of airplanes. But they have one advantage the UFO witness does not have: They KNOW the objects they are looking at are airplanes, and so have a pretty good size estimate. A UFO can be the size of a bug, a building, or a planet. Attempts to estimate distance, speed, and altitude fail when the unknown object is assumed to be the size of an airplane (or in this case, a car).

It is amazing that UFOlogists habitually ignore these facts. They routinely take an estimate of size, distance, speed, or altitude given by a witness to be an ironclad fact, instead of a very rough guess based on the sizes of known vehicles.

Even trained observers cannot find out this information without the aids listed above. Many guesses are off by factors of 100, and quite a few are off by factors of 100,000 to 1,000,000. Many air traffic controllers made this last mistake before the invention of RADAR, radioing landing instructions to bright planets (especially Venus) that were suddenly uncovered by clouds.

7. Using USGS maps of the area, I determined that Zamora underestimated the distance to the landing site by a factor of 3 (first sighting) and 2 (last sighting). Scaling up the distance also scales up the men and the balloon envelope to normal size. In addition, since the wind was at his back at the last observation site, the envelope of the balloon was farther away from him than

the landing marks were.

8. Likewise, if Zamora ran as he said he did, he **BROKE** the world record for sprinting. Zamora's time-sense seems to be off here. This is a common phenomenon of human perception in emergency situations.
9. Likewise, the other witnesses' estimates were no better due to the same types of perception error.
10. Zamora could not identify the balloon because he never heard of a noisy balloon. Neither had the Air Force officers (the original project was for the Navy).
11. The logo was for purposes of sport balloon racing, not advertising. Most balloons in such sports still carry a symbolic ID inside a circle. They are used to identify the balloons for scoring purposes, like numbers on race cars and football jerseys.
12. The triangular platform was made of a pipe or welded metal frame, with a mesh metal grid (similar to those found on fire escapes) on top. It could very well have made the marks, especially if the landing was hard (kinetic energy, not just weight).
13. The bottom of the object (if it was indeed a balloon) was never seen clearly by Zamora. First it was hidden by terrain (from both viewpoints), then he lost his glasses.
14. The wind and the rough terrain should cause a rough landing. This could cause the deep marks, and probably the burnt brush. The platform might even have turned over.
15. The takeoff happens in these stages (I have seen this many times):
  - a. The envelope is inflated on the ground (from the account, it never deflated; it just lost lift).
  - b. The burner is fired **SIDEWAYS** to lift the envelope. The fire have been started by a sideways blast.
  - c. As the envelope lifts, the burner is angled up (the initial hovering). This takes 10 to 20 seconds. This explains the tilting of the oval shape given by one account.
  - d. Another blast of the burner is used to lift the craft off of the ground (the horizontal motion starts as the wind takes over once the craft is off the ground).
16. The object did **NOT** disappear in the distance, but went

behind terrain. As I recall, the balloonists (in their article) said they flew a few miles and set down again.

17. The object stayed low enough on takeoff that Zamora probably never saw the (edge-on) platform -- if only he hadn't lost his glasses.
18. Three of the marks coincide almost exactly with the dimensions of the platforms. The fourth could have been from an early strike, from the platform turning over, from the mouth ring of the envelope, or from accessory equipment.
19. Zamora stated that "the wind was at my back" during the sighting from the location where he parked. Other accounts (by investigators) of wind direction were probably reversed by the false assumption (shared by many UFOlogists) that a south wind blows toward the south (a south wind is defined by the National Weather Service [and its predecessor, the US Weather Bureau] as coming FROM the south). Even Hynek gets this reversed, not just here but in other UFO cases.
20. If the wind speed had been brisk, the chase car might have been left behind (as they also are where roads are sparse). Also (unless you knew what you were looking for) would you recognize a chase car or grasp its significance? The first time I saw one, I had no idea what it was for. The trailer looked like it had a small airboat (for swamps) on it.
21. The ground does not look that hard in the original photos of the landing site. The soil seems almost sandy around each mark. Was the hardness tested at the time of the landing, or after some time (and weather) had passed? Also, did the estimate of "several tons" assume only vertical force? The corners of the platform could exert several tons per square foot each if the platform bounced from one corner to another as it hit.
22. The first Vulcoon had a thirty foot (diameter) envelope, and a parachute-style harness to hold one man. Later models were bigger (40, 50, and 65 ft) and used platforms.
23. The roar is much louder if you are in the cone below the mouth of the envelope, where you can hear the resonant echo from inside the envelope. In the modern balloon, the basket blocks much of this, but the open mesh platform would not be able to do that.

24. I have the July 1966 Popular Science article. The 65 ft. balloon had an enclosed triangular gondola painted orange. The envelope of this balloon had orange and white stripes. It is NOT the article I am looking for.

25. Unfortunately, I was not yet interested in UFOs when I read the article by the balloonists mentioned in my web page. I found out about the Socorro case later, after the magazine had been returned to its owner. I do have a drawing I had made of the balloon at the time I read the article (I had wanted to make a flying model of it at the time). It has the International Paper logo on it.

Other items found in the spiral notebook the drawing is in date the contents to a period encompassing February 1965 to January 1967. I first learned of the Socorro case in March 1967.

If and when I find the article again, the contents will conclusively determine whether my solution is correct.

26. I wish someone had performed this simple experiment at the time: Have two men stand at the landing marks while Zamora drives his squad car over the route he originally took. Then ask Zamora to compare the two events.

Let's not assume that unusual or exotic technology is needed where a simple misperception will suffice to explain a sighting.

If we can't even agree on the first year of the 3rd millennium (it's really 2001, since there was no year numbered 0), how can we ever solve any UFO case?

By the way, if someone ever does catch an extraterrestrial space ship, it can't be called a UFO anymore, because it is no longer an Unidentified Flying Object.

Larry Robinson

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On Tue, 10 Aug 1999, Steven Kaeser wrote:

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@At 11:48 AM 8/25/1999 -0500, Larry Robinson wrote:

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@> article) said they flew a few miles and set down again.

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@When I get home I'll review your web site, but could you provide a

@reference for the "article" you mention.

I have been hunting for that article for 5 years!

Like I said, I read it before I first heard of the Socorro case itself. I didn't put two and two together until after I had my first close encounter with a hot-air balloon in 1976. Before that, I had discounted the balloon theory myself, because I didn't know how LOUD those things can get at close range.

As it says in the web page, the magazine had a technical or aviation theme (it was very possibly an industry trade mag), but I did not save the details at the time (the magazine was borrowed). When I read the article, I was interested in making a tissue-paper flying model of the balloon, not solving a UFO case (I was a teenager at the time).

The only UFO cases I had ever heard of at the time I read the article were the 1963 Fairfield IL case (which made the local paper), the 1965 Exeter NH case, and the 1966 Michigan "swamp gas" sightings.

Whoever finds the article will share credit for the solution.

Another thought just occurred to me: Zamora was in the cone where the resonant sound is loudest during the part of his last sighting before the balloon lifted. If the envelope were on the far side of the platform, then the mouth would have been pointed toward him. (And if the mouth were pointed away from him, the flame would not have been visible until the bag rose.)

Larry Robinson

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JAMES AND LIST--

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For those interested, there's a picture of this at

[http://www.spectrumwd.com/c130/images/mc130\\_13.jpg](http://www.spectrumwd.com/c130/images/mc130_13.jpg)

and

[http://www.spectrumwd.com/c130/images/mc130\\_15.jpg](http://www.spectrumwd.com/c130/images/mc130_15.jpg)

C-130 has Fulton gear (scissors shape) on nose, flies toward balloon and  
grabs cable, lifts object attached.

J Carpenter

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There's an article on the development of the Fulton agent recovery system at

<http://www.odci.gov/csi/studies/95unclas/lea.html>

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Larry Robinson wrote:

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Regarding estimate of size, Zamorra had plenty of ground  
features to compare with and measurements were made later



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Subject: Re: Landing at SocorroMessage-id: <62b7ce49.24f5c0aa@aol.com>

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LARRY & LIST,

I have now reviewed some of your interesting web site. It is always nice to get a fresh perspective on the subject and on classic cases. At least you concede there are unexplained cases you cannot solve and have even supplied a few convenient lists (you have more than one personal "unidentifieds" list on your site). I will comment on your web site later, in a separate posting.

More of my COMMENTS on your Socorro observations (below).

Regards,

Brad Sparks

In a message dated 8/25/99 9:49:22 AM, lrobins@indiana.edu wrote:

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First, I suggest that you read my web page on the subject. Since it is not robot-searchable (due to decisions beyond my control), I am not sure if all of you have found it.

It is at:

<http://php.indiana.edu/~lrobins/howisoco.htm>

For the same reason, I cannot paste from other emails, email through web page forms, or control the line length.

Addressing the comments of all who have posted (part of this is an edited copy of a message I sent to UFOmind):

1. The burner used in modern hot-air balloons was invented in 1962. The balloons were very rare in 1964, but several races had already occurred. I can get documentation of this if necessary.
2. The metal triangular platform was used until 1965, when a suitable basket became available. I have photos of

them, including some copied from a Time magazine article published before the sighting. Zamora's "legs" would have been the A-frame over the platform (which explains why only two legs were seen).

3. Newer burners are quieter and more efficient than the original ones.
4. A zinc-iron alloy (described in the analysis of the scrape mark) is found on the surface of galvanized iron.
5. At the first sighting of the flame, the roof of the car may have hidden the envelope of the balloon,

COMMENT: The top edge of Zamora's windshield might have been at something like 30 to 45 degrees elevation. If the balloon was a half mile to a mile away it would have been at an altitude of perhaps 2,000 to 5,000 feet roughly. Granted that the time interval data between the "flame" and the landed sighting of "figures" is unavailable or unknown, it was presumably less than a few minutes. That might make for a dangerous or impossible descent rate of a hot-air balloon.

or the  
sunglasses may have made it match the sky.

6. My work here at Kinesiology has borne out this relevant fact:

NO human can correctly estimate the size, distance, speed, or altitude of an object, unless one of these happens:

- a. The witness knows what the object really is, and thus has a valid size estimate.
- b. The object comes within 20 feet (6 m) of the witness, where binocular vision can find distance accurately.
- c. The object passes in front of AND behind known objects.

COMMENT: Granted that Zamora's non-close-encounter observations may fall prey to the previous objections. Still, his sighting of the LANDED object against background and foreground terrain and vegetation of measurable distance is quite a different situation than the typical nebulous witness estimation without visual distance cues. I recall but cannot place where I read that investigators worked with Zamora to exactly frame the landed UFO against measurements of terrain and vegetation that bracketed the UFO to come up with upper and limits on the UFO's dimensions.

- d. The object casts a shadow from a known light source, or leaves marks in a known location (Zamora's visual estimate differs remarkably from the actual measured distance to the marks).
- e. Other measuring techniques or instruments are used.

If the witness makes an incorrect guess of the identity of the object, ALL size, distance, speed, and altitude estimates are distorted by the guess.

Pilots and air support personnel can routinely make good estimates of the distance, speed, or altitude of airplanes. But they have one advantage the UFO witness does not have: They KNOW the objects they are looking at are airplanes, and so have a pretty good size estimate. A UFO can be the size of a bug, a building, or a planet. Attempts to estimate distance, speed, and altitude fail when the unknown object is assumed to be the size of an airplane (or in this case, a car).

It is amazing that UFOlogists habitually ignore these facts. They routinely take an estimate of size, distance, speed, or altitude given by a witness to be an ironclad fact, instead of a very rough guess based on the sizes of known vehicles.

Even trained observers cannot find out this information without the aids listed above. Many guesses are off by factors of 100, and quite a few are off by factors of 100,000 to 1,000,000. Many air traffic controllers made this last mistake before the invention of RADAR, radioing landing instructions to bright planets (especially Venus) that were suddenly uncovered by clouds.

7. Using USGS maps of the area, I determined that Zamora underestimated the distance to the landing site by a factor of 3 (first sighting) and 2 (last sighting).

COMMENT: What are your distance figures and Zamora's? You don't mention. Zamora's first sighting of the LANDED object was at an estimated distance of 150 to 200 yards (450-600 feet), according to Zamora's account written within seven hours of the incident (according to Hynek, Hynek UFO Report, pp. 224, 226). The site maps (Steiger pp. 108, 117) show that distance to be 800 feet, presumably as measured by the on-site investigators (there may be investigative reports I don't have that say so explicitly and explain how it was measured, by whom, when, etc.). Zamora labeled his drawing of the object at that point as at a distance of "APPROXIMATELY .15 MILES" (about 792 feet) presumably using the investigators' more accurate measurement.

That is NOT a factor 3 error. In fairness to Zamora, 600 feet should be

taken as his visual estimate and the error to 800 feet is only 33% or so, about a factor 1.3.

So are you saying that on USGS topo maps you can prove that the 800-foot distance evidently measured by investigators on-site was actually more like 2,000 feet or more? How can a USGS topo map have enough contour detail to enable anyone to do that?

Scaling up the distance also scales up the men and the balloon envelope to normal size.

COMMENT: Apparently a distance of 103 feet was measured by investigators with Zamora at the point of closest encounter (Steiger p. 110), the distance between Zamora's car and the landing marks. Presumably Zamora's car was easily located as it had not been moved anywhere before the first investigators arrived and it's location could easily be redetermined from tire tracks after it was moved.

Are you saying this 103-foot figure also was in error by a factor of 2 or 3? If you're not saying this then how could any scaling up of OTHER size/distance estimates be relevant?

In addition, since the wind was at his back at the last observation site, the envelope of the balloon was farther away from him than the landing marks were.

COMMENT: According to Hynek the wind was blowing towards Zamora and the City of Socorro, not on Zamora's back. However, I've pointed out the winds might have been different down in the E-W gully due to channeling.

8. Likewise, if Zamora ran as he said he did, he BROKE the world record for sprinting. Zamora's time-sense seems to be off here. This is a common phenomenon of human perception in emergency situations.

COMMENT: How so? Zamora said he had run about 25 feet in what he guessed was about 6 seconds when he "glanced back" at the rising UFO. That's about 4 ft/sec or 3 mph, a very SLOW running speed on smooth ground, a fast WALK in fact, but on rough terrain it might have as fast as was possible. But certainly NOT a world record for sprinting (which is closer to 26 mph I believe). In another place in his original report Zamora suggests he covered the fifty feet away from his car and back, total about 100 feet, in possibly 20 seconds. That's again a very reasonable 5 ft/sec or almost 4 mph.

9. Likewise, the other witnesses' estimates were no better

due to the same types of perception error.

10. Zamora could not identify the balloon because he never heard of a noisy balloon. Neither had the Air Force officers (the original project was for the Navy).

COMMENT: True. But he did tell the dispatcher "It looks like a balloon."

11. The logo was for purposes of sport balloon racing, not advertising. Most balloons in such sports still carry a symbolic ID inside a circle. They are used to identify the balloons for scoring purposes, like numbers on race cars and football jerseys.

12. The triangular platform was made of a pipe or welded metal frame, with a mesh metal grid (similar to those found on fire escapes) on top. It could very well have made the marks, especially if the landing was hard (kinetic energy, not just weight).

COMMENT: This is widely ignored by UFOlogists, starting with Ray Stanford, who kept insisting the marks were done by weight of the object. Whereas Hynek says they were "scooped" or "gouged" which is done by force.

13. The bottom of the object (if it was indeed a balloon) was never seen clearly by Zamora. First it was hidden by terrain (from both viewpoints), then he lost his glasses.

COMMENT: True enough. But how could he miss seeing the two-man crew from 103 feet BEFORE he dropped his glasses due to backing up into his car? Zamora gives a very detailed account of the appearance of the flame and the changing noise at this point, all BEFORE bumping his leg on his car, so he seemingly had a good view.

14. The wind and the rough terrain should cause a rough landing. This could cause the deep marks, and probably the burnt brush. The platform might even have turned over.

15. The takeoff happens in these stages (I have seen this many times):

- a. The envelope is inflated on the ground (from the account, it never deflated; it just lost lift).

COMMENT: If it was a hybrid Rozier-type balloon with sealed envelope of hydrogen or helium or other gas, then it would never completely deflate.

- b. The burner is fired SIDEWAYS to lift the envelope.  
The fire have been started by a sideways blast.
- c. As the envelope lifts, the burner is angled up (the initial hovering). This takes 10 to 20 seconds. This explains the tilting of the oval shape given by one account.
- d. Another blast of the burner is used to lift the craft off of the ground (the horizontal motion starts as the wind takes over once the craft is off the ground).

16. The object did NOT disappear in the distance, but went behind terrain. As I recall, the balloonists (in their article) said they flew a few miles and set down again.

COMMENT: Where is this reported? More importantly though, Zamora says he picked up his glasses again but NEVER SAYS HE PUT THEM BACK ON. He was content with just leaving his sunglasses where he dropped them, so he was apparently rattled enough to not be doing things logically at this stage after his panic run from the UFO. We don't know if Zamora was nearsighted or farsighted.

17. The object stayed low enough on takeoff that Zamora probably never saw the (edge-on) platform -- if only he hadn't lost his glasses.

COMMENT: As I mentioned before, that may explain not seeing the platform below the two-man crew, but it doesn't explain not seeing the two men at this point!

18. Three of the marks coincide almost exactly with the dimensions of the platforms.

COMMENT: What ARE the "dimensions of the platforms"? Let's see those numbers and compare them with the exact measurements at Zamora's site.

The fourth could have been  
from an early strike, from the platform turning over,  
from the mouth ring of the envelope, or from accessory  
equipment.

COMMENT: Which one was this "fourth"?

19. Zamora stated that "the wind was at my back" during the sighting from the location where he parked.

COMMENT: This is such a crucially important point we need to have the exact source referencing for this. All I can find in Zamora's original report was "wind was blowing hard" (Steiger pp. 116-7, Hynek UFO Report p. 225).

#### Other

accounts (by investigators) of wind direction were probably reversed by the false assumption (shared by many UFOlogists) that a south wind blows toward the south (a south wind is defined by the National Weather Service [and its predecessor, the US Weather Bureau] as coming FROM the south). Even Hynek gets this reversed, not just here but in other UFO cases.

COMMENT: Quite possible. I didn't make that mistake though. What are these "other UFO cases" where Hynek got the meteorologists' definition of wind direction wrong?

20. If the wind speed had been brisk, the chase car might have been left behind (as they also are where roads are sparse). Also (unless you knew what you were looking for) would you recognize a chase car or grasp its significance? The first time I saw one, I had no idea what it was for. The trailer looked like it had a small airboat (for swamps) on it.

21. The ground does not look that hard in the original photos of the landing site. The soil seems almost sandy around each mark. Was the hardness tested at the time of the landing, or after some time (and weather) had passed? Also, did the estimate of "several tons" assume only vertical force?

COMMENT: I don't know where this estimate of "several tons" comes from, do you? If it wasn't determined by a competent soils engineer and fully documented I wouldn't take it seriously. Someone digging with a shovel can exert "several tons" of force along the thin blade edge, loosely speaking.

(More precisely taking "several tons" to be 3 tons, spread over 2 to 3 sq ft of area covered by all four marks, is about 21 to 31 lb/sq in pressure. A 170 lb person bearing full weight on the edge of a shovel one foot wide by 1/4 inch thick exerts a pressure of about 57 lb/sq in.)

The corners of the platform could exert several tons per square foot each if the platform bounced from one corner to another as it hit.

22. The first Vulcoon had a thirty foot (diameter) envelope, and a parachute-style harness to hold one man. Later models were bigger (40, 50, and 65 ft) and used platforms.

COMMENT: Are you saying Zamora's UFO was 30 or 40 feet in diameter? Are you discounting hydrogen Rozier balloons?

23. The roar is much louder if you are in the cone below the mouth of the envelope, where you can hear the resonant echo from inside the envelope. In the modern balloon, the basket blocks much of this, but the open mesh platform would not be able to do that.

24. I have the July 1966 Popular Science article. The 65 ft. balloon had an enclosed triangular gondola painted orange. The envelope of this balloon had orange and white stripes. It is NOT the article I am looking for.

25. Unfortunately, I was not yet interested in UFOs when I read the article by the balloonists mentioned in my web page. I found out about the Socorro case later, after the magazine had been returned to its owner. I do have a drawing I had made of the balloon at the time I read the article (I had wanted to make a flying model of it at the time). It has the International Paper logo on it.

Other items found in the spiral notebook the drawing is in date the contents to a period encompassing February 1965 to January 1967. I first learned of the Socorro case in March 1967.

If and when I find the article again, the contents will conclusively determine whether my solution is correct.

26. I wish someone had performed this simple experiment at the time: Have two men stand at the landing marks while Zamora drives his squad car over the route he originally took. Then ask Zamora to compare the two events.

COMMENT: Someone MAY have done this but the documentation on investigative work is not always available. For example, Hynek mentions taking stereo photos of the site on one of his trips. Where are these stereo photos? At CUFOS? In Blue Book files? Other???

Let's not assume that unusual or exotic technology is needed where a simple misperception will suffice to explain a sighting.

If we can't even agree on the first year of the 3rd millennium (it's really 2001, since there was no year numbered 0), how can we ever solve any UFO case?

COMMENT: The numbering of millennia is not a physical phenomenon but purely a social construct. If the society that constructed the numbering of millennia can't be consistent in its definition that itself is just another social construct. I don't see how that affects UFO investigations, unless you contend it's all a matter of how one defines "UFO" rather than the facts of a case (see your next comment).

By the way, if someone ever does catch an extraterrestrial space ship, it can't be called a UFO anymore, because it is no longer an Unidentified Flying Object.

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The bad news for the meteor explanation scheme for Bentwaters is that in early 1998 I discovered a previously overlooked HEIGHT-FINDING EFFECT in the data on the "streaking light" incident. This was when visual observers in the C-47 at 4,000 feet overhead and in the Bentwaters tower and on the ground saw a brilliant light streak under the plane from east to west at the same time the Bentwaters radar tracked the E-W unidentified object at tremendous speed. As you put it, "This is the only sighting combining ground RADAR, ground visual, and air visual in the entire episode."

The height-finding effect I discovered comes from the UFO's disappearance or skipping over the radar "blind zone" above Bentwaters. The radar operator reported one blip 2 miles E of the radar station followed "immediately" by the next blip 3 miles W of station. Since the MPN-11A radar beam was only about 9 degrees in vertical height, it is flatly impossible for an object higher than about 2,500 feet to be tracked closer than about 2-1/2 miles from the radar otherwise it will vanish in the "blind zone." It's simple trigonometry, and elementary radar principles, but was completely overlooked by generations of investigators.

This fact stunningly and unexpectedly PROVES that the object was at a very low altitude, below the 4,000 foot height of the observers in the C-47 who saw the light fly below their aircraft. And it strikingly confirms the ground observers' estimate of a 2,500 foot height for this "streaking light." It is very difficult to explain a meteor maintaining horizontal flight at 2,500 feet.

(BTW, a hypothetical "skip-range" error in the radar -- so it displays a distant meteor as if closer in range -- could not possibly position a series of a dozen or more evenly spaced blips on a linear path RADIALLY across the radar screen on OPPOSITE SIDES on a continuous path.)

The Trent case should not be discredited on the basis of someone else's hoaxes of color photos made to resemble the Trents' B&W shots. Nor should it be dismissed on the basis that the Trents understandably sighted IFO's over the years and had no technical ability to distinguish them from UFO's.

You are missing Bruce Maccabee's technical physical optics work on the Trent case published by CUFOS in 1976 and 1988 which represent the most complete and exhaustive treatments of the case published to date. I have worked on this case since 1972 and am working on new findings which will take the case a quantum leap further.

Bruce has experimentally refuted the "sun shadows from the east" theory and proven that a large cumulus cloud in the east reflected sunlight at sunset -- he measured the angular size of the light source as approximately 3 degrees wide by 8+ degrees high (much larger than the sun's 1/2 deg). Weather records from a station east of the Trents prove there were altocumulus clouds present at 7:28 PM on May 11, 1950, the exact time of the sighting plus or minus several minutes.

And as for Top Unexplained UFO cases you overlooked one of the most important lists of all, the Condon Committee's "Sightings, unexplained" list (Condon Report p. 961). And you missed Vallee's 1966 survey of UFO groups. Despite the many years separating these lists you would find more overlap among these higher-quality efforts than with "Strange Universe" magazine. The Trent or McMinnville photo case appears on most of these lists.

You should also look into the RB-47 case which baffled the Condon Committee. I have now published an exhaustive refutation of Klass' explanation, and which culminates investigations of mine going back to 1971 (see AIAA Astronautics & Aeronautics, Dec 1971). See my 30-page preliminary report in Jerome Clark's The UFO Encyclopedia, 2nd Edition, 1998.

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Larry,

A warm welcome to the list.

To confirm for those who may not have made the connection, it was your 1996 published recollections of the 'International Paper' hot-air balloon and a later, although maybe unrelated, article which recalled how a hot-air balloon had 'freaked out ' a local lawman', which first highlighted the possible explanation for Zamora's sighting.

As I've very briefly summarised in a private e-mail, the search for the evidence you highlighted has taken a few twists and turns and resulted in some interesting and previously unknown information coming to light, even if it is not directly to Zamora's sighting.

Going back to the beginning, this 'International Paper' balloon is a real mystery. It's such a specific recollection, with the distinctive logo closely resembling Zamora's 'insignia', that it seemed this must have a basis.

Yet, as you well know, the evidence has proved illusive.

I'd like to take a look at this again.

The first point is why a company such as 'International Paper' would have any interest in hot-air balloons. You referred to an advertisement circa 1963/64, which showed a balloon with their logo and mentioned a planned 'cross-country exploration'.

This is very early in the development of hot-air ballooning and any form of sponsorship.

How certain are you that the 1963/64 advertisement related to 'International Papers'?

There was research carried out by 'Raven Industries' into the use of hot-air balloons to carry logs from mountain slopes. However, these were helium-filled, cable driven balloons and that research didn't commence until 1967. I don't know of any proven connection to 'International Papers', though I might have located a

photograph of these balloons in use (I'm awaiting a copy from one of the balloon museums).

Could this have been something you saw mentioned in a much later article, and in due course thought was retrospectively connected with earlier material you had seen?

Although this seems unlikely - what about the possibility that the 1963/64 article you remembered was in fact about a significant balloon flight across the English Channel. This I now know took place in April of 1963 and was sponsored by a new French travel magazine called 'VIA'.

The 'Raven' balloon used was piloted by Ed Yost and Don Piccard and the flight was intended to publicise Raven's new 'sporting' hot-air balloons.

In 1996, you stated:

"1965-Feb 1967: I saw an article or ad showing the results of a multi-state series of hot-air balloon flights. A map was included, showing the landing points of the balloon and some amusing anecdotes of things that happened to the balloonists. One of these was an encounter with a lawman who they thought was going to shoot it out with them. The balloon freaked him out. The article said, 'We later found out that he thought he was seeing a space ship'."

As you know, the first 'multi-state' flight was undertaken by Tracy Barnes' during April-September 1966. This was sponsored by Lennox Industries, of Columbus, Ohio, manufacturers of heating and air-conditioning equipment.

The article you saw must surely have been about these balloon flights.

Were you ever able to contact Tracy Barnes?

He could be the key and with this in mind, I recently asked Don Piccard if he could assist with contact details for Barnes. I have these now and this needs to be followed up if it hasn't already been.

It sounds like Tracy Barnes could be a prime candidate for any involvement with 'Socorro'. Presumably in the article, he must have noted a humorous incident from a pre-1966 balloon flight, or, the incident Barnes referred to happened during the 1966 cross-country flights and has nothing to do with Zamora at all!

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Hi,

In case you were unaware (eg via my 1998 book 'Something in the Air') in 1996 I was able to trace and interview three of the four air crew involved in the Bentwaters 1956 case. Their story is significantly at odds with what appears in original sources. Most importantly they had no visual sighting from their Venom aircraft at all and the alleged cat and mouse tactics of the UFO (as seen on radar) did not happen either. This is a misunderstanding of the way the event unfolded.

Currently I am gathering further data on this case via other RAF sources and hope to do an article for IUR eventually on the RAF dimension to this important case - which, it is now obvious, has been misunderstood since Condon's team published the inaccurate first report in 1970.

Best wishes,

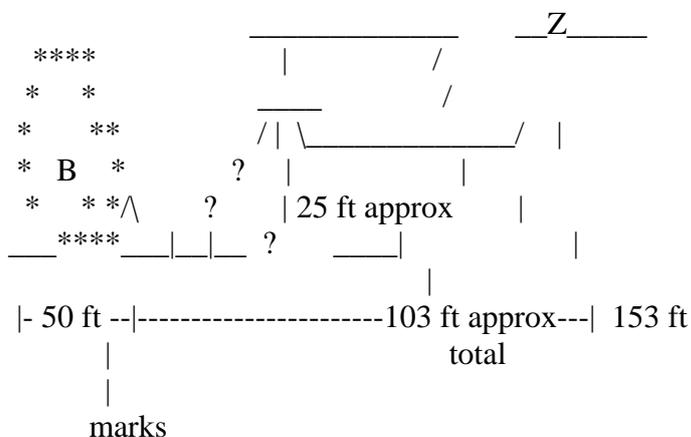
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?? ? = Zamora could not see this terrain, so he had no idea where the bottom of the object touched the ground while he was watching it. The point of contact is not visible to Zamora due to the intervening terrain.

The site of the marks is invisible from the road. I have a copy of a photo that shows this. The location of the marks later fixed the location of the touchdown, but Zamora's size estimate depended on where he thought it was sitting during the sighting, not where the marks were later found.

The aerostat had not deflated, but had lost lift enough to lean over and touch the ground. The only way it could have done this without rotating the insignia is to have leaned away from Zamora.

Zamora could not see the platform or the men at this point, but he could see the flames and the top of the A-frame that supports the burner.

When the balloonists got enough heat into the aerostat that it could support its own weight, it tilted up to a vertical position (similar to the first drawing). The bottom of the aerostat was now visible, but the platform and men were still hidden behind the terrain. As the aerostat tilted, the cone of resonant reflected sounds from inside it tilted away from Zamora, changing the tonal quality of the roar.

Once the aerostat was able to lift the platform, the wind took charge of it, causing horizontal motion. At about the same time, the balloonists shut down the burner because they had sufficient lift. Any further burns took place well

away from Zamora, and probably would not have been heard.

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On Wed, 25 Aug 1999 RB47Expert@aol.com wrote:

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@LARRY & LIST,

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@I have now reviewed some of your interesting web site. It is always nice to  
@get a fresh perspective on the subject and on classic cases. At least you  
@concede there are unexplained cases you cannot solve and have even supplied a  
@few convenient lists (you have more than one personal "unidentifieds" list on  
@your site). I will comment on your web site later, in a separate posting.

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@More of my COMMENTS on your Socorro observations (below).

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@Regards,

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The object is to find out!

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right rear side window. It was to the right of him and somewhat  
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@ fact:

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@ NO human can correctly estimate the size, distance,  
@ speed, or altitude of an object, unless one of these  
@ happens:

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Hi larry---have you ever been to Socorro?, ever talked to Zamora?, ever talked with Hynek?, the Lorenzens? Stanford?, ever seen the Air Force files on Socorro? Do you have any first hand--first person experience with the data?

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-----Original Message-----

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Subject: Re: Landing at Socorro

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I calculated the sweep rates backwards from the calculated object speed and the number of blips. If the sweep rate was really 2 seconds, then either the calculated speed or the number of blips is wrong.

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An example is Venus, which has been repeatedly reported to be the size of a baseball at arm's length on the form. I suggest you take a baseball and hold it at arm's length against the sky. In one case, the observer pointed out Venus as the UFO the next night. Yet, he wrote "baseball" on the AFR 200-2 form. Another case had "basketball" written on the form.

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@The height-finding effect I discovered comes from the UFO's disappearance or @skipping over the radar "blind zone" above Bentwaters. The radar operator @reported one blip 2 miles E of the radar station followed "immediately" by @the next blip 3 miles W of station.

Was this 1/2 sweep later, or 3/2 sweeps later?

@Since the MPN-11A radar beam was only about 9 degrees in vertical height, @it is flatly impossible for an object higher than about 2,500 feet to be @tracked closer than about 2-1/2 miles from the radar otherwise it will @vanish in the "blind zone." It's simple trigonometry, and elementary @radar principles, but was completely overlooked by generations of @investigators.

But with a third-trip echo, the meteor would not be two miles from the station, but two miles PLUS two complete pulse trips (186272, times twice the time between pulses) away at the time. Same angle, different actual range.

Do you know the pulse frequency (not the transmitter frequency, but the rate at which it was gated)?

@This fact stunningly and unexpectedly PROVES that the object was at a very @low altitude, below the 4,000 foot height of the observers in the C-47 who @saw the light fly below their aircraft. And it strikingly confirms the @ground observers' estimate of a 2,500 foot height for this "streaking light." @ It is very difficult to explain a meteor maintaining horizontal flight at @2,500 feet.

Third trip echo can still do this. The meteor is real, but it is farther away. The RADAR design assumed that there could not be anything that far from the set.

I thought of the meteor explanation primarily because:

1. All of the high speed UFOs were westbound
2. The date coincides with an annual meteor display.

The C-47 crew could have seen its reflection in the ocean.

BTW, that was ONE of my hypotheses. The other was that a missile was accidentally launched from a naval vessel or was launched by an amateur "rocketeer."

I have an account of one of these amateur launches, where a ten foot length of 6 inch sewer pipe buried itself in a real estate agent's backyard in Albuquerque NM. Someone had hammered the front to a point, filled the pipe with black powder, and set it off. It flew remarkably straight according to witnesses.

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I did not intend to use those photos to discredit the original photos, but to indicate that some trickery is present. But "repeat" sighters do also tend to be photo hoaxers.

I myself have seen only two unknowns that remained so longer than 1 day. Only one of those remains unidentified, and it is probably prosaic in nature.

@You are missing Bruce Maccabee's technical physical optics work on the Trent @case published by CUFOS in 1976 and 1988 which represent the most complete @and exhaustive treatments of the case published to date. I have worked on @this case since 1972 and am working on new findings which will take the case @a quantum leap further.

I have them. But they don't consider or exclude a solar column.

@Bruce has experimentally refuted the "sun shadows from the east" theory and

@proven that a large cumulus cloud in the east reflected sunlight at sunset --  
@he measured the angular size of the light source as approximately 3 degrees  
@wide by 8+ degrees high (much larger than the sun's 1/2 deg). Weather  
@records from a station east of the Trents prove there were altocumulus clouds  
@present at 7:28 PM on May 11, 1950, the exact time of the sighting plus or  
@minus several minutes.

But that does not refute a solar column, which I have seen many times. This is an effect where a vertical column of brightness appears above the sun in the sky (even when the sun is below the horizon). Those same clouds produce this effect.

Also, the object is suspiciously very similar to a pressure cooker lid my grandmother used to have. Unfortunately, the lid is gone now. It was domed on top, with one curved ring around the dome, and another that went only halfway around. The bottom was flat. The lid was made of anodized aluminum. A lever to lock down the lid went from the center through a groove in the lid to one edge when it was locked, and raised to about an 80 degree angle to unlock it.

@And as for Top Unexplained UFO cases you overlooked one of the most important  
@lists of all, the Condon Committee's "Sightings, unexplained" list (Condon  
@Report p. 961). And you missed Vallee's 1966 survey of UFO groups. Despite  
@the many years separating these lists you would find more overlap among these  
@higher-quality efforts than with "Strange Universe" magazine. The Trent or  
@McMinnville photo case appears on most of these lists.

I was looking at "TOP TEN" lists published by various sources, (in the vein of Jay Leno). I also have to HAVE a source in order to use it. Many of the older books are not available now, and I have only one of Vallee's books (two others were destroyed by a leak). The books I used at the public library were sold as "surplus books" in the 70s to make room for an ecology section.

@You should also look into the RB-47 case which baffled the Condon Committee.  
@I have now published an exhaustive refutation of Klass' explanation, and  
@which culminates investigations of mine going back to 1971 (see AIAA  
@Astronautics & Aeronautics, Dec 1971). See my 30-page preliminary report in  
@Jerome Clark's The UFO Encyclopedia, 2nd Edition, 1998.

So why did all of the sources travel exactly up-scope? Were the UFOnuts daring the RB-47 to race them? :)

Question: did the UFOs fly at exactly twice the speed of the plane? If so, then Klass was right. Aha! A testable hypothesis.

Since I am an electronics engineer (well versed in how things go wrong), I tend to agree with Klass on this one, although some of his other explanations are a bit off (especially Exeter NH).

Also possible:

1. maintenance tech wired the search dish servo wrong, and covered up his mistake later to avoid reprimand.
2. A short (say a loose solder ball) in the servo system caused a temporary change in one axis.
3. A loose connector pin kept the relay current from reaching one of the relays. I use some of those military connectors, and sometimes a pin dislodges from the connector shell. Push it back in and it clicks into place, with no evidence that it had ever come out.

There are many relay failure modes:

1. Insufficient current to pull in the relay.
2. Leakage current holds the relay in when it should drop out.
3. A surge magnetized the core, holding the relay in.
4. Weak return spring.
5. Foreign matter in the hinge.
6. Foreign matter between contacts (the first computer bug was a cockroach wedged between relay contacts, hence the term).
7. Welded contacts.
8. Oxidized or blued contacts (won't make contact).
9. Stray magnetic fields from other equipment. (I once had a sensitive relay pull in every time a telephone next to it rang.)
10. Failed filter capacitor in the power supply.
11. Iron particles between electromagnet core and armature.

12. Solder bridge between terminals.
13. Coil burned out.
14. Shorted turn in coil.
15. Loose wire.
16. Circuit fault away from the relay.
17. Bad solder joint.
18. Armature knocked off its hinge (can snap back in place later after a few actuations).
19. Vibration.
20. Buzzing (AC relay with insufficient current).
21. Damaged armature.
22. Gravity sensitivity (won't work upside down).
23. Bad relay socket.

and many more.

One really sneaky problem is when one source activates two relays. If one relay develops a short in its coil, it will always pull in, but it may deprive the other one of enough current to operate.

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From: Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS Kinesiology <lrobins@indiana.edu>  
Subject: Re: Landing at Socorro

UFO Research List - <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/>

On Thu, 26 Aug 1999, James Easton wrote:

@The first point is why a company such as 'International Paper'  
@would have any interest in hot-air balloons. You referred to an  
@advertisement circa 1963/64, which showed a balloon with their  
@logo and mentioned a planned 'cross-country exploration'.

@

@This is very early in the development of hot-air ballooning and  
@any form of sponsorship.

@

@How certain are you that the 1963/64 advertisement related to  
@'International Paper'?

The logo. I remember the distinct shape of the symbol on the  
balloon. I remember the room I was in when I saw it (I have not  
been in that room since May 1964). I was assigned by my social  
studies teacher to make a report on paper products, and came  
across an ad about using balloons for logging. I remember  
comparing the logo to the Civil Defense logo on a sign over  
the door of that room. That magazine was either a trade mag  
for the paper industry, or a mag like Business Week..

@There was research carried out by 'Raven Industries' into the use  
@of hot-air balloons to carry logs from mountain slopes. However,  
@these were helium-filled, cable driven balloons and that research  
@didn't commence until 1967. I don't know of any proven connection  
@to 'International Papers', though I might have located a  
@photograph of these balloons in use (I'm awaiting a copy from one  
@of the balloon museums).

@Could this have been something you saw mentioned in a much later  
@article, and in due course thought was retrospectively connected  
@with earlier material you had seen?

@

@Although this seems unlikely - what about the possibility that  
@the 1963/64 article you remembered was in fact about a  
@significant balloon flight across the English Channel. This I now  
@know took place in April of 1963 and was sponsored by a new  
@French travel magazine called 'VIA'.

@

@The 'Raven' balloon used was piloted by Ed Yost and Don Piccard  
@and the flight was intended to publicize Raven's new 'sporting'

@hot-air balloons.

@

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@In 1996, you stated:

@

@ "1965-Feb 1967: I saw an article or ad showing the results of a  
@ multi-state series of hot-air balloon flights. A map was  
@ included, showing the landing points of the balloon and some  
@ amusing anecdotes of things that happened to the balloonists. One  
@ of these was an encounter with a lawman who they thought was  
@ going to shoot it out with them. The balloon freaked him out. The  
@ article said, 'We later found out that he thought he was seeing a  
@ space ship'."

@

@ As you know, the first 'multi-state' flight was undertaken by  
@ Tracy Barnes' during April-September 1966. This was sponsored by  
@ Lennox Industries, of Columbus, Ohio, manufacturers of heating  
@ and air-conditioning equipment.

@

@ The article you saw must surely have been about these balloon  
@ flights.

@

@ Were you ever able to contact Tracy Barnes?

@

@ He could be the key and with this in mind, I recently asked Don  
@ Piccard if he could assist with contact details for Barnes. I  
@ have these now and this needs to be followed up if it hasn't  
@ already been.

This sounds like a good idea. My attempts to contact many people were totally ignored. International Paper never responded to my inquiries, and many others seemed to be offended with the subject of a UFO. Still other replies were pure gibberish (probably a character set I don't have).

Champion (formerly St Regis) responded that their records don't go back that far (since their logo was similar, I contacted them). Ditto with Popular Mechanics.

@ It sounds like Tracy Barnes could be a prime candidate for any  
@ involvement with 'Socorro'. Presumably in the article, he must  
@ have noted a humorous incident from a pre-1966 balloon flight,  
@ or, the incident Barnes referred to happened during the 1966  
@ cross-country flights and has nothing to do with Zamora at all!

That is possible. Once we get that article I remember in our hot little hands, that part of the mystery will be solved.

Why am I getting two copies of some of the messages?

--- O\_O ---

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From: Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS Kinesiology <lrobins@indiana.edu>  
Subject: Re: Landing at Socorro

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On Thu, 26 Aug 1999, theo2042 wrote:

@UFO Research List - <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/>

@

@Hi larry---have you ever been to Socorro?

No. I can't afford to travel all over the country. I've never been west of Missouri. Maybe I will take a trip out there once I finish paying off the debts my ex left me.

@Ever talked to Zamora?

No.

@Ever talked with Hynek?

Yes. But he died before I put this solution together.

@The Lorenzens?

No.

@Stanford?

No.

@Ever seen the Air Force files on Socorro?

I have copies of some of them.

@Do you have any first hand--first person experience with the @data?

Yes. I have been to many hot-air ballooning events. Without this experience, I never would have believed this solution myself.

I have the following data:

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@Ted Phillips

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From: theo2042 <theo2042@gte.net>  
Subject: Re: Landing at SocorroMessage-id:  
<001801bef00a\$78b7c040\$f83dfed0@theo2042gte.net>

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Dasmn Larry, I wish you would have been around in the 60' and 70's you could have saved us a lot of running around the world actually visiting sites. Sure sorry Allen Hynek managed to die before you could give him your solution.

Ted

-----Original Message-----

From: Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS Kinesiology <lrobins@indiana.edu>Date: Thursday, August 26, 1999 3:02 PM  
Subject: Re: Landing at Socorro

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Subject: Re: Landing at Socorro

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If I just didn't have to work at this regular job that ties  
me down (and if I had enough money), I could run all over the  
country seeing things firsthand. Since I don't have this  
luxury, I will have to do things the best I can by remote  
control.

Ted: Read your interview in the latest UFO Reports mag.

Who pays you to run around and investigate UFOs? I have never  
found a listing for a job like that in the help wanted ads.

Meanwhile, I had better get back to being an engineer.

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Date: Thu, 26 Aug 1999 18:22:46 -0400  
From: joel carpenter <ufx@mindspring.com>  
Subject: Re: Landing at SocorroMessage-id:  
<016301bef011\$868adbb0\$0100a8c0@mindspring.com>  
References: <Pine.HPP.3.96.990826170209.20979L-100000@juliet.ucs.indiana.edu>

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Mr Robinson, what did Quintanilla have to say about your theory? Did he discuss why he hadn't looked into the balloon theory in the first place? Was it because it seemed unlikely to him?

regards-

Joel Carpenter

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From: RB47Expert@aol.com  
Subject: Re: Larry Robinson Web SiteMessage-id: <66bb56ef.24f7286e@aol.com>

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Dear Jenny,

We already exchanged E-mail on this months ago. I requested documentation on the Venoms, the British records, etc. So yes I'm aware of your important work. However I didn't mention it in my discussion of the Bentwaters radar-visuals because the Venom intercepts relate to the Lakenheath events later on the night of Aug 13-14, 1956.

The Condon Committee work was first published in Jan 1969, not 1970. It is not clear that your Venom intercepts at around 3 AM are the same as the dramatic Venom intercept at around 12-1 AM first recounted by the Condon Committee. That's why I was intensely interested in pouring over your records for clues to resolve the confusion.

I would be most pleased to share research with you and I look forward to hearing further on your investigation.

Best regards,

Brad Sparks

In a message dated 8/26/99 4:58:30 AM Pacific Daylight Time, nufon@currantbun.com writes:

<< Subj: Re: Larry Robinson Web Site  
Date: 8/26/99 4:58:30 AM Pacific Daylight Time  
From: nufon@currantbun.com (Jenny Randles)  
To: UFORL@listbot.com (UFO Research List)

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-----Original Message-----

From: RB47Expert@aol.com <RB47Expert@aol.com>  
To: UFORL@listbot.com <UFORL@listbot.com>  
Date: 25 August 1999 22:51  
Subject: Larry Robinson Web Site

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>

>I just wish there was much less confusion about technical details of radar,  
>AF reporting formats, etc., on your web site based on incomplete or

obsolete

>sources, as with the 1956 Bentwaters-Lakenheath case. You don't seem to have

>Condon Committee radar physicist Gordon Thayer's 1971 AIAA article on the  
>Lakenheath-Bentwaters case or Thayer's 1980 Encyclopedia of UFO's article,  
>which I edited since I was actively involved in investigating the case at  
>that time in conjunction with Thayer, Peter Sturrock and Phil Klass.

Thayer

>clearly explains that the Bentwaters MPN-11A radar's sweep rate was 2  
>seconds, not 6.4 or 10.66 seconds. You may be confusing this with the  
>six-second sweep rate of the Lakenheath CPS-5 radar. And the "golf ball"  
>comparison is part of a standard Air Force Regulation 200-2 UFO report form  
>format that specifically asks for the size compared to a "known object" at  
>ARM'S LENGTH.

>

Hi,

In case you were unaware (eg via my 1998 book 'Something in the Air') in 1996 I was able to trace and interview three of the four air crew involved in the Bentwaters 1956 case. Their story is significantly at odds with what appears in original sources. Most importantly they had no visual sighting from their Venom aircraft at all and the alleged cat and mouse tactics of the UFO (as seen on radar) did not happen either. This is a misunderstanding of the way the event unfolded.

Currently I am gathering further data on this case via other RAF sources and hope to do an article for IUR eventually on the RAF dimension to this important case - which, it is now obvious, has been misunderstood since Condon's team published the inaccurate first report in 1970.

Best wishes,

Jenny Randles

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From: "Jenny Randles" <nufon@currantbun.com>  
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From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>  
Subject: Re: Landing at Socorro

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Larry Robinson wrote:

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>On Wed, 25 Aug 1999, bruce maccabee wrote:

>@Regarding estimate of size, Zamora had plenty of ground  
>@features to compare with and measurements were made later  
>@of distances from the landing pad marks.

>But Zamora's initial estimates of size and distance depended  
>on each other, since he could not see the actual point of  
>contact from either site where he saw the landed object. In  
f>act, all that he could possibly describe accurately would be  
t>he angles subtended by the object.>

>It is from this first estimate that he decided on a size  
>comparable to that of a car.

You forget. He saw people/men, by your theory. Men tend to be in the range of 5-6 ft . Hence he had something of known size to scale by

Date: Fri, 27 Aug 1999 11:59:00 +0100  
From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>  
Subject: Re: Larry Robinson Web Site  
Message-id: <000201bef08b\$cad61260\$869101d4@default>

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From: RB47Expert@aol.com <RB47Expert@aol.com>  
Date: 27 August 1999 00:04  
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Hi, yes I had not forgotten. This is something that takes time as I am still pursuing new leads on the case rather than publish in bitty fashion. The data from the air crews is not transcribed, thats the problem, because it was all filmed and so never written down at the time as such. (I was having to concentrate on making the documentary as it happened and was working full time touring the UK for the BBC filming it).

I am aware that this material is potentially important and dont intend to sit on it forever. I intend to compile it for the IUR (assuming Jerry is interested) - as I think thats the best place to publish it. But that will be when I have exhausted leads here. I just wanted those on the list unaware of it (as some were since they have e mailed me privately) to know what was happening.

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Yes, sorry, it was before my time in UFOlogy and I did not see the data until 1970. Possibly it was released later in the UK? The venom intercepts I am talking about WERE the ones between 12 and 1 am. I am not sure where

you have gotten the idea these ones occurred two hours later. In fact I was not aware there were such intercepts later in the night. The RAF crew I have met have retained their log book records. These prove the time of take off, intercept and landing. It would be a lot easier if we were talking about two separate groups of venoms but I dont think we are. So far as I know the crew I have met are the same ones supposedly involved in the case according to Condon et al.

If you suspect otherwise I'd be really keen to know why.

Best wishes,

Jenny

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Subject: Re: Landing at Socorro

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On Thu, 26 Aug 1999, joel carpenter wrote:

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@> I did get it to Hector Quintinilla before he died.

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@regards-

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@Joel Carpenter

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From: James Easton <cyberlaird@netscape.net>  
Subject: News ItemsMessage-id:  
<19990827133956.12436.qmail@nwcst268.netaddress.usa.net>

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Some news items from today's on-line press:  
[Most of the URL's will `wrap round']

`The first images taken by the new Chandra X-ray observatory have just been released'

One of them shows a gigantic stellar explosion in such stunning detail that scientists think they can see evidence of what may be a neutron star or black hole at the centre of the blast.

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/english/sci/tech/newsid\\_431000/431168.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/english/sci/tech/newsid_431000/431168.stm)

`Water found in meteorite'

Scientists have made the first discovery of liquid water in a meteorite.

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/english/sci/tech/newsid\\_431000/431496.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/english/sci/tech/newsid_431000/431496.stm)

[Sounds like this could potentially be a significant discovery]

`Belgrade got NATO attack plans from Russian spy'

Stealth fighter was downed by meticulous Serb ambush after allied secrets were sold.

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

Specifically:

[http://www.scotsman.com/cgi-bin/t3-2.cgi/Scotsman.taf?\\_function=detail&Articles\\_uid1=1&\\_UserReference=43340EADC8BE815637C65FF4](http://www.scotsman.com/cgi-bin/t3-2.cgi/Scotsman.taf?_function=detail&Articles_uid1=1&_UserReference=43340EADC8BE815637C65FF4)

If that was slightly `off-topic', the following definitely is, however, it's an interesting story and maybe worth a mention for the benefit of US subscribers:

`This is the face of the first known American, Lucia. The first Americans were descended from Australian aborigines, according to evidence in a new BBC documentary'.

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/english/sci/tech/newsid\\_430000/430944.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/english/sci/tech/newsid_430000/430944.stm)

[You'll all have to stop drinking Bud and change to Foster's].

James.

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Date: Fri, 27 Aug 1999 09:50:55 -0400  
From: joel carpenter <ufx@mindspring.com>  
Subject: Re: Landing at SocorroMessage-id:  
<002e01bef093\$33827900\$6731f7a5@skyray>  
References: <Pine.HPP.3.96.990827083143.14402A-100000@juliet.ucs.indiana.edu>

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From: Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS Kinesiology <lrobins@indiana.edu>  
Subject: Re: Landing at Socorro

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On Fri, 27 Aug 1999, bruce maccabee wrote:

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@Larry Robinson wrote:

@>

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@>On Wed, 25 Aug 1999, bruce maccabee wrote:

@You forget. He saw people/men, by your theory. Men tend to be  
@in the range of 5-6 ft . Hence he had something of known size  
@to scale by.

And instead of re-assessing the size of the object, he scaled  
down the men!

@>@According to the FBI report, Zamora's car was about 25 ft  
@>@above the level of the landing area If the object were a  
@>@balloon with triangular frame or whatever, when inflated it  
@>@would have been 25 or more ft high. One would THINK that  
@>@Zamora would realize higher and that he could not see the  
@>@top.

@Perhaps the point of contact wasn't visible. However, he was  
@looking downward so the object, whatever, was silhouetted  
@against the ground. He could compare the apparent size with the  
@apparent size of ground features (rocks, hills, bushes). You  
@have him about 103 ft from the nearest edge of the object which,  
@if a balloon and inflated, was 25 ft closer than the landing  
@marks. However it was my impression from reading that the  
@landing marks were 103 ft away, meaning the edge of the balloon  
@would have been about 78 ft away.

Not if the aerostat had lost enough lift to be laying on the  
ground:

The only way Zamora could see the insignia right side up would  
be if the aerostat were lying on the far side of the platform.  
Otherwise, the insignia would have rotated as the aerostat

lifted.

The lifting of the aerostat to above the platform is the initial hovering reported by Zamora.

@Incidentally, Klass' book, UFOS IDENTIFIED, has photos of the @area. One photo is a "side view" showing the hillock where @Zamora parked at the right (in the distance) and also it shows @where the object was. There is a small lower hill between the @parking place and the landing area.

@The hillock is narrow. Using 103 ft as the distance between the @indicated location of the car (where there is a jeep parked in @Klass' picture) and the indicated location of the landing marks @(where a man was standing) I estimate the width of the hillock @as about 20 ft. Thus Zamora did not have to run far to be on @the opposite of the hillock from the "exploding" UFO. The @depression (distance downward) from Zamora's parking place to @the landing pad location does not look to be as great as 20 ft.

Then the diagram I have is wrong.

One good check is the length of a car, which (back then) was about 20 feet.

@Beyond the landing point the ground rises (as you move away @from Zamora) so it is possible or likely that Zamora saw the @object silhouetted against the distant ground.

Yes.

@>The site of the marks is invisible from the road. I have a @>copy of a photo that shows this. The location of the marks @>later fixed the location of the touchdown, but Zamora's @>size estimate depended on where he thought it was sitting @>during the sighting, not where the marks were later found.

@Probably not much difference since he could see background @ground.

It gave a large margin of error. The object could have been anywhere from right behind the intervening terrain to just short of where the ground becomes visible again far behind it. He had no other reference to fix the distance, and was probably not familiar with what was behind the terrain.

@>The aerostat had not deflated, but had lost lift enough to @l>lean over and touch the ground The only way it could have

@>done this without rotating the insignia is to have leaned  
@>away from Zamora.

@Hmmm.... so it was "pointed" away from Zamora. Then it was  
@lying on upward sloping ground. Why didn't he report seeing a  
@"black hole" with a fire in it? Also, what altitude is the  
@opening of the balloon when the balloon is on its side? If the  
@balloon is 25 ft from edge to center when inflated, how wide (in  
@this case, high) is it when lying on its side?

Since the opening is tied to the A-frame, it should be below the  
top of the "legs." It is not black, but just a little darker than  
the rest of the aerostat, since the fabric is translucent (the  
other end shows through).

The aerostat would be somewhat flattened at this point, reducing  
the height and increasing the width (giving the horizontal  
elliptical shape).

The aerostat in flight is usually somewhat taller than it is  
wide. Some of them are pear shaped, with the neck at the bottom,  
others are egg shaped with the small end down.

@>Zamora could not see the platform or the men at this point, but  
@>he could see the flames and the top of the A-frame that  
@>supports the burner.

@Is that so. How much higher than the heads of the men is the  
@opening of the balloon when it is lying on its side, deflated?

About even with their heads, if they were standing.

@And, if the opening is so much higher than the basket when deflated, and  
@the burner is turned sideways to blow into the hole, the burner must be  
@considerably above the ground. so, how did it manage to burn brush on the  
@ground?

There were no baskets on hot-air balloons in 1964. The more I look  
at this, the more I am convinced the platform turned over when it  
landed. The impact may have caused the cord to be pulled, or the  
burner may have been firing to slow the descent.

The footprints are under the final location of the platform (the  
isosceles triangle), just where a man would need to stand to pull it  
upright. The mark with the 9 and 13 foot distances would have been  
where the A-frame hit the ground.

@Yes, and up to the point of tilting up Zamora was seeing a  
@flame and hearing no roar? Or a faint roar?

Depends on how much the "throttle" was open. When heating the  
aerostat, the throttle is only partway open. To take off, it is  
opened all the way and kept there until the platform is clear of  
the ground and all obstacles.

@And he didn't just happen to notice that this big round thing  
@was "fattening up" and then he didn't notice it float upward  
@(into the stiff breeze!)?

He reported that!!! It lifted into the air and hovered. Remember  
that he was in "panic mode" by this time.

@Incidentally, if there was a stiff wind, regardless of direction,  
@it might have dragged the "basket" over the ground some  
@distance before actually taking off..... unless they had  
@ballast. But then, did they throw out ballast (rocks,  
@presumably).

Since they have a power source, they don't carry ballast. Gas  
balloons use ballast and a gas dump valve for control, but  
hot-air balloons use the burner and a hot-air dump valve.

@>Once the aerostat was able to lift the platform, the wind  
@>took charge of it, causing horizontal motion. At about the  
@>same time, the balloonists shut down the burner because  
@t>hey had sufficient lift. Any further burns took place well  
@>away from Zamora, and probably would not have been heard.

@If there was a stiff wind, as Zamora said, I should think there  
@would have been some tilt to the balloon, the top tilting away  
@from Zamora (since, obviously, the wind was blowing the balloon  
@away from him). This should make the undercarriage even more  
@obvious.

The (flat) platform was still behind the terrain. At this point,  
Zamora lost his glasses. According to the balloonist account I  
read (assuming my recollection is factual), the balloonists  
flattened out to avoid gunfire from a crazed cop.

As the aerostat heats up, it becomes more vertical rather  
suddenly. When it has almost enough lift to lift the platform,  
it will be vertical regardless of the wind, considering the  
weight attached.

At this point, they open the "throttle" all the way, so the  
aerostat quickly lifts them off, rather than dragging along the

ground. LOUD roar! This is standard takeoff procedure.

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<000d01bef0b1\$638e9980\$0100a8c0@mindspring.com>  
References: <Pine.HPP.3.96.990827120422.14402E-100000@juliet.ucs.indiana.edu>

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That is a shame.

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Date: Fri, 27 Aug 1999 11:11:37 -0700 (PDT)  
From: Paul Wittry <ppw3@premier1.net>  
Subject: Re: Re: Balloon data

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---Reply to mail from joel carpenter about Re: Balloon data---

>> Sound wacky? Believe me, in my spooky past (PAST!), I was involved in or  
>> directly privy to much nuttier/dicier ops. -- Cheers, KARL

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> For those interested, there's a picture of this at

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> [http://www.spectrumwd.com/c130/images/mc130\\_13.jpg](http://www.spectrumwd.com/c130/images/mc130_13.jpg)

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> and

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> [http://www.spectrumwd.com/c130/images/mc130\\_15.jpg](http://www.spectrumwd.com/c130/images/mc130_15.jpg)

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> C-130 has Fulton gear (scissors shape) on nose, flies toward balloon and

> grabs cable, lifts object attached.

>

> J Carpenter

>

Hello All,

While stationed at Patuxent River Naval Air Test Center, from late 1963, to 1967, as a Photographer's Mate 3rd Class Petty Officer, I recall some testing of this particular extraction process.

As I recall it was named, "Operation Skyhook".

I remember extensive high-speed motion-picture coverage (200/400 fps), of this testing. (We regularly took these high-speed films (16mm) of all operational testing.)

I would assume a declassification of this footage, and any written reports by now. (This was back in 1964? Give or take a year.) (^\_^)

Thought this may be of interest?

-ppw3

---End reply---

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Now, can you get the wind to blow the right way? :)

@- Joel Carpenter

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Subject: Re: Landing at SocorroMessage-id:  
<001b01bef0be\$7134f0e0\$0dce28c3@cis.compuserve.com>

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Larry Robinson wrote:

>The logo. I remember the distinct shape of the symbol on the  
>balloon. I remember the room I was in when I saw it (I have not  
>been in that room since May 1964). I was assigned by my social  
>studies teacher to make a report on paper products, and came  
>across an ad about using balloons for logging. I remember  
>comparing the logo to the Civil Defense logo on a sign over the  
>door of that room. That magazine was either a trade mag for the  
>paper industry, or a mag like Business Week.

Larry,

I wrote to Raven Industries, in search of evidence which would confirm the existence of that 'International Paper' (IP) balloon in 1964.

Asking if my enquiries could please be directed to the company's archivist, I eventually received a response from Jim Winker. Although now retired, he had been involved with the company during most of it first 35 years and was effectively the archivist, although not paid as such.

I've since noticed that he holds at least one ballooning patent in conjunction with Ed Yost.

To my surprise, Winker knew the basic background to this story and had researched your claims when they first came to his attention. Now in contact with him, I was able to add details he was unaware of. The issues set in context, he then wrote:

"The part with an association with timber or paper companies would have been with different balloons at a different time. Experiments were made (and eventually routine operations conducted) using helium balloons to lift logs off of mountain slopes. These were cable-driven, not free flying. This work started in the summer of 1967 and we were actively involved in providing and testing new models for at least a decade (such balloons may still be in use today). At least one of those balloons had a logo consisting of a stylized evergreen tree in a circle; again not the IP logo, but with similarities. This could not have been before the 1970s.

You can be positive that neither St. Regis, International Paper nor anyone else but Raven spawned the hot air balloon as we know it."

Date: Fri, 27 Aug 1999 16:50:03 -0400 (EDT)  
From: RB47Expert@aol.com  
Subject: Re: Re: Larry Robinson Web SiteMessage-id:  
<f8f71d8f.24f853fb@aol.com>

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Hi Jenny,

Thanks for your reply. I'm glad to know I wasn't forgotten! I was hoping to get copies of the Venom log books showing takeoff, intercept and landing times.

I was told that the TV documentary refers to "Ivan Logan's log book which documents that Brady's flight took off first at 0200 on 14 August." If this is correct then this "first" Venom flight at 0200 could not be the Venom at around 11:45 PM to 12 midnight on USAF controller Forrest Perkins' 4-12 PM shift and Neatishead RAF controller F. H. C. Wimbledon's night shift beginning at 11 PM. The only overlap between their shifts (and both describe the highly maneuverable UFO chase with the Venom intercept) is between 11 and 12 PM, but we would allow for Perkins to stay on a little after his shift so as to not miss the action in the middle of the interception. It was Perkins who brought the Lakenheath-Bentwaters case to the attention of the Condon Committee by letter of Feb 1968.

It's all very puzzling so I'd hoped copies of logbooks and other records would settle this quickly.

Best regards,

Brad Sparks

PS: I don't think there was a 1 year delay in Bantam publishing the Condon Report in England. In fact the copyright page on my copy purchased in early 1969 indicates simultaneous publication by Bantam Books in New York - Toronto - London in Jan 1969.

In a message dated 8/27/99 5:58:45 AM, nufon@currantbun.com wrote:

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-----Original Message-----

From: RB47Expert@aol.com <RB47Expert@aol.com>Date: 27 August 1999 00:04  
Subject: Re: Larry Robinson Web Site

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>  
>Dear Jenny,  
>  
>We already exchanged E-mail on this months ago. I requested documentation  
on  
>the Venoms, the British records, etc. So yes I'm aware of your important  
>work. However I didn't mention it in my discussion of the Bentwaters  
>radar-visuals because the Venom intercepts relate to the Lakenheath events  
>later on the night of Aug 13-14, 1956.

Hi, yes I had not forgotten. This is something that takes time as I am still pursuing new leads on the case rather than publish in bitty fashion. The data from the air crews is not transcribed, thats the problem, because it was all filmed and so never written down at the time as such. (I was having to concentrate on making the documentary as it happened and was working full time touring the UK for the BBC filming it).

I am aware that this material is potentially important and dont intend to sit on it forever. I intend to compile it for the IUR (assuming Jerry is interested) - as I think thats the best place to publish it. But that will be when I have exhausted leads here. I just wanted those on the list unaware of it (as some were since they have e mailed me privately) to know what was happening.

>The Condon Committee work was first published in Jan 1969, not 1970. It is  
>not clear that your Venom intercepts at around 3 AM are the same as the  
>dramatic Venom intercept at around 12-1 AM first recounted by the Condon  
>Committee. That's why I was intensely interested in pouring over your  
>records for clues to resolve the confusion.

Yes, sorry, it was before my time in UFOlogy and I did not see the data until 1970. Possibly it was released later in the UK? The venom intercepts I am talking about WERE the ones between 12 and 1 am. I am not sure where you have gotten the idea these ones occurred two hours later. In fact I was not aware there were such intercepts later in the night. The RAF crew I have met have retained their log book records. These prove the time of take off, intercept and landing. It would be a lot easier if we were talking about two separate groups of venoms but I dont think we are. So far as I know the crew I have met are the same ones supposedly involved in the case according to Condon et al.

If you suspect otherwise I'd be really keen to know why.

Best wishes,

Jenny

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Response to Larry Robinson message of Aug 26, 1999:

Well, I had a very detailed response with calculations, even, and then at the last moment I lost it due to stupid moves on the key board.

However, I recall some of the new stuff I did.

Klass has a photo in his book which shows the view from where Zamorra first saw th balloon in th RB (Robinson Balloon) hypothesis. In the photo there is a man wearing a dark shirt standing at the location of the landing traces and a jeep (with canvas cover; not an open jeep) parked on th hillock where Zamorra's car was. I made measurements using a 1/60 " scale on this photo which is about 6" long by about 3 1/4 inches high.

I found the vertical image of th man was about 1.5/60 and the width of the jeep was about 4.5/60. "Printers dots" which make up the picture limit the accuracy to about 0.5/60 inch. At the same time th distance from the center of the jeep image to the center of the man image is 144/60.

Now assume the jeep was 6 ft wide and the vertical dimension of the visible man is 2 ft (waiste to top of shoulders). The ratio is 3. At the same time the ratio 4.5/1.5 is three. In other words, there is some consistency between image size and known (estimated) object size here.

BUT: if I now use this scaling to calculate the distance from the car/jeep to the man/landing area, I get  $144/4.5 = 32$  and so the distance is  $32 \times 6$  ft = 192 ft, not 103 ft! (I had this all nicely spelled out in detail before, Now you guys are going to have to understand this by yourselves! Sorry.)

So, where did they get 103 ft? I note that Hynek says less than 150 ft, Klass says 100 to 200 ft, and in Steiger's Blue book pon page 107 it says 150 ft. The maps read 103 ft. Don't know how they measured this, I bet my calculation is the first from photo scaling.

Anyway, in the RB hypothesis we have the first sighting. At this time Zamorra's line was nearly perpendicular to the direction of the assumed wind (in the RBH the wind blows FROM the northeast).

The balloon would have been lying with its long axis HORIZONTAL and nearly perpendiocular to Zamorra's line of view. Funny he said it looked like a car on end..... long axis vertical.

Anyway, based on KClass' photo it would have been clearly visible to Zamorra, as a "hill" about 30 or more ft long and perhaps 10 ft high, perhaps even protruding above the "ground level horizon".

By GLH I mean the "plain", not the horizon of th distant mountains. The GLH slopes upward slight (about 1.4 degrees if Klass' camera was level).

The slope upward from the bottom of the arroyo is greater than this. It slopes upward moving away from Zamorra's parked position.

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Another oddity I ran across while surfing the C-130s sites, at

<http://www.spectrumwd.com/c130/articles/fallings.htm>

How many people would ever believe something like this existed circa 1961-2?  
Imagine the other strange and wonderful things that have flown around in the  
last few decades...

- J Carpenter  
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Government engineers and aerospace contractors devised a unique method for getting that vital data down to intelligence experts, and this is where our Hercules transport comes into the picture. Tracking ground stations signalled the satellite to fire its retro-rockets. That slowed the satellite causing it to fall into the atmosphere. At about 30,000 feet automatically a parachute opened and a radio transmitter permitted airplanes to home-in towards the descending payload. Airplanes would have to catch the payload before it splashed into the ocean or crashed onto the rocks. The payload data must not be lost or destroyed.

Two problems had to be overcome to effect recovery. The point of re-entry must be controlled to make sure that recovery airplanes rendezvous with the parachute in time. It would not be helpful if the payload landed where the Soviets could get to it first. The second problem was helping the recovery airplanes to locate the payload during descent before splashdown.

The pilot of our particular JC-130 transport was about to make a test recovery of a satellite payload. What made the flight unique was that this recovery was to be made at night, the very first attempt to catch a payload in darkness. It is difficult enough to make airborne retrievals in daylight, but a catch in the dark is a real challenge. The pilot must be able to see the parachute and maneuver his airplane to be slightly above it while attempting to snare the quarry.

...

The pilot and copilot anxiously scanned the starlit sky for a first glimpse of the parachute. Could they even see that thirty foot hemisphere of nylon with its suspended payload? It was really black out there. And where should

they look? .. to the south? .. or westward towards the Sierra Nevadas?

Fortunately, the payload's radio signal was being received by the special direction finding equipment mounted atop the customized Hercules. The instrument panel needle pointed to the payload indicating the radio source was to the southwest. Additionally, this particular payload was fitted with upward pointing spotlights that illuminated the parachute canopy.

At about six miles out the pilot saw the dimly glowing hemisphere of the parachute canopy. It appeared to be hanging motionless, slightly above them, at first. But, indeed, the payload was descending at about fifteen hundred feet per minute towards the desert below. The Hercules was at nearly 18,000 feet as it approached to within a mile or two of the glowing target. That meant the pilot had about ten minutes to effect a retrieval before they ran out of altitude....

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Hi Larry,

Here are my COMMENTS in response to your points.

Regards,

Brad Sparks

In a message dated 8/26/99 11:34:27 AM, lrobins@indiana.edu wrote:

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On Wed, 25 Aug 1999 RB47Expert@aol.com wrote:

@UFO Research List - <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/>

@

@I just wish there was much less confusion about technical details of radar,  
@AF reporting formats, etc., on your web site based on incomplete or obsolete  
@sources, as with the 1956 Bentwaters-Lakenheath case. You don't seem to  
have

@Condon Committee radar physicist Gordon Thayer's 1971 AIAA article on the  
@Lakenheath-Bentwaters case or Thayer's 1980 Encyclopedia of UFO's article,  
@which I edited since I was actively involved in investigating the case at  
@that time in conjunction with Thayer, Peter Sturrock and Phil Klass. Thayer  
@clearly explains that the Bentwaters MPN-11A radar's sweep rate was 2  
@seconds, not 6.4 or 10.66 seconds. You may be confusing this with the  
@six-second sweep rate of the Lakenheath CPS-5 radar. And the "golf ball"  
@comparison is part of a standard Air Force Regulation 200-2 UFO report form  
@format that specifically asks for the size compared to a "known object" at  
@ARM'S LENGTH.

I calculated the sweep rates backwards from the calculated  
object speed and the number of blips. If the sweep rate was  
really 2 seconds, then either the calculated speed or the  
number of blips is wrong.

COMMENTS: The number of blips must be wrong (you mention later on, below, a  
three-blip tracking but I'm unaware of any such tracking reported that was  
that brief).

I can think of nothing that is a golfball at arms length except a very close airplane. That's six times the angular size of the moon. Something the angular size of a golfball at arm's length at a real altitude of 2500 feet would the size of a quarter block lot. That's why I asked the question. Many times, people have confused the meaning of that question, and reported a size comparable to an object hit in the air instead.

An example is Venus, which has been repeatedly reported to be the size of a baseball at arm's length on the form. I suggest you take a baseball and hold it at arm's length against the sky. In one case, the observer pointed out Venus as the UFO the next night. Yet, he wrote "baseball" on the AFR 200-2 form. Another case had "basketball" written on the form.

Another witness misunderstood the form as asking what common object would hide the UFO if the UFO itself was an arm's length away. He wrote "boxcar." How much of the sky would be covered by a boxcar (UK: train van) at arm's length.

COMMENTS: The ground witness may have been referring to the length of the bright object's trail on his retina as it streaked through the sky rather than the angular size of the object itself. Unfortunately, the choice of the golf ball for a SIZE comparison misleadingly suggests a round SHAPE. The AF never adequately investigated this case although Hynek at the time (1956) urged it.

@The bad news for the meteor explanation scheme for Bentwaters is that in @early 1998 I discovered a previously overlooked HEIGHT-FINDING EFFECT in the

@data on the "streaking light" incident. This was when visual observers in @the C-47 at 4,000 feet overhead and in the Bentwaters tower and on the ground

@saw a brilliant light streak under the plane from east to west at the same @time the Bentwaters radar tracked the E-W unidentified object at tremendous @speed. As you put it, "This is the only sighting combining ground RADAR, @ground visual, and air visual in the entire episode."

@

@The height-finding effect I discovered comes from the UFO's disappearance or @skipping over the radar "blind zone" above Bentwaters. The radar operator @reported one blip 2 miles E of the radar station followed "immediately" by @the next blip 3 miles W of station.

Was this 1/2 sweep later, or 3/2 sweeps later?

COMMENTS: "Immediately" implies 1/2 sweep later. But 3/2 sweep still won't save the meteor skip-range (or third-trip return) -- see below.

@Since the MPN-11A radar beam was only about 9 degrees in vertical height,  
@it is flatly impossible for an object higher than about 2,500 feet to be  
@tracked closer than about 2-1/2 miles from the radar otherwise it will  
@vanish in the "blind zone." It's simple trigonometry, and elementary  
@radar principles, but was completely overlooked by generations of  
@investigators.

But with a third-trip echo, the meteor would not be two miles from the station, but two miles PLUS two complete pulse trips (186272, times twice the time between pulses) away at the time. Same angle, different actual range.

Do you know the pulse frequency (not the transmitter frequency, but the rate at which it was gated)?

COMMENTS: The Pulse Repetition Frequency (PRF) was 1100 Hz hence a maximum unambiguous range of about 85 miles, even though the radar's maximum range was 60 miles (this may have been the range on the scope display).

Hence the extra-trip or skip-range ambiguity raises the 2-mile range to 87 miles on the east and 3 miles to 88 miles on the west for a total distance traveled of about 175 miles (ASSUMING there was a skip-range effect at all since that contradicts a smooth linear path across the radar screen).

In a half sweep of the radar, or 1 second, this is 175 mi/sec an absolutely fantastic speed for any meteor. Even if there had been 3/2 sweeps of the scope, or 3 seconds interval, that is still a velocity of about 58 mi/sec, still much too fast for a meteor.

@This fact stunningly and unexpectedly PROVES that the object was at a very @low altitude, below the 4,000 foot height of the observers in the C-47 who @saw the light fly below their aircraft. And it strikingly confirms the @ground observers' estimate of a 2,500 foot height for this "streaking light."

@ It is very difficult to explain a meteor maintaining horizontal flight at @2,500 feet.

Third trip echo can still do this. The meteor is real, but it is farther away. The RADAR design assumed that there could not be anything that far from the set.

COMMENT: Covered this above. The speeds are too fast for a meteor.

I thought of the meteor explanation primarily because:

1. All of the high speed UFOs were westbound
2. The date coincides with an annual meteor display.

COMMENT: The Perseids' radiant at 10:55 PM on Aug 13, 1956, in east England would have sent a meteor on a heading of about 237 degs (approx. SW) but from an elevation angle of about 26 degs above the horizon. A meteor coming down at such a steep angle could not sustain a nearly horizontal course over 60 miles as was tracked on the Bentwaters radar, and the course heading is discrepant (the radar fast tracks were towards headings of roughly 270 or 295 degs).

In any case, the ultra low < 2,500-foot altitude proven by the height-finding data I discovered makes the meteor theory even more difficult.

The C-47 crew could have seen its reflection in the ocean.

COMMENT: Nice try. But the C-47 crew flying over land would not have seen the reflection streak under their aircraft -- they would have seen the light over the ocean suddenly disappear at land's edge as if it was a reflection on the water.

And it doesn't explain the radar height-finding data showing an altitude of < 2,500 feet for the "streaking light" in agreement with the altitude indicated by the C-47 crew seeing the light streak under their aircraft at 4,000 feet and the altitude estimated by ground observers at 2,000-2,500 feet.

BTW, that was ONE of my hypotheses. The other was that a missile was accidentally launched from a naval vessel or was launched by an amateur "rocketeer."

I have an account of one of these amateur launches, where a ten foot length of 6 inch sewer pipe buried itself in a real estate agent's backyard in Albuquerque NM. Someone had hammered the front to a point, filled the pipe with black powder, and set it off. It flew remarkably straight according to witnesses.

COMMENT: The Bentwaters Ground Controlled Approach radar was designed to track manned aircraft out to 60 miles. It's hard to imagine a 10-foot pipe being detectable at 30 miles. Neither an accidentally-launched naval missile nor an "amateur" rocket could travel close to 18,000 mph HORIZONTALLY at less than 4,000 feet.

@(BTW, a hypothetical "skip-range" error in the radar -- so it displays a @distant meteor as if closer in range -- could not possibly position a series @of a dozen or more evenly spaced blips on a linear path RADIALY across the @radar screen on OPPOSITE SIDES on a continuous path.)

If it's really two dozen blips, then third trip echos are not very probable (the range would be nonlinear). Also, a meteor would probably not persist that long, and there weren't any satellites to re-enter then. I had thought the number of sweeps was far fewer.

I was referring mainly to the UFO that appeared for only three sweeps.

@The Trent case should not be discredited on the basis of someone else's  
@hoaxes of color photos made to resemble the Trent's B&W shots. Nor should  
it  
@be dismissed on the basis that the Trents understandably sighted IFO's over  
@the years and had no technical ability to distinguish them from UFO's.

I did not intend to use those photos to discredit the original photos, but to indicate that some trickery is present. But "repeat" sighters do also tend to be photo hoaxers.

COMMENT: Where do we have statistics on "repeaters" being photo hoaxers? In fact, I don't know of a SINGLE case of repeaters who turned out to be photo hoaxers -- instead it's the REVERSE, that notorious photo hoaxers such as Billy Meier of Switzerland are contactee repeaters. But so what?

I myself have seen only two unknowns that remained so longer than 1 day. Only one of those remains unidentified, and it is probably prosaic in nature.

@You are missing Bruce Maccabee's technical physical optics work on the Trent  
@case published by CUFOS in 1976 and 1988 which represent the most complete  
@and exhaustive treatments of the case published to date. I have worked on  
@this case since 1972 and am working on new findings which will take the case  
@a quantum leap further.

I have them. But they don't consider or exclude a solar column.

@Bruce has experimentally refuted the "sun shadows from the east" theory and  
@proven that a large cumulus cloud in the east reflected sunlight at sunset

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@he measured the angular size of the light source as approximately 3 degrees  
@wide by 8+ degrees high (much larger than the sun's 1/2 deg). Weather  
@records from a station east of the Trents prove there were altocumulus  
clouds

@present at 7:28 PM on May 11, 1950, the exact time of the sighting plus or  
@minus several minutes.

But that does not refute a solar column, which I have seen many

times. This is an effect where a vertical column of brightness appears above the sun in the sky (even when the sun is below the horizon). Those same clouds produce this effect.

COMMENT: The cumulus clouds you need for your "solar column" in the morning (to support the Sheaffer-Klass theory) were NEVER recorded by the two closest weather stations at ANY time on the morning of May 11, 1950. The first cumulus clouds were recorded at 12:28 PM then 1:28, 2:00, 2:28, 3:00, 3:28, 4:00, 5:00, and 7:28 PM.

My measurements of the shadows cast by the garage rafters on the east wall of the Trents' garage show the light source's azimuth as approximately 88 degs (nearly due east) and ranging up to about 11 degs in elevation above the horizon. The sun (and any "solar column" above it) would only be at this direction at 7:13 AM according to the U.S. Naval Observatory and it would be 24 degs in elevation. But the weather records for 6:28-8 AM show only 4-12 miles visibility, and either smoky conditions with 0-10% cloud cover or 40-70% cirrus cloud cover.

Also, the object is suspiciously very similar to a pressure cooker lid my grandmother used to have. Unfortunately, the lid is gone now. It was domed on top, with one curved ring around the dome, and another that went only halfway around. The bottom was flat. The lid was made of anodized aluminum. A lever to lock down the lid went from the center through a groove in the lid to one edge when it was locked, and raised to about an 80 degree angle to unlock it.

COMMENT: It doesn't sound like that close a match. What was the diameter of the pressure-cooker lid? I can't imagine it would have been as small as 6 inches (the diameter of the Trent object if suspended from the overhead wires at 19 feet distance and 1.5 deg angular diameter). The weight of such a heavy metallic object would create a serious point deformation on the wires overhead from which it would have been suspended.

@And as for Top Unexplained UFO cases you overlooked one of the most important @lists of all, the Condon Committee's "Sightings, unexplained" list (Condon @Report p. 961). And you missed Vallee's 1966 survey of UFO groups. Despite @the many years separating these lists you would find more overlap among these @higher-quality efforts than with "Strange Universe" magazine. The Trent or @McMinnville photo case appears on most of these lists.

I was looking at "TOP TEN" lists published by various sources, (in the vein of Jay Leno).

COMMENT: You have one "top ten" list but you also have a list of 31

unexplained cases (which mentions the Condon Committee cases but lists almost none of them) so you can't say there is some overwhelming need to restrict UFO best evidence lists to only 10 cases since you would be violating such a rule yourself. My point is that you were complaining on your web site that there was no overlap between two "top ten" UFO evidence lists but that you are ignoring longer lists such as the Condon list and Vallee's Challenge to Science where there IS overlap.

I also have to HAVE a source in order to use it. Many of the older books are not available now, and I have only one of Vallee's books (two others were destroyed by a leak). The books I used at the public library were sold as "surplus books" in the 70s to make room for an ecology section.

@You should also look into the RB-47 case which baffled the Condon Committee.

@I have now published an exhaustive refutation of Klass' explanation, and @which culminates investigations of mine going back to 1971 (see AIAA @Astronautics & Aeronautics, Dec 1971). See my 30-page preliminary report in @Jerome Clark's The UFO Encyclopedia, 2nd Edition, 1998.

So why did all of the sources travel exactly up-scope? Were the UFOnuts daring the RB-47 to race them? :)

COMMENT: You'll need to read my article. The UFO did NOT "ALL ... travel exactly up-scope" but went upscope on one side then DOWNscope on the other side, performing an orbit of the 600 mph RB-47 jet. The direction-findings plots of the UFO radar signal coincided with the RB-47 crew's visual observations and the ground radar tracking of the UFO at 12 miles' distance from the plane.

Question: did the UFOs fly at exactly twice the speed of the plane? If so, then Klass was right. Aha! A testable hypothesis.

COMMENT: Nope. Klass doesn't say anything about a double-speed effect. His theory was that a relay failure caused a ground radar signal to appear 180 degs from its actual direction, but this theory ignores the physics and geometry of the situation and actually requires a large metallic maneuverable airborne object -- a UFO -- to carry out.

Since I am an electronics engineer (well versed in how things go wrong), I tend to agree with Klass on this one, although some of his other explanations are a bit off (especially Exeter NH).

COMMENT: I thought for years that Klass was right -- until I made a breakthrough in this case in 1997 that enabled me to establish this case. Among other things, Klass has to make the SUBSONIC RB-47 travel at SUPERSONIC

speeds to make his tortured theory work, he uses a NONEXISTENT "American" Airlines airliner supposedly landing at Dallas airport during the incident, and he botches the radar distance coverage figures sometimes with mammoth errors that explode his entire theory.

Also possible:

1. maintenance tech wired the search dish servo wrong, and covered up his mistake later to avoid reprimand.

COMMENT: The ELINT (electronic intelligence) equipment on the RB-47 worked perfectly the entire flight INCLUDING DURING THE UFO INCIDENT when it tracked

known ground radars ACCURATELY. This is REAL-TIME CALIBRATION proving the simultaneous accuracy of the tracking of the UFO's radar signal emissions.

2. A short (say a loose solder ball) in the servo system caused a temporary change in one axis.

3. A loose connector pin kept the relay current from reaching one of the relays. I use some of those military connectors, and sometimes a pin dislodges from the connector shell. Push it back in and it clicks into place, with no evidence that it had ever come out.

There are many relay failure modes:

1. Insufficient current to pull in the relay.

2. Leakage current holds the relay in when it should drop out.

3. A surge magnetized the core, holding the relay in.

4. Weak return spring.

5. Foreign matter in the hinge.

6. Foreign matter between contacts (the first computer bug was a cockroach wedged between relay contacts, hence the term).

7. Welded contacts.
8. Oxidized or blued contacts (won't make contact).
9. Stray magnetic fields from other equipment. (I once had a sensitive relay pull in every time a telephone next to it rang.)
10. Failed filter capacitor in the power supply.
11. Iron particles between electromagnet core and armature.
12. Solder bridge between terminals.
13. Coil burned out.
14. Shorted turn in coil.
15. Loose wire.
16. Circuit fault away from the relay.
17. Bad solder joint.
18. Armature knocked off its hinge (can snap back in place later after a few actuations).
19. Vibration.
20. Buzzing (AC relay with insufficient current).
21. Damaged armature.
22. Gravity sensitivity (won't work upside down).
23. Bad relay socket.

and many more.

One really sneaky problem is when one source activates two relays. If one relay develops a short in its coil, it will always pull in, but it may deprive the other one of enough current to operate.

COMMENT: All of these other sources of electrical failure are themselves failures -- of the FACTS of the case. As I pointed out above the ELINT equipment on the RB-47 was functioning perfectly before, during and after the UFO incident.

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Underground bases, anyone? A site on subterranean places, including Cold War bunkers in the UK.

Check out <http://www.stonix.demon.co.uk/sub-brit/>

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On Fri, 27 Aug 1999, James Easton wrote:

@UFO Research List - <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/>

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@Larry Robinson wrote:

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@To my surprise, Winker knew the basic background to this story

@and had researched your claims when they first came to his

@attention. Now in contact with him, I was able to add details he

@was unaware of. The issues set in context, he then wrote:

@

@ "The part with an association with timber or paper companies

@ would have been with different balloons at a different time.

@ Experiments were made (and eventually routine operations

@ conducted) using helium balloons to lift logs off of mountain

@ slopes. These were cable-driven, not free flying. This work

@ started in the summer of 1967 and we were actively involved in

@ providing and testing new models for at least a decade (such

@ balloons may still be in use today). At least one of those

@ balloons had a logo consisting of a stylized evergreen tree in a

@ circle; again not the IP logo, but with similarities. This could

@ not have been before the 1970s.

I found articles dealing with logging using gas balloons  
starting in 1963 in the Reader's Guide.

@ You can be positive that neither St. Regis, International Paper

@ nor anyone else but Raven spawned the hot air balloon as we know

@ it."

@

@>

Date: Mon, 30 Aug 1999 12:43:00 -0500 (EST)  
From: Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS Kinesiology <lrobins@indiana.edu>  
Subject: Re: Landing at Socorro

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On Fri, 27 Aug 1999, bruce maccabee wrote:

@UFO Research List - <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/>

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@Response to Larry Robinson message of Aug 26, 1999:

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@Well, I had a very detailed response with calculations, even, and then at  
@the last moment I lost it due to stupid moves on the key board.

@

@However, I recall some of the new stuff I did.

@Klass has a photo in his book which shows the view from where Zamorra first  
@saw th balloon in th RB (Robinson Balloon) hypothesis. In the photo there  
@is a man wearing a dark shirt standing at the location of the landing  
@traces and a jeep (with canvas cover; not an open jeep) parked on th  
@hillock where Zamorra's car was. I made measurements using a 1/60 "  
@scale on this photo which is abou 6" long by about 3 1/4 inches high.

@

@I found the vertical image of th man was abou 1.5/60 and the width of the  
@jeep was abou 4.5/60. "Printers dots" which make up the picture limit the  
@accuracy to about 0.5/60 inch. At the same time th distance from the  
@center of the jeep image to the center of the man image is 144/60.

@Now assume the jeep was 6 ft wide and the vertical dimension of the visible  
@man is 2 ft (waiste to top of shoulders). The ratio is 3. At the same  
@time the ratio 4.5/1.5 is three. In other words, there is some consistency  
@between image size and known (estimated) object size here.

@BUT: if I now use this scaling to calculate the distance from the car/jeep  
@to the man/landing area, I get  $144/4.5 = 32$  and so the distance is  $32 \times 6$   
@ft = 192 ft, not 103 ft! (I had this all nicely spelled out in detail  
@before, Now you guys are going to have to understand this by yourselves!  
@Sorry.)

Were they the same distance from the camera?

@So, where did they get 103 ft? I note that Hynek says less than 150 ft,  
@Klass says 100 to 200 ft, and in Steiger's Blue book pon page 107 it says  
@150 ft. The maps read 103 ft. Don't know how they measured this, I bet  
@my calculation is the first from photo scaling.

Steiger's Project Blue Book, p108 and p117 show a 100 ft distance

Zamora ran to the hillock, and a 100 ft distance to the object, both measured from the car.

@Anyway, in the RB hypothesis we have the first sighting. At this time  
@Zamorra's line was nearly perpendicular to the direction of the assumed  
@wind (in the RBH the wind blows FROM the northeast).  
@The balloon would have been lying with its long axis HORIZONTAL and nearly  
@perpendicular to Zamorra's line of view. Funny he said it looked like a  
@car on end..... long axis vertical.

@

@Anyway, based on KClass' photo it would have been clearly visible to  
@Zamorra, as a "hill" about 30 or more ft long and perhaps 10 ft high,  
@perhaps even protruding above the "ground level horizon" .  
@By GLH I mean the "plain", not the horizon of the distant mountains. The  
@GLH slopes upward slightly (about 1.4 degrees if KClass' camera was level) .  
@The slope upward from the bottom of the arroyo is greater than this. It  
@slopes upward moving away from Zamorra's parked position.

Which book is this in? My copy only has the picture containing all of the marks, and a close up of the footprints.

@

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On Sat, 28 Aug 1999 RB47Expert@aol.com wrote:

@UFO Research List - <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/>

@

@Hi Larry,

@

@Here are my COMMENTS in response to your points.

@

@Regards,

@

@Brad Sparks

@

@

@In a message dated 8/26/99 11:34:27 AM, lrobins@indiana.edu wrote:

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@On Wed, 25 Aug 1999 RB47Expert@aol.com wrote:

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@@

@@I just wish there was much less confusion about technical details of radar,

@@AF reporting formats, etc., on your web site based on incomplete or obsolete

@@sources, as with the 1956 Bentwaters-Lakenheath case. You don't seem to

@@have

@@Condon Committee radar physicist Gordon Thayer's 1971 AIAA article on the

@@Lakenheath-Bentwaters case or Thayer's 1980 Encyclopedia of UFO's article,

@@which I edited since I was actively involved in investigating the case at

@@that time in conjunction with Thayer, Peter Sturrock and Phil Klass. Thayer

@@clearly explains that the Bentwaters MPN-11A radar's sweep rate was 2

@@seconds, not 6.4 or 10.66 seconds. You may be confusing this with the

@@six-second sweep rate of the Lakenheath CPS-5 radar. And the "golf ball"

@@comparison is part of a standard Air Force Regulation 200-2 UFO report form

@@format that specifically asks for the size compared to a "known object" at

@@ARM'S LENGTH.

@

@

@I calculated the sweep rates backwards from the calculated

@object speed and the number of blips. If the sweep rate was

@really 2 seconds, then either the calculated speed or the

@number of blips is wrong.

@

@COMMENTS: The number of blips must be wrong (you mention later on, below, a @three-blip tracking but I'm unaware of any such tracking reported that was @that brief).

It was either Klass or McDonald. I will buy the 2 second sweep now that I have a more accurate source (which then reduces McDonald's speed estimate)

@I can think of nothing that is a golfball at arms length except @a very close airplane. That's six times the angular size of @the moon. Something the angular size of a golfball at arm's @length at a real altitude of 2500 feet would be the size of a @quarter block lot. That's why I asked the question. Many times, @people have confused the meaning of that question, and @reported a size comparable to an object hit in the air instead.

@

@An example is Venus, which has been repeatedly reported to be @the size of a baseball at arm's length on the form. I suggest @you take a baseball and hold it at arm's length against the @sky. In one case, the observer pointed out Venus as the UFO @the next night. Yet, he wrote "baseball" on the AFR 200-2 form. @Another case had "basketball" written on the form.

@

@Another witness misunderstood the form as asking what common @object would hide the UFO if the UFO itself was an arm's length @away. He wrote "boxcar." How much of the sky would be covered @by a boxcar (UK: train van) at arm's length.

@

@COMMENTS: The ground witness may have been referring to the length of the @bright object's trail on his retina as it streaked through the sky rather @than the angular size of the object itself. Unfortunately, the choice of the @golf ball for a SIZE comparison misleadingly suggests a round SHAPE. The AF @never adequately investigated this case although Hynek at the time (1956) @urged it.

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@

@@The bad news for the meteor explanation scheme for Bentwaters is that in @@early 1998 I discovered a previously overlooked HEIGHT-FINDING EFFECT in the

@@data on the "streaking light" incident. This was when visual observers in @@the C-47 at 4,000 feet overhead and in the Bentwaters tower and on the @ground

@@saw a brilliant light streak under the plane from east to west at the same @@time the Bentwaters radar tracked the E-W unidentified object at tremendous @@speed. As you put it, "This is the only sighting combining ground RADAR, @@ground visual, and air visual in the entire episode."

@@

@@The height-finding effect I discovered comes from the UFO's disappearance or

@@skipping over the radar "blind zone" above Bentwaters. The radar operator  
@reported one blip 2 miles E of the radar station followed "immediately" by  
@the next blip 3 miles W of station.

@

@Was this 1/2 sweep later, or 3/2 sweeps later?

@

@COMMENTS: "Immediately" implies 1/2 sweep later. But 3/2 sweep still won't  
@save the meteor skip-range (or third-trip return) -- see below.

@

@

@@Since the MPN-11A radar beam was only about 9 degrees in vertical height,  
@@it is flatly impossible for an object higher than about 2,500 feet to be  
@@tracked closer than about 2-1/2 miles from the radar otherwise it will  
@@vanish in the "blind zone." It's simple trigonometry, and elementary  
@@radar principles, but was completely overlooked by generations of  
@@investigators.

@

@But with a third-trip echo, the meteor would not be two miles  
@from the station, but two miles PLUS two complete pulse trips  
@(186272, times twice the time between pulses) away at the time.  
@Same angle, different actual range.

@

@Do you know the pulse frequency (not the transmitter frequency,  
@but the rate at which it was gated)?

@

@COMMENTS: The Pulse Repetition Frequency (PRF) was 1100 Hz hence a  
maximum

@unambiguous range of about 85 miles, even though the radar's maximum range  
@was 60 miles (this may have been the range on the scope display).

@

@Hence the extra-trip or skip-range ambiguity raises the 2-mile range to 87  
@miles on the east and 3 miles to 88 miles on the west for a total distance  
@traveled of about 175 miles (ASSUMING there was a skip-range effect at all  
@since that contradicts a smooth linear path across the radar screen).

@

@In a half sweep of the radar, or 1 second, this is 175 mi/sec an absolutely  
@fantastic speed for any meteor. Even if there had been 3/2 sweeps of the  
@scope, or 3 seconds interval, that is still a velocity of about 58 mi/sec,  
@still much too fast for a meteor.

The Earth moves 18 mi/s revolving around the Sun. Considering the  
different possible orbits for meteors (They are either in orbit  
around the sun, around some other body, or traveling so fast that  
they have open orbits in our solar system). The orbit a comet  
travels (like the one that supplies the annual shower during the  
sighting) has a much higher velocity near the sun. So 58 mi/s is  
quite in the realm of probability. It seems just about right.

@@This fact stunningly and unexpectedly PROVES that the object was at a very

@@low altitude, below the 4,000 foot height of the observers in the C-47 who  
@@saw the light fly below their aircraft. And it strikingly confirms the  
@@ground observers' estimate of a 2,500 foot height for this "streaking  
@light."

@@ It is very difficult to explain a meteor maintaining horizontal flight at  
@@2,500 feet.

@

@Third trip echo can still do this. The meteor is real, but it  
@is farther away. The RADAR design assumed that there could  
@not be anything that far from the set.

@

@COMMENT: Covered this above. The speeds are too fast for a meteor.

@

@

@I thought of the meteor explanation primarily because:

@

@1. All of the high speed UFOs were westbound

@

@2. The date coincides with an annual meteor display.

@

@COMMENT: The Perseids' radiant at 10:55 PM on Aug 13, 1956, in east England  
@would have sent a meteor on a heading of about 237 degs (approx. SW) but from  
@an elevation angle of about 26 degs above the horizon. A meteor coming down  
@at such a steep angle could not sustain a nearly horizontal course over 60  
@miles as was tracked on the Bentwaters radar, and the course heading is  
@discrepant (the radar fast tracks were towards headings of roughly 270 or 295  
@degs).

@

@In any case, the ultra low < 2,500-foot altitude proven by the height-finding  
@data I discovered makes the meteor theory even more difficult.

@

@

@The C-47 crew could have seen its reflection in the ocean.

@

@COMMENT: Nice try. But the C-47 crew flying over land would not have seen  
@the reflection streak under their aircraft -- they would have seen the light  
@over the ocean suddenly disappear at land's edge as if it was a reflection on  
@the water.

Bentwaters is right near the ocean. And where does the visibility  
from that cockpit end when trying to look down?

@And it doesn't explain the radar height-finding data showing an altitude of <  
@2,500 feet for the "streaking light" in agreement with the altitude indicated  
@by the C-47 crew seeing the light streak under their aircraft at 4,000 feet  
@and the altitude estimated by ground observers at 2,000-2,500 feet.

@

@

@BTW, that was ONE of my hypotheses. The other was that a missile  
@was accidentally launched from a naval vessel or was launched by

@an amateur "rocketeer."

@

@I have an account of one of these amateur launches, where a  
@ten foot length of 6 inch sewer pipe buried itself in a real  
@estate agent's backyard in Albuquerque NM. Someone had hammered  
@the front to a point, filled the pipe with black powder, and set  
@it off. It flew remarkably straight according to witnesses.

@

@COMMENT: The Bentwaters Ground Controlled Approach radar was designed to  
@track manned aircraft out to 60 miles. It's hard to imagine a 10-foot pipe  
@being detectable at 30 miles. Neither an accidentally-launched naval missile  
@nor an "amateur" rocket could travel close to 18,000 mph HORIZONTALLY at less  
@than 4,000 feet.

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@

@@(BTW, a hypothetical "skip-range" error in the radar -- so it displays a  
@@distant meteor as if closer in range -- could not possibly position a series  
@@of a dozen or more evenly spaced blips on a linear path RADIALLY across the  
@@radar screen on OPPOSITE SIDES on a continuous path.)

@

@If it's really two dozen blips, then third trip echos are not  
@very probable (the range would be nonlinear). Also, a meteor  
@would probably not persist that long, and there weren't any  
@satellites to re-enter then. I had thought the number of sweeps  
@was far fewer.

@

@I was referring mainly to the UFO that appeared for only  
@three sweeps.

@

@@The Trent case should not be discredited on the basis of someone else's  
@@hoaxes of color photos made to resemble the Trents' B&W shots. Nor should  
@it

@@be dismissed on the basis that the Trents understandably sighted IFO's over  
@@the years and had no technical ability to distinguish them from UFO's.

@

@I did not intend to use those photos to discredit the original  
@photos, but to indicate that some trickery is present. But  
@"repeat" sighters do also tend to be photo hoaxers.

@

@COMMENT: Where do we have statistics on "repeaters" being photo hoaxers? In  
@fact, I don't know of a SINGLE case of repeaters who turned out to be photo  
@hoaxers -- instead it's the REVERSE, that notorious photo hoaxers such as  
@Billy Meier of Switzerland are contactee repeaters. But so what?

@

@I myself have seen only two unknowns that remained so longer  
@than 1 day. Only one of those remains unidentified, and it  
@is probably prosaic in nature.

@

@@You are missing Bruce Maccabee's technical physical optics work on the Trent

@@case published by CUFOS in 1976 and 1988 which represent the most complete  
@@and exhaustive treatments of the case published to date. I have worked on  
@@this case since 1972 and am working on new findings which will take the case  
@@a quantum leap further.

@

@I have them. But they don't consider or exclude a solar

@column.

@

@@Bruce has experimentally refuted the "sun shadows from the east" theory and  
@@proven that a large cumulus cloud in the east reflected sunlight at sunset

@--

@@he measured the angular size of the light source as approximately 3 degrees

@@wide by 8+ degrees high (much larger than the sun's 1/2 deg). Weather

@@records from a station east of the Trents prove there were altocumulus

@clouds

@@present at 7:28 PM on May 11, 1950, the exact time of the sighting plus or

@@minus several minutes.

@

@But that does not refute a solar column, which I have seen many

@times. This is an effect where a vertical column of brightness

@appears above the sun in the sky (even when the sun is below the

@horizon). Those same clouds produce this effect.

@

@COMMENT: The cumulus clouds you need for your "solar column" in the  
morning

@(to support the Sheaffer-Klass theory) were NEVER recorded by the two closest

@weather stations at ANY time on the morning of May 11, 1950. The first

@cumulus clouds were recorded at 12:28 PM then 1:28, 2:00, 2:28, 3:00, 3:28,

@4:00, 5:00, and 7:28 PM.

@

@My measurements of the shadows cast by the garage rafters on the east wall of

@the Trents' garage show the light source's azimuth as approximately 88 degs

@(nearly due east) and ranging up to about 11 degs in elevation above the

@horizon. The sun (and any "solar column" above it) would only be at this

@direction at 7:13 AM according to the U.S. Naval Observatory and it would be

@24 degs in elevation. But the weather records for 6:28-8 AM show only 4-12

@miles visibility, and either smoky conditions with 0-10% cloud cover or

@40-70% cirrus cloud cover.

@

@

@Also, the object is suspiciously very similar to a pressure

@cooker lid my grandmother used to have. Unfortunately, the lid

@is gone now. It was domed on top, with one curved ring around

@the dome, and another that went only halfway around. The

@bottom was flat. The lid was made of anodized aluminum. A lever

@to lock down the lid went from the center through a groove in the

@lid to one edge when it was locked, and raised to about an 80

@degree angle to unlock it.

@

@COMMENT: It doesn't sound like that close a match. What was the diameter of

@the pressure-cooker lid? I can't imagine it would have been as small as 6  
@inches (the diameter of the Trent object if suspended from the overhead wires  
@at 19 feet distance and 1.5 deg angular diameter). The weight of such a  
@heavy metallic object would create a serious point deformation on the wires  
@overhead from which it would have been suspended.

Diameter 9 inches, approx. It weighed about as much as a shoe.

If the wires were #10 or larger, as the electrical code requires  
to keep the wires from repeatedly breaking, the lid would not  
have noticeably deflected the wire.

@

@@And as for Top Unexplained UFO cases you overlooked one of the most  
@important  
@@lists of all, the Condon Committee's "Sightings, unexplained" list (Condon  
@@Report p. 961). And you missed Vallee's 1966 survey of UFO groups. Despite  
@@the many years separating these lists you would find more overlap among  
@these  
@@higher-quality efforts than with "Strange Universe" magazine. The Trent or  
@@McMinnville photo case appears on most of these lists.

@

@I was looking at "TOP TEN" lists published by various sources,  
@(in the vein of Jay Leno).

@

@COMMENT: You have one "top ten" list but you also have a list of 31  
@unexplained cases (which mentions the Condon Committee cases but lists almost  
@none of them) so you can't say there is some overwhelming need to restrict  
@UFO best evidence lists to only 10 cases since you would be violating such a  
@rule yourself. My point is that you were complaining on your web site that  
@there was no overlap between two "top ten" UFO evidence lists but that you  
@are ignoring longer lists such as the Condon list and Vallee's Challenge to  
@Science where there IS overlap.

It was a comment on the ranking of anything. If you look on one  
of my other pages, I denounce ranking as a bad method of doing  
anything.

The Condon cases listed were the 59 case studies. Most of them  
moved on to other pages.

My list of 31 cases is a list of cases where I:

1. Have sufficient info to look at in the case (not just a brief synopsis).
2. Can't think of anything known that could account for it.

As I find out more info, this list expands and contracts.

I chose the ten cases from that list that were the hardest to account for to put in the "top ten" list..

@So why did all of the sources travel exactly up-scope? Were @the UFOonauts daring the RB-47 to race them? :)  
@

@COMMENT: You'll need to read my article. The UFO did NOT "ALL ... travel @exactly up-scope" but went upslope on one side then DOWNSlope on the other @side, performing an orbit of the 600 mph RB-47 jet. The direction-findings @plots of the UFO radar signal coincided with the RB-47 crew's visual @observations and the ground radar tracking of the UFO at 12 miles' distance @from the plane.

How can the ELINT measure the distance at all???

The only way I can conceive of measuring distance to a radio source is to get several fixes and triangulat. But that assumes that the source is standing still.

@  
@Question: did the UFOs fly at exactly twice the speed of the @plane? If so, then Klass was right. Aha! A testable @hypothesis.

@  
@COMMENT: Nope. Klass doesn't say anything about a double-speed effect. His @theory was that a relay failure caused a ground radar signal to appear 180 @degs from its actual direction, but this theory ignores the physics and @geometry of the situation and actually requires a large metallic maneuverable @airborne object -- a UFO -- to carry out.

@  
@  
@Since I am an electronics engineer (well versed in how @things go wrong), I tend to agree with Klass on this one, @although some of his other explanations are a bit off @ (especially Exeter NH).

@  
@COMMENT: I thought for years that Klass was right -- until I made a @breakthrough in this case in 1997 that enabled me to establish this case. @Among other things, Klass has to make the SUBSONIC RB-47 travel at SUPERSONIC @speeds to make his tortured theory work, he uses a NONEXISTENT "American" @Airlines airliner supposedly landing at Dallas airport during the incident, @and he botches the radar distance coverage figures sometimes with mammoth @errors that explode his entire theory.

Wait a minute! The RADAR beam itself can be picked up a lot farther away than the set that emitted it can pick up much weaker echoes. It is also strong enough to be picked up on the back side

of another dish that it strikes. That makes the rotation of the transmitter dish the main relevant factor in the reception of the beam by another set.

Ducting from another set becomes a possibility.

Of course, one has to ask that, if the UFO did have a RADAR set aboard, did they get it war-surplus? :)

In other words, why did it have the signal characteristics of our own stuff?

I should think that a "blind" stealth exercise would make more sense. The air bases in the 70s weren't told what the planes making stealth tests were either. They were left in the dark with a UFO mystery.

@COMMENT: All of these other sources of electrical failure are themselves @failures -- of the FACTS of the case. As I pointed out above the ELINT @equipment on the RB-47 was functioning perfectly before, during and after the @UFO incident.

Some of which are self correcting in the short run.

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@company. Its logo was a green triangle, point upward, with a white  
@upward-pointing arrowhead/stylized tree shape inside the triangle.

That's 4 similar logos:

International Paper

St. Regis

Boise Cascade

Weyerhaeuser (which actually fits better than IP).

I have also seen a balloon in a pic with the Boise Cascade logo  
on it, but in 1970.

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@"overturned car" phase -- apparently the clarification of this phrase should  
@really be "upended car" -- in other words, he pictured it as having somehow  
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@say 15 feet than the 5 feet previously mentioned. This is still too small  
@for a HAB by a factor of at least two, of course.

Assuming Zamora's distance and size estimates were anywhere near  
accurate. To give a good estimate of either, you have to know  
what the object is.

He gave a distance of 460 feet to 600 feet for an object really  
at 800 feet.

And cars were longer back then, 18-22 ft being the norm. Short  
cars became big after the first "energy crisis" in 1974.

Also, part of the balloon may have been behind terrain.

@J Carpenter

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Re:

>Date: Fri, 27 Aug 1999 11:11:37 -0700 (PDT)  
>From: Paul Wittry <ppw3@premier1.net>  
>To: UFORL@listbot.com  
>Subject: Re: Re: Balloon data

Paul wrote:

>While stationed at Patuxent River Naval Air Test Center, from  
>late 1963, to 1967, as a Photographer's Mate 3rd Class Petty  
>Officer, I recall some testing of this particular extraction  
>process.

>As I recall it was named, "Operation Skyhook".

>I remember extensive high-speed motion-picture coverage (200/400  
>fps), of this testing. (We regularly took these high-speed films  
>(16mm) of all operational testing.)

[...]

>Thought this may be of interest?

Paul,

It certainly is.

I was also interested to see a reference to an Ed Yost/Raven  
balloon flight - I think from 1961 - which took place from an  
aircraft carrier.

There are clearly a number of indications that the  
military/intelligence applications of hot-air balloons were of  
considerable interest in the period between 1960-1964, especially  
to the Office of Naval Research (ONR).

There's an 'on-line' biography of Ed Yost which notes:

"Leaving General Mills, Yost and 3 others moved to Sioux Falls,  
South Dakota and formed Raven Industries. One of Raven's first  
projects was a commission from the U.S. Navy's Office of Naval

Research to create an aircraft that would carry one man and enough fuel to fly for three hours, carry a load to 10,000 feet, and be reusable. Additionally, the system was required to be of small size and weight and have a fast inflation and launching system that required a minimum of personnel.

In October 1955 Yost made the first moored flight of a modern hot-air balloon. The envelope was plastic film, and heat was provided by plumbers pots burning kerosene.

On October 22, 1960, Yost made the first free flight of a modern hot-air balloon from Bruning, Nebraska. By then Yost had switched to nylon for the envelope, and had created a propane heater. The gross weight of the balloon, including Yost and fuel, was 404 pounds. He was in the air 25 minutes and landed 3 miles from his takeoff point.

The next flight was made November 12, 1960 from the Stratobowl, situated at 4500' MSL. Yost had increased the burner power, reinforced the envelope at the equator to add handling lines, and increased the opening at the top from 9 to 13 feet, doubling the deflation port size. The inflation took 6 minutes and he lifted off at 8:40 a.m. with a gross weight of 465 pounds. At 9:12 a.m. he made an ascent at 300 feet per minute to 9000', then made a 600 feet per minute descent which he successfully halted with the new burner. He landed at 10:30 after a flight of 1 hour and 50 minutes covering 39 miles.

In October 1961 Yost concluded his report to the ONR as follows:

"At the completion of this program in October 1961, all of the basic requirements had been met. A low-weight, manned flight system capable of safely carrying one man for three hours, at altitudes of up to 10,000 feet had been repeatedly flown.

"Inflations and launchings in winds of more than 10 mph and temperatures as low as +5 degrees F had been successfully accomplished. Operations at altitudes of 4,500 feet MSL (above mean sea level) had been demonstrated. Ground support equipment had been developed so that inflation, under light wind conditions, could be carried out in less than ten minutes. Controls, burners and instrumentation adequate to operate the system had been developed.

"As a result of the work done under this contract, the feasibility of using hot air balloons for sustained flight was demonstrated. By the application of modern materials, design techniques and instrumentation, an aerostat which had been known for more than 175 years was resurrected and shown to have substantial value in modern research and operations. The limits

of duration and lifting capacity appear to far exceed that developed under this contract; the low cost, simplicity of operation, and logistic advantage which hot air balloons provide, when compared with light-gas balloons, are most impressive. Within the altitude limits where hot air balloons may be used, these modern Montgolfier systems may become an important tool for atmospheric and low-level lifting and transport tasks."  
[End]

In a further brief history, 'Raven Industries', now encompassed within 'Aerostar', acknowledge:

"Early hot air balloon sales were made exclusively to the government for military and research applications. But by the mid 1960s some adventuresome folks outside of the ranks of Raven Industries employees began buying the balloons for recreation and sport".

Don Piccard, in the previously referenced and revealing article, reinforces:

"Raven Industries hired Don Piccard to manage their nascent sport balloon program. 'They had no idea of what to do with a sport balloon,' he says emphatically. 'They had no knowledge of what to do with it.' But, 'I had design responsibilities,' he recalls, and after flying their Mittlestadt balloon, 'I set about designing a version that would be closer to the balloon Yost had built for the government.' At the helm of Raven, Yost was being financed by the Office of Naval Research on top-secret hush-hush projects".

Apart from any connection between a hot-air balloon and 'Socorro', it might be something of an aside so far as UFO related research is concerned, however, it's one of those often intriguing, diverse facets.

It's also arguably not unrelated at all, the more we understand about any aerial objects which could have resulted in UFO reports, it enhances our perspective of what was possibly 'out there' at the time.

Also much appreciated is the overall response to my query about the practical use of hot-air balloons for intelligence operations - where ufology apparently meets James Bond...

James.  
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Subject: Re: Landing at Socorro

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Bruce Maccabee Reply to Robinson's reply:

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>@Well, I had a very detailed response with calculations, even, and then at  
>@the last moment I lost it due to stupid moves on the key board.  
>@  
>@However, I recall some of the new stuff I did.  
>@Klass has a photo in his book which shows the view from where Zamorra  
first  
>@saw th balloon in th RB (Robinson Balloon) hypothesis. In the photo  
there  
>@is a man wearing a dark shirt standing at the location of the landing  
>@traces and a jeep (with canvas cover; not an open jeep) parked on th  
>@hillock where Zamorra's car was. I made measurements using a 1/60 "  
>@scale on this photo which is abou 6" long by about 3 1/4 inches high.  
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>@man is 2 ft (waiste to top of shoulders). The ratio is 3. At the same  
>@time the ratio 4.5/1.5 is three. In other words, there is some  
consistency  
>@between image size and known (estimated) object size here.  
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car/jeep  
>@to the man/landing area, I get  $144/4.5 = 32$  and so the distance is  $32 \times 6$   
>@ft = 192 ft, not 103 ft! (I had this all nicely spelled out in detail  
>@before, Now you guys are going to have to understand this by yourselves!  
  
>@Sorry.)>

>Were they the same distance from the camera?

Not exactly, but close. Klass shows the landing point a bit  
(tens of feet?) farther; a map in Steiger's Blue Book shows it closer by  
tens of feet.

IN either case the distance to the camera was like 800 ft (or whatever the

distance  
was from the landing site to the initial viewing position). The main  
point then is that  
the scaling based on the jeep and on the size of a man's upper body should  
be  
as close to the same as is possible to determine from the picture.

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Mine is 1 ft, 5 in.

Did Zamora do this bracketing during the sighting, or is this a  
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References: <Pine.HPP.3.96.990831130124.23230H-100000@juliet.ucs.indiana.edu>

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Mr Robinson-

Assuming that Zamora made the observational errors you believe he did, how do you deal with the fact that at some point not too long after the incident he must have seen another hot air balloon in unobstructed conditions? Are you arguing that he was embarrassed by the realization that it was "just" a balloon, and that he doesn't want to admit this?

J Carpenter

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For information, re the landing traces, this is from Stanford's book and describes the evidence of 'burning':

Chavez and others noticed no odour whatever that would indicate that combustion of any conventional fuel had caused the burn damage. In fact, there was no odour detectable by those present, excepting the familiar aroma of creosote or greasewood bushes, made stronger by the recent burning of foliage. Some of the bushes were still expelling steam when State Patrolman Jordan and Undersherrif Luckie arrived.

Jordan said that what most impressed him at the landing site was the way the 'flame' had evidently 'sliced' a large greasewood bush, located almost centrally in the landing gear quadrangle, without leaving any signs of strong turbulence, as the exhaust of a powerful rocket thrust unit or even the whirling of helicopter blades would have done.

'They'll never explain that thing Lonnie saw as any 'pogo' [VTOL aircraft], helicopter, or anything I know about,' Jordan said firmly. 'The flame from that damn thing just sliced that greasewood bush in half, just burned it off clean like a blade of fire had cut right through it.'

[...]

Examining the region southwest along the ravine where the papers had been burned [old paper scraps - James], I could not help but deduce that the 'fiery finger' from beneath the craft had extended itself from northeast to southwest, reaching out for some yards from where the mysterious object had elevated above the ravine, probably during its landing approach and manoeuvre, prior to orienting the exhaust directly downwards for the final descent".

These indications seem to confirm that the 'flame' was emitted in one direction along the ground.

Stanford's diagram of the landing site, with his measurements, has been uploaded to:

<http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/landing.jpg>

James.

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Response to Larry of Aug. 31

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No. If the photo scaling is correct the distance from Zamorra's car might have been close to 200 ft. The width of the hillock he was parked on would have been perhaps as much as 50 ft. Since the right side of the hillock (east side) is not vertical but slopes downward it is difficult to decide

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Hmmm... So we assume that the balloon was still vertical when Zamorra first saw it at

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Would it be "safe" to assume that if the platform framework were, say, 6 ft high, and the balloon itself from opening at the bottom to the top was 25 ft high (lower bound?) that the top of the balloon would have been about 30 ft from the ground?

Also: LRH (Larry Robinson Hypothesis)

assumes this was nearly a "crash" landing, with the platform skidding (to explain gouges in the ground) and then the burner tipping over (to explain burned

bushes). This all happened, one presumes, in the minute or so that it took Zamorra to get to the hillock. By the time he arrived there the crash had occurred and the

balloon was lying, pointed away from Zamorra. Quick as a wink the balloonists, managed to

point the burner into the balloon and begin reheating. They knew a police car was coming.

When Zamorra got to the top of the hill he couldn't see them or the structure holding the balloon...which suggests that they may not have been able to see him either. In any case, it would have been obvious to them that he did not drive to their location from the point 800 ft away, but instead went to another location (hillock) over 100 ft away. Shortly after he stopped and got out of the car (seconds) they gave the burner the goose and a big swoosh occurred, dumping a lot of hot air into the balloon as Zamorra turned to run. The balloon was still lying on the ground as Zamorra turned so he didn't see it vertical. He wouldn't have seen "legs" under the balloon, either. 'cause he couldn't see the framework.

One has to assume, I suppose, that any changes in the balloon surface, like waves moving across the surface were not noticed by Zamorra. One may imagine that there were such waves since, as we are told, there was a brisk wind (from the east in the LRH).

SNIP

>>@Hard cover first edition (which includes the plasma explanation for

>>@car stopping .... plasma short circuited the battery, according to

Klass)

>>@of UFOs IDENTIFIED.

>Ah. I don't have that one. I have "UFOs Explained."

IDENTIFIED has much more info on Zamorra than "Explained." "Odd", is it not,

that Klass didn't mention IDENTIFIED in EXPLAINED? (Authors usually refer to their previous works.)

BIG SNIP

>Zamora may have had no intention of shooting, but the balloonists  
>(in the article I am trying to find) believed otherwise, since he  
>was taking cover. They were initially thinking in terms of being  
>arrested for trespass, not aliens from outer space.  
He was doing more than taking cover. He was running away from them.  
Hardly a threatening act.

>One has to look at the point of view:

>1. The balloonists wouldn't think of an explosion or a takeoff  
>blast because they know what they are piloting. Zamora was  
t>hinking automobile on fire, and then rocket ship, both which  
>would make a big blast.

>2. Trespass offenses were taken a lot more seriously in the west  
>back then than they are now. This might be a reason the  
>balloonists did not go back and tell the Socorro police  
>department what they had done.

>3. Anyone with military experience would know that when someone  
t>akes cover, he could be expecting gunfire, and might shoot  
f>irst. So the balloonists took a little cover as a precaution  
(>most of their bodies were already behind the hill..

I presume they hoped that they could take off and fly out of  
reach of the cop's gun before he started shooting.  
Also I presume they hoped he wouldn't follow them  
in a car and/or call for help.

>4. The article said the balloonists thought the cop was nuts.

>It's a matter of each side not knowing what the other side was  
>thinking.  
SNIP

>During the "landed horizontal ellipse" phase of the sighting, the  
>ground is supporting the lower side of the aerostat, and the air  
>inside is supporting the top. Like this:

>Use a fixed-width font:

Zamora

Insignia is upright  
from Zamora's view

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*****  
*   #   A ... Top of A frame  
*     **
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*           *   = ... Burner   # ... Insignia
*           * =A
*           * YY   Y ... Man   --- ... Platform
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During the "hovering phase" of the sighting, the long axis would be vertical. The aerostat had lifted, but the entire vehicle had not yet lifted. The cables are now taut between the aerostat and the platform. Buoyancy is now completely supporting the aerostat about 8 to 12 feet (depending on the design) above the platform. Like this:

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      ***
      *   *
      *   *           Zamora
      *   *
      *   *
      *   #           Insignia is still
      *   *           upright to Zamora
      *   *
      ***           A ... Top of A frame

      "           " ... Burner   # ... Insignia
      A
Ground   Y Y       Y ... Man   --- ... Platform
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>PLEASE NOTICE: The platform and the men were still hidden behind the terrain ON THE GROUND during the "hovering phase" of the sighting. Only the aerostat itself was hovering.

>Then the throttle is opened all the way, so the aerostat will lift the platform quickly from the ground. Once the platform leaves the ground, the "horizontal flight" phase of the sighting starts.

Your sketch of the balloon on its side with a flat bottom and rounded top shows that Zamorra would have gotten an oblique view of the insignia. Just how oblique would be not determinable. If he couldn't see the men and the platform framework because of the intervening hill he also couldn't see any legs underneath. I rather doubt that it would have looked like an ellipse with axis horizontal. Depending upon how the nearby hill cut into the bottom of his field of view, or cut off the bottom of the balloon, it seems to me that it might look like HALF an

ellipse...rounded on the top side, flat along the bottom. In any case, the bottom of this "object" would have the shape of the outline of the top of the intervening hill. The width across the "bottom" (the portion lying on the ground) would be roughly the width of the balloon.... 20 ft? so what Zamorra would see as the bottom of the object would be actually the outline of the intervening hill over a distance of about 20 ft. Why would Zamorra think that a rough outline like this, and most likely convex upward rather than like the bottom of an ellipse (convex downward), would make the overall object look elliptical?

ANd I still don't understand why he wouldn't see the platform structure hanging off the balloon after he returned to his car and got his glasses again. Do you think that perhaps he was still afraid and decided not to put his glasses on to look at it?

Bruce

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ON AUG 31 LR Wrote

>On Tue, 31 Aug 1999, bruce maccabee wrote:

SNIP

>@>Also, part of the balloon may have been behind terrain.  
>@  
>@Uhhh, negatore on that last one, good buddy.  
>@According to Klass' picture, from the initial sighting point 800  
>@ft away Zamorra had a clear shot to the landing site. He couldn't  
>@see the ground, of course, but anything above 3 to 4 ft he could see. \  
  
>Just enough to hide the platform.

Is there no framework above the platform?

>@Furthermore, there is no indication of a land form that would have  
>@blocked Zamorra's view of a balloon lying on its side,  
>@ partially inflated, regardless of which direction the balloon may have  
>@been "pointing" (north, south, east or west of the hypothetical  
>@platform location where the landing marks were).  
>@Had a balloon been lying on its side the long axis would have  
>@appeared horizontal and completely obvious.

>The aerostat was not yet laying down at this point. Remember that  
i>t took Zamora several tries to get his car up the hill. The  
>balloon was being shut down at that point. They did not try to  
l>ift off again until Zamora started acting weird.  
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Until Zamorra started acting weird? What does that mean?  
I thought they were preparing to lift off as Zamorra got out of the car,  
hence the big  
last on their "horn" (burner) and that they were not waiting to see what  
Zamorra did, but "reloaded for takeoff" as soon as possible.  
(they must have been relieved to see Zamorra run away from them rather  
than yell to them to "stop or I'll shoot." Perhaps they were a bit more  
apprehensive  
when he returned to the car and called to the police station. (I assume  
they could still see what he was doing at that time.)

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>Larry & Bruce & List,

>A few COMMENTS.

>Brad Sparks

SNIP comments on distance Zamorra ran (probably 50 ft is correct)

>I am much more disturbed by Bruce Maccabee's photographic scaling of the  
>distance from Zamora's car to UFO landing site. Assuming the car and  
landing

>site positions are correctly indicated in Klass' photo, there is a serious

>error in the original on-site investigators' supposedly measured distance  
of

>103 feet versus Bruce's 192 feet. This is almost a factor 2x error. If  
it

>is valid to apply this error factor to Zamora's SIZE estimate, possibly  
the

>UFO size would have to be doubled as Larry has suggested IF AND ONLY IF

>Zamora's size estimate comes from angular size with distance. However,

>Zamora's size estimate must still be researched as I recall that it was

>determined by bracketing the appearance of the UFO with specific mesquite

>bushes and terrain features then measured to get upper and lower limits,

so

>that it was NOT dependent on Zamora estimating angular size and distance

but

>was directly linearly measured on site.

I, too, do not understand why the initial investigators would be that far  
off. At the

same time, I can't imagine a jeep being 12 ft wide (the picture clearly  
does not show the

length of th jeep broadsize; in fact, it appears that one can even see  
light through the windshield

in the image)

and a man's torso 4 ft high

(which would bring the scaling of the photo into agreement with the 103  
ft measurement)

>Another consequence of this distance error is that it decreases the  
>depression angle of the UFO landing site from Zamora's vantage point about  
20  
>feet higher on top of the ridge. At 103 feet this angle is only about 11  
>degrees but from 192 feet it is only about 6 degrees. This is hardly  
enough  
>for the shape and position of the hypothetical balloon to hide much of  
>anything as it is virtually side-on. However, at this shallower angle any  
  
>intervening terrain between the UFO landing site and Zamora's position  
could  
>pose a greater obstruction to viewing the lower part of the object. >

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On Tue, 31 Aug 1999, joel carpenter wrote:

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@Mr Robinson-

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@Assuming that Zamora made the observational errors you believe he did, how  
@do you deal with the fact that at some point not too long after the incident  
@he must have seen another hot air balloon in unobstructed conditions? Are  
@you arguing that he was embarrassed by the realization that it was "just" a  
@balloon, and that he doesn't want to admit this?

I have only twice by chance seen a hot-air balloon close enough  
to hear the loud roar, once in 1976, and the other in 1998. The  
other times I have seen hot-air balloons, they were:

- too far away to hear anything but a soft whoosh
- not firing at full power, or
- times I purposely attended a launch or landing (including the  
time when I put the whole Socorro thing together)

We have hot-air balloon activity here weekly during good weather.

The newer burners seem to be quieter than those used in the 60s  
and 70s.

It is quite possible that Zamora has never been in such a  
position to hear one close again.

While Bloomington has nearly weekly of hot-air balloon activity  
(with three companies having active balloon teams), there is  
almost no activity in Spencer, only 15 miles away. The  
availability of places to take off and land influences the  
activity level, as does the local interest.

@J Carpenter

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This sounds just like what would happen if the platform tipped over and the throttle cord was pulled in the process. Good thing the aerostat still had enough lift, or it would have been consumed. The direction is correct for this too.

The papers might also have been thrown from the tipped over platform and been blown by the wind and the blast. This would make burned papers be found farther away from the marks than those that would be found burned if the papers had already been there.

That means that there are several evidences that the balloon platform turned over:

1. The fourth mark is in about the right place to have been made by the A-frame
2. Evidence of a directional flame
3. The cloud of dust
4. Everything matches the direction of departure as far as wind direction is concerned.

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He reported the A-frame top as the "legs."

Let's look at that time sequence again:

1. Zamora sees the flame out the right side window. The car roof hides the aerostat.
2. Zamora turns onto the side road. Intervening terrain hides the

balloon from his view. He takes some time to get to a vantage point, because his car needs three tries to make it up a hill.

3. The platform hits the ground and turns over. The aerostat remains buoyant, but the burner goes off and sets fire to things on the ground.

4. The balloonists turn the platform right side up. This makes dust.

5. Zamora arrives at the first vantage point. He sees the balloon from 800 ft, with the crew standing up, and the dust. The A-frame struts appear to him as "legs."

6. Zamora decides to drive on, and leaves sight of the balloon. While radioing headquarters of a possible auto accident, he heads for a closer point on the road. Intervening terrain hides the balloon from his view.

7. The aerostat loses some lift and touches the ground.

8. Zamora arrives. He sees the aerostat and the top of the A-frame, sits and watches, starts to get out, then ducks behind the car door after getting out (the radio mic fell). He puts the mic back.

9. The balloonists (mostly hidden down in the arroyo) see Zamora "hide" behind the car door (not knowing he dropped his mic), and fear the worst. They relight the pilot light, and fire up to try to lift off again. The two thumps might have been the pilot light rekindling, or the wind making the aerostat move.

10. Zamora (still thinking vehicle wreck) sees the flame, hears the roar, expects an explosion, and immediately runs to hide behind the car. He bumps the fender and loses his glasses. Then he runs to hide behind the hillock.

11. The aerostat lifts up to support its own weight (but not the platform). The balloonists open the throttle wide.

12. Zamora glances back about 25 feet from the car to see the object hovering as he runs. He sees the aerostat (now vertical) hovering at about 20 ft from the ground (at the end of the stays). He keeps running.

13. The platform now lifts off the ground and the balloon starts traveling horizontally. The balloonists shut off the burner.

14. Zamora ducks behind the hillock. He intends to keep going down the hill, but the roar stops. He then looks and sees the

object departing horizontally.

15. The balloon barely clears the dynamite shack from Zamora's view (meaning that the aerostat seems to just miss it -- but actually it is farther away). The platform may be still hidden behind terrain (possibly on purpose, to keep the balloonists out of the line of fire).

16. Zamora runs back to the car, picks up his glasses, and radios in. He asks that Chavez (of the state police) be sent. At this point, the platform is insignificant in size compared to the aerostat.

17. The object disappears behind the nearby 6-Mile Canyon Mountain.

18. Zamora makes sketches.

19. Zamora goes down in the arroyo to investigate. He finds the burning bush.

20. Chavez arrives and Zamora returns to the car.

21. Both go down into the arroyo.

@SNIP  
BIGGER SNIP

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The brain fills in simple shapes automatically when parts of objects are hidden (see any good book on optical illusions). I can make you see an ellipse where none is really there.

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One has to remember that he was thinking auto (or possibly tank truck) wreck up to the point where the object lifted up.

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Having a 30 mph wind blowing could have an impact on other aspects of this sighting.

Bruce.

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I've come across an image of a remote-controlled 'triangular' craft which might be of interest to those who haven't seen it before.

It's a, "Teledyne Ryan 262 remotely controlled drone on a test flight".

Apparently, at the time (this must be quite a few years back), "The craft is designed to be virtually invisible to radar and infra-red detection, and is nearly soundless. Its purpose; surveillance and electronic warfare".

Any further information on the development of this drone would be appreciated.

The photograph is on-line at:

<http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/teledyne.jpg>

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Trivia: In that 1956 classic, 'Earth vs the Flying Saucers', the rocket launch site/project where our hero scientist and his wife worked was called 'Operation Skyhook'.

James.

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1999 6:04 PM  
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Brian

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The "in-flight clock" should start one or two seconds before the  
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throttle, the balloon would have shot up fast instead of moving  
almost horizontally.

When he got over the top of the hill, he intended to keep  
running, but the noise stopped. When he turned around and looked,  
the object was already in horizontal motion away from him.

Zamora states in his original account that it took 20 seconds  
from when he left the car to when he got back to it. I find it  
quite difficult to comprehend how someone can do all of these  
things in the time given:

- run to the back end of your car
- fall down
- get up
- run uphill the distance of going to the back door of the second  
car parked behind you on the street (that's the shorter estimate  
of 50 feet, not the measured 100 ft)
- turn around
- get down on the ground
- watch the object long enough to determine that it was going  
away from him
- get up again
- run two parking space lengths lengths back to the car

This is the "record breaking run" I referred to earlier. I think  
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The platform is about 2 " thick, with pipe underneath. The modern A-frame uses 2" aluminum tubing. The old ones used a lattice girder structure. See photos in the Newsweek article "Death on the Wind" (Feb 3, 1964) to see examples of the equipment in use then, including the triangular platform. A balloon being started (and still lying down) is also depicted.

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Notice that it was at this point that he first conceived of the object as some kind of flying machine. Before this, he was thinking "auto accident."

The burner is above the men, not on the platform (you really need to familiarize yourself with these aircraft -- go to a carnival where they are giving tethered balloon rides and watch). Remember that the first one (the Vulcoon) had no platform at all, just a parachute-style harness, and the burner was held up by the cables (Popular Mechanics, Apr 1963). The throttle is opened by pulling a rope.



Date: Thu, 02 Sep 1999 11:19:55 -0500 (EST)  
From: Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS Kinesiology <lrobins@indiana.edu>  
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@B-17".

I used to have photos of this device being used to rescue people  
in rubber rafts at sea where helicopters were not available. The  
photos were in an issue of Popular Science, in the late 50s or  
early 60s.

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@Trivia: In that 1956 classic, 'Earth vs the Flying Saucers', the  
@rocket launch site/project where our hero scientist and his wife  
@worked was called 'Operation Skyhook'.

So were the giant balloons that were the successors to the Mogul  
project, as anyone familiar with the 1948 Godman Field KY and the  
1950 Farmington NM cases should know.

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@James.

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Date: Thu, 02 Sep 1999 20:49:58 +0200  
From: "Luis R. Gonzalez Manso" <lrgm@arrakis.es>  
Subject: Landing at SocorroMessage-id:  
<007d01bef574\$0b309fa0\$a84e05c3@LuisR.GonzalezManso>

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I would suggest to contact Philip Klass and Ray Stanford. They should have some non-published material that could offer new clues. Besides, it would be interesting to know their opinion about Larry Robinson hypothesis.

If there is any Spanish interview with Zamora, I will translate it for you.

Very interesting thread. You should try to reach a consensus about the data (distance, size, etc.).

Yours,  
Luis R González

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Date: Thu, 02 Sep 1999 19:39:04 -0400 (EDT)  
From: RB47Expert@aol.com  
Subject: Re: Landing at SocorroMessage-id: <7a3fdebe.25006498@aol.com>

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BRIAN & LIST,

I don't have info on Zamora's vision, as I pointed posted before. But the fact Zamora never says he put his glasses back on in the short time between picking them up from the ground and when the UFO disappeared, and he was distracted enough by his panic response to the UFO to just leave his sunglasses on the ground, suggests to me he wasn't wearing his glasses when the UFO disappeared. Maybe he was farsighted (hyperopic) and it wouldn't matter. But it calls into question the utility of calculating disappearance velocities which assume normal vision.

Brad Sparks

In a message dated 9/2/99 6:53:57 AM Pacific Daylight Time, brians@mdbs.com writes:

<< Subj: Re: Landing at Socorro  
Date: 9/2/99 6:53:57 AM Pacific Daylight Time  
From: brians@mdbs.com (Brian Straight)  
To: UFORL@listbot.com (UFO Research List)

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-----Original Message-----

From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>  
To: UFO Research List <UFORL@listbot.com>  
Date: Wednesday, September 01, 1999 6:04 PM  
Subject: Re: Landing at Socorro

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>At any rate, we assume Zamorra could see well enough, with his glasses on,  
>to  
>detect a man at 800 ft, since he reported seeing the assumed men at 800 ft.

Does anyone have any info respecting Zamora's visual acuity? I assume that he was myopic as he wore glasses at all times, but is there info regarding the degree

of correction his glasses provided?

Brian

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Date: Fri, 03 Sep 1999 11:35:00 -0400  
From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>  
Subject: Re: Landing at Socorro

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I suppose one could ask the witness (!)

1) how are your eyes and how were they 35 years ago

2) do you recall if you put your glasses back on immediately after picking  
them up.

So far as I know, Zamorra is still alive/

Also could ask

3) Do you recall if the wind was in your face at or your back when you were  
watching the

object leave?

Uh, Karl, care to do some field work?

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Date: Sat, 04 Sep 1999 18:30:58 +0100  
From: Lynda Matthews <matthews@zetnet.co.uk>  
Subject: Re: EyesightMessage-id: <199909041734.SAA00587@irwell.zetnet.co.uk>

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You're damn right!

Faith?!

Tim M.

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> From: Chris Gibson <cgibson@skomer.u-net.com>  
> To: UFORL@listbot.com  
> Subject: Eyesight  
> Date: 04 September 1999 18:33  
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> UFO Research List - <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/>  
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Date: Sun, 05 Sep 1999 00:43:44 -0400  
From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>  
Subject: Serious ufologists in Turkey?

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[ufotr@netone.com.tr](mailto:ufotr@netone.com.tr)

- Bruce Maccabee

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Date: Sun, 05 Sep 1999 19:53:19 +0100

From: Bill Rose <bill.rose@virgin.net>

Subject: Slightly Off topic -Iranian F-14s Message-id: <37D2BC1F.7FE8@virgin.net>

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Yesterday, I heard an unconfirmed story that the Iranians had finalised a deal with Russia to have their remaining US supplied F-14s rebuilt in Russia with new (Saturn?) engines, avionics/radar, etc.

Pretty ironic in a way, considering that Iran secretly sold an F-14 to the Russians in 1980 (or thereabouts) who ripped off much of the aircraft's technology.

Bill Rose

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Date: Mon, 06 Sep 1999 19:57:30 +0100  
From: Bill Rose <bill.rose@virgin.net>  
Subject: Operation ThunderpopeMessage-id: <37D40E9A.4D88@virgin.net>

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According to Nick Pope today:

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Bill Rose

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Subject: Re: Operation ThunderpopeMessage-id:  
<199909070741.IAA12218@irwell.zetnet.co.uk>

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The guy's a joke and the fact that anyone takes him seriously is evidence of the total rot within Ufology.

FACT - his book will NOT be reviewed in BEYOND magazine.

FACT - Operation Thunderpile is cheap pulp nonsense for which he was paid a vast amount of money.

FACT - it'll probably be turned into a film.....Let us pray.....

FACT - Ufology now appears to be about a small group of highly paid presenters (not researchers in the main) making upwards of \$1,000 per talk PLUS expenses (believe me, I can prove this) on subjects best described as speculative.

FACT - Ufology, in many ways, is about selling dreams and ripping punters off.....

Serious investigation just doesn't SELL.

The people on this list are the exception to the rule. They deserve medals for not stooping to the depths that others have.

Pope and his ilk have no association with the subject other than they use our research and trot it out as their own. Look at it; the first book (Open Chequebook) was, I'm reliably informed, ghost written by a journalist from Sussex, contained NO new information, his second book included highly suspect and dubious testimony and included a case where a man from the Wirral (whose case was featured) claimed (separately) to local investigators to have fought a war against aliens at or near his local Tesco's superstore.....with a raygun.

Undeniable evidence of something, that's for sure.

The third book is much the same as the previous two; science fiction.

The fact that Pope is still being paid for by us, the taxpayers, at the MOD is cause for great concern. As every day passes I wonder whether it really is the case that he's a paid disinformant. My instincts suggest the answer is no but.....why is he afforded this special treatment?

Tim M.

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Date: Tue, 07 Sep 1999 11:46:25 +0200 (METDST)  
From: "J. Pharabod" <pharabod@in2p3.fr>  
Subject: Re: Operation ThunderpopoCc: pharabod@in2p3.frX-Authentication-  
warning: polhp2.in2p3.fr: pharabod owned process doing -bs

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I think the answer is : Word processing.

When I wrote my first book, that was in 1983-1984, and I had only an old typewriter. It was a popularization of quantum mechanics (probably more difficult than a novel). I had six months to write it. While typing a chapter, I had to start again several times from the last dissatisfying sentence/paragraph/page. Every chapter had to be typed again entirely when the publisher was dissatisfied; some chapters have been typed again two times. I worked every evening up to midnight, every Saturday, every Sunday, the whole Xmas and Easter holidays (by the way, I don't know how to type correctly, I use only one or two fingers...).

Now I use computers and/or word processing machines, and it's three times faster (maybe four).

Jean-Pierre Pharabod

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Subject: Re: Operation Thunderpop  
Message-id: <E11OGxq-0000cx-00@serv1.is1.u-net.net>

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Many UK politicians and Civil Servants (for our overseas friends that is what Nick Pope is, a government employee) hold down other interests. I don't see what the fuss is about.

Robin Cook, Her Britannic Majesty's wee gingery (as in hair colour, definitely not rhyming slang) Foreign Secretary beloved of the cartoonists, not only continues to write thriller novels, but has an ongoing job tipping horses for the Glasgow Herald racing pages.

That Pope seems to fit his activities into his job does seem strange. Perhaps he saves up his leave? After his time in Whitehall he probably has a lot of leave entitlement. I wouldn't be surprised if he gets around 35 days bookable leave per year, plus weekends (I detect American citizens' jaws dropping). he may also work what is called "flexitime" where complete days can be accrued over a period of a few weeks, so I can see where he gets the time.

Maybe he works 2 weeks on, 2 weeks off, on some secret government offshore installation in the North Sea. Errr... no.

I'm sure there is a boring explanation for it all. All I can say is great work if you can get it.

Chris (he of the copius time-off)

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Date: Tue, 07 Sep 1999 08:37:18 -0400  
From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>  
Subject: Re: Eyesight

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Chris wrote:

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>(maybe it is already)".

Chris,

With few people having perfect eyesight and the majority of  
UFO cases seeming to take place at night, plus different  
perceptions of what's actually being observed, it sure ain't  
easy.

We can only be grateful so many accounts are documented at the  
time and not compounded by later recollections. Many cases  
reported on-line, e.g., to the National UFO Reporting Centre, are  
old sightings.

I experienced first-hand the problems with this a few years ago.  
Someone in the US - a reasonably well known ufologist - said he  
would try and document for me the daylight sighting of a large  
'triangular UFO' which had been seen by his mother, father and  
sister.

Date: Tue, 07 Sep 1999 09:03:28 -0500 (EST)  
From: Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS Kinesiology <lrobins@indiana.edu>  
Subject: Re: Eyesight

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On Tue, 7 Sep 1999, James Easton wrote:

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@I'll send you a preliminary copy. I'm waiting to get more  
@specific details of the object from my father. The biggest  
@problem is trying to get specific details of the thing without  
@leading them. This happened a little over 10 years ago. We  
@\*never\* talked about it until recently. It wasn't until I got on  
@the net and started seeing all the reports of the triangular  
@objects that I even \*thought\* about it openly again.

@

@Since then, I've been gathering as much info as I could. (I  
@haven't passed any on to my family.)

@

@This is what I have so far. As I stated before, I am still  
@waiting for my parents OK before I put this up. Also, my father  
@is supposed to be doing some sketches for me. I've treated this  
@subject rather gingerly, hence the slowness of extracting  
@anything from him. He doesn't have e-mail, which doesn't happen  
@to help the matter.

@

@What I describe below is mainly from my sister's perspective.  
@(She was in the car with them.) Her main word in describing what  
@she saw is "mechanical". The sketches she sent me are of  
@something basically triangular, but it is rather odd in that  
@there are these Adamski type "bubbles" on the underside. It  
@doesn't exactly fit the descriptions of the usual triangular  
@objects. My father's descriptions are more within the vein of the  
@"traditional" triangle. He is an engineer by education and has  
@some experience as a private pilot. That's why I'm trying to be  
@more exacting in his information. It was a pretty extraordinary  
@occurrence in my mind, and I want to have all of the details  
@correct before I post it.

@

@1983ish.

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@Where we lived was a semi-rural area south of Greensboro, North  
@Carolina. A typical Piedmont area, mixed forest and relatively  
@small fields (-20 acres), not too densely populated. One  
@afternoon, my mother, father, and sister left our house to go to  
@Greensboro. They turned out of our driveway and headed for the

@main road. As they were pulling up to the stop sign, all three of @them saw something very, very strange. A grey/black triangular @object ascended vertically above the treeline about 1/4 of a mile @away behind the house directly across the road. All three of them @were quite stunned to see this thing, and none of them had any @idea what it could be.

@

@My father is a civil engineer by education and has a passion for @light aircraft. He is not given to bursts of fantasy. He is @familiar with most civilian commercial jets and private planes. @What he saw did not fit into any of the configurations of any @aircraft that he knows of. Also, the flight characteristic was @very odd for an object of its size. Judging from the house across @the road and estimating the distance from the object to be about @1/2 mile, my father said that the object had to be as large or @larger than the house, a typical single story ranch. The object @appeared to rise vertically from behind the trees in a deliberate @fashion, ascending slowly to a height of a few hundred feet. They @have no idea exactly how long they witnessed the object. Then, @the object just disappeared. Vanished. It didn't fly away or @descend. It was just gone.

I had a similar experience once. The object was a black triangle, moving erratically in the sky (this is different from above), seemingly as big as a low airplane. Suddenly, it was just gone. A minute later, it rose up again from behind a stand of trees. I went closer and discovered two kids flying a large (5 ft span) black triangular kite. It apparently had turned edge-on to me. Did anyone think of something like this?

Another thought is that someone tried to make a small hot-air balloon out of a trash bag and it burned up or melted.

@All three of them basically saw the same thing. My sister who was @about 13 at the time described her first impression of the object @as it being a hot air balloon. To her, that was its approximate @size. But she said that it soon became apparent that she was @looking at something "mechanical". The general shape was @triangular, but there were objects that she describes only as @"things" protruding from the underside. After she realized that @what she was seeing wasn't a balloon, she looked at my parents. @They were both gaping in disbelief at what they were seeing. My @sister said that she was afraid of what she was seeing and did @not want to see it. She wanted it to go away.

@

@After the object disappeared, my father drove around looking for @it again but could not find it. The three of them returned to the @house. I remember when they came back how shaken they were. My @father and I went back out to search for it, and he pointed out @the general area of the field from which he thought the object

@had risen. The next day I went on a pensive search through the  
@connecting fields looking for ground traces, but I found nothing.  
@I was almost terrified walking through those fields with my dogs.  
@My parents never talked about it outside of the family, and until  
@recently the subject never came up again.

@[End]

@

@

@I had all but forgotten how interesting this report was.

@

@So, what happens when the three witnesses' retrospective  
@statements are collated.

@

@If you hadn't known this was the same case, you would never have  
@guessed it from the witnesses descriptions.

@

@Three completely different accounts of what was observed.

@

@Which is a shame. If these statements had been taken at the time,  
@and not 10 years later, it might have been a compelling sighting.

snip

@A brief extract from the accompanying article:

@

@ "August's Document of the Month, for example, reads like a movie  
@treatment: "High Winds Over Havana," featuring Ricardo Montalban  
@as The Sponsor (p. 1) and Arnold Schwarzenegger as the brave  
@Balloon Technician. See Arnold battle tropical depression and  
@protect Cuban schoolchildren from being thumped on the head with  
@four-pound propaganda drops (p. 8).

@

@A casual reader might think this memo is completely serious, but  
@it contains several dead giveaways which illustrate the dry wit  
@and sense of delicious irony with which the CIA approached its  
@Operation Mongoose mission to undermine Fidel Castro. For  
@example, the balloon drops were not only to include written  
@propaganda, but also "novelty items such as 'gusano libre' pins,  
@toy balloons... decals, stickers, etc." (p. 6). Also, on the  
@issue of risk to aviation, the memo notes that "during the  
@extensive tests conducted by CIA during the 1950's, it proved to  
@be impossible to fly a propeller-driven aircraft into an unmoored  
@balloon" (p. 8). (Imagine Tom Cruise as "Top Pop.").

I seem to remember that Ruppelt described one such plane-balloon  
collision in his book.

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Hi Jean Pierre,

Re: Your comments on writing.

As a coincidence, I wrote my first 50,000 word sci-fi novel in the early 80s. I stored various ideas in a couple of exercise books and the manuscript was produced with a small portable typewriter. It was incredibly tedious and I almost gave up on the project - more than once.

I couldn't agree more that computers have revolutionized writing and I now produce non-fiction articles which are never printed out (by me) and usually go straight to publishers via the Net.

But the sheer creative effort required to put a half decent novel together takes a major commitment in terms of mental involvement with the storyline and I certainly couldn't consider turning out a book in the space of say 12-18 months while running a small business at the same time.

Bill Rose

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From: Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS Kinesiology <lrobins@indiana.edu>  
Subject: Socorro

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"The wind was blowing down the gully, and the Phillips house is in the opposite direction."

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From: Ktperehwon@aol.com  
Subject: Weather at Socorro, 4/24/64, and Z as a witness  
Message-id: <b5d3240e.2508581c@aol.com>

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DEAR COLLEAGUES --

As those on this list who've been following the discussion and debate about the suggestion that Lonnie Zamora may have seen a balloon know, I asked Walt Webb for a copy of his Nov. 1964 report on the case and for any information he had concerning winds that fateful day.

Walt, one of the nicest and most professional guys in ufology, promptly sent me his excellent summary report and a substantive cover letter in which he addresses the wind-data question thus:

"...I list below the only refs to weather and winds I've found for the sighting:

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Date: Thu, 09 Sep 1999 10:33:19 -0400  
From: joel carpenter <ufx@mindspring.com>  
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> Concerning weather stations at Socorro, unfortunately there was no Weather  
> Bureau station there in '64. Today, the instrument station is in downtown  
> Socorro, not at the airport. It's possible weather data was collected in  
> those days on the New Mexico Tech campus, and I'll ask Charlie Moore about  
> this, but...

Karl, all -

The comment about the "strong SW wind" is consistent with the National Climate Data Center's statistics for NM which indicate prevailing SW winds in April/ May. If the wind was really from around the ENE, that's around 180 degrees from where it typically comes from...

J Carpenter

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From: RB47Expert@aol.com  
Subject: Re: Socorro & APROMessage-id: <45c56e21.2509d5aa@aol.com>

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Larry,

Would you be so kind as to list the cases where APRO reversed the wind direction in order to eliminate balloon explanations? I don't recall too many and it would surprise me even more that anyone would have original weather data to check against APRO's accounts. So please tell me your sources for the weather data.

Brad Sparks

In a message dated 9/8/99 7:07:58 AM, lrobins@indiana.edu wrote:

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Date: Fri, 10 Sep 1999 10:31:53 +0200  
From: Edoardo Russo <edoardo.russo@torino.ALPcom.it>  
Subject: Earthquake Lights on UfoDataNet - Update 09-09-99

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>Date: Thu, 09 Sep 1999 19:25:29 -0400  
>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>  
>Subject: UFO UpDate: UDN News - 09-09-99  
>>To: 02 - UFO UpDates Subscribers: ;

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>Date: Thu, 9 Sep 1999 20:43:40 +0200  
>To: updates@globalserve.net  
>From: Renzo Cabassi <ufodatanet@mail.asianet.it>  
>Subject: UDN News

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>We are glad to announce that at:

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>you will find an article by Massimo Massimo Silvestri, entitled

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>Introduction To Seismic Lights

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>Abstract

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>The aim of the paper is to present and describe a particular  
>geophysical phenomenon that sometimes occurs in coincidence with  
>earthquakes, that of seismic lights.

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>Noted since ancient times as a precursory sign of an earthquake,  
>over the last two centuries the subject of seismic lights has  
>aroused great controversy between those considering them to be  
>real lights and directly linked to the earthquake, and those  
>instead believing them to be fantasies imagined by the terrified  
>victims of the earthquake.

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>Only in the last thirty years, after the emergence of concrete  
>evidence such as the photos taken during the earthquakes  
>registered at Matsushiro in Japan between 1965 and 1967, has the  
>scientific community started to conduct studies (on which this  
>paper is based) in an attempt to understand this rare natural  
>phenomenon. The intention of the article is to introduce readers  
>to the existence of this interesting geophysical phenomenon,  
>reviewing and analysing the various optical phenomena observed,  
>like lightning, flashes, light rays, luminous mist and  
>whirlpools of light, terminating with incredible luminescent  
>globes that in both appearance and behaviour recall globe  
>lightning.

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>A selection of past and recent cases reported in Europe, Asia  
>and the Americas will be presented. An attempt will be made to  
>take stock of the current position of research, presenting a  
>panorama of the various theories proposed to clarify this  
>enigma. In addition an account will be given of the analyses  
>made at the beginning of the 20th century by Ignazio Galli, the  
>first person in Italy to study these strange phenomena, leading  
>him to publish in 1910 one of the earliest catalogues, listing  
>148 cases of earthquakes in which various types of light  
>phenomena had been noted.

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>Readers may ask why a theme like this should be included in a  
>site dedicated to the study of UFO phenomena, or why some  
>ufologists have recently taken a deep interest in scientific  
>disciplines that regard real phenomena which occur however only  
>very rarely, such as seismic lights, globe lightning, St Elmo's  
>fire, air glow or other 'luminous atmospheric effects'.

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>These are all phenomena far removed from what at first sight,  
>and also according to 'common sense', would seem to be the  
>specific sphere of interest that regards UFOs.

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>The rationale, we feel, lies in the growing awareness that a  
>number of the as-yet unexplained cases of UFO sightings  
>(excluding, naturally, all those cases in which the  
>insufficiency makes identification impossible) can find a valid  
>and definitive explanation in these rare and unusual 'natural'  
>phenomena, that are understood only partially and on which the  
>scientific community is attempting to shed light. We believe  
>that this is a correct way to attempt a scientific approach to  
>the thousands of reports from all over the world concerning the  
>observation of anomalous aerial phenomena.

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>Please, feel free to contribute with your comments and original  
>articles about UFO phenomena.

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Date: Fri, 10 Sep 1999 09:20:48 -0400  
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Subject: Voyager Newsletter - Issue No. 7

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Dear List,

Although some of the newsletter's content will be familiar, it contains significant new material and information that has apparently never been publicly disclosed before.

James.

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Voyager Newsletter - Issue No. 7

\* Socorro `64: Shaken but not Stirred \*

In the last newsletter, I wrote:

"When the `UFO Research List' (UFORL) was set up earlier this year, my intention was to provide a discussion forum which addressed scientific evidence, including the interface between UFOs and `black projects'

During recent discussions on the list, I brought up the subject of `The Socorro 1964 UFO Case'.

My reason for doing so was a belief that this unexplained `classic' could still be resolved and to highlight a conceivable, yet maybe little known, rationale for the `UFO' which local Police Officer Lonnie Zamora encountered.

To briefly recap; on the 24 April 1964, Zamora was chasing a speeding car when he was distracted by a loud `roar' overhead. He witnessed a corresponding intermittent flame, although its source wasn't visible because of the bright light from the directly opposed sun.

Zamora broke off his chase and instead followed the aerial object, which had descended and seemed about to land in an arroyo, just behind a nearby, small hill.

Eventually, he came upon a white, upright, oval-shaped object on

the ground and briefly, only for a couple of seconds, noticed two figures wearing what resembled white coveralls.

When he reached a closer vantage point, Zamora was startled and admittedly scared when the deafening flame recurred and the object slowly rose up from the ground. It took several seconds to reach a height of around twenty feet, then the 'propulsion system' stopped and the object silently travelled parallel to the ground for a while, before slowly rising upwards again, disappearing out of sight. As the object departed in the distance, Zamora radioed to the police station, "it looks like a balloon".

The reliability of Zamora's report was never in doubt; the object had left trace evidence, including still smouldering bushes.

The rationale originated from claims published in 1996 by Larry Robinson, a Systems/Applications Programmer at Indiana University.

The Socorro 'UFO' was, he believed, a hot-air balloon.

Larry's reasoning seemed sound - he had personally experienced the surprisingly loud roar made by a hot-air balloon's burner [which would apparently have been even louder circa 1964 ballooning technology] and considered that overall "the effects and sounds were identical to the descriptions" which Zamora reported.

Added to this was the potential significance of two articles Larry recalled seeing:

"1963-1964: I saw an advertisement in a magazine showing a balloon belonging to, or sponsored by, the International Paper Corporation. The logo is a circle containing an arrow, made of the letters I and P, pointing up. They were going to go on a cross country exploration with it.

1965-Feb 1967: I saw an article or ad showing the results of a multi-state series of hot-air balloon flights. A map was included, showing the landing points of the balloon and some amusing anecdotes of things that happened to the balloonists. One of these was an encounter with a lawman who they thought was going to shoot it out with them. The balloon freaked him out. The article said, 'We later found out that he thought he was seeing a space ship'."

The distinctive International Paper logo does look practically

identical to the `insignia' which Zamora noticed on the object and later sketched.

Furthermore, if there was a balloonists' anecdote of a lawman who had been spooked by a hot-air balloon around that time, it seemed a reasonable assumption this referred to the Socorro incident.

However, as no evidence had ever been located to prove any hot-air balloon connection, I thought it worthwhile following up the leads Larry had provided. Surely, some clarification of the issues had to be attainable.

Initially, I obtained an article from `National Geographic' magazine, entitled, `Hot Air Balloons Ride on Silent Winds', published in the March 1966 issue. Although this wasn't the article Larry mentioned, it did provide important clues to investigate further.

What subsequently became clear was an understanding of how development of the hot-air balloon corresponded with the history of helium and hydrogen balloon technologies during the 1950s and 1960s. Its potential applications had not gone unnoticed by the military and intelligence communities...

Setting this in some context was an article published by `Balloon Life' magazine, as extracted from the July 1997 issue [Volume 12, Number 7]:

`Don Piccard - 50 Years of Ballooning Memories'  
by Peter Stekel.

[...]

"During his years at Raven, between 1962 and 1964, Piccard devoted his energy to marketing the Vulcoon, one-man thermal balloons. Stressing his lack of security clearance at the time, Piccard says he worked strictly on sport balloons and had no contact with any of Raven's military contracts. Be that as it may, following a 1987 interview in Balloon Life with Don Piccard, where he described his civilian work with Raven, the CIA library in Langley, Virginia, began to subscribe to the magazine".

[...]

"Reflecting back to those days at Raven, Piccard thinks the company's sport balloon division was a cover-up for the military applications of ballooning. `The sport balloon program, which was not believed in by the Raven Industry management, was strictly

getting this crazy guy who liked to fly in balloons and make cover. So, when one of these other balloons went down, it would just look like a sport balloonist'. When the Navy terminated its contract with Raven, the sport balloon program died too. That was in December of 1964".

[End]

Piccard was one of the central figures in the development of hot-air ballooning.

If the "military applications" program was terminated at the end of 1964, then all work must have taken place before then.

Which means that there were a number of publicly undocumented, hot-air balloon flights prior to December 1964.

During 1962 Piccard organised the world's first hot-air balloon race in Paris. According to that 'Balloon Life' article, the nascent sport attracted four entrants:

"Don Piccard flew in a civilian balloon, Dick Keuser had an old brown silicon hot-air balloon that had been built for a research program. Yost flew a Mylar-nylon CIA balloon, and Tracy Barnes had a homemade balloon made out of parachutes".

The Ed Yost 'CIA' balloon was interesting to read about. In 1956, Yost was one of Raven Industries' founders. It's common knowledge that an early commission came from the Office of Naval Research (ONR) and this funding seems to have continued through to 1964.

The company's work for the CIA also apparently ceased that year, the aforementioned article noting, "In the autumn of 1964, the CIA had canceled their contract with Raven".

During that 1962-1964 period, whilst Piccard was looking after the development of Raven Industries' new sporting hot-air balloons, Ed Yost continued to be pivotal in the company's government/military research contracts.

Some background regarding Ed Yost, from a brief, authorised biography:

"Leaving General Mills, Yost and 3 others moved to Sioux Falls, South Dakota and formed Raven Industries. One of Raven's first projects was a commission from the U.S. Navy's Office of Naval Research (ONR) to create an aircraft that would carry one man and enough fuel to fly for three hours, carry a load to 10,000 feet, and be reusable. Additionally, the system was required to be of

small size and weight and have a fast inflation and launching system that required a minimum of personnel.

In October 1955 Yost made the first moored flight of a modern hot-air balloon. The envelope was plastic film, and heat was provided by plumbers pots burning kerosene.

On October 22, 1960, Yost made the first free flight of a modern hot-air balloon from Bruning, Nebraska. By then Yost had switched to nylon for the envelope, and had created a propane heater. The gross weight of the balloon, including Yost and fuel, was 404 pounds. He was in the air 25 minutes and landed 3 miles from his takeoff point.

The next flight was made November 12, 1960 from the Stratobowl, situated at 4500' MSL. Yost had increased the burner power, reinforced the envelope at the equator to add handling lines, and increased the opening at the top from 9 to 13 feet, doubling the deflation port size. The inflation took 6 minutes and he lifted off at 8:40 a.m. with a gross weight of 465 pounds. At 9:12 a.m. he made an ascent at 300 feet per minute to 9000', then made a 600 feet per minute descent which he successfully halted with the new burner. He landed at 10:30 after a flight of 1 hour and 50 minutes covering 39 miles.

In October 1961 Yost concluded his report to the ONR as follows:

`At the completion of this program in October 1961, all of the basic requirements had been met. A low-weight, manned flight system capable of safely carrying one man for three hours, at altitudes of up to 10,000 feet had been repeatedly flown'.

`Inflations and launchings in winds of more than 10 mph and temperatures as low as +5øF had been successfully accomplished. Operations at altitudes of 4,500 feet MSL (above mean sea level) had been demonstrated. Ground support equipment had been developed so that inflation, under light wind conditions, could be carried out in less than ten minutes. Controls, burners and instrumentation adequate to operate the system had been developed'.

`As a result of the work done under this contract, the feasibility of using hot air balloons for sustained flight was demonstrated. By the application of modern materials, design techniques and instrumentation, an aerostat which had been known for more than 175 years was resurrected and shown to have substantial value in modern research and operations. The limits of duration and lifting capacity appear to far exceed that developed under this contract; the low cost, simplicity of operation, and logistic advantage which hot air balloons provide,

when compared with light-gas balloons, are most impressive. Within the altitude limits where hot air balloons may be used, these modern Montgolfier systems may become an important tool for atmospheric and low-level lifting and transport tasks'.

Raven Industries sold their first sport balloon in November 1961 and the new sport of hot-air ballooning was born.

In 1963, Ed Yost made the first hot-air balloon crossing of the English Channel. With crew member Don Piccard, he made the flight from Rye, Sussex, England to Gravelines Nord, France, in 3 hours and 17 minutes in a 56,000 cubic foot Raven balloon named 'Channel Champ'."

A photograph of Ed Yost's inaugural hot-air balloon flight can be seen at:

[http://www.nott.com/favorite\\_balloon\\_flights.htm](http://www.nott.com/favorite_balloon_flights.htm)

In my correspondence with Don Piccard, he confirmed that the 'Channel Champ' adventure took place on Easter Monday, 1963.

A separate source, who was also directly associated with Raven Industries at that time, explained, "This exhibition [flight] was sponsored by a new French travel magazine called 'VIA'. There was a logo on the side of the balloon with the magazine name in large, bold letters".

"The VIA emblem had white letters on a black background. It was attached to the balloon envelope (actually, draped) just below a permanent insignia showing origin of the balloon -- which was in red. That inscription included: RAVEN (possibly 2 to 3 ft tall), followed by an American flag. Then U S A vertically; SIOUX FALLS in half the height and SOUTH DAKOTA just below it. Finally, there was the registration number N-xxxx".

Although ostensibly to promote Raven's hot-air balloons as a sporting pastime, this exhibition flight had another agenda, as we shall see.

The 'Balloon Life' article recalls:

"An Air Force tanker flew Piccard and Yost from Milwaukee to England, 'Loaded everything on board and away we did go!' The two balloonists were designated, 'Majors in the Wisconsin National Guard: uniforms, I.D. cards; everything.' He pauses and chuckles softly. 'All in the national interest, of course!'"

The 'Channel Champ' balloon was a model 'S 50' and its back-up an 'S 45'. Both balloons were brought back to America, returning by airplane to General Mitchell Field in Milwaukee.

Incredibly, there may be a connection between this promotional flight, Raven's work for the government and Lonnie Zamora's April 1964 'UFO' sighting.

During my research, the most profound discovery was evidence of 'classified' hot-air balloon flights which took place in the New Mexico area during 1963 and 1964. Publicly, their existence was previously unknown and full details are disclosed here for the first time.

As would be expected, these test flights involved Raven balloons.

US researcher Karl Pflock contacted Ed Yost, who acknowledged having flown in the tests which took place. However, Yost was adamant that none of the balloons were ever within some 50 miles of Socorro. He didn't say whether any activities took place on the 26 April, 1964, only that they did extend into 1964.

Thanks to Karl, it's also known exactly where they were launched and if anyone claims to have first-hand evidence, they should be able to confirm that location.

What were these tests possibly concerned with?

Both Karl and fellow researcher Joel Carpenter noted that in addition to the reconnaissance benefits offered by manned, hot-air balloons, there were clear indications of the CIA's specific interest in agent insertion and extraction operations.

It was my understanding, from an informed source, that two hot-air balloons involved in the New Mexico tests were the 'Channel Champ' model 'S 45' and its back-up balloon, the 'S 50'.

Independently, another informed source suggested this was more than likely, as these balloons were effectively owned by the government.

I can now confirm this was not only correct, it seems the 'Channel Champ' flight was, extraordinarily, something of a US government/military public relations and marketing exercise.

It can also now be substantiated that even before the advent of hot-air balloons, gas filled balloons were being used for covert agent insertion operations during the 'cold war', in Eastern

Europe.

The source of these confirmations is Ed Yost.

The July 1999 issue of `Balloon Life' [this magazine should be compulsive reading for all researchers!] published a feature entitled, `Ed Yost honored by the Aero Club of New England', written by Jim Ellis.

Reporting on a formal presentation to Yost of the prestigious Godfrey L. Cabot Award, Ellis wrote:

"Over 200 aviation enthusiasts and dignitaries were in attendance for the presentation of the award. Yost chose to save his most interesting stories for an informal get-together in a room at The Harvard Club following the formal presentation of the Cabot Award.

About two dozen aviation enthusiasts, primarily New England balloonists, got to hear the father of hot air ballooning give his bluntly honest answers to a range of questions. It was a rare look at the start of hot air ballooning as we know it from the man who literally started it all".

"Yost said that throughout the 1950s he was involved with military and other classified government programs using balloons to carry leaflets and even men across the Iron Curtain from three launch sites in West Germany. Using different sized balloons, most of Eastern Europe could be covered, carrying anywhere from 4 pounds to over 750 pounds of leaflets.

Yost said that the leaflets were actually small newspapers that would give inhabitants of Communist dominated countries news of the West they couldn't get any other way. He said `the thing worked too damn good and we got the Hungarian Revolution. Eisenhower stopped the program. We should have been dropping 45s.'

It is apparent that the Communist bloc countries were in the habit of looking for and shooting down the gas balloons. Yost said that `we were launching big balloons in the daytime. Some days there would be a trail of balloons across the sky. Fighter planes were blowing them out of the sky, so they changed to launching at night.'

The modern hot air balloon evolved from experiments in the mid-1950s which Yost was conducting aimed at using hot air as a lifting gas. Yost was well aware of early smoke balloon flights, and began experiments to quantify the lifting properties of hot air compared to helium and hydrogen. Beginning with plumbers pots

fueled by white gas used to heat air in plastic balloons indoors, he determined that 64 cubic feet of hot air would be required to lift one pound compared to 16 cubic feet of helium. Possibly throwing out a challenge to today's balloon experimenters (Brian Boland was among the balloonists in the room), Yost pointed out that steam would require only 32 cubic feet to lift one pound. One of the balloons was photographed holding a man on a harness under the tethered balloon, and Yost used the photo to negotiate a 47,000 dollar contract from the Office of Naval Research".

"By the time he and his team had met all of the Navy requirements for a one-man balloon and the final report was written, Yost had developed and flown hot air balloons incorporating all of the major characteristics of today's modern hot air balloons including non porous coated synthetic fabrics, liquid propane fueled burners with preheater tubes and fast acting valves, and maneuvering and deflation vents for control of the aircraft during flight and landing".

"Perhaps the most fascinating story Yost told was of his flight across the English Channel. He said that the flight was not a sport balloon flight but rather the idea of his government sponsor, who wanted to demonstrate the range and endurance capabilities of the balloon. When told by European air traffic control officials that there was too much traffic at the shortest point near Calais, he said that was no problem because he had 12 hours of fuel on board and wanted to go where the Channel was wider. The balloon was flown to England on an Air Force KC-97 tanker/cargo aircraft which left from Minnesota".

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Additional and insightful information on related CIA operations can be found in the declassified document, 'Operation Mongoose-Propaganda Balloon Operations Plan, 10 Oct., 1962'. See:

<http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/nsa/DOCUMENT/930827.htm>

I'm still looking for a photograph of the 1963 'Channel Champ' and one of the balloon museums indicate they may be able to assist. Meantime, I have been able to locate a photograph of the balloon's platform, which carried Yost and Piccard on what, as Yost acknowledges in the full article, was a seriously hazardous flight.

The platform, on display at the 'Musee des Ballons', Chateau de Balleroy, France, can be seen in an earlier 'Balloon Life'

article, at:

[http://www.balloonlife.com/publications/balloon\\_life/9512/history.htm](http://www.balloonlife.com/publications/balloon_life/9512/history.htm)

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Yet, despite these previously undocumented, 'classified' New Mexico flights taking place at around the same time as Zamora's encounter, there's perhaps no relationship at all. It may simply be coincidental.

However, what I can add is I know, for a fact, that the balloons involved in those New Mexico tests were white and the crew were carried on a platform much like the one used on the 'Channel Champ'. These balloons were large though and I suspect too big for the object Zamora described, which seems to have been much smaller. If it was a hot-air balloon 'test' he witnessed, it could have been a model which was specifically designed to be unobtrusive, with clandestine operations in mind. The attire worn by crew members could well have been white coveralls, which was common.

There is another candidate for a hot-air balloon having responsible for Zamora's encounter and it takes us back to Larry Robinson's recollections.

I was able to ascertain that almost certainly no 'International Paper' hot-air balloon had been built by 1964. If one ever existed, it may have been a helium-filled, cable driven balloon used for carrying logs from mountain slopes, a development in later years. According to a Raven Industries source: "Experiments were made and eventually routine operations conducted using helium balloons to lift logs off of mountain slopes. These were cable-driven, not free flying. This work started in the summer of 1967 and we were actively involved in providing and testing new models for at least a decade. Such balloons may still be in use today".

I have suggested to Larry that the article he saw in 1963 or 1964 may have included an artist's impression of a balloon with the company's logo. He agrees that is a possibility.

The 1965-Feb 1967 article about a "multi-state series of hot-air balloon flights" would most likely have been a feature on the first transcontinental crossing of the U.S. by balloon. This endeavour was undertaken by a known balloonist between April to

September 1966, a story which appeared in a number of magazines.

As it seems the article Larry remembers must have been written after the successful crossing, it narrows the publication date to September 1966-February 1967. Of course, if it was the tale of a lawman who was startled by a balloon during the 1966 flights, it couldn't relate to Zamora's 1964 experience. It would have to be the account of an earlier incident.

Of more consequence now is having identified the 1966 pilot and obtaining contact details, he should be able to clear up all of these points first-hand. Someone will hopefully be speaking to him presently, or will have done by the time this newsletter is published.

In the meantime, it's not the intent of this newsletter to debate the merits of any views on whether Zamora may have observed an early hot-air balloon, which in 1964 he was most unlikely to ever have seen or heard previously. Also perhaps now best wait to see what ongoing enquiries might reveal.

In 1964, the US Air Force's 'Project Blue Book' was the official channel for investigating UFO reports.

Two years later, Blue Book's chief, Major Quintanilla, confided in a then classified CIA publication, "He [Zamora] is puzzled by what he saw, and frankly, so are we. This is the best-documented case on record, and still we have been unable, in spite of thorough investigation, to find the vehicle or other stimulus that scared Zamora to the point of panic".

Even if immaterial, it does look as though the existence of those 'classified' New Mexico hot-air balloon flights had not been considered, investigated and eliminated by 'Project Blue Book' before reaching that conclusion. It seems there's no firm evidence they had considered a private hot-air balloon flight either.

Looking to establish the overall context of balloons being used for such intelligence operations, I asked some questions of an acquaintance in the US who is an 'Intelligence' historian.

He advised, "The Office of Naval Research did a lot of balloon work and they were involved in inflatable aircraft work with Goodyear Rubber Co. CIA was also interested in both of these areas. The Navy's Strato-Lab program ran, at least, into the early 1960s because, on May 4, 1961, the Strato-Lab V balloon carried two Navy flight surgeons to an altitude of almost 115,000

feet. The General Mills Company in Minneapolis, Minnesota, also did early (late 40s, early 50s) balloon work.

CIA, and others, have been interested in clandestine methods for agent infiltration and exfiltration since the 'Iron Curtain' descended across Europe. While balloons have some potential for agent infiltration (moving from west to east), there are obvious problems in using them for exfiltration (prevailing wind direction).

I know there was some work done by CIA, including some manned 'flight testing' of a one-man balloon. I have done some checking and I find no indication that this information has been released".

Which implies this newsletter may be the first public disclosure of specific details about these 'one-man balloon' test flights. I can reveal that a knowledgeable source indicates the project

being referred to was carried out in Minnesota during the early 1960s and definitely before 1964.

Although the Don Piccard 'Balloon Life' article reports that equipment for the 1963 'Channel Champ' flight was flown to England from Milwaukee, the July 1999 Ed Yost article claims, "The balloon was flown to England on an Air Force KC-97 tanker/cargo aircraft which left from Minnesota".

I'm sure this can be clarified.

So, what started out as an exercise in search of the 'UFO' evidence Larry Robinson cited, became an adventure into the world of James Bond.

There's still some way to go before reaching a conclusion about recent developments and any relationship to Zamora's sighting, Karl Pflock expressing his conviction that the object was not a hot-air balloon. Although I'm not so sure, there are grounds to be optimistic that the new evidence can be augmented and will eventually become self-determining.

One point which should be emphasised is that no matter what the outcome, Lonnie Zamora was an exemplary witness. He simply reported and then documented exactly what had been observed, leaving others with more 'expertise' to come up with an explanation.

Considerable appreciation is expressed to the various unnamed

sources -they would prefer to remain anonymous - who have helped to unravel a fresh perspective. Also to Karl, Brad Sparks, Larry Robinson and all others who have provided input during recent discussions.

My thanks in particular to Joel Carpenter, whose contribution in researching this material has been immense.

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Date: Fri, 10 Sep 1999 10:05:48 -0400  
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On the Project 1947 list there's been reference to the alleged CIA plan to provoke UFO sightings (the so-called "Pentacle Memo" is referred to). There definitely were CIA-sponsored campaigns of mass propaganda balloon flights, as these newsreels attest. The 1954 wave of launches aimed at Czechoslovakia coincided with the 1954 French UFO wave. Propaganda is an interesting thing...

(all the spelling in these is as I found it)

J Carpenter

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08-13-51 Paramount Newsreel

RADIO COMMENTATOR AND COLUMNIST MUNICH, GERMANY  
BALLOONS FLY MESSAGE OF HOPE  
TO CZECHS  
VOICE: TAYLOR GREAT FROM A POINT IN SOUTHERN GERMANY NEAR  
THE CZECHOSLOVAKIA  
BORTER, 2,000 BALLOONS COMMENCE THEIR FLIGHT BEHIND THE IRON  
CARTAIN, THEY  
CARRY TWO- MILLION LEAFLETS WITH MESSAGES OF WESTERN  
FRIENDSHIP. NIGHT SHOT  
OF BALLOON BEING RELEASED. GV OF BALLOON FLOATING TOWARD  
GROUND (NEG). CU OF  
SUPPOSEDLY CZECHOALOVAKIA MAN TAKING MESSAGES OUT (NEG).  
CU OF MESSAGE  
(NEG). SV & SCU OF MAN GETTING SVOBODA TYPE BALLOON READY.  
SV & SCU MAN  
LOADING PAMPHLETS INTO SVBODA TYPE BALLOON. CU PAMPHELTS  
SV GETTING ROUND  
TYPE BALLOON READY. TILT-DOWN FROM MAN LETTING AIR OUT OF  
TANK TO BALLOON.  
SV ANDREW RUSSELL (DREW) PEARSON, RADIO COMMENTATOR AND  
COLUMNIST HOLDING A  
MICROPHONE AND BALLOON, MAN AT RIGHT LETS BALLOON GO UP.  
ANGLE V TWO MEN  
RELEASE BALLOONS. SCU CHILD RELEASING BALLOON. SV HAROLD E.  
STESSEN,  
PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, WALKING WITH  
BALLOON, SV 1 TO R

PEARSIN AND STASSON HOLDING BALLOONS. CU STESSON RELEASING  
BALLOON. SV  
PEARSON RELEASES BALLOON. CU OF STASSON ROUND BALLOON. 2  
CU'S BALLOONS GOING  
UP. SV PEARSON POINTING UP, STESSON LOOKING UP. CU BALLOON  
MARKED SVOBODA  
GOING UP. NEGATIVE & POSITIVE "A" VERSION DUPE NEGATIVE IN  
STORAGE. CROSS  
REFERENCE PEARSON, DREW (ANDREW RUSSELL) (BALLOONS FOR  
CZECHOSLOVAKIA)

02-12-54 Paramount Newsreel

CZECHOSLOVAKIAN EX-SOLDIER WHO FLED IRON CURTAIN  
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA  
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS NATION RESPONDS TO FREEDOM CRUSADE  
VOICE: GREGORY  
ABBOTT PHILADELPHIA, PA.: INDEPENDENCE HALL, AMERICA'S  
FAMOUS SHRINE OF  
LIBERTY, AGAIN RECEIVES A MESSENGER OF FREEDOM, THE NOW  
FAMOUS FREEDOM TANK.  
ION IT EIGHT CZECHS CRASHED THROUGH THE IRON CURTAIN;  
TODAY, IT IS PART OF  
THE CRUSADE FOR FREEDOM AND ITS CAMPAIGN TO ENLIST SUPPORT  
FOR RADIO FREE  
EUROPE BROADCASTS. SPRINGFIELD, ILL.: AT THE HUGE ARMORY,  
CREWS WORK NIGHT  
AND DAY PREPARING FREEDOM BALLONS. RELEASED AT NOON HOUSE  
BY BOY AND GIRL  
SCOUTS, THEY CARRY A MESSAGE URGING FINDERS TO CONTRIBUTE  
TRUTH DOLLARS TO  
THE RFE CAMPAIGN. THE MASS FLIGHT OF THE PLASTIC BALLOONS IS  
DUPLICATED IN  
HUNDREDS OF COMMUNITIES. BLUM - PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA:  
ANGLE V OF  
INDEPENDENCE HALL. SV SIGN ON BUILDING (D-1982 A). GV PARADE.  
GV TANK ON  
TRUCK. SV OF TANK. INT. V PAN CROWD INSIDE INDEPENDENCE HALL.  
SV PEOPLE  
HOLDING BALLOONS. SV PLAQUE ON WALL READING "ANY  
GOVERNMENT IS FREE" ETC.  
(D-1982 A). CU OF LIBERTY BELL (D-1982 A). SV AND EL V GIRLS  
REPRESENTING  
COUNTRIES UNDER RED RULE - - STRIKE LIBERTY BELL. EXTERIOR V  
PAN FROM VACLAV  
UHLIK, CZECHOSLOVAKIAN DRIVER-MECHANIC WHO FLED IRON  
CURTAIN IN HOMEMADE  
FREEDOM TANK, AND WALTER HORA, EX-SOLDIER WHO FLED IRON  
CURTAIN, HOLDING

AMERICAN FLAG (REPLICA OF FLAG DESIGNED BY BETSY ROSS) TO JOHN SVOBODA, CZECHOSLOVAKIAN REFUGES WHO FLED IRON CURTAIN IN 1951. SV FLAG BEINGG RAISED. ANGLE V OF UHLIK AND HORA LOOKING UP. PAN V FROM BOTH UHLIK AND HORA, TO U.S. FLAG GOING UP TO TOP OF FLAGPOLE. FELBINGER - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS: G INT. V AND SV PEOPLE AT WORK ON FREEDOM BALLOONS AT ILLINOIS STATE ARMORY. SV GIRLS SEATED ON FLOOR WORKING ON FREEDOM BALLONS. CU AND 2 SV'S CARD BEINGG INSERTED IN BALLOON. SV AND CU BALLOON BEING INFLATED. PAN V OF INFLATED BALLOONS. 2 GV'S, PAN V AND CU FOLLOW V PARADE THRU STREETS WITH INFLATED BALLOONS. BACK V OF PARADE. GV BALLOONS BEING RELEASED AT LINCOLN SQUARE. CU AND SCU FOLLOW BALLOON RELEASED. CU FOLLOW 2 BALLOONS GOING OF. CU BALLOON GOING OFF. ANGLE V BALLOONS IN SKY. CU FOLLOW BALLOON GOING OFF. NEGATIVE "A" VERSION DUPE NEGATIVE IN STORAGE CROSS REFERENCE HORA, WALTER ("CRUSADE FOR FREEDOM")

04-30-54 Paramount Newsreel

GERMAN-BORN STEPDAUGHTER OF PETER K. GRIMES, MASSACHUSETTS TRAVELLING SALESMAN CHAM, GERMANY IDLEWILD, QUEENS, N.Y. MESSAGE OF FREEDOM VOICE: GREGORY ABBOTT AT SECRET SITES ALONG THE IRON CURTAIN FRONTIER, BALLOONS CARRYING ANTI- RED LEAFLETS ARE LAUNCHED TO BRING HOPE AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE ENSLAVED PEOPLES OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA. THE CAMPAIGN IS CARRIED OUT BY THE CRUSADE FOR FREEDOM. MEANWHILE, ESCAPEES FROM BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN ARRIVE IN NEW YORK. REACHING IDLWILD AIRPORT IS PETER GRIMES OF BELMONT, MASS. AND HIS GERMAN WIFE. TOGETHE RTHEY RESCUED HER TWO YOUNG DAUGHTERS FROM COMMUNIST EAST GERMANY. WARNER PATHE NEWS - CHAM, GERMANY POS. SCS.: BALLOONS GOING UP THROUGH ROOF. BATCH OF ANTI-RED PROPAGANDA PAMPHLETS ON TABLE. WOMEN

PREPARING BALLOONS AND PAMPHLETS. CU DEVICE STRETCHING  
NECK OF BALLOON; HAND  
INSERTS PACKAGE OF ANTI-RED PROPAGANDA PAMPHLETS IN  
BALLOON. INFLATING  
BALLOON. CU SEALING NECK OF BALLOON. MAN RELEASING BALLOON  
THRU ROOFTOP. MEN  
RELEASING BALLOONS SUCCESIVELY THROUGH ROOF. EXTERIOR SHOT  
BALLOONS EMERGING  
THROUGH ROOFTOP. BALLOONS FLOATING SKYWARD. DE SIENA -  
IDLEWILD, QUEENS,  
N.Y. NEG. SCS. PETER K. GRIMES, MASSACHUSETTS TRAVELLING  
SALESMAN, WITH  
GERMAN-BORN WIFE AND GERMAN-BORN STEPDAUGHTERS EVELYN  
AND MONICA, DOWN STEPS  
OF PLANE. GRIMES FAMILY POSE ON STEPS OF PLANE. PETER GRIMES  
FOLLOWED BY  
STEPDAUGHTER EVELYN AND MONICA AND THEN MRS. GRIMES, WALK  
ACROSS AIRFIELD.  
INT. POSE BEFORE MICROPHONES L. TO R.: YOUNGER DAUGHTER  
EVELYN AND ELDER  
DAUGHER MONICA, PETER GRIMES AND WIFE. HCU EVELYN, PANS TO  
MONICA. HCU PETER  
GRIMES, PANS TO WIFE. POSE OF ENTIRE GRIMES FAMILY. POSITIVE  
AND NEGATIVE  
"A" VERSION DUPE NEGATIVE IN STORAGE CROSS REFERENCE GRIMES,  
EVELYN (AND  
FAMILY ARRIVE AT IDLEWILD AIRPORT)

10-11-54 Pathe Newsreel

WORLD NEWS A. YUGOSLAVS AND ITALIANS REACH ? ACCORD  
LONDON, ENGLAND THE ?  
OF TRIESTE IS FINALLY SETTLED AS ITALY TAKES THE NORTHERN  
PART AND  
YUGOSLAVIA THE SOUTHERN PART. THE PACT BETWEEN THE 2  
COUNTRIES IS SIGNED IN  
LONDON AND A MAP FIXING THE NEW FRONTIER IS APPROVED BY  
ITALY'S AMBASSADOR  
BROSIO AND YUGOSLAVIA'S VELEBIT. RESIDENTS MAY EMIGRATE AT  
WILL UNDER THE  
NEW PACT. 1. TITLE SUPERIMPOSED OVER TWIRLING WORLD GLOBE. 2.  
SUBTITLE  
SUPEIMPOSED OVER VIEW OF CONFERENCE TABLE SEEN THROUGH  
OPEN DOOR; FRONT VIEW  
OF SOME DELEGATES SITTING, REAR VIEW OF OTHERS STANDING IN FG.  
HOLDING MAPS;  
CRYSTAL CHANDELIER HANGING OVERHEAD . (MLS) 3. SEMI FRONT  
VIEW OF DELEGATES

SITTING AT CONFERENCE TABLE EXAMINING PAPERS. (MS) 4. SEMI FRONT VIEW OF THE ITALIAN AMBASSADOR, SIGNOR BROSIO, SITTING AT TABLE, SIGNING AGREEMENT. (MS) 5. SIDE VIEW OF YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR, MR. VELEBIT, SITTING AT TABLE, SIGNING AGREEMENT. (MCS) 6. SIDE VIEW OF DELEGATE (PARTLY VISIBLE) SITTING AT TABLE, EXAMINING MAP OF TRIESTE, ANOTHER MAN PARTLY VISIBLE STANDING IN BG. (MCS) 7. SIDE VIEW OF SIGNOR BROSIC SITTING AT CONFERENCE TABLE INITIALING REVISED MAP OF TRIESTE. (MCS) 8. LOOKING THROUGH DOORWAY INTO THE CONFERENCE ROOM; FRONT VIEW OF DELEGATES SITTING BEHIND TABLE IN BG.; REAR VIEW OF OTHERS CARRYING BIG MAP OF TRIESTA OVER TABLE TO THE YUGOSLAVIAN DELEGATE; CHANDELIER HANGING OVERHEAD. (MLS) 9. THE SIDE VIEW OF MR. VELEBIT SITTING AT TABLE INITIALING REVISED MAP. (MS) 10. SEMI FRONT VIEW OF SEVERAL DELEGATES RISING FROM CONFERENCE TABLE. (MS) 11. DELEGATES WALKING OUT OF CONFERENCE ROOM AWAY FROM CAMERA, TWO OF THEM WALKING WITH ARMS AROUND EACH OTHERS. (MLS) B. BALLOONS CARRY LEAFLETS OVER IRON CURTAIN FREYUNG, BAVARIA, GERMANY LEAFLETS CARRYING NEWS AND ENCOURAGING MESSAGES FOR CSECHOSLOVAKIA ARE STUFFED IN BALLOONS WHICH ARE RELEASED IN THE BAVARIAN FOREST. THE PROJECT IS CARRIED ON BY RADIO FREE EUROPE. 1. BUBTITLE SUPERIMPOSED OVER MAN WALKING AROUND INSIDE A BUILDING, BALLOON LAUNCHING EQUIPMENT AND INFLATED BALLOONS IN MIDDLE GROUND, OPEN DOOR IN BG. (MLS) 2. CLOSE-UP OF MAN'S HANDS PUTTING LEAFLETS INTO BALLOON. (CS) 3. INFLATED BALLOONS INSIDE BUILDING, REAR VIEW OF MAN IN FG. (MS) 4. CLOSE SHOT OF BALLOONS BEING INFLATED. (CS) 5. CLOSE-UP OF BALLOON BEING INFLATED. MAN'S HANDS OPERATING VALVE. 6. REAR VIEW OF MEN STANDING INSIDE BUILDING IN FG., INFLATED BALLOONS IN BG. (MS) 7. CLOSE SHOT OF MAP; MAN'S HANDS PLOTTING WIND DIRECTION USING RULER AND COMPASS. (CHS) 8. SEMI FRONT VIEW OF SEVERAL MEN AND WOMEN

STANDING OUTDOORS ON COUNTRY ROAD RELEASING INFLATED  
BALLOONS IN AIR. (MLS)  
9. FRONT VIEW OF THREE MEN STANDING OUTSIDE RELEASING  
BALLOONS, CAMERA  
FOLLOWING BALLOONS FLOATING UPWARDS. (MS) 10. SEMI FRONT  
VIEW OF CHILDREN  
STANDING BEHIND BARBED WIRE, ONE CHILD POINTING. (MS) 11. SEMI  
FRONT VIEW OF  
CHILDREN STANDING, WATCHING. (MCS) 12. BALLOON FLOATING IN  
AIR. (MLS) C. RED  
PUPPETS PARADE LIKE RED MASTERS MOSCOW, RUSSIA; PYONGYANG.  
NORTH KOREA  
PROPAGANDA FILMS FROM NORTH KOREA SHOWING THE NORTH  
KOREAN PEOPLE AND THEIR  
LEADERS IN THE SAME PATTERN AS RUSSIANS AND THEIR LEADERS.  
NORTH KOREANS  
PARADING AND CARRYING PLACARDS AND PICTURE OF THEIR  
LEADERS. 1. SUBTITLE  
SUPERIMPOSED OVER SEMI FRONT VIEW OF NORTH KOREAN PEOPLE  
CARRYING BANNERS  
AND PICTURES, PARADING TO CAMERA. (MS) 2. NORTHKOREANS  
CARRYING MESSED FLAGS  
PARADING TO AND PAST CAMERA. (MLHS) 3. PEOPLE CARRYING NORTH  
KOREAN SIGNS  
PARADING TO AND PAST CAMERA. (MLHS) 4. FRONT VIEW OF SEVERAL  
NORTH KOREAN  
LEADERS STANDING ON REVIEWING STAND. (MS) 5. SEMI FRONT VIEW  
OF PEOPLE  
PARADING TO END PAST CAMERA, CARRYING FLAGS AND PICTURES,  
WAVING TO  
LEADERS. (MS) 6. YOUNG GIRLS PARADING TO AND PAST CAMERA  
CARRYING BIG  
PICTURES OF PREMIER KIM IL SUNG IN STAR SHAPED FRAME, PEOPLE  
WAVING. (MS) 7.  
SAME AS 4. BLUR TO: 8. FRONT VIEW OF SEVERAL RUSSIAN LEADERS,  
INCLUDING  
NOLOTOV AND MELENKOV, STANDING ON BALCONY IN RED SQUARE  
SALUTING. (MLS) CUT  
FROM 26346 9. RUSSIANS PARADING TO AND PAST CAMERA CARRYING  
STALIN'S PICTURE  
AND FLAGS. (MS) CUT ? 26346 10. SEMI FRONT VIEW OF RUSSIANS  
PARADING TO  
CAMERA, IN RED SQUARE. (VLHS) CUT FROM 26346 11. SEMI FRONT  
VIEW OF SEVERAL  
RUSSIAN LEADERS STANDING ON BALCONY, WAVING. (MLS) CUT FROM  
26346 12. SEMI  
FRONT VIEW OF HIGH RANKING RUSSIAN OFFICERS STANDING ON  
BALCONY. (MLS) CUT  
FROM 26346 BLUR TO: 13. SEMI FRONT VIEW OF NORTH KOREAN  
LEADERS WEARING

UNIFORM STANDING, CROWD IN BG. (MLS) 14. SAME AS 3. 15. PARADE  
 MOVING PAST  
 CAMERA, PEOPLE CARRYING BANNERS LETTERED IN KOREAN. (MLS) 16.  
 NORTH KOREAN  
 PEOPLE PARADING TO AND PAST CAMERA, CARRYING BANNERS. (LHS)  
 NEWSREEL USE  
 ONLY TOTAL FOOTAGE: 301 VAULT CUTS D. TRAGIC PLIGHT OF  
 REFUGEES IN  
 INDO-CHINA SAIGON, INDO-CHINA REF UGEES FLOATING FROM  
 COMMUNIST AREAS  
 ARRIVING AT TENT CAMP IN INDO- CHINA. 1. SUBTITLE SUPERIMPOSED  
 OVER REFUGEES  
 WALKING AROUND CAMP, CAMERA PANNING TO OTHERS STANIDNG  
 AND WALKING, TRUCKS  
 IN BG. (LS) 2. REFUGEES WALKING DOWN RAMP OF PLANE TO CAMERA.  
 (MLS) 3.  
 CLOSER SHOT OF REFUGEES WALKING DOWN RAMP OF PLANE TO  
 CAMERA. (MS) 4. BLIND  
 MAN HOLDING ONTO RAILING WALKING DOWN RAMP OF PLANE TO  
 CAMERA. (MS) 5. OLD  
 MAN BEING HELPED DOWN RAMP OF PLANE TO CAMERA. (MS) 6. FRONT  
 VIEW OF LITTLE  
 GRIL AT BOTTOM OF RAMP. (CS) 7. FRONT VIEW OF MEN WITH BOARD,  
 WEARING HAT,  
 STANDING. (CS) 8. FRONT VIEW OF ANOTHER MAN STANDING. (CS) 9.  
 FRONT VIEW OF  
 ANOTHER MAN STANDING. (CS) 10. ROWS OF TENTS SET UP FOR  
 REFUGEES ON OPEN  
 FIELD. (MLS) 11. LOOKING DOWN ON LARGE CAMS OF WATER BEING  
 DISTRIBUTED AMONG  
 REFUGEES WHO ARE PUSHING TO GET NEAR THE WATER. (MHS) 12.  
 CLOSER SHOT  
 LOOKING DOWN ON REFUGEES CROWDING AROUND CANS OF WATER.  
 (MHS) 13. LOOKING  
 DOWN ON WATER TRUCK CROWD OF REFURGEES IN BG. (MHS) 14.  
 CAMERA PANNING FROM  
 CROSS ON TOP OF CHURCH DOWN FRONT TO REAR VIEW OF PRIEST  
 STANDING AT ALTAR.  
 (MLS) 15. CAMERA PANNING FROM CLOSE-UP OF NUN, DOWN TO FACE  
 OF CHILD PRESSED  
 AGAINST ER. (CS) 16. SIDE VIEW OF REFUGEES KNEELING, PREYING,  
 WOMAN IN FG.  
 (MS) 17. SEMI FRONT VIEW OF REFUGEES KNEELING AND PRAYING (MCS)  
 TOTAL  
 FOOTAGE: 301 CUTS D. TRAGIC PLIGHT OF REFUGEES IN INDO-CHINA  
 SAIGON,  
 INDO-CHINA 1. B & W OF CUT STROY.

02-12-55 Paramount Newsreel

MILWAUKEE, WIS. GERMANY BALLOONS CARRY FREEDOM MESSAGE  
VOICE: GREGORY ABBOTT  
IN MILWAUKEE, FREEDOM WEEK IS SYMBOLIZED BY THE LAUNCHING  
OF 2,000 CRUSADE  
FOR FREEDOM BALLOONS OF THE TYPE SENT OVER THE IRON CURTAIN  
IN EUROPE. THE  
FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES COOPERATES IN A NATION-WIDE DRIVE  
TO GAIN SUPPORT  
FOR THE CRUSADE AND RADIO FREE EUROPE. THEY FIGHT  
COMMUNISM WITH  
AROUND-THE-CLOCK ATTACK BY RADIO AND BALLOON-BORNE  
LEAFLETS. GEOGRAPHIC  
MILWAUKEE, WIS. (FELBINGER): MASS OF BALLOONS IN LARGE  
AUDITORIUM. GV OF  
PEOPLE INFLATING BALLOONS. CU PEOPLE IN NATIVE COSTUME  
INFLATING BALLOON.  
ANGLE V OF CHINESE TYPE INFLATING. OTHER NATIONAL TYPES,  
PEOPLE IN NATIVE  
COSTUMES, TO BALLOON UPON WHICH IS THE WORD: "FREIHEIT" TILT-  
UP TO BALLOON  
UPON WHICH APPEARS THE WORD: "ABADSAG". INFLATED BALLOON  
ON WHICH APPEARS  
THE WORD: "AOBDA..." ["SVOBODA" - JC]. BALLOON ON WHICH IS  
WRITTEN: "CRUSADE  
FOR FREEDOM". G. INT. V PEOPLE AND BALLOONS. PEOPLE LEAVING  
AUDITORIUM  
CARRYING BALLOONS. EL V PEOPLE RELEASING BALLOONS IN COLD IN  
MILWAUKEE.  
GERMANY (CRUSADE PICTURE): V. OF IRON CURTAIN BORDER (POS.).  
GV & CU PEOPLE  
INFLATING BALLOONS (POS.). PEOPLE LETTING BALLOON GO OUTSIDE  
DOOR (POS.).  
GV, ANOTHER V & ANOTHER V BALLOONS BEING RELEASED (POS.).  
MILWAUKEE, WIS.  
(FELBINGER): PEOPLE IN MILWAUKEE IN COLD READY TO RELEASE  
BALLOONS. GV  
BALLOONS BEING RELEASED & FLYING PAST AMERICAN FLAG.  
NEGATIVE & POSITIVE.  
"A" VERSION DUPE NEGATIVE IN STORAGE CROSS REFERENCE  
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN  
("CRUSADE FOR FREEDOM" BALLOONS LAUNCHED BY FRATERNAL  
ORDER OF ?)

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On Thu, 9 Sep 1999 RB47Expert@aol.com wrote:

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@Larry,

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@Would you be so kind as to list the cases where APRO reversed the wind  
@direction in order to eliminate balloon explanations? I don't recall too  
@many and it would surprise me even more that anyone would have original  
@weather data to check against APRO's accounts. So please tell me your  
@sources for the weather data.

@

@Brad Sparks

Actually, I was able to glean that information from the books themselves, because the stated logic for eliminating a balloon was internally wrong. One (possibly paraphrased) quote from memory:

"The object was heading east. The weather bureau said there was a west wind, so a balloon would have been heading directly into the wind."

Wake up! A west wind comes from the west and blows to the east.

I will make a list of these as I find them again. They are cited in the Lorenzen books I have. It should not be too hard, because I annotated all of these goofs in the book margins. This may take some time to do, because I have other commitments for the next few days (I am also a recording engineer in my spare time).

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Karl,  
Thanks for the info from Webb.

Seems as if the wind direction at albruguquerque and at El Paso might help us infer the wind direction at Socorro (if winds are the same at these two places there was likely a large scale weather pattern)/.

Also, could you "see" your way to checking on Z's eyesight?

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Bruce & List.

Thanks Bruce for putting in a plug for me. Barry Greenwood and I have independently advanced the tangential or escaping meteor hypothesis for the C. B. Moore et al. sighting of April 24, 1949. The main problem with the explanation has been Moore's statement that the object was picked up to the south-southwest directly above the balloon they were tracking, at about 210 degs azimuth heading east, it got lost in the sun, then was seen heading north where it disappeared at about 25 degs azimuth. A meteor ordinarily cannot cover more than 180 degs of arc and that would have to be from horizon to horizon passing directly overhead, which didn't seem to be the case here (the 185 degs of azimuth change suggests a turn). I suggested the remote possibility that midway through the sighting (when lost in the glare of the sun) the meteor broke up with the main piece going off in a more northerly direction, or perhaps it aerodynamically skidded to the north due to irregularities in the meteor's shape.

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The pre-Arnold Minczewski sighting of April 1947 sounds like a meteor since the observer could hardly get a good view of the object's shape in the brief interval he saw it in the theodolite, with total duration estimated at 5-6 seconds (part of that time he tried to see it with his naked eye but couldn't), and it made no turns or other maneuvers.

Brad Sparks

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BRUCE & COLLEAGUES--

>Also, could you "see" your way to checking on Z's eyesight?

I'll see (heh, heh) what I can do, but I doubt there's much. I spoke with Zamora a few days ago, asked him if he'd be willing to be interviewed for the SHG oral history project. He politely but firmly said, No. He doesn't do that anymore. But I haven't quite given up and if at all possible, his eyesight will be looked (heh, heh) into.

Does anyone out there know if there is anything in the Blue Book file, Hynek's notes, etc., on Z's eyesight? Oh, and while you're looking, see what BB has in the way of OFFICIAL weather info. Speaking of which, you're right, Bruce, that large-scale wind patterns would be indicative. For what it's worth, the winds during March-April period here in the Land of Enchantment are in general strong prevailing southerlies/southwesterlies. -- Cheers, KARL

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observers? Do we have any data indicating the distance other than  
the fact that they appeared to circle the balloon?

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Hi Larry,

Good points re the Arrey sighting by Moore et al. But it would be nice to have a known precedent of a meteor path deflection such as you or I have theorized. Using William Akers' more exact data the azimuth covered from beginning to end of the sighting was apparently about 148 degs. It could have been less because these are estimates, since they could not keep the theodolite on the object throughout the sighting. Error bars of at least +/- 5 degs are reasonable for beginning and ending points or at least +/- 10 degs for the 148-degree total azimuth range. Splitting the azimuth range evenly puts the midpoint or presumed closest approach a bit south of due east -- not too far from the sun -- at roughly 100 degs azimuth with half of azimuth range to the north and half to the south. Moore said the UFO was at about 45 degs elevation when first sighted to the south. If it was a meteor in horizontal flight at say about 40 miles altitude then at midpoint or closest approach it would have been about 11 miles away in ground range and about 75 degs in elevation above the horizon (or less if it also dropped to minimum height around this time, lower than 40 miles). Just seconds prior when passing close to the sun at about 125 degs azimuth (almost SE) it would have been a little lower in elevation angle, at about 73 degs with error margin at least +/- 5 degs if not +/- 10 degs -- or lower if the meteor was reaching its lowest height before bouncing back. Given witness error in angular estimates, this was close to the sun or the sun's glare.

To illustrate this effect of increasing then decreasing elevation angle, if it was a meteor in nearly horizontal flight and it passed directly overhead the elevation angle would of course increase to 90 degs (zenith overhead) before decreasing again. If the flight path was off to one side the elevation angle would increase to a maximum at the point of closest approach to the observers and the decrease again until it disappeared. And in fact Moore in a later account states the object passed through the sun (or near it presumably) which he calculated was at 60 degs elevation, or an INCREASE in elevation angle from the initial 45 degs, followed by a DECREASE till it disappeared at about 29 degs elevation (it reached a minimum of about 25 degs at the end then zoomed up about 4 degs which may have been the escape bounce or ascent of a tangential meteor).

Correction: Ruppelt misdated the Artesia case, it's Jan 16, 1952, NOT 1951. See Hynek's The UFO Experience and Blue Book Status Report No. 6. I do not have copies of the sighting reports. There were 6 witnesses, 2 were General Mills aeronautical personnel and 4 were pilots.

Brad



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Necessary to get the most reliable estimate of how large (how many degrees) that turn was. Clearly there is a limit to how much a meteor can change direction (and still be a meteor).

Bruce

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There is nothing to "bounce against" near the end of the meteor's path of visibility. If there is any "bounce" it is at or before the time/location of maximum penetration into the atmosphere.

Also, the 60 seconds is long for meteor visibility, even if seen from horizon to horizon (the maximum estimated horizon to horizon visible time would be about 86 seconds... see attached report).

I have attached a report which I did initially over 20 years ago based on my analysis of the "Remarkable Meteor" sighting that was discussed recently by Barry Greenwood. Because of his recent discussion I updated my report. Although that report is directed toward that particular sighting that occurred in 1904 (seen by crew on the USS Supply), there are comment and analysis that apply to the CB Moore et al sighting. If we ASSUME that the track was actually straight or at most slightly curved in a "horizontal" direction then we still have to show that the time duration and the apparent final increase in angular elevation could be consistent with a meteor.

There is no justification I am aware of for a curved track that would curve AWAY from the surface of the earth. All real meteor tracks bend by some amount around the center of the earth. (If gravity were repulsive they would bend away from the earth, as for example, the trajectory of an electron on a "grazing path" toward a large negatively charged sphere.)

TIME: Moore said it was first seen at angular elevation 45 degrees and

last  
 seen at 29 degrees. Now get yourself a piece of paper and draw a big arc  
 on it  
 and label it 4000 miles (earth radius; 6328 km if you are metric). Now  
 draw a straight line  
 above the arc with a small spacing that corresponds to 40 miles (64 km).  
 (Don't try to  
 draw to scale.) The earth's curvature is going to be difficult to detect on  
 a scale  
 that makes 40 miles visible on your drawing.  
 Anyway, place CB and the boys under the point of closest approach. Assume  
 the  
 straight track passes right over their heads at  $H = 40$  mi up. Now mark  
 to the right  
 (southwest) an elevation of 45 degrees. Now mark to the left (northeast)  
 an  
 angular elevation of 29 degrees (elevations above earth surface, or a  
 horizontal  
 plane tangent to the earth's surface of course.)  
 Now calculate the length of the straight trajectory:

$$40 \tan (90-45) + 40 \tan (90-29) = 40 + 72 = 112 \text{ mi.}$$

If this was traversed in 1 minute the speed was about 6700 mph.  
 IF Moore's last elevation was WRONG, and it was only 25 degrees the  
 distance was  $40 + 86 = 126$  which gives a speed of 7500 mph.  
 IF 60 seconds is an overestimate and it was only 50 seconds the speed  
 could have been  $7500 \times 60/50 = 9000$  mph.  
 IF THE time estimate were horribly wrong and it was only 30 seconds, the  
 speed would be at most 15,000 mph.

Orbital speed at 100 mi altitude is about 17,000 mph (higher at lower  
 altitudes, but no one does it because of air). (90 minute satellite  
 orbit at 100 mi)

POINT: anything coming to "graze" the earth at only 9000 mph is going to  
 be  
 grabbed. Even 15,000 mph would be grabbed.

AHA!!! you say. The actual path is curved. Therefore the distance is  
 greater  
 from 45 degrees elevation on one side to 29 (or 25) degrees on the other  
 side.

BUT, say I, the largest amount of curvature allowed without crashing is  
 that of  
 a track parallel to the earth's surface at altitude 40 mi. Any greater  
 curvature and the  
 object will crash. So let's assume a track parallel to the surface by 40  
 mi high.

Let's use the 25 degree final elevation so that the straight line path 126 mi long calculated above is the chord of a circle of radius 4040 miles (40 miles above 4000 mi approximate radius of the earth). The angle (at the earth's center) created by the 126 mi straight line is  $2 \arcsin[(126/2)/4040] = 1.78702$  degrees = 0.0311894 radians. The distance along a curved arc of radius 4040 miles is  $S = R (\theta) = 4040 \times 0.0311894 = 126.005$  mi. In other words, the radius of curvature is so large that the arc distance cannot be distinguished from the straight line distance.  
QED.

As for the change in angular elevation near the end of the visible track, assume again a straight line meteor path over the earth's surface. Start a CLOCK at the time the meteor is directly overhead at 40 mi elevation. Then the distance from overhead is  $vt$ , where  $t$  is the time after overhead and  $v$  is the velocity. The angular elevation in this straight line approximation is  $E = \arctan(H/vt)$  where  $H$  is the overhead elevation ( $H = 40$  mi). One sees immediately that  $E$  decreases as  $t$  increases. Thus the angular elevation should drop at all times after the meteor passes overhead. A curved track for the meteor would create an even faster drop.

Thus an observation that the object increased angular elevation in the last seconds must be interpreted as an actual increase in elevation above the "flat" (approximation) earth. This definitely contradicts the normal meteor hypothesis and throws it into the category of "remarkable meteors."

Bruce.....

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It's still too high and too fast for known rockets of 1949. Remember, the Navy's very first Viking was on the pad at White Sands getting ready for its first flight when the Arrey sighting happened.

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First Viking launch. Summary: Naval Research Laboratory's Martin Viking rocket No. 1 fired at White Sands Proving Ground, N. Mex., reached an altitude of 51 1/2 miles and a speed of 2,250 mph; its payload contained upper air pressure and temperature experiments.

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Brad, this is what I was referring to:

Basic Ltr, CG, AMC, to CO, CFS, Subject: Project "Grudge"

1st Ind ... 18 May 1949  
Base, Dayton, Ohio, ATTN: MCIAXS

.... 2. Several months ago, Mr. C. B. Moore, now of General Mills, Inc., but formerly associated with the balloon project at New York University, discussed with Dr. Peoples of this station the problems encountered with obtaining reliable information when observing unidentified objects. Mr. Moore sent to Dr. Peoples an information copy of his observations near Arrey, New Mexico on April 24, 1949. It is felt that although the theodolite and stop-watch were of great assistance in making estimates, the principle factor responsible for the unusually specific information contained in this report, is that Mr. Moore was made aware in advance of what factors should be observed in case such an object were sighted. Therefore, it is urged that your office issue detailed advance observation instructions to people who might be in a position to make observations and turn in reports....

Joseph O. Fletcher

Major, USAF  
Director, Base Directorate for Geophysical Research

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Moore's report immediately after the incident contains this:

" The object was not a balloon and was some distance away. Assuming escape velocity, a track was figured which put the elevation about [sic] the station of about 300,000 feet over the observed period. If this is true, the flight would have probably gone over the White Sands Proving Ground, Holloman Air Force Base and Los Alamos.

INFORMATION IS DESIRED IF THIS WAS SOME NEW OR EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT or for any explanation whatsoever [my emphasis]."

Now why would he have said that? This is my point -- he had talked to Peoples from the Cambridge Research Center about UFO sightings "months" before the sighting, had obviously been keeping an eye peeled for some time -- and even considering the tremendous performance of the object, he still wondered if it was an "X-vehicle" of some kind...

It clearly didn't look like a meteor to him. He wasn't thinking in terms of natural phenomena.

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Bruce & List,

The Rocky Mountain Fireball of Aug 10, 1972, was the first conclusive proof of the existence of escaping tangential meteors. U.S. DSP infrared missile warning satellite data proved the meteor "bounced." There was a paper in Nature that gave the exact latitude, longitude, and altitude coordinates and velocity for beginning, low point (perigee), and end points -- I can't find my copy. I have notes that the declassified satellite data shows the fireball was hot enough to be tracked for 101.2 seconds from central Utah to Edmonton, Alberta, over about a 1,000-mile track (classified data may contain a longer tracking) and the descent and ascent angles were about 2 degrees to the minimum height of 58 km (if I recall right). Interestingly, the meteor followed the curvature of the earth over about 14 degrees of arc, except for the descent/ascent angle. At least one ground observer, in Montana, saw the fireball nearly horizon-to-horizon over about 150 degs of arc, for roughly 60 seconds.

In the Arrey case, I can't accept the time estimates or angular elevations and azimuths as anything but guesstimates because they were apparently NOT measured by the theodolite. According to Richard G. Davidson, "I took over the open sight on the Theodolite to try to put Moore on the object. We got on the object for ABOUT A SECOND about North-East, and LOST IT again, and could NEVER GET ON IT AGAIN because when it got almost North, we ran into a whirlwind of dust, but right before I lost it, the object was rising plenty fast. I lost it about 35 [degrees]."

Notice that there isn't even an elevation or azimuth reading for the one time they DID have the UFO in the theodolite. And notice that Davidson's figure of 35 degs from the object's disappearance elevation is quite a ways off from Moore's 29-deg figure -- if it was an exact theodolite reading they could have had it down to 10 seconds of arc, so it evidently was not a theodolite reading.

As for time estimates no one but Moore had an estimate and he said it was "about" or "around" 60 seconds. William Akers did report an angular velocity -- and it disagrees with Moore's by a factor of 2x. Moore said 5 degs/sec but Akers said "about 5 [degrees] in 2 seconds."

As I pointed out before, the total azimuth range of the object's travel was about 148 degs +/-10 degs or more. Because of the "latitude" effect the actual arc length must be multiplied by the cosine of the effective "latitude" or elevation angle, say, 45 degs, hence an arc length of roughly 100 degs.

Using Moore's angular velocity, this would imply a duration of about 20 seconds. Using Akers' angular velocity, the duration would be about 40 seconds -- in either case much less than the 60-second guesstimate.

As you pointed out, Bruce, the path length of the object during the sighting, if it was a roughly horizontal meteor at 40 miles altitude and assuming the initial and terminal elevation angles above the horizon, would be:

$$(40 \text{ mi} / \tan 45 \text{ degs}) + (40 \text{ mi} / \tan 29 \text{ degs}) = 40 + 72 = 112 \text{ miles}$$

Of course, the elevation angles are very approximate and the meteor height might have been say 60 miles, yielding a path length of about 168 miles. With a duration of 20 seconds, the velocity would be about 20,000 mph to 30,000 mph -- meteor speeds.

Brad

In a message dated 9/14/99 8:37:17 PM, brumac@compuserve.com wrote:

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Brad wrote:

>disappeared at about 29 degs elevation (it reached a minimum of about 25 degs at the end then zoomed up about 4 degs which may have been the escape bounce or ascent of a tangential meteor).  
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I don't buy the "bouncing meteor" explanation of the increase in angular elevation.

There is nothing to "bounce against" near the end of the meteor's path of visibility. If there is any "bounce" it is at or before the time/location of maximum penetration into the atmosphere.

Also, the 60 seconds is long for meteor visibility, even if seen from horizon to horizon (the maximum estimated horizon to horizon visible time would be about 86 seconds... see attached report).

I have attached a report which I did initially over 20 years ago based on my analysis of the "Remarkable Meteor" sighting that was discussed recently by Barry Greenwood. Because of his recent discussion I updated my report. Although that report is directed toward that particular sighting that occurred in 1904 (seen by crew on the USS Supply), there are comment and analysis that

apply to the CB Moore et al sighting.

If we ASSUME that the track was actually straight or at most slightly curved in a "horizontal" direction then we still have to show that the time duration and the apparent final increase in angular elevation could be consistent with a meteor.

There is no justification I am aware of for a curved track that would curve AWAY from the surface of the earth. All real meteor tracks bend by some amount around the center of the earth. (If gravity were repulsive they would bend away from the earth, as for example, the trajectory of an electron on a "grazing path" toward a large negatively charged sphere.)

TIME: Moore said it was first seen at angular elevation 45 degrees and last seen at 29 degrees. Now get yourself a piece of paper and draw a big arc on it and label it 4000 miles (earth radius; 6328 km if you are metric). Now draw a straight line above the arc with a small spacing that corresponds to 40 miles (64 km). (Don't try to draw to scale.) The earth's curvature is going to be difficult to detect on a scale that makes 40 miles visible on your drawing. Anyway, place CB and the boys under the point of closest approach. Assume the straight track passes right over their heads at  $H = 40$  mi up. Now mark to the right (southwest) an elevation of 45 degrees. Now mark to the left (northeast) Now mark to the right (southwest) an elevation of 45 degrees. Now mark to the left (northeast) an angular elevation of 29 degrees (elevations above earth surface, or a horizontal plane tangent to the earth's surface of course.) Now calculate the length of the straight trajectory:

$$40 \tan (90-45) + 40 \tan (90-29) = 40 + 72 = 112 \text{ mi.}$$

If this was traversed in 1 minute the speed was about 6700 mph.  
IF Moore's last elevation was WRONG, and it was only 25 degrees the distance was  $40 + 86 = 126$  which gives a speed of 7500 mph.  
IF 60 seconds is an overestimate and it was only 50 seconds the speed could have been  $7500 \times 60/50 = 9000$  mph.  
IF THE time estimate were horribly wrong and it was only 30 seconds, the

speed would be at most 15,000 mph.

Orbital speed at 100 mi altitude is about 17,000 mph (higher at lower altitudes, but no one does it because of air). (90 minute satellite orbit at 100 mi)

POINT: anything coming to "graze" the earth at only 9000 mph is going to be grabbed. Even 15,000 mph would be grabbed.

AHA!!! you say. The actual path is curved. Therefore the distance is greater from 45 degrees elevation on one side to 29 (or 25) degrees on the other side.

BUT, say I, the largest amount of curvature allowed without crashing is that of

a track parallel to the earth's surface at altitude 40 mi. Any greater curvature and the object will crash. So let's assume a track parallel to the surface by 40 mi high.

Let's use the 25 degree final elevation so that the straight line path 126 mi long calculated

above is the chord of a circle of radius 4040 miles (40 miles above 4000 mi approximate

radius of the earth). The angle (at the earth's center) created by the 126 mi straight line

is  $2 \arcsin[(126/2)/4040] = 1.78702 \text{ degrees} = 0.0311894 \text{ radians}$ . The distance along a curved

a curved

arc of radius 4040 miles is  $S = R (\theta) = 4040 \times 0.0311894 = 126.005 \text{ mi}$

In other words, the radius

of curvature is so large that the arc distance cannot be distinguished from the straight line

distance.

QED.

As for the change in angular elevation near the end of the visible track, assume again a

straight line meteor path over the earth's surface. Start a CLOCK at the time the meteor

is directly overhead at 40 mi elevation. Then the distance from overhead is  $vt$ , where

$t$  is the time after overhead and  $v$  is the velocity. The angular elevation in this straight

line approximation is  $E = \arctan(H/vt)$  where  $H$  is the overhead elevation ( $H = 40 \text{ mi}$ ).

One sees immediately that  $E$  decreases as  $t$  increases. Thus the angular elevation

should drop at all times after the meteor passes overhead. A curved track

for the  
meteor would create an even faster drop.

Thus an observation that the object increased angular elevation in the last  
seconds  
must be interpreted as an actual increase in elevation above the "flat"  
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The only data are angles and times. No data on distance.

Clearly the speed estimate depends upon the distance assumed given the angular velocity estimates.

Fortunately the meteor hypothesis comes with a range of "built in " distances.

That is, any meteor which grazes the earth's atmosphere or "bounces/skips" off the

atmosphere is going to be 30 or more miles up. The lower it is the slower it was going

(because the path between end points shrinks as the altitude shrinks).

Alternatively the

higher it is the faster it was going, BUT..... the higher it is the dimmer it is and the shorter is

the time of visibility because the atmospheric density decreases rapidly with height.

Thus, for example, in my previous calculation I could assume a minimum height of 100 miles

and get the calculated speed to be comparable to meteoric speed. However, the meteor wouldn't glow brightly enough (or, more correctly, there wouldn't be enough atmospheric density to make

a bright glow from heated atmosphere) for it to be seen. Hence, as I said already, there is an

acceptable distance (height) range for the meteor hypothesis. If it were within that range, then it

was going to slowly to be a meteor. Obviously, if it were a lot lower, say at the altitude of the balloon, then it was going a lot slower...but still very fast (several thousand mph if at 20 miles altitude)

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<DIV><FONT size=2>Best wishes</FONT></DIV>

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>However, the alternative argument is that the subject exists NOW and that it is too powerful to ignore. Consequently organisations like BUFORA should take a lead in dealing with it constructively and with determination in examining all ideas, theories and particularly the beliefs rampant within the abduction scenario both by the researchers and the witnesses. We believe this project MUST encompass views, research and evidence from within the relevant scientific disciplines particularly consciousness studies.

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>Viewpoints Please.

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Date: Thu, 16 Sep 1999 08:05:59 -0400 (EDT)

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Hi,

Please keep me on the list. Also if anyone on the list is interested, I have a number of overstocked copies of my latest and final book on The Andreasson Affair which is entitled, The Andreasson Legacy. I am able to send personally autographed copies postpaid to anyone in the U.S. for only \$10 for this 463 page hardback illustrated by Betty Andreasson Luca. UK purchasers for \$17 U.S. by international money order which can be obtained via the post office. Checks should be sent to:

Some have purchased multiple copies for re-sale at retail price of 24.95 at symposiums, etc. to raise money for clubs, projects, etc. A subsidiary of my

publisher sold a goodly number to me at a good discount to avoid paying the IRS for overstocking.

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Best to all,

Ray Fowler

Date: Thu, 16 Sep 1999 08:49:51 -0400  
From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>  
Subject: Klass Comments on 'Socorro'

UFO Research List - <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/>

Regarding:

>Date: Sat, 11 Sep 1999 12:14:40 -0400  
>From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>  
>Subject: Voyager Newsletter - Issue No. 7

Bruce wrote:

>I would like to complement James Easton on the diligence of his  
>research. Whatever the outcome it shows that he and others on  
>this list are willing to "push the data to the limit" to find  
>out whether or not the case is truly unexplainable.

Bruce,

It's always pleasing to be in agreement that objective research  
is one of the most expedient ways forward.

Somewhat ironic that the only person who has expressed objections  
to our recent sceptical appraisals, is your very good friend  
Philip Klass.

He writes:

"Reference your recent file on Socorro, and its statement that  
'the reliability of Zamora's report was never in doubt...'

If you read Hynek's report on his 2nd visit to Socorro, you'll  
learn that Felix Phillips, who lived only 1,000 ft. from the  
'landing site' and was working outside in his garden, reported  
hearing NONE of the noises that Zamora reported and Phillips who  
promptly visited the site told Hynek that he suspected the  
incident was a hoax.

Hynek chose to ignore same on the grounds that Zamora was NOT  
bright enough to think up such a hoax. Hynek failed to consider  
that the hoax might have been conceived by someone else--such as  
Mayor Holm Bursom--and that Zamora might simply have been his  
agent.

When I visited Socorro in late 1966, my investigation included a  
chat with Phillips, and expression of doubt voiced by a physics  
professor at the NM Institute of Technology. My investigation

concluded that the incident WAS a hoax, inspired by Mayor Bursom, to provide the then economically depressed town with a tourist attraction. Details in Chapt. 12 of my book "UFOs Explained".

In my response, I pointed out that Ray Stanford had addressed these claims long ago in 'Socorro Saucer' and as there appears to be no actual evidence supporting the hoax hypotheses, plus considerable evidence to the contrary, this could explain why there seems to have been almost universal scepticism about Phil's suggestion.

I also mentioned that Ian Ridpath (formerly a supporter of the hoax contention) has noted he is now less sceptical about the hot-air balloon rationale.

Phil makes one further comment about this case which I personally found astonishing, however I'll say no more until that until Tracy Barnes has clarified if either himself, or anyone he knows of, had any connection with Zamora's sighting.

Barnes wasn't identified in the newsletter as I don't want his name appearing all over the Internet in relation to 'Socorro', when no there's no proven association and current speculation may shortly be refuted.

Unfortunately, due to his business commitments it's difficult (as anticipated) to speak with him at present, however it should be possible within the next week or so.

Phil's 'blind faith' in his own conclusions, as with other prominent CSICOP members and their 'solutions' to UFO cases, often seems to be borne out of anxiety that they are obliged and expected to provide an 'ordinary' explanation.

Does it really matter if it's evidentially sound? Or is the inherent judgement that a mundane cause must be responsible anyway, even if the explanation on offer isn't really 'right'.

Some might conclude that Phil's prime concern isn't about the true origins of the Socorro incident being revealed, it's that his 'hoax' allegation could be embarrassingly proven so wrong.

James.

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Subject: Re: Arrey Sighting / Re: Voyager Newsletter - Issue No. 7

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On Wed, 15 Sep 1999 RB47Expert@aol.com wrote:

@UFO Research List - <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/>  
@  
@Bruce & List,

snip

@There is no justification I am aware of for a curved track that  
@would curve AWAY from the surface of the earth. All real meteor  
@tracks bend by some amount around the center of the earth. (If  
@gravity were repulsive they would bend away from the earth, as  
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@Thus an observation that the object increased angular elevation  
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One thing that might affect this is the bending of light near the horizon. This is the effect that keeps the stars visible longer than they otherwise should be when they set. Since this effect is variable (depending on the temperatures of the different masses of air the light passes through), it could cause the path of a meteor to appear to curve from the viewpoint of the observers.

One test: did anyone else report sighting a meteor (or UFO) at the same time, and if so, where?

\* A search of newspapers in the southwest might prove fruitful.

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Larry, Bruce & List,

Standard atmospheric refraction is approximately 0.6 deg at the geometric horizon and it rapidly diminishes at larger grazing angles, so that it is essentially zero at elevations of 25-60 degs such as in the Arrey case (refraction actually 0.03 to 0.01 deg approx. which is negligible). See graph in Condon Report p. 623.

Seeming absence of other reports is not a very good indicator of visibility, it's like trying to prove a negative. Southwestern and south-central New Mexico was in 1949 and is today a lightly populated region -- one reason why the first nuclear test and rocket range was set up there (White Sands). Daytime meteors do not attract as much attention as nighttime meteors because of sunlight.

It also seems that the only reason even C. B. Moore's crew spotted the object was because they were already looking in that direction to follow the pilot balloon they were tracking.

Brad

In a message dated 9/16/99 7:17:05 AM, lrobins@indiana.edu wrote:

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Subject: UK Parliamentary Database

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The on-line 'Search the UK Parliament' facility is maybe worth a mention, especially for HM's subscribers.

It's a comprehensive record of parliamentary debates, questions and answers etc.

A couple of tips: if the search criteria produces one or more documents, go down to the bottom of the search results and you should find the search input screen now lists suggested 'keywords', generated by your enquiry.

Clicking on the 'check box' underneath any search result, then selecting 'expand' from the search menu, will also produce a list of suggested 'keywords'.

The database features some items on the 'UFO' front [more hits on 'unidentified flying object' than 'UFO'], including a few I hadn't seen before - mainly questions from Lord Hill-Norton re Larry Warren's claims in 'Left at East Gate' [search on 'bentwaters'].

For information - this is some of the main 'UFO' database content:

Written Answers  
Wednesday, 14th October 1998.

#### Unidentified Flying Objects

Lord Hill-Norton asked Her Majesty's Government:

Q: Whether they will list the document references and titles of all open files at the Public Record Office that contain information about unidentified flying objects.

A: The Lord Chancellor (Lord Irvine of Lairg): I list below the document references and titles of all open files at the Public Record Office known to staff to contain information about unidentified flying objects. There may be information in other open files but this could be discovered only at disproportionate cost.

AIR 2 Air Ministry Registered Files

AIR 2/16918 1961-1963, alleged sightings of UFO's. Letters from members of the public on alleged sightings. Magazine entitled Cosmic Voice "Mars and Venus Speak to Earth", dated November-December 1961/Article entitled Men from Outer Space: Are they visiting Britain?

AIR 2/17318 1963 UFO reports  
AIR 2/17526 1964 UFO reports  
AIR 2/17527 1964-1965 UFO reports  
AIR 2/17982 1965-1966 UFO reports  
AIR 2/17983 1966 UFO reports (with photographs)  
AIR 2/17984 1966-67 UFO reports (with photographs)  
AIR 14 Bomber Command

AIR 14/2800 1943 December No. 115 Squadron: News Sheet Bang On No. 1. Aerial phenomena--reports of UFOs on RAF bombing raids.

AIR 16 Fighter Command

AIR 16/1199 1952 September Flying saucers: occurrence reports by service personnel at Topcliffe station, Thirsk, and local public.

AIR 20 Unregistered Papers

AIR 20/7390 1952 Reported sightings of UFOs: memorandum prepared for the War Office.

AIR 20/9320 1957 Parliamentary Question from 17 April 1957 by Mr. Stan Awbery MP: To ask the Secretary of State for Air, what recent investigations have been made into unidentified flying objects; what photographs have been taken; and what reports have been made on this subject. Reply by the Secretary of State (Mr. Ward). Notes on UFOs provided for the Minister's use. Also: UFO incident at West Freugh in Wigtownshire in 1957; incidents and signals at RAF Church Lawford, RAF Bempton and RAF Lakenheath; newspaper clippings

6 April 1957 from the News Chronicle and the Evening Standard; photographs of object over the Channel Islands from the Daily Sketch of 6 April 1957.

AIR 20/9321 1957 Parliamentary Question 15 May 1957 from Major Patrick Wall MP: To ask the Secretary of State for Air, how many unidentified flying objects have been detected over Great Britain this year as compared with previous years; and whether the object picked up on radar over the Dover Straits on 29 April has yet been identified. Further questions to the Minister from Mr. Frank Beswick MP. Notes for Minister on reported sightings. Replies by Mr. Ward. Newspaper clippings April-May 1957: The Times, News Chronicle, Daily Worker, Daily Mirror, Daily Sketch, Daily

Telegraph, Daily Express and the Evening News.

AIR 20/9322 1957 Parliamentary Question 15 May 1957 from Mr. Frank Beswick MP: To ask the Secretary of State for Air, what was the nature of the aircraft or other aircraft sighted on the radar defence screens on Monday night and which occasioned the despatch of Fighter Command. Reply by Mr. Ward. Notes for Ministers.

AIR 20/9994 Headquarters Southern Section Intelligence. Reports on Aerial Phenomena, including "observation of unusual aerial phenomena at Royal Air Force Ventor on 29 July 1957". Two Copies of "Track Tracing" Sheets.

Description of UFOs, for example, RAF Lyneham

9 December 1957: "December 1957: Description large bright crescent shaped object or could be a sphere with trails from edges. Travelling on a course of 290 degrees at a moderate speed. Seemed to be descending and not at a very great height".

AIR 20/11887 1967 August (with maps)

AIR 20/11888 1967 September

AIR 20/11889 1967 October (with photographs)

AIR 20/11890 1967 October (with maps)

AIR 20/11891 1967 November (with maps)

AIR 20/11892 1967 November

AIR 20/11893 1967 December

AIR 22 Periodical Returns, Summaries and Bulletins

AIR 22/93 1955 Air Ministry Secret Intelligence Summary March 1955. Volume 10, Article No. 3 on Flying Saucers "An object was reported . . .".

PREM 11 Prime Minister's Office: Correspondence and Papers, 1951-1964.

PREM 11/855 1952 Personal Minute from the Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill to the Secretary of State for Air, Lord Cheswell, dated 28 July 1952. "What does all this stuff about flying saucers amount to? What can it mean? What is the truth? Let me have a report at your convenience." Minute from the Secretary of State, dated 9 August 1952, dismissing stories about flying saucers.

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AIR 2 Air Ministry: Registered Files

AIR 2/18183 1968-1969 Unidentified Flying Objects\*

AIR 20 Unregistered Papers

AIR 20/11612 1967-1968 Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs)\*

AIR 20/11895 1968 April UFOs\*

AIR 20/11896 1968 May UFOs\*

AIR 20/11897 1968 June UFOs\*

AIR 20/11898 1968 July UFOs\*

AIR 20/11899 1968 August UFOs\*

AIR 20/11900 1968 September UFOs\*

AIR 20/11901 1968 October UFOs\*

AIR 20/11902 1968 November UFOs\*

AIR 20/12055 1969 January UFOs\*

AIR 20/12056 1969 February UFOs\*

AIR 20/12057 1969 March UFOs\*

AIR 20/12058 1969 April UFOs\*

AIR 20/12059 1969 May UFOs\*

AIR 20/12060 1969 June UFOs\*

AIR 20/12061 1969 July UFOs\*

AIR 20/12062 1969 August UFOs\*

AIR 20/12063 1969 September UFOs\*

AIR 20/12064 1969 October UFOs\*

AIR 20/12065 1969 November UFOs\*

AIR 20/12066 1969 December UFOs\*

AIR 20/12067 1970 January UFOs\*

AIR 20/12297 1970 February UFOs\*

AIR 20/12298 1970 March UFOs\*

AIR 20/12299 1970 April UFOs\*

AIR 20/12300 1970 May UFOs\*

AIR 20/12301 1970 June UFOs\*

AIR 20/12302 1970 July UFOs\*

AIR 20/12303 1970 August UFOs\*

AIR 20/12304 1970 September UFOs\*

AIR 20/12305 1970 October UFOs\*

AIR 20/12306 1970 November UFOs\*

\* = Thirty year closure rule applies.

[END]

Regrettably, the documents referred to are not accessible on-line.

Re the report:

`AIR 14/2800 1943 December No. 115 Squadron: News Sheet Bang On No. 1. Aerial phenomena--reports of UFOs on RAF bombing raids.'

I presume this is well known - does it refer to `foo fighters'?

James.

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Date: Thu, 16 Sep 1999 09:48:30 -0500  
From: Steve Douglass <webbfeat@1s.net>  
Subject: October Intercepts Online

The October Intercepts Online has been posted.

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(and who wouldn't) contact me at the e-mail address above. I'll  
tell you how.

In this month's IO we are featuring:

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None of this will wash with me.

I refuse to help or assist BUFORA in ANY way. BUFORA is controlled by a "Inner" clique of 4 people and - to my mind - do NOT in ANY way offer any positive future for this subject. For too long British Ufology has been mute witness to certain members of council using, abusing, manipulating and backstabbing to keep their positions of authority and control over the association.

- Like the weak and spineless attempt to stop me from publishing my editorial In the BUFORA BULLETIN criticizing the Max Burn's lecture.

- Like the stupid "BUFORA 2000" website message ("everything's alright really, don't listen to those nasty people who keep attacking us",etc). As always, some members of BUFORA council feels the best way to deal with ANY situation is to listen only to themselves, and ignore everyone else!

And that's only some of their most recent objectionable acts!

Their obsession with secrecy and underhand dealings is notorious. BUFORA must be the ONLY group who feel the only way to win people's trust is to create a culture of total secrecy, keep information from them, and give group workers (those NOT within their "Inner Council" clique) no real say in running the group. The group they want YOU to work yourself into the ground for! And I know; I was editor of the Bulletin for 8 months of hell, where my life was not my own. Where my life was effectively dominated by meeting their unrealistic publishing deadlines. Once I did "take my time"

with getting the Bulletin ready; only to find that all the work I did was "bumped" by another issue of the BULLETIN which Steven Gamble did behind my back. He oh-so-kindly said I could incorporate my work with the next issue; but that was only said so the "inner" council could censor what I had to say about the Max Burn's fiasco!

- A fiasco that NO member of council has had the guts to explain to the members of the association within the BULLETIN.  
For that you have MY total undying shame and contempt.

Rather than pay court to such mealy-mouthed attitudes I ripped up my work and threw it away; better for it to die in honor than live in dishonor!

The only future the BUFORA "Inner council" clique offers British Ufology is one where THEY dominate. One where THEY remain in power, but where WE - the workers in the subject - can be removed from what little crumbs of authority they offer us whenever THEY decide!

BUFORA is a group controlled by a self-interested clique who's only interest is to stay in power, at all costs. A group of people which did all it could to keep Andy Roberts - one of Britain's leading Ufologists - out of any position of authority. A group of people which virtually performed a UFO-political assassination on Jenny Randles, to have her removed as BUFORA's Director Of Investigations. A group of people who pushed through the Max Burn's lecture at all costs, regardless of the concerns of its more rationally-oriented members.

But then, with the current council, scientific Ufology always comes last; as we saw that with their handling of the Max Burn's lecture affair. With most of them dabbling in R.V courses can one expect anything else?

We have forgotten NONE of this, BUFORA council!

Lastly, I am disgusted with Gloria's Dixon's support of these bunch of people. If you really cared about this subject YOU would resign from BUFORA and help the struggle for freedom and a new, more hopeful future for British Ufology. Why waste your time with these people when you can do something like "Strange Daze?" The logic behind that is beyond my comprehension!

So, Andy Robert's and John Rimmer WAS right; Lionel Beer KNEW they could woo you back with a box of chocolates, flowers and empty promises, and he was right!

They win, but British Ufology loses, yet again.....

And because of that we will see another generation of Ufologists eaten up by the vile power games that consumes this association. Another wasted generation of talented researchers and investigators will leave this

subject, sickened by what they find.  
What a total waste!

I say to you all; show your concern for British Ufology and boycott BUFORA; or at least demand the resignation of Steven Gamble, John Spencer and Robert Digby; an entrenched clique whose only response to ANY situation is to shuffle positions of authority between themselves!

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Whilst I share Robert's opinion of the losers and weak-minded careerist nobodies within BUFORA - an organisation less relevant than Brechin City Football Club - I can't see why attacking Gloria is in any way useful.

I count her as one of my friends within Ufology and not just a "colleague" - the latter term being one we use when we're trying to be nice about people we can't stand. She is NOT to blame for the current mess within UK Ufology and is, in fact, one of the few people whose input has moved some of us in the right direction.

It is true that BUFORA has killed off Ufology over the years and, in the latest pathetic development, I understand that Lionel Beer has been smearing me to book publishers and others in a recent campaign reminiscent of the SHADOW saga of 18 months ago. (Why anybody would want to work with these idiots is beyond me!)

Their value in terms of actual UFO research - which is largely undertaken by a tiny group of about 20 people in the UK - is nil.

The way to move forward is not to whinge about Gloria - whose 'Strange Daze' is excellent and her work on close encounters second to none - but to remove yourself from the loop and continue to carry our effective research and "scientific Ufology" (I'm not entirely sure what this is).

There are many mysteries of earth, mind and body still to be solved and the longer we fuss about a failed and "has been" organisation with a few hundred members the longer the problems will continue.

In the North West groups like NARO and MARA have pretty much given up the ghost leaving researchers like myself and Eric Morris to do alot of the work. We relish the task and, much to the chagrin of the Beers and Gambles of the world, do it rather well.

Perhaps most important is our ability to talk sense about Ufology on TV, radio and in the media. This week has been a particularly good example of how little progress Ufology has made in terms of presenting itself as a credible research effort - largely because the clique at the top refuse to move forward or to admit that they have nothing to offer beyond a few badly-attended London lectures.

As to Max Burns, he's been in court this week facing serious drugs charges.....

That is certainly no hoax.

Get it together people.....read BEYOND. The best paranormal magazine in the Universe.....

See you in Leeds if you're going...

Tim Matthews - MI5.

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The former BUFORA spinmeister was suggesting that Ms. Dixon might have been led from the strait and narrow path by the "Andy Roberts Crowd", but that with a little gentle persuasion the scales would fall from her eyes and she would be welcomed back into the bosom of BUFORAdom. Whether this has happened or not is, as so much in ufology, a matter of interpretation.

I did not imagine that my flight of metaphorical fancy would be taken so literally, but in the world of ufology I should have known better...

I shall defend Ms Dixon's honour by publicly stating that to my knowledge not a single BUFORA coffee cream or fudge fondant has ever passed her lips!

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John Rimmer

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UFO Research List - <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/>

On Thu, 16 Sep 1999 RB47Expert@aol.com wrote:

@Larry, Bruce & List,

@Standard atmospheric refraction is approximately 0.6 deg at the  
@geometric horizon and it rapidly diminishes at larger grazing  
@angles, so that it is essentially zero at elevations of 25-60  
@degs such as in the Arrey case (refraction actually 0.03 to 0.01  
@deg approx. which is negligible). See graph in Condon Report p.  
@623.

Those are normal conditions. At the junction of air masses of differing temperatures, the refraction can be more pronounced, and vary with azimuth. This is not quite a mirage, but just enough to make the path of a meteor seem to bend.

@Seeming absence of other reports is not a very good indicator of  
@visibility, it's like trying to prove a negative. Southwestern  
@and south-central New Mexico was in 1949 and is today a lightly  
@populated region -- one reason why the first nuclear test and  
@rocket range was set up there (White Sands). Daytime meteors do  
@not attract as much attention as nighttime meteors because of  
@sunlight.

I just thought that if any independent accounts were found, they might be used to triangulate. If they weren't, it might indicate that the object was lower and slower (emphasis on the might).

If it truly was a meteor, and it was bright enough to be noticed, Denver, Santa Fe, and Phoenix might have sightings. The 3/3/68 satellite re-entry was seen over an area ranging from Tennessee to Ontario, and several day meteors were seen over an area just as large.

@It also seems that the only reason even C. B. Moore's crew  
@spotted the object was because they were already looking in that  
@direction to follow the pilot balloon they were tracking.

That might indicate that it was not very bright.

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Brad wrote:

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>I'd like to see the source that suggests that theodolites be used due to the

>Green Fireball wave of late 1948/early 1949 and that Moore might have been

>primed because of that. He may well have been primed because of GF

>observations generally but I have no info about theodolite operators being

>asked to be on the lookout for aerial phenomena until Feb 1950, when the

>Holloman AFB base commander issued just such a request.

I don't know of any directives to use theodolites to monitor GFs and UFOs until 1950. But whether Moore was "primed" or not, he did pay attention

to the

rapidly moving unknown....and that's what counts; Of course, if the data are

"all wrong" or seriously compromised, then all bets are off. One of the initial

explanations was that a piece of paper or some debris blew by them/ If this

were true it would mean that their altitude estimate was WAY off.

The world's first

>UFO observation network was set up on May 4, 1949, at Killeen Base nuclear

>weapons storage site, Camp Hood, Texas, but it involved artillery observation

>equipment.

Yes and it was successful, but Project Grudge personnel were not involved and

never acknowledged the success.

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Can you all please count me in on this. I can contribute to the Bolide,  
Witness Studies and Psi/UFO projects.

Many thanks  
Tony Eccles

--- john spencer <ek57@dial.pipex.com> wrote:  
> Dear Colleague,  
> The text below sets out an initiative by the British  
> UFO Research Association which we are just getting  
> underway. Headed by John Spencer and Gloria Dixon,  
> with the active support of BUFORA's Research and  
> Investigation sections, we hope to get these  
> important topics sensibly debated and published in a  
> sequential series of developing literature.  
> Publication on BUFORA's website, in its in-house  
> magazine, through UFO bulletin boards, and to  
> researchers and organisations around the world.  
>  
> We hope that you will join in with us in this  
> programme. If you do not wish to do so please  
> respond directly to John Spencer  
> (jspencer@dial.pipex.com) and I will take you off  
> the list. If so, we hope we have not inconvenienced  
> you by this e-mail. To join in, simply reply to  
> 'all', i.e. to the WorldWide Research Group, copy to  
> Bufora Research Group.  
>  
> This is a preliminary list which will grow, and we  
> welcome your putting forward suggestions for others  
> to include.  
>  
> Also, we have some e-mail addresses missing or  
> faulty and if anyone can help with up to date ones  
> please let us know: in particular Keith Basterfield,  
> Mark Moravec and Bill Chalker in Australia, Budd  
> Hopkins and Kenneth Ring in the US, Kevin McClure,  
> Sue Blackmore and Chris French in the UK.  
>  
> Best wishes  
>  
> John Spencer and Gloria Dixon  
>  
> TEXT BEGINS:  
>  
> BUFORA R + I  
>  
> RESEARCH AND INVESTIGATION  
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>  
> The British UFO Research Association, Research and  
> Investigation Departments are working together on  
> several projects, which we believe to be crucial to  
> today's ufology. As the two co-ordinators of these  
> departments, John Spencer and Gloria Dixon are  
> planning a series of 'Rolling Progress' projects,

- > which we hope will work in the following way:
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- > The Projects will follow some general parameters,
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- > 1.. A degree of fundamental work will be carried
- > out which will set the basic foundation for each
- > long-term project. This will be followed by:-
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- > 2.. A preliminary publication, which will give
- > up-to-date results of that project. This will be
- > aligned with:-
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- > 3.. An invitation to serious Ufologists and UFO
- > organisations both in the UK and around the world
- > for their input, assistance and guidance. This will
- > be followed by:-
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- > 4.. Updated publications with additional and
- > pertinent information to the initial findings
- > acknowledging all contributors to the project.
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- > 5.. Over a long term study there will be a
- > continuous process of contributions and relevant
- > update to the specific project.
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- > There appears to be a major problem in the field of
- > UFO research which occurs when the research is
- > withheld for too long and without a more diverse and
- > wider input being integrated, which is due to the
- > determination to publish the 'finished product' This
- > is why the concept of 'rolling progress'
- > publications will ensure that:-
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- > 1.. Material can be published sooner rather than
- > later giving the opportunity to the widest
- > involvement of other contributors as early as

- > possible.
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- >
- > 2.. The projects will continue to live and grow
- > during their life.
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- >
- > Publication will be in as many forms as possible.
- > This will include the BUFORA Bulletin, Web-site and
- > as special publications under the R & I banner as
- > well as links and information on various UFO
- > web-sites.
- >
- >
- > These publications could also be presented as
- > streamlined articles in various in-house UFO
- > magazines and also general news stand publications
- > around the world. As we hope to encourage and
- > include many contributions from outside the UFO
- > community, we could broaden our scope for
- > publications to other specialist areas and
- > publications. This should include universities,
- > colleges and schools where we could package the
- > specific projects as they are rolling, into a small
- > booklet form for information purposes .
- >
- >
- > BUFORA
- >
- > These projects will be maintained throughout their
- > life under the banner of BUFORA, specifically the
- > Research and Investigations Departments. John
- > Spencer and Gloria Dixon will jointly collate the
- > input from others and jointly edit the publication
- > of material together with all those in the Research
- > and Investigations Departments, who will be involved
- > in the project and an overall examination of the
- > material.
- >
- >
- > During the last few years BUFORA has conducted
- > research into a number of highly important projects,
- > but behind the scenes rather than on the main stage.
- > This has resulted in a lack of visibility for others
- > to assist and become involved with these projects.
- > We believe that expanding the boundaries of these
- > projects is paramount to the aims of BUFORA as a
- > viable research organisation. It is vital to Ufology
- > that research and investigation conducted by BUFORA

- > becomes highly visible to all those who support the
- > study of UFOs and related phenomena and to those in
- > specialist fields, who could support and contribute
- > to these 'rolling projects'.

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>

- > Because of the increase in personal invective and
- > general non-ufological debate as well as the
- > vociferous character assassination, which is now
- > rife in many areas of ufology, we believe it is time
- > BUFORA took a lead in addressing these issues, in
- > conjunction with other such initiatives around the
- > world, in bringing ufology back to itself and
- > sanity.

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- > THE PROJECTS

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- > There have been several publications of advanced
- > rolling projects and we shall immediately be sending
- > these to the wider UFO community for their input.
- > These include:

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- > a.. The Men in Black Project

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- > b.. The Bolide Project

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- > c.. 'Hughie Green' publication (summary analysis
- > of his reports of the 1940s)

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- > Other projects actively underway, for which
- > early-draft publication is expected include:

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- > a.. Updated vehicle interference report

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- > b.. Pilot's project

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- > c.. Historic cases project

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- > In fact BUFORA Research has 14 major projects
- > underway at the present time, in various stages of
- > completion, some of which lead to the other

> projects:

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Tim, I don't know where you get your information from but MARA is still around, so too is NARO. Peter Hough still runs NARO, it might not have alot of members but it's still active. And as for MARA...HELLO...we're still here!!!! We've just got another issue of The Researcher out and we have still have members and we're doing cases....so why do you think we're not here....you don't listen to gossip do you?

All the best

Tony Eccles

--- Lynda Matthews <matthews@zetnet.co.uk> wrote:

- > Whilst I share Robert's opinion of the losers and
- > weak-minded careerist
- > nobodies within BUFORA - an organisation less
- > relevant than Brechin City
- > Football Club - I can't see why attacking Gloria is
- > in any way useful.
- >
- > I count her as one of my friends within Ufology and
- > not just a "colleague"
- > - the latter term being one we use when we're trying
- > to be nice about
- > people we can't stand. She is NOT to blame for the
- > current mess within UK
- > Ufology and is, in fact, one of the few people whose
- > input has moved some

- > of us in the right direction.
- >
- > It is true that BUFORA has killed off Ufology over
- > the years and, in the
- > latest pathetic development, I understand that
- > Lionel Beer has been
- > smearing me to book publishers and others in a
- > recent campaign reminiscent
- > of the SHADOW saga of 18 months ago. (Why anybody
- > would want to work with
- > these idiots is beyond me!)
- >
- > Their value in terms of actual UFO research - which
- > is largely undertaken
- > by a tiny group of about 20 people in the UK - is
- > nil.
- >
- > The way to move forward is not to whinge about
- > Gloria - whose 'Strange
- > Daze' is excellent and her work on close encounters
- > second to none - but to
- > remove yourself from the loop and continue to carry
- > our effective research
- > and "scientific Ufology" (I'm not entirely sure what
- > this is).
- >
- > There are many mysteries of earth, mind and body
- > still to be solved and the
- > longer we fuss about a failed and "has been"
- > organisation with a few
- > hundred members the longer the problems will
- > continue.
- >
- > In the North West groups like NARO and MARA have
- > pretty much given up the
- > ghost leaving researchers like myself and Eric
- > Morris to do alot of the
- > work. We relish the task and, much to the chagrin of
- > the Beers and Gambles
- > of the world, do it rather well.
- >
- > Perhaps most important is our ability to talk sense
- > about Ufology on TV,
- > radio and in the media. This week has been a
- > particularly good example of
- > how little progress Ufology has made in terms of
- > presenting itself as a
- > credible research effort - largely because the
- > clique at the top refuse to
- > move forward or to admit that they have nothing to

> offer beyond a few  
> badly-attended London lectures.  
>  
> As to Max Burns, he's been in court this week facing  
> serious drugs  
> charges.....  
>  
> That is certainly no hoax.  
>  
> Get it together people.....read BEYOND. The best  
> paranormal magazine in  
> the Universe.....  
>  
> See you in Leeds if you're going...  
>  
> Tim Matthews - MI5.  
>  
>  
>  
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> > Subject: Rolling Projects.....  
> > Date: 16 September 1999 21:02  
> >  
> > None of this will wash with me.  
> >  
> > I refuse to help or assist BUFORA in ANY way.  
> BUFORA is controlled by a  
> > "Inner" clique of 4 people and - to my mind - do  
> NOT in ANY way offer  
> any  
> > positive future for this subject. For too long  
> British Ufology has been  
> > mute witness to certain members of council using,  
> abusing, manipulating  
> > and backstabbing to keep their positions of  
> authority and control over  
> > the association.  
> >  
> > - Like the weak and spineless attempt to stop me  
> from publishing my  
> > editorial In the BUFORA BULLETIN criticizing the  
> Max Burn's lecture.  
> >  
> > - Like the stupid "BUFORA 2000" website message  
> ("everything's alright  
> > really, don't listen to those nasty people who  
> keep attacking us", etc).  
> As  
> > always, some members of BUFORA council feels the  
> best way to deal with  
> ANY  
> > situation is to listen only to themselves, and  
> ignore everyone else!  
> >  
> > And that's only some of their most recent  
> objectionable acts!  
> >  
> > Their obsession with secrecy and underhand dealings  
> is notorious. BUFORA  
> > must be the ONLY group who feel the only way to  
> win people's trust is to  
> > create a culture of total secrecy, keep  
> information from them, and give  
> > group workers (those NOT within their "Inner  
> Council" clique) no real  
> say  
> > in running the group. The group they want YOU to

> work yourself into the  
>> ground for! And I know; I was editor of the  
> Bulletin for 8 months of  
> hell,  
>> where my life was not my own. Where my life was  
> effectively dominated by  
>> meeting their unrealistic publishing deadlines.  
> Once I did "take my time"  
>> with getting the Bulletin ready; only to find that  
> all the work I did  
> was  
>> "bumped" by another issue of the BULLETIN which  
> Steven Gamble did behind  
> my  
>> back. He oh-so-kindly said I could incorporate  
> my work with the next  
>> issue; but that was only said so the "inner"  
> council could censor what I  
>> had to say about the Max Burn's fiasco!  
>>  
>> - A fiasco that NO member of council has had the  
> guts to explain to the  
>> members of the association within the BULLETIN.  
>> For that you have MY total undying shame and  
> contempt.  
>>  
>> Rather than pay court to such mealy-mouthed  
> attitudes I ripped up my work  
>> and threw it away; better for it to die in honor  
> than live  
>> in dishonor!  
>>  
>> The only future the BUFORA "Inner council" clique  
> offers British Ufology  
>> is one where THEY dominate. One where THEY  
> remain in power, but where  
>  
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Date: Thu, 16 Sep 1999 20:22:48 -0400 (EDT)  
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Subject: Re: Re: Re: Arrey Sighting / Re: Voyager Newsletter - Issue No. 7  
Cc: UFORL@listbot.com  
UFO Research List - <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/>

Larry & List,

The problem with normal vs. unusual atmospheric conditions is that at high grazing angles the refractive index must be absurdly high, requiring temperatures in the 100,000's of degrees or millions of degrees (which would make the air a plasma and therefore opaque, thus obviating the entire refractive effect). Do you have any numbers to suggest?

No one has so far found any independent sightings. As you say, the object may not have been bright enough to attract attention. Also, if the visible track was only 110-170 miles long (roughly half south of Moore's crew and half to the north) that would not reach Albuquerque let alone Santa Fe or Denver.

Brad

In a message dated 9/16/99 2:51:12 PM, lrobins@indiana.edu wrote:

<<

On Thu, 16 Sep 1999 RB47Expert@aol.com wrote:

@Larry, Bruce & List,

@Standard atmospheric refraction is approximately 0.6 deg at the  
@geometric horizon and it rapidly diminishes at larger grazing  
@angles, so that it is essentially zero at elevations of 25-60  
@degs such as in the Arrey case (refraction actually 0.03 to 0.01  
@deg approx. which is negligible). See graph in Condon Report p.  
@623.

Those are normal conditions. At the junction of air masses of differing temperatures, the refraction can be more pronounced, and vary with azimuth. This is not quite a mirage, but just enough to make the path of a meteor seem to bend.

@Seeming absence of other reports is not a very good indicator of  
@visibility, it's like trying to prove a negative. Southwestern  
@and south-central New Mexico was in 1949 and is today a lightly  
@populated region -- one reason why the first nuclear test and  
@rocket range was set up there (White Sands). Daytime meteors do  
@not attract as much attention as nighttime meteors because of  
@sunlight.

I just thought that if any independent accounts were found, they might be used to triangulate. If they weren't, it might indicate that the object was lower and slower (emphasis on the might).

If it truly was a meteor, and it was bright enough to be noticed, Denver, Santa Fe, and Phoenix might have sightings. The 3/3/68 satellite re-entry was seen over an area ranging from Tennessee to Ontario, and several day meteors were seen over an area just as large.

@It also seems that the only reason even C. B. Moore's crew @spotted the object was because they were already looking in that @direction to follow the pilot balloon they were tracking.

That might indicate that it was not very bright.

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Subject: Klass Comments on 'Socorro'

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My "very good friend Phil" originally thought it might have been a plasma

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Subject: Re: Arrey Sighting / Re: Voyager Newsletter - Issue No. 7

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Larry wrote:"

>

snip

(Bruce wrote)

>@Thus an observation that the object increased angular elevation

>@in the last seconds must be interpreted as an actual increase in

>@elevation above the "flat" (approximation) earth.

>One thing that might affect this is the bending of light near the  
>horizon. This is the effect that keeps the stars visible longer  
>than they otherwise should be when they set. Since this effect is  
>variable (depending on the temperatures of the different masses  
>of air the light passes through), it could cause the path of a  
>meteor to appear to curve from the viewpoint of the observers.>

Nice try but minimal cigar. If the final angular elevation had been a degree or less, yes, there would have been atmospheric bending, although it would not be likely to make it appear as if the object increased in elevation, merely that it was visible longer than expected.

However, at angles above several degrees the atmospheric refraction is detectable only with telescope-aided measurements.

I say again, if the apparent increase in angular elevation from 25 to 29 (or 35?) degrees is anywhere near correct it must be a result of actual altitude increase.

>One test: did anyone else report sighting a meteor (or UFO) at  
>the same time, and if so, where?>

Not any recorded sighting that I am aware of.

>\* A search of newspapers in the southwest might prove fruitful.

Possibly.

>\* If nobody else noticed it, it might indicate that the object  
>was a lot closer and slower.

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True..... depending upon how far Moore et al were from other potential observers.

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Bruce writes:

Don't buy it. The refraction of air is low and it decreases with altitude.

Differences in density at the "junction of air masses" causes very slight variations in the already small refraction. the "large angle bend" (less than a

degree) of light near the horizon (star/sun refraction) is largely a result of the

long path I(several hundred miles) through the "sensible" atmosphere, with most bending in the portion of the path that is lower than 5 miles. In other words, the integrated bending effect over a long distance.

When you go to larger elevation angles,, light paths do not travel hundreds of miles through the atmosphere. Moreover, since atmospheric layers tend to be "horizontal" (follow the curvature of the earth, light rays at elevation angles of 10 degrees or more are more likely to pass through the layer boundary than travel parallel to it for many miles.

Lateral bending of rays in the atmosphere is limited to a small fraction of a degree.

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> Tim, I don't know where you get your information from but MARA is still  
> around, so too is NARO. Peter Hough still runs NARO, it might not have  
> alot of members but it's still active. And as for MARA...HELLO...we're  
> still here!!!! We've just got another issue of The Researcher out and  
> we have still have members and we're doing cases....so why do you think  
> we're not here....you don't listen to gossip do you?

>

> All the best

>

> Tony Eccles

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>> input has moved some

>> of us in the right direction.

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>> It is true that BUFORA has killed off Ufology over

>> the years and, in the

>> latest pathetic development, I understand that

>> Lionel Beer has been

>> smearing me to book publishers and others in a

>> recent campaign reminiscent

>> of the SHADOW saga of 18 months ago. (Why anybody

>> would want to work with

>> these idiots is beyond me!)

>>

>> Their value in terms of actual UFO research - which

> > is largely undertaken  
> > by a tiny group of about 20 people in the UK - is  
> > nil.  
> >  
> > The way to move forward is not to whinge about  
> > Gloria - whose 'Strange  
> > Daze' is excellent and her work on close encounters  
> > second to none - but to  
> > remove yourself from the loop and continue to carry  
> > our effective research  
> > and "scientific Ufology" (I'm not entirely sure what  
> > this is).  
> >  
> > There are many mysteries of earth, mind and body  
> > still to be solved and the  
> > longer we fuss about a failed and "has been"  
> > organisation with a few  
> > hundred members the longer the problems will  
> > continue.  
> >  
> > In the North West groups like NARO and MARA have  
> > pretty much given up the  
> > ghost leaving researchers like myself and Eric  
> > Morris to do alot of the  
> > work. We relish the task and, much to the chagrin of  
> > the Beers and Gambles  
> > of the world, do it rather well.  
> >  
> > Perhaps most important is our ability to talk sense  
> > about Ufology on TV,  
> > radio and in the media. This week has been a  
> > particularly good example of  
> > how little progress Ufology has made in terms of  
> > presenting itself as a  
> > credible research effort - largely because the  
> > clique at the top refuse to  
> > move forward or to admit that they have nothing to  
> > offer beyond a few  
> > badly-attended London lectures.  
> >  
> > As to Max Burns, he's been in court this week facing  
> > serious drugs  
> > charges.....  
> >  
> > That is certainly no hoax.  
> >  
> > Get it together people.....read BEYOND. The best  
> > paranormal magazine in  
> > the Universe.....  
> >

>> See you in Leeds if you're going...  
>>  
>> Tim Matthews - MI5.  
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>>> None of this will wash with me.  
>>>  
>>> I refuse to help or assist BUFORA in ANY way.  
>> BUFORA is controlled by a  
>>> "Inner" clique of 4 people and - to my mind - do  
>> NOT in ANY way offer  
>> any

>>> positive future for this subject. For too long  
>> British Ufology has been  
>>> mute witness to certain members of council using,  
>> abusing, manipulating  
>>> and backstabbing to keep their positions of  
>> authority and control over  
>>> the association.  
>>>  
>>> - Like the weak and spineless attempt to stop me  
>> from publishing my  
>>> editorial In the BUFORA BULLETIN criticizing the  
>> Max Burn's lecture.  
>>>  
>>> - Like the stupid "BUFORA 2000" website message  
>> ("everything's alright  
>>> really, don't listen to those nasty people who  
>> keep attacking us",etc).  
>> As  
>>> always, some members of BUFORA council feels the  
>> best way to deal with  
>> ANY  
>>> situation is to listen only to themselves, and  
>> ignore everyone else!  
>>>  
>>> And that's only some of their most recent  
>> objectionable acts!  
>>>  
>>> Their obsession with secrecy and underhand dealings  
>> is notorious. BUFORA  
>>> must be the ONLY group who feel the only way to  
>> win people's trust is to  
>>> create a culture of total secrecy, keep  
>> information from them, and give  
>>> group workers (those NOT within their "Inner  
>> Council" clique) no real  
>> say  
>>> in running the group. The group they want YOU to  
>> work yourself into the  
>>> ground for! And I know; I was editor of the  
>> Bulletin for 8 months of  
>> hell,  
>>> where my life was not my own. Where my life was  
>> effectively dominated by  
>>> meeting their unrealistic publishing deadlines.  
>> Once I did "take my time"  
>>> with getting the Bulletin ready; only to find that  
>> all the work I did  
>> was  
>>> "bumped" by another issue of the BULLETIN which  
>> Steven Gamble did behind

> > my  
> > > back. He oh-so-kindly said I could incorporate  
> > my work with the next  
> > > issue; but that was only said so the "inner"  
> > council could censor what I  
> > > had to say about the Max Burn's fiasco!  
> > >  
> > > - A fiasco that NO member of council has had the  
> > guts to explain to the  
> > > members of the association within the BULLETIN.  
> > > For that you have MY total undying shame and  
> > contempt.  
> > >  
> > > Rather than pay court to such mealy-mouthed  
> > attitudes I ripped up my work  
> > > and threw it away; better for it to die in honor  
> > than live  
> > > in dishonor!  
> > >  
> > > The only future the BUFORA "Inner council" clique  
> > offers British Ufology  
> > > is one where THEY dominate. One where THEY  
> > remain in power, but where  
> >  
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> \_\_\_\_\_  
> Do You Yahoo!?  
> Bid and sell for free at <http://auctions.yahoo.com>

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Hi,

As for NARO. I really hope it does pull through and Naro Minded reappears (I have discussed with Andy possibly merging resources with Northern UFO News and publishing this and Naro Minded alternatively on one subscription). This would help everyone and preserve a darned good mag.

The truth is that Naro has not met in quite a while and several members have told me it is moribund, but not necessarily dead yet. Peter had had other problems. I am as guilty as anyone. I guess I got tired after being a regular meeting goer every month from 1973 to about 1995 it took its toll. When in Fleetwood I simply could not get to evening meetings and I realised it was a bit of a habit. To be honest I think the day of the UFO group is numbered and within five years 90% of all UFOlogy will be done by individuals and loose knit teams via the instant net. After all who wants to wait six years and ten committee meetings to decide to do something when you can come up with a plan at breakfast, post it to 100 people by lunch and be working on the now operational policy by tea time. The day certain UFO groups out there can come close to that level of common sense and decision by mutual consensus is the day that Wacko from the planet Zog becomes prime minister. Oops, sorry, that happened didnt it? Well you know what I mean.

Best wishes,

Jenny Randles

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John, Gloria

I am currently active (albeit at a low level) on the Case Index project,  
and I will continue with this. I would also be interested in having some  
input to the Alternative to ETH guide Project.

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Hi,

Further to my other list reply (see that for more on Gloria) I want to back what Lynda and Tim have said about her. The criticism of Gloria is misguided and ill conceived. I know why she took her decision regarding BUFORA. She phoned me and asked for my advice and we discussed it at length some months ago. I told her two things I will make public here. They may shock some of you.

1: BUFORA could not afford to lose her and I hoped she would stay on as D of I. She has done a terrific job in a post I still care deeply about (after holding it for 12 years how could I not?). Nobody could be doing what is a vital role better than she is doing and it would be a tragedy not just for BUFORA but British UFOlogy if she left.

2: That she should accept John Spencer's offer to co host the discussion forums and that I would publicly endorse her decision to do so. This does not mean I support BUFORA council - as my other reply makes very clear. But it does mean that I regard these rolling discussions as sensible and to the benefit of UFOlogy and frankly that is all that matters. Everything else is an emotive response fostered by the fact that they are BUFORA suggestions.

Gloria took her decision not because of any inducement and if Lionel really is crowing as someone on this list suggested he wants to beware because such an attitude is the surest way to cause Gloria to reconsider. I know it was far from an easy decision for her this time. I know - like me - she has enormous loyalty towards BUFORA and thats a trait we should commend rather than attack. I know she believes that what she has done is in the best interests of UFOlogy and was not some emotional reaction. Even if you disagree with her move then you should applaud the reasons she made it rather than find ways to criticise a brave step.

As for this having anything to do with Gloria being a woman. I will say this. It probably does, in the sense that in my experience the most sensible, intelligent and hard working UFOlogists are. Lynda, for example, being no exception. Any nonsense about flowers and chocolates should be dismissed immediately. Gloria was not flattered back to the job. She did it after much soul searching and because she considered it was right for British UFOlogy and I understand and can only support that decision.

Unfortunately, unless things change in the male dominated BUFORA power

struggle world of UFO politics this may not be a decision that is irreversible. Since BUFORA needs Gloria a heck of a lot more than she needs them I do trust that they understand just how close they came to losing her and how next time, in my view, the decision would go differently. So, for what it is worth, I can only suggest, that some appraisal of tactics is carried out to make sure there is no next time.

Best wishes,

Jenny Randles

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This is a copy of a reply I posted onto Eurolist, for your information...  
Jenny

Hi,

Let me comment on this BUFORA situation. It is, as you might imagine, a complex one, but sadly an awful lot of what Andy and Robert have reported on this list is true. It pains me enormously to say this as I remain vigorously loyal to this association. The criticism of Gloria Dixon is also misplaced and can probably now be levelled at me, because I continue to do work for BUFORA (I write and record a weekly news and information service available to all UK telephone subscribers from which BUFORA gets all proceeds). I am also a life member.

This support is despite - to be blunt - BUFORA having treated me and numerous other serious UFOlogists whom they could not afford to alienate and in fact needed in key positions not as donkeys, as Andy puts it (donkeys are cared for and respected by their owners) - I don't think there is an appropriately awful word.

However, Gloria and I have not dragged ourselves away from BUFORA basically out of loyalty. I know this is how Gloria feels, because we have discussed it and we both knew how people would react when the BUFORA plans that she and John announced were made public. Gloria asked my advice on these matters three months ago and Andy will, I know, be shocked to hear that I supported Gloria's decision to become involved and promised to openly endorse it - as I now here do. Let me try to explain why.

I have been a member of BUFORA since 1969 when I was at school. I was on council from 1975 to 1994, when I was forced out by the stupid, petty politics that is every bit as terrible as Andy paints it. BUFORA is a deeply flawed association and will never change under present management. I am sad to admit that but the evidence is overwhelming. I don't expect the management to change either. So we are at an impasse, but lack of support for those in command (which I certainly feel and I suspect Gloria has to some degree as well) is not the same as lack of support for the association they represent. For they are, after all, just 10 elected representatives of an association of 400 (?) people (I don't know as members don't usually know basic facts like this). Whatever the case it would be unreasonable to reject the good things BUFORA have done - and there are certainly some (eg the code of practice, the regression hypnosis ban, the postal training course, etc) simply because some of us dislike the methods of the ruling few. You need to see the bigger picture. Gloria and I are attempting to do that fully aware of how we will be attacked as stupid for taking such a stance.

Also, you do not just dump 30 years of loyalty to a group overnight. They don't want me - that much is obvious. Despite my long association across the years they have operated projects into British MIB cases and are posting a book length study of Rendlesham - two subjects I have been intimately

involved with, researched deeply and written a great deal about. Nobody in BUFORA has approached to ask for advice or info.

I certainly will not go running to them, because I do not think they have earned that level of one way support. Had they come to me, of course, I would have assisted without question.

But dont you find it curious that they have utterly shunned me as a life member and their longest serving director of investigations . Sadly the answer is obvious. I am persona non grata because I have dared to publicly question some of their policies from outside the council. This is regarded as heresy and treason rather than - as I see it - a deep concern to improve the association which needs to be told when it is making terrible mistakes.

In particular I took great issue and offence at their horrific handling of the Santilli autopsy affair . They have also not taken kindly to my suggestion that the extra money, brand new to UFOlogy, that UFO Call (the news and info service I operate) should be used for the good of UFOlogy. I only write, present and coordinate this scheme. I dont have a clue how many callers it gets or money it makes because, not being on council I have no 'need to know' . However, rumours tell me it has made a lot of money (several thousand pounds per annum at one stage - and thus over 10 years surely a tidy sum of money UFOlogy would never have otherwise had). This money was virtually all profit and should have been used by BUFORA to further UFOlogy in new directions. I dont know how it was used (again no need to know) but I dont see anything BUFORA has done in the past decade different from what it would have done without this income.

So I recommended a summit where all UK groups were invited by BUFORA to suggest ways to invest this new money for the good of UFOlogy. I thought this would be a great way to boost BUFORAs image as a means to show it wanted to be part of the UFO community not apart from it. The idea was rejected as being anti BUFORA - amazing as it seems - so I just gave up trying! A year or so later BUFORA called a summit (although not for this purpose) . I dont know who turned up. But I received my invite to the meeting on the same weekend the event was held 200 miles away, making it obviously impossible to attend. Others told me the same thing happened to them.

I do not regard these issues as petty and I am not being politically provocative. Indeed not being political is what BUFORA have preyed on when I was sacked (for make no mistake - although technically I resigned - the truth is that I was deliberately fired by BUFORA council in a deeply depressing fiasco that I will not bore you with discussing here). I could have fought back and forced the issue through the membership. I could have stood independently for council and secured votes from the members who were never even told how or why I left. I was like a character in a soap opera not killed off but who walks off set and is never mentioned again by some petty scriptwriter and producer determined to 'show them who is boss'. I could - as I was urged - lead a rebellion and create a new anti BUFORA group. I did none of these things and just went quietly, as I suspect many

there hoped I would.

Why did I do this? Two reasons. One is the same one that keeps me a member now and keeps me doing UFO Call - just as it keeps Gloria in the BUFORA fold. We can see the potential of this group. It is basically a good idea being mismanaged. It is the only sober national group in the UK. We need it. I totally support the aims and ethos of BUFORA as a consequence - so does Gloria. I just do not support (all) the team that presently runs it. This puts me in a tough spot. Indeed even saying this to you here will risk great wrath, I suspect. But I am only reporting the honest truth as I see it and if that is deemed heresy and leads to me getting into hot water surely it merely proves the point. For any good organisation should accept criticism honestly made and not destructively aimed at wrecking the association (as I certainly am not). Sadly BUFORA seems to respond to such comments as if you have just stolen its favourite rattle.

The other reason I still back BUFORA (but as BUFORA not as its council) is that there is no credible UK alternative. To form one would be perceived as treason - through my terminal loyalty to some degree even by me. It would create a battle royal that might split UFOlogy (who would thus needlessly suffer) . It is just too hard to think of doing it. As such BUFORA stands as our one real hope in terms of national UFO groups. Which is not to say there are not other - probably better - ways of doing UFOlogy for the new millennium. I suspect there are and I think all traditional groups like BUFORA have just a short term future anyhow.

New ideas to revolutionise British UFOlogy are being planned now. I suggest list members watch this space for an announcement in the next few weeks.

As such I backed Gloria's decision to take part in the BUFORA projects for the above reasons, but fundamentally because regardless of who had suggested them these discussion forums do make sense. UFOlogy in general benefits and it would be petty not to recognise that and use disdain as a weapon. It would just be a sign of anti BUFORA-ism merely because of where the plans originate. I dont see these ideas changing my views on BUFORA management. I am no less disappointed by the way the only national UFO group I have ever belonged to has progressed (if not regressed). I am still of the belief that a totally new direction for British UFOlogy is needed. But these discussions forums - such as they are - can only be good for UFOlogy and really thats all that matters here. So I do support them - with the rather large caveat that it is the ideas themselves I support .

What Gloria does is her decision. Like Andy I rather suspect before long she will find life on BUFORA council intolerable. A dozen others whom BUFORA desperately needed to have on side and not as bitter enemies cannot all be wrong. BUFORA need Gloria infinitely more than she needs them and when the day comes that this realisation outweighs her commendable loyalty then council could be in trouble. Or, maybe, they will learn lessons and fight to

retain her services. Who knows. For Gloria's sake I hope so as loyalty to BUFORA should be (but hardly ever is) rewarded with mutual trust in return.

So in my view it is wrong to criticise her for making an honest judgement to back these plans because in her position I would have done exactly the same.

As such, what you decide to do with regards to supporting these 'rolling projects' should be a personal decision. By all means support those you feel are in UFOlogy's interests. It is a pity that politics have to enter UFOlogy in such an overt way as here because they should not be a deciding factor in whether we support good initiatives. Unfortunately, as I am sure Andy will say, this is the real world and politics are all too relevant. As such the unfortunately those concerns over the direction BUFORA council has taken cannot just be ignored.

I can only tell you what I have decided. I am not going to denounce the projects. I am going to say, as I have said here, that they are good ideas worth supporting and that I applaud Gloria's move to front them. Her doing so will help ensure their success and as to say anything different would be petty. I will respect anyone who chooses to back them. If anyone asks me direct questions regarding these projects where I can offer data to assist then I will respond as best I can. But personally, however, I will not myself become directly involved with them. This is partly due to my belief that there are other things of more fundamental importance to the future of UK UFOlogy right now that I intend to devote my time towards. It is partly in protest at what I regard as the desperate levels of BUFORA leadership .

But that is my silent protest and not, as you can see, a denial of the value of the projects or an outright refusal to assist. It is a carefully weighted judgement call that I don't expect to win me many friends either inside BUFORA (who will not like my less than total support) nor outside it (who will regard this statement as weak fence-sitting and not the call for revolution some may seek).

However, all I can do is be true to my own conscience and this statement best expresses how I feel. I just hope people out there - most of whom feel far more strongly in a political sense about BUFORA (either for or against its place in British UFOlogy) - can appreciate it is not an easy thing to balance.

Frankly I am sick and tired of UFO politics. I am interested in UFO research and seeing a better future for the serious nature of the phenomenon to which I have devoted so much of my life . I had always hoped to do this via BUFORA, contributing as much as I could to UFOlogy in that way. I was proud to serve as a BUFORA officer for many years with a UFO group that I truly believed in as one of the best in the world and It was in no way my choice to give that up, even

though getting the boot has done me a huge favour.

Now free of the petty bureaucracy, money making needs, and to be honest total trivia that dominates the command structure of any UFO group I can get on with investigation, research and writing. In the five years since leaving BUFORA I have published eight books. I would never have been able to do that whilst working on council to the huge extent I previously did because so much of my time would have been spent, as it was, voluntarily cluttering up my day doing work for BUFORA like coordinating investigations, running the postal training course, writing UFO call, and compiling at least one or two UFO publications for BUFORA to sell and make money from each year. Not having to do such things has allowed me to inflict more UFO books on the world - in a far more selfish manner - something you may or may not regard as a blessing. However, personally, I would gladly have swapped that opportunity for continuing to work within BUFORA council to produce the kind of case histories I was planning when I was unceremoniously dumped.

But BUFORA chose this path for me. Not the other way around and its history now and largely irrelevant. I don't let it dictate how I think or act. What matters is the future.

So - I repeat - my gripe is with the BUFORA rulers not with BUFORA, per se, who have many good members and whose ethos I support 100%. Nor is it with these ideas for discussion forums here proposed, which largely I regard as well worth doing. I wish I could separate BUFORA's ideas totally from BUFORA's rulers and thus back these plans all the way. Sadly, as noted, this is the real world and BUFORA council has done nothing to earn my trust or respect (although I do still live in perpetual optimism that tomorrow it may all be different).

To summarise, the discussion forums have my support. They may well benefit UFOlogy. BUFORA is to be commended for running them. Gloria should be applauded for her decision to act in the best interest of the subject regardless of political pressures. My support for these plans and for BUFORA's principles should not be in any doubt. That is why, to the apparent surprise of many, I still do UFO Call and remain basically loyal to the association. What I cannot pretend to have any support for is the management council of the association - or, that is, certain members of it (not by any means all of them as I do respect quite a few). But I can treat that as a separate issue from endorsing good ideas that can potentially benefit UFOlogy. As such I do not see any appropriate reason not to publicly support Gloria's efforts to get these forums up and running.

Best wishes,

Jenny Randles



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My comments to this email;

>Further to my other list reply (see that for more on Gloria) I want to  
back what Lynda and Tim have said about her. The criticism of >Gloria is  
misguided and ill conceived.

Is it? See my previous email. Anyhow this is not a criticism of her as  
such, only of a questionable decision that I personally feel she has  
made.

That's not REALLY the same thing.....  
See MY previous email!

>I know why she took her decision regarding BUFORA. She phoned me and asked  
for my advice and we discussed it at length >some months ago. I told her  
two things I will make public here. They may shock some of you.

>1: BUFORA could not afford to lose her and I hoped she would stay on as D  
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>I. She has done a terrific job in a post I still care deeply about (after  
>holding it for 12 years how could I not?). Nobody could be doing what is a  
>vital role better than she is doing and it would be a tragedy not just for  
>BUFORA but British UFOlogy if she left.

But surely she can spend her time doing BETTER things than propping up the  
rotten mess that is BUFORA! Like I said, it's just a total waste of her  
talents and valuable time. She can still take a leading - probably a MORE  
leading role - than she does now, rather than be shackled and beholden to  
the BUFORA council!

As many of you know, I pleaded with her to put a notion to the NIC to cede from BUFORA. Doing this we could have taken the ONLY part of BUFORA which is worth saving and make it work even better (maybe aligning it with the IUN, instead).

But no, she wouldn't hear of it. But that's a mistake I've made too - not walking away from BUFORA when I should really do so; I can't really say much here!! But I feel it would have worked a lot better - and the smug, arrogant bastards on council would not be sneering at US.

The joke would then be totally on them!

>2: That she should accept John Spencer's offer

- Notice "John Spencer's offer". Should a Ufologist of her ability be handed crumbs by high and oh-so-mighty Mr, John Spencer, or should SHE be telling John Spencer what to do? I know what I think! This was just his voidist middle-management way of driving a wedge through the IUN "Rebel Alliance"! Anything for them to keep power, at any costs! Anything to keep British Ufology under THEIR control!

>to co host the discussion forums and that I would publicly endorse her decision to do so.

>This does not mean I support BUFORA council - as my other reply makes very clear.

But by supporting an initiative put forward by one of the most objectionable members of council you are REALLY doing so, in my view. You are effectively handing over the future of British UFO research to him! A man who has never conceded one point made by BUFORA's many critics (including Tim, Lynda). A person who's only answer to such comments is to throw a load of proganda and middle-management training (and manipulation) crap at it; see his "BUFORA 2000" message for example.

>But it does mean that I regard these rolling discussions as sensible and to the benefit of UFOlogy and frankly that is all that >matters.

Then let US do it alone, on OUR terms - NOT BUFORA's!

>Everything else is an emotive response fostered by the fact that they are BUFORA suggestions.

- because anything BUFORA council suggests is only aimed at their own self interest!

>Gloria took her decision not because of any inducement and if Lionel really is crowing as someone on this list suggested he >wants to beware because such an attitude is the surest way to cause Gloria to reconsider. I know it was far from an easy decision >for her this time. I know - like me - she has enormous loyalty towards BUFORA and thats a trait we should commend rather

>than attack. I know she believes that what she has done is in the best

interests of UFOlogy and was not some emotional reaction.

Well, that's her view.....let us see what the future brings forth! She is probably gonna get hurt - like myself and others have been over the years!

>Even if you disagree with her move then you should applaud the reasons she made it rather than find ways to criticise a brave >step.

The idea is sound; the motives underlying it (via the council) are NOT!

>As for this having anything to do with Gloria being a woman. I will say this. It probably does, in the sense that in my experience the >most sensible, intelligent and hard working UFOlogists are.

That's surely as much a sexist remark as I what I have been accused of making!

>Lynda, for example, being no exception. Any nonsense about flowers and chocolates should be dismissed immediately. Gloria >was not flattered back to the job. She did it after much soul searching and because she considered it was right for British UFOlogy >and I understand and can only support that decision.

Oh dear, back to this pile of hoey again.....

John (Rimmer) - I KNOW your comments was meant metaphorically! I ALSO MEANT it meraphorically AS WELL (maybe we DO need that "ironicals" typeface you suggested some years back)!!

What I meant was they played on her sense of loyalty to BUFORA (and to British Ufology), as they can all do very well. Never underestimate the ability of BUFORA council to manipulate others; that's why they have been in power for so long.

As for Lynda Matthew's suggestion that I am a woman-hater, well that's your view. In an email to "Updates" today, you seem to agree with my prior proposition that Ufology is predominantly male-dominated. I base my views on 15 years prior knowledge.

And, If you want some hard figures to back is up, here they are:

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CHeck on the Condon Report which is an excellent source for  
atmospheric effects on light and radar . Actual reflection even from  
sizeable density gradients (temperature gradients) that might occur over  
several centimeters (very rare situation) are not strong enough to be  
detected.

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Depends upon whether the temperature gradient has T increasing with height (density decreasing with height... the normal case) or T decreasing with height (inversion). Lateral bending of light is so slight as to be virtually undetectable without optical aids such as a telescope (the image of a planet or star can be shifted a small fraction of a degree left or right).

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Yup. Mirages are common in areas where the land is flat or where the atmosphere becomes stable and with a uniform decrease (or increase) in temperature with increasing altitude.

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Even in this case the refraction of air is so low that only light paths that are nearly horizontal and travel over considerable distances can be noticeably bent.

You are sounding truly "Menzelian" in these mirage arguments. Have you read Menzel's treatment of the C.B Moore sighting (which Menzel calls the best sighting of the period 1947-1952)? Brad may want to trump in on this.

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Bruce, Larry & List,

You're right, Bruce, "bubbles of hot air" is straight out of Menzel. McDonald retorted that most such oblique angle situations far off near-90 grazing angles would require temperature inversions in the 100,000's of degrees F or C or K (it doesn't matter which scale). Of course he was being sarcastic because at that temperature you really have a plasma which is opaque. Alternatively you'd need refractive indices like that of liquid or solid water, hardly the case here with the clear desert skies in the Arrey case, moreover the fast-moving object could hardly stay within any refractive water or ice layer long enough to smoothly appear to ascend.

Brad

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On Fri, 17 Sep 1999, bruce maccabee wrote:

>@Bruce writes:

>@Don't buy it. The refraction of air is low and it decreases  
>@with altitude. Differences in density at the "junction of air  
>@masses" causes very slight variations in the already small  
>@refraction. the "large angle bend" (less than a degree) of  
>@light near the horizon (star/sun refraction) is largely a result  
>@of the long path I(several hundred miles) through the "sensible"  
>@atmosphere, with most bending in the portion of the path that is  
>@lower than 5 miles. In other words, the integrated bending  
>@effect over a long distance.

Larry wrote:

>So what is a mirage?

>Sometimes it is a reflection off of a horizontal junction of two  
l>ayers of air with a high gradient in refraction index. In

>his case, the image is upside down. >

Refraction... BENDING not reflection.... of light over a long path. But the path is within 1 degree of

horizontal (generally within a few tenths of a degree of horizontal).

Check on the Condon Report which is an excellent source for atmospheric effects on light and radar . Actual reflection even from sizeable density gradients (temperature gradients) that might occur over several centimeters (very rare situation) are not strong enough to be detected.

The most one could hope for would be to detect a reflection of a light source

at night. ... and the amplitude of reflected light would be MANY orders of magnitude lower than the intensity of the directly viewed light.

>But in other cases, it is the bending of light due to an oblique  
>junction of two air masses with a high gradient of refraction  
>index. In this case, the image is right side up.

Depends upon whether the temperature gradient has T increasing with height (density decreasing with height... the normal case) or T decreasing with height (inversion). Lateral bending of light is so slight as to be virtually undetectable without optical aids such as a telescope (the image of a planet or star can be shifted a small fraction of a degree left or right).

>I have seen several mirages. I know they were bent light because  
>I later came upon the objects that were imaged. One year I saw  
>three mirages in the same place - while I was driving on a newly  
>paved highway in northern Indiana on cool evenings after very hot  
>days. They were images of vehicles that were much farther away.>  
Yup. Mirages are common in areas where the land is flat or where the atmosphere becomes stable and with a uniform decrease (or increase) in temperature with increasing altitude.

>@When you go to larger elevation angles,, light paths do not  
>@travel hundreds of miles through the atmosphere. Moreover,  
>@since atmospheric layers tend to be "horizontal" (follow the  
>@curvature of the earth, light rays at elevation angles of 10  
>@degrees or more are more likely to pass through the layer  
>@boundary than travel parallel to it for many miles. >

>Except when a dry front passes through or a stagnant bubble of  
>hot air develops over an area. Then the junctions are at oblique  
>angles.

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Even in this case the refraction of air is so low that only light paths that are nearly horizontal and travel over considerable distances can be noticeably bent.

You are sounding truly "Menzelian" in these mirage arguments. Have you read Menzel's treatment of the C.B Moore sighting (which Menzel calls the best sighting of the period 1947-1952)? Brad may want to trump in on this.

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See my comments on the NASA footage on Updates.

If you'd been at the awful UFO Magazine (UK) affair yesterday you'd realise how vital challenging these prevailing myths is. I suspect that one of the biggest problems is that all too many of the people attracted to Ufology are looking for some sort of alternative religion. On the evidence I've

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The hunt for evidence of a genuine crashed UFO of ET origin has generated a great deal of controversy since 1947.

To date the UK has held little of interest for the crashed saucer buff, with The Rendlesham Forest case being the only possible contender. However this case has failed to develop into anything other than a confused mish-mash of claim and counter-claim.

The collapse of Rendlesham as a crashed UFO case has left the post X-Files generation of UK ufologists desperate for a credible 'British Roswell' and to that end various stories and rumours have been rehabilitated, the most prominent of which

is the so-called 'Berwyn Mountain UFO Crash'.

The details of this case are too long to post here for those who have little or no knowledge of the case but briefly:

- \* An enormous explosion was heard and felt on the Welsh Mountain of Cader Berwyn at approx 8.30pm on 23rd January 1974
- \* Several local witnesses had seen unusual lights in the sky throughout the evening of the 24 Jan, both before and after the explosion
- \* A local nurse drove up on the mountain road and claimed she saw a large red/orange light with other lights moving above and below it on the hillside
- \* A search team from RAF Valley scoured the hillside but reported finding nothing
- \* The incident was widely reported in the media with no firm conclusions being reached

This is a very basic account of the event. However, there was no mention of crashed UFOs/alien bodies/cover-ups etc until the early 1990s when the case was dragged out of the closet and re-interpreted. Despite the majority of elements within the case being satisfactorily explained the Berwyn Mountain Incident is slowly being nudged forward into the position of a 'British Roswell'. The following elements are now embedded in the case and people believe any permutations of the following took place:

- \* Nothing, it was all a complicated misperception
- \* It was a military crash
- \* The mountain was cordoned off and witnesses were turned away
- \* There was a huge military presence in the area for a week
- \* An alien craft was found/bodies were removed
- \* Radiation fall out in the area was high - leading to a leukemia cluster
- \* There has been a massive military/police/media cover-up of information
- \* Several crash retrieval team members have contacted leading

ufologists with information about the event

and so on

None of the second series of statements have been proven, yet are rapidly becoming part of ufolore.

What can be done?

The aim of Berwyn Watch is to chart a case-in-progress. If, as I believe, there is a concerted effort to make this case something it isn't then we have a chance here to get in 'on the ground floor' and chart the development of a myth. Alternatively, if on-going research by myself or anyone else throws up new information it can be aired in public before it becomes set in stone.

Berwyn Watch can also act as a forum to discuss queries anyone may have about the case, discuss source material and so on. Additionally any new articles, book references, mentions in lectures or in ufological gossip can be acknowledged and dated so that the origins of any new motif can be discovered and tracked. If you know of any such information please forward it to me.

Several of the UKs prominent and active ufologists have spent time on the case and have become players in the game, these include:

Paul Devereux (neutral)

Wrote about the case in 'Earthlights' and 'Places of Power'. Originally believed Earthlight phenomena was responsible.

Jenny Randles (still thinks there is some mystery)

Has covered the case extensively in 'UFO Reality', 'UFO Retrievals' and in IUR, Northern UFO News, Sightings etc. Lectured about the case at conferences.

Tony Dodd (pro crashed ET craft)

Has written about the case in UFO (UK) magazine. Also in his book 'Alien Investigator'. Has lectured about it at UFO conferences. Refuses to reveal many sources of information.

Margaret Fry (pro crashed ET craft)

One of the original investigators in the case. Has published one or two articles. Refuses to share information or source material.

Nick Redfern (pro crashed ET craft)

Redfern has devoted several pages to the case in each of his three books (Covert Agenda, FBI Files, Cosmic Crashes). Redfern has changed his mind about several aspects of the case but still believes an ET craft crashed on Cader Berwyn. The case frequently features in his lectures.

Russel Kellett

Very little know about this person's views, but said to be a believer in the ET craft explanation.

Andy Roberts

Has done a great deal of investigation into this case. Brief summaries written for Fortean Times. Article on the case due in IUR in 2000. Full details of investigation in forthcoming book 'The UFOs That Never Were' (with Jenny Randles & Dr David Clarke), London House, Feb. 2000

There may be others who I am unaware of, working at a more local level. Again, please let me know if you know of someone with a specific interest in this case.

If you wish to know more about the case please consult any of the source materials given above. If anyone wants a more detailed bibliography of material on the case I will be pleased to supply one.

Please feel free to forward this message to any lists, discussion or news groups or individuals who you think may be interested. Comments/criticisms welcomed.

If you wish to be removed from this list please send me a message with 'remove' in the subject area and I will do so.

Happy Trails

Andy

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Or, in other words, surreal aesthetic terrorism...Fortean killers in  
wonderland...or some good old decent research, instead of the freemasonry of  
ufo clubs...ah, well my experience is that I have obtained an excellent  
exchange of info with individual researchers...

Best,

Theo Paijmans

Lynda Matthews wrote:

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- > themselves as far as any kind of research is involved; that's why they need
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> choose to.  
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> the many and dangerous myths being promoted by the few 'best-known'  
> Ufologists; these relate to the myths of alien abduction, crash retrievals  
> of alien craft and NASA cover-ups (of dust particles and space junk!).  
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> See my comments on the NASA footage on Updates.  
>  
> If you'd been at the awful UFO Magazine (UK) affair yesterday you'd realise  
> how vital challenging these prevailing myths is. I suspect that one of the  
> biggest problems is that all too many of the people attracted to Ufology  
> are looking for some sort of alternative religion. On the evidence I've  
> seen so far most are not able to critically evaluate evidence and ask  
> difficult questions relating to checkable facts and proof.....  
>  
> After all, certain people at Max Burn's London Lecture congratulated him on  
> his excellent "research".  
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> National organisations are dead; long live Ufological disorganisation.  
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> Tim M.  
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>> Dear All,  
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>> In recent days (as I'm sure you've all noticed!) I have been one of the  
>> most vocal critics of BUFORA's "rolling research" scheme  
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>> So, you all might say, what alternatives do YOU have to offer, Mr. Moore;  
>> or are you merely one of Lionel Beer's "destructive" personalities, after  
>> all?  
>>  
>> To that metaphorical question I offer the following (all too corporal)  
>> answer.  
>>  
>> The biggest flaw with the BUFORA "roving research" projects scheme is  
> that  
>> it is research conducted totally on the terms of BUFORA's council of  
>> management, rather than those of the British UFO community. Which sadly  
>> WILL include - if current form is anything to go by - ALL the corporate  
>> and UFO-political small-mindedness which dogs that organisation like a  
>> thick, noxious cloud.  
>>  
>> It also strikes me as quite a "feudal" way of conducting things, given  
> that  
>> we are almost citizens of the 21st century.  
>>  
>> So, what DO I suggest?  
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>> I suggest - and in fact KNOW - that important research CAN be conducted  
> on  
>> an individual basis. Unfortunately, the "hive-mind" mentality of BUFORA  
>> (and in particular John Spencer, due to his love for corporate culture)  
>> dismisses that possibility totally - for what reasons I leave to your  
>> imagination and insight.  
>>  
>> For example, on my own, I managed to collate a listing of 871 possible  
>> British "Unknowns" (the PRIMEBASE) project. This I did with NO corporate  
>> "master-plan" and NO assistance from BUFORA's research department  
>> whatsoever. So, yes, major projects CAN be done by one person. In fact,  
> in  
>> MY view they can ONLY be done by one person. Research by committee only  
>> results in "UFO politics". Working on one's own (or with a small group of  
>> like-minded associates, if you like) can produce all kinds of wonderful

> > things.  
> >  
> > Another example is Dr. David Clarke's recent (and excellent) summary of  
> > the 1909 British "scareship" wave. Here's another point to mention. The  
> > high-quality work upon which our most reliable knowledge of this affair  
> was  
> > - and is - all NON BUFORA conducted. If it were not for the sterling -  
> and  
> > independent - work of David Clarke, Granville Oldroyd and Nigel Watson we  
> > would be far more ignorant of the various pre-1947 "phantom" airship and  
> > aircraft scares than we are today.  
> >  
> > In comparison, much of BUFORA's research work (including that conducted  
> by  
> > myself, I admit) is insipid in comparison. Why do I say this, you may  
> ask?  
> > Because (in the past at least) BUFORA "packages" work to specific  
> > researchers - often those who are neither the most informed in that  
> > particular field or are the most enthusiastic concerning the topic at  
> hand.  
> > A lot of it is also conducted (and determined by) UFO-political motives.  
> > For example, I was given "Bolide" merely because others on the research  
> > committee didn't really want it (well, after they milked it's contents  
> to  
> > fill a book or two). I took it on, not because I had a burning interest  
> in  
> > this topic, but because I wasn't given anything (or rather trusted with  
> > anything) else to do.  
> >  
> > Bolide as it stands now, is not (and never will be) a definitive  
> collation  
> > of source-material for "Ball of light" phenomena. It is -and always WILL  
> be  
> > - way too patchy and far, far too wide in scope to be any meaningful use.  
> I  
> > have called time on this effort - in regards to myself, anyhow - for  
> these  
> > very reasons.  
> >  
> > It is far better to construct catalogues of specific data relating to one  
> > topic, rather than a general grouping of totally separate data coming  
> from  
> > totally separate sources. Which could lead to one spuriously "linking"  
> > these topics when there is NO real link. Where there IS a link that  
> > connection is obvious (to those with the insight to see) in the first  
> > place. And that is the flaws with BOLIDE. So, I have now called time on  
> > this effort, spilt the data up and "junked" the more worthless elements  
> of  
> > it. Such as a newspaper clipping relating the tale of someone's  
> television

> > being blown up by lightning! Yes, quite a lot of the data in BOLIDE was  
> > THAT bad and spurious!  
> >  
> > I will be sending the more valuable data to researchers interested in  
> that  
> > topic, to aid their far more important and meaningful research. For  
> example  
> > I will be forwarding the Will-o'-the-wisp data I have to David Clarke,  
> who  
> > can make far better use of it than I (or can pass it to those who will).  
> I  
> > am retaining the "earthlights" related data myself, as I am keen to start  
> a  
> > local project aimed at studying possible local examples of this effort  
> > (provisionally termed "Project Mendip"), and it will be useful as a  
> > resource for that. Earthlights data that I am willing (and have  
> willingly  
> > shared) with other SERIOUS researchers; none of which is "earthshaking"  
> > however (if you will excuse the pun!).  
> >  
> > There is also the work of Andy Roberts, relating to the 1973 Welsh  
> mountain  
> > crash. Again, an effort largely conducted by one person (assisted by  
> > others such as Tony Eccles), comes up with excellent and high quality  
> > results.  
> >  
> > All this exhibits another important point - it's the ability of the  
> person  
> > that causes good research to come into being. If someone is subjective,  
> > distorts her or his sources the end product will be valueless -  
> regardless  
> > of the infrastructure that supports such work.  
> >  
> > And in ALL the independent work I have mentioned there were NO hidden  
> > motives! Just people who were interested in a topic, did the work and  
> came  
> > out with results at the end of it. Work that got finished because it was  
> > NOT bogged down in committees and politics. Work that was also unhindered  
> > by negative reputations or exclusionist policies.  
> >  
> > I know this approach works because I have seen it myself, time and time  
> > again, work, and found that it has also worked for me.  
> >  
> > So, you conduct your research and finish it; but what do you do with it  
> > afterwards? In the pre-Internet days you could privately distribute it -  
> > but the expense involved in this was prohibitive. Such pressures (among  
> > other things) brought about the existence of UFO groups. Today, you can  
> > e-mail copies of your final reports to every researcher in the world; and  
> > with computer printers (and photocopiers) you can send the data to the  
> rest

> > of those who haven't!  
> > All for a fraction of the cost of doing things the "old fashioned way".  
> >  
> > You can now also get your data pasted onto a website. Yes, websites can  
> be  
> > expensive, but if a (small) collective of people get together they can  
> > become quite affordable. And there are pre-existing websites interested  
> in  
> > pasting-up your work, anyhow. For example, I am sure the IUN (or  
> Magonia)  
> > website would be more than interested in such work.  
> >  
> > By giving a project such a wide circulation it allows for the option of  
> > independent "peer review" and comment; the flow and tone of which will be  
> > unhindered by the political control of a large organisation with it's own  
> > interests, biases and agendas to fulfil.  
> >  
> > Those critical of your work can then do either of three things:  
> >  
> > 1: Write a commentary on your work - the points of which are addressed  
> via  
> > an e-mail debate.  
> > 2: Conduct research of their own, which demonstrates the shortfalls of  
> the  
> > other study.  
> > 3: Jointly review each other's data and comment on the sum of it, on a  
> > researcher to researcher basis.  
> >  
> > The third does sound a little bit like the BUFORA rolling projects  
> scheme,  
> > but there are stark differences. For example, the flow of data between  
> > researchers is unhindered by "UFO politics". And the interactions are  
> > conducted on an equal researcher-to-researcher" basis. The BIG problem  
> with  
> > the BUFORA "rolling projects" concept is that this relationship is  
> likely  
> > to be on the terms of "Head of a big UFO concern" vrs (and I use "vrs"  
> > with all due forethought) a "small insignificant non-group researcher!".  
> I  
> > do not consider such a relationship either healthy, productive or  
> conducive  
> > to "fair play" or generating good research efforts.  
> >  
> > To end with (or hopefully, to start with), I would like to state for the  
> > record that the IUN website has space available for YOU to post your  
> > research on, or an internet "link" to your own research webpage. The IUN  
> > already has the text of David Clarke's Howden Moors Incident enquiry.  
> Other  
> > items will be "going up" in due course, including the most recent version  
> > of my PRIMEBASE project (which is still - and always be - ongoing, and

> > always looking for new "entries" to incorporate within it!).  
> >  
> > With that hopeful note I will end. I wish you all the best with your  
> > ufological projects and research and hope this little item will encourage  
> > you that the best way to do YOUR UFO projects is on YOU own terms.  
> > Following such an ethos can only strengthen your reputation as a UFO  
> > researcher and will ensure your interest in this subject will not be  
> > consumed by the petty corporate back-stabbing and ego-politics that has  
> > plagued the UFO-group based approach of doing things since the  
> > establishment of (so-called) "organised Ufology".  
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> >  
> > Robert Moore.  
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>  
> After all, certain people at Max Burn's London Lecture congratulated him on  
> his excellent "research".  
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> National organisations are dead; long live Ufological disorganisation.  
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>> Dear All,  
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>> In recent days (as I'm sure you've all noticed!) I have been one of the  
>> most vocal critics of BUFORA's "rolling research" scheme  
>>  
>> So, you all might say, what alternatives do YOU have to offer, Mr. Moore;  
>> or are you merely one of Lionel Beer's "destructive" personalities, after  
>> all?  
>>  
>> To that metaphorical question I offer the following (all too corporal)  
>> answer.  
>>  
>> The biggest flaw with the BUFORA "roving research" projects scheme is  
>> that  
>> it is research conducted totally on the terms of BUFORA's council of  
>> management, rather than those of the British UFO community. Which sadly  
>> WILL include - if current form is anything to go by - ALL the corporate  
>> and UFO-political small-mindedness which dogs that organisation like a  
>> thick, noxious cloud.  
>>  
>> It also strikes me as quite a "feudal" way of conducting things, given  
>> that  
>> we are almost citizens of the 21st century.  
>>  
>> So, what DO I suggest?  
>>  
>> I suggest - and in fact KNOW - that important research CAN be conducted  
>> on  
>> an individual basis. Unfortunately, the "hive-mind" mentality of BUFORA  
>> (and in particular John Spencer, due to his love for corporate culture)  
>> dismisses that possibility totally - for what reasons I leave to your  
>> imagination and insight.  
>>  
>> For example, on my own, I managed to collate a listing of 871 possible  
>> British "Unknowns" (the PRIMEBASE) project. This I did with NO corporate  
>> "master-plan" and NO assistance from BUFORA's research department  
>> whatsoever. So, yes, major projects CAN be done by one person. In fact,  
>> in  
>> MY view they can ONLY be done by one person. Research by committee only

> > results in "UFO politics". Working on one's own (or with a small group of  
> > like-minded associates, if you like) can produce all kinds of wonderful  
> > things.  
> >  
> > Another example is Dr. David Clarke's recent (and excellent) summary of  
> > the 1909 British "scareship" wave. Here's another point to mention. The  
> > high-quality work upon which our most reliable knowledge of this affair  
> > was  
> > - and is - all NON BUFORA conducted. If it were not for the sterling -  
> > and  
> > independent - work of David Clarke, Granville Oldroyd and Nigel Watson we  
> > would be far more ignorant of the various pre-1947 "phantom" airship and  
> > aircraft scares than we are today.  
> >  
> > In comparison, much of BUFORA's research work (including that conducted  
> > by  
> > myself, I admit) is insipid in comparison. Why do I say this, you may  
> > ask?  
> > Because (in the past at least) BUFORA "packages" work to specific  
> > researchers - often those who are neither the most informed in that  
> > particular field or are the most enthusiastic concerning the topic at  
> > hand.  
> > A lot of it is also conducted (and determined by) UFO-political motives.  
> > For example, I was given "Bolide" merely because others on the research  
> > committee didn't really want it (well, after they milked it's contents  
> > to  
> > fill a book or two). I took it on, not because I had a burning interest  
> > in  
> > this topic, but because I wasn't given anything (or rather trusted with  
> > anything) else to do.  
> >  
> > Bolide as it stands now, is not (and never will be) a definitive  
> > collation  
> > of source-material for "Ball of light" phenomena. It is -and always WILL  
> > be  
> > - way too patchy and far, far too wide in scope to be any meaningful use.  
> > I  
> > have called time on this effort - in regards to myself, anyhow - for  
> > these  
> > very reasons.  
> >  
> > It is far better to construct catalogues of specific data relating to one  
> > topic, rather than a general grouping of totally separate data coming  
> > from  
> > totally separate sources. Which could lead to one spuriously "linking"  
> > these topics when there is NO real link. Where there IS a link that  
> > connection is obvious (to those with the insight to see) in the first  
> > place. And that is the flaws with BOLIDE. So, I have now called time on  
> > this effort, spilt the data up and "junked" the more worthless elements  
> > of

> > it. Such as a newspaper clipping relating the tale of someone's  
> television  
> > being blown up by lightning! Yes, quite a lot of the data in BOLIDE was  
> > THAT bad and spurious!  
> >  
> > I will be sending the more valuable data to researchers interested in  
> that  
> > topic, to aid their far more important and meaningful research. For  
> example  
> > I will be forwarding the Will-o'-the-wisp data I have to David Clarke,  
> who  
> > can make far better use of it than I (or can pass it to those who will).  
> I  
> > am retaining the "earthlights" related data myself, as I am keen to start  
> a  
> > local project aimed at studying possible local examples of this effort  
> > (provisionally termed "Project Mendip"), and it will be useful as a  
> > resource for that. Earthlights data that I am willing (and have  
> willingly  
> > shared) with other SERIOUS researchers; none of which is "earthshaking"  
> > however (if you will excuse the pun!).  
> >  
> > There is also the work of Andy Roberts, relating to the 1973 Welsh  
> mountain  
> > crash. Again, an effort largely conducted by one person (assisted by  
> > others such as Tony Eccles), comes up with excellent and high quality  
> > results.  
> >  
> > All this exhibits another important point - it's the ability of the  
> person  
> > that causes good research to come into being. If someone is subjective,  
> > distorts her or his sources the end product will be valueless -  
> regardless  
> > of the infrastructure that supports such work.  
> >  
> > And in ALL the independent work I have mentioned there were NO hidden  
> > motives! Just people who were interested in a topic, did the work and  
> came  
> > out with results at the end of it. Work that got finished because it was  
> > NOT bogged down in committees and politics. Work that was also unhindered  
> > by negative reputations or exclusionist policies.  
> >  
> > I know this approach works because I have seen it myself, time and time  
> > again, work, and found that it has also worked for me.  
> >  
> > So, you conduct your research and finish it; but what do you do with it  
> > afterwards? In the pre-Internet days you could privately distribute it -  
> > but the expense involved in this was prohibitive. Such pressures (among  
> > other things) brought about the existence of UFO groups. Today, you can  
> > e-mail copies of your final reports to every researcher in the world; and

> > with computer printers (and photocopiers) you can send the data to the  
> rest  
> > of those who haven't!  
> > All for a fraction of the cost of doing things the "old fashioned way".  
> >  
> > You can now also get your data pasted onto a website. Yes, websites can  
> be  
> > expensive, but if a (small) collective of people get together they can  
> > become quite affordable. And there are pre-existing websites interested  
> in  
> > pasting-up your work, anyhow. For example, I am sure the IUN (or  
> Magonia)  
> > website would be more than interested in such work.  
> >  
> > By giving a project such a wide circulation it allows for the option of  
> > independent "peer review" and comment; the flow and tone of which will be  
> > unhindered by the political control of a large organisation with it's own  
> > interests, biases and agendas to fulfil.  
> >  
> > Those critical of your work can then do either of three things:  
> >  
> > 1: Write a commentary on your work - the points of which are addressed  
> via  
> > an e-mail debate.  
> > 2: Conduct research of their own, which demonstrates the shortfalls of  
> the  
> > other study.  
> > 3: Jointly review each other's data and comment on the sum of it, on a  
> > researcher to researcher basis.  
> >  
> > The third does sound a little bit like the BUFORA rolling projects  
> scheme,  
> > but there are stark differences. For example, the flow of data between  
> > researchers is unhindered by "UFO politics". And the interactions are  
> > conducted on an equal researcher-to-researcher" basis. The BIG problem  
> with  
> > the BUFORA "rolling projects" concept is that this relationship is  
> likely  
> > to be on the terms of "Head of a big UFO concern" vrs (and I use "vrs"  
> > with all due forethought) a "small insignificant non-group researcher!".  
> I  
> > do not consider such a relationship either healthy, productive or  
> conducive  
> > to "fair play" or generating good research efforts.  
> >  
> > To end with (or hopefully, to start with), I would like to state for the  
> > record that the IUN website has space available for YOU to post your  
> > research on, or an internet "link" to your own research webpage. The IUN  
> > already has the text of David Clarke's Howden Moors Incident enquiry.  
> Other

>> items will be "going up" in due course, including the most recent version  
>> of my PRIMEBASE project (which is still - and always be - ongoing, and  
>> always looking for new "entries" to incorporate within it!).

>>

>> With that hopeful note I will end. I wish you all the best with your  
>> ufological projects and research and hope this little item will encourage  
>> you that the best way to do YOUR UFO projects is on YOU own terms.  
>> Following such an ethos can only strengthen your reputation as a UFO  
>> researcher and will ensure your interest in this subject will not be  
>> consumed by the petty corporate back-stabbing and ego-politics that has  
>> plagued the UFO-group based approach of doing things since the  
>> establishment of (so-called) "organised Ufology".

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>> Robert Moore.

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On Sat, 18 Sep 1999, bruce maccabee wrote:

@Larry wrote:

@>So what is a mirage?

@

@>Sometimes it is a reflection off of a horizontal junction of two

@l>ayers of air with a high gradient in refraction index. In

@t>his case, the image is upside down. >

@

@Refraction... BENDING not reflection.... of light over a long path. But

@the path is within 1 degree of

@horizontal (generally within a few tenths of a degree of horizontal).

@CHeck on the Condon Report which is an excellent source for

@atmospheric effects on light and radar . Actual reflection even from

@sizeable density gradients (temperature gradients) that might occur over

@several centimeters (very rare situation) are not strong enough to be

@detected.

@The most one could hope for would be to detect a reflection of a light

@source

@at night. ... and the amplitude of reflected light would be MANY orders of

@magnitude lower than the intensity of the directly viewed light.

The mirages of headlights over a hot road at night are reflection mirages, not refraction ones. They are due to the total internal reflection case of refraction physics, where refraction through the junction would require a speed of light faster than that in a vacuum. The image is inverted.

@>But in other cases, it is the bending of light due to an oblique

@>junction of two air masses with a high gradient of refraction

@>index. In this case, the image is right side up.

@

@Depends upon whether the temperature gradient has T increasing

@with height (density decreasing with height... the normal case) of

@T decreasing with height (inversion). Lateral bending of light is

@so slight as to be virtually undetectable without optical aids such as

@a telescope (the image of a planet or star can be shifted a small fraction

@of

@a degree left or right).

@

@>@When you go to larger elevation angles,, light paths do not

@>@travel hundreds of miles through the atmosphere. Moreover,

@>@since atmospheric layers tend to be "horizontal" (follow the  
@>@curvature of the earth, light rays at elevation angles of 10  
@>@degrees or more are more likely to pass through the layer  
@>@boundary than travel parallel to it for many miles. >

@

@>Except when a dry front passes through or a stagnant bubble of  
@>hot air develops over an area. Then the junctions are at oblique  
@>angles.

@Even in this case the refraction of air is so low that only  
@light paths that are nearly horizontal and travel over  
@considerable distances can be noticeably bent.

@You are sounding truly "Menzelian" in these mirage arguments.  
@Have you read Menzel's treatment of the C.B Moore sighting  
@(which Menzel calls the best sighting of the period 1947-1952)?

I seem to recall it, but I read it about twenty five years ago.

I did not offer mirage as the answer to the sighting, but only to  
the curved path of the object. It was just a thought. I have seen  
one high (30 deg) elevation mirage, so it's not impossible.

An aside:

It's amazing how ignorant of the sky the general population is. I  
have seen more than fifteen sundogs (which are NOT mirages, but  
ice crystal phenomena). I saw three this year (it helps to know  
when and where to look). Yet I still come across people who think  
that sundogs are figments of peoples imaginations.

So when they see one, they report it as a UFO???

Another aside:

What would you call an object that produces brilliant flashes in  
the daytime sky? It has the following appearance:

- Appearance: 2 to 10 flashes per second
- Brilliance: similar to sun reflected off a car windshield
- Colors: range from white to pure spectral colors, change  
from one color to another
- Angular size: distant plane

- Shape: short fat sausage with domes above and below
- Tactics: hovering, erratic movements or jittering, occasional tilting, and vertical flight
- Sound: none

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Listmembers,

This is off topic, but possibly of interest. Corso's book gave some details on Project Horizon, the US Army's lunar base plan developed in the late 1950s. The Air Force had a counterpart, Project LUNEX, which has had relatively little publicity. The LUNEX spacecraft was pretty advanced for its time - 1959-61. Some images can be seen at

<http://www.ufx.org/lunex1.jpg>

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- Joel Carpenter

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The typical mirage over a road is caused by the road heating the air just above it, decreasing the density of the air. Light bends INTO the more dense (higher refractive) air the is higher up than the heated air near the road. If you want to call this a form a reflection, then so be it. The light travels faster in the air next to the road and more slowly in the air several feet above the road. Hence a light path that started downward toward the road (at a VERY slight angle) would ultimately be bent upward after reaching a minium heght above the road. This is NOT the reflection of the headlight in the road itself, which can occur because of a semi-specular phenomenon called "foward gloss."

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From: Bill Rose <bill.rose@virgin.net>  
Subject: Lunex/HorizonMessage-id: <37E66E8E.4C6B@virgin.net>

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Joel,

Thanks for the info on Lunex which reminds me of something else which I can't quite put a finger on right now. I was already pretty familiar with Horizon, largely thanks to Mark Wade, who I think you almost certainly know.

But out of interest, who are UFX.org? I can't seem to access their site.

Bill

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Date: Mon, 20 Sep 1999 14:35:40 -0400 (EDT)  
From: RB47Expert@aol.com  
Subject: RB-47 / Re: Re: Larry Robinson Web SiteMessage-id:  
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Hi Larry & List,

I neglected to respond to your points on the RB-47 case: I apologize for the clumsy wording as I didn't mean to imply the ELINT equipment direction-finders determine distances (they don't, only directions). I was just filling in the 12-mile distance given by ground radar. No, it isn't a question of UFO's using war surplus but of PARTIALLY mimicking our ground radars. There were several signal characteristics out of 11 that were discrepant with the known ground radar. I agree an ECM/Stealth-type exercise would be a possibility to consider. Klass had asked the former AF Director of Electronic Warfare Lab, George Rappaport, if an ECM or electronic warfare game or test could account for the case but he said NO. As for the airliner hundreds of miles away in West Texas, Klass was trying to explain the ground radar trackings in the Dallas area with it, NOT the ELINT detections of ground radar signals which can be received at longer ranges than the fourth-power reductions of a ground radar trying to pick up back reflections.

Brad

In a message dated 8/30/99 11:53:19 AM, lrobins@indiana.edu wrote:

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On Sat, 28 Aug 1999 RB47Expert@aol.com wrote:

@UFO Research List - <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/>

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@Hi Larry,

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@Here are my COMMENTS in response to your points.

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@Regards,

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@Brad Sparks

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@In a message dated 8/26/99 11:34:27 AM, lrobins@indiana.edu wrote:

<SNIP>

@So why did all of the sources travel exactly up-scope? Were  
@the UFO nauts daring the RB-47 to race them? :)

@

@COMMENT: You'll need to read my article. The UFO did NOT "ALL ... travel  
@exactly up-scope" but went upscope on one side then DOWNscope on the other  
@side, performing an orbit of the 600 mph RB-47 jet. The direction-findings  
@plots of the UFO radar signal coincided with the RB-47 crew's visual  
@observations and the ground radar tracking of the UFO at 12 miles' distance  
@from the plane.

How can the ELINT measure the distance at all???

The only way I can conceive of measuring distance to a radio  
source is to get several fixes and triangulate. But that assumes  
that the source is standing still.

@

@Question: did the UFOs fly at exactly twice the speed of the  
@plane? If so, then Klass was right. Aha! A testable  
@hypothesis.

@

@COMMENT: Nope. Klass doesn't say anything about a double-speed effect.  
His

@theory was that a relay failure caused a ground radar signal to appear 180  
@degs from its actual direction, but this theory ignores the physics and  
@geometry of the situation and actually requires a large metallic  
maneuverable  
@airborne object -- a UFO -- to carry out.

@

@

@Since I am an electronics engineer (well versed in how  
@things go wrong), I tend to agree with Klass on this one,  
@although some of his other explanations are a bit off  
@(especially Exeter NH).

@

@COMMENT: I thought for years that Klass was right -- until I made a  
@breakthrough in this case in 1997 that enabled me to establish this case.  
@Among other things, Klass has to make the SUBSONIC RB-47 travel at  
SUPERSONIC

@speeds to make his tortured theory work, he uses a NONEXISTENT "American"  
@Airlines airliner supposedly landing at Dallas airport during the incident,  
@and he botches the radar distance coverage figures sometimes with mammoth  
@errors that explode his entire theory.

Wait a minute! The RADAR beam itself can be picked up a lot  
farther away than the set that emitted it can pick up much weaker  
echoes. It is also strong enough to be picked up on the back side  
of another dish that it strikes. That makes the rotation of the  
transmitter dish the main relevant factor in the reception of the  
beam by another set.

Ducting from another set becomes a possibility.

Of course, one has to ask that, if the UFO did have a RADAR set aboard, did they get it war-surplus? :)

In other words, why did it have the signal characteristics of our own stuff?

I should think that a 'blind' stealth exercise would make more sense. The air bases in the 70s weren't told what the planes making stealth tests were either. They were left in the dark with a UFO mystery.

@COMMENT: All of these other sources of electrical failure are themselves @failures -- of the FACTS of the case. As I pointed out above the ELINT @equipment on the RB-47 was functioning perfectly before, during and after the @UFO incident.

Some of which are self correcting in the short run.

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Subject: Re: Rolling Projects..... David Clarke  
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Robert Moore,

My apologies for sending you this. BUFORA was aware of your position and I should not have sent you this material in the circumstances. You were in my original list of BUFORA research - you were on the BUFORA Research Group originally, of course - and I failed to remove you. I have now done so, and you will not be troubled again.

John Spencer

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Date: 16 September 1999 21:04  
Subject: Rolling Projects.....

None of this will wash with me.

I refuse to help or assist BUFORA in ANY way. BUFORA is controlled by a "Inner" clique of 4 people and - to my mind - do NOT in ANY way offer any positive future for this subject. For too long British Ufology has been mute witness to certain members of council using, abusing, manipulating and backstabbing to keep their positions of authority and control over the association.

- Like the weak and spineless attempt to stop me from publishing my editorial In the BUFORA BULLETIN criticizing the Max Burn's lecture.

- Like the stupid "BUFORA 2000" website message ("everything's alright really, don't listen to those nasty people who keep attacking us",etc). As always, some members of BUFORA council feels the best way to deal with ANY situation is to listen only to themselves, and ignore everyone else!

And that's only some of their most recent objectionable acts!

Their obsession with secrecy and underhand dealings is notorious. BUFORA must be the ONLY group who feel the only way to win people's trust is to create a culture of total secrecy, keep information from them, and give group workers (those NOT within their "Inner Council" clique) no real say in running the group. The group they want YOU to work yourself into the ground for! And I know; I was editor of the Bulletin for 8 months of hell, where my life was not my own. Where my life was effectively dominated by meeting their unrealistic publishing deadlines. Once I did "take my time" with getting the Bulletin ready; only to find that all the work I did was "bumped" by another issue of the BULLETIN which Steven Gamble did behind my back. He oh-so-kindly said I could incorporate my work with the next issue; but that was only said so the "inner" council could censor what I had to say about the Max Burn's fiasco!

- A fiasco that NO member of council has had the guts to explain to the members of the association within the BULLETIN.  
For that you have MY total undying shame and contempt.

Rather than pay court to such mealy-mouthed attitudes I ripped up my work and threw it away; better for it to die in honor than live in dishonor!

The only future the BUFORA "Inner council" clique offers British Ufology is one where THEY dominate. One where THEY remain in power, but where WE - the workers in the subject - can removed from what little crumbs of

authority they offer us whenever THEY decide!

BUFORA is a group controlled by a self-interested clique who's only interest is to stay in power, at all costs. A group of people which did all it could to keep Andy Roberts - one of Britain's leading Ufologists - out of any position of authority. A group of people which virtually performed a UFO-political assassination on Jenny Randles, to have her removed as BUFORA's Director Of Investigations. A group of people who pushed through the Max Burn's lecture at all costs, regardless of the concerns of its more rationally-oriented members.

But then, with the current council, scientific Ufology always comes last; as we saw that with their handling of the Max Burn's lecture affair. With most of them dabbling in R.V courses can one expect anything else?

We have forgotten NONE of this, BUFORA council!

Lastly, I am disgusted with Gloria's Dixon's support of these bunch of people. If you really cared about this subject YOU would resign from BUFORA and help the struggle for freedom and a new, more hopeful future for British Ufology. Why waste your time with these people when you can do something like "Strange Daze?" The logic behind that is beyond my comprehension!

So, Andy Robert's and John Rimmer WAS right; Lionel Beer KNEW they could woo you back with a box of chocolates, flowers and empty promises, and he was right!

They win, but British Ufology loses, yet again.....

And because of that we will see another generation of Ufologists eaten up by the vile power games that consumes this association. Another wasted generation of talented researchers and investigators will leave this subject, sickened by what they find.  
What a total waste!

I say to you all; show your concern for British Ufology and boycott BUFORA; or at least demand the resignation of Steven Gamble. John Spencer and Robert Digby; an entrenched clique who's only response to ANY situation is to shuffle positions of authority between themselves!

Never send me ANY more emails about your stupid "rolling projects", ever again. I'm not interested in you or your works, and I'm tired of wasting my life and energy on keeping you all important.  
You have used me for the LAST time.

Let the future of Ufology - if it has one - be in the hands of the British UFO community alone!  
Robert Moore.



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Could those who don't want to be involved in these projects do their 'chocolates and flowers' debate on their own e-mails and leave BUFORA's distribution list alone for those who want to contribute to the projects.  
If Robert Moore's - and other's - comments are intended to be a more useful contribution to ufology than BUFORA's initiatives perhaps they could explain how - but only to their own group please.  
John Spencer

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Date: 16 September 1999 22:44  
Subject: Re: Rolling Projects.....

>In message <199909162112.WAA04067@irwell.zetnet.co.uk>, Lynda Matthews  
><matthews@zetnet.co.uk> writes  
>> Now you claim that chocolates and flowers were  
>>used to con Gloria back to BUFORA. I hope that you condescending tone is  
>>aimed at the people who used these methods and not Gloria for receiving  
>>them. I think it's well known that Gloria has more balls than you can feel  
>>in your trouser pockets so don't try the fluffy headed-shit on her.  
>>Regards,  
>>Lynda Matthews  
>  
>Let's just get this "chocolates and flowers" thing out of the way. This  
>was my interpretation of a typically patronising remark from Lionel Beer  
>outside the Fortean UnConvention earlier this year.  
>  
>The former BUFORA spinmeister was suggesting that Ms. Dixon might have  
>been led from the strait and narrow path by the "Andy Roberts Crowd",  
>but that with a little gentle persuasion the scales would fall from her  
>eyes and she would be welcomed back into the bosom of BUFORAdom. Whether  
>this has happened or not is, as so much in ufology, a matter of  
>interpretation.  
>  
>I did not imagine that my flight of metaphorical fancy would be taken so  
>literally, but in the world of ufology I should have known better...  
>  
>I shall defend Ms Dixon's honour by publicly stating that to my  
>knowledge not a single BUFORA coffee cream or fudge fondant has ever  
>passed her lips!  
>  
>--  
>John Rimmer  
>Magonia Magazine and Confectionary Trade Review  
>www.magonia.demon.co.uk

Date: Mon, 20 Sep 1999 15:53:48 -0500 (EST)  
From: Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS Kinesiology <lrobins@indiana.edu>  
Subject: Re: RB-47 / Re: Re: Re: Larry Robinson Web Site

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On Mon, 20 Sep 1999 RB47Expert@aol.com wrote:

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@which can be received at longer ranges than the fourth-power  
@reductions of a ground radar trying to pick up back reflections.

@@COMMENT: Nope. Klass doesn't say anything about a double-speed effect.

I meant that the image of a ground based source reversed by a relay failure should seem to travel upslope at exactly twice the speed of the plane (unless the plane was turning). This would be a simple test of the Klass hypothesis.

One other thing to note is whether the speeds reported by the ELINT operators were relative to the ground or to the plane.

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A few days ago I mentioned the Navy Viking rocket launch that took place at White Sands a few days after Moore's sighting on 24 April 49 - it reached 51 miles altitude and about 2500 mph, basically straight up and down. I did neglect to mention another important flight at White Sands two months before the Arrey sighting -- "Bumper" shot 5.

This was a V-2 with a WAC-Corporal second stage, designed to study the problems of multi-stage rockets. It was launched at 3:15 PM MST on 24 Feb 49. At 20 miles altitude, the WAC-Corporal was ignited, reaching top speed of 1.39 miles per second. The WAC made it to 250 miles just 6.5 minutes after launch. It was going so fast that it exceeded the abilities of the tracking facilities at White Sands and its wreckage wasn't discovered until early the next year, 85 miles uprange.

The next phase of the Bumper project moved to the Florida Firing Range, and this time the object was not altitude but range -- the Bumper 7 V-2 climbed to 10 miles and pitched over, then the WAC fired, peaking at 22 miles and traveling in a shallow ballistic arc 190 miles downrange at very high speed, Mach 9 peak, the fastest man-made object in history (so they say). This flight was on 29 July 50.

It's probable that Moore's team knew of the Feb 1949 Bumper launch and its potential. Although the second flight never could have happened at White Sands due to the limited size of the test range, it's conceivable that some might have suspected a secret launch from the USS Norton Sound, the rocket-launching ship which was then off the California coast on sounding rocket launching mission. This may explain the concept that the Arrey object was something secretly launched off Baja California.

I'm not asserting that that's what the Arrey object was -- just noting possible explanation for the idea that it might be a secret man-made test object.

Joel Carpenter

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Subject: Night FlightsMessage-id:  
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Photographed with a digital camera and taken directly from a television screen, hence the 'banding', the attached image might be of interest.

It depicts an extraordinary 'UFO', filmed at night.

Or does it...

James.  
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We had an unconfirmed report several years ago of a possible UFO crash from the 1950's that was possibly the crash of a secret government spy flight that didn't make it out of the US or a Russian spy flight (less likely) that didn't make it back out of the US. We couldn't confirm any of this, but the point is that if the government drops something secret where it shouldn't be, what better way to get the trained and paid press off the case and the less competent UFO investigators on the case? Who would you want sniffing around searching for you secret aircraft?

Bill Jones  
MUFON State Director for Ohio

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Subject: Re: Re: RB-47 / Re: Re: Larry Robinson Web Site  
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Larry & List,

Quick COMMENTS in reply.

Brad

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Date: Mon, 20 Sep 1999 23:41:33 -0400  
From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>  
Subject: Arnold again?

UFO Research List - <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/>

In the last couple of days some people (perhaps including astronomer Mitton) have picked up on James Easton's pelican theory and have circulated it as "the answer to Arnold."

As I recall, when the discussion sort of dwindled to nothing a month or so ago, my challenge to produce a map that would prove a logical pelican track could be created that would "solve" the problem of explaining why Arnold first saw the objects north of Rainier (from his MOVING perspective) and last saw them seeming to go past Mt. Adams, yet, at all times they were far enough from his plane that he couldn't see the wings flapping and thereby identify them as birds. This essentially means that at their closest they were a mile or so away.

I posted my own version of a map to aid in the analysis.

Just because Easton was supremely confident in his explanation doesn't mean he was right.

I re-issue the challenge. (Also explain how solar reflections from pelicans can be seen much farther, in the bright sky, than the bodies of the birds themselves.)

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Date: Tue, 21 Sep 1999 01:15:55 -0400 (EDT)  
From: KAnder6444@aol.com  
Subject: Re: Arnold again?Message-id: <f31634f7.25186e8b@aol.com>

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From: brumac@compuserve.com (bruce maccabee)

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Kathleen Andersen  
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Date: Tue, 21 Sep 1999 08:48:11 +0100  
From: Lynda Matthews <matthews@zetnet.co.uk>  
Subject: Re: Arnold again?Message-id:  
<199909210752.IAA29630@irwell.zetnet.co.uk>

UFO Research List - <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/>

I think I should make some points;

The Germans and Americans both realised that the best aircraft would be a hybrid; between Pelican and spacecraft. They recovered some Pelican droppings and incorporated them into a Top Secret remote-controlled bird programme whereby the NWO could spy on us by using the common or garden housemartin.

Hence the term "The Aviary" - and the deep throat sources Condor, Falcon etc.

All makes sense really.

Colonel John Alexander manuevred and kept in contact with his birdsquad by telepathic means and bribed them with fish where necessary.

Mystery solved.

TM.

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Date: Tue, 21 Sep 1999 09:27:59 +0100  
From: John Burtenshaw <jburtens@bournemouth.ac.uk>  
Subject: Re: Night Flights

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At 02:39 21/09/1999 +0100, you wrote:

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>Photographed with a digital camera and taken directly from a  
>television screen, hence the 'banding', the attached image might  
>be of interest.

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there is only one airworthy Vulcan left and that's been hangered for the  
last 5 years in the UK ( I pay it a visit every so often) but it's hoped it  
will fly in late 2000 or early 2001 (painted black I hear) - just wait for  
an increase in flying triangle sightings in the UK :-)

Another thing is that a favourite trick of the Vulcan pilots was to reduce  
power and use its massive wing area to glide for some miles before applying  
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Could put an interesting spin on accounts of UFO's in the 60's when the  
Vulcan was at its operational peak with the RAF.

Cheers

John  
John Burtenshaw  
University Webmaster

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Date: Tue, 21 Sep 1999 15:22:10 +0100  
From: Lynda Matthews <matthews@zetnet.co.uk>  
Subject: BRITISH RESEARCHER FOUND GUILTY OF DRUG DEALING  
COURT DECIDES!Message-id: <199909211431.PAA26775@irwell.zetnet.co.uk>

UFO Research List - <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/>

Dear All,

Over the least 18 months you will have been aware of the controversy surrounding Maxwell Burns, a self-styled British Ufologist.

He claimed, amongst other things, to be an 'abductee', a journalist, a former DJ, a respectable researcher and much more besides.

Today, at Sheffield Crown Court he was found guilty of very serious drugs dealing charges and is now in prison awaiting sentencing.

A small group of us in the UK warned that he was a dangerous, criminally-minded drug dealer. Our warnings were not taken seriously - even after it became public knowledge that Burns had been arrested and charged with the serious offense of "possessing 875 amphetamine tablets with intent to supply".

Not surprisingly Burns claimed he'd never taken drugs, that he'd been 'set-up by the intelligence services' DESPITE the fact that he was caught in possession AND that his two co-conspirators pleaded guilty to the same charges!

In recent months Burns had engaged in a lunatic smear campaign against myself, in conjunction with another dubious character called Larry O'Hara, and several other researchers who were trying to warn the UFO community about his criminal activities. Burns posted a variety of illiterate, libelous and defamatory material that indicated exactly what kind of person he was.

The jury at Sheffield Crown Court soon realised that Burns was guilty on both counts - it's just a pity that his supporters within British and American Ufology - and we all know who they are - were blinded by his fifth-rate research, his lies and deception and the wild conspiracy fantasies that he forced upon us all. They will have to answer the inevitable charges of having supported a criminally-minded drug dealer who tried to flood Sheffield's streets with illegal substances.

In addition, you may remember that the British UFO Research Association invited Burns to speak at one of its flagship London Lectures despite our warnings. Whilst there are some excellent workers within BUFORA some serious questions must now be asked of those who invited Burns to speak and who claimed that they were 'upholding free speech'...

Furthermore, serious questions will be asked of the Cornwall UFO Group, who, in their utter stupidity and in full knowledge of the facts, invited Burns to address their forthcoming Conference. If they need a decent speaker who does lectures of expenses only without recourse to criminality, threats and drug-dealing then I volunteer to replace Burns....

(It should be noted that Burns made threats, via a supposedly secret hotmail account, against both myself and my wife Lynda - now pregnant with out first child. He admitted that he'd sent the emails later on.)

It's a pretty sad state of affairs when piece of drug-dealing trash like Burns can be taken seriously by researchers who frequently appear on TV documentaries and debates. Can we trust their judgement any longer? Can we take the fence-sitters, who gave Burns the benefit of the doubt even though his con-conspirators had pleaded guilty, seriously??

What does this say about Ufology and the lunatics who claim that Burns was 'set up'?

After all, in court Burns carried a folder with alien stickers all over it.....

For two years both myself, David Clarke, Andy Roberts and a handful of others tried to tell people about Maxwell Burns - but to no avail. Perhaps next time we'll be taken rather more seriously.

Tim Matthews.

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Date: Tue, 21 Sep 1999 15:36:44 +0100  
From: Lynda Matthews <matthews@zetnet.co.uk>  
Subject: MAX BURNS BACKGROUND.Message-id:  
<199909211441.PAA28841@irwell.zetnet.co.uk>

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BY DAY, harmless UFO buff Max Burns wrote about his own "alien abduction."  
But by night the Sheffield city centre DJ was involved in the seedier world  
of drug dealing.

Now he faces being abducted for real - courtesy of Her Majesty's Prisons.  
Burns, aged 37, became well-known to UFO enthusiasts on the internet where  
he  
described how he was "abducted" by aliens when he was youngster.  
Cheshire-born Burns said he wanted to act as a counsellor for other people  
who claimed they had been kidnapped by aliens.

He claimed they left an "implant" in his leg and believed aliens were  
responsible for spreading ME - so-called yuppie flu - to people they  
abducted.

Burns became convinced the police and security services had launched a  
massive cover up.

In an article in a UFO fanzine, Burns wrote that he believed a flying  
saucer  
had shot down an RAF Tornado jet after a chase over the city in 1997.  
And he believed he was being followed by security services who were bugging  
his phone because of what he had discovered about the case.  
Burns claimed he was involved in probing what he calls "the Sheffield UFO  
incident" when he was arrested on suspicion of drug dealing.  
Sheffield Crown Court heard this week that Burns WAS being followed by the  
police - but they were looking for illegal drugs, not UFOs.  
Drugs Squad detectives had been following the DJ as part of a covert  
operation against dealers.

And officers saw Burns speaking to a man in another car and retrieving a  
bag  
from a grass verge after a late night rendezvous at a motorway junction.  
When police swooped on the car driven by a woman friend of Burns as it left  
the M1 near Tinsley they found almost 1,000 amphetamine tablets hidden  
inside a carrier bag.

Burns denied any knowledge of the drugs, but back seat passenger Suzanne  
Bradley told the jury she had bought 50 of the tablets - designed to look  
like the dance drug Ecstasy - from him on the journey back to Sheffield.  
Bradley told the court she met Burns when he was a disc jockey and  
described  
him a "strange" because of his obsession with aliens and UFOs.

(David Clarke and Roy Emery, Sheffield Star newspaper.)

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Date: Tue, 21 Sep 1999 09:45:53 -0500 (EST)  
From: Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS Kinesiology <lrobins@indiana.edu>  
Subject: Re: Re: RB-47 / Re: Re: Re: Larry Robinson Web Site

UFO Research List - <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/>

On Mon, 20 Sep 1999 RB47Expert@aol.com wrote:

@UFO Research List - <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/>

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@Larry & List,

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@Quick COMMENTS in reply.

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@Brad

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@In a message dated 9/20/99 1:54:36 PM, lrobins@indiana.edu wrote:

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@such data.

I didn't mean the angle. Hmmm

The relative speed would depend on the distance from the plane.

Now I have some rather technical questions (you can guess that I  
am an engineer) Some of them are to check the veracity of other  
sources, while others are to refine my understanding of the

process used:

- Was there any indication on the scope of signal strength, or was it clipped, so they got a yes/no indication?
- Was any other means of measuring signal strength (an s-meter or the like) used?
- Was there any form of AGC on the ELINT?
- Was it possible on that ELINT for the contacts to stick in such a way that BOTH dishes received at the same time?
- Were the characteristics of ship radars then in use checked?
- What was the frequency range of the equipment?
- If the frequency range was wide, how did they get a sharp focus at all frequencies used? I know a parabolic dish works better than any other antenna, but even those have anomalies at some frequencies.
- Was initial signal detection done broadband, by automatic sweeping of the tuning, or manually tuning through the band?
- How was the frequency of the signal determined?
- Could a very strong signal blast its way through the open relay contacts? If so, it's possible to fake a signal moving upscope and particularly one orbiting the plane with a transmitter on the ground.
- For that matter, could a strong interfering signal have entered the receiver in stages after the tuner?
- Since there were several units, could they have been interfering with each other only when set a certain way?
- Did all of the ELINT consoles work off the same antenna pair , or did each one have its own antennas
- Was the rotation of the sweep on the display actually produced by rotating a transformer coil, as Klass depicted? If so, then how was the sweep limited to one quadrant (since transformers don't pass DC)? Or was the deflection coil actually rotated (and Klass's drawing is misleading)?
- Was the amplitude of the sweep driven by a sweep oscillator (as it is in RADAR), or by the incoming signal?

- Was there a RADAR set on the plane?
- Could someone have been covering up sloppy maintenance (like leaving a tube shield off) to avoid demerits?

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From: Lynda Matthews <matthews@zetnet.co.uk>  
Subject: UFOLOGIST GUILTY AND BEHIND BARS TONIGHT!Message-id:  
<199909211453.PAA30890@irwell.zetnet.co.uk>

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FORMER disc jockey Maxwell Burns is today behind bars waiting sentence after a jury convicted him of possessing almost a thousand amphetamine tablets. He collected the drugs from a grass verge close to the M1 motorway in Nottinghamshire and planned to supply them through the pubs and clubs of South Yorkshire. But the 36-year-old was stopped in his tracks by the drug squad who were already targetting his passenger, Suzanne Bradley. As they were driven off the M1 at Tinsley by her pal Louise Goodison, Police swooped and recovered the tablets. They would have been sold off as Ecstasy tablets to South Yorkshire's nightclubbers. Burns, of Ferrars Road, Tinsley, was convicted of possessing the drugs and supplying 50 of them to Bradley. Bradley, aged 35, of Molineux Road, Shiregreen, admitted possessing them with intent to supply and was sentenced to 120 hours community service. Charges of possessing the drugs with intent to supply against 33-year-old Goodison, of Cobnar Road, Woodseats, were dropped. The court was told Bradley bought them from Burns for £150 on the return journey to Sheffield and would have shared them with her boyfriend, Sheffield Crown Court was told. Burns is to be sentenced on Friday, September 24.

(David Clarke and Roy Emery, Sheffield Star newspaper.)

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From: "J. Pharabod" <pharabod@in2p3.fr>  
Subject: Re: Night Flights  
X-Authentication-warning: polhp2.in2p3.fr: pharabod owned process doing -bs

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- > Vulcan. Could the eupen6 photo be a doctored pic of a Vulcan bomber?

It could be, but I think it's improbable. In my archives the Vulcan has a small "nose" which is not on the eupen6 photo (but they could have erased it); do really the lights look the same ? (the filaments etc...); I strongly doubt that the author of the photo (whom I met at a meeting in the Royal Military School, Bruxelles, May 1997) had ever heard of the Vulcan bomber...

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Now that's very interesting. Can the Northrop B-2 "Spirit" do the same?  
That could explain a number of sightings in the USA (and maybe elsewhere).

Jean-Pierre Pharabod

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Date: Tue, 21 Sep 1999 17:22:34 +0100  
From: James Easton <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
Subject: Re: Night FlightsMessage-id:  
<005901bf044d\$835a7680\$097151c2@acad80.scot.ac.uk>

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Regarding:

>Date: Tue, 21 Sep 1999 09:27:59 +0100  
>To: "UFO Research List" <UFORL@listbot.com>  
>From: John Burtenshaw <jburtens@bournemouth.ac.uk>  
>Subject: Re: Night Flights

John wrote:

>>It depicts an extraordinary 'UFO', filmed at night.

>>Or does it...

>No, it's an Advert for the phone number change. Nice try  
>though :-)

John,

Not at all... this picture was smuggled out of Area 51 by an informant called `Chuck', who photographed a frame of secret film showing an alien craft landing at Holloway AFB.

Sure, it might resemble the current British Telecom advert, but that's the sort of debunking I expected and....

well, OK, it's really BT's hot-air balloon. ;)

Still, this type of balloon and the depiction of it at night is interesting for a number of reasons and we can come back to that later.

In the meantime, you added:

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>what it? It looks awfully like the photo on Jame's website  
>(http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/eupen6.jpg). If you look  
>carefully you can make out the typical "kinked" delta wing of  
>the B2 version of the Vulcan. Could the eupen6 photo be a  
>doctored pic of a Vulcan bomber?

I suspect the answer is definitely affirmative and I'm more than hesitant about the authenticity of this `Eupen' photograph.

Does it even need to be a doctored version?

Co-incidentally, there's some related material I intended to mention when time permitted. It's a published commentary on the Eupen photograph which - if I recall correctly - claims that analysts who examined the image believed it to be a hoax.

I'll look out the exact text later today.

Any chance you could scan the Vulcan photograph and make it available?

>Another thing is that a favourite trick of the Vulcan pilots was  
>to reduce power and use its massive wing area to glide for some  
>miles before applying power again, to conserve fuel. It was not  
>officially sanctioned and was never put on record as the public  
>might have kicked up a fuss (would you want a several tons of  
>bomber gliding over you town!!). This was told to me by a  
>Squadron Leader (Rtd.) who flew Vulcans for most of his RAF  
>career.

Jings and crivens! That's a bit of a revelation to drop into the conversation.

Hot-air balloons are not noisy.

Vulcans aren't silent.

Everything you think you know is wrong.

One case this might explain and which immediately leaps to mind is Paul Hamner's 1978 encounter which I documented. The full account is on my web site at:

[http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/paul\\_h.txt](http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/paul_h.txt)

Paul stated:

"In March 1978, I was working on such an assignment in my home county of Lincolnshire, UK. One Thursday night, I finished work at about 10.30pm and drove a colleague home to the village of Alford.

My route home took me up a hill on the A1104 towards Ulceby Cross. Part way up the hill, at around 11:00 p.m., I was dazzled by what I took to be the undipped headlights of an oncoming car. I flashed my own headlights and slowed. To my astonishment, the

oncoming lights slowly "took off" from the road and gracefully flew to my right. Excitedly, I stopped my car, wound down the driver's side window and peered out. The sight that greeted me will stay in my memory forever.

I saw that the lights were coming from a massive, beautiful aircraft which had now turned, was flying at a height of about 50 feet and was now heading towards the coast directly over my car! The craft was shaped like a delta, very similar to the Vulcan bombers based in Lincolnshire at the time.

However, it was about four times the size of a Vulcan, flew extremely slowly and was absolutely silent! All leading edges of the delta were beautifully rounded - there were no sharp protuberances such as a tailplane. The underside of the craft was coloured sky blue. It just glided over me and headed towards the coast - no noise, no smoke, no vibrations, no smell - just an aircraft of sheer gargantuan beauty.

It was very real; from the A16 I was able to watch this craft making its slow, majestic way south towards Boston until I lost sight of it just past Spilsby. I'd love to know what it was. It seemed too real to be extraterrestrial. However, its immense size, its low speed and above all, the sheer silence made it unlike any aircraft known to me!"

Asked 'how wide and how deep was the object?', Paul told me:

"Other than the craft itself, and a few small trees, I had sight of no other structure by which I could gauge it. However, I could compare it to the Vulcan bombers with which I was familiar (the Vulcan squadron was based at RAF Waddington, Lincoln at the time.) I would say that the area of the delta was about four times that of the Vulcan. The depth of the delta was about the same as the cabin section of a Boeing 747. As far as I can recall, the depth was the same throughout the delta.

Paul seems confident about the size difference and when also asked, "Were there any markings of any kind, even the smallest detail like a different coloured section, which you can recall?", replied: "No markings at all. Just an even light blue underbody. No roundels or numbers or logos!".

Wouldn't there have been some markings visible on a Vulcan?

I suppose it depends on how good the visibility actually was. At 10:30 in March, Paul would have been driving in the countryside in the dark of night and it would surely have been difficult to be certain of any observations.

Could also maybe throw size perspectives way off.

Paul notes that Vulcans were stationed at RAF Waddington in 1978.  
Would they possibly still be flying night ops then?

How feasible is it that Paul witnessed a Vulcan which was gliding  
at such low altitude - maybe coming in to land?

James.

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Subject: Ufology fiddles whilst Max Burns

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I note with great interest the recent posts about Max Burns being found guilty of serious drug supply charges. Many people have been bored to tears over the past two years by the Max Burns saga and the 'war' which has taken place between him and other UFO researchers keen to promote the truth. It has diverted valuable time, money and resources from real UFO research.

Yet if Dave Clarke, Tim Matthews, Martin Jeffry and myself had not challenged Burns at every turn ufology and the public would be more duped than they have been. We defend our actions and will happily do it again the next time a charlatan rears his/her head in the subject.

No doubt we will learn of his sentence at the appropriate time but for the moment there are some useful points to be considered.

Max Burns appeared suddenly on the UFO scene a few years ago, claiming a long standing interest and research in the subject. He stated on many occasions that he was looking for 'fame' and 'money'. His 'big chance' came with the alleged 'Sheffield UFO Crash', promoted as an ET event exclusively by Burns and which has been closely intertwined with his criminal activities ever since.

Many things could, and will, be said about Burns' involvement with ufology and I think we have a right to say them now that his case is almost at an end. Here's a few.....

\* At the 1997 BUFORA Conference Burns stated, in front of several witnesses, that he had bribed a key witness to the Sheffield case with marijuana.

\* When challenged about this he ranted and raved, saying he had never used drugs in his life and was going to take legal action against me for libel. The facts have turned out somewhat different and Max is guilty of drug dealing. I repeat my statement again - that Max Burns bribed a key witness to the 'Sheffield' case with marijuana. The fact that this witness has disappeared into the woodwork notwithstanding, this incident is an excellent example of just one of Burns' lies and manipulations of truth to fit his own fantasy prone view of the Sheffield 'UFO Crash'. I trust any researcher stupid enough to

subscribe to Burns' views on this case will read these words carefully.

\* The British UFO Research Association (BUFORA) were major supporters of Burns throughout this time. He was in communication with several council members and active members of BUFORA (Steve Gamble, Judith Jafaar, Malcolm Robinson, Richard Conway and many others according to emails Burns sent to me) eventually persuading them he had a right to spout his lies on a BUFORA lecture platform. BUFORA Council members were made fully aware of the nature of Burns' evidence and of his involvement with drug dealing and yet, incredibly, gave him a platform to speak - taking his word over that of their Press Officer, Journal Editor and many other key personnel and investigators. BUFORA were also fully aware that many of the 'facts' Burns' used in his presentation were imagined, untrue or unverifiable. This did not deter them and, in some bastardised version of promoting 'free speech' they allowed Burns to manipulate their organisation and membership.

BUFORAs Council's grip on ufology in the UK, reality in general, and their understanding of ethical practice within the subject must be called into question over their sponsorship of both Burns and his interpretation of the Sheffield case.

The facts appear to be that BUFORA will sink to any level to produce 'infotainment' with which it can fool its' membership. And that once again the elite ruling body on Council will have its' way despite any representation from other officers or its membership.  
Democracy? I think not.

Perhaps BUFORA should make a public statement as to whether they now supported a convicted drug dealer and his lies about the Sheffield case?

Of course the deluded and the nutcases in ufology will not take heed of the Max Burns affair. Some will believe he is innocent and has been set up by 'UK intelligence', as he puts it. I only wish this were the case - he might have been stopped sooner. Others will continue to believe there is an extraterrestrial element to the Sheffield case. All permutations of stupid believes will abound but the plain and simple facts are that ufology in the UK was taken is - yet again - by a huckster. And that - yet again - BUFORA gave its support to something it knew nothing of but thought it could make ufological capital and money from.

If ufology in the UK ever wishes to be taken seriously by the establishment it needs to learn the lessons of the Burns farrago.

I very much doubt it will as long as its leaders are more interested in profit and promotion over hard fact.

I leave you with two thoughts:

\* A careful reading of Burns' court case makes it plain that not only was he a drug dealer but that he was intent on passing ordinary amphetamine off as Ecstasy. Therefore he cannot even claim any ideological reason for his drug dealing - this was ripping people off purely for financial gain.

\* Burns, on many occasions accused myself and Dave Clarke of working for the government and being part of a plot to infiltrate and set-up ufologists in the UK. Isn't it therefore extremely strange, to say the least, that Max Burns' trial and sentencing comes in the same week as Dave Clarke leaves his post at the Sheffield Star and moves on to other things. As he said to me the other day 'my work here is done'. Quite!

I hate to say we told you so.....

Happy Trails

Andy

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Subject: Re: Arnold again?Message-id: <dbc29e8a.25191ff0@aol.com>

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Bruce & List,

I agree with your renewed challenge to James Easton to "DRAW A MAP." In lieu of a map, as we discussed a month or so ago, I've deduced that the only way Easton's theory can even have a ghost of a chance given a 110+ mph airplane which would easily overtake 30-35 mph pelicans is if Arnold's plane ORBITED THE FLOCK OF BIRDS at a distance of about 1-3 miles. That way roughly the same distance would be kept and Arnold would not overtake the birds -- unless he chased them. But Arnold would have to keep the "bird" UFO's off to HIS RIGHT THE ENTIRE TIME, viewing them through his passenger side window instead of watching them cross his front windshield -- which is a major discrepancy for this bird-orbit theory.

In order for this orbiting or circling maneuver to keep the birds projected towards Mt. Rainier and then Mt. Adams as Arnold reported for the UFO's, Arnold would have had to be heading NNW at first, then turning to the right. It is true that Arnold reported making a 180- or 300-degree right turn over the town of Mineral just before or perhaps during the first "flashes" he sighted (there is a discrepancy in Arnold's accounts as to the size of the turn and exactly when he first saw a "flash"). At the end of the circling, Arnold's plane would have had to be headed nearly due East towards Yakima in order for the birds to be projected past Mt. Adams to the southeast. And he was indeed heading for Yakima. So these are points in favor of the bird-orbit theory. But according to Arnold he was heading to Yakima virtually the ENTIRE TIME OF THE SIGHTING, and he says nothing about watching during a turn, nor anything about having to view them off to his right instead of crossing directly in front of him.

But how could Arnold be unconscious of the fact he was in a turn the entire time? How could he not realize he was circling around the birds on a short 1-3-mile radius? He might have to bank at an angle to do the turn and possibly might not be able to see objects near the horizon from the passenger side window if so tilted. How could he perform the turn and at the same time release the aircraft controls to use the cowling tool to measure the angular size of the objects as he reported he did? Seems awkward if not downright dangerous. How could he briefly turn his plane to open his window to see the objects if he was ALREADY IN A TURN? Couldn't Arnold have simply chased the birds and overtaken them in just about one minute's time? He says he deviated from course to measure the five-mile length of Goat Ridge right after the sighting so he should certainly have been willing to do so in order to investigate the mysterious objects if he thought he could catch up with them -- but obviously he didn't, they were much too fast.

Regards,

Brad Sparks

In a message dated 9/20/99 8:42:51 PM, brumac@compuserve.com wrote:

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In the last couple of days some people (perhaps including astronomer Mitton) have picked up on James Easton's pelican theory and have circulated it as "the answer to Arnold."

As I recall, when the discussion sort of dwindled to nothing a month or so ago, my challenge to produce a map that would prove a logical pelican track could be created that would "solve" the problem of explaining why Arnold first saw the objects north of Rainier (from his MOVING perspective) and last saw them seeming to go past Mt. Adams, yet, at all times they were far enough from his plane that he couldn't see the wings flapping and thereby identify them as birds. This essentially means that at their closest they were a mile or so away.

I posted my own version of a map to aid in the analysis.

Just because Easton was supremely confident in his explanation doesn't mean he was right.

I re-issue the challenge. (Also explain how solar reflections from pelicans can be seen much farther, in the bright sky, than the bodies of the birds themselves.)

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Larry & List,

Quick COMMENTS in response. Please keep in mind I don't have my files so I'm relying on memory, which is imperfect.

Brad

In a message dated 9/21/99 7:46:12 AM, lrobins@indiana.edu wrote:

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On Mon, 20 Sep 1999 RB47Expert@aol.com wrote:

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@Larry & List,

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@Quick COMMENTS in reply.

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@Brad

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@In a message dated 9/20/99 1:54:36 PM, lrobins@indiana.edu wrote:

nibble

@ @ @ COMMENT: Nope. Klass doesn't say anything about a double-speed effect.

@

@I meant that the image of a ground based source reversed by a  
@relay failure should seem to travel upscope at exactly twice the  
@speed of the plane (unless the plane was turning). This would be  
@a simple test of the Klass hypothesis.

@

@One other thing to note is whether the speeds reported by the  
@ELINT operators were relative to the ground or to the plane.

@

@COMMENT: The ELINT direction-finders only give angles not speeds or  
@distances. The angle of the mirror image of the ground radar would have  
@exactly the same ANGULAR speed as the direct image of the ground radar, not  
@double in speed. The only way to get an absolute LINEAR speed that is twice

@that of the RB-47 is to ASSUME a distance equal to the distance to the ground

@radar (in that case by law of similar triangles the ground track of the image

@would twice that of the RB-47 in the same interval of time). But we have no @such data.

I didn't mean the angle. Hmmm

The relative speed would depend on the distance from the plane.

Now I have some rather technical questions (you can guess that I am an engineer) Some of them are to check the veracity of other sources, while others are to refine my understanding of the process used:

- Was there any indication on the scope of signal strength, or was it clipped, so they got a yes/no indication?

COMMENT: ECM/ELINT Operator No. 2, Maj. McClure told the Condon Committee it

was a strong signal comparable in signal strength to that of the ground radars he picked up at the same time and then tuned out in order to focus on the UFO signal.

- Was any other means of measuring signal strength (an s-meter or the like) used?

COMMENT: Don't know. Possibly ECM No. 1 Provenzano's APD-4 did and it also continuously recorded, too. Records kept in highly classified storage, no one has succeeded in locating or getting released.

- Was there any form of AGC on the ELINT?

- Was it possible on that ELINT for the contacts to stick in such a way that BOTH dishes received at the same time?

COMMENT: Don't know.

- Were the characteristics of ship radars then in use checked?

COMMENT: Yes.

- What was the frequency range of the equipment?

COMMENT: I think McClure's covered 1,000-5,000 MHz.

- If the frequency range was wide, how did they get a sharp focus at all frequencies used? I know a parabolic dish works better than any other antenna, but even those have anomalies at some frequencies.

COMMENT: They tuned into a narrower band.

- Was initial signal detection done broadband, by automatic sweeping of the tuning, or manually tuning through the band?

COMMENT: I believe it was manual.

- How was the frequency of the signal determined?

COMMENT: AN/APR-9 signal analyzer.

- Could a very strong signal blast its way through the open relay contacts? If so, it's possible to fake a signal moving upslope and particularly one orbiting the plane with a transmitter on the ground.

COMMENT: Doubtful.

- For that matter, could a strong interfering signal have entered the receiver in stages after the tuner?

COMMENT: Doubtful. Other ground radars in the same S-Band range were displayed normally, concurrent with the UFO signal.

- Since there were several units, could they have been interfering with each other only when set a certain way?

COMMENT: Doubtful. Nothing like this ever occurred again (or before) on the same plane. McClure was on it for 4 years.

- Did all of the ELINT consoles work off the same antenna pair , or did each one have its own antennas

COMMENT: I believe each had their own antennas. Provenzano and McClure had their own for sure.

- Was the rotation of the sweep on the display actually produced by rotating a transformer coil, as Klass depicted? If so, then how was the sweep limited to one quadrant (since transformers don't pass DC)? Or was the deflection coil actually rotated (and Klass's drawing is misleading)?

COMMENT: You'll have to ask Klass.

- Was the amplitude of the sweep driven by a sweep oscillator (as it is in RADAR), or by the incoming signal?

COMMENT: Don't know.

- Was there a RADAR set on the plane?

COMMENT: Yes, a navigation radar, APS-23 I think.

- Could someone have been covering up sloppy maintenance (like leaving a tube shield off) to avoid demerits?

COMMENT: Doubtful. This was thoroughly checked back at the home base, Forbes AFB, afterward.

You should really read my full report. I might be able to send you my revised version electronically once it's ready.

Brad

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On Tue, 21 Sep 1999, James Easton wrote:

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@  
@Photographed with a digital camera and taken directly from a  
@television screen, hence the 'banding', the attached image might  
@be of interest.  
@  
@It depicts an extraordinary 'UFO', filmed at night.  
@  
@Or does it...

Come on! That's a picture of the launch of Piccard's balloon that  
flew around the world! See the people on the ground around it?

@James.  
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On Tue, 21 Sep 1999 RB47Expert@aol.com wrote:

@- How was the frequency of the signal determined?  
@COMMENT: AN/APR-9 signal analyzer.

Was this manually tuned?

@- For that matter, could a strong interfering signal have entered  
@ the receiver in stages after the tuner?  
@COMMENT: Doubtful. Other ground radars in the same S-Band range were  
@displayed normally, concurrent with the UFO signal.

Such an interfering signal would not have to be in the 1-5 GHz  
frequency band, but could be in any band.

@- Was there a RADAR set on the plane?  
@COMMENT: Yes, a navigation radar, APS-23 I think.

Was it in operation?

What frequency did it operate on?

@- Could someone have been covering up sloppy maintenance (like  
@ leaving a tube shield off) to avoid demerits?  
@COMMENT: Doubtful. This was thoroughly checked back at the home base,  
@Forbes AFB, afterward.

Assuming that the tech who goofed was not also the person who  
checked out the set.

@You should really read my full report. I might be able to send you my  
@revised version electronically once it's ready.

Sounds like a good idea.

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<DIV><FONT color=#000000 size=2>Dear All,</FONT></DIV>

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<DIV><FONT size=2>John Spencer and Gloria Dixon would like to clarify some points regarding the latest invective following their Rolling Projects initiatives.&nbsp;  We would like to make it absolutely clear that politics have no place in these projects at all. Furthermore one of the major criticisms of BUFORA has been because they were not visibly seen to be doing enough as a research organisation; these initiatives are what BUFORA and Ufology should pursue. The Memory Retrieval, Alternatives to the ETH, Censorship and Close Encounter Study are very important and central to the present climate of ufology.&nbsp; </FONT></DIV>

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<DIV><FONT size=2>The Censorship Project alone is something that had to be addressed due to the major problems, divides and criticism&nbsp;  that arose recently with Max Burns speaking on a BUFORA platform, which is why this is a part of these initiatives. We believe that opening up the question in this way is a proper and measured response to the criticism that BUFORA received, and proof that we do indeed listen to constructive criticism - but we stress CONSTRUCTIVE criticism.</FONT></DIV>

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<DIV><FONT size=2>The projects involved with this research are being distributed to as many people as possible both within the UFO/Paranormal field of study as well as the academic fields.&nbsp;  This is important whichever group is at the helm, which is nowhere near as important as the projects themselves. We have sought as many contributors as possible worldwide, which demonstrates BUFORA's commitment to something larger than itself. There are, after all, many groups worldwide conducting many areas of research into the wider UFO field of study.</FONT></DIV>

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<DIV><FONT size=2>Time is of the essence now with many danger signals moving towards us; including Spielberg's possible mini-series&nbsp;  entitled 'Taken'&nbsp;  on Abduction, which will no doubt trigger more calls to UFO organisations which should be monitored and looked at very closely.&nbsp;  The Memory Retrieval and CE Study Projects will very important here.&nbsp; </FONT></DIV>

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<DIV><FONT size=2>There are some excellent researchers in this field from every walk of life and different organisations across the world and we hope that by these projects and initiatives we can harness their particular areas of specialist studies so that we can all&nbsp;  work together and come up with some possibly radical new ideas and research in these fields of study.</FONT></DIV>

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<DIV><FONT size=2>These projects will be long term projects as specified, but we both genuinely hope that the politics will take a back seat so that researchers can work together with their differing views and opinions to make this research become more meaningful and informative taking these serious issues to the very limits of research everywhere and maybe in so doing creating a new age of

understanding of these very human mysteries.</FONT></DIV>

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<DIV><FONT size=2>Please focus on the issues and not the politics or the personalities.</FONT></DIV>

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<DIV>NOTE: Could I also ask you all to maintain this list of members of the Research Groups (which will be periodically updated); mischievous people are 'clipping in' non-research detractors who will only waste the Research Groups' time.</DIV>

<DIV><FONT size=2></FONT>&nbsp;</DIV>

<DIV>All the best</DIV>

<DIV>&nbsp;</DIV>

<DIV><FONT size=2>Gloria and

John</FONT></DIV></FONT></DIV></BODY></HTML>

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From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>  
Subject: Re: Arnold again?

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The Germans and Americans both realised that the best aircraft would be a hybrid; between Pelican and spacecraft. They recovered some Pelican droppings and incorporated them into a Top Secret remote-controlled bird programme whereby the NWO could spy on us by using the common or garden housemartin.

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He's got it!

By George, he's got it.

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Subject: Re: Klass Comments on 'Socorro' Message-id:  
<002301bf04a0\$b9fff0e0\$93c828c3@cis.compuserve.com>

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Philip Klass writes:

"You are welcome to share following with UFORL..."

I visited Socorro in late 1966 and tape-recorded interviews with all of the principals. However, where I quote Zamora (below), same is based on interview with Zamora, conducted several hours after the (alleged) incident by FBI Agent J. Arthur Byrnes, acting in an UNOFFICIAL capacity. Byrnes chanced to be in Sgt. Chavez office when the latter received a call from police radio operator Lopez saying that Zamora wanted Chavez to come to the "site." Prior to my visit to Socorro, I obtained a copy of the complete Project Blue Book files on the case, including prints of pix taken shortly after the incident, showing the odd-shaped "landing pad prints."

The map of the area contained in my first book "UFOs--Identified" does show the location of the airport. In my 2nd book, the map was "shortened" a bit (cutting out the airport location) to make room for the lengthy caption. Can provide you with a copy of the original (via airmail) if you wish.

Following comments are numbered for your convenience if you wish to respond. Although I am convinced the incident was a hoax, inspired by Major Bursom to attract tourists, I will refer to "UFO" or "object" as IF Zamora's tale were true.

(1) Zamora reportedly was chasing a speeding car headed south on a rough (noisy road when I drove it in 1966) when he claimed his attention was attracted by a "ROAR" and a "flame in the sky." Assuming Zamora was driving 60 mph. to try to catch speeder, the "roar" would have had to be quite loud to hear above ambient road noise. Zamora said he initially suspected an explosion of the Mayor's dynamite shack near the UFO.

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basket. Yet Zamora reported that "the persons [he allegedly saw briefly from a distance of about 800 ft.] were NOT seen when I got up to the scene area. But Zamora reported seeing TWO LEGS extending from the object.

(4) Zamora reported being terrified when the UFO took off with a very loud roar." Hot air balloon launches do NOT create "a very loud roar."

(5) Zamora reported the UFO flew off in a SOUTHWEST direction, passing over the dynamite shack--(and Highway #60)--NOT Due SOUTH towards the airport. (If headed for the airport, object would have passed over/near Felix Phillip's house.)

(6) Altho the alleged incident occurred around 5:45 p.m., THERE WERE NO OTHER WITNESSES--other than Opal Grinder's ALLEGED tourist--which is a "tall tale" exposed in a White Paper of mine. Copy on request. If there had been ANY OTHER witnesses, surely they would have come forward during the next several days when there was a widely publicized investigation by White Sands Capt. Holder, by Dr. Hynek, by Blue Book chief, and great media interest nation-wide.

(7) As Dr. Hynek stated in his report to Project Blue Book, after his first 1-day visit, this incident was "one of the major UFO sightings in the history of Air Force consideration of this subject." (Based on Hynek's recommendation, the USAF sent letters of inquiry to many major and minor aerospace/defense companies asking whether they had built an experimental craft and tested same in vicinity of Socorro on April 24, 1964. None had nor could they offer a possible explanation or hypothesis.)

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[End]

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I will extend an invitation that Philip Klass join the list, if there's no rebellion at such a suggestion!

James.

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From: John Burtenshaw <jburtens@bournemouth.ac.uk>  
Subject: Re: Night Flights

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>Any chance you could scan the Vulcan photograph and make it  
>available?

>replied: "No markings at all. Just an even light blue underbody.  
>No roundels or numbers or logos!".

>

>Wouldn't there have been some markings visible on a Vulcan?

The colour is interesting. Vulcans went through a number of camo changes from anti-flash gloss white in the 60's, green/grey upper camo and white undersurfaces to all over green/grey wrap around camo. Never seen a sky blue undersurface, but it could be reflection from the white. At one point the all RAF aircraft lost their underwing serials and the roundels became very small. The current fashion is light grey with toned-down markings which are very hard to see.

>I suppose it depends on how good the visibility actually was. At  
>10:30 in March, Paul would have been driving in the countryside  
>in the dark of night and it would surely have been difficult to  
>be certain of any observations.

>

>Could also maybe throw size perspectives way off.

Could be I've confused a bizjet with a bigger airliner when it was landing at dusk...

>Paul notes that Vulcans were stationed at RAF Waddington in 1978.  
>Would they possibly still be flying night ops then?

I would think so - I'll check to what Sqn was based there and what they were tasked with.

>How feasible is it that Paul witnessed a Vulcan which was gliding  
>at such low altitude - maybe coming in to land?

According to my pilot friend, a Waddington landing began with an approach from 50,000ft over Carlisle (they need such a long one to bleed the speed off). It was a GCA (Ground Controlled Approach) e.g a talk-down by Waddington as the Vulcan was not ILS equipped. The normal approach was to reduce power at the start and let the speed bleed off during descent (the Vulcan had no flaps). It was basically a glide approach with full power only applied if a go around was required. A Vulcan landing was a

High-Alpha landing with the wing being used to aerodynamically slow the aircraft on landing e.g the pilot kept the nose high until the speed dropped and nose wheel touched the runway when the chute was released.

So it could have been a landing Vulcan.

Cheers

John

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Date: Wed, 22 Sep 1999 10:31:09 +0100  
From: John Burtenshaw <jburtens@bournemouth.ac.uk>  
Subject: Vulcan photo was Night Flights

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>>BTW I have photo of a RAF Vulcan B2 with its lights on and guess  
>>what it? It looks awfully like the photo on Jame's website  
>>(http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/eupen6.jpg). If you look  
>>carefully you can make out the typical "kinked" delta wing of  
>>the B2 version of the Vulcan. Could the eupen6 photo be a  
>>doctored pic of a Vulcan bomber?

>  
>I suspect the answer is definitely affirmative and I'm more than  
>hesitant about the authenticity of this `Eupen' photograph.

>  
>Does it even need to be a doctored version?

>  
>Co-incidentally, there's some related material I intended to  
>mention when time permitted. It's a published commentary on the  
>Eupen photograph which - if I recall correctly - claims that  
>analysts who examined the image believed it to be a hoax.

>  
>I'll look out the exact text later today.

>  
>Any chance you could scan the Vulcan photograph and make it  
>available?

Here's the pic. Note the white lights on the outer wings (unique to the  
Vulcan) also note the leading edge wing shape compared to Eupen photo. On  
the full size photo you can see the red warning beacons which are inboard  
of each wing.

Cheers

John

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From: joel carpenter <ufx@mindspring.com>  
Subject: Re: Klass Comments on 'Socorro' Message-id:  
<000d01bf04eb\$8730a100\$3530f7a5@skyray>  
References: <199909220130\_MC2-85D0-CBEA@compuserve.com>

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Date: Wed, 22 Sep 1999 10:07:37 -0400  
From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>  
Subject: Re: Klass Comments on 'Socorro'  
References: <199909220130\_MC2-85D0-CBEA@compuserve.com>

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Date: Wed, 22 Sep 1999 12:27:43 -0400  
From: joel carpenter <ufx@mindspring.com>  
Subject: ObservationsMessage-id:  
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Also, the attached image might be of interest. It's undated but judging by the VW (412 wagon?) in the background I'd guess early 1970s at the earliest.

J Carpenter

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DITTOS IN SPADES -- Karl

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I would agree with this. This is the sort of discussion that should have started 50 year ago with release of Air Force sighting data to the scientific community. Unfortunately the AF did not take the attitude that the general public or the scientific community had a "right" to the information. Furthermore, the AF treated the whole subject more as a policy problem or CYA (Cover Your..... Abacus) operation than scientific research.

That we should now, 52 year later be debating Arnold's sighting is a "scandal" of the first order. It's like discovering the Piltdown hoax years later, but in this case the sighting was not the hoax.... the explanations were.

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In message <199909162038.VAA30410@irwell.zetnet.co.uk>, Lynda Matthews  
<matthews@zetnet.co.uk> writes

>Whilst I share Robert's opinion of the losers and weak-minded careerist  
>nobodies within BUFORA - an organisation less relevant than Brechin City  
>Football Club - I can't see why attacking Gloria is in any way useful.  
>  
>I count her as one of my friends within Ufology and not just a "colleague"  
>- the latter term being one we use when we're trying to be nice about  
>people we can't stand. She is NOT to blame for the current mess within UK  
>Ufology and is, in fact, one of the few people whose input has moved some  
>of us in the right direction.

Hear, hear.

>Get it together people.....read BEYOND. The best paranormal magazine in  
>the Universe.....

>

Hear , hear, if only I could get my hands on a copy....

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They were the little men. They were below intervening terrain (as  
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balloon. I have heard it.

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Of course not. It was a NAVY project! :)

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And just how would they steer it to the airport? You have to take what the wind gives you.

If the fault was a partially unzipped dump valve, they could zip it up again quickly. Or maybe one of them needed to "hide in the bushes."

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@[End]

Actually, I am looking for a published report of the flight that I read before I got interested in UFOs. It gave the whole perspective of the sighting from the balloonists point of view. I read it sometime before March 1967, when I first learned of the Socorro case. They thought the cop was ready to shoot it out with them. Later, they found out he thought he was seeing some kind of space ship.

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@James.

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then, either a small square platform, or a larger triangular one  
was used. An A-frame extended up from the platform to hold the  
burner and the lines to the aerostat. The A-frame was seen as two  
legs. See pics in Newsweek Feb 3 1964.

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I would like to approach you with some data regarding earthlight activity in Merseyside, there are a number of cases I would like to discuss with you. Would this be okay?

Look forward tpo hearing from you soon  
Tony Eccles

--- Paul Devereux <Paul@liminal2.demon.co.uk> wrote:  
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I will again question whether someone can see an object the size of a pelican or even large go past Mt. Rainier and then past Mt. Adams. The distance is too far. You'd have problems seeing a jumbo jet. I think James, you are missing the whole point on perception and vision. These are very large mountains. Best check the USGS sites to see what type of mass and distance we are comparing with.

I feel like I am talking to myself sometimes. Thanks Bruce for at least listening. I go to or in site of Mt. Rainier every weekend until October. I've seen it from many angles and many sides. Even when close up (7,100 ft altitude and within 3 miles from the top) -- you cannot make out a climber let alone something smaller. That mountain is too big in comparison to objects next to it. You cannot even see a small plane when it flies close by.

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Under magnification I could see the "panels" were formed from tiny dots. Not only that but the tiny dots formed letters... EET. (No, not ET).

Subsequently NICAP checked airports in the area and learned that an advertising plane had been flying around.

Now, before we had "the answer" there was a range of possibilities... sign plane being one of them,, although the witnesses were certain it wasn't a plane because they heard no noise.

Could I say that "anything goes?" with this sighting Of course not. There were certain well reported features which bounded the phenomena that could have caused that sighting. The same is true of the Arnold sighting

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The case you cited of the ad plane reported as a saucer was recited entirely without quantitative data and without reasonable error margins on the numbers. This would be like analyzing the Arnold case but without his clocking, no angular size measurement, no references to known landmarks and measured distances, no mentions of estimated altitudes and altitude variations. Al Hendry has a page of drawings of ad planes looking like classic saucers and reported as UFO's (UFO Handbook p. 92). On pp. 94-96 Hendry shows how he resolved UFO-like behavior in many of these cases. Interestingly, when Hendry explains these cases he usually introduces specific quantitative data.

To me, a UFO case without reliable quantitative data is worthless. That's why as minimal initial screening criteria for UFO Best Evidence I require a minimum of TWO WITNESSES each of whom gives detailed accounts covering necessary data (it's no good to have only one witness report and just say "oh there were 20 others who saw it too"), the duration must be at least 1 MINUTE of continuous observation by each witness and of an object of at least FULL MOON (0.5 deg) angular size during the minimum 1 minute. This won't eliminate all IFO's but it will help prevent a total waste of time spent on marginal cases. I haven't developed screening criteria yet for photo, radar and other instrumented or physical trace cases.

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John Burtenshaw's observations on the markings on recent military aircraft reminded me of the "black helicopter" syndrome afflicting many a UFO witness / investigator.

The Fortean Times was due to publish an article on black helicopters, but it seemed to have been pulled for some reason. I was rather looking forward to it. Anyway, here we go...

Being an old hand at recognition, mention of black, unmarked helicopters always makes me smile. Why?

- 1) Almost any aircraft in flight will be seen as a silhouette against the lighter sky, ie black
- 2) No markings will be seen on a silhouette, ie appears unmarked
- 3) Most frontline military helicopters are matt dark green or dark grey to reduce their chances of being seen from above by fighters, or against the landscape as they operate. The very dark paint also has some IR signature reducing properties.
- 4) The US Army applies very small, low contrast ("toned down" is the term) markings to their choppers. These are very difficult to make out at a distance and especially against a lighter background such as the sky. Even if they are seen in good lighting conditions they will appear unmarked.

What about these silent ones though, eh Chris?

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Nothing sinister then? Has anyone done any research into the black helicopters and if so what was the conclusion?

Chris

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That, of course, depends on the relative distances of the pelican  
and the mountain. For example, if a pelican is one mile distant,  
an airplane is 15 miles distant, and a mountain is 30 miles  
distant (do we have the figures on this?), there are a lot of  
differences:

1. Different amounts of light scattering in the path of vision.  
This causes different maxima in contrast, with closer objects  
having more contrast.
2. Different real sizes for the same subtended angle.
3. Different perceptions for an object of the same real  
brightness.
4. Different speeds for the same angular velocities.

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@at least listening. I go to or in site of Mt. Rainier every weekend until  
@October. I've seen it from many angles and many sides. Even when

@close up (7,100 ft altitude and within 3 miles from the top) -- you  
@cannot make out a climber let alone something smaller. That mountain  
@is too big in comparison to objects next to it. You cannot even see  
@a small plane when it flies close by.

But that depends on how far away the mountain is from you,  
compared to the small plane. You are saying that the climber is  
ON the mountain. The pelican theory says that the pelicans are  
much CLOSER than the mountain is. Halation (see below) would also  
tend to mask a dark climber on the white background.

@Kathleen Andersen

There is another mechanism that might be at work here: Halation  
in the retina of the eye. Halation is the scattering of strong  
light within the retina itself. It makes bright objects appear to  
be larger and more rounded than they are. I cite an example from  
experience:

One day in 1974, I was in northern Indiana, and I saw a large  
silver sausage come from behind a tree. It glittered in the sun.  
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Goodyear blimp), I watched it closely. I wondered if this was  
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a DC-3. Halation strikes again. BTW, video and film cameras react  
the same way to bright sources of light.

It is possible that Arnold saw objects that would have been below  
the resolution of his vision except for halation.

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I tend to think that (rather than pelicans) Arnold saw a flight  
of propeller-driven predecessors to the YB-49 flying wing. I  
can't remember the designation of these, but they were mostly  
wing, with a ovoid fuselage in the middle, four pusher  
propellers, and round vertical fins at the ends of the wings.

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Instead of going nuts reporting a UFO, my family went to the auto show at the state fairgrounds that the plane advertized. There, I saw another object that looked like a UFO - a personal hovercraft with huge fins (it's on the cover of the recent Newsboys album "Take Me to Your Leader").

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@Not so impossible after all.

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in scientific experiments. As a test, I took one of them out at  
night and looked around. Just as was reported in the Rendlesham  
case, I saw a house that appeared to be on fire. But without the  
nightscope, the house looked normal.

The nightscope really sees infrared light. Since the infrared  
frequency chosen includes the black-body-radiation frequency of  
body temperature, people walking down the street glowed, as did  
the warm air rising from that house, which had poor insulation.  
Some windows glowed, even when there were no lights on inside,  
and a flashlight I put on the sidewalk looked like a burning  
torch after a minute.

This could explain the path the men took to the farmhouse. Before  
they got there, they were using the nightscope, and homed in on  
the infrared leaked from the house.

It is also probable that the objects seen on the second day were  
fire balloons, since their characteristics matched distant fire  
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UFO sighting becomes publicized.

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Subject: Re: Arnold again?Message-id:  
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From: Joneswufo@aol.com  
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From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>  
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My claim is simple: YOU CAN'T DO THAT!  
Mother nature and birds won't allow it.... unless Arnold was going so slowly in his airplane that he crashed soon after the sighting.  
Of course, using the "anything goes" philosophy, maybe Arnold did crash and everything after that is a hoax.

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From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>  
Subject: Atmospheric effects on star observation

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>Seeing is somewhat different. Even on a clear, transparent night, seeing can be bad (if the stars twinkle, it's bad!), and as this post points out,

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can be a significant factor in the misperception of known astronomical objects.

Unfortunately, there aren't any widely-available sources for seeing reports.

The only way to be sure what the seeing is like in any area is to be there and to experience it. Field investigators may want to add a nightly seeing

check to their normal routine. Many standard astronomical texts contain seeing classification scales.<

Don't get confused by "bad." Bad for astronomers is hardly detectable to people without telescopes. I have seen the disc of Mars translated sideways by its full width.... which is a TINY angle.

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Subject: Re: Re: Arnold again?Message-id: <c1dc034.251dbc46@aol.com>

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Date: Sat, 25 Sep 1999 02:28:11 -0400 (EDT)  
From: TPrinty@aol.com  
Subject: Re: Atmospheric effects on star observation  
Message-id: <d64dcc27.251dc57b@aol.com>

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In a message dated 09/24/1999 6:21:56 PM Hawaiian Standard Time, brumac@compuserve.com writes:

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I disagree with this statement and as an amateur astronomer, I have seen stars affected by atmospheric effects quite often. Stars twinkle because of the earth's atmosphere and therefore ARE affected by atmospheric turbulence. The degree of twinkling is very indicative of atmospheric conditions and many planetary observers will refrain from photography when stars are twinkling too much.

Quoting from McGraw-Hill Encyclopedia of Science and Technology we find out why stars "Twinkle".

"High-altitude winds and local air currents carry atmospheric irregularities across the line of sight. Because the entrance pupil of the human eye is much smaller than the characteristic size of atmospheric irregularities, any twinkling that is visible to the unaided eye is caused primarily by the modulation of the light intensity and not by the deflection of the light waves. Modulation is best understood as an interference phenomenon acting on adjacent light waves. Like random waves in water, sometimes the waves add constructively, causing the star to brighten, and other times the waves add destructively, causing the star to dim. Stars experience a process called scintillation which is common under atmospheric conditions of turbulence."

Scintillation is a common effect that fools many inexperienced observers. I have sat out and watched the star Sirius vary in brightness, intensity, and color. People, who have never seen this often feel that the star is an airplane with landing lights when they see it low to the horizon. Here in Hawaii, I see Sirius do this almost every night. Probably due to the atmospheric conditions around the islands. Looking at Minneart, we find out why the colors change (p.67):

"The colour changes are to be ascribed to slight dispersion of the normal terrestrial ray curvature, so that the rays from the star travel along slightly different paths in the atmosphere, according to their

colour. For a star at a height of  $10^\circ$  above the horizon we compute distance between the violet and red rays to be as much as 11 inches at a height of 1.25 miles, and 23 inches at 3 miles. The air striae are, on an average, fairly small, so that it may often happen that the violet ray passes through a striation and is deflected, whereas the red ray passes on without deviation. The moments when the light of a star becomes brighter or feebler as a result of scintillation are, therefore, different for the different colours... Colour changes never occur, apparently, at altitudes of more than  $50^\circ$ , but frequently below  $35^\circ$ . The most beautiful scintillation of all is that of the bright star Sirius, which is visible in the winter months rather low in the sky."

Then there are many cases of stars being misidentified as UFOs. The Condon committee and Hendry were quite familiar with the effect. Even Dr. Hynek was aware of how stars can be misidentified by an observer. In Michigan, during the UFO flap in the '66, Dr. Hynek accompanied several police officers in viewing one UFO which turned out to be Arcturus. He also described how the star Capella fooled one pilot who was trying to chase it 1952. It appears that the effects of scintillation played a significant factor in this case.

Additionally, it does not take much for autokinesis to set in and make a star appear to jump back and forth or appear to approach and recede. Coupled with color changes induced by scintillation and the observer can feel that the star is moving and flashing landing lights or signalling the observer. Atmospheric effects DO affect how stars appear to the naked eye observer.

Tim Printy

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Subject: Re: Oooer! Black helicoptersCc: jonesw@battelle.org

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Yep, they were used in the Persian Gulf, they were MD MH-6 models. Not a lot of info is available on the MH-6, but what is points to them being rather quiet. Check out the World Air Power Journal on the US Special Forces helicopter force.

I'd say a dark green chopper, seen from an airliner against a concrete ramp would appear black. Could they have been US Immigration Service or Customs? Used for night observation patrols of the New Mexico / Mexico border?

Chris

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Date: Sat, 25 Sep 1999 09:41:24 -0400 (EDT)  
From: Joneswuf0@aol.com  
Subject: Re: Oooer! Black helicoptersMessage-id: <75af5286.251e2b04@aol.com>

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The helicopters I saw a Kirtland were BLACK. They weren't all that far away from the plane I was in, Maybe 100 yards; probably less. Why does everyone have trouble accepting black paint on helicopters? I am glad I am not Lonnie Zamora. You would think I was nuts.

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From: "M.E. Mathews" <proexec@proexec.com>  
Subject: Re: Oooer! Black helicopters

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Ladies and Gentlemen of the UFOR List:

Having never participated in the list, but having read and followed carefully, I have never stepped into the so called "arena" before. However, I feel compelled to in this case, as I know a thing or two about these so called "black helicopters".

Just for a very brief background, I spent 18 years in the Air Force Combat Control Teams, and have logged more hours than I care to recall in helicopter variants. Being involved in CCT's, there were many reasons to use helicopters, and different variants using different color schemes were used for different scenarios.

Yes, there are black helicopters. And there are olive helicopters and sub-dued olive and sub-dued black helicopters. There are deep blue helicopters and light blue helicopters and white helicopters and silver helicopters. There are orange helicopters and there are yellow helicopters. The point is, pick a color and the military could probably pull one out of inventory somewhere and give you a reason for the odd color.

The choice of color has less to do with "conspiracy against UFO researchers" than it does for camouflage and radar concerns. Also, the sub-dued markings are for distinct reasons not related to "conspiracy" but rather for up close and personal air and on ground identification. I do not deny that there are helicopters that do not carry insignia and identifiers of any sort, however these variants have specific assignments that I am afraid are ripe for conspiracy buffs to drool all over, which I feel is exactly what has given the black helicopters the conspiracy of

the month tag.

Although by no means an expert, I do know that it is true that there is on-going research and experimentation in the so called "silent" helicopter technology, which in my experience right now could be more correctly labeled "highly muffled" technology.

And finally, I find it extremely difficult to believe that a civilian was told by a military spokesperson that helicopters were used for "crowd control." Having taken the SW courses on urban warfare and containment, the no-no phrase at any time is "crowd control." Again, I would never deny that helicopters which may or may not be painted black would every be used in a urban scenario, but I would certainly say that the reason black helicopters exist is for such a reason is pure fantasy.

In closing, any person in any area with a military presence nearby has a better than average chance of seeing a "black helicopter" at any time of the day or night. I live near a huge Government Nuclear Research Facility (INEEL) and see them weekly. UFO conspracy? Absolutely not, just the Nuclear SWAT Team excercising.

Personally, I feel its time for huge doses of common sense and rational behavior.

Thanks for the time.

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Subject: Re: Arnold again?  
Priority: normal

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On 25 Sep 99, at 0:14, bruce maccabee wrote:

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Date: Sat, 25 Sep 1999 12:24:07 -0400  
From: joel carpenter <ufx@mindspring.com>  
Subject: Re: Re: Arnold again?Message-id:  
<003101bf0772\$725459a0\$0100a8c0@mindspring.com>  
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Subject: Re: Arnold again?Message-id: <98a5be83.251e58e4@aol.com>

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From: RB47Expert@aol.com  
Subject: Re: Re: Re: Arnold again?Cc: ufx@mindspring.com  
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Joel,

Because Arnold didn't give us the dimensions on his "zeus fastener or cowling tool" or the distance he held the tool from his eyes, we must use his size comparison based on the DC-4 that was simultaneously visible and trust he did his calculations correctly and that he estimated the 15-mile distance correctly (in his ca. July 10, 1947, letter to the AAF). He gave differing figures for the distance to the DC-4, such as 20 miles (AP Pendleton, Ore., June 26, in Boise Statesman, June 26).

Arnold did NOT say he actually SAW the engines on the DC-4, only that he was comparing the UFO dimensions to the separation distance of the DC-4 engines, "if" the object was placed over the DC-4 what "would" the spacing have been (Idaho Statesman, June 28, 1947). Since he was familiar with the appearance of DC-4's he would not need to see the engines to know how to compare their spacing.

Yes, 1/30th of an inch is small but engineering rulers are routinely graduated down to 1/64th inch. I can see even the 1/64th graduations at 4 feet. That's 0.33 milliradian or 1 arcminute (the full moon is about 33 arcminutes diameter). It's at the limit of visual acuity.

However, I think there is another serious problem for the accuracy of Arnold's angular size estimate and visual acuity for the details he reported: The objects were in motion at a high angular rate of at least 1 deg/sec. Moving objects present less contrast than stationary ones (the contrast is spread out over a larger area).

BTW, I noticed an AP story from Seaside, Oregon, datelined June 28, 1947 (from Twin Falls Times News June 29) which mentioned that "A recent issue of *Mechanix Illustrated* said that the navy [sic] has developed a plane designated the XF5U1, 'a queer, saucer shaped object' capable of well over 500 [sic] miles an hour." If the magazine article came out BEFORE Arnold's sighting, using the words "saucer shaped," maybe Arnold read it and it suggested those words to use in his account, leading to decades of misconceptions about the actual shape.

Regards,

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Subject: Re: Oooer! Black helicoptersMessage-id: <E11Uy04-0003nJ-00@serv1.is1.u-net.net>

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Thanks to Mr Mathews (no relation I presume) we now have the black helicopters existence sorted out. There must be very few of the actual black ones, so the explanation of the multiplicity of sightings must be down to the reasons I mentioned earlier.

Black, incidently, is one of the most conspicuous colours to paint aircraft for daylight operations.

Why have these black choppers come have such a pivotal role the UFO conspiracy? It strikes me that someone sees a UFO and a chopper flies nearby, its a black helicopter, a part of the UFO conspiracy. How common are choppers around population centres? Very.

The chances of one being around at the time of a UFO sighting are high. (No, James, I'm not saying this because I'm in Aberdeen.) More law enforcement agencies are using the quiet choppers (as John pointed out), so to some-one unfamiliar with aviation, a silent chopper (so named because of the noise) would be rather bizarre, if not spooky.

So, can we conclude that:

- 1) Black helicopters exist
- 2) They are not at all sinister
- 3) It's just a coincidence they turn up with UFOs

Excellent.

Chris

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Brad, Joel, Bruce, and Kathleen,

I've been finding the recent discussion regarding Kenneth Arnold's sighting of June 24, 1947, very interesting. It appears that the latest analytical result indicates that the objects Arnold saw were not more than glints or flashes, quite tiny actually, in the very far distance. Of course, such glinting objects suggest a meteor, or meteors, or a fragmented(ing) meteor moving in a straight-line. These multiple objects were moving from north to south, and although seemingly low in altitude, would not preclude a low-flying meteor. Hell, if a meteor can crash to earth (which they do), then they can travel at low altitude.

I had an experience while on the top of Mary's Peak one night. The peak is in western central Oregon, 1,400 feet. My wife and I were stargazing and looking for a repeat of strange lights we had seen on two previous nights. Suddenly we saw a bright object plummet at about a 60-degree angle from the north to the south, in a straight line, as if heading toward the apex of the mountain that we were standing on. The object was quite bright, a phosphorus white, and generally heel-shaped, similar to Arnold's description. It also had a flat, one-dimensional appearance. I recall a faint streak behind it. Of course, we all know that it is nearly impossible to calculate distance of lights at night, and precise location is near impossible. The sighting lasted about a second, but the object was quite clear and definite.

One solution to the Arnold mystery is to do something rather simple and obvious. And that is to rent two aircraft. One of them would be Arnold's plane, which resides in a museum I think in Wyoming, and the other would be a plane the estimated size of the objects Arnold saw. Two pilots would fix these aircraft at their approximate locations on June 24, 1947. This would be done under very similar weather conditions, perhaps in late June. From here, the experiment is fairly simple. Can "Arnold" in his plane west of the sighting location see the aircraft or not? Mr. Maccabee can generate the necessary experimental parameters; video tape or film can be involved; blah blah. Why no one in the UFO field has ever done this is a puzzle. Well, actually, not a puzzle. It costs money and takes time; and ufologists are famous for just reading paper reports. Few, if any, EVER do any actual field work or observation. I may be wrong, but I think Mr. Maccabee "analyzed" the hoaxer Ed Walters "photos" over the phone, and instructed Walters to set up some type of stereo-camera system, again by phone. It's always easier to do research by mail or phone than to get off one's butt and go to the scene, and especially to do all the necessary character checks, etc.

In addition, I am appalled (well, actually, pretty accepting now) at how so-called ufologists have refused to, or just didn't care, to actually dig into every aspect of Arnold's character, personality, personal history, values, beliefs, profession, and so forth, to thoroughly evaluate his real observational abilities and his analytical expertise. I have attempted to do this myself by reading everything in his personal files. I found it very interesting that his book *Coming of the Saucers* was really very poorly written, and that when you study the government documents and all the material available on the Tacoma Incident (Maury Island) you discover that Arnold's mindset in the summer of 1947 was charged with anxiety and paranoia. This was, of course, the result of the fear and fascination gripping part of the American populace during the 1947 wave, and the extraordinary impact Arnold's sighting had on him starting soon after the sighting of June 24. Arnold may have observed accurately on June 24, but did he, suddenly thrust into the limelight and under the intense scrutiny of journalists and the focus of military investigations, actually maintain a clear head as he continued to repeat and recite his sighting over and over again to reporters?

Most interestingly, how did the glints and flecks of white light he saw on June 24, 1947, take form as a sharp crescent-shaped "wing" with a black circle on it in the painting that he had commissioned after the sighting? Also, can someone tell me what were the actual names of the mountain peaks that his nine objects weaved in and out of? This purported motion of the nine objects is absolutely critical to an understanding of what he saw. Even from my vantage point of Bellevue, Washington, and from Interstate 5 looking east, for the life of me I cannot see any of these peaks, only the immensity of Mount Rainier. I look to be enlightened on all these matters.

Greg (The Huge Person--Six Feet Eight Inches Tall and Now a Massive 300 Pounds of Flesh) Long

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Subject: Re: Re: Arnold again?

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Brad wrote

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>The case you cited of the ad plane reported as a saucer was recited entirely  
>without quantitative data and without reasonable error margins on the  
>numbers. This would be like analyzing the Arnold case but without his  
>clocking, no angular size measurement, no references to known landmarks  
and  
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>variations. Al Hendry has a page of drawings of ad planes looking like  
>classic saucers and reported as UFO's (UFO Handbook p. 92). On pp. 94-96  
>Hendry shows how he resolved UFO-like behavior in many of these cases.  
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>specific quantitative data.

Yes. In my response to the ad-plane sighting James sighted I referred to a case which was multiple credible witnesses and photos. Analyzing James' case would be a waste of time without ALL the information to go on. We don't know how bad or how good or how consistent, etc, the data were and whether it would have been considered a UFO \*\*\*AFTER\*\*\* investigation had no one come up with a sign plane. Certainly in the NICAP case I cited it would have been considered a good, though strange, UFO case if (a) the photos hadn't shown letters (!) \*\*OR\*\* if an investigation had failed to turn up an ad plane in the area at the time (either of these by itself would have been sufficient to throw it out.)

So, if James wants to compare his ad plane case with the Arnold case in terms of the quality of data (not the final outcome) then he has to post all the details.

I suspect you would find that the witnesses did not provide as convincing information as did Arnold. (This is NOT an invitation to post more details about a reputed ad plane sighting.)

>To me, a UFO case without reliable quantitative data is worthless. That's

>why as minimal initial screening criteria for UFO Best Evidence I require a

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>eliminate all IFO's but it will help prevent a total waste of time spent on

>marginal cases. I haven't developed screening criteria yet for photo, radar

>and other instrumented or physical trace cases. >

Depending upon the case, I wouldn't be quite as restrictive. However, certainly the "difficulty in accepting a skeptical explanation" increases with the

number of witnesses, quality of evidence, etc. Anyone who wants to analyze a multiple witness case that meets all of Sparks' criteria...and more.... should

consider Rogue River, Oregon, May 24, 1949 (month after C B Moore!) which is also Case 10 of the Special Report #14 of Project Blue Book.

>But under my initial screening criteria I would never include the

>essentially-single-witness Arnold case in a Best Evidence list (independent

>witness Fred Johnson on Mt. Adams does not have a duration or angular size).

>The Socorro case would not pass either if it had no landing traces, but since

>it does I can't technically eliminate it yet based purely on screening rules

>(but it could be eliminated if the hot-air balloon theory proves out).

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>point is that I use the screening criteria so as to not waste valuable time.

>Certain cases that are "classics" command extra attention but for other

>reasons than the quality of the case.

With regard to the last sentence, Arnold is unique in being the first publicized

sighting. Although there were suggestions of "funny stuff" by some press articles

in the time I don't think anyone has directly accused Arnold of making it up

for fun or publicity.

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Subject: Oooer! Black helicopters

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I have seen small black helicopters... close up and on the ground  
Markings if any are small as to be invisible at 30 ft or so.  
And solid matte black...

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Larry wrote:

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>A footnote on this: I modified some nightscopes in 1984 for use  
>in scientific experiments. As a test, I took one of them out at  
>night and looked around. Just as was reported in the Rendlesham  
>case, I saw a house that appeared to be on fire. But without the  
>nightscope, the house looked normal.

>The nightscope really sees infrared light. Since the infrared  
>frequency chosen includes the black-body-radiation frequency of  
>body temperature, people walking down the street glowed, as did  
>the warm air rising from that house, which had poor insulation.  
>>and a flashlight I put on the sidewalk looked like a burning  
>torch after a minute.

>This could explain the path the men took to the farmhouse. Before  
>they got there, they were using the nightscope, and homed in on  
>the infrared leaked from the house.

>It is also probable that the objects seen on the second day were  
>fire balloons, since their characteristics matched distant fire  
>balloons. They tend to make their appearance immediately after a  
>UFO sighting becomes publicized.

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Just because you night scope detected infrared doesn't mean theirs  
did. There are "starlight scopes" which use photoemissive cathodes that  
are not sensitive to infrared but which are VERY sensitive to lo light from  
starlight (and other sources of visible light).

Incidentally, the typical home video camera, and I presume the digital  
cameras, are sensitive to "near infrared" which is light that is "too red"  
to make an impression on your eyeball, but yet which is not  
the infrared generated by "warm bodies."

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Carpenter asked:

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My questions are -- given the sizes and angles Arnold estimated for the objects --

1. How big would each individual object be if it were simulated by a piece of tape stuck to the windshield?

2. How big would the entire chain of objects be if simulated as above?

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Assume the windshield was 1 m away. Assume the actual sizes of the objects was about 100 ft long and at 100,000 ft (about 20 miles).

The same angular size at 1 m would be  $1 \text{ m} \times (100 / 100000) = 0.001 \text{ m} = 1 \text{ mm}$ .

People with good eyesight can see 1 mm at 1 m. I USED to be able to... until my eyes started to change with age :( and now I need glasses to read).

If the chain was actually 5 miles long it would have spanned approximately

$1 \text{ m} \times (5 \text{ mi} / 20 \text{ mi}) = 1/4 \text{ m} = 25 \text{ cm}$  or nearly a foot.

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Subject: Re: Atmospheric effects on star observation

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Bruce wrote:

>> You can see twinkling of distant ground lights under some conditions...  
>> but whether this is "bad" or not depends upon what you are seeing or  
>> trying to see. Any object which subtends an angle of about 0.1 degree  
>> (1/5 the moon diameter) will not generally be affected by turbulence.  
>> (It can be affected greatly by atmospheric transparency, of course.) >>

Tim wrote:

>I disagree with this statement and as an amateur astronomer, I have  
>seen stars affected by atmospheric effects quite often. Stars twinkle  
>because of the earth's atmosphere and therefore ARE affected by  
>atmospheric turbulence. The degree of twinkling is very indicative of  
>atmospheric conditions and many planetary observers will refrain from  
>photography when stars are twinkling too much.

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I don't know why you say you disagree with the statement and then go to lengths to describe the twinkling effects on stars, because they subtend an angle much much smaller than 0.1 degree (and are essentially point sources). There is no doubt that the atmosphere can cause the image of a star to change drastically in brightness (as perceived by an observer looking through an optical system of finite size) and also direction (apparent direction shifting is what causes the star to "wander" in a telescope). There are also color aberrations. But when the angular size gets large these atmospheric effects become relatively small perturbations to the true image. Consider, for example, a thin sliver of the moon. The slight perturbations of the image cannot be seen without a good telescope. Of course, one of the obvious effects of the atmosphere on viewing the moon, for example, is the continual "boiling" effect that makes the lunar surface SEEM to distort with the locations of individual craters seeming to shift back and forth. But again, this requires optical augmentation (telescope) to see the effect.

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Carpenter wrote:

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>The DC-4 is really the calibration, isn't it? His eyesight was very good  
if

>he could resolve the outboard engines on a DC-4 15 miles away. Or possibly  
i>t was closer than that?

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Yes, this is the real test. And yes, I raised the question of whether or  
not the  
plane would have been closer than 15 miles. For example, one might  
suggest  
only 10 miles. Oddly enough, that makes the calculated sizes of th UFOS  
larger; that is, the shorter the assumed distance to the "test" airplane,  
the  
larger the UFOs... because th "cowling tool" stays the same size.

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Date: Sun, 26 Sep 1999 00:09:22 -0400  
From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>  
Subject: Re: Arnold again?

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WOW!!!

>hile flying lead for fire bombers on a fire last summer, my attention kept getting caught by a reflection from the ground in the approach area to the fire. A ground team was called in to take a look -- and the suspect turned out to be -- a Wonder Bread Hot Dog wrapper with 4 hot dog buns still intact. Go figure.

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This is a perfect example of what I have been talking about regarding Arnold's first and last views of the objects... He reported that he initially

detected them because of the bright flashes and he last saw them passing M. Adams, but could only see their flashes.

In other words, he could see the **BRIGHT METALIC SOLAR REFLECTIONS** much farther than he could see the objects themselves.

Here we have an eyewitness account of an Unidentified Grounded Object which could be detected by the solar flash, but which could not itself be "seen."

Bruce

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Subject: Re: Re: Re: Re: Arnold again?

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Greg wrote:

>Well, actually, not a puzzle. It costs money and takes time; and ufologists are famous for just reading paper reports. Few, if any, EVER do any actual field work or observation. I may be wrong, but I think Mr. Maccabee "analyzed" the hoaxer Ed Walters "photos" over the phone, and instructed Walters to set up some type of stereo-camera system, again by phone. It's always easier to do research by mail or phone than to get of one's butt and go to the scene, and especially to do all the necessary character checks, etc.  
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In spite of the possibility that I may get into a big discussion of Gulf Breeze on this list (which I wouldn't recommend: MUCH more difficult than Arnold, Socorro Rendlesham, etc. combined), I would like to point out that I analyzed ed's original photos using the original photos... not "over the phone." I certainly had many phone conversations and many times discussed photos, and sometimes discussed analysis before I actually got the photo. But every photo I have written about has accessible to me directly. I did ask Ed to set up a stereo camera with 1 ft spacing'. He did better by spacing the cameras 2 ft. After he built the "self-referencing stereo (SRS) camera, he sent m a picture of the camera with its two cameras fastened to a support. He also took numerous tes photos to demonstrate its operation and allow me to calibrate it. Incidentally, I visited Gulf Breeze several times. Of more importance is the fact that local investigators kept a close watch on Ed from January 1988 through the late spring when sightings finally ceased. There investigation was not done by "sitting on one's butt."

as for Arnold, which has been around a LOT longer, I agree that someone could easily have set up a real test even while Arnold was alive. \$\$\$\$ and not enough interest on the part of the scientific community explains the failure.

Such a test could still be carried out...and probably should be, to resolve this "pelican problem."

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From: RB47Expert@aol.com  
Subject: Re: Re: Re: Arnold again?Cc: brumac@compuserve.com  
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Bruce & List,

Yes, Bruce, the Rogue River case is excellent. Two of the four witnesses were NACA aeronautical engineers and I think there were detailed accounts from all four. The angular size does not quite meet my Best Evidence criteria because it was only through binoculars that it appeared to be full moon in angular size and they didn't continuously observe it through binocs for at least 1 minute. BUT, the binocs qualify as an observing instrument so that takes it out of my visual-only criteria and I haven't developed screening criteria for such instruments.

Brad

In a message dated 9/25/99 8:24:47 PM, brumac@compuserve.com wrote:

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Brad wrote

>

>The case you cited of the ad plane reported as a saucer was recited entirely  
>without quantitative data and without reasonable error margins on the  
>numbers. This would be like analyzing the Arnold case but without his  
>clocking, no angular size measurement, no references to known landmarks  
and  
>measured distances, no mentions of estimated altitudes and altitude  
>variations. Al Hendry has a page of drawings of ad planes looking like  
>classic saucers and reported as UFO's (UFO Handbook p. 92). On pp. 94-96  
>Hendry shows how he resolved UFO-like behavior in many of these cases.  
>Interestingly, when Hendry explains these cases he usually introduces  
>specific quantitative data.

Yes. In my response to the ad-plane sighting James sighted I referred to one which was multiple credible witnesses and photos. Analyzing James' case would be a waste of time without ALL the information to go on. We don't know how bad or how good or how consistent, etc, the data were and whether it would have been considered a UFO \*\*\*AFTER\*\*\* investigation had no one come up with a sign plane. Certainly in the NICAP case I cited it would have been considered a good, though strange, UFO case if (a) the photos hadn't shown letters (!) \*\*OR\*\* if an investigation had failed to turn up an add plane in the area at the time (either of these by itself would have been sufficient to throw it out.)

So, if James wants to compare his ad plane case with the Arnold case in terms of the quality of data (not the final outcome) then he has to post all the details.

I suspect you would find that the witnesses did not provide as convincing information as did Arnold. (This is NOT an invitation to post more details about a reputed airplane sighting.)

>To me, a UFO case without reliable quantitative data is worthless. That's

>why as minimal initial screening criteria for UFO Best Evidence I require a

>minimum of TWO WITNESSES each of whom gives detailed accounts covering

>necessary data (it's no good to have only one witness report and just say

"oh

>there were 20 others who saw it too"), the duration must be at least 1

MINUTE

>of continuous observation by each witness and of an object of at least

FULL

>MOON (0.5 deg) angular size during the minimum 1 minute. This won't

>eliminate all UFO's but it will help prevent a total waste of time spent

on

>marginal cases. I haven't developed screening criteria yet for photo,

radar

>and other instrumented or physical trace cases. >

Depending upon the case, I wouldn't be quite as restrictive. However, certainly the "difficulty in accepting a skeptical explanation" increases with the

number of witnesses, quality of evidence, etc. Anyone who wants to analyze a multiple witness case that meets all of Sparks' criteria...and more....

should

consider Rogue River, Oregon, May 24, 1949 (month after C B Moore!) which is also Case 10 of the Special Report #14 of Project Blue Book.

>But under my initial screening criteria I would never include the

>essentially-single-witness Arnold case in a Best Evidence list

(independent

>witness Fred Johnson on Mt. Adams does not have a duration or angular size).

>The Socorro case would not pass either if it had no landing traces, but since

>it does I can't technically eliminate it yet based purely on screening rules

>(but it could be eliminated if the hot-air balloon theory proves out).

The

>point is that I use the screening criteria so as to not waste valuable

time.

>Certain cases that are "classics" command extra attention but for other  
>reasons than the quality of the case.

With regard to the last sentence, Arnold is unique in being the first  
publicized  
sighting. Although there were suggestions of "funny stuff" by some press  
articles  
in the time I don't think anyone has directly accused Arnold of making it  
up  
for fun or publicity.

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From: TPrinty@aol.com  
Subject: Re: Atmospheric effects on star observation  
Message-id: <7c52d63.251f1822@aol.com>

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In a message dated 09/25/1999 5:38:17 PM Hawaiian Standard Time, brumac@compuserve.com writes:

<< I don't know why you say you disagree with the statement and then go to lengths to describe the twinkling effects on stars, because they subtend an angle much much smaller than 0.1 degree (and are essentially point sources). there is no doubt that the atmosphere can cause the image of a star to change drastically in brightness (as perceived by an observer looking through an optical system of finite size) and also direction (apparent direction shifting is what causes the star to "wander" in a telescope). There are also color aberrations. >>

Correct that extended objects are not often affected by atmospheric effects but the original posting discussed how stars exhibit effects. After the post you stated: "Don't get confused by "bad." Bad for astronomers is hardly detectable to people without telescopes." This is untrue since the effects of atmospheric seeing does affect the way stars appear to the naked eye observer. Picking a size of 6 minutes of arc is incorrect and you are mixing apples and oranges in order to state that bad seeing is undetectable to naked eye observers. Any point source (and sometimes extended objects such as Venus in a crescent phase and low in the sky) will appear to scintillate under such conditions and this will be readily seen by a naked eye observer.

Tim Printy

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Subject: Re: Arnold again?Message-id:  
<000f01bf0826\$c6ce94f0\$0100a8c0@mindspring.com>  
References: <5e5aa23.251e63f2@aol.com>

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Arnold's  
> sighting, using the words "saucer shaped," maybe Arnold read it and it  
> suggested those words to use in his account, leading to decades of  
> misconceptions about the actual shape.

Brad, here are the last two paragraphs from the article in the May 1947  
issue of Mechanics Illustrated ("The Flying Flapjack," by Gilbert Paust --  
it was the cover story). Talk about irony.

J Carpenter

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"With a jet or rocket engine and the pilot in a prone position to  
reduce the thickness of the wing, the Flapjack offers a sure bet to lead  
the field in the race to smash the supersonic barrier. The air  
resistance to a plane's flight caused by all parts of the plane which do  
not contribute to its lift is called "parasite drag." In such a jet wing  
there would be no such resistance - no extended landing gear, no engine  
drag, no fuselage. The only resistance would be caused by skin friction  
of the wing's surface..

So don't be amazed when one of these days you hear a whistling  
sound  
from the sky and see a blurred, circular object scaling across the  
heavens at a speed never before attained by man! It will be the Navy's  
Flapjack, the XF5U-[1], breaking through another frontier in aviation's  
history."

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References: <3.0.1.32.19990925174941.006ac240@pop03.ca.us.ibm.net>

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----- Original Message -----

From: Greg Long <greglong@nwmyst.com>Sent: Saturday, September 25, 1999 8:49 PM  
Subject: Re: Re: Re: Re: Arnold again?

> UFO Research List - <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/>  
>  
> In addition, I am appalled (well, actually, pretty accepting now) at how  
> so-called ufologists have refused to, or just didn't care, to actually dig  
> into every aspect of Arnold's character, personality, personal history,  
> values, beliefs, profession, and so forth, to thoroughly evaluate his real  
> observational abilities and his analytical expertise....

Hi Greg-

A long time ago you had an article on Arnold on your website which contained a very interesting quote by him -- something on a card he handed out to people toward the end of his life, if I remember correctly -- about what a hero is, or something along those lines... could you post it here? It gives a unique insight into his state of mind. Thanks -

J Carpenter

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Date: Sun, 26 Sep 1999 14:17:58 +0000  
From: win@writer.win-uk.net (David)  
Subject: Re: Re: Re: Re: Arnold again?Message-id: <1304@writer.win-uk.net>

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Date: Sun, 26 Sep 1999 14:42:46 +0000  
From: Chris Gibson <cgibson@skomer.u-net.com>  
Subject: Re:Oooer! Black helicoptersMessage-id: <E11VFYA-0006QP-00@serv1.is1.u-net.net>

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Bruce wrote:

>>>>I have seen small black helicopters... close up and on the ground  
>>>>Markings if any are small as to be invisible at 30 ft or so.  
And solid matte black...

Some questions on the above:

Where did you see them?

What time of day?

What were the markings?

What colour were the markings?

Were you wearing sun glasses?

Sorry about this one....what type of chopper? To me a small chopper ranges from a Robinson 22 to a Sikorsky 76.

Chris

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Date: Sun, 26 Sep 1999 15:09:42 -0400  
From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>  
Subject: ARNOLD: FLASHES IN THE DISTANCE

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Brad wrote:

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You are right to point out the ambiguity in Arnold's use of the DC-4 size comparison as to whether it was relative or absolute. His 100-foot figure comes from the 1977 Fate Symposium.

And you are especially right in pointing out the objects were "tiny glints"

or flashes, basically dots in the distance.

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This brings up an interesting point: the brightness of a flash of light from a mirror surface 100 ft in diameter at 100,000 ft (simple approximations to true size and distance). As I have pointed out before, reflection of the sun from a FLAT mirror is like looking directly at the sun. If the angular size of the mirror is larger than that of the sun (say 0.008 radians approx), then you will see the WHOLE brightness of the sun (if 100% reflective). If the mirror is smaller in angular size, then you see a fraction of the sun's brightness given by (ignoring diffraction effects important for really small reflectors)  $(D_{\text{mirror}})^2 / (D_{\text{sun}})^2$ . In this case I pick  $D_{\text{mirror}} = 100/100000 = 0.001$  rad (1 milliradian or 1 mr). The sun is about 8 mr. Hence the brightness of a FLAT (circular) reflector of 1 mr angular size (oriented correctly to give a reflection, of course) is  $(1/8)^2 = 1/64$ . The sun is so bright that even 1/64th of its brightness is brighter than the surrounding sky.

I posted the following message way back in November 1997 (yes, this argument has been going on a LONG time) (edited slightly to make it relevant to today):

ASSUME the initial sighting by Arnold was when the objects were 50 miles away. He said he could see the light flash on his plane. At this point it is necessary to determine what Arnold meant by a "flash on his plane" Was it so bright that he actually saw light reflected off

his plane and ten into his eye?

I doubt it since this was full daylight and the objects were very distant.

On the other hand, if meant that light was reflected TOWARD his airplane and the light entered his eye directly it could be quite bright IF THE OBJECTS REFLECTED LIKE MIRRORS, which is what Arnold seemed to imply. When you look at a mirror reflecting the sun you are actually looking at the sun(!), just from a different direction than directly toward the sun.

If the angular size of the mirror is smaller than the sun's angular size (i.e., less than about 8 milliradians or about 1/2 degree), then you are looking at a piece of the sun. Suppose we imagine a roughly circular object sufficiently flat and shiny to appear as a mirror and let its diameter be 80 ft. Then at 50 miles the angle is 0.3 milliradians. The fraction of the sun which this small angle represents is about  $(0.3 \text{ mr}/8\text{mr})^2 = 0.0014$ . (Squared because it is the area of the mirror divided by the area of the sun's disc that determines the reflected solar "flux.") So you get roughly 0.14% of the sun's light \being reflected (0.00014).

(Note: no spherical divergence here since the surface was assumed to be flat; if a curved surface then the fraction must be reduced somewhat).

Now, the solar disc is about 1 to 2E5 times brighter than the sky (for experts:  $B = \text{luminance} = (1 \text{ to } 2)E9 \text{ cd/m}^2$  for sun, and  $B = 1E4 \text{ cd/m}^2$  for bright sky near the horizon; these numbers change with atmospheric conditions and the elevation of the sun and are approximate.

E# represents 10 raised to a power,  $10^{\#}$ ).

Hence 0.0014 of the solar disc is still more than a hundred times brighter than the sky. Although one does not know the exact conditions of sky brightness, nor the exact reflectivities of these objects, this calculation does suggest that the reflection would be easy to see even over a distance of 50 miles.

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If one assumes the surface was curved, all bets are off as far as calculating is concerned without knowledge of the radius of curvature. However, that fact that Arnolds reported these flashes at a distance so great tht he couldn't see the objects themselves implies that the curvature was not great (the radius of curvature was large).

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Subject: Re: Re: Re: Arnold again?

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The witnesses compared it with a coin seen on edge when viewed without the binoculars. This suggests that it had an angular size several times the

minimum "dot" size (takes an angular size of roughly 3 "eyeball resolution elements" to determine crude shape; 5 or more resolution elements to be specific on shape and to provide crude identification like tank, car, truck, airplane, etc. This based on experiments by Army researchers many years ago when electronic viewing devices were new.)

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Subject: Re: Re: Re: Re: Re: Arnold again?Message-id:  
<b4aadb26.252017a4@aol.com>

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Hi David & List,

It's not actually moot because it isn't an issue of whether disc shapes were around for decades but what was Kenneth Arnold's reading material in the days and hours before his sighting. Did he read the words "saucer shaped" in *Mechanix Illustrated* and did that suggest those words to him when he saw objects that were actually bat- or heel- or crescent- or tadpole-shaped?

Brad

In a message dated 9/26/99 6:20:31 AM, win@writer.win-uk.net wrote:

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Date: Mon, 27 Sep 1999 03:35:46 -0400  
From: joel carpenter <ufx@mindspring.com>  
Subject: May 1947 Flapjack article  
Message-id: <002d01bf08ba\$ea47da60\$0100a8c0@mindspring.com>

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Some pictures from the May 1947 Mechanix Illustrated article on the Flying Flapjack can be seen at

<http://ufx.org/flapjack/flapjack.htm>

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Date: Mon, 27 Sep 1999 10:19:09 -0500 (EST)  
From: Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS Kinesiology <lrobins@indiana.edu>  
Subject: Re: Re: Re: Arnold again?

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On Sat, 25 Sep 1999 RB47Expert@aol.com wrote:

@UFO Research List - <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/>  
@  
@Joel,

@Because Arnold didn't give us the dimensions on his "zeus  
@fastener or cowling tool" or the distance he held the tool from  
@his eyes, we must use his size comparison based on the DC-4 that  
@was simultaneously visible and trust he did his calculations  
@correctly and that he estimated the 15-mile distance correctly  
@(in his ca. July 10, 1947, letter to the AAF). He gave  
@differing figures for the distance to the DC-4, such as 20 miles  
@(AP Pendleton, Ore., June 26, in Boise Statesman, June 26).

That's actually a Dzus fastener. And I've never seen one that  
small.

@Arnold did NOT say he actually SAW the engines on the DC-4, only  
@that he was comparing the UFO dimensions to the separation  
@distance of the DC-4 engines, "if" the object was placed over  
@the DC-4 what "would" the spacing have been (Idaho Statesman,  
@June 28, 1947). Since he was familiar with the appearance of  
@DC-4's he would not need to see the engines to know how to  
@compare their spacing.

@Yes, 1/30th of an inch is small but engineering rulers are  
@routinely graduated down to 1/64th inch. I can see even the  
@1/64th graduations at 4 feet. That's 0.33 milliradian or 1  
@arcminute (the full moon is about 33 arcminutes diameter). It's  
@at the limit of visual acuity.

@However, I think there is another serious problem for the  
@accuracy of Arnold's angular size estimate and visual acuity for  
@the details he reported:

@The objects were in motion at a high angular rate of at least 1  
@deg/sec. Moving objects present less contrast than stationary  
@ones (the contrast is spread out over a larger area).

@BTW, I noticed an AP story from Seaside, Oregon, datelined June  
@28, 1947 (from Twin Falls Times News June 29) which mentioned

@that "A recent issue of Mechanix Illustrated said that the navy  
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@decades of misconceptions about the actual shape.

As I recall, only one of these was ever built. They designed it  
to save storage space on an aircraft carrier. Unfortunately, they  
couldn't find a way to land it safely on one.

@Regards,  
@  
@Brad

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Bloomington IN 47405-7109 Riding bike on sidewalk illegal in Indiana.

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From: James Easton <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
Subject: Re: Night FlightsMessage-id:  
<007101bf0957\$c42ab080\$88c828c3@cis.compuserve.com>

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Regarding:

>Date: Tue, 21 Sep 1999 13:54:13 -0500 (EST)  
>From: Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS Kinesiology <lrobins@indiana.edu>  
>To: UFO Research List <UFORL@listbot.com>  
>Subject: Re: Night Flights

Larry wrote:

>That's a picture of the launch of Piccard's balloon that flew  
>around the world.

Larry,

Sorry for the delay in replying, I'm just recovering from the upgrade to a new computer and transfer of all data/e-mail files.

The balloon featured isn't Bertram Piccard's 'Breitling Orbiter 3', it's simply a large hot-air balloon which appears in a new British Telecom advert.

I understand this 'diamond-shaped' balloon is a 'Rozier' type/hybrid.

Coincidentally, there was a 45-minute ballooning documentary shown yesterday on the Discovery Channel (satellite TV) in the UK. It covered some of the hot-air balloon material we have discussed, although it surprisingly didn't include even a reference to Ed Yost or Don Piccard.

There were some interesting images in the program and I hope to make a couple available shortly.

What are the navigation/safety lights requirements for balloons flying at night? I'm informed it's the same as for any aircraft, i.e., "An approved aviation red or aviation white anticollision light system".

Something maybe to keep in mind.

James.  
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>Date: Wed, 22 Sep 1999 09:56:45 +0100  
>To: "UFO Research List" <UFORL@listbot.com>  
>From: John Burtenshaw <jburtens@bournemouth.ac.uk>  
>Subject: Re: Night Flights

John wrote:

>According to my pilot friend, a Waddington landing began with an  
>approach from 50,000ft over Carlisle (they need such a long one  
>to bleed the speed off). It was a GCA (Ground Controlled  
>Approach) e.g a talk-down by Waddington as the Vulcan was not  
>ILS equipped. The normal approach was to reduce power at the  
>start and let the speed bleed off during descent (the Vulcan had  
>no flaps). It was basically a glide approach with full power  
>only applied if a go around was required. A Vulcan landing was  
>a High-Alpha landing with the wing being used to aerodynamically  
>slow the aircraft on landing e.g the pilot kept the nose high  
>until the speed dropped and nose wheel touched the runway when  
>the chute was released.

>So it could have been a landing Vulcan.

John,

This is obviously significant to be made aware of. I was led to believe Vulcans were always particularly deafening aircraft.

We would have to surmise that given the fact Paul did note Vulcans were stationed in the area, it's almost certain that's what he 'encountered'.

As usual, we'll probably never know. I suppose if a Vulcan was landing at that time, there might be still be a record of this 'somewhere'.

As Jean-Pierre wonders, could this silent gliding technique be a feature of Stealth planes.

We can see how this might readily resolve some 'silent triangular UFO' sightings, although it can't explain most of them.

Anything which sets the overall evidence in perspective is a great help though and your info needs to be taken into account retrospectively, especially concerning UK cases.

James.

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The following news release could be of interest:

Kathleen Burton  
NASA Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, CA  
(Phone: 650/604-1731 or 650/604-9000)  
kburton@mail.arc.nasa.gov

Sept. 24, 1999

NOTE TO EDITORS: 99-58

#### NASA RESEARCHER FINDS EVIDENCE THAT THE UNIVERSE MAY BE YOUNGER THAN PREVIOUSLY THOUGHT

Dr. Eyal Maoz of NASA Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, CA, and astrophysicists from a variety of U.S. and Canadian institutions have found evidence suggesting that the universe may be younger than scientists had previously thought, and that it is expanding faster than expected. Their findings are reported in the Sept. 23 issue of Nature magazine.

Current estimates put the age of the universe at about 15 billion years. Maoz' research indicates the universe may be as young as 12 billion years, nearly the same age as its oldest stars. This implied relatively low age of the universe revives an old paradox in the field of astrophysics that the universe seems to be younger than some of the stars in it. The finding suggests that a revision of the cosmological model may be required.

Maoz and his team used the Hubble Space Telescope to observe the pulsing of giant stars called 'Cepheid variables' in the galaxy NGC4258. Researchers used a standard "Cepheid measurement" technique that allowed them to measure the distance from Earth to the galaxy. However, this measurement was different from another independent, highly accurate distance determination to that galaxy made using masers (the microwave equivalent of lasers), which are located at the galaxy center and orbiting a supermassive black hole.

A revision of the standard Cepheid measurement method would mean that estimates for the age of the Universe would have to be revised downwards by 10-15%, experts say.

Measuring galactic distances using Cepheid variables has been a standard since 1929. They are useful because their rate of pulsation is closely linked to their brightness. This means that a galaxy's apparent brightness can be used to gauge its distance from Earth

Maoz and his colleagues used the Cepheid method to estimate the distance from Earth to the benchmark NGC4258 galaxy as 8.1 megaparsecs (Mpc), significantly farther than the geometric estimates derived by recent estimates. (One Mpc is equivalent to approximately three million light years.)

"We discovered a considerable discrepancy between the maser-based and Cepheid-based distance," Maoz said. "The bottom line is that it seems that galaxy distances may have been consistently overestimated by about 12%. This would imply that the universe is expanding faster than expected, and the age of the universe is lower by a similar factor."

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Subject: Re: Night Flights

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Hi James

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>This is obviously significant to be made aware of. I was led to  
>believe Vulcans were \_always\_ particularly deafening aircraft.

Indeed they are loud, especially on take-off (as all aircraft are) when max power is used to get airborne. Even light aircraft make a hell of din on take-off, but almost glide in for landing. I've seen many at my local airport with props just about turning!! In the trade its called "the flare" and the whole point of the exercise is to make the aircraft do what it is was design not to do - that is stop flying :-)

>As usual, we'll probably never know. I suppose if a Vulcan was  
>landing at that time, there might be still be a record of this  
>'somewhere'.

All take-off's and landings should be logged by the tower, but how long the records are kept by the RAF is anyone's guess.

BTW at that time Waddington was using its Vulcans in the maritime reconnaissance role so night flying would probably have been involved. I believe it was in support of Operation Tapestry (sp?).

John

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Subject: ThunderPope PendingMessage-id: <37F10DC0.6CB1@virgin.net>

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Nick Pope's exciting new sci-fi novel is about to be launched in the UK and some of pre-release publicity is attempting to suggest that substantial parts are, to quote a review by bookseller Kulture Shock, "thinly disguised versions of real events"

Apparently, Nick Pope can only talk about these MoD vetted matters in fictional terms.

Great stuff! Reminds me a little of Edgar Fouche's recent ripping yarn.

Bill Rose

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Subject: New Northrop Grumman a/c designs releasedMessage-id:  
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Subject: Re: ThunderPope PendingMessage-id:  
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Furthermore,

Young Popey feels that we don't 'need to prove abductions' - just to 'help the witnesses' (with their fantasies and by not asking difficult questions) based upon the Ken Phillips model (ugh!).

I heard his talk in Leeds a couple of weeks ago and although he sent me a very nice fax apologizing for 'personalizing the issues' between us I find myself terribly unconvinced by his support for hypnosis and his growing associations with Bud Hopkins.

He's apparently a keynote speaker at the 2000 Intruders Foundation Conference in New York.....a far cry from the desk at Air Staff.

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From: Todd Lemire <tlemire@earthlink.net>  
Subject: Re: Arnold again?Message-id: <37F13BE2.8DD52619@earthlink.net>  
X-Accept-Language: en  
References: <6ff9496.251eacde@aol.com>

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RB47Expert@aol.com wrote:

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> Joel,

> You are right to point out the ambiguity in Arnold's use of the DC-4 size  
> comparison as to whether it was relative or absolute. His 100-foot figure  
> comes from the 1977 Fate Symposium.

> And you are especially right in pointing out the objects were "tiny glints"  
> or flashes, basically dots in the distance.

> Do you have or know about the June? 1947 Mechanix Illustrated article? This  
> could be the source for the "saucer" shape if Arnold had read the article or  
> heard about it from his aviation buddies.

> Brad

> In a message dated 9/25/99 11:27:31 AM, ufx@mindspring.com wrote:

>

> <<UFO Research List - <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/>

> > Joel,

> > Because Arnold didn't give us the dimensions on his "zeus fastener or  
> > cowling  
> > tool" or the distance he held the tool from his eyes, we must use his size  
> > comparison based on the DC-4 that was simultaneously visible and trust he  
> > did

> > his calculations correctly and that he estimated the 15-mile distance  
> > correctly (in his ca. July 10, 1947, letter to the AAF). He gave  
> > differing

> > figures for the distance to the DC-4, such as 20 miles (AP Pendleton,  
> > Ore.,

> > June 26, in Boise Statesman, June 26).

> > Arnold did NOT say he actually SAW the engines on the DC-4, only that he  
> > was

> > comparing the UFO dimensions to the separation distance of the DC-4  
> > engines,

> > "if" the object was placed over the DC-4 what "would" the spacing have

> been  
>> (Idaho Statesman, June 28, 1947). Since he was familiar with the  
> appearance  
>> of DC-4's he would not need to see the engines to know how to compare  
> their  
>> spacing.

> Ok, you're saying it was a \_relative\_ measurement but I think he was  
> suggesting an \_absolute\_ measurement -- that the objects were about 60 feet  
> wide and a bit longer. The drawing attached shows it relative to a P-80 and  
> a modern F-15.

>> Yes, 1/30th of an inch is small but engineering rulers are routinely  
>> graduated down to 1/64th inch. I can see even the 1/64th graduations at 4  
>> feet. That's 0.33 milliradian or 1 arcminute (the full moon is about 33  
>> arcminutes diameter). It's at the limit of visual acuity.

> Also, in looking at the photo I sent of his plane, the eye-to-canopy  
> distance is probably more like 38-40 inches, based on the fact that the  
> plane is about 23 feet long. But still, the point is, I suspect that most  
> people have a mental image of the scene that includes giant gleaming saucers  
> or supersonic flying wings, when really we're talking about very tiny  
> lights, glints... remember the cover of the first issue of FATE...

>> However, I think there is another serious problem for the accuracy of  
>> Arnold's angular size estimate and visual acuity for the details he  
> reported:  
>> The objects were in motion at a high angular rate of at least 1 deg/sec.  
>> Moving objects present less contrast than stationary ones (the contrast is  
>> spread out over a larger area).

>> BTW, I noticed an AP story from Seaside, Oregon, datelined June 28, 1947  
>> (from Twin Falls Times News June 29) which mentioned that "A recent issue  
> of  
>> Mechanix Illustrated said that the navy [sic] has developed a plane  
>> designated the XF5U1, 'a queer, saucer shaped object' capable of well over  
>> 500 [sic] miles an hour." If the magazine article came out BEFORE  
> Arnold's  
>> sighting, using the words "saucer shaped," maybe Arnold read it and it  
>> suggested those words to use in his account, leading to decades of  
>> misconceptions about the actual shape.

>> Regards,  
>>  
>> Brad

> The V-173 was revealed publicly for the first time at an airshow on 21 June  
> and there were articles about it in the New York Times and the Bridgeport CT  
> papers on the 22nd. The Paramount newsreel about it probably was distributed

> nationally on 28 June.

This question has most likely been asked before, but until recently, I haven't read many "complete" accounts of the entire report, but here goes anyway. I recently was reading the MUFON Symposium Journal from 1997, held in Grand Rapids and I noticed, within Bruce Macabees' article on the Arnold sighting, that nothing was mentioned about the pilot of the DC4 ever being interviewed. If this pilot was in viewing distance of Arnold, wouldn't that put him in viewing distance of the chain of UFO's? Was the pilot of the DC4 ever interviewed?

T.Lemire

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"Know that there is a Creator-Sustainer, who has made Himself knowable to Creation in direct proportion to the creatures ability to comprehend and respond." - Taken from the Andreasson Legacy by Raymond E. Fowler

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For those of us who were exchanging views on my black helicopter sighting, I direct you all to an article of interest, "The Disappearing Helicopter" in the 28 July 1999 issue of Jane's Defense Weekly, pages 23 - 26. The article doesn't prove I saw a black helicopter, but is interesting. Safe to say that all so-called silent helicopters aren't black.

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Subject: Re: New Northrop Grumman a/c designs released

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At 14:58 28/09/1999 -0400, you wrote:

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>surface. If anyone would like scanned copies I'll forward them.

Yes please. Send them to the address below. Thanks

John  
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John Burtenshaw  
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Could I have a scanned copy too please!

Tim M.

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Subject: Fwd: CIA sets up venture capital company  
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We should develop a business plan and see if they'll fund UFO research. It would only be fair.

J Carpenter  
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Wednesday September 29 12:15 PM ET

CIA Sets Up Venture Capital Firm  
By TOM RAUM Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - The CIA, not wanting to be left behind in the Internet age or be outsmarted by tech-savvy adversaries, is teaming up with Silicon Valley entrepreneurs to invest in companies developing computer technologies that could assist in intelligence gathering.

Forgoing its usual clandestine ways, the agency has set up its own venture capital firm - with money appropriated by Congress - with offices in Washington and Palo Alto, Calif. It will invest in promising new start-up hi-tech companies.

The CIA picked a fanciful name for the new company: In-Q-It. The "In" stands for intelligence. The "It" stands for information technology. And the Q? That's the code name of the James Bond character who comes up with all the gadgets that the fictional British spy uses.

"We do have a sense of humor," Central Intelligence Agency spokesman Bill Harlow said today, confirming the existence of the new company.

Harlow said the venture capital company "is clearly tied to us, but they make a big point of being independent."

The venture, first reported by The Washington Post and The New York Times in today's editions, was actually set up last February as a nonprofit organization.

But it is just now getting organized, with its own board of directors, according to the new chief executive officer, Gilman Louie.

Louie said in an interview that the company would be small, with about 20 to 25 employees, and is being started with \$28 million appropriated by Congress last year as part of the classified budget for the agency.

Both Louie and the CIA said the venture capital company would work only on unclassified projects.

Mainly, In-Q-It will invest in some high-tech companies and form joint ventures with other ones where the companies are working on promising technological projects that could benefit the CIA.

This includes ways of helping the CIA to use the Internet more effectively and securely.

It also will try to find promising technologies that will help the CIA better use the information it already possesses in a variety of forms, from paper to computer files.

He cited the May 7 bombing of the Chinese embassy in Yugoslavia - a target picked by the CIA - as ``the manifestation of the worst result that could happen if you don't have all your information lined up."

Louie, 39, founded his own electronic game company - MicroProse Inc. - that was later bought by Hasbro. At Hasbro, Louie has been an executive with the toy company's online business group.

He said he has no experience in espionage ``and I want to keep it that way."

The company's board of directors includes John Seely Brown, director of the Xerox Corporation's Palo Alto Research Center; Norm Augustine, chairman of Lockheed Martin; William Perry, the former defense secretary; and Jeong Kim of Lucent.

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Apologies for being probably slightly more than off topic --

Anyone have a resource for U2 data about overflights of Russia --  
Dates, etc. and so on? A raging debate about the number that  
acutally overflew Russia....

Thanks and again, apoloiges...

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Regards,

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MEM,

First U-2 flight was on July 4, 1956 and target was Leningard area looking at long range bomber bases. the last was flown on May 1, 1960. Total of 20 missions were flown. Most of the targets were ICBM test sites and bomber bases. Joe S.

----- Original Message -----

From: M.E. Mathews <proexec@proexec.com>Sent: Thursday, September 30, 1999 3:00 PM  
Subject: U2 Info

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> Apologies for being probably slightly more than off topic --  
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> Anyone have a resource for U2 data about overflights of Russia --  
> Dates, etc. and so on? A raging debate about the number that  
> acutally overflew Russia....  
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> Thanks and again, apoloiges...  
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Subject: Re: Re: Arnold again?Message-id: <1de8642e.25269335@aol.com>

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Hi,

The only info on the DC-4 personnel being queried that I know about is in the AP dispatch from Pendleton, Ore., June 26, 1947: "The DC-4 pilot reported nothing unusual sighted."

Brad Sparks

In a message dated 9/28/99 5:07:21 PM, you wrote:

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RB47Expert@aol.com wrote:

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> Joel,

> You are right to point out the ambiguity in Arnold's use of the DC-4 size  
> comparison as to whether it was relative or absolute. His 100-foot figure  
> comes from the 1977 Fate Symposium.

> And you are especially right in pointing out the objects were "tiny glints"  
> or flashes, basically dots in the distance.

> Do you have or know about the June? 1947 Mechanix Illustrated article? This  
> could be the source for the "saucer" shape if Arnold had read the article or  
> heard about it from his aviation buddies.

> Brad

> In a message dated 9/25/99 11:27:31 AM, ufx@mindspring.com wrote:

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>> Joel,

>> Because Arnold didn't give us the dimensions on his "zeus fastener or  
>> cowling  
>> tool" or the distance he held the tool from his eyes, we must use his size  
>> comparison based on the DC-4 that was simultaneously visible and trust he  
>> did  
>> his calculations correctly and that he estimated the 15-mile distance

> > correctly (in his ca. July 10, 1947, letter to the AAF). He gave  
> differing  
> > figures for the distance to the DC-4, such as 20 miles (AP Pendleton,  
> Ore.,  
> > June 26, in Boise Statesman, June 26).

> > Arnold did NOT say he actually SAW the engines on the DC-4, only that he  
> was  
> > comparing the UFO dimensions to the separation distance of the DC-4  
> engines,  
> > "if" the object was placed over the DC-4 what "would" the spacing have  
> been  
> > (Idaho Statesman, June 28, 1947). Since he was familiar with the  
> appearance  
> > of DC-4's he would not need to see the engines to know how to compare  
> their  
> > spacing.

> > Ok, you're saying it was a relative measurement but I think he was  
> suggesting an absolute measurement -- that the objects were about 60 feet  
> wide and a bit longer. The drawing attached shows it relative to a P-80 and  
> a modern F-15.

> > Yes, 1/30th of an inch is small but engineering rulers are routinely  
> > graduated down to 1/64th inch. I can see even the 1/64th graduations at 4  
> > feet. That's 0.33 milliradian or 1 arcminute (the full moon is about 33  
> > arcminutes diameter). It's at the limit of visual acuity.

> > Also, in looking at the photo I sent of his plane, the eye-to-canopy  
> distance is probably more like 38-40 inches, based on the fact that the  
> plane is about 23 feet long. But still, the point is, I suspect that most  
> people have a mental image of the scene that includes giant gleaming saucers  
> or supersonic flying wings, when really we're talking about very tiny  
> lights, glints... remember the cover of the first issue of FATE...

> > However, I think there is another serious problem for the accuracy of  
> > Arnold's angular size estimate and visual acuity for the details he  
> reported:  
> > The objects were in motion at a high angular rate of at least 1 deg/sec.  
> > Moving objects present less contrast than stationary ones (the contrast is  
> > spread out over a larger area).

> > BTW, I noticed an AP story from Seaside, Oregon, datelined June 28, 1947  
> > (from Twin Falls Times News June 29) which mentioned that "A recent issue  
> of  
> > Mechanix Illustrated said that the navy [sic] has developed a plane  
> > designated the XF5U1, 'a queer, saucer shaped object' capable of well over  
> > 500 [sic] miles an hour." If the magazine article came out BEFORE  
> Arnold's

> > sighting, using the words "saucer shaped," maybe Arnold read it and it  
> > suggested those words to use in his account, leading to decades of  
> > misconceptions about the actual shape.

> > Regards,  
> >  
> > Brad

> The V-173 was revealed publicly for the first time at an airshow on 21 June  
> and there were articles about it in the New York Times and the Bridgeport CT  
> papers on the 22nd. The Paramount newsreel about it probably was distributed  
> nationally on 28 June.

This question has most likely been asked before, but until recently, I haven't read many "complete" accounts of the entire report, but here goes anyway. I recently was reading the MUFON Symposium Journal from 1997, held in Grand Rapids and I noticed, within Bruce Macabees' article on the Arnold sighting, that nothing was mentioned about the pilot of the DC4 ever being interviewed. If this pilot was in viewing distance of Arnold, wouldn't that put him in viewing distance of the chain of UFO's? Was the pilot of the DC4 ever interviewed?

T.Lemire

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"Know that there is a Creator-Sustainer, who has made Himself knowable to Creation in direct proportion to the creatures ability to comprehend and respond." - Taken from the Andreasson Legacy by Raymond E. Fowler

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Dear colleagues,

Let me quote from Hopkins' last book (Witnessed, paperback edition, Pocket Books):

p. 23: "The episode in which she apparently spoke in an "alien tongue" was something I had never encountered before"

p. 129: "Until Linda's hypnosis session I had never heard of an abductee being temporarily "taken over" by the UFO occupants and behaving as if he or she were in complete sympathy with the aliens, wholly accepting their goals and techniques",

p. 219: "this discovery of the aliens' interest in studying human relationships and eventual sexual "bonding" from childhood through maturity is one of the most important contribution of the Linda Cortile case"

Apart from the spectacular abduction in the middle of Manhattan on November 30th 1989, these were (according to Hopkins) the main novelties offered by Linda Cortile, specially the third.

I had finally obtained (and READ) a copy of a thriller published in April 1989 (BEFORE the alleged abduction). I would summarize its story as follows:

In fact, aliens are time travellers, coming from our future. They were genetic engineered Earth soldiers send to fight an interstellar war that they won. Their genetic stock comes from a very small group of survivors after almost all the life on Earth was destroyed by a ¿solar flare? So they had to come to their past with a double strategy: a) establish a sexual "bonding" from childhood between those who are to survive; b) collect genetic material from the rest of humanity in order to replenish their stock. They tell each abductee what he wants to hear, and some of them are in complete sympathy with the aliens. One of the main characters even speak their "alien tongue".

(As a curiosity, the portrait of the only ufologist to appear is not pleasant: he takes advantage of his female abductees and he is really an abductee and an ally of the aliens, covering their mistakes when he pretends to investigate. Finally, he dies aboard a UFO deceived until his end)

This is too much of a coincidence. The three main points in Linda Cortile's abduction were written several months before the alleged abduction. This is, at least, a clear evidence of a sociological influence or, in the worst scenario, proof of a hoax.

That, being important, is not the main point of this message.

As some of you may have already guessed, I am referring to "Nighteyes" by

Garfield Reeves-Stevens, the novel that Stefula, Butler & Hansen suggested as “a possible literary basis for elements of Linda’s abduction”.

Let me, once again, quote Hopkins (IUR March/April 1993 p. 12):

“Now the truth is that apparently no one except Butler finds any similarity between the novel and Linda’s account (...) As is typical of its genre, “Nighteyes” contains literally thousands of details (...) Apparently Butler sat down at this lurid smorgasbord and picked whatever details he thought might fit the case and ignored all the rest. But the biggest hole in his arguments is, as I’ve said, the complete absence in the novel of the core events of the Cortile case”

Of course, in a simple way, it is truth that the similarities between both accounts depend on the level of detail. For instance, Richard and Dan are security and intelligence agents but the characters in the novel are FBI agents. Is that a suspicious parallel? It depends on who is reading.

But what should have been evident both to sceptics and believers, if they really READ the novel, is the unavoidable coincidences not between events but between the novelties, the discoveries, offered by Linda Cortile and the main elements of the plot story. After reading the novel (with its interesting suggestions about memory-erasing gas, forensic investigations, etc.) nobody can legitimately deny that the “never-before-heard-of contributions” of Linda case were already an important element in the plot of a mass-market thriller.

Let me put it more clearly. The most amazing point made in Hopkins’ book, the cornerstone of Linda Cortile’s case, was how the aliens had orchestrated the lives of two abductees in order to reunite them one night in lower Manhattan for an apocalyptic message. The main surprise of Nighteyes’ plot (besides the aliens being humans) is when two apparently independent abductees met again, in order to become the founders of a future race. How can anybody miss the paralelism?

If the trees do not let them see the forest, Mr. Hopkins (and the other colleagues who agree with him after reading the novel) are not good investigators. But if they did see the forest but preferred not to say so, that is even worse.

My conclusion: Beware of personal opinions! Try to evaluate the raw data by yourself. Please, do not even believe me. Read the novel and reach your own conclusions. To me the precedent is obvious.

Luis R. González Manso

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Voyager Newsletter - Issue No. 8

\* Nick Pope - The Ministry of Defence Respond \*

On 7 August, 1999, I published the following:

'An Open Letter to Nick Pope'

Dear Nick,

In the July issue of 'NICK POPE'S WEIRD WORLD', you wrote:

"Over the past few months I'd been becoming more bullish in my response to certain people within ufology who'd been sniping at me over the years. Nobody likes criticism, and I'd been getting a fair bit - little of it constructive in nature. If people were criticising my views on, say, Roswell, then fine. I wasn't there, and so my view probably counts no more or no less than anybody else who's followed the case with a reasonable degree of interest. But it rankled when outsiders who'd probably never even visited MOD Main Building started casting doubts on my knowledge about - and access to - government and military UFO files. I've worked for the MOD for over fourteen years now, and three of those were spent researching and investigating UFO sightings, alien abductions, crop circles, animal mutilations and any other weird and wonderful reports that came my way".

I trust I'm not one of the aforementioned 'critics' and perhaps you can help clear up some of the confusion which surrounds a number of claims.

To recap; your appointment with the Ministry of Defence (MoD) was as an Executive Officer. To clarify for the 'uninitiated' (I'm a former Civil Servant), the standard grading hierarchy is clerical assistant - clerical officer - executive officer - higher executive officer - and upwards.

Although your affirmation clearly gives the impression of being HM Government's full-time investigator of "UFO sightings, alien abductions, crop circles, animal mutilations", etc., I understand that was not the situation.

Weren't your duties varied and 'UFO etc. reports' only one aspect? In possibly the first 'promotional' interview you gave, to 'UFO Magazine' (UK) on 5 May, 1996, it was stated:

UFO Magazine: When did you join this office, and indeed, were you aware of its function?

Nick Pope: I've been in the Ministry of Defence since 1985. We are just 'posted around' every two or three years to acquire experience. I had just finished various duties associated with the Gulf War and it just so happened that there was a vacancy which cropped-up. Also in this office was a chap I had worked with quite closely with Gulf War duties and he offered me the job. I was aware that UFO research was one of its functions.

UFO: Was this the reason you switched departments?

Nick Pope: I was certainly interested, it sounded fascinating, but I was quite keen to get out of my old job.

[End]

As you said, "UFO research was one of its functions".

Can you please clarify what the job title was and its other functions?

What percentage of your appointment was actually spent on 'UFO etc.' related matters?

Was it, for example, a situation where the 'UFO etc.' duties took up, approximately, 75 percent of your time, 50 percent, or did they only perhaps demand a few hours per week, maybe even, over a period of three years, average a few hours each month?

It's obviously of interest to know how much emphasis our government put on this and whether it continues to do so.

On the question of any 'cover-up', you helpfully confirmed and have maintained this had no substance whatsoever. Typical of your response was the one given to Michael Lindemann, editor of 'CNI News', on November 17, 1996, during a 'UFO conference' at Blackpool.

Lindemann asked, "This seemingly irrational denial of significant UFO events could be interpreted as evidence of a deliberate cover-up. What are your views on that?".

To which you replied, "I found no evidence to support a cover-up

in Britain. I think, without trying to sound too arrogant, that I would have gotten a few hints in three years if there had been someone doing my job but on a covert basis, not least because the one thing they would have needed beyond anything else was access to the raw data of the witnesses, and never once in three years had any witness complained that I had sent someone around to the house".

Date: Sun, 26 Sep 1999 07:38:08 From: Stig Agermose <stig.agermose@get2net.dk>  
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A press release by KULTURE SHOCK (sic!) of Norwich, England.

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'Operation Thunder Child'  
by Nick Pope

Although ostensibly a techno-thriller, the Ministry of Defence insisted on seeing the manuscript and making some changes. They had the book for three months - longer than for most of the books written by former SAS soldiers - before giving it final clearance to publish.

Nick Pope has dipped into the 'real x-files', and packed the book with references to formerly classified UFO events investigated by the MOD.

Many of the events are thinly disguised versions of the real events. Fictionalisation is the only way that MOD official Nick Pope can talk about some of the more controversial incidents.

Examples of reality disguised as fiction include:

1 The Rendlesham Forest incident, which appears in the prologue, inspired some of, and reflects, what Nick Pope was told by United Nations Air Force officers.

2 The alleged downing of an RAF Lightning by a UFO in 1970, which inspired some of the aerial battles that appear throughout the book.

3 The UFO briefing that the Minister receives in chapter four is based on a brief Nick Pope gave to a Defence Minister in 1982. All the incidents described actually occurred.

4 The potential biological hazard from extraterrestrial contact as described in chapter nine was an issue that Nick Pope raised with his MOD bosses while on the UFO desk.

5 The descriptions of the shape and capabilities of the UFO's, and the physical description and behaviour of the aliens are based on actual UFO reports and alien abduction claims investigated by Nick Pope as part of his official MOD duties.

Many scenes give insights into 'spin-doctoring' techniques, showing how Governments manipulate Parliament and the public, and manage the media.

Nick Pope has worked for the Ministry of Defence for fourteen years. As well as a tour of duty spent researching and investigating UFOs he has been involved in highly classified work on the Gulf War, Bosnia and Kosovo.

This book contains a wealth of authentic detail about rules of engagement, weapons systems and tactics although some details have had to be changed for national security reasons.

Nick Pope will be appearing at KULTURE SHOCK on Sunday 10th October 1999, from 12.30 when he will be talking about his work, answering questions and signing copies of his books.

Advance booking is advised!

Contact DAVID for further details  
[END]

Some notes:

"Examples of reality disguised as fiction include:

1 The Rendlesham Forest incident, which appears in the prologue, inspired some of, and reflects, what Nick Pope was told by United Nations Air Force officers".

The 'Rendlesham Forest' incidents primarily involved a misidentification of Orfordness lighthouse, as documented in the original witness statements I obtained during 1998.

See:

<http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/enigma.htm>

Nick Pope is aware of this.

"5 The descriptions of the shape and capabilities of the UFO's, and the physical description and behaviour of the aliens are based on actual UFO reports and alien abduction claims investigated by Nick Pope as part of his official MOD duties".

Pope's alleged investigation of 'alien abductions' [does this include his own, reported, 'abduction by alien entities?'] "as part of his official MOD duties" is now formally refuted by the Ministry.

Perhaps Nick Pope could comment on these fundamentally controversial claims.

"Many scenes give insights into 'spin-doctoring' techniques, showing how Governments manipulate Parliament and the public, and manage the media".

Some might say that 'spin-doctoring' and media management is particularly the domain of 'book promotion' press releases!

"Nick Pope has worked for the Ministry of Defence for fourteen years. As well as a tour of duty spent researching and investigating UFOs...".

Seems it was more a 'tour of duty' which required his attention to "non-operational RAF activities overseas and diplomatic clearance for military flights abroad".

"Nick Pope has dipped into the 'real x-files', and packed the book with references to formerly classified UFO events investigated by the MOD.

Examples of reality disguised as fiction include..."

Alternatively... are Nick Pope's claims now proven to be fiction disguised as reality?

You might think so, I couldn't possibly comment on that.

James Easton,  
Editor.

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Hi,

I have no axe to grind about Nick Pope. I like the guy. Frankly, if he's made a mint out of UFOs and a monkey out of the MoD after his undoubtedly genuine interest in the subject, good luck to him. But there are a few points worth noting.

Firstly, I was BUFORA Director of Investigations during most of his posting at Air Staff 2A. Several times during that period our paths crossed. From these contacts it seemed that Nick was interested by and at least partly convinced of UFO reality during his posting, not merely afterwards.

We do not know what impact the Florida CE 4 saga had - the one that happened to witnesses Peter and Jenny but apparently impressed Nick. This case occurred, of course, before his posting so its a point we need to ponder. Since it seems reasonable such an incident - if it drove Peter to be regressed (by Budd Hopkins) - has to have at least piqued the interest of anyone in contact with it.

I find the extent of Nick's prior interest intriguing, only in the sense that the evidence coming into the MoD appears to be no big deal. Most of the interesting cases in 'Open Skies, Closed Minds' and 'The Uninvited' are not - as many outsiders might assume - MoD originals. They are, in fact, cases already in the UFO community - ie the public domain. If the previously unknown reports in these books (ie those that came to the MoD and not at all to UFOlogy) are reflective of the essence of data the MoD received during Nick's tenure then it is hard to see

how anyone would be convinced of alien reality from them. But if they were not representative and there were other, better cases, that were more persuasive why have we never heard about them? Or was Nick mostly convinced about alien contact by cases that did not go directly to the MoD? In which case why are the MoD missing all the good cases? Or, indeed, is it simply Air Staff 2A not getting to see such stuff and is another, more covert, department getting the higher calibre stuff? Such questions are of far more importance than anyone squabbling over Nick. What really matters is what Nick's data can tell us about the real goings on behind the scenes at the MoD.

I did hear from BUFORA colleagues that during his MoD tenancy Nick had private tete a tete's with some UFOlogists. I think these were never openly promoted by him or these people (and understandably so ) because they might upset the delicate balance of things during his posting. That was proper then but is surely irrelevant now. It would be interesting to know what opinions of Nick and the then current MoD stance on UFOs these UFOlogists received during such soirees.

During the time he was at 2A and I was BUFORA D of I there were cases which I considered solved (eg the March 1993 west country sightings that I was convinced were a space junk burn up). In my exchanges at the time with Nick he accepted this was a likely source for some sightings that night but sought to persuade that other reports that night were unexplained. This was a curiosity - a UFO group arguing for a solution and the MoD trying to suggest otherwise. Nick, of course, may well have been right. I am not proposing anything sinister in his denials. But it was certainly a point I noted and wrote of in the UFO literature (eg an article in IUR that Nick evidently read as he mentions it in 'Open Skies').

I interviewed Nick for my BBC TV documentary the year before his first book appeared. I had read his MS then (and he certainly knew of this because I tried to suggest changes where I had noted errors). For instance, he had comments on the Peter Day film (a solved case) but these were wrong. When I pointed out why these were wrong Nick did not even recognise the case as being in his book. As such, much later claims that Nick was surprised to learn I had read his book before it was sold to a publisher do seem puzzling.

Yet his agent reacted in horror long afterwards by writing to editors I was associated with complaining in a way that could have led to trouble with the publishers from whom I make my daily living. It was a bit of a mean act by this man, I thought. He is agent for Tim Good, Nick Redfern and Georgina Bruni too and it seems odd if he was unaware that publishers do sometimes have specialist

MS read by people who know the subject and can determine if the text makes a contribution to knowledge. That letter from his agent to my publishers was in the Spring of 1999. Yet Nick knew the situation from my

meeting with him in December 1995 and never indicated that this was an upsetting event despite our meeting face to face at least four times in the intervening three years. So why was there such a delayed reaction by his agent?

At the 1995 interview Nick told me he had not seen any gun camera film by RAF crews when taking the 2A posting. Also that the MoD had never sent people to interview witnesses - and so those claiming this event (eg the several witnesses in the book I was then researching - 'Behind the MIB' - were perhaps deluded by 'Walter Mitty' UFOlogists who were playacting.) I asked these questions for good reasons. Firstly, Ralph Noyes (whose MoD posting connected with UFOs was superior to Nick's) was no supporter of the ETH. He thought most - if not all - UFOs were IFOs and UAP. But he described to me in detail his access to RAF gun camera footage taken during mid air encounters. This was part of his briefing when taking the job. Access was said to be restricted . Nick declined to discuss his clearance level (which was fair enough) but it left me suspecting that it could not match that of Ralph Noyes.

As for the denial that any MoD people had visited witnesses, documents at the PRO prove this was untrue. For instance, Wilmslow police officer Colin Perks was interviewed by staff from an MoD Defence Intelligence gathering unit working in conjunction with Nick's then equivalent officer. This was in 1966. It seems a safe bet to me that other witnesses claiming similar things for my book were probably being truthful - despite Nick's suggestions.

Nick later told me when I raised the point again at a panel discussion during an X Files conference that he now realised that RAF officers might occasionally in the past have visited witnesses. But this sort of thing had apparently not occurred during his time.

I interviewed one of Nick's predecessors in this posting, Pam Titchmarsh, inside the MoD in August 1983 when Brenda Butler, Dot Street and I turned up unannounced with the just released Halt memo and asked for affirmation as to its status. A shocked officer told us that her time spent on UFO matters was just a fraction of the week (an hour or two at most) - the rest of her working week was spent on mundane duties far removed from any X files.

Thus either a massive increase in time allotted by the MoD to UFOs occurred in the period 1983 to 1991 (in which case the MoD owe the public an explanation as to why), Nick did not spend as many hours a week on this role as some are

assuming

or else Nick invested extra time (perhaps out of work hours?) on a task that he was personally interested by. If there are any other options here, maybe someone can suggest one that I have missed. Understanding which is true is important to unravel what is going on at the MoD, not to 'get at' Nick - which is a pointless, shabby act, for I don't doubt his sincerity.

These are just a few points to be mulled over. And they are offered as constructive

comments to try to get to the bottom of the MoD position on UFO study - not in any sense as any Nick Pope propaganda, which I regard as the last refuge of the jealous mind. What surely matters is comprehending what the MoD are up to and Nick's arrival on the public scene gives us an opportunity to do that.

The apparent MoD interest indicated by the status of Nick's job frankly makes little

sense on the usually stated premises of Whitehall. If UFOs are not spaceships and no cases are ever shown to be unsolved then what could possibly justify boosting the role of their UFO office from 2% of the working week in 1983 to what Nick implies was a lot more hefty proportion of his time in 1991?

That really is to me the issue we need to sort out here - for such an upturn is either a gross waste of extra taxpayers money on a topic that the MoD themselves publicly seem to regard as trivial or an increase in funding because they know something we do not.

Which is it?

Best wishes,

Jenny Randles

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>Subject: Re: Nick Pope - The Ministry of Defence Respond  
>Date: Sun, 3 Oct 1999 15:00:22 +0100

Jenny wrote:

>>I was BUFORA Director of Investigations during most of his posting at Air Staff 2A. Several times during that period our paths crossed.

Date: Mon, 04 Oct 1999 20:04:37 +0100  
From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>  
Subject: Re: Nick Pope - The Ministry of Defence Respond  
Message-id: <000001bf0eb4\$22fef6a0\$2b909fd4@default>

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-----Original Message-----

From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com> Date: 04 October 1999 11:35  
Subject: Re: Nick Pope - The Ministry of Defence Respond

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>Regarding:

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>Yes, it seems Nick Pope's belief that UFOs might be alien  
>spacecraft and responsible for `crop circles', `abductions' etc.  
>gradually grew during his time at the MoD.

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>The extent of his previous interest was clarified early on, for  
>example, in the following `UFO Magazine' interview [first public  
>`appearance' I know of], dated 5 May 1996:

Well, not quite. My interview for TV was conducted in London in December 1995. The edited version of a longer interview (which I still have on film) was transmitted on BBC TV in April 1996, about three weeks before the above referenced date.

>

>When did Pope first mention the Florida CE4 case?

I saw it in his MS in the autumn of 1995. I know that he discussed it with UFOlogists and the public in a famous London cafe bar session in May 1995. In both the above Nick named the identity of Peter.

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>Nick Pope's appointment which involved dealing with `UFO' related  
>correspondence was from 1991 until 1994. I don't know exactly

>when he was transferred to another department during 1994,  
>however, I can say that towards the end of his tenure he wrote to  
>Tony Dodd:  
>  
>20 April 1994  
>  
>Dear Tony,  
>  
>As promised when we spoke earlier today, I have attached some  
>material relating to Project Blue Book, which I thought you would  
>find interesting. I do not know how or when we obtained it, or  
>whether the UK was involved in any way, but you will see that the  
>conclusions on page 4 mirror our own approach.  
>  
>[Handwritten]  
>Yours sincerely  
>  
>Nick Pope.  
>[End]  
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>  
>Those conclusions which `mirror our own approach' are appended in  
>the letter as:  
>  
>(1). "no unidentified flying object reported, investigated, and  
>evaluated by the Air Force has ever given any indication of  
>threat to our national security;  
>  
>(2) there has been no evidence submitted to or discovered by the  
>Air Force that sightings categorized as unidentified represent  
>technological developments or principals beyond the range of  
>present day scientific knowledge;  
>  
>(3) there has been no evidence indicating that sightings  
>categorized as unidentified are extraterrestrial vehicles.  
>  
>Etc.

I received (or my AIs did) several letters from Nick circa 1992/3 and he then expressed in writing the typical MoD scepticism. But there were others (at least as early as March 1993) when he was clearly personally more persuaded. He probably had a tough job in terms of reflecting MoD policy when it began to differ from his own views.

>  
>If you haven't seen the following before, Pope addressed some  
>related points in that interview with Lindemann:  
>

>"As to what we were supposed to do, the brief, in a nutshell, was  
>to evaluate the UFO reports that came to us, to [see] whether  
>there was a threat of any sort to the defense of the UK. Now, the  
>party line was that unless there was evidence of any threat,  
>that's where our involvement ended, and it wasn't then our job to  
>go on and actually investigate each and every report. I took the  
>view that you couldn't say there was no threat until you knew  
>what these objects were that were being reported. So that gave me  
>the hook upon which to hang my investigations. I inherited a  
>situation where people were really doing little more than sending  
>out letters. "Dear Mr. Smith, what you saw was probably aircraft  
>lights, it's nothing to worry about. Thanks for writing.  
>Goodbye." I didn't think that was really good enough. I started  
>off playing by those rules. But in the course of my three years,  
>from 1991 to 1994, gradually my views began to evolve. As I got  
>more and more reports, I became gradually convinced that there  
>was more to this than just aircraft lights".

Yes, I think the letters ofd Nick Pope - if someone were to collect them - probably bear this out in so far as I saw them at the time.

>  
>It's not for me to question Nick Pope's sincerity. I can only  
>point out discrepancies, for example, between the MoD's  
>affirmation that they have never investigated an `alien  
>abduction' case [as if they ever would] and Pope's claims, such  
>as in his February 1999 `Nick Pope's Weird World' column for `Hot  
>Gossip UK', in which he writes:  
>  
>"In the February edition of [Focus] magazine, which is out now  
>and available from all good newsagents, there's an in-depth  
>feature on my official Ministry of Defence research and  
>investigation into UFOs and alien abductions".

Problem here is that the MoD abductions in 'The Uninvited' are really just letters sent in to the MoD that were never actioned. Nick released these to several of us during his tenure (myself included) and writes them up in his book. As I was familiar with two of the cases (possibly three) the lack of identifying details was unimportant. They are old UFOlogy cases that were followed up at the time - something Nick was clearly unaware of. One at least he cannot have investigated. I had the misfortune to be involved in this case in the 1980's and no serious UFOlogist could have spent five minutes with this witness without having huge reservations about the case. The witness told of elves on his wardrobe, how he fought an intergalactic war on a hill in which 'hairy pillarboxes' were involved and how aliens had taken over the local supermarket. I doubt that if the MoD or Nick had the slightest inkling of this stuff (ie by actually following up the letter) the

case would have ever been released by them to the UFO community. One dreads to think what a tabloid could have done with this case if I had chosen to play them my interview tapes with this 'witness' whilst Nick was selling his book .

>>It's not 'insincere' so much as marketing and promotion.

Agreed, I think this is mostly what it is. Clever hype.

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Best wishes,

Jenny

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Subject: Re:: Arnold again?Message-id:  
<008b01bf0ee1\$76e61a0\$fcc828c3@cis.compuserve.com>

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I will shortly reply in detail to some recent comments re this topic. In the meantime, I would be interested to know if there's any further information about the following newspaper report:

'Salt Tribune', 24 July 1949

Pilot Reports Winged 'Vs' Over Idaho.

BOISE, July 24

Seven V-shaped objects which appeared about the size of fighter planes were reported flying within 1500 or 2000 feet of a civilian aircraft over the Mountain Home desert Sunday.

The pilot told the Idaho Statesman, Boise, that so far as he could determine the objects were not United States planes.

He notified the Civil Aeronautic administration radio station of his experience and the 190th fighter squadron of the Idaho national guard reported it to McChord Field, Washington.

The Statesman quoted the pilot as saying he was "frightened and shaken" by the experience. He said the objects, in tight formation, but not the type of formation used by military aircraft, were flying "at tremendous speed".

The pilot, the Statesman said, had wide experience in aviation. He trained pilots during the war and operates an airport in the Boise valley. He made his information available only on the condition that his name would not be used, the paper said.

The pilot described the objects as being in the shape of a V, with a solid, circular body under the nose of the V.

There was no evidence of any means of propulsion, he said - no propeller and no smoke trails indicating jet or rocket power.

There were no markings of any kind. The colour, he said, was a shade "he couldn't describe and hadn't seen before".

He said he had the objects under observation for two minutes.

The pilot said he was about ten miles west of Mountain Home,

flying towards Boise at about 10,000 feet on the right side of the highway. He said the objects were flying at about 9000 or 9500 feet.

He described the formation as in two lines of three each with the seventh object either in the center, between the two lines, or above them.

[End]

This 'Salt Tribune' report is intriguing as it goes against the grain in the prevailing 'flying saucer/disk' climate, makes no reference to them and reports a sighting of objects which are notably comparable to what Kenneth Arnold actually described.

Does anyone have a copy of the referenced source 'Idaho Statesman' article?

James.

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Subject: Re:New Northrop Grumman a/c designs releasedMessage-id: <E11YV3h-0006Na-00@serv1.is1.u-net.net>

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Joel,  
Any chance of a scanned copy being sent to this address

cgibson@dmu.ac.uk

Many thanks

Chris

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Bill wrote

>>>>I was on the ground looking out the window of the aircraft as we taxied by. Now I know what UFO witnesses go through. Grief!

Well, I've looked through a few aircraft windows in my time and optically flat they ain't and I'd be interested in their colour transmission qualities. But I'm being a pedant.

I always had the impression that UFO witnesses got a fairly easy ride when it came to questions, which was why this forum was set up I believe. I was interrogated on the Skunk Works list 2 years ago and such close questioning certainly helped clarify a lot on what I saw. Hence my pedantry.

Oh, I've just spent a week in Rotterdam docks. Plenty of "black" helicopters flying about, mainly Royal Netherlands Navy Lynxes (Lynxii?). Very, very dark blue.

I'm still not convinced these black helicopters are anything sinister, so what's the big deal? 'Scuse my ignorance, but why have black helicopters become such a major part of the UFO phenomenon in the first place?

Chris

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Subject: RE: Oooer! Black helicopters

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On Tue, 5 Oct 1999, Chris Gibson wrote:

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It goes clear back to the 60s, when black helicopters were  
reported by UFO witnesses in several cases. They were reported to  
have come into the area a few minutes after a UFO sighting.

Some of the cases include:

Santa Ana CA Aug 1965 (Known hoax)

Wanaque NJ 1966 (seen in area in following weeks)

Mt Clemens MI Jan 1967 (Known hoax)

Galesburg IL Feb-Apr 1967 (seen in area in following weeks)

Alamosa CO Sep 1967 (seen in area in following weeks)

Washington DC 1971 (in this case, the UFOs were police helicopters with new high candlepower spotlights)

Indianapolis IN Mar 77 (Report by children)

Huffman TX Dec 80 (Helicopters were flying with the UFO)

@Chris

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UFO Witness Sighs At Reports of What He Supposedly Said

By CHARLES RICHARDS

SOCORRO (UPI) - A Policeman who gained sudden national attention Friday after he saw an egg-shaped flying object near Socorro said Sunday his experience had taught him something.

Socorro Policeman Lonnie Zamora said he would turn around and run, just like he did Friday evening, but next time he'd never mention it to a soul.

"There have been so many phone calls," he sighed. And most of Sunday he spent shaking his head over some of the reports of what he supposedly said about the incident.

"Maybe you'd better ask some of these other guys," Zamora told reporters. "I'm the only one who saw it, but they seem to know more about it than I do."

\_Denies Seeing Creatures\_

Zamora denied he had seen any little creatures around the object and said the unusual machine rose off the ground and flew slowly away in a southwesterly direction until it faded out of sight. It never got more than 20 feet off the ground while he was watching it, Zamora said, contrary to reports the object had zoomed up and away from him at a high rate of speed.

Two investigating officers from Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque said reports a man from the Pentagon would come to Socorro were also false.

\_Termed 'Fantastic'\_

Capt. Richard T. Holder, a White Sands Missile Range commander, termed the incident 'fantastic' but referred to Zamora as a reliable witness.

[End]

James.

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Subject: First Ever 'Flying Triangle' Report?Message-id:  
<009901bf0fa2\$d20f4d40\$bbc428c3@cis.compuserve.com>

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I have come across the following article which could be the first ever 'flying triangle' newspaper report. It mentions the central red light which is a distinctive feature of so many later accounts.

Not much else to go on I'm afraid and apparently no structured object was actually seen. Pity.

Worth noting though:

'Newcastle Evening Chronicle'

#### MYSTERY FLYING TRIANGLE IS SPOTTED OVER NORTH

REPORTS of a mysterious flying object sighted over Tyneside last night have been sent to the Air Ministry in London for investigation.

The object, described as "a triangular formation of lights with a red light in the centre," were seen by people in Consett, South Shields, Fawdon and Fenham, Newcastle.

A spokesman at R.A.F. Station Acklington said today that he had received reports on the phenomenon from at least two sources and these had been passed on to the Air Ministry.

"I have no further information about this," he said "and even if I had we are not allowed to release information".

Mr J. Leslie Otley, secretary of the Tyneside Unidentified Flying Objects Society, said his wife and two neighbours saw the lights between 9.15 and 9.40 last night circling over Deanham Gardens, Fenham.

#### \_BALL OF LIGHTS\_

"A friend of mine, Mr A. Miller, telephoned to say he saw them too, over Consett at 8.30 p.m.," said Mr Otley.

I reported the sighting to Acklington, who told me they had received a similar report from a man in South Shields. In the early hours of today I received a phone call from the Fighter Command Headquarters at R.A.F. Stanmore, asking me for further

information."

Mrs Otley said she first saw a single light in the sky, but later this was followed by "a triangular formation of lights with a red light in the centre."

After 20 minutes, the formation moved off northwards, she said.  
[End]

Assuming the lights were in fact attached to an object, its characteristics were presumably sufficiently unusual for it to have generated more than one 'UFO' report and from different locations.

I wonder why 'Fighter Command' were apparently so interested. By default, it was likely to have been an aircraft and surely they wouldn't normally follow up on a 'UFO' report anyway?

Do our knowledgeable UK subscribers have any thoughts on this and info on what exactly 'Fighter Command/RAF Stanmore' was then concerned with?

This article was published on September 9th, 1960, which dates said incident as the night of September 8th, 1960 and now the earliest 'flying triangle with a central red light' case I'm aware of.

James.

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RAF Stanmore Park (to give its correct name) was the home to the Headquarters of No 11 Group of Strike Command and was responsible for Air Defence. It closed at the end 1998 and its operations were transferred to RAF Bentley Priory. There are plans to re-develop RAF Stanmore Park for civilian housing / schools etc.

Hope that helps

Cheers

John

John Burtenshaw  
University Webmaster

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Chaps,

Fighter Command was tasked with the interception of aircraft intruding into UK airspace. Until 1968 the RAF was split into various "Commands" ie Bomber, Fighter, Support, Coastal, etc

In 1968 Bomber Command and Fighter Command were merged into Strike Command.

Fighter Command was what scuppered Goering's plans for destroying the RAF in 1940 and its HQ was at RAF Stanmore Park (in Middlesex, I think). In the period up to 1968 Fighter Command was tasked with guarding the UK's airspace from the Soviet threat, so they would be interested in a possible intrusion into UK airspace. Then they would decide whether it had, ahemmm...any defence significance.

Fighter Command also controlled the Bloodhound II SAMs on the east coast of the UK and may have been a bit jumpy that something had appeared in that area undetected. This was also the era of the Tripwire, so that jumpiness can be understood. Don't you know there was a Cold War on?

Chris

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I find it interesting that a United Press International (UPI) story has a byline (author). This would lead one to believe that Charles Richards was a UPI reporter, rather than a "stringer" or a reporter for the 'Florida Journal'. On the other hand, it is unusual (at least today) for a UPI reporter to get a byline in a local paper, unless they are a known columnist. If he did work for UPI, where was he when he got this information, and from whom? I suspect we'll never know.

It has been well known that Zamora was not treated well by the press, and the fact that his native language was spanish was one of the factors in that. One radio station apparently made fun of his phrasing in english, which allegedly caused him great embarrassment. This treatment did nothing to foster good will toward the news media, and to this day he remains elusive to investigators and the media.

Let's keep in mind that all newspaper and wire stories were written by reporters who often infuse their own beliefs and suspicions into the text of their work. How many people on this "list" have been quoted by a reporter at one time or another and found the text of their comments have somehow become mis-construed? This is often the result of a reporter trying to tell a story and asking a lot of questions until they finally get the quotes that he (or she) needs. It is important that we analyze all such reports for information that might become lost, but we must also

understand the limitations of that information and take it for what it is.

Steve

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The problem with this is the same as the problem with all newspaper  
publications of interviews: I don't care how "honest" or a reporter is  
or how accurate he claims to be.... what he publishes can be wrong.

Now, I'm not saying that the above is wrong, only that we can't be sure.  
Look at all the consternation over the newspaper accounts of the  
McMinnville  
case, for example. What did Evelyn Trent really say to the press?  
What did Paul really say? Why was there disagreement between their  
stories. WAS THERE disagreement, or was the apparent disagreement  
merely an artifact of the way the newspaper stories were written?

The fact is that a person being asked a question tends to formulate an answer that answers the question and may leave out other information that would change the context. This problem is compounded by the tendency of the questioner to already have an answer in mind, and so he/she/ listens for the response he wants and shuts out everything else.

Suppose in the above the reporter wanted to find out if the story was true that "small beings" were seen next to the saucer and suppose that he asked the question this way, desiring to emphasize the weirdness or "extraterrestrialness" of the sighting:

" Lonnie, did you see any weird creatures, like any little spacemen, near the flying saucer?"

If Lonnie assumes the two "children" were humans, he would have to answer,

"No, I didn't see any weird creatures or little spacemen near the flying saucer, but I did see two children."

The reporter takes this answer, ignores the response about two children because he was only looking for "weird creatures" and he writes, truthfully in his mind, that Lonnie did not see any "creatures" near the object.

Regarding the speed of departure, this could also be a matter of "Relativity."

If the reporter asks,

"Did the UFO rise up and then zoom away?"

and if Lonnie wants to get across the idea that it rose up and moved away slowly

at first and then accelerated he might say,

"No, it rose upward and hovered for a second or two and then moved away slowly, and then seemed to speed up as it moved ."

As compared to (relative to) other stories about a fast departure, this answer might seem to the reporter to mean that Lonnie really meant it moved away slowly, and so that's what the reporter writes.

The bottom line is, in depth personal interviews are likely to provide more accurate information than newspaper interviews.

If, during the in depth interviews with the FBI, Air Force, Hynek, etc., Zamorra described seeing two "children".... then he saw two "children" ...whatever they were.

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<DIV><FONT color=#000000 size=2>2: It will seek to work in harmony with each other and all other responsible aspects of UFOlogy .</FONT><FONT color=#000000 size=2>There will be no members, membership fees, committees, rulers, hierarchy nor structure. The team will be a UK network of people with similar principles working towards a common goal. </DIV>

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<DIV><FONT size=2>4: UFOIN will be highly selective in its investigation work - focusing on in depth re-appraisals of important old cases and seeking new reports that offer potential to add to our knowledge. To this end the professional expertise of the team will be offered to science and education. UFOIN will emphasise the 90% track record in case solving as professed by serious UFOlogy and will play down the use of emotive terms such as UFO and alien, focusing instead on anomalies, scientific puzzles and using phrases such as IFO and UAP.&nbsp;It will seek to work with both open minded scientists and sceptics and handle UFO data from a rational perspective, steering away from the extreme views and ideologies expressed by parts of the old style UFO community.</FONT></DIV>

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<DIV><FONT size=2>5:&nbsp;</FONT>Participants will benefit from working as part of a professionalised, experienced investigation team whose only goal will be truth, however mundane that may prove to be. Access to a team of advisers, comprising scientists, MOD officials, etc, is already in development. And a research fund will be offered for use by the team. Grants from that fund for R & I work will be speedily decided without cumbersome committees. Regular meetings of the team will foster exchange of experience and UFO information.&nbsp;</FONT></DIV>

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not produce a magazine. Publication policy will </FONT><FONT color=#000000 size=2>involve a steady stream of special reports under the UFOIN banner. These will comprise research projects, retrospective case investigations and current case histories. They will be compiled and produced to a common format by the investigator / researcher directly involved in each project. All proceeds will enter the central R & I fund - in turn allowing future projects . UFOIN will

aim for at least 3 - 4 reports per year. Assistance and contributions from scientists and experts outside the UFO field will be included to help make these progress reports more definitive.&nbsp;Diverse projects are already under development for early publication. </FONT></DIV>

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<DIV><FONT color=#000000 size=2>8: Another new venture will be an annual research report. Each January UFOIN members will define the topic for that year's report. An initial briefing paper introducing the topic will define the questions that most need answering within that field. The briefing paper will be circulated widely to UFOlogy and beyond to professional agencies that might assist in fulfilling its objectives. A series of research components will be allocated so that all major areas of exploration are followed within the defined topic. The book length report (a definitive study of these questions) will then be published including all research results and contributions before the year-end. The following year a new research topic will be pursued on a similar basis creating a momentum of ongoing work involving the UFOIN team.</FONT></DIV>

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<DIV><FONT size=2>11: A number of ventures are to be reviewed to find rapid ways



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From: Andy Roberts <Brigantia@compuserve.com>  
Subject: P.R.O. Files - foo-fighters

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A while ago James posted some stuff about UFO files held at the PRO.

My colleague Dave Clarke and I have just returned from a four day stint there looking mainly at the recently released 1967 files. This has turned up some interesting material, including much new stuff about UK government UFO policy, and this will be released in a month or two as a UFOIN research document on the pivotal 1967 UFO 'wave'.

Whilst we were there I checked out the 'Bang On' reference James gave. This consisted of a five page newsletter published by 115 Squadron. It was issue no. 1, dated Dec 31 1943. I couldn't find any references to other issues.

In a section headed 'Phenomena' the following was written:

>PHENOMENA

>Under this heading there occur from time to time reports of  
>weird and wonderful apparitions seen during our (and the  
>American) attacks on Germany. We have asked our local  
>Inner Circle bloke to comment on the latest species of wizardry. Here  
>is his story....believe it or not.

>On the 11th December the Yanks paid one of their daylight visits  
>to Emlen. Visibility was good and the weather clear."An unidentified  
>object was seen in the target area. It was about the size of a  
>Thunderbolt and passed 50/75 yards beneath the formation. It  
>flew STRAIGHT and LEVEL. (No chaps it was not a Lanc gone mad..)  
>at a terrific speed, leaving a streak like a vapour trail which was all  
>white and which remained visible for a long time. The object passed  
>so quickly that the observer could not determine it more accurately..."

>Suggestions will be welcome...serious ones...as to what this Loch Ness  
>Monster of Emlen might have been.

A couple of paragraphs later, after some general stuff about the raid it says:

>In another attack...this time on Bremen...there were many reports of  
>"silver  
>and red discs above the formations". These have been seen before  
>but up to now no-one has been able to decide their purpose.

>Suggestions please.

So, there y'go.

On a related note, I checked several of the files for the Schweinfurt raid to search for the reference, originally given by Martin Caiden, to small discs flying in and amongst the formation. I couldn't find anything which was relevant.

Happy Trails

Andy

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<000d01bf11b2\$e423b720\$0100a8c0@mindspring.com>  
References: <199910081156\_MC2-882B-B3C@compuserve.com>

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>On the 11th December the Yanks paid one of their daylight visits  
>to Emlen.

Hi -

Where exactly is "Emlen?" Thanks...

Joel Carpenter

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Message text written by "UFO Research List"

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Hi -

>Where exactly is "Emlen?" Thanks...

>Joel Carpenter

Sorry people - it looked like Emlen on the document but after scrutinising with a magnifying glass it is in fact 'Emden'. Four days of document searching has made my eyes somewhat wobbly!

Presumably there will be some squadron logs with further information on this raid?

Happy Trails

Andy

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Date: Fri, 08 Oct 1999 21:58:32 +0000  
From: Chris Gibson <cgibson@skomer.u-net.com>  
Subject: EmdenMessage-id: <E11Zi4A-0002M7-00@serv1.is1.u-net.net>

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Check out the Mighty Eighth War Diary by Roger Freeman. Not in my library as I don't believe in giving former Tory MPs my money. ;-)

Emden was a favourite target for the 8th AF and the RAF as it was on the NW coast with little or no overflying of flak batteries. The RAF performed numerous "Gardening" missions to plant vegetables (that's minelaying missions to you and me). The 8th probably used Emden for milkrun operational training raids, as did the RAF.

A small aircraft traveling really fast trailing a single vapour trail would be a Me 163 Komet.

According to The Warplanes of the Third Reich,

Tactical testing by Erprobungskommando 16 on the Me 163B commenced at Peenemunde in early 43, but after Bomber Command flattened it in July 43, moved to Bad Zwischenahn near Oldenburg. Oldenburg according to my Atlas is just down the road from Emden as the Komet flies.

so, calm down, calm down.

Chris

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Regarding:

>Date: Wed, 6 Oct 1999 12:09:39 -0400  
>From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>  
>Subject: Re: Socorro  
>To: "UFO Research List" <UFORL@listbot.com>

Bruce wrote:

>>'Florida Journal', 4 July 1964  
>>'Won't Tell Soul Next Time'

>>UFO Witness Sighs At Reports of What He Supposedly Said

>The problem with this is the same as the problem with all  
>newspaper publications of interviews: I don't care how "honest"  
>or a reporter is or how accurate he claims to be.... what he  
>publishes can be wrong.

Bruce,

I don't see any major conflict between this article and Zamora's confirmed statements.

Even if there was, we should unquestionably side with the more trustworthy affidavit, unless there seemed to be a significant anomaly.

Zamora did write that the object travelled parallel to the ground for some distance. My understanding is how he's emphasising it didn't 'take off' like a 'rocket', as some media accounts probably claimed or implied.

>Now, I'm not saying that the above is wrong, only that we can't  
>be sure. Look at all the consternation over the newspaper  
>accounts of the McMinnville case, for example. What did Evelyn  
>Trent really say to the press? What did Paul really say? Why  
>was there disagreement between their stories. WAS THERE  
>disagreement, or was the apparent disagreement merely an  
>artifact of the way the newspaper stories were written?

We can even go back to the 'dawn' of popularised 'UFOs' -

misunderstandings of what Kenneth Arnold reported, or the confusion about when Mac Brazel found the Foster ranch debris.

Absolutely no disagreement on this, Bruce.

The 'Socorro' article was for information and must be taken 'as is'. I discovered it amongst a large number of 'rare' UFO clippings acquired and it's the only contemporary article I've ever seen on the case.

The one point I thought notable was that Zamora reportedly denied seeing any 'little creatures'. Interesting, if only confirmation that we know he was reticent to acknowledge any sighting of 'figures'.

>The bottom line is, in depth personal interviews are likely to  
>provide more accurate information than newspaper interviews.

For sure. I suppose we have to take any case material on merit, there's always the possibility it contains some key and little known/long forgotten evidence.

Which, in retrospect, is exactly what lies behind recent 'resurrection' of the Socorro story. Was there a magazine article in which a hot-air balloonist recalled how his balloon spooked a local cop and does that refer to Zamora.

Still unanswered questions, with, as discussed, Tracy Barnes being the most likely candidate. It's being pursued and hopefully can be clarified shortly.

If that is the explanation - although puzzling why it was never picked up on at the time of any such article - this doesn't in any way detract from Zamora as a witness.

We can surely now understand how he was only able to obtain brief glimpses of the object, with rarely a clear view, or without having lost his glasses.

Zamora could only describe what he observed. Unresolved, the fact it became a celebrated UFO encounter was inevitable and arguably justified.

What comes out of this article is Zamora's regret he ever mentioned the incident.

As Mac Brazel would doubtless concur.

I wonder how many people have been influenced by such publicised regrets, or the general 'stigma' sometimes associated with 'UFO' reports and have never 'told a soul' about their own experience.

Would that particularly apply to pilots, police officers, politicians, 'professionals' in the medical, legal, business etc. fields, ministers/priests etc., 'minority groups', 'respected' academics and scientists?

Add the vast number of military personnel and government employees, plus doubtless other 'categories' which can be thought of, it encompasses a sizeable percentage of the population who are possibly unlikely to ever report a 'UFO' or related incident, although of course some therein will.

In addition to those who have a 'position' or 'reputation' to consider, there is the opposite end of the spectrum - those who would want nothing to do with 'authority', or simply never consider they should contact the media and least of all a 'UFO organisation'.

That's excluding the recognised 'third world', numerous other countries where the culture or communications preclude the very idea, and/or where merely surviving is enough to contend with.

It's a digression, however, not unrelated to the question - would you report a 'UFO'?

[And if so, to whom?]

At a (very) rough guess, maybe some eighty per cent of the world's population wouldn't - perhaps ninety per cent?

In an ideal research world, which might be attainable if UFO research had any perceived scientific merit or other funding obtained, investigators could be sent to arbitrary 'third world etc. locations and conduct an analysis of local sightings/experiences.

I'm sure it would be insightful, whatever the results.

I will personally volunteer for two weeks, all expenses paid, in the Bahamas.

Yes, I know it's a tough assignment, but somebody has to do it.

James.

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Those interested in Arnold's attitudes near the end of his life should read  
Greg Long's article at

<http://www.nwmyst.com/nwmyst-ufo-0023.html>

I also think this quote from one of Long's other articles on Arnold is  
rather -- interesting:

"I was lucky to interview Arnold a few years before his death on January 16,  
1984. He was embittered by the ridicule he had endured, even though he had  
earned the title "The Man Who Started It All" as a result of his sighting.  
At the end of my interview he handed me a card that presented his  
"philosophy" about "flying saucers."

'A great man is the unbelieving man; he is without spiritual sight or  
spiritual hearing; his glory is in understanding his own understanding. He  
follows no man's course, but searches for himself; the priests cannot make  
him believe, nor the angels of heaven, none can subdue his judgment. Stand  
on your own feet - be a man. Through his arm are tyrants and evil kings  
overthrown. Through him are doctrines and religions sifted to the bottom and  
the falsehood and evil in them cast aside. Who but the Creator could have  
created so great a man as the unbeliever?' "

Joel Carpenter

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Regarding:

>Date: Wed, 06 Oct 1999 09:13:07 +0100  
>To: "UFO Research List" <UFORL@listbot.com>  
>From: John Burtenshaw <jburtens@bournemouth.ac.uk>  
>Subject: Re: First Ever 'Flying Triangle' Report?

John wrote:

>>Do our knowledgeable UK subscribers have any thoughts on this  
>>and info on what exactly "Fighter Command/RAF Stanmore" was  
>>then concerned with?

>RAF Stanmore Park (to give its correct name) was the home to the  
>Headquarters of No 11 Group of Strike Command and was  
>responsible for Air Defence.

Thanks, John.

Also:

>From: Chris Gibson <cgibson@skomer.u-net.com>  
>To: "UFORL" <UFORL@listbot.com>, "UFO Research List"  
>Subject: Re:First Ever 'Flying Triangle' Report?  
>Date: Wed, 6 Oct 1999 09:56:37 +0000

Chris wrote:

>>In the period up to 1968 Fighter Command was tasked with  
guarding the UK's airspace from the Soviet threat, so they would  
be interested in a possible intrusion into UK airspace. Then they  
would decide whether it had, ahemmm...any defence significance.

Fighter Command also controlled the Bloodhound II SAMs on the  
east coast of the UK and may have been a bit jumpy that something  
had appeared in that area undetected. This was also the era of  
the Tripwire, so that jumpiness can be understood. Don't you know  
there was a Cold War on?<<

Yes, Chris, it must be kept in mind this 1960 report took place  
during the 'cold war' climate! As you note, that's a significant  
perspective to any contemporary 'UFO' incident and could explain

Fighter Command's interest.

It's another one of those cases where we can only wonder if any related documents still exist and what the MoD made of it all.

Perhaps the source was subsequently identified as a civilian or military flight. If so, it would of course be useful to know what the object actually was and how this might relate to other 'flying triangle' sightings with a similar lighting configuration.

Conversely, did the MoD just write-off the reports as unsolved and conclude it had 'no defence significance'.

Presuming that neither of your good selves have objections, I would like to attribute and include the helpful background information in any further publicised reference to this earliest of sightings.

James.

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>To: "UFO Research List" <UFORL@listbot.com>, "John"  
>Subject: Linda Cortile's abduction  
>Date: Sat, 2 Oct 1999 15:18:16 +0200

Luis wrote:

>>Let me put it more clearly. The most amazing point made in Hopkins' book, the cornerstone of Linda Cortile's case, was how the aliens had orchestrated the lives of two abductees in order to reunite them one night in lower Manhattan for an apocalyptic message. The main surprise of Nighteyes' plot (besides the aliens being humans) is when two apparently independent abductees met again, in order to become the founders of a future race. How can anybody miss the paralelism?

If the trees do not let them see the forest, Mr. Hopkins (and the other colleagues who agree with him after reading the novel) are not good investigators. But if they did see the forest but preferred not to say so, that is even worse.

My conclusion: Beware of personal opinions! Try to evaluate the raw data by yourself. Please, do not even believe me. Read the novel and reach your own conclusions. To me the precedent is obvious.<<

Luis,

Thank you for the interesting observations.

This 'Brooklyn Bridge' story is one I have in the past referred to as a landmark example of how incredulous claims are eagerly accepted to be plausible 'evidence'.

How can anyone complain that isn't representative of 'ufology'. It is, as proven by how frequently Budd Hopkins or Linda Napolitano (apparently Cortile's real name) are invited to recount the tale at UFO related conferences.

What I can add to your posting is that the following comments

were published on a CompuServe forum by someone who seems to have an insightful knowledge of the affair. Although some subscribers will probably know who the writer is, I won't disclose their name as they probably wouldn't wish to be identified:

Date: 14 August 1997

Hi. I've been involved with the case since around 1992 and helped Budd with some of the investigation. There are numerous problems that have surfaced with the case that we are still in the process of checking, however since this is still ongoing I am not at liberty to discuss all of them. What I can say is that this case either happened pretty much the way Budd reported it, OR, it was a well orchestrated, well engineered hoax. I lean toward the latter, however the keywords to remember here are "well orchestrated". This isn't a simple hoax. If it was in fact a hoax, someone did their homework, at least more than marginally. But there are some things that are as plain as the noon day sun that should be questioned (and never were) and we are in the process of questioning them.

If the story is true these things will hold up to scrutiny. If not we should be able to ferret out some \*more\* damning evidence before long. We have quite a bit right now that taken as a whole puts the entire case in question. But others before have tried and more or less failed to dissuade the main proponents of the case from believing it hook, line and sinker. In plain English - The BS detector went off bigtime but not everyone sees this as yet.

**\*\*EDITED\*\*** I decided to edit the rest of my original response for the time being. Never know who's lurking. Stay tuned. <G>  
[End]

Date: 15 August 1997

I just spent the better part of this morning responding to this post and then filed it away rather than send it. It's was too explosive and I need to confer with some associates before blowing any whistles and also need to take care of a personal matter before I take on certain people. But I will. I'm contemplating publish my findings right here in this section and basically punt the ball into the hoaxers field. I'm sick of the nonsense and lies. I spent 2 1/2 hours on the phone last night with one of the "witnesses". This person confirmed my suspicions. I need to look into legal and criminal remedies before going any further. That could take a little while. But I promise you haven't heard the last of me. <g>

[End]

The full revelations never came out.

I recently wrote to this person asking if they would like to now comment further and was informed the situation hadn't changed.

That's understandable if they are, or were, so close to those directly involved and anxious not to be responsible for hurting anyone.

However, considerably more was publicly revealed by this writer in 1997 (I still have all the correspondence on file), especially concerning the inadequacies of Hopkins' research.

I also note that Joe Stefula publicly claimed on CompuServe of Linda Napolitano, "I have copies of her telephone calls to Rich Butler in which she states she gets 50 per cent of all money made by Hopkins on her story".

If this 'Brooklyn Bridge' of ufology is significant, it might be the questions it asks of proponents and publicists who supported any premise that the story was ever conceivably credible.

James.

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I've always thought it odd how the effects of the Cold War - especially the intense paranoia over what the other side was doing - filters its way out of the UFO debate.....It occurs to me, almost daily, that the US, Soviets and their allies spent a great deal of time worrying about their defences being breached. To that end, any radar anomaly or sightings or report was of the deepest concern.

I doubt ET had anything to do with it.....

Tim M.

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>>Headquarters of No 11 Group of Strike Command and was  
>>responsible for Air Defence.  
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> Thanks, John.  
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> Also:  
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>>From: Chris Gibson <cgibson@skomer.u-net.com>  
>>To: "UFORL" <UFORL@listbot.com>, "UFO Research List"

> >Subject: Re:First Ever 'Flying Triangle' Report?  
> >Date: Wed, 6 Oct 1999 09:56:37 +0000  
>  
> Chris wrote:  
>  
> >>In the period up to 1968 Fighter Command was tasked with  
> guarding the UK's airspace from the Soviet threat, so they would  
> be interested in a possible intrusion into UK airspace. Then they  
> would decide whether it had, ahemmm...any defence significance.  
>  
> Fighter Command also controlled the Bloodhound II SAMs on the  
> east coast of the UK and may have been a bit jumpy that something  
> had appeared in that area undetected. This was also the era of  
> the Tripwire, so that jumpiness can be understood. Don't you know  
> there was a Cold War on?<<  
>  
> Yes, Chris, it must be kept in mind this 1960 report took place  
> during the 'cold war' climate! As you note, that's a significant  
> perspective to any contemporary 'UFO' incident and could explain  
> Fighter Command's interest.  
>  
> It's another one of those cases where we can only wonder if any  
> related documents still exist and what the MoD made of it all.  
>  
> Perhaps the source was subsequently identified as a civilian or  
> military flight. If so, it would of course be useful to know  
> what the object actually was and how this might relate to other  
> 'flying triangle' sightings with a similar lighting  
> configuration.  
>  
> Conversely, did the MoD just write-off the reports as unsolved  
> and conclude it had 'no defence significance'.  
>  
> Presuming that neither of your good selves have objections, I  
> would like to attribute and include the helpful background  
> information in any further publicised reference to this earliest  
> of sightings.  
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>  
> James.  
> E-mail: voyager@ukonline.co.uk  
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Date: Mon, 11 Oct 1999 09:32:16 +0100  
From: John Burtenshaw <jburtens@bournemouth.ac.uk>  
Subject: Re: First Ever 'Flying Triangle' Report?

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Feel free.

John

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Date: Mon, 11 Oct 1999 10:12:46 +0000  
From: Chris Gibson <cgibson@skomer.u-net.com>  
Subject: Re: First Ever 'Flying Triangle' Report?Message-id: <E11acTl-00067D-00@serv1.is1.u-net.net>

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James,

No problem with that.

Chris

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Date: Mon, 11 Oct 1999 17:03:37 +0200 (METDST)  
From: "J. Pharabod" <pharabod@in2p3.fr>  
Subject: Colorado report - Case 7Cc: pharabod@in2p3.frX-Authentication-warning:  
polhp2.in2p3.fr: pharabod owned process doing -bs

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<http://polaris.umuc.edu/~jgiglio2/major-y>

said to have been investigated by Dr. Roy Craig ?

Thanks in advance,  
Jean-Pierre Pharabod

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Date: Mon, 11 Oct 1999 13:04:34 -0400  
From: joel carpenter <ufx@mindspring.com>  
Subject: Feds curious about high-tech conclave on extraterrestrials  
Message-id: <007a01bf140a\$b18bc960\$0100a8c0@mindspring.com>

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Feds curious about high-tech conclave on extraterrestrials

By Matt Beer

EXAMINER TECHNOLOGY WRITER Friday, October 8, 1999

NASA agent probes Silicon Valley meeting with UFO theorist

An upcoming private meeting between Silicon Valley high-tech executives, NASA scientists and a high-profile UFO enthusiast has sparked an investigation by a government agency.

Special Agent Keith Tate, an investigator with the Long Beach branch of NASA's Office of Inspector General, has been calling Silicon Valley sources, including The Examiner, seeking information about a planned Tuesday meeting between research scientists and Silicon Valley high-tech executives.

At that meeting, first reported by The Examiner, attendees, including scientists from the NASA Ames Research Center in Mountain View, will discuss propulsion technologies.

"We're trying to determine if any proprietary information will be talked about at that meeting," said Tate. "We're very concerned about this."

Staging the meeting will be the International Space Sciences Organization. Its founder is Joe Firmage, a 28-year-old, high-tech executive who made headlines late last year when he published a Web site and book in which he recounted his beliefs in space aliens. On the ISSO site, he claims to have been visited in his bedroom one night by such an alien.

Firmage also has stated that some of the high technology of today was obtained from the legendary alien space craft crash at Roswell, N.M., in 1947. Firmage stepped down from his post as CEO of the giant Santa Clara-based USWeb Internet consulting firm following his revelations, due to shareholder concerns about his extraterrestrial pursuits.

ISSO spokesman Tony Young had no comment on the NASA probe.

Over the last several years, NASA has been researching an array of exotic propulsion technologies through a small program dubbed Breakthrough Propulsion Physics.

Some of these techniques thumb their noses at Albert Einstein's theory of relativity, which postulates that nothing can travel faster than the speed

of light \* 186,00 miles per second. These include using technologies familiar to science fiction fans: worm holes and warp drives.

Firmage, according to his Web site, believes "there is stunningly good evidence that UFOs are real starships." He writes that "whatever did or did not happen at Roswell in 1947 will ultimately prove to be a rounding error when the implications of this phenomenon become widely known."

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Date: Mon, 11 Oct 1999 14:30:14 -0500  
From: "King, Jeff" <Jeff.King@usa.apachecorp.com>  
Subject: RE: Colorado report - Case 7 "'pharabod@in2p3.fr'" <pharabod@in2p3.fr>  
UFO Research List - <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/>

Jean-Pierre,

Roy Craig discusses the case at length in his book UFOS: An Insider's View of the Official Quest for Evidence. It's listed under Major Y. Craig points out important problems with the photos, including content details that are inconsistent with the photographer's story and the fact that other pictures on the roll showed a severe inconsistency with the time of year the photographer claimed the pictures were taken.

Hope this helps,

Jeff King

-----Original Message-----

From: J. Pharabod [mailto:pharabod@in2p3.fr]  
Sent: Monday, October 11, 1999 10:04 AM  
Cc: pharabod@in2p3.fr  
Subject: Colorado report - Case 7

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Date: Mon, 11 Oct 1999 15:34:57 -0400 (EDT)  
From: RB47Expert@aol.com  
Subject: Re: Colorado report - Case 7Message-id: <0.7ac79b73.253395e1@aol.com>

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Jean-Pierre,

I had an E-mail exchange with Jim Giglio of National Capital Area Skeptics on this case, noting some problems. I think Roy Craig discusses it in his book and noted the serious discrepancies in the story.

Brad

In a message dated 10/11/99 8:04:06 AM, you wrote:

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Date: Mon, 11 Oct 1999 17:43:01 -0500 (EST)  
From: Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS Kinesiology <lrobins@indiana.edu>  
Subject: Re: Colorado report - Case 7

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On Mon, 11 Oct 1999, J. Pharabod wrote:

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Yes. I have copies of the photos. They are in Craig's book. The object in the photos is bright red. The background contains nothing but sky.

The object is the lid off a large plastic cannister. The cannister was clear, made in the shape of Santa Claus, and was sold full of cookies. The lid was a stylized Santa hat made of red opaque plastic. It is shaped like a disk, with a peak in the center and a beveled rim, and is bright red. It is maybe 7 inches in diameter and 3 inches tall at the peak.

I used to have the same cannister, bought in 1965 or 1966 for \$3.95. I recognized the object as soon as I saw the photos. They also sold a fat elf cannister, with an identical lid (made of green plastic), full of the same cookies. Another similar cannister had a similar top, but was in the shape of a fire hydrant and was full of dog biscuits.

Also, there were two other photos taken in between the two UFO photos, according to the numbers on the film.

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Date: Tue, 12 Oct 1999 08:49:33 -0500 (EST)  
From: Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS Kinesiology <lrobins@indiana.edu>  
Subject: Re: Colorado report - Case 7 (fwd)

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On Mon, 11 Oct 1999, Larry Robinson wrote:

@On Mon, 11 Oct 1999, J. Pharabod wrote:

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On second look, I now think the lid was the one off the fire hydrant full of dog biscuits. The top of the Santa hat was more like a cone. This looks more like the dome top of a hydrant.

Another discrepancy is that nobody else on the plane saw the object, including the co-pilot (who was flying the plane) and the rest of the flight crew. An object subtending that much of an angle would have attracted the attention of at least one passenger.

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Date: Tue, 12 Oct 1999 18:16:48 +0000  
From: Chris Gibson <cgibson@skomer.u-net.com>  
Subject: Re: First Ever 'Flying Triangle' Report?Message-id: <E11b6Vg-0005iS-00@serv1.is1.u-net.net>

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Errrr...chaps,

I've been rumaging through the books and came across the following. This may or may not be relevant, but may explain the 1960 FT sighting and incidently Fighter Command's interest.

Date: Wed, 13 Oct 1999 03:13:17 +0100  
From: James Easton <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
Subject: Re: Night FlightsMessage-id:  
<002701bf1520\$84a4e8c0\$afc828c3@cis.compuserve.com>

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Regarding:

>Date: Wed, 22 Sep 1999 09:56:45 +0100  
>To: "UFO Research List" <UFORL@listbot.com>  
>From: John Burtenshaw <jburtens@bournemouth.ac.uk>  
>Subject: Re: Night Flights

To recap on Paul Hanmer's case report:

"As a Chartered Accountant, I often have to oversee audit assignments with a strict timetable. This leads to the need to work long hours. In March 1978, I was working on such an assignment in my home county of Lincolnshire, UK. One Thursday night, I finished work at about 10.30pm and drove a colleague home to the village of Alford. In general, the coastal areas of Lincolnshire are very flat. However, Alford lies on the edge of gently rolling countryside - the Lincolnshire Wolds.

My route home took me up a hill on the A1104 towards Ulceby Cross. Part way up the hill, at around 11:00 p.m., I was dazzled by what I took to be the undipped headlights of an oncoming car. I flashed my own headlights and slowed. To my astonishment, the oncoming lights slowly "took off" from the road and gracefully flew to my right. Excitedly, I stopped my car, wound down the driver's side window and peered out. The sight that greeted me will stay in my memory forever.

I saw that the lights were coming from a massive, beautiful aircraft which had now turned, was flying at a height of about 50 feet and was now heading towards the coast directly over my car! The craft was shaped like a delta, very similar to the Vulcan bombers based in Lincolnshire at the time.

However, it was about four times the size of a Vulcan, flew extremely slowly and was absolutely silent! All leading edges of the delta were beautifully rounded - there were no sharp protuberances such as a tailplane. The underside of the craft was coloured sky blue. It just glided over me and headed towards the coast - no noise, no smoke, no vibrations, no smell - just an aircraft of sheer gargantuan beauty".

John wrote:

>>The colour is interesting. Vulcans went through a number of camo changes from anti-flash gloss white in the 60's, green/grey upper camo and white undersurfaces to all over green/grey wrap around camo. Never seen a sky blue undersurface, but it could be reflection from the white. At one point the all RAF aircraft lost their underwing serials and the roundals became very small. The current fashion is light grey with toned-down markings which are very hard to see.<<

John,

I've located some photographs supporting the conclusion that Paul's 'triangular' UFO sighting was of a Vulcan aircraft, with its engines 'cut' and gliding in to land at RAF Waddington.

The first is at:

<http://www.totavia.com/jetman/vulcan/full/vulcanb2x1426abingdonopenday1988.jpg>

This shows a light-grey camouflage with a plain underside.

Also at:

<http://warbird.totavia.com/vulcan.html>

This looks like a 'sky blue' camouflage pattern, also with a plain underside, which seems an exact match for the colour Paul described.

Given the sighting conditions, either of these patterns could explain that aspect

>>How feasible is it that Paul witnessed a Vulcan which was gliding at such low altitude - maybe coming in to land?<<

>According to my pilot friend, a Waddington landing began with an approach from 50,000ft over Carlisle (they need such a long one to bleed the speed off). It was a GCA (Ground Controlled Approach) e.g a talk-down by Waddington as the Vulcan was not ILS equipped. The normal approach was to reduce power at the start and let the speed bleed off during descent (the Vulcan had no flaps). It was basically a glide approach with full power only applied if a go around was required. A Vulcan landing was a High-Alpha landing with the wing being used to aerodynamically slow the aircraft on landing e.g the pilot kept the nose high until the speed dropped and nose wheel touched the runway when

the chute was released.

So it could have been a landing Vulcan.<

Which surely confirms this had to be what Paul witnessed.

I'll e-mail Paul, put our suggested explanation to him and ask for his comments.

Don't be surprised if he says 'it sure as hell wasn't any aircraft and if I ever see a UFO again I'll never tell anyone'.:)

Seriously, it's important to know if there's a reason he believes the explanation is a 'no way'.

Aside from this, also worth mentioning:

<http://www.vforce.co.uk/images/vulcanb2xl319leucharsjanuary1979.jpg>

A striking photograph showing the Vulcan's triangular profile in silhouette and from distance.

Also, on first viewing this early promotional image resembles an advertisement for a 'UFO invasion' sci-fi film:

[http://www.totavia.com/jetman/vulcan/full/vulcan\\_ad.gif](http://www.totavia.com/jetman/vulcan/full/vulcan_ad.gif)

Best of all, there's an wonderful example of how the Vulcan was normally anything but a silent aircraft. It's the sound sample of an "XH558 recorded at West Malling Airfield performing a 'touch & go'", at:

<http://www.users.zetnet.co.uk/mongsoft/sound.htm>

Turn up the volume and watch your speakers rock!

James.

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Subject: Re: First Ever 'Flying Triangle' Report?

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At 18:16 12/10/1999 +0000, you wrote:

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Date: Wed, 13 Oct 1999 12:49:27 -0400  
From: joel carpenter <ufx@mindspring.com>  
Subject: Space reconnaissanceMessage-id:  
<001501bf159a\$e9dc50a0\$0100a8c0@mindspring.com>

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Off topic again but possibly of interest -- images from the new Ikonos reconnaissance satellite can be seen at

<http://www.flatoday.com/space/explore/uselv/athena/ikonos/airport.jpg>

(Reagan Airport in Washington)

<http://www.flatoday.com/space/explore/uselv/athena/ikonos/hirshorn.jpg>

(Smithsonian, National Air and Space Museum at very bottom)

Imagine what the real spy sats can do.

Joel Carpenter

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Date: Wed, 13 Oct 1999 20:15:37 +0200  
From: "Luis R. Gonzalez Manso" <lrgm@arrakis.es>  
Subject: Linda Cortile's abductionMessage-id:  
<001501bf15a7\$061f4ea0\$7f4a05c3@LuisR.GonzalezManso>

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Regarding the comments of that "unnamed source" (could you, please, send me the files you said you have from this source), I must once again suggest caution.

Every time I read the sentence "a well orchestrated, well engineered hoax" I shudder. It is always used by a "believer" to justify that no normal person can fool him.

Here in Spain, I have followed the infamous UMMO case and I was one of the investigators that put the final nail on its coffin (see my article in MAGONIA n° 50, I think). But NOBODY can believe that such a "well orchestrated hoax" was the result of only one simple man, without even an university career.

I have compiled enough evidence to consider the Linda Cortile's abduction a hoax orchestrated by Linda herself. I can not prove it and do not even care if she really did it. But I also do not think she is a psicopatic liar or a mastermind. She is just a woman who maybe wanted to gain some status among her group of abductees and found a sympathetic ear with Hopkins et al.

Luis R. González

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From: KRandle993@aol.com  
Subject: Re: Linda Cortile's abductionMessage-id: <0.14b050de.2536291f@aol.com>

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Luis (if I may be so informal) -

Well, said.

KRandle

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Date: Fri, 15 Oct 1999 03:32:01 +0100  
From: James Easton <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
Subject: Re: P.R.O. Files - foo-fightersMessage-id:  
<005a01bf16b5\$cd4b0280\$b7c628c3@cis.compuserve.com>

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Regarding:

>Date: Fri, 8 Oct 1999 11:56:31 -0400  
>From: Andy Roberts <Brigantia@compuserve.com>  
>Subject: P.R.O. Files - foo-fighters  
>To: "UFO Research List" <UFORL@listbot.com>

Andy wrote:

>A while ago James posted some stuff about UFO files held at the PRO.

My colleague dave Clarke and I have just returned from a four day stint there looking mainly at the recently released 1967 files. This has turned up some interesting material, including much]new stuff about UK government UFO policy, and this will be released in a month or two as a UFOIN research document on the pivotal 1967 UFO 'wave'.

Whilst we were there I checked out the 'Bang On' reference James gave. This consisted of a five page newsletter published by 115 Squadron. It was issue no. 1, dated Dec 31 1943. I couldn't find any references to other issues.

In a section headed 'Phenomena' the following was written:

#### PHENOMENA

Under this heading there occur from time to time reports of weird and wonderful apparitions seen during our (and the American) attacks on Germany. We have asked our local Inner Circle bloke to comment on the latest species of wizardry. Here is his story....believe it or not.

On the 11th December the Yanks paid one of their daylight visits to Emlen. Visibility was good and the weather clear. "An unidentified object was seen in the target area. It was about the size of a Thunderbolt and passed 50/75 yards beneath the formation. It flew STRAIGHT and LEVEL. (No chaps it was not a Lanc gone mad..) at a terrific speed, leaving a streak like a vapour trail which was all white and which remained visible for a long time. The object passed so quickly that the observer could not determine it more accurately..."

Suggestions will be welcome...serious ones...as to what this Loch Ness Monster of Emlen might have been.

A couple of paragraphs later, after some general stuff about the raid it says:

In another attack...this time on Bremen...there were many reports of "silver and red discs above the formations". These have been seen before but up to now no-one has been able to decide their purpose. Suggestions please.<

Andy,

Well done on finding this material.

Even with an accurate reference, the PRO labyrinths are formidable!

I thought, as I'm sure many of us did, that it was a notable pre-Arnold 'flying disc' report, however, looks like Joel could have nailed this one by return of post, when he wrote:

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>To: "UFO Research List" <UFORL@listbot.com>  
>Subject: Re: P.R.O. Files - foo-fighters  
>Date: Fri, 8 Oct 1999 17:06:14 -0400

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Date: Fri, 15 Oct 1999 13:50:14 +0000  
From: Chris Gibson <cgibson@skomer.u-net.com>  
Subject: Odd phenomena over Germany in WW2  
Message-id: <E11c7mI-0002zD-00@serv1.is1.u-net.net>

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Bomber Command, being mainly night operation oriented, had many such stories. eg Keeping the H2S radar and Monica tail warning radar turned on as it was believed these protected the bomber from nightfighter attack. The Luftwaffe in fact used these to home in on the bombers and it was only after a long period of time, (after a Luftwaffe Ju-88 nightfighter defected to the UK), that the order went out that these were to be turned off, or in the H2S case, unless they were actually being used.

One of the more enduring myths was the Scarecrow. Bomber Command crews believed (or perhaps had been told) that the German flak defences had a shell that could emulate an exploding Lancaster. These "Scarecrow" rounds were meant to show the crews that many of their number were dying as bombers were destroyed by flak. In actual fact, again discovered later on, the Nachtjaegers were using upward firing cannon called "Schrage Musik" to hit bombers from below without the use of tracer. Any on-looking crew would see a large explosion with no plausible reason, no gunfire, no flak. The airmen called them "ScareCREWs". Bomber Command operated as widely spread streams, so it was rare to see other aircraft on a raid, until they went on fire or exploded.

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I still think the high speed aircraft trailing vapour is a Me 163. It's in the right place (Emden) at the right time (late 43) and acting in a similar fashion.

Chris

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From: Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS Kinesiology <lrobins@indiana.edu>  
Subject: Re: Odd phenomena over Germany in WW2

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In addition, I have a source\* that says that the French Underground was using tissue-paper fire-balloons to give the Germans something to waste ammunition against. Even the name fits: Feu fighters. Feu means fire, and is pronounced "foo." So, as Smokey Stover always said, "Where there's foo, there's fire".

This was over occupied France, not Germany. The balloons were easy to hide from German troops, because they could be used upside-down as party lanterns (thus, finding a stock of them in a home would not seem suspicious).

They were almost impossible to shoot down. If the Germans did hit one, they couldn't find the wreckage of the "enemy plane," just some spent party decorations.

I also saw a movie once showing the Underground launching some of these, but I can't remember which movie it was (I hadn't heard of foo-fighters at the time, so the need to record the title of the war movie was not present).

Additionally, I know the Japanese were using fire balloons, both at home (to confound enemy fighters), and over California, flying in bombs that set many fires (mostly in what were then sparsely populated areas). The 1942 "air raid" over LA was probably one of these.

\* I know I had it, the problem is finding it again:  
- I moved several years ago, and I still can't find all of my books.  
- A couple years ago, my air conditioner dumped water on some books, which became moldy and had to be thrown out.  
- I don't remember which book it was in.

I hate it when I read something that "doesn't seem important" at the time, and then later it becomes important and I can't find it again. My Socorro solution is based on one such article which I have been trying to find again. Unfortunately, in that case I know I had borrowed the magazine.

I am currently looking in my files for:

- The cases where APRO obviously reversed wind direction (which book is it in?)
- The foo-fighter fire-balloon documentation
- Photos of the Socorro landing site with the UFO drawn in
- Documentation of a UFO case in southern Illinois that I might have had a connection with
- A propeller-driven flying wing (not the flapjack)
- The instructions to my oscilloscope
- The instructions for a Samson audio mixer

And for these missing books:

- "Passport to Magonia"
- "The UFO controversy in America"
- "Challenge to Science: The UFO Enigma"
- "Report on Unidentified Flying Objects"
- "Free to Choose"
- "World Book Encyclopedia"
- "Four Channel Stereo"
- "Servicing Record Changers"
- "Aircraft of World War II"
- "OSS - How Uncle Sam Played Dirty in World War II (this might be the book I want on Foo Fighters)"

On Fri, 15 Oct 1999, Chris Gibson wrote:

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From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>  
Subject: Re: P.R.O. Files - foo-fighters

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Since we are regressing to foo fighters I would like o bring to your attention what may be the only FILM of said objects!  
Thi was sent to me by Jeff Rense a year ago. A VHS copy directly off the European PAL version.  
It is a documentary about the early air war over Holland in WWII.  
At the beginning there appears:

DD Presents

"SOME OF OUR AIRMEN ARE NO LONGER MISSING" (title of documentary)

At the end of the documentary we read, among other things,

The producers wish to thank  
The Imperial War Museum London, Bundesarchiv Koblenz, National Archives,  
Washington, Royla Air Force, United States Air Force Accos, Royal Air  
Force  
NCAV TV Netherlands, Netherland Information Service  
Australian War Memorial RAF Gunners Association, Dronthen Council  
Netherlands

Produced and Directed by Douglas Stanley  
A Nomad Films International Production for Andromeda Productions and  
Renaissance Investments

FROM DOCUMENTARY FILM:

Roughly 5 minutes into the movie

The Americans flew dozens of heavily loaded bombers across Holland and added dozens of excort fighters. (scene shows US planes heading to the left)

(scene shift to Nazi control room)

"The Nazi operation centers had one order"  
"Bring them down before they reach germany."

"Permanantly on the alert the gunners prepared for yet another battle."(planes taking off)

"Pilots of Gemany's latest fighters, the Fokker Wolf, roared into the sky...

while tons of exploding sheels sought the Americans high above the Isomere(?sp)...(huge lake or inland sea in Holland; walled off from the North Atlantic)"

Scene shows a bomber flight obviously filmed from a bomber.

AT THIS POINT, the word "Isomere", two bright round "objects" .... OK, let's be neutral about it... two bright round images pass from upper right to lower left at high speed as the planes are traveling to the left. One of these... dare I say it?... spheres, passes between the camera and two distant planes!

The total visibiliy duration of th lower, longest lasting "sphere" is about 80 frames of the VHS or, counting seconds, about 2 1/2 seconds. It is clearly on a section of film that was cut into the production. So the question is...

#### WHERE IS THE ORIGINAL?

The original film might produce even more information.

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The remainder of the doc shows more WWII footage about German defense and Allied attack over Holland, apparently in the first years of the war.

Assuming that the footage of "spheres" was in fac taken at this time it would be in the time frame 1942-1944, probably 1943. No doubt the original film itself would give the date. Wouldn't it be "neat" if there were testimonial confirmation?

Anyway, from analysis of the VIDEO I get the following:

I estimate the distant planes could be about 1000 ft away.

These bright circles culd only be either real glowing or highly reflective objects "out there" or brght reflections in window of lights inside.

HOwever, I assume that the film was taken through the hole/port in the side where the side machine gun was (plenty of footage here showing machine gunners shooting from bomber). That would mean no glass and no reflection.

These objects make nearly a straight line path. Since the camera was traveling at perhaps 250 mph to the left I concluded that tere were traveling at a slightly lower speed but in the same general diection as the aircraft, but decreasing in altitude. That is, if they were traveling downward with a forward velocity of 200 mph fr example, then relative to bonmbers traveling at 250 mph these objects would appear to be going dwnward an "backward" at 50 mph, Note: these are speed numbers I have made up for ilustration only.

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**BOTTOM LINE:**

can the long arm of UFO RESEARCH locate the company (in England) tat made this and thereby locate the original film for analysis?

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Subject: Re: P.R.O. Files - foo-fightersMessage-id: <E11cCAr-0000id-00@serv1.is1.u-net.net>

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DD Video make documentary videos on aircraft and military subjects. I think some of their stuff goes out on Discovery and The History Channels. The are / were at:

5, Churchill Court, 58 Station Road, North Harrow, Middlesex, HA2 7SA

tel 0181 863 8819

I won't be able to talk to them as I have a chopper to catch on Sunday.

Over to you, James

Chris

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From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>  
Subject: Foo Fighters filmed ? (Re: P.R.O. Files - foo-fighters)

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>moving along a regular, linear path across the screen, while the camera is following some planes. It was published in a commercial video about the Fascist years series last year and a CISU member who had bought it called me. I bought the video and we had some showing at our headquarters. I heard some members say it was a typical defect and arguing about its conditions, but my own knowledge of such technical items is very scarce, so I'll try and see it again (would you like a PAL copy?).

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Thanks for the message.

These two white round images do not appear to be "typical defects"

There are plenty of scratches and other typical film garbage to compare with,

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Subject: Re: Odd phenomena over Germany in WW2Message-id:  
<004e01bf1850\$33c40d40\$b5c928c3@cis.compuserve.com>

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>To: UFORL@listbot.com  
>Subject: Odd phenomena over Germany in WW2  
>Date: Fri, 15 Oct 1999 13:50:14 +0000

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Chris,

Thanks for the judicious and informative comments.

The aspect I found most curious was the 'discs' terminology used.

I'm by no means comfortable with the idea that there are ET craft which look exactly like the misconceived and popularised depiction of Arnold's 'flying saucers'. However, whilst the perception of a 'disc' can apply to many aerial objects, in that pre 'flying disc' period it is untainted by the later hysteria.

The 1943 '115 Squadron' newsletter contains an interesting, maybe historically notable, 'UFO' account, yet we must of course balance that possibility against the emphasised background. As you point out, there could especially be numerous explanations for enigmatic observations during those conflicts.

Perhaps the surprise would be if there were no such accounts at all.

It's a great pity there isn't more data re the stated "many reports" of those 'discs'.

I remain puzzled why they were specifically perceived as disc-shaped (assuming that is in fact correct), were apparently believed to be so by several crew members and had been seen before.

How many witnesses there actually were, when and how frequently the 'discs' had been encountered, is likely to remain unresolved.

Although there isn't a statement about the size of our 'discs', it could well be that they were seen as only a few feet in diameter. If considered as sufficiently large to be 'craft' of any kind, surely this would have merited much more concern and there's no evidence that ever occurred.

I wonder what was published in Squadron newsletters subsequent to this first issue. Was there feedback on the 'mystery'? As Andy mentioned that Dave and himself couldn't find a reference to further issues, it may have been a 'one-off'.

So, where to contact surviving members of '115 Squadron'.

Unlikely they would be on the 'net'...however, they are.!

I've bookmarked several potential sources of first-hand recollections and will follow this up, not only in relation to the material discussed. I'll make a general enquiry about any related, e.g., 'foo fighters' experiences.

Incidentally, those Public Records Office (PRO) '115 Squadron' records were referenced in the following article:

'The People' (London) - Oct 18 1998

British Govt Still Classifies UFO Files 'Top Secret'

Worried Winston Churchill ordered a top-level probe into UFOs when he was Premier, it was revealed yesterday.

The Lord Chancellor, Lord Irvine, revealed the investigation as he admitted the Government is holding at least 33 top-secret files on UFOs. The classified documents are held under lock and key at the Public Record Office in Kew, West London, and Lord Irvine says there may be more in other Government departments. But the information contained is so sensitive it cannot be released with the other 23 files reporting sightings between 1943 and 1967 which have already been made public.

Churchill asked his air minister Lord Cherwell to investigate in 1952, writing: "What does all this stuff about flying saucers amount to? What can it mean? What is the truth?" He was told 12 days later there was no evidence flying saucers existed.

Yet official documents show the War Office received reports that flying saucers were spotted by the RAF's 115 Squadron on bombing raids over Germany in 1943. And in the year Churchill asked for his investigation, another two sightings had been reported to the War Office.

Lord Irvine's statement follows questioning by Lord Hill-Norton, Chief of the Defence Staff in the 1970s, who says UFO evidence is being concealed.

[End]

This relates to the PRO database search I initially brought to light and so far as I'm aware, the '115 Squadron' newsletter hadn't been located prior to Andy and Dave's recent PRO excursion.

Even if it had [Nick Redfern being an obvious candidate?], the story is worthwhile pursuing, acknowledging that 'flying saucers' were not spotted by '115 Squadron'.

James.

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Subject: UFOIN - Announcement. David Clarke <crazydiamonds@compuserve.com>, Andy Blunn <mcji5apb@fs1.me.umist.ac.uk>, UFORL <UFORL@listbot.com>, "E. Russo" <edoardo.russo@torino.ALPcom.it>, "INTERNET:jan@cyberzone.net" <jan@cyberzone.net>, MUFON <MUFONHQ@AOL.COM>

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Dear all,

Due to temporary technical problems, things are NOT moving as fast - in regards to us firmly establishing an internet presence for UFOIN - as we all initially anticipated!

Our website IS still currently being built, but we DO nonetheless exist NOW as a collective of UK UFO investigators & researchers, with a number of projects and other efforts ongoing as I type this!

To all and any UK UFO researches interested in joining UFOIN, I would ask them to email me at the following e-address: -  
engima9@compuserve.com.

I will ensure any and all enquiries are dealt with swiftly and that we, together, can start to build a better future for British Ufology.

Regards,

Robert Moore,  
UFOIN.

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From: joel carpenter <ufx@mindspring.com>  
Subject: Re: P.R.O. Files - foo-fightersMessage-id:  
<001901bf190e\$417f1fb0\$0100a8c0@mindspring.com>  
References: <199910151152\_MC2-891B-D8DF@compuserve.com>

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[frustrated slash]

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Of possible interest...

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References: <199910172330\_MC2-895C-F67A@compuserve.com>

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Yes.

Would you happen to know or estimate the speed of tracer bullets?  
Incidentally, this is daytime footage.

Hi Dr Maccabee-

I guess it depends which plane they came from. They could also be air-to-air rockets launched by German fighters. There were a multitude of German air-to-air weapons in use from 1943 onward.

Here's some similar footage.

Control Number NWDNM(m)-111-ADC-9956

Media Motion picture films

Descr. Level Item

Record Group 111

Series ADC

Item 9956

Title RAMROD TO EMDEN GERMANY

Production Date 1946

Format sound, unedited, black & white.

Creating Org. Department of Defense. United States Army. Office of the Chief Signal Officer. Army Pictorial Center. Army Motion Picture Depository.

Shot List Summary: NOTE: This is a blow-up from 16mm. CU, belly tank of P-47

Thunderbolt being fueled. Scenes, large formation of B-17s in flight

accompanied by Thunderbolts. Cut-ins of wing machine guns on P-47s being

fired. GSAP pictures showing enemy planes being hit, exploding and falling

flames. Scenes in silhouette of B-17s in flight. LS, B-17s in flight and two

flares dropping in background. Four B-17s in flight. LSs, B-17s flying

through flak. Interiors showing waist gunners firing machine guns. CU, belly

turret with its machine guns firing. Rear view of bombardier in B-17 at

bombing sight. AVs of terrain showing smoke over Emden. Shots of single B-

17s dropping bombs. AVs of fires over Emden.

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Accession Number NN3-111-91-002

Accession Number NN3-111-91-003

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See Also Series Description

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Access Unrestricted.

Use Restrictions None.

Items 1 motion picture title(s), 35mm, 836 feet

Contact Motion Picture, Sound, and Video Branch (NWDNM), National Archives  
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11:30 PM  
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For sake of discussion, let's assume that the info at

<http://web.mountain.net/~arrington/table-leth.htm>

is accurate. The muzzle velocity of the MG 151 20mm cannon of an FW 190 is  
given as 710 m/s. The muzzle velocity of the .50 cal machine guns of the  
B-17 is given as 870 m/s. The others are in this ballpark, roughly. Let's  
say 800 m/s as a round number.

But why assume that the lights are moving perpendicular to the camera's line of sight? Why couldn't they originate behind and above the cameraman and be flying more or less along his line of sight? If they're rockets or tracer rounds they wouldn't necessarily diminish greatly in size over the course of a couple of seconds.

Joel Carpenter

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<0.4619199e.253c7960@aol.com>

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Yes. It would depend on the caliber of the weapon and the number of grains in the round. Remember that tracer rounds burn out after part of their flight so that they can no longer be seen.

KRandle

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Subject: Re: P.R.O. Files - foo-fighters

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>> Yes.

>> Would you happen to know or estimate the speed of tracer bullets?

>> Incidentally, this is daytime footage.

>Yes. It would depend on the caliber of the weapon and the number of grains  
in

>the round. Remember that tracer rounds burn out after part of their  
flight

>so that they can no longer be seen.

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Thanks, Kevin, for telling me you happen to know or can estimate the speed  
of tracer bullets. Now, then, can you tell me an actual speed or range of  
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Hi Bruce -

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> they would slow in vertical speed (zero at the exact top). Also, are they  
> visible  
> as they drop downwards, or just as they go up?

Again, I need to know the weapon being used. However, as an example the American Browning M-2, fifty caliber machine gun has a muzzle velocity of about 2900fps (884mps).

Once the round leaves the barrel (muzzle velocity) it begins to deteriorate, as I'm sure you know. The effective range is about 11,000 feet (though the round can climb higher). Looking at the muzzle velocities of a number of machine guns put the range at about 2800 to about 3000fps. If I had the precise weapon, I might be able to find the exact numbers, but if we're talking about German weapons during WWII, that information might be more difficult to locate. The tracer rounds would burn out within five or six hundred yards, then all you have is a light weight bullet.

If you remember those scenes of the being of the Gulf War, with the green glowing images of the rounds being fired, what we saw were the tracers and as they winked out, it meant that the combustible material had burned out, but the round continued climbing until its energy was expended and the round began to fall back to earth. The reason you don't want people firing into the sky at holiday time is because those bits of lead return to earth, falling like little bits of lead rain. Drop an 185 grain bullet from 5000 feet and it can do a great deal of damage.

Hope this helps.

KRandle

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Regarding:

>From: KAnder6444@aol.com  
>Date: Tue, 21 Sep 1999 01:15:55 EDT  
>Subject: Re: Arnold again?  
>To: UFORL@listbot.com

Kathleen wrote;

>>From: brumac@compuserve.com (bruce maccabee)

In the last couple of days some people (perhaps including astronomer (Mitton) have picked up on James Easton's pelican theory and have circulated it as "the answer to Arnold.<<

>Bruce,

This is my beef about the whole Arnold/Pelican theory. First, I get very irked when the idea of pelicans come up and it gets broadcast all over the Internet as "fact" when indeed there are many holes and inconsistencies regarding that "opinion." And I do mean "OPINION"!<

Kathleen,

Strictly not an opinion as such, it was suggested as a possibility.

It isn't a story which has had any significant exposure - the Internet is a minor facet of media attention - and I would never proclaim it as fact, when I have always stressed we will simply never know what Kenneth Arnold witnessed and how he perceived that observation.

>So in my opinion I think this was all a very clever plan to put pelicans on our map here in Washington State. Again I will state, I have never seen a pelican fly thru Washington State in the almost 10 years I have been here, I have never met anyone who has seen a pelican come thru this state even lifetime residents.

And besides my questions about why a pelican would ride over a 14,000 foot volcano versus follow the coast line which has potential food has never been answered.<

I would be surprised if you had seen the American White Pelican in Washington state. Setting this in context, unless you are an ardent birdwatcher, I would similarly expect you wouldn't have seen, or noticed, some 50 to 75 per cent of the bird species indigenous to Washington state, maybe substantially less.

This applies to most folks in any large area and aside from the commonly seen birds, the majority of species are rarely observed. They can be found, but only in certain habitats and even then they're not easy to locate, with considerable luck involved.

If anyone cares to look at a copy of a book on their native bird life, I would realistically expect they haven't seen more than 20 per cent of the species therein.

>Last weekend I was up at Mt. Rainier yet again and at a new angle from about 5 miles from the snow line to the Northwest at 5,500 feet elevation. You could not see a 6 foot person climbing let alone a pelican which is half the size!<

Although the Pelican's wingspan is actually some 10 feet, I would also have thought it was difficult to see at distance. Yet, I can easily identify cattle on hills which I know are a good two miles from here.

Ideally, an experienced account from someone who had encountered Pelicans in flight would be invaluable and we have that from glider pilot Mike Havener, who wrote the article 'Soaring with Pelicans'.

As previously mentioned, in correspondence Mike confirmed:

"Myself, (a pilot with average eyesight) I can distinguish the basic shape (a body with wings) of these pelicans from about 4 miles when flying above the haze.

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From: KAnder6444@aol.com  
Subject: Re: Arnold Again?Message-id: <0.8e9b55f5.253d3f5d@aol.com>

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James,

I won't repeat the list of comments we've all made about Kenneth Arnold and Pelicans as I know most of us have already read the gory details previously. I do like sparring with you and appreciate that we can be having this debate. Nothing personal, its good to discuss issues such as what people did or did not see.

One issue you neglected is "speed and distance". I know pelicans are fast little buggers but how do you account for the speed at which they were traveling in comparison to a plane?

Secondly, can we rationalize that the US went into a UFO craze due to pelican sightings all around the country or do you have a more logical explanation?

Kathleen Andersen

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Subject: Re: P.R.O. Files - foo-fighters

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Thanks for the data on Tracer fire.

#### RESPONSE:

Using 800 m/sec as initial vertical velocity and the equation  $y$  (height above ground) =  $800t - (0.5)(9.8)t^2$ , where 9.8 m/sec<sup>2</sup> is grav. accel., I get the max height ( $dy/dt = 0$ ) at  $800/9.8 = 81.6$  sec and the height is therefore  $800(81.6) - .5 \times 9.8 \times (81.6)^2 = 32,653$  m.

This is pretty high up. I expect a lot higher than the aircraft, meaning that tracer rounds would be still going up as they passed the planes. At 6,000 m altitude (planes?) the time would be (solve quadratic eqn) about 7.9 sec and the velocity about  $800 - 9.8 \times 7.9 = 722$  m/sec upward.

Of course, if fired at an angle, not vertical, the vertical component would be lower than calculated (and so would the ultimate height). If fired at 45 degrees only the vertical component is affected by gravity:  $800 \cos 45 = 565$  m/sec.

Now the time to 6,000 altitude is about 11 sec and the vertical component of velocity is  $565 - 9.8 \times 11 = 457$  m/sec. The horizontal component would be  $800 \sin 45 = 565$  m/sec, so the composite velocity would be  $(565^2 + 457^2)^{.5} = 727$  m/sec at an angle of  $\arctan(457/565) = 39$  degrees.

OK, take the lowest of these velocities at 6000 m: in 1/30 of a second the round would move, say,  $727/30 = 24$  m. That means the tracer round would cross the fuselage of a plane (no more than 10 m high) in 1 video frame (or, if film at 24 frames/sec, would travel  $727/24 = 30$  m in one frame).

Of course, this calculation is related to tracer fire going up. By conservation of energy..ignoring friction, if the tracer lasted long enough to arc over and come down and still be glowing, it would be traveling at essentially the same rate, but downward.

Bottom line: the objects filmed lasted too long to be tracer fire under conditions such as considered here.

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Subject: Re: P.R.O. Files - foo-fighters

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But why assume that the lights are moving perpendicular to the camera's line of sight? Why couldn't they originate behind and above the cameraman and be flying more or less along his line of sight? If they're rockets or tracer rounds they wouldn't necessarily diminish greatly in size over the course of a couple of seconds.

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If tracer rounds they would be arcing downward and if traveling away from the camera would travel a considerable distance in the second or so of film.

Incidentally, in this particular segment of film there is no other indication of attack!

If this film is located we may be able to determine whether the tracer explanation makes any sense at all. It would make no sense if the film was taken BEFORE the planes were over the battle area. This particular section of film was spliced into other film when battles wer taking place.

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Subject: Re: Arnold Again?

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On Tue, 19 Oct 1999, James Easton wrote:

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@Pelicans'.

The whole idea of the pelican theory is that Arnold mistook  
pelicans CLOSE TO HIS PLANE (and far from the mountain) as larger  
craft closer to the mountain. It says nothing about the pelicans  
being close to the mountain.

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@Brad Sparks recently acknowledged on the list that Arnold  
@couldn't have seen the detail he ascribes and the nine objects  
@must have been "tiny glints".

Note also that the human visual system tends to substitute  
straight or convexly rounded shapes where detail is lacking,  
blurred, hidden, or diminutive.

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@They appeared to be round, rather rough on top, and to have a  
@dark or a light spot on top of each one. I couldn't be absolutely  
@positive of this because it all happened so suddenly. I attempted  
@to make a turn and follow them but they disappeared to the east  
@at a speed far in excess of my airplane. I knew they were not  
@ducks because ducks don't fly that fast.

If they were ducks, Arnold could not have turned tight enough to keep them in clear sight. By the time he finished his turn, he would have been displaced laterally from them as well as some distance away from them. So, if he lost sight of them while making his turn, he might have gone past them on one side. In this case, he would have been looking for them in the wrong direction.

@I heard later that several farmers in the vicinity of Union had @observed what they thought a peculiar cluster of birds that same @morning. I did not know of this until much later. Actually, they @flew in a cluster more like blackbirds than ducks but each one @was larger than a duck. I should judge some twenty-four to thirty @inches in diameter. They rather wheeled on edge, flipping as they @went as efficiently as when they were flat in reference to the @surface of the ground. That morning I was pretty disappointed @that no one around the airfield had seen them, to my knowledge".

Canada geese?

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@If these later twenty to twenty-five objects were simply birds - @a variety of ducks in that area being known to fit the size and @coloration - then it has to raise questions about Arnold's @perceptions, maybe suggesting he was predisposed to interpreting @an unusual observation as hopefully being something 'exciting'.

With Ray Palmer as an employer, that makes sense.

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@Alternatively, if these objects weren't birds, then what could @they have been?

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@It seems we can rule out just about everything except tiny alien @spacecraft and realistically that isn't tenable. Like Arnold's @infinitely more celebrated sighting, it would be an exceptional, @if not unique, depiction of ET spaceships.

There are other reports of small UFOs.

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@The only possibility I could come up with was meteor fragments. @Most unlikely and a prime objection would be that Arnold claimed @those objects "veered sharply away from me".

Meteor fragments appear to do that when they fade, because the halation in the eyes becomes less at the same time.

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@The most obvious solution for Kenneth Arnold's principal  
@sighting was aircraft and given his report of their perceived  
@speed, it had to be an experimental, maybe 'top secret' flight.

My theory is that it was a flight of the propeller-driven flying  
wings then under development.

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@If the former, then discussing said object's distinctive flight  
@characteristics with Pacific North-west ornithologists seemed a  
@sound move. Their opinion that Arnold's portrayal of the  
@characteristics was similar to a formation of AWP's, proposed a  
@new idea.

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@Primary reasons why Arnold's nine Cascade mountain objects might  
@not have been birds was their highly reflective nature and  
@apparent airspeed. He would therefore have to be deceived by  
@both, particularly about the velocity.

This is the primary cause of misidentifications of conventional  
objects as UFOs:

1. When the identity of the object is known, then the observer has a rough idea of its true size, and then can make a reasonable estimate of its distance, speed, and altitude.
2. But when the identity is unknown (a UFO), then the estimate of the size is based on nothing but guessing either the identity or the distance. Then the estimates of distance, speed, and altitude are based on the guessed size. Often an assumption that the object is a piloted craft causes the size estimate to be far off the mark.
3. Halation (scattering) inside the retina of the eye makes bright objects seem larger than they are.

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> angle from about 5 miles from the snow line to the Northwest at  
> 5,500 feet elevation. You could not see a 6 foot person climbing  
> let alone a pelican which is half the size!

That was the only comment I made. It got mixed up with  
a lot of other opinions from other people in James email.

I know we are trying to rationalize something not "on" the mountain  
but near or above the mountain. I will still go by my own personal  
observations as I see that mountain practically every clear day.  
And yes I hike every weekend in late June thru October. Just this  
weekend I got another angle of her from a 6,000 foot ridge less than  
20 miles away. Greg Long and I talked once during the 50th anniversary  
of Arnold, of renting a plane and re-creating his path. We didn't have  
enough time but I think I might have to get James over here to do that  
with me.

I still don't buy the pelicans nor Canadian Geese. Arnold was an expert  
pilot. I don't think he would mistake a pelican. Its just something I  
believe in my heart that he would have known the difference. Canadian  
Geese....no....too common a sight in the skies around here.

Kenneth Arnold saw something that affected him for the rest of his  
life. He kept a scrape book on every UFO sighting he could find.  
He was a down to earth guy who didn't want this publicity. He  
risked his career, his reputation and his family over a UFO report.  
Back in 1947 I am sure he would have been branded as not only  
a fool but a crackpot. Whatever he saw, changed his future thoughts.  
It made an impact on him. He took a big risk saying what he did.  
No matter what the answer, the fact remains, he created a UFO  
frenzy around the world. He hit home on something that touched  
people.

Experimental planes, missiles, I can buy. But whatever it was, it  
triggered this debate some 52 years later. What is  
it in "us" as humans that so many years later we must try to find  
an answer to an event that did change how we think? It gave us  
a new perception of are we alone? Perhaps that was the most important issue --

Kathleen Andersen  
Seattle

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Subject: Re: Arnold Again?

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ARNOLD AGAIN?

James seems severely "conflicted" over the Arnold sighting.... comparing the possibility that Arnold's SECOND sighting.... of "brass ducks" could indicate that Arnold misperceived during the first sighting.

Well, one of the FIRST things a pelicanist should do is demonstrate that the pelican hypothesis is consistent with the idea that Arnold saw objects.... at SOME distance.... which APPEARED to him to fly past Mt. Rainier, then 102 second later past Mt. Adams, and all this while flying nominally toward Yakima for some period (say a minute) and then turning his plane 90 degrees to the original path ..EITHER WAY YOU LIKE (north or south) although south seems more reasonable... and flying for another period (say 102 sec minus the first period of time).

In other words, do what has not yet been done....James.... and DRAW A MAP in order to demonstrate dynamic consistency with your hypothesis.

It is SCIENTIFICALLY ILLEGITIMATE to imply that the pelican hypothesis is worthy of consideration until you can prove the dynamics work. ANY conventional hypothesis should be pushed to the LIMIT in testing against the sighting. If you wish to ignore certain details Arnold claimed (e.g., it wasn't 102 seconds but rather 204 seconds, or he wasn't flying toward Yakima at all!) then be specific what you accept and what you reject and show how the accepted reported "facts" agree with the pelican hypothesis. You have already shown us how to force fit the LOOK or APPEARANCE of pelicans into the sighting (basically, coat the pelicans with silver so they are shiny and can be seen by reflection of sunlight at a distance much greater than 4-6 miles where the "professional observer" says they appear as dots).

Now show us how to force fit the flight dynamics (speed, path of the birds and location when initially observed) into the sighting. Please do NOT resort to the argument that you can't really believe anything the witness says.

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Subject: Re: Re: Arnold Again?Message-id: <0.87805b81.253fb62d@aol.com>

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James & List,

Yes you are correct that I had pointed out the small angular sizes of Arnold's objects and that you omit the context of my posting which I would have to supply.

The context is that I had pointed out that the ONLY way Arnold could have seen birds projected in the directions of such widely spaced landmarks as Mt. Rainier and Mt. Adams and not quickly overtaken the slower moving (35 mph max) birds in Arnold's 110-120 mph aircraft is if Arnold ORBITED the birds. If that is not correct please point out some other way the hypothetical birds could have been seen in these widely spaced directions (100+ degrees apart) and demonstrate this on a MAP as Bruce Maccabee and I have been insisting.

I helped you out by noting that Arnold actually reported making an ORBIT (a 180-300-degree turn over Mineral, Wash.) just before or at the time he saw the first "flash" from the objects. I noted the inconsistency in Arnold's account about whether he first saw the objects during or after this turn, which you could use to argue that perhaps Arnold was mistaken in matter of degree and that the entire observation occurred during this turn over the town of Mineral.

The problem with this bird-orbit theory is that it is a sugar-coated poison pill. An orbit of the birds would require that Arnold view them off to his right-hand passenger window the entire time, he would NEVER see the birds cross in front of him (as he reported the UFO's did at "nearly right angles" to his own straight-line not circling flight path, which contradicts the bird-orbit theory), and it would be impossible for Arnold to turn his plane 180 degrees to open his window to see them unobstructed while conducting this orbit.

I have yet to see you address these points or even to discuss Arnold's famous "clocking" of the UFO flight from Rainier to Adams.

How can you possibly expend so much energy on Arnold's sighting without EVER discussing (unless I missed some passing mention) the universally reported 1 min 42 sec "clocking"????

I also pointed out that your clever use of quoted purely QUALITATIVE observations of birds "flashing" in the sunlight or appearing somewhat like a metallic sheen did not explain the semi-QUANTITATIVE data Arnold reported of brightness like ARC LIGHT or direct SUNLIGHT reflection such that the interior of his plane was lit up. None of your quotes reported birds with arc-light or sunlight brightness or intensity.

A few more COMMENTS below.

Sincerely,

Brad Sparks

In a message dated 10/18/99 7:23:57 PM, voyager@ukonline.co.uk wrote:

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Regarding:

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<SNIP>

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COMMENTS: James, if we will "simply NEVER KNOW" what Arnold saw then why bother trying to analyze his sighting at all???? It is really only a matter of degree, not black-and-white absolutes. Nothing in science or life is absolutely 100% certain, but there are varying degrees of certainty and doubt. Of course we DO know SOMETHING about what Arnold saw, it's just that it may be more subject to doubt and interpretation than one would like ideally.

Nevertheless, Arnold's data are much more detailed and precise than the vast majority of UFO reports up to the present day. He had the presence of mind to conduct at least THREE EXPERIMENTS in real-time DURING his brief sighting (the clocking, the angular size comparison, and the open-window viewing).

What SCIENTIST would have had that kind of presence of mind during such a brief interval after thinking he had just survived a near midair collision (that's what Arnold thought when he saw the first "flash")???? Even though there are problems and discrepancies in Arnold's various accounts, the bulk of his reporting is usable for scientific analysis. Adjustments or corrections to his account may be made after thorough study and given reasonable justification, but his whole sighting certainly cannot just be thrown out.

<SNIP>

[Easton]

Brad Sparks recently acknowledged on the list that Arnold couldn't have seen the detail he ascribes and the nine objects must have been "tiny glints".

Brad, if I've taken this out of context, no doubt you will let me know.

COMMENTS: See my remarks at the beginning (above).

[Easton]

Kathleen, much as we might like to dismiss any idea that Kenneth Arnold couldn't have been so mistaken and despite my concerns about sustaining that conclusion, there is notable evidence it may be so.

His subsequent encounter, as described in 'The Coming of the Saucers', recalls:

COMMENTS: Again see above.

[Easton]

I can't think of any way to rationalise Arnold's later sighting.

We must allow for the likelihood that Arnold was duly influenced and we know he was subsequently on 'flying saucer' alert.

However, these circumstances still wouldn't adequately explain why a formation of small birds could be misinterpreted as 'UFOs' and why he believed they were travelling at a speed in excess of his aircraft.

COMMENTS: You're forgetting something here. In this second Arnold sighting he DIDN'T CLOCK THEM and thus had no measured basis for estimating speed. Birds' ability to outmaneuver planes may have given rise to Arnold's interpretation of this as high speed relative to his aircraft.

[Easton]

If these later twenty to twenty-five objects were simply birds - a variety of ducks in that area being known to fit the size and colouration - then it has to raise questions about Arnold's perceptions, maybe suggesting he was predisposed to interpreting an unusual observation as hopefully being something 'exciting'.

Hardly a crime and a fact of life which lies behind many a UFO report!

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Maybe that's telling.

The only possibility I could come up with was meteor fragments.

Most unlikely and a prime objection would be that Arnold claimed those objects "veered sharply away from me".

COMMENTS: Here is a clear statement of the birds outmaneuvering Arnold in the second sighting.

[Easton]

I can't conclude other than the "cluster of about twenty to twenty-five brass coloured objects that looked like ducks" were most probably exactly that and Arnold was mistaken in his belief that they departed "at a speed far in excess of my airplane".

Under any objective assessment and for the reasons outlined above, it appears to be the default conclusion by some margin.

Again, what other explanation can pragmatically be offered?

This has to retrospectively impact on Arnold's account of those nine objects over the Cascade mountains, especially as there's an inextricable connection in that Arnold noted of the "about twenty to twenty-five brass coloured objects" how, "I was a little bit shocked and exited when I realized they had the same flight characteristics of the large objects I had observed on June 24".

COMMENTS: WHICH "flight characteristics"??? I don't have his full account at hand but as I recall there wasn't much in common in terms of "flight characteristics" and even if there were, that would leave BRIGHTNESS, COLOR

and SHAPE dissimilar and unaccounted for. The original nine objects of June 24 didn't flock around like these 20-25 bird-like objects on July 29, but traveled in a straight line with undulations and no flapping of wings. So what was so similar in flight pattern?

[Easton]

Surely, that objective assessment must conclude he's spelling it out; b-i-r-d-s.

Or what... twenty to twenty five birds which flew similar to nine alien spacecraft, or nine birds that flew like twenty to twenty-five alien spacecraft, or nine and twenty five rarely observed types of alien spacecraft which only Arnold encountered?

COMMENTS: Arnold's second sighting has extremely low strangeness. Essentially the only item of strangeness, the only thing distinguishing them from birds, was their supposed manner/rapidity of disappearance -- which was not quantified and remains highly subjective. Unlike the many quantifiable UN-bird-like features of Arnold's first sighting. My conclusion is that the second sighting was of birds and that Arnold's previous month of intense excitement over the saucer hunt predisposed him to overreact. Obviously that condition would not apply to the first sighting.

[Easton]

The most obvious solution for Kenneth Arnold's principal sighting was aircraft and given his report of their perceived speed, it had to be an experimental, maybe 'top secret' flight.

This is what he naturally assumed, with non-terrestrial craft never entering the equation in that formative period.

Although there were contemporary designs which resembled Arnold's different representations of what he actually saw, various research endeavours in recent years seem to comprehensively rule

out the prospect that any were actually airborne and capable of such airspeed, let alone nine of them practising formation flying.

If not 'visitors' or meteors, the latter not obviously being consistent with Arnold's description of the artefacts or their apparently intelligently controlled manoeuvrability, we are left to deduce what else could account for nine flying objects.

COMMENTS: What was intelligently controlled about the erratic not regular pattern of dipping motion of the nine and their erratic flashing?

[Easton]

A significant feature and perhaps consequently pertinent clue is the quantity. Birds therefore become the most prominent candidates. Either that or, even if improbable, an extended cluster of balloons.

If the former, then discussing said object's distinctive flight characteristics with Pacific North-west ornithologists seemed a sound move. Their opinion that Arnold's portrayal of the characteristics was similar to a formation of AWPs, proposed a new idea.

I doubt there will ever be any other theoretical explanation for Arnold's Cascade report which can cite a comparative, contemporary account - only three weeks later - in the vicinity, when nine objects were initially perceived by an aircraft pilot,

plus his co-pilot, as "big round disks weaving northwards" and upon investigation turned out to be the very same birds which research highlighted might be an explanation for the original 'flying saucers'.

COMMENTS: This sighting by airline Capt. Gordon Moore and his copilot on July 9, 1947, has NOT BEEN INVESTIGATED and it lacks QUANTITATIVE data. We

have NO information from the brief wire service report about the exact flight pattern of the objects (except for "weaving northward"), duration, brightness, color, angular size, altitude, direction of sighting. We don't even know WHERE it occurred, whether it was near mountains (as with Arnold) or over flatlands, except it was somewhere between Spokane and Portland, nor do we have TIME of day. And I get the impression that the objects were quickly identified as birds because the plane rapidly OVERTOOK the slower-moving birds. How come that didn't happen with Arnold?

And if Moore and Kesler were armed with a camera how come there weren't any PICTURES to prove that these supposed "big round disks" became birds on closer view? That would have been a spectacular illustration of their claim if they had had pictures showing "round disks" gradually resolving into pelicans as they approached.

<SNIP>

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July 1950 FLYING MAG. Chance Vought Flap Jack

<http://cgi.ebay.com/aw-cgi/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&item=182426757>

Does anyone know what the content was of the article therein entitled:

'Flying Saucers - Fact or Fiction'

"As reported by the men who saw them".

Of particular note are the cartoon sketches depicted on this page!

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a copy of the 'flying saucer' photograph purportedly taken, if I recall, by a pilot on an 'Avena' airlines flight - somewhere in South America?

I believe this was subsequently exposed as a hoax and from memory, the 'saucer' was a button, photographed on a background picture, with the 'shadows' being 'burnt' in by a cigarette - or something like that.

Does anyone know the specific details?

It's an impressive fake - how was the plausible angle of 'saucer' relative to the ground achieved?

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<http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/onr.jpg>

It's self explanatory and surprisingly confirms the ONR have no records whatsoever of any related material.

We know that Raven Industries were involved with experimental ONR work and I provided them with Ed Yost's description of same, i.e.:

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Best wishes,

Jenny Randles

>

>-----Original Message-----

>From: Francisco Lopez <d005734c@dc.seflin.org>

>Date: 23 October 1999 17:48

>Subject: [UFOR] Alien Bodies Recovered After UFO Crash In Wales? (fwd)  
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>  
>>From: Francisco Lopez <d005734c@dc.seflin.org>  
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>>From: Stig Agermose <stig.agermose@get2net.dk>  
>>Via: IUFO Mailing List  
>>  
>>Source: The Mirror,  
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>>[http://www.ic24.net/mgn/THE\\_MIRROR/NEWS/P23S12.html](http://www.ic24.net/mgn/THE_MIRROR/NEWS/P23S12.html)  
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>>Redfern's book was published months ago.  
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>>HOW ALIEN'S MY VALLEY?  
>>  
>>Farmer claims he saw UFO  
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>>\*<br>>>A TOP-SECRET Government research base was used to store alien bodies after<br>>>their UFO crashed in a remote Welsh valley, it was claimed yesterday.<br>>>The mysterious craft came down in the Berwyn Mountains, Clwyd, according<br>>>to<br>>>a new book by top UFO investigator Nick Redfern.<br>>

Comment by Jenny Randles (23 October 1999)...

>Hi,  
>  
>I suggest you read my article in IUR (The Night the Mountain Exploded) and<br>a<br>>sceptical reinvestigation by Andy Roberts coming in a future IUR on the<br>>case. There's also a fairly long (not entirely accurate but mostly) version<br>>of the case in my 1995 book 'UFO Retrievals' - based on visits I made to<br>the<br>>location in 1978 when I actually lived in this remote village for some<br>>weeks.<br>>  
>>Suffice it to say there were no alien bodies and no crashed spaceship.<br>There<br>>were lights, meteors and an earthquake and possibly something else. I<br>>suspect an RAF accident (involving a nuclear weapon). Andy thinks it was<br>>down to poachers lights. Either way I am afraid I don't buy this story about

>alien bodies which only surfaced very recently and has never been  
>independently verified even to the extent that the witness stands up.  
>  
>Theres a chapter on the case in the book 'The UFOs that never were' by Andy  
>Roberts, Dr David Clarke and myself published just after Christmas.  
>  
>Best wishes,  
>  
>Jenny Randles

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From: joel carpenter <ufx@mindspring.com>  
Subject: A new shape in the airMessage-id:  
<004001bf1e80\$4e302b10\$0100a8c0@mindspring.com>

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From: legion@mira.net  
Subject: Re: Arnold Again

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Hi James;

\* James Easton writes:

> My considerable appreciation to a list member for bringing this  
> to my attention:  
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> July 1950 FLYING MAG. Chance Vought Flap Jack  
>  
> <http://cgi.ebay.com/aw-cgi/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&item=182426757>  
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>  
> Does anyone know what the content was of the article therein  
> entitled:  
>  
> 'Flying Saucers - Fact or Fiction'  
>  
> "As reported by the men who saw them".

The full text of the Curtis Fuller article is at the PROJECT 1947  
website: <http://www.project1947.com/fig/1950a.htm>

Regards,  
John

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From: Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS Kinesiology <lrobins@indiana.edu>  
Subject: Re: 'The Foo Fighter Mystery: Revised'

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On Mon, 25 Oct 1999, Edoardo Russo wrote:

@UFO Research List - <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/>

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@Hello Jim!

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The server tells me that the file has a "private" attribute. This usually happens when a page is uploaded again after modification. The user forgets to make the file public again (I did that once).

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@Thanks and regards

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@Edoardo Russo

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Subject: Re: 'Avena' Hoax

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@I've uploaded to:

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@<http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/avena.jpg>

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@a copy of the 'flying saucer' photograph purportedly taken, if I

@recall, by a pilot on an 'Avena' airlines flight - somewhere in

@South America?

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@I believe this was subsequently exposed as a hoax and from

@memory, the 'saucer' was a button, photographed on a background

@picture, with the 'shadows' being 'burnt' in by a cigarette - or

@something like that.

@

@Does anyone know the specific details?

It's in the "Encyclopedia of UFOs," along with another fake produced by the same photographer.

A lady's coat button was placed on a print of the aerial shot. Then another photo was taken at an angle.

The fact that the "shadows" are so large and dark indicates a fake all by itself. It is very hard to find the shadow of your plane on the ground unless you are flying very low. If the plane is high enough, there is only a penumbral shadow. This happens any time the angular size of the plane (as seen from the shadow point on the ground) is smaller than the angular size of the sun. This, or course, it the UFO angular size reported as "distant plane."

BTW, if the "plane shadow" is of the "camera plane," and the round shadow is cast by the UFO, then there would have to be two suns in the sky.

@It's an impressive fake - how was the plausible angle of 'saucer'

@relative to the ground achieved?

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@James.  
@E-mail: voyager@ukonline.co.uk  
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Subject: Re: 'The Foo Fighter Mystery: Revised' Message-id:  
<009e01bf1f3d\$de250f20\$7d1086d4@cis.compuserve.com>

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I've e-mailed 'Kiva', asking if the site is still hosted by them and if so, could they please let Jeff Lindell know of the problem.

I didn't keep a copy of the material, however, Jan Aldrich knows Lindell and might be able to assist further.

James.  
E-mail: [voyager@ukonline.co.uk](mailto:voyager@ukonline.co.uk)

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Subject: Moon PigeonsMessage-id:  
<000d01bf1f53\$dd6fc6e0\$0100a8c0@mindspring.com>

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Hi - any AOL members on the list who could try to locate the item mentioned in the following posting from Jim Oberg?

J Carpenter

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The 1970 NASA contractor report on objects seen outside Apollo spacecraft windows (the so-called "moon pigeons") has been scanned and posted at  
<A  
HREF="members.aol.com/moonpigeons">members.aol.com/moonpigeons</A>

and it shows why they were really interested -- for safety reasons -- in understanding ice flakes, other particles, and pieces seen and photographed by astronauts. But alien visitors weren't on their minds.

JimO

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From: Sean Jones <tedric@tedric.demon.co.uk>  
Subject: Re: Arnold Again  
References: <199910261639\_MC2-8A83-22FE@compuserve.com>

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In message <199910261639\_MC2-8A83-22FE@compuserve.com>, David Clarke  
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In an infinite universe, infinitely anything is possible.

Sean Jones

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The Commercial Air Transport Airmiss Report on this case should provide more details.

If it is resolved, it might point towards an explanation for the earlier incident, presuming it wasn't in fact a test of 'something' gone astray and the Ministry can publicly acknowledge that.

James.

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Hi,

Yes, the ever reliably useless Daily Mail. The one that serialised all of Nick Popes greatest works. I used to write regularly for James Black's 'Answers to Correspondants' for them at his request. I resigned after their series of terrible reports on UFOs that were so bad and so frequent and often provably wrong but about which they declined to do a thing when I complained to the editor.

Then they displayed a remarkable attitude to 'Something in the Air' - buying rights weeks in advance, gaining a PR embargo to give them an exclusive, then declining to publish without telling the publisher of this decision. After weeks of struggling to find out why the rights officer at Robert Hale gave up but I was told by an embarrassed features reporter that the editor insisted he would not publish 'that sort of stuff' in his paper.

As you know SITA is anti ETH and I dont think sensational. As such this attitude given the things they do regularly publish is to say the least strange. I dont know if my refusal to write for James Black again or my complaints over their prior UFO coverage is connected. It did predate the decision over the book. But it also predated their purchase of rights in the first place (for which they still paid Robert Hale despite never printing a word, incidentally).

So the Mail approach to UFOlogy is to say the least curious.

BTW I carried the Heathrow story on UFO Call six weeks ago. Nothing like (as they regularly claim to be) Britains most successful paper being up to date is there!

Best wishes,

Jenny

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The Manchester case was (I am 99% certain) a fireball meteor, as I have reported at length in several sources. Ian Ridpath supports that view. The main difference with the Heathrow case is that this was a daylight episode. The Manchester case (actually it occurred 3 miles from me over Whaley Bridge) was in the dark above thick cloud.

There are - however - similarities and daylight bolides do occur but tend to generate more witnesses. So at this stage I am not that sure these two cases are connected - although its a possibility.

Best wishes,

Jenny Randles

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Subject: Re: UK AirmissMessage-id:  
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Regarding:

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This is quite specific and nothing seems to suggest a bolide -

A "silvery grey wedge-shaped object".

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That was 'First Officer' and co-pilot Mark Stuart's summary.

The pilot, Captain Roger Wills was publicly more 'reserved'. In all of my archived newspaper clippings, there's only one reported comment from him and its reliability may be questionable. From 'Bild' (a German 'tabloid' newspaper) and dated 30 January 1995:

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[END]

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From: JamesOberg@aol.com <JamesOberg@aol.com>Date: 27 October 1999 01:44  
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Hi,

James. Absolutely. I used similar arguments with the Civil Aviation Authority (one of the Air Miss investigators in the 1995 British Airways case attended a lecture I gave at a Stockport bookstore where I presented the Bolide solution and its close similarity to the Eastern Airlines case from 1948).

The CAA had rather foolishly suggested the air crew could have seen a spaceship after eliminating normal planes such as military aircraft as the cause. It never was really suspected that there was no craft there at all - because the pilot and co pilot read such a structure into their two second sighting. The CAA had accepted the description of the crew at too much face

value assuming their report of an aircraft sized object at close proximity was what they had really encountered. In fact, it was probably a far larger object much higher in the atmosphere (and outside radar detection range).

As you rightly say the air crews first thought was for the safety of the plane (which was not buffeted by any turbulence - a key indication that the 'UFO' was not as close as they thought). But the problem was the lack of familiarity with how people perceive UFOs that the CAA possessed. Serious UFOlogists have such knowledge. But most hook onto the expectation that such an encounter truly was an alien craft and, frankly, don't use their experience or expertise from past cases nearly enough. If we don't can we blame the CAA for not doing?

Too often pilots, who undoubtedly are skilled investigators, are considered gods by the public - understandably as we psychologically need to regard them as super human and incapable of making errors. This because we trust our lives to them so often. Airlines feel the same way. When writing 'Something in the Air' I came upon several major airlines and disgruntled pilots who deliberately censored UFO data for fear of its effects on passenger confidence.

But air crew are subject to exactly the same sort of misperception as ordinary mortals. Unfortunately, the CAA (and FAA in the US) should learn from the investigations of UFOlogists who have dealt with many cases in the past - cases that immediately allowed us to suspect the cause for the January 1995 British Airways encounter. However, this same event was something the air miss investigators appear to have been blinkered into seeing in very limited terms (a military craft or a craft from somewhere else). They were constrained by experience to treat something too literally because they lacked the relevant background in UFO study.

Here is an example of how UFOlogists can work with the authorities in a positive way - but, sadly, all too often the image we project is one geared up to find spaceships and little else. It ought to be more often directed towards solving cases as this is something we can do well when we bother to try. Why UFOlogy regards solved cases as garbage to be swept under the mat in an often forlorn quest for aliens constantly baffles me. We should make more out of our strengths and seek to show the world how sometimes UFOlogists can do other things than seek out cover ups and conspiracies.

Best wishes,

Jenny Randles

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Easily. Look at my book 'UFO REality'. Here you will see many accounts by witnesses, including highly skilled observers, who saw the 1978 Cosmos reentry. I did a special study of 100 such witnesses. They saw structured shapes nearly all the time behind a phenomenon that was very similar to a

bolide and was simply not the craft they all thought it was. Indeed many reported the space junk as a crashing aircraft and set on alert fire and other services across the UK. This is by no means an isolated example either. It has happened many times since - although sadly UFOlogists rarely take much notice of such IFOs or collate data to the extent that I did for this book. I think if you read my data in 'UFO Reality' you will have a hard time not accepting your touching faith in the certainty of witness testimony just does not work in the real world of UFO sightings.

Best wishes,

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I've read accounts of 'routine' aviation accident investigations in which the investigators conclude that the very WORST type of witness to an aviation accident is a pilot. The reason: they do not report raw perceptions, but force these cues into interpretations, and subsequently re-arrange or even conjure up memories to fortify the way they are SURE things happen. This is because they ARE so familiar with the technology, and the need to make actionable conclusions FAST.

I've always been much more impressed with witness descriptions of phenomena they did NOT understand but which clearly gave hints they were seeing real events -- one Russian emigré from the Urals, discussing the nuclear disaster in 1957, wrote to me (I quoted him in "Uncovering Soviet Disasters", 1988) about how along a radioactive creek the pine trees died but the leafy trees didn't (or the other way around -- I forget right now), which is a classic characteristic of low-level radiation exposure. He didn't KNOW it was classic, he reported RAW observations, and this established his authenticity in my mind.

And there's the classic literature example from Herodotus, as he describes the story of a Phoenician circumnavigation of Africa, and the reason HE dismisses the claim as an empty boast: "After all ,those Phoenicians (giggle, chuckle) claimed that as they passed westward around the southern point of the continent, they saw the sun on their LEFT hands (haha!) instead of on the right hand which is normal." Normal only for people in the northern hemisphere, of course!!

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Subject: Re: Heathrow

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Surely, when a large passenger a/c flies close to a small a/c, it's the smaller of the two which is likely to be adversely affected by wake turbulence. The 'UFO' wouldn't need to be flying fast for the closing speed to appear as such to the pilots.

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Who was closer to the object ? As you comment, the incident took place very quickly, so whoever was closer - and I imagine it would be the co-pilot, would be in a better position to observe the UFO. Sitting in the left seat, the pilot would have to be looking across the cabin, taking his eyes away from a potentially disastrous situation.

[edit]

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Mercurio/Minosse(Release 5.0.1a (Intl)|17  
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See the following news of 15 September 1999:

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Hi,

No I am reasonably sure the Mail are simply reporting the case from 1998. They dont actually say it HAPPENED the day before. Its typical tabloid speak to cover up the fact they are way out of date. Whilst it could be a new case the details seem too much like the one reported six weeks ago (and that happened over a year since).

Best wishes,

Jenny Randles

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From: joel carpenter <ufx@mindspring.com>  
Subject: Re: HeathrowMessage-id:  
<000b01bf2090\$4f307b20\$0100a8c0@mindspring.com>  
References: <Pine.HPP.3.96.991027092845.16898B-100000@juliet.ucs.indiana.edu>

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I'm starting to wonder if two airliners had a near miss and each reported the other as a UFO...

J Carpenter

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From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>  
Subject: Re: HeathrowMessage-id: <000201bf2094\$7077a0c0\$799101d4@default>

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-----Original Message-----

From: Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS Kinesiology <lrobins@indiana.edu>Date: 27  
October 1999 15:32  
Subject: Re: Heathrow

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The paper says it baffled people 'yesterday' - meaning when they probably spoke to Nick Pope or whoever. The reference to last month is when the story was first published by the CAA report. The incident itself occurred in 1998.

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From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>  
Subject: Re: UK AirmissMessage-id:  
<000401bf2094\$71f08520\$799101d4@default>

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-----Original Message-----

From: David <win@dircon.co.uk>Date: 27 October 1999 15:59  
Subject: Re: UK Airmiss

>UFO Research List - <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/>

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Subject: Re: Heathrow

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>-----Original Message-----

>From: Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS Kinesiology <lrobins@indiana.edu>  
>To: UFO Research List <UFORL@listbot.com>  
>Date: 27 October 1999 15:15  
>Subject: Re: Heathrow

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Hello everyone...

I've spoken to the Civil Aviation Authority Press Office today and they have told me the case "happened 18 months ago."

The airmiss report was among a number from last year released in September, and it looks as if the Mail have picked up on it during what is known in the trade as "a slow news day."

They have promised to fax me the relevant report and when this arrived I'll do my best to post it on the Research List.

The CAA say the report was never classified as a UFO and the spokesman said it was possibly something as simple as a laser beam from one of the nightclubs in the area.

Hope this helps!

Cheers

Dave Clarke

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From: JamesOberg@aol.com  
Subject: Re: UK AirmissMessage-id: <0.8f68c948.254893a6@aol.com>

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In a message dated 10/27/99 9:10:32 AM Central Daylight Time,  
JamesOberg@aol.com writes:

<< And there's the classic literature example from Herodotus, as he describes the story of a Phoenician circumnavigation of Africa, and the reason HE dismisses the claim as an empty boast: "After all ,those Phoenicians (giggle, chuckle) claimed that as they passed westward around the southern point of the continent, they saw the sun on their LEFT hands (haha!) instead of on the right hand which is normal." Normal only for people in the northern hemisphere, of course!! >>

I got it backwards -- the phoenicians claimed the sun was on their right hand, unlike the 'normal' way, on the left hand. Brain cell loss with age -- I plead nolo contendere.

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From: David <win@dircon.co.uk>  
Subject: Re: UK AirmissMessage-id: <00f901bf20ab\$06c60380\$2e3b70c2@davew>  
Organization:  
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The B737 was flying - according to the report "...just above the tops of some rugged Cu."

Is it not conceivable that the UFO descended into that cloud, or became lost amongst it ?

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I respect your experience Jenny, and was not wrongly assuming that you were implying misperception of an event equated to incompetence. I was simply curious to find out who made a good witness.

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Not sure what type of bolide would create this impression if it was 20 miles away.

Or have I misunderstood you ?

Best

David

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From: David <win@dircon.co.uk>Date: 27 October 1999 19:44  
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Yes, I understand the above. But the ATC were operating two types of radar - long range for overflights and close range for approach. The former needed to track all air traffic so was unlikely to be suppressed. Aside from which the suppression only tends to occur if an object behaves unlike an aircraft (ie stands still or moves very slowly). If it is behaving like an aircraft its likely to show up as an unidentified aircraft.

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There might be a cover up of sorts, but I dont believe they would or could hide the sort of rogue test that is being alleged here over such a developed

area. Not when so many lives in the future would be at stake. No secret plane is worth that and in any case all that needed to be said was mea culpa a military plane, Wrong time, wrong place. No details. The CAA would be happy. Retaining the mystery draws attention to such an incident. Why?

As for the Payne Stewart reference. Tim argued it was a pilotless plane flying by computer. They lost contact and the computer took over. It flew on and on over Manchester and nearly hit the Boeing. Sounds similar to me.

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None of this is puzzling if you know the area - as I do (I live right underneath where the 737 and the UFO flew maybe 30 seconds before the encounter). Low flying military exercises do come over here but hardly ever at night. They cannot fly above about 2000 feet because of the amount of civil traffic in and out of Manchester just above that level. Radar is restricted because of the hills and often cannot track very low flying aircraft but would detect them climbing in and out of the low fly zone as they could not fly fast and low over cities like Manchester or Sheffield without creating serious problems. Ergo a military flight - even unauthorised - would be 'trapped' on its way in or out of this area. It wasn't, so the CAA don't think this is the answer. But if the jet was at the height of the 737 it was high enough to be detected by at least four radars covering this region - including military radar designed for the task.

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But the UFO (or secret jet) came from somewhere and went to somewhere and  
was thus far removed from the 737 for a lot longer than they were together.  
As such if it were a relatively low secret jet there were many opportunities  
for it to have been seen (or heard) when it was quite alone. We get very low  
military jets streaking over here all the time but they still make you pay  
attention. As Dave Clarke will tell you when unusual military flights  
occurred over the same area in March 1997 (and we now know what they were  
here - although the MoD had to be pressurised into talking by the Sheffield  
MP) quite a few people on the ground saw and heard something. They wouldn't  
hear a meteor. They would be less likely to see it. A military plane  
cavorting about the area at night at low level would I suspect have garnered  
some attention.

>The B737 was flying - according to the report "...just above the tops of  
some  
>rugged Cu."  
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>Is it not conceivable that the UFO descended into that cloud, or became  
>lost amongst it ?

Well, yes. I also suppose its possible it engaged its Romulan shields and  
became invisible. What I am saying is that we are seeking the most likely  
scenario. It can never be proven. But its the most plausible. Especially  
when you recall that any military jet that would have come lower than the  
737 would then have been even more likely to have been heard if not seen.

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>away.

>Or have I misunderstood you ?

Dont forget we are talking about a huge trail of debris. It often forms a  
long line.

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Subject: BolidesMessage-id: <381845FE.1400@virgin.net>

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Re: Manchester Airmiss

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The technical description of a bolide meteor, is one which appears to explode, ie, a detonating fireball, or ablating meteorite. (A fireball has to be brighter than magnitude -5, which is more than Venus)

Fireballs are spectacular but rare events and in many years of night sky watching, I've only seen half a dozen true fireballs and two bolides. (Current estimates suggest that no more than about 5000 bolides occur within the Earth's atmosphere every year)

If you are suggesting that the object which passed the airliner was a large meteorite in the terminal phase of its flight, would you care to put a size to it?

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One event which comes to mind from a few years back, involved an A-10, which came close enough to a Royal helicopter flight (carrying Princess Anne, I think) to cause real concern. This was filmed by a BBC (or possibly Anglia TV) news team, but the MoD and USAF insisted it had never happened and suggested the video footage had been shot elsewhere or at a different time.

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Yes, but the difference here is that this is one of the densest ATC regions in Europe. It is far less likely that a stray military plane would fly in and out of this area at low height and not be detected. Thats pretty well what the CAA investigation concluded.

Beside which, to me the real key to this case is the Eastern Airlines encounter from 1948. That Alabama sighting is virtually a rerun (well I guess it should be a pre-run). Witness descriptions, the lack of passenger witnesses, in fact pretty well the entire case. I think its a very reasonable assumption that the cause of the 1948 case was also most probably the cause of the 1995 case given the close comparisons. Of course, there were secret aircraft in 1948 but nothing like what we have today and I really struggle to accept that one of those buzzed the Eastern Airlines plane 51 years back. This really leaves two credible options - a UFO or a fireball meteor. I talked to Allen Hynek on the Eastern Airlines case as he was the USAF consultant involved. At the time in 1948 he said too little was known about the plasma venting properties of rare meteors. As such this solution seemed less probable then than it came to do years later when science caught up . Hynek seemed to think the Eastern Airlines UFO probably was a fireball meteor. I certainly agree based on the witness descriptions and what I have seen first hand from cases where we KNOW for certain thats

what a witness saw despite their reports of structured craft. And if the 1948 case was so explained, then in my estimation its most likely (but of course not certain) that the British Airways sighting was too.

Your reference to witness descriptions not fitting this solution clearly indicates that you have not done - as I have several times suggested doubters on this list should do - go check the UFO records of witnesses who we can be certain saw bright fireball debris trails and / or space junk re-entries. I cited my book 'UFO Reality' as one source with its detailed study of one such case with witness sketches. Have you looked at this?

I really think that when you do you will see exactly how the witness descriptions in the 1995 case are not out of synch with this explanation at all. In fact they are really very in synch. Indeed in my book 'Something in the Air' (retitled 'UFO Danger in the Air' by the US publisher!) I show the process of this occurrence through various illustrations in the photographic section. This demonstrates how stimulus can become witness description all too easily.

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Well, maybe. But I recall conversations with Ralph Noyes, who was an Air Commodore at the MoD and worked in aviation and UFO matters for 30 years. He told me - and I believe him - that the very last thing you would be trained to do would be to distract attention from anything you did not want people to discover by fabricating a too plausible UFO option. The CAA words are one reason the 1995 case got so much attention. Without them it would have been one more story quickly overwith. There are in fact far more interesting mid air encounters even over the UK but this has stuck because of the direct association with UFOs that gave the media and UFOlogy two credible witnesses to play with. I dont see how that squares with trying to put people off!

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Agreed, there are a few cases in 'Something in the Air' where the secret aircraft option is a reasonable one. I am not debating them, merely the Manchester case which has differences (it was not flying near a location where experimental aircraft are flown for one!)

Either option could apply, of course, But what then do you think the Eastern Airlines crew saw in 1948?

Best wishes,

Jenny Randles

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@> Wait a minute! One part of the article says it was "yesterday."

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@> Another says it's "Last month."

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@> And now, somebody says it happened a year ago.

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@> And another post says 5 years ago.

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@> Will the real date please stand up?

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@I'm starting to wonder if two airliners had a near miss and each reported

@the other as a UFO...

Wouldn't that show up on ATC RADAR?

@J Carpenter

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Re: Bolides/Air Incidents

Hi Jenny,

While I agree with what you are saying about air traffic density, I would suggest that serious incidents involving stray military aircraft can occur, regardless of the location.

I don't want to sound like a conspiracy buff, but just because someone in authority says that certain things can never happen, it doesn't mean this is the truth.

Going back to witness descriptions, Mark Stuart is quoted as telling the CAA that his attention was diverted to something in his peripheral vision. He looked up in time to see a dark (some reports say gray) object pass down the right side of of the aircraft at high speed. He said, it was wedge shaped, with what could have been a black stripe down the side. He estimated the object's size was somewhere between a light aircraft and a Jetstream.

Looking at several newspaper cuttings I have, it seems the crew thought it most likely they had encountered a USAF stealth aircraft, although the writers clearly preferred the alien spaceship angle.

I'm not saying your fireball theory is unacceptable and I'm not suggesting that the crew's report was flawless, but I certainly don't think anyone has a really solid answer to this story.

The 1948 DC-3 incident above Alabama was certainly interesting and I'm quite open minded about it. However, correct me if I'm wrong, but wasn't the object involved reported as climbing up through the clouds after passing the aircraft?

Bill

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On Wed, 27 Oct 1999, Jenny Randles wrote:

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@saying is that human perception operates in what are known to be  
@strange ways when UFO sightings occur. Training is an  
@irrelevance because these things are odd and they happen  
@quickly. Your training allows you to cope without putting the  
@aircraft at risk. It does not make you any less likely to suffer  
@perceptual deception. just like Einstein can look at an optical  
@illusion and still be fooled. You wrongly assume that problems  
@with human perception infer lack of skill or competence. Indeed  
@I have been attacked by UFOlogists for suggesting this case is  
@solved because it will put off pilots reporting sightings given  
@that I am disparaging their story. But I am doing no such thing.  
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@you about how people see UFOs. Any people.

It doesn't matter if the witness is a trained pilot or not.

My work in the Kinesiology Department has taught me one important fact that is quite germane to this case: If an object is more than 30 feet away, then NOBODY can accurately estimate the size, distance, speed, or altitude, unless the witness has more information in one of the following forms:

1. The witness knows the identity of the object.
2. The object was or passed in front of and behind known objects at known distances.
3. The witness uses special instruments to increase depth perception (and the training to use them).

Convincing amateur UFOlogists that the human body is limited in this way is an ongoing task. They think that because trained observers can estimate the distance, speed, and altitude of a flying airplane, they should be able to do the same thing with a UFO. But the airplane observer has one important advantage: the

size of the airplane is known.

And that makes all the difference.

Witnesses to unknown objects tend to guess either the distance or the size, and then base all of their other estimates on that guess. Often the mistake made is to assume that the unknown object is a vehicle. All subsequent impressions are then based on this error. There are cases in my files where the size and distance estimates were off by a factor of over a billion (a milliard for those not in the US).

So there is absolutely no way those pilots could have estimated the distance of the object, unless:

1. It flew between the cockpit and the wing of the airliner.
2. It was recognized as a known aircraft.
3. It flew between the plane and clouds (which establishes an upper bound on distance).
4. It flew between the plane and the ground (again establishing an upper bound on distance).
5. It went behind the wing of the airliner (establishing a lower bound on distance).

We need to get this little fact about the limits of human perception publicized, so people don't blame pilots for these incidents. There is nothing they can do to improve their perceptions of these events.

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We have to assess each case on its own merits.

>>I thought this was arguably one of the most intriguing reports in recent years, given that they both witnesses did rule out a meteorological explanation and identified aspects consistent with another 'craft', i.e.:<<

>Well, again, I am sorry, we disagree.

There can be no disagreement that both witnesses dismissed meteorological phenomena, it's confirmed in the CAT report.

If we look at this in reverse; a pilot and co-pilot witness an unidentified object, apparently in close proximity, such that the co-pilot "instinctively ducked" (CAT report) fearing an imminent impact. They both sketch what was perceived and seemingly depict a similar, triangular-shaped object. The pilot believes it displayed a number of small white lights, whilst the co-pilot recalled the object was a silver-grey colour, wedge-shaped and had a 'stripe' down one visible side.

Despite both perceiving the object to be triangular-shaped, ruling out a "Met phenomenon", individually ascribing that said object either displayed a number of small white lights or was resplendent with a 'go faster' stripe and that the co-pilot 'ducked' as he expected an immediate impact... they were both consummately mistaken in all of this and it was in fact a 'fiery meteor' some twenty miles away.

That's what has to be reconciled in this case and whilst meteors/space debris often result in reported observations of an airplane crash or 'UFO(s)', we rarely have such an ostensible 'close encounter' and comparisons with ground based experiences may neither be appropriate or reliable.

Supposing the witnesses did in fact observe a triangular/wedge-shaped object, maybe 'stealthy', or, for whatever reason, not detected on radar.

Wouldn't you perhaps still conclude it was a bolide?

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>hard time not accepting your touching faith in the certainty of  
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You mean like my faith in Arnold, Zamora, Burroughs, Penniston...

Again, I have to call it as I see it and we can't dismiss every case, as could be construed by your comments. I'm sure that's not what you mean and recall it wasn't so long ago you said of my critique re Burroughs, Penniston and the entire 'Rendlesham' case:

"Easton fails to address another issue: the nonmilitary witnesses. Half of 'UFO Crash Landing?' deals with these matters. There simply are too many reliable people who saw strange things that weekend for us to dismiss their stories".

Somehow, we seem to have since swapped our respective viewpoints on witness evidence!

That will happen... depends on our perspective of any case and always likely to be influenced by our view of the 'bigger picture'.

For example, one important realisation which has come out of discussions on this list is that witnesses do sometimes provide important, accurate accounts of their experiences. It's that reliability which provides evidence to maybe explain the occurrence.

If we look back on the topic of high altitude triangles of lights moving across the sky, it was the precise detail in those reports which led to Chris Gibson recognising they may be 'triplets' of spy/surveillance satellites. And so it, almost certainly, proved.

Zamora's account leaves us with invaluable, first-hand documentation, still untainted and reliable even if the hot-air balloon theory is substantiated [hopefully news on this shortly].

As discussed, Paul Hanmer's extraordinary 'triangular UFO' testimony, although now looking from discussions to be explicable

as a 'silent' Vulcan, gliding in to land, would still be quite accurate, other than his estimate of the size.

There are surely countless examples of dependable witness accounts.

I'm especially not troubled that the Manchester incident involves an enigmatic 'wedge-shaped' object. There are comparative sightings of 'UFOs' described as 'wedge-shaped' and it isn't too far removed from an aircraft planform.

That said, many of these 'wedge-shaped' accounts are not easily explicable. See, for example, a case which I documented in great detail and taken at face value, remains quite baffling to me:

<http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/j.htm>

As noted at the outset, I do believe that a suggested bolide explanation for the Manchester air-miss is a reasonable deduction and the default solution.

That doesn't of course mean it is the actual explanation and I see enough in the witness testimonies and refutation of that possibility to indicate this case should remain, as the CAT report concluded, "unassessable".

James.

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Hi James & List,

I can't believe so much controversy over a 1/10 SECOND (CAT report) or 2 SECOND sighting (an earlier posting)! The extremely brief duration and high speed almost certainly puts it in the category of a meteor fireball (not a bolide as it didn't explode) and makes it virtually impossible for the pilots' reports to be very accurate.

Brad Sparks

In a message dated 10/28/99 6:27:59 PM, [voyager@ukonline.co.uk](mailto:voyager@ukonline.co.uk) wrote:

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Incidentally, given my research into Kenneth Arnold's 'flying saucers', I'm probably the last person who would argue that pilots are beyond reproach as witnesses!

We have to assess each case on its own merits.

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>Well, again, I am sorry, we disagree.

There can be no disagreement that both witnesses dismissed meteorological phenomena, it's confirmed in the CAT report.

If we look at this in reverse; a pilot and co-pilot witness an unidentified object, apparently in close proximity, such that the co-pilot "instinctively ducked" (CAT report) fearing an imminent impact. They both sketch what was perceived and seemingly depict a similar, triangular-shaped object. The pilot believes it displayed a number of small white lights, whilst the co-pilot recalled the object was a silver-grey colour, wedge-shaped and had a 'stripe' down one visible side.

Despite both perceiving the object to be triangular-shaped, ruling out a "Met phenomenon", individually ascribing that said object either displayed a number of small white lights or was resplendent with a 'go faster' stripe and that the co-pilot 'ducked' as he expected an immediate impact... they were both

consummately mistaken in all of this and it was in fact a 'fiery meteor' some twenty miles away.

That's what has to be reconciled in this case and whilst meteors/space debris often result in reported observations of an airplane crash or 'UFO(s)', we rarely have such an ostensible 'close encounter' and comparisons with ground based experiences may neither be appropriate or reliable.

Supposing the witnesses did in fact observe a triangular/wedge-shaped object, maybe 'stealthy', or, for whatever reason, not detected on radar.

Wouldn't you perhaps still conclude it was a bolide?

>I think if you read my data in 'UFO Reality' you will have a  
>hard time not accepting your touching faith in the certainty of  
>witness testimony just does not work in the real world of UFO  
>sightings.

You mean like my faith in Arnold, Zamora, Burroughs, Penniston...

Again, I have to call it as I see it and we can't dismiss every case, as could be construed by your comments. I'm sure that's not what you mean and recall it wasn't so long ago you said of my critique re Burroughs, Penniston and the entire 'Rendlesham' case:

"Easton fails to address another issue: the nonmilitary witnesses. Half of 'UFO Crash Landing?' deals with these matters. There simply are too many reliable people who saw strange things that weekend for us to dismiss their stories".

Somehow, we seem to have since swapped our respective viewpoints on witness evidence!

That will happen... depends on our perspective of any case and always likely to be influenced by our view of the 'bigger picture'.

For example, one important realisation which has come out of discussions on this list is that witnesses do sometimes provide important, accurate accounts of their experiences. It's that reliability which provides evidence to maybe explain the occurrence.

If we look back on the topic of high altitude triangles of lights moving across the sky, it was the precise detail in those reports which led to Chris Gibson recognising they may be 'triplets' of spy/surveillance satellites. And so it, almost certainly, proved.

Zamora's account leaves us with invaluable, first-hand documentation, still untainted and reliable even if the hot-air balloon theory is substantiated [hopefully news on this shortly].

As discussed, Paul Hanmer's extraordinary 'triangular UFO'

testimony, although now looking from discussions to be explicable as a 'silent' Vulcan, gliding in to land, would still be quite accurate, other than his estimate of the size.

There are surely countless examples of dependable witness accounts.

I'm especially not troubled that the Manchester incident involves an enigmatic 'wedge-shaped' object. There are comparative sightings of 'UFOs' described as 'wedge-shaped' and it isn't too far removed from an aircraft planform.

That said, many of these 'wedge-shaped' accounts are not easily explicable. See, for example, a case which I documented in great detail and taken at face value, remains quite baffling to me:

<http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/j.htm>

As noted at the outset, I do believe that a suggested bolide explanation for the Manchester air-miss is a reasonable deduction and the default solution.

That doesn't of course mean it is the actual explanation and I see enough in the witness testimonies and refutation of that possibility to indicate this case should remain, as the CAT report concluded, "unassessable".

James.

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I would like to comment on the bolide hypothesis for this sighting:  
James wrote:>

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>report concluded, "unassessable".  
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AS I understand it the plane was under 4000 ft altitude at the time.  
It would be important to know the "Exact" angle of elevation above the  
plane's  
altitude when it was first seen, and the angle when last seen. If we knew  
these  
numbers we could make a more accurate estimate based on "bolide physics."

But, anyway, here goes,

Typical bolide/meteor burns brightly at 50 down to 30 miles altitude. If  
it gets too  
low it can slow and "go out" (temperature drops).  
Therefore the bolide hypothesis contradicts the witness' claim that the  
object was close.

Imagine for the purposes of argument that the initial sighting elevation  
angle was  
45 degrees. Now, this seems higher than I would expect for a man  
(copilot)\_ to duck...  
I would expect the angle to be a few degrees for him to think the object  
was going to hit the plane.

But, anyway, assume it's initial angular elevation was 45 degrees. Assume  
the final elevation  
(when it went out of sight) was 90 degrees. Now, I know, you're all  
saying, "Hey, they can't look straight up." Fine. Then tell me how "up"  
they can look.

The choice of 45 degrees is "fortunate" for calculation because the  
horizontal distance traveled  
by the bolide (not quite parallel to the curvature of the earth, which is  
nearly a straight line for this

distance) will be the same as its altitude above the plane. That is, if its altitude above the plane when directly overhead was 30 miles, then it was 30 miles from directly overhead when first seen.

(45 degree right triangle: sides equal; hypotenuse is 1.414 times a side)

Now a typical meteor speed exceed 17,000 mph which is low altitude orbital speed. But lets assume a really slow bolide at 17,000 mph. To travel 30 miles horizontal distance requires about 6 seconds

$[(30/17000) \times 3600 \text{ sec/hr} = 6.4 \text{ sec}]$ . This is about 6 times larger than they estimated.

If the highest angle they could see was only 80 degrees, then the last 5.3 miles of travel was blocked from view and they watched it traveled  $30 - 5.3 = 24.7$  miles corresponding to 5.2 seconds,

If one REALLY stretches the bolide hypothesis and suggests it was at an altitude of 10 miles (I don't know if it would even glow at that altitude, furthermore it would probably be noticeably falling downward) then the times calculated above should be divided by 3. Still longer than they estimated.

On the other hand, if the initial elevation angle was low, say 10 degrees, so that they MIGHT think it was going to hit, then the straight line path from overhead would be

$30(\tan[90-10]) = 170$  miles. Now the time duration is 36 seconds. Hardly a "fantastic speed" from their point of view.

You can see that as the initial elevation angle drops the distance to of the bolide when first seen increases rapidly (at 5 degrees the distance is  $30 \tan(90-5)=343$  miles, etc.0.

Therefore one cannot simply bandy about the bolide hypothesis without exploring the consequences of same.

The failue to test prosaic hypotheses is the "failure of UFO skepticism."  
(See Prosaic Explanations, the Failure of UFO Skepticism, at [www.isso.org](http://www.isso.org) and look in the "library")

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Some incidents, like the Heathrow one presently discussed, last only for a fraction or a couple of seconds. I am more interested in those which last for minutes. That's why I would like to know what people on this list think of the incidents reported on:

<http://www.southam.com/calgaryherald/newsnow/cpfs/national/991012/n101264.html>

<http://www.ufobc.org/yukon/22index.htm>

I saw only 3 explanations:

- 1) A hoax, made either by Martin Jasek, who allegedly investigated the case for UFOBC, or by several pranksters living in three little villages in Yukon (winter is rather boring there... - but would more than 20 people like to appear crazy ? That's generally the reaction when people tell such stories, and don't say soon after that "it was a hoax").
- 2) Aurora (not the hypothetical hypersonic plane, but "Aurora Borealis"). However people living there should recognize this phenomenon.
- 3) The big lenticular Russian airship (diameter around 500 meters), which they intended to use in Siberia. However I discussed that hypothesis with a Canadian scientist who knows a lot of things, and he told me that:
  - the Russian project does not exist any more;
  - there was never a Russian-Canadian cooperation about this project.

Jean-Pierre Pharabod

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>>To: "UFO Research List" <UFORL@listbot.com>

>>Subject: Re: UK Airmiss

>>Date: Wed, 27 Oct 1999 14:19:22 +0100

Hi,

Look I dont want this to turn into a row as internet discussions on UFOs seem to turn into personality clashes faster than UFOs become IFOs. I have repeatedly stated what my view is about this case and why. I have repeatedly said it is based not on guesswork but first hand study and comparison with prrvious sinilar cases. I have repeatedly said that I dont claim to know the truth and that the secret aircraft theory is possible (so, of course, is the 'alien UFO' one). But I stand by my verdict on the present balance of evidence. This need not be regarded with suspicion or as the opening shot in a war. Its all about assessing evidence, nothing more, nothing less.

>As noted, both the pilot (Willis) and co-pilot (Stuart)

>considered the incident involved an object with the

>characteristics of an 'aircraft'.

Which is hardly surprising, surely. Air crew are used to seeing aircraft from their cockpits, They are not used to seeing bright meteors. It is natural they would interpret what they see in aircraft terms. What this also does - as again I have seen from 25 years field investigation - is mislead estimates of size, speed, etc. If you think something you see is an aircraft sized object then you will estimate its as being very close. If, of course, it is much larger then it will by the same token be much further way. But judging that against a dark sky in a few seconds is a near impossibility. The act of assuming it is aircraft like actually aids in the misidentification process. I have seen this happen many times.

I repeat, in previous such cases (with both ground witnesses and a few pilots) what was very definitely not a structured craft was positively described (and clearly peerceived) in those terms and perfectly understandably thought to be a form of aircraft as a consequence. The evidence is in the UFO records. All I am reporting is what I have found.

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>>The object did not create wake turbulence so cannot have been a  
>>fast moving plane sized object at the proximity alleged.

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>Not necessarily, as I see has been emphasised by other replies.

If it reflected the Boeings lights then it had to be very close indeed.

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>>Nobody saw the 'craft' anywhere else on its course and this took  
>>it within seconds over densely populated areas (where there were  
>>some cloud breaks) and in one of the most trafficked air zones  
>>in the UK.

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>Which would apply to the object whatever it was. No-one reported  
>a fireball meteor either.

I have already replied at length on this point. Surely you can see the difference in likely witness numbers (both on and off the aircraft) between a flaring trail of light in view for maybe five seconds and a secret aircraft that flew from A to B right across built up areas and probably took at least several minutes to do so? The former assumes people looking in the right direction at virtually the right moment. The latter (especially as the jet would be noisy at 4000 feet on a cloudy day) much less so.

>Willis never mentioned windows and Stuart stated, "I didn't see  
>any windows or anything like that".

The initial verbal report spoke of windows or a row of lights.

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>You are of course correct that they didn't agree on the exact  
>substance, however, they did concur about the similarity of a  
>'triangular' shape. As the CAT report confirmed, "Following the  
>incident, the captain and first officer independently drew what  
>they had seen, both agreed about the shape but differing in their  
>opinions about the lighting aspects".

Which means only that the form of the stimulus that they saw was essentially wedge shaped. It does not mean they saw a triangular craft. This is the point I am making about witness perception. I have seen credible witnesses describe aliens when they saw telegraph poles. I have seen lit trucks on a

riad described as landed domed discs. The list is endless. Witnesses frequently see more behind a UFO sighting than is really there. Obviously it is reasonable to assume that this air crew saw some sort of shape with a triangular form to it. Experience dictates with such a short duration event it is not reasonable to take it beyond that point to any sort of firm conclusion.

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>Stuart further reportedly explained, "The objects we drew were  
>the same shape, but they differed in texture - mine was a solid  
>object which I believed had black or grey stripes down the side."

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>"The Captain drew a similar shape, but his was made up of lots of  
>different little lights."

Exactly. A significant clue. For this tells you one of two things. Either the object was a structured craft and one witness misinterpreted it more vaguely. Or the object was more like a mass of light and one witness saw a solid structure that wasn't there. Either could be true. My experience across many similar cases merely tells me witnesses commonly see structure in what is really just light. As such I think this the most likely scenario here. But I can't prove what happened. Nor can you. Nor can the air crew. All we can do is assess probabilities.

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>It was that stated shape which led to the CAT investigation  
>spending so much time debating whether a hang-glider was maybe  
>responsible and then discarding it as unrealistic, given the  
>overall conditions.

Yes, this was the main problem with their investigation. Unfamiliarity with how UFO sightings occur caused them to assume (as so many UFOlogists are assuming) that the structured shape described by the air crew represents the fundamental stimulus to be defined. Ergo you seek out something shaped like that - some sort of craft. Problem is UFO investigation experience decrees that the true fundamental stimulus is in fact usually more amorphous. The CAA report did not 'track back' far enough. It sought to explain what was there based on assuming too much in a witness testimony. Experienced UFO investigators ought not to do that, but there is this tendency to assume pilots are too good to be fooled. Pilots are humans. That's all that really counts here.

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>>>The Manchester incident is a significant 'UFO' case as there  
>were two witnesses, the pilot and co-pilot, who come under the  
>archetypal 'reliable, experienced and trained observers',  
>especially of aerial artefacts.<<

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>>Sorry, but I disagree. I have seen many times witnesses -  
>>including pilots, police ATC staff etc interpret bolides and re-  
>>entries as structured craft.

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>I don't actually disagree with your good self or anyone about  
>this at all.

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>The phrase "archetypal 'reliable, experienced and trained  
>observers'" was intentional. That's what they are generally  
>considered or claimed to be.

I agree which is half the problem. Nobody is disputing these two men are good witnesses or not reporting effectively pretty much what they saw that night. By arguing from prior similar UFO cases I am merely suggesting why I think we can see what that was. This in no way demeans the witnesses. Those UFOlogists who argue that it does clearly have not much background in how UFO witnesses perceive what they do.

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No argument there at all.

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>meteorological phenomena, it's confirmed in the CAT report.

They ruled out weather effects, etc, they were familiar with. Whos arguing with that? But its irrelevant, mostly because nobody I know is suggesting such a possibility here. But just because two pilots see something and rule out the weather as cause does not make a case significant in of itself. IFOs are caused in many different ways.

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>had a 'stripe' down one visible side.

Words in there that are crucial are ones like 'apparently'. How many times have you reacted in shock to an image on the TV? Its all about perception and illusion and does not at all prove that this thing was right on top of them. I am pretty sure that you or I would have reacted in exactly the same way, but dont forget we are talking about a bright light in a dark sky and

nothing around by which to judge perspective. Any experienced UFO investigators know how witness estimates in such situations are not accurate and often wildly off. This has nothing to do with skill and all to do with the way UFO sightings occur.

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- >'ducked' as he expected an immediate impact... they were both
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Like I said you are treating witness testimony too literally in my opinion.

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- >meteors/space debris often result in reported observations of an
- >airplane crash or 'UFO(s)', we rarely have such an ostensible
- >'close encounter' and comparisons with ground based experiences
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I disagree. It can be more difficult to judge accurately when there are no ground features to judge against. In any event there have been similar mid-air cases. As I have pointed out at length the 1948 Eastern Airlines case is so similar I think it makes my point. But it is not unique.

- >Supposing the witnesses did in fact observe a triangular/wedge-
- >shaped object, maybe 'stealthy', or, for whatever reason, not
- >detected on radar.
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- >Wouldn't you perhaps still conclude it was a bolide?

What are you trying to say here? That I am president of the Bolide Protection League or something? This is just silly. If there was good reason to think another explanation worked better I'd be very happy. If there was any evidence a secret plane was on test, did go astray, was seen on its path to and from the area, was heard, or indeed simply any evidence at all, I'd certainly take that seriously. Equally I'd be delighted if this case was a significant UFO encounter because - as you must know from my book 'Something in the Air' - I believe that UFOs and aircraft do come into proximity too often, air traffic is at risk and the public needs alerting to that fact. If this case was a good example I'd be shouting that fact from the rooftops. The simple truth is that here my past experience with similar cases., my assessment of the evidence points towards the meteor theory as the most likely answer. Do I actually have to apologise for reaching a conclusion about a case that doesn't agree with what others want to hear? And give me one good reason why I should have any desire to defend at all costs the bolide theory about this case. Sorry you have lost me with that one.

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I mean, as you must appreciate, your continued opinion that because the air crew think they saw a structured triangular craft (or in fact really only one of them did with any conviction) that this has to be what they did see and all attempts to explain the case start from that premise. All I am saying is that in my experience it doesn't work like that. Honest, sincere, experienced witnesses are not synonymous with the fact that what they say they saw is what they really saw. To me that's rule one in the UFO investigators handbook.

>Again, I have to call it as I see it and we can't dismiss every  
>case, as could be construed by your comments.

Hang on? Where have I said that we can dismiss every case? This is patently not what I have ever argued nor what I believe. 'Something in the Air' has several cases in there where I argue that the official explanation (eg a balloon) is wrong and doesn't fit the evidence. Yet here because I happen to believe - from a careful assessment of the evidence - that one particular case has a probable solution suddenly I am out to kill off all UFO cases. Please give me more credit and don't jump to such wild conclusions. Like I said, this is my assessment of one case. You are welcome to agree or disagree. But it does not in of itself destroy UFOlogy if we explain any particular sighting. In fact that is what I thought our job was supposed to be - solve cases when we can do so, promote those that we cannot as evidence that science should pay attention to, and that's certainly what I try to do. I happen to think this case (and the Eastern Airlines case) is solvable. You clearly don't. Many UFOlogists agree with you. That's fine by me. I am not trying to beat you into submission. But it is silly to leap from that premise to a wholly unjustified and incorrect expectation that I therefore reject any UFO reality.

I'm sure that's not

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This is an entirely different case (Rendlesham). You cannot equate the two. The difference is that in the BA case there were two people who saw one thing for a few seconds and no back up physical evidence whatsoever despite a massive CAA investigation. In Rendlesham we had several military witnesses involved in a protracted ground level encounter, with (arguable but still real) physical evidence allegedly associated (eg radar traces). You were discussing the military witnesses only (fair enough as that's the remit you set yourself) and arguing around to the misperception of a lighthouse with which they were unfamiliar. I actually find your arguments quite persuasive and agree with a lot more of what you and Ian Ridpath have said about this case than you seem to expect. However, my argument above was that you cannot eliminate from the equation here the testimony of several ground witnesses local to the area who reported similarly strange things. As they are clearly not as disorientated or unfamiliar with local landmarks as USAF men thousands of miles from home their story must effect one's assessment. Taken alone it is much easier to accept the USAF men were fooled by a lighthouse. It is less easy to make the same calculation with local people who have lived with this building all their lives.

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>on witness evidence!

I doubt it. As the above indicates each case is different and I would certainly be taking the BA case more seriously if, say, a few people on the ground say they saw or heard a strange triangular craft whoosh over - or if another inbound aircraft had reported what the BA crew did - or if there had been an anomalous radar trace. Such things do exist for other mid air cases reported in 'Something in the Air' - which is a good reason why I find them more interesting than what amounts to an unsubstantiated fleeting glimpse by just two people of something in the sky. Take them out of a plane. Deduct their pilot 'status'. Remove the rather foolish words of the CAA report that implied to media and UFOlogists that a UFO option was viable. What is left? The same case shorn of this candy floss would have long been forgotten.

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>important, accurate accounts of their experiences. It's that  
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>occurrence.

Are you familiar with the experiments that have been conducted into UFO witness perceptions? Some of the things we can concur from these are that the briefer the sighting the less accurate is its perception. The fewer the surrounding features to afford perspective, the less accurate the judgement of height, distance etc. Long duration (ie several minute) sightings of things that can be judged against ground objects clearly are more likely to be well perceived than very transient things against a vast expanse of blackness. It is this principle that makes the scary roller coaster (Space

Mountain in Florida) work because here you are submerged in darkness and don't see a small set of lights shaped like a rocket on the wall but a huge rocket mass flying suddenly and looming terrifyingly large right at you. Anyone who has been on Space Mountain will have something of an inkling of what that BA crew went through and if they think about it - why they went through it.

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>report concluded, "unassessable".

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I disagree with little of the above, save that for me the balance of the evidence right now points to this solution and to my mind for now that's how I regard it. But I am more than willing to be persuaded by new evidence that I am wrong.

Best wishes,

Jenny Randles

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Sorry, there is a fourth possibility, which  
does not fit the UFOBC report, but who knows:

4) Rocket or satellite re-entry (or even strange  
meteor/bolide).

Maybe James Oberg knows if there was a re-entry  
over North-West Canada then ? (December 11, 1996,  
around 8:30 pm).

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Don't forget another possibility -- launch phase of space vehicles. I'm attaching a note about some spectacular views over Alaska a few years earlier.

Kosmos-2335 was launched December 11, 1996, from Baykonur into a 65 degree inclined orbit, BUT any connection would require:

1. Timing correspondences
2. Proper LIGHTING in the sky over the area of the sighting
3. Correspondence of viewing direction and MOTION, relatively rapidly ( ~one degree/sec) right to left, which seems to NOT match witness accounts.
4. Ground track match -- this looks at first hand like a killer, since even at 71 degrees, the launch described below barely made it within view of western Alaska.

I'll look into this, but I doubt the connection -- most satellite launch inspired reports have classic perceptual characteristics which allow them to be 'suspected' before they are confirmed.

Somebody has got to set up a ufology research service that knows how to

1. Obtain reentry reports rapidly
2. Obtain and process satellite navigation data -- the 2-line 'element sets' -- to correlate with sightings
3. Document visual characteristics of entries and launch phenomena, for all researchers to access.

I can't be a 'single point' access to this data, and I am dismayed that these easily-obtainable records and software are not more widely used within the ufo research community, even after decades of close connections between space/rocket events and SOME (but often most SPECTACULAR) UFO reports.

JimO

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Note of Interest: "UFO" sightings in western Alaska night of March 17-18, 1987, were caused by Soviet satellite launch.  
From: J. Oberg, Rt 2 Box 350, Dickinson, TX 77539, April 29, 1987

The launching of the Kosmos-1833 satellite from TT at 1987 March 18 / 1830 UT led to a large number of UFO reports from western Alaska. The spacecraft's upper stage was venting leftover rocket propellant when it passed off the Seward Peninsula at about 1857 UT (11:57 PM March 17, Yukon Standard Time).

Two reports came from observers on St. Lawrence Island in the Bering Sea: Savoonga (63.40N, 170.31W), "It was round and it seemed bigger than a jetliner". Gambell (63.46N, 171.45W): "There seemed to be a big bright cloud of smoke thrusting downward with one red and one white light.... The object seemed to be bigger than a 747 jet at that altitude. No body was visible, just the bright cloud of smoke and the lights."

Other reports came from mainland observers out late to watch the mushers in the Iditarod dogsled race. Tanunak (60.34N, 165.15W): It "looked like a satellite-bright, white light within a glowing area...", like "aircraft landing lights as seen through the fog." Elim (64.35N, 162.20W), saw a "bright aqua-blue-green colored, oval-shaped object approximately the size of two football fields with three lights on the side and an egg-shaped cloud around and leaving a smoke trail behind." Newsmen talked to more than forty witnesses in these areas.

The mayor of Pilot Station (61.58N, 162.59W) in the Yukon River delta is a subscriber to *The Skeptical Inquirer*, and he received the Winter 1987 issue (with my article on the Great East Coast UFO of August 1986) a few days after his sighting. The startling similarities prompted him to write a letter to me. The apparition "brightened and began jetting out a plume of milky nebulous material. This plume was slowly rotating and formed a cloud around the star-like object with a diameter of between 4 and 5 times that of the full moon. This wondrous show continued for around 3 minutes, then rapidly faded and disappeared." David E. Cartier, 3/30/87 postmark. He originally reported it as moving from northeast to southwest, but on plotting it against star charts reconsidered and concluded that it had been moving largely west to east. "The story of this sighting got around and local eskimo parents are now using it in stern admonitions to their children as a prime example of why 'You shouldn't stay out late at night!!!'", Cartier, letter of 4/16/87.

Army National Guard observers reported to Anchorage that they watched lights moving southeast at about 30,000 feet altitude.

The event was caused by the launching from Tyuratam of an SL-16 vehicle (the USSR's new intermediate Saturn-I-class military booster), carrying a "1603-class" satellite (possibly military ELINT) into an unusually high inclination (71 degrees, highest ever from TT), high altitude (850 km) orbit. Computer plots generated by Nicholas Johnson (Teledyne-Brown Corporation, Colorado Springs, CO) showed the object's groundtrack crossing the Aleutians about 900 km from the Yukon River delta, at an altitude of about 310-320 km. Such launchings, while rare, will occur again, and under the proper twilight and weather conditions will probably again be widely visible throughout western Alaska.

Date: Fri, 29 Oct 1999 10:52:08 -0500 (EST)  
From: Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS Kinesiology <lrobins@indiana.edu>  
Subject: Re: UK Airmiss

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On Fri, 29 Oct 1999, Jenny Randles wrote:

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@-----Original Message-----

@From: James Easton <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>

@To: UFO Research List <UFORL@listbot.com>

@Date: 29 October 1999 02:27

@Subject: Re: UK Airmiss

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@>Regarding:

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@>>From: "Jenny Randles" <nufon@currantbun.com>

@>>To: "UFO Research List" <UFORL@listbot.com>

@>>Subject: Re: UK Airmiss

@>>Date: Wed, 27 Oct 1999 14:19:22 +0100

(moby snip)

@Yes, this was the main problem with their investigation.  
@Unfamiliarity with how UFO sightings occur caused them to assume  
@(as so many UFOlogists are assuming) that the structured shape  
@described by the air crew represents the fundamental stimulus to  
@be defined. Ergo you seek out something shaped like that - some  
@sort of craft. Problem is UFO investigation experience decrees  
@that the true fundamental stimulus is in fact usually more  
@amorphous. The CAA report did not 'track back' far enough. It  
@sought to explain what was there based on assuming too much in a  
@witness testimony. Experienced UFO investigators ought not to do  
@that, but there is this tendency to assume pilots are too good  
@to be fooled. Pilots are humans. Thats all that really counts  
@here.

Case in point: On 3/3/68, many people reported sighting a  
"spaceship with a cylindrical body and lighted portholes" in  
Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, and Mississippi.  
This was one of the first cases reported in my home locality, and  
it caused a big ruckus in the papers at the time. All of the

witnesses said the object was flying low and close, some saying it was at treetop level. The object was definitely identified as the re-entry of the Soviet Zond 4 satellite, many miles up. The local papers did not bother to print the story of the object's identification -- it wasn't news like the strange story was.

(snip)

@I agree which is half the problem. Nobody is disputing these two @men are good witnesses or not reporting effectively pretty much @what they saw that night. By arguing from prior similar UFO @cases I am merely suggesting why I think we can see what that @was. This in no way demeans the witnesses. Those UFOlogists who @argue that it does clearly have not much background in how UFO @witnesses perceive what they do.

People are expecting witnesses to perform beyond their capability if they expect an estimate of the size, distance, speed, or altitude of an unknown object. Human beings do not come with the necessary equipment to do this.

@>If we look at this in reverse; a pilot and co-pilot witness an @>unidentified object, apparently in close proximity, such that the @>co-pilot "instinctively ducked" (CAT report) fearing an imminent @>impact. They both sketch what was perceived and seemingly depict @>a similar, triangular-shaped object. The pilot believes it @>displayed a number of small white lights, whilst the co-pilot @>recalled the object was a silver-grey colour, wedge-shaped and @>had a 'stripe' down one visible side.

(snip)

@Like I said you are treating witness testimony too literally in @my opinion.

Right! Unless the object is identified, or other visual clues are supplied, humans cannot distinguish between:

1. A small close object and a large distant object
2. A slow close object and a fast distant object
3. An approaching object and an expanding object
4. A receding object and a contracting object
5. An approaching light and a brightening light
6. A receding light and a dimming light

What humans do perceive well includes angular size, changes in angular size, angular motion, and changes in brightness.

Additional clues that can shed light on the true nature of the observations include:

1. The object goes in front of something known.
2. The object goes behind something known.
3. The object casts a shadow.
4. Atmospheric scattering is detectable between a distant object and the observer. Its absence indicates a close object.
5. Strobe and navigation lights.
6. Tactics: Birds fly in a particular manner, bugs have different tactics, airplanes behave in still different ways, and helicopters have flight characteristics of their own. These are recognizable and can provide clues to the identity of an unknown. Each type of flight depends on the aerodynamics and guidance systems available.
7. Other witness accounts from different locations.

In an experiment performed by the Psychology Department here, a lighted balloon was displayed in an otherwise darkened and masked environment (to eliminate other visual clues) The illumination and size of the balloon, and its distance from the subject could be varied by the experimenters.

If the balloon was within 20 feet (6 m) of the subject, an accurate description of what happened was given, due to the binocular vision of the subject. Beyond 30 feet (10 m), subjects were unable to tell whether the balloon was moved radially, or its size and illumination were changed. When the balloon was small, changing illumination alone was enough to cause subjects to report radial motion. With one eye covered, the confusion happened at any distance.

(snip)

@It can be more difficult to judge accurately when there are no @ground features to judge against. In any event there have been @similar mid air cases. As I have pointed out at length the 1948 @Eastern Airlines case is so similar I think it makes my point. @But it is not unique.

Is this the Chiles-Whitted case?

(snip)

@What are you trying to say here? That I am president of the Bolide  
@Protection League or something? This is just silly.

I like that metaphor! Hold onto it for a moment.

(snip)

@Hang on? Where have I said that we can dismiss every case? This  
@is patently not what I have ever argued nor what I believe.  
@'Something in the Air' has several cases in there where I argue  
@that the official explanation (eg a balloon) is wrong and doesn't  
@fit the evidence. Yet here because I happen to believe - from a  
@careful assessment of the evidence - that one particular case  
@has a probable solution suddenly I am out to kill off all UFO  
@cases.

This is a common tactic of the "ET Protection League." :) I have  
seen it again and again and again.

@Please give me more credit and don't jump to such wild  
@conclusions. Like I said, this is my assessment of one case. You  
@are welcome to agree or disagree. But it does not in of itself  
@destroy UFOlogy if we explain any particular sighting. In fact  
@that is what I thought our job was supposed to be - solve cases  
@when we can do so, promote those that we cannot as evidence that  
@science should pay attention to, and thats certainly what I try  
@to do. I happen to think this case (and the Eastern Airlines  
@case) is solvable. You clearly don't. Many UFOlogists agree with  
@you. Thats fine by me. I am not trying to beat you into  
@submission. But it is silly to leap from that premise to a  
@wholly unjustified and incorrect expectation that I therefore  
@reject any UFO reality.

This is the position to have. Anyone who gets upset when their  
"favorite" case is solved, or resorts to name-calling, has lost  
all objectivity in the UFO matter. It's almost like it has become  
a religion to them. (you should see the hate-email I have gotten  
about my proposed solutions to Socorro, Exeter, and Lakenheath.)

(snip)

@>For example, one important realization which has come out of  
@>discussions on this list is that witnesses do sometimes provide  
@>important, accurate accounts of their experiences. It's that  
@>reliability which provides evidence to maybe explain the  
@>occurrence.

The trick is sorting out which parts are accurate descriptions, and which parts are impressions based on a guess of the size, distance, speed, altitude, or identity of the object(s).

(snip)

@Are you familiar with the experiments that have been conducted @into UFO witness perceptions? Some of the things we can concur @from these are that the briefer the sighting the less accurate @is its perception. The fewer the surrounding features to afford @perspective, the least accurate the judgement of height, @distance etc. Long duration (ie several minute) sightings of @things that can be judged against ground objects clearly are @more likely to be well perceived than very transient things @against a vast expanse of blackness. It is this principle that @makes the scary roller coaster (Space Mountain in Florida) work @because here you are submerged in darkness and don't see a small @set of lights shaped like a rocket on the wall but a huge rocket @mass flying suddenly and looming terrifyingly large right at @you. Anyone who has been on Space Mountain will have something @of an inkling of what that BA crew went through and if they @think about it - why they went through it.

There is a very good book on this subject: "Observing UFOs." I don't have it with me, but I will try to give the details of author, publisher, etc on Monday. It delves deep into the problems of perception. Another good source is Allen Hendry's "UFO Handbook," which covers misperceptions quite well.

(moby snip)

We have to remain objective here. Assuming facts not in evidence, or assuming that testimony is more accurate than is humanly possible, leads us to conclusions that are not warranted. We have to carefully evaluate the meager evidence we have, and allow for imperfections in the observations that are made.

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In a message dated 10/29/99 4:34:21 AM Central Daylight Time,  
pharabod@in2p3.fr writes:<< <http://www.ufobc.org/yukon/22index.htm> >>

To compare to space events, it's important to have basic data such as location (lat/long), azimuth/elevation of apparition (not "over the other car" or "across the lake"), and times in GMT. Even in the best reports, such as this one, such key information is often absent.

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Subject: Research help requestedMessage-id: <0.46691fac.254b3f44@aol.com>

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Dear Colleagues -- Some time ago I made online inquires on the main UFO lists, asking if anyone could tell me where I might find and how to contact BILL BARRY, author of ULTIMATE ENCOUNTER, the only book about the Travis Walton case by an author with no ax to grind about the case.

No luck. So... I'm asking again that anyone who may have a clue as to Barry's whereabouts, etc., please contact me directly.

Many thanks. -- Cheers, KARL

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Subject: Re: Yukon

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I took a look at this. Comments below:

On Fri, 29 Oct 1999, J. Pharabod wrote:

@UFO Research List - <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/>  
@  
@List only please

@Some incidents, like the Heathrow one presently discussed, last  
@only for a fraction or a couple of seconds. I am more interested  
@in those which last for minutes. That's why I would like to know  
@what people on this list think of the incidents reported on:

@[http://www.southam.com/calgaryherald/newsnow](http://www.southam.com/calgaryherald/newsnow/cpfs/national/991012/n101264.html)  
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@I saw only 3 explanations:

@1) A hoax, made either by Martin Jasek, who allegedly  
@investigated the case for UFOBC, or by several pranksters living  
@in three little villages in Yukon (winter is rather boring  
@there... - but would more than 20 people like to appear crazy ?  
@That's generally the reaction when people tell such stories, and  
@don't say soon after that "it was a hoax").

This would be hard to orchestrate and hard to keep from being  
revealed as a hoax.

@2) Aurora (not the hypothetical hypersonic plane, but "Aurora  
@Borealis"). However people living there should recognize this  
@phenomenon.

Part of it looks like aurora, but part does not.

@3) The big lenticular Russian airship (diameter around 500  
@meters), which they intended to use in Siberia. However I  
@discussed that hypothesis with a Canadian scientist who knows a  
@lot of things, and he told me that: - the Russian project does  
@not exist any more; - there was never a Russian-Canadian  
@cooperation about this project.

Here are my thoughts and impressions:

- \* I noticed how quickly the witnesses all thought of UFOs.
- \* Many of them expected ET effects.
- \* Their eyes had to adjust to the darkness to see the objects after a car passed. That means the lights weren't very bright.
- \* All but two of the witnesses reported the object to be to the north, northwest, or northeast. One reported that it ended up in the southeast after being in the northwest, north, and east. The other reported that it was overhead at one point.
- \* The lights went out at different times. This suggests that the lights were on different objects, not on one large object.
- \* The lights were already there when noticed in each case.
- \* The "area where stars were blocked out" might be just the area in the north where there are no bright stars, combined with the relative brightness of the object lights.

Here are some suggestions to add to your list:

4. Multiple light sources on airplanes in a military exercise miles north of the observers.
5. A barium-cloud experiment with multiple releases.
6. A prank involving flares tied to balloons.
7. Lighted balloons released for some reason.
8. Multiple releases of fire balloons, similar to the secondary sightings in the March 1997 Phoenix case.
9. A combination of any of the 8 possibilities.

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Organization:  
References: <Pine.HPP.3.96.991028135048.3016B-100000@juliet.ucs.indiana.edu>

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Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS Kinesiology <lrobin@indiana.edu writes:

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In which case, a few points:

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Thanks for pointing out the limitations of the human mind to assess size, speed and distance without know reference points. I would never had understood such a complex concept on my own.

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Reminds me of the Aurora TX case - in the 1800s.

@2) Aurora (not the hypothetical hypersonic plane, but "Aurora  
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@phenomenon.

Are you kidding? Everyone's too busy watching TV to look at the  
sky.

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Sorry, I wasn't referring to anyone on the list. Beware of the  
sneaky assume!

Actually, I was refering to the many people in the world who  
think it is possible to look at an object and instantly determine  
the size, distance, speed, and altitude. When they read a witness  
estimate that a UFO was at 10,000 feet and going 600 mi/hr, they  
take it as an established fact.

You would be surprised at the email I get on this subject. Most  
of it criticizes my evaluation on this case or that (on my  
website), based on the argument that "police officers and airline  
pilots are trained observers." They scream at ME for trying to  
hide the presence of alien invaders. They say, "if a pilot  
can't tell how far away another object is, I don't want to  
ride in the plane he is flying."

But no amount of training can overcome the basic limitation that  
the unaided human visual system can't measure distance accurately  
at a distance farther away than 20 feet (6 meters). The pilot can  
make this distinction only if the object he is avoiding is an  
airplane.

I think I used the wrong word here. I did not mean that the non-amateurs are paid (that distinction makes me an amateur), but that they lack understanding in physics, physiology, and other sciences necessary to understand these phenomena. Maybe I need another word to describe the "UFOlogists" I was referring to.

Is "Untutored" the right word?

These are the ones who speculate such things as "A UFO can beam microwaves at a car and steal power from the car battery, by radiating it back as microwaves through the headlights." (Huh?) It's in a book I have, so that author was a professional. (I suspect he left his lights on, and the low battery made the headlights radiate black body microwaves.)

Somebody wrote me the other day, asking if the sounds of squirrels running on a roof could have been caused by a UFO experience. She was also surprised that she could see the dog at night with the lights off, and thought that UFO aliens somehow gave her strange visual powers. It was just before I posted that message to the list

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In other words, the disc shaped objects some of them see are the ones flying right into their bank accounts.

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It's not just the mind, it's the visual system too. The data just aren't there to be used by the mind. We don't come with RADAR or

some other accurate distance measuring equipment. We get binocular vision. And beyond 30 feet (10 meters), it is useless. If our eyes were ten feet apart, we might have something more useful for UFOlogical purposes.

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Could the Heathrow object have been a child's escaped Mylar helium balloon? This makes more sense than anything else I can think of. Some of them are 6 feet long.

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Subject: Re: Travis WaltonMessage-id: <0.2176b9fc.254b90a8@aol.com>

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Hi Karl,  
Have you contacted James Harder?  
I am sure he has no axe to bear and was  
involved in the case.  
I have his email address if you need it.  
Kathleen Andersen  
Seattle

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Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS Kinesiology wrote:

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> Case in point: On 3/3/68, many people reported sighting a  
> "spaceship with a cylindrical body and lighted portholes" in  
> Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, and Mississippi.  
> This was one of the first cases reported in my home locality, and  
> it caused a big ruckus in the papers at the time. All of the  
> witnesses said the object was flying low and close, some saying  
> it was at treetop level. The object was definitely identified as  
> the re-entry of the Soviet Zond 4 satellite, many miles up. The  
> local papers did not bother to print the story of the object's  
> identification -- it wasn't news like the strange story was.  
>

Larry,

I'm currently investigating a sighting that occurred in Ohio on Oct. 15th. Could you please give me a reference to these reports that you mention above that occurred on 3/3/1968 so that I may compare them to the case I'm on now.

Thanks in advance Larry,  
T. Lemire - MUFON - FI Trainee

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"Thus these beings appear to us, not in order to stay among us or become allied to us, but in order for us to become able to understand them."

Written during the Middle Ages by Paracelsus in "Why These Beings Appear to Us"

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Thankyou Larry for possibly the most sensible post I have come across in a long time. People always interpret what they see in terms of their own experience.

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There is an old addage that people never look up

As for the short duration of the Manchester airmiss sighting. In the ROC we were required to identified an aircraft image with an exposure time of 0.5 seconds. Ok, so we had a list of 200 possibles and we were expecting the image, but we also discovered that we could identify an aircraft type at exposure times of 1/100th of a second under the right conditions. (darkened room, eyes adjusted to the light, good silouhette). This relied on a residual image on the retina. So in a darkened cockpit,a bright object appears suddenly, you duck, shut your eyes, you can still see it. (Try it)

Another interesting aspect we found was that the longer the period you saw an image for, the greater the chance of a misidentification. We put this down to having more information to raise doubts with. Perhaps with a longer sighting the brain fills in for absent info?

As for the object being about the size of a Jetstream (small 18 seat airliner). I wondered about that at the time. Perhaps I'm alone in this but I always think aircraft when seen close up on the ground seem to be smaller than they should be (I now expect a plethora of Father Ted jokes ie "Those cows are small because they are far away, Dougal") So I have to agree with Larry in his posting. How often have we heard of UFOs the size of battleships How many people have seen a battleship? Not many about nowadays.

I've always been wary of witnesses interviewed by aviation specialists and UFO specialists alike. (eschewing the word UFOlogist, professional or otherwise) Perhaps it is time for a standard format questionnaire for this type of sighting. Is this available already?

I have long maintained that how can something be termed as being unusual (ie a UFO) if the witness and those interpreting their testimony do not know what is usual? Trained observers, pilots, bobbies or any-one else, are trained in looking at a situation and in relating what they saw at a later date. That is the good side of trained observers. The downside is that if they see something tht doesn't fit, they may fill in some detail.

Chris

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James & List,

Your sighting would never pass my initial screening criteria for visual sightings as UFO Best Evidence, which requires a minimum angular size of the full moon (0.5 deg) for a minimum of 1 minute observation with full details reported by at least 2 witnesses on each of these criteria. Your aircraft was evidently close to the apparent size of a star and we are given no corroborating data from your other witness on angular size and duration.

The purpose of my screening criteria is to avoid wasted time on marginal cases. Cases still have to pass through further filters. My screening test does not automatically generate "best evidence" UFO cases. It only sets up a list for further review. I DON'T want to hear from anyone mindlessly generating lists of cases that pass my screening criteria and then saying "see!! aha! these were weather balloons, Venus, ad planes, thus were obviously not UFO Best Evidence so your criteria don't work." My screening does work. Cases going through my screening need further investigation or analysis, but they are at least of a much higher caliber of observation, having sufficient duration and size as to enable many conventional causes to be eliminated right from the outset.

By analogy to video data systems, human visual perception can be quantified. An object at the limit of visual resolution, just under 1 arcminute or just over 0.01 deg, is an image that is effectively made up of 1 pixel (picture element). Suppose for purposes of illustration that for every second of the UFO sighting some 10 bits of data on brightness, color and position are able to be extracted by skillful investigators. Then your one-minute sighting would yield a potential of only 600 data bits assuming a star-like angular size (1 pixel x 10 bits/sec x 60 secs = 600 bits).

But a one-minute sighting of an object with full moon angular size, an image of roughly 1,000 pixels, would yield a potential data return of roughly 600,000 bits -- a vastly greater collection of information than a mere 600 bits.

Brad Sparks

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Chris Gibson writes:

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And even that hasn't stopped people saying that you - not only an a/c recog. expert, but also an aviation researcher and writer - misidentified an F-111 in full sweep or even a Vulcan Bomber for heaven's sake !

My point to both Jenny and Larry, is that >if< the Manchester bound B737 flight crew did see a wedge shaped a/c - how else could they describe it ?

Best wishes

Dave

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From: Larry Robinson writes:  
David wrote:

> @> Convincing amateur UFOlogists that the human body is limited in  
> @> this way is an ongoing task. They think that because trained  
> @> observers can estimate the distance, speed, and altitude of a  
> @> flying airplane, they should be able to do the same thing with a  
> @> UFO. But the airplane observer has one important advantage: the  
> @> size of the airplane is known.  
> @>  
> @> And that makes all the difference.  
>  
> @As I made the comment you chose to leave unattributed, I can  
> @only assume you're referring to me.  
>  
> Sorry, I wasn't referring to anyone on the list. Beware of the sneaky  
assume!

OK - thanks for clearing that up.

> Actually, I was referring to the many people in the world who  
> think it is possible to look at an object and instantly determine  
> the size, distance, speed, and altitude. When they read a witness  
> estimate that a UFO was at 10,000 feet and going 600 mi/hr, they  
> take it as an established fact.

Agreed.

> I think I used the wrong word here. I did not mean that the  
> non-amateurs are paid (that distinction makes me an amateur),  
> but that they lack understanding in physics, physiology, and  
> other sciences necessary to understand these phenomena. Maybe I  
> need another word to describe the "UFOlogists" I was referring to.  
>  
> Is "Untutored" the right word?

Well, we don't want to get bogged down in semantics, but I'm in full  
agreement with you, now that we've established what you meant.

> @In which case, a few points:  
> @

- > @1) I'm not an 'amateur UFOlogist' as you call it
- > @
- > @2) I have no wish to become any kind of UFOlogist - paid or unpaid.
- > @
- > @3) I leave it to listmembers to assess the merits of being a
- > @'professional UFOlogist.' Judging by some of the work I've seen
- > @from so called, 'professionals' - Jenny >not< included- I'm at a
- > @loss to understand how being such a thing implies the ability to
- > @make a positive and genuine contribution to the understanding of
- > @the phenomena.
- >
- > In other words, the disc shaped objects some of them see are the
- > ones flying right into their bank accounts.

It has occurred to me that UFO often means Unlimited Funding Opportunities - but then I'm an old cynic !

- > @Some of the most meticulous research I've seen has been the
- > @product of people who don't have books to sell, or lecture
- > @theatres to fill. They simply find the subject matter
- > @fascinating and challenging.
  
- > @Just suppose those on the flight deck >had< seen another a/c for
- > @a fleeting moment. How could they have reported such an event in
- > @any other way than in the words they used ?
  
- > Could the Heathrow object have been a child's escaped Mylar
- > helium balloon? This makes more sense than anything else I can
- > think of. Some of them are 6 feet long.

I'm talking about the Manchester bound B737 Larry - not familiar with the Heathrow case - but I'll look it out. But I'd ask again - just suppose the aircrew >did< see an unfamiliar or unacknowledged a/c - how else could they have described it ?

I appreciate you getting back to me and for clearing up the misunderstandings.

Best wishes

Dave

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>Jenny writes  
>>David wrote:

> >I don't want to appear adversarial over this - But ! If the incident did involve an a/c operated by >>the military or one of its contractors, there's no 'possibly' about it. The wraps would come down >>good and tight. Also - with respect, a UAV (which is what Tim would mean) is nothing like the > >tragic Payne Stewart -Pilot Not In Control incident.

> There might be a cover up of sorts, but I dont believe they would or could > hide the sort of rogue test that is being alleged here over such a developed > area. Not when so many lives in the future would be at stake. No secret > plane is worth that and in any case all that needed to be said was mea culpa > a military plane, Wrong time, wrong place. No details. The CAA would be > happy. Retaining the mystery draws attention to such an incident. Why?

>If< it was some form of a/c which caused this sighting, it was clearly either off course or at the wrong altitude. If it was over the Pennines, it could have experienced altimeter calibration problems and thought it was lower than it actually was. I very much doubt the CAA would confide in anyone outside the loop if there was a sensitive element to the event.

> As for the Payne Stewart reference. Tim argued it was a pilotless plane > flying by computer. They lost contact and the computer took over. It flew on > and on over Manchester and nearly hit the Boeing. Sounds similar to me.

There's a world of difference between a remotely piloted air vehicle which you describe, and an autonomous air vehicle, which as its name implies is able to fly in a controlled manner without a ground or air link to a human pilot . There's yet another paradigm shift between both these type of a/c and one on auto-pilot as was the case with Payne Stewart's Lear jet.

> >I agree that operating any a/c - manned or unmanned without a transponder > >over a congested civil route, and without clearance is extremely unwise, but here's another > >extract from the report which puts a slightly different spin on the situation:

> > " Because of the B737's proximity to the uncontrolled airspace to the E of  
> >Manchester, during the downwind leg, which covers the airmiss period, the  
> >possibility of unknown military or civil activity in the adjacent FIR  
>> cannot be completely discounted. "

> >As you said - which is also in the report, there is disagreement over  
> >whether the object was self illuminated, or was indeed reflecting the  
>> B737's landing lights. The closer an object is to the viewer, the faster it  
>> appears to move. I had a close call whilst flying a light a/c, and the  
a/c which  
> >crossed my path appeared to be travelling at tremendous speed - it  
wasn't -  
> >it was a home-built prop powered job.

> Yes, I actually think it probable the bolide crossed the path of the 737  
> rather than flew head on and past it. That illusion would be created by a  
> brief angled transit across the path of the jet.

As Bruce said, the object's trajectory is a key issue in this sighting. My  
rough 'back of the envelope' calculation of closing speed, assuming a  
relatively flat, reciprocal course:

We know the B737 was travelling at around 200 mph - suppose the object was  
travelling at the same speed and just broke through the cloud base, close  
the Boeing. This gives us a closing speed of around 400 mph or approx. 600  
fps. So in less than 0.2 seconds, it could have flown the entire length of  
the B737 or clearly any part of it in even less time.

Let's not forget the report says visibility was 10+km. If the very brightly  
lit object was on a flat-ish trajectory in relation to the B737, then the  
crew could hardly have missed seeing it even further out than 10km. In that  
case, it covered that distance in around 2 secs, giving it a velocity of  
around 11,000 mph...!

I'm not saying the object was an a/c of any type...I'm just kicking the  
various possibilities around.

[edit]

> >The B737 was flying - according to the report "...just above the tops of  
some rugged Cu."  
> >Is it not conceivable that the UFO descended into that cloud, or became  
lost amongst it ?

> Well, yes. I also suppose its possible it engaged its Romulan shields and  
> became invisible.

Just when I was trying to be serious ...you throw the alien gauntlet

down....I laugh in the face of such things as I have on my Acme Trading Inc. Foil cap :)

>What I am saying is that we are seeking the most likely  
> scenario. It can never be proven. But its the most plausible. Especially  
> when you recall that any military jet that would have come lower than the  
> 737 would then have been even more likely to have been heard if not seen.

Like so many UFO sightings, this one won't be explained without much more data.

However, there's no reason to suppose the a/c was a jet of any type, much less that it was flying at high speed. An a/c designed to operate at low altitude can, if its mission profile dictates, also be designed with a reduced acoustic sig. Stealth planes are designed for multi-spectral low observability within their operational envelope - not just weak radar return.

>>" The first officer reports that his attention, initially focused on the  
>>glare shield in front of him, was diverted to something in his peripheral  
>>vision. He looked up in time to see a dark object pass down the right  
>>hand side of the ac at high speed; it was wedge-shaped with what could  
have been  
>>a black stripe down the side. He estimated the object's size as somewhere  
>>between that of a light ac and a Jetstream, though he emphasised that  
this  
>>was pure speculation. "

>>Not sure what type of bolide would create this impression if it was 20  
>> miles away. Or have I misunderstood you ?  
>  
> Don't forget we are talking about a huge trail of debris. It often forms a  
> long line.[edit]

And despite the fact that @4000 ft. visibility was 10+ Km, the flight crew didn't observe this 'huge trail.'

Just to be clear on these terms: I understand a bolide to be another term for an ablative meteorite.

The type which have bits flying off them as they disintegrate. The CAT makes no mention of this type of observation.

A fireball is much rarer. It is incredibly bright and leaves a long trail of ionised gas etc. - the crew could hardly have missed this - neither I suspect would the various radars in the area.

Best

Dave

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I'm not comfortable with the "lights in the sky" sightings and I've had a few (lights on the sky sightings, that is) but there are many who are happy with lights and take it to the media, who lap it up from both the "Wow, aliens" and the "Here's another nutter" viewpoints.

But as I have said in the past you can't just ignore these sightings as they are a part of the phenomenon. Ignoring data is the road to ruin, ignoring results is the next step. Classify (ie categorise) them by all means, then analyse particular classes, but ignoring what doesn't fit your particular model is dodgy practice. I'd rather put more emphasis on the structured craft, but what percentage of sightings are structured craft?

I'll get my coat.

Chris

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Hi Chris,

Thanks for your comments. I guess I don't really consider my standards so very high, but actually bare minimum acceptability for further consideration as "Best Evidence." A good case could be made that these standards are too lenient because of witness error (e.g., an alleged "5-minute" duration might actually only be 1 minute, etc.) Hynek introduced us to the multiple-witness requirement for visual sightings (see The UFO Experience) so that's nothing new. I'm not saying the Nocturnal Lights (or any other category) must be totally discarded, in fact I'm a strong advocate of ongoing studies of IFO's in order to provide "control studies" to validate Unexplained UFO cases. I'm only saying that if cases fail a minimum angular size of the full moon (0.5 deg), minimum duration of 1 minute, and minimum of two witnesses fully reporting these data and others for cross-comparison and corroboration, then the cases should not even be considered for the "Best Evidence" category, though certainly a lesser category is acceptable. It's a matter of PRIORITIZATION of effort. (I'm only considering non-instrument visual cases here, as I haven't worked out screening criteria for instrument / photographic / radar cases.)

I think UFOlogy has a fixation on the idea that some alien scheme can be discerned by analyzing "patterns" in masses of poor UFO data using the magic of "statistics" and "computers." There is little or no appreciation for the devastating confusion and nonsense factor caused by a tiny "signal" (if any) getting swamped or lost in a mass of "noise." It's like Rohrshach ink blots -- you can read any message you want into the alleged "UFO data."

Therefore I challenge UFO researchers to avoid wasting precious research time by setting aside marginal categories of UFO cases unless and until such time as demonstrated otherwise. For example, low-strangeness, brief duration pinpoint-sized sightings should be set aside unless someone can discover some pattern that reveals a certain subset of such sightings to be real UFO's.

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Brad's high standards are obviously not maintained by a lot of people in this business. There is a grey area where all the mathematical analysis in the world won't answer the question "What was that I saw?". Many people prefer the more exotic explanation to the mundane. Some-one will provide that

explanation. I must side with the mundane explanations.

I'm not comfortable with the "lights in the sky" sightings and I've had a few (lights on the sky sightings, that is) but there are many who are happy with lights and take it to the media, who lap it up from both the "Wow, aliens" and the "Here's another nutter" viewpoints.

But as I have said in the past you can't just ignore these sightings as they are a part of the phenomenon. Ignoring data is the road to ruin, ignoring results is the next step. Classify (ie categorise) them by all means, then analyse particular classes, but ignoring what doesn't fit your particular model is dodgy practice. I'd rather put more emphasis on the structured craft, but what percentage of sightings are structured craft?

I'll get my coat.

Chris

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Date: Mon, 01 Nov 1999 01:35:15 +0000  
From: James Easton <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
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Regarding:

>From: "Jenny Randles" <nufon@currantbun.com>  
>To: "UFO Research List" <UFORL@listbot.com>  
>Subject: Re: UK Airmiss  
>Date: Fri, 29 Oct 1999 12:36:25 +0100

Jenny wrote:

>Look I dont want this to turn into a row as internet discussions  
>on UFOs seem to turn into personality clashes faster than UFOs  
>become IFOs.

Jenny,

You should have no thoughts about that happening and I'm concerned if you do.

I have merely highlighted evidence which may argue that your conclusion is incorrect, even though it is acknowledged as a likely answer.

JR>The object did not create wake turbulence so cannot have been  
JR>a fast moving plane sized object at the proximity alleged.

JE>Not necessarily, as I see has been emphasised by other  
JR>replies.

JR>If it reflected the Boeings lights then it had to be very  
JR>close indeed.

Which seems to be the witnesses assessment.

>>Willis never mentioned windows and Stuart stated, "I didn't see  
>>any windows or anything like that".

>The initial verbal report spoke of windows or a row of lights.

I can't find any publicised reference to either. I can only add that, as noted, Willis [pilot] never mentioned windows and Stuart [co-pilot] specifically stated there were no visible windows.

>>You are of course correct that they didn't agree on the exact  
>>substance, however, they did concur about the similarity of a  
>>'triangular' shape. As the CAT report confirmed, "Following the  
>>incident, the captain and first officer independently drew what  
>>they had seen, both agreed about the shape but differing in  
>>their opinions about the lighting aspects".

>Which means only that the form of the stimulus that they saw was  
>essentially wedge shaped. It does not mean they saw a triangular  
>craft.

No disagreement, the point was that as both perceived a  
triangular-shaped object, then we have to consider that's notable  
and maybe what they did see.

>Witnesses frequently see more behind a UFO sighting than is  
>really there. Obviously it is reasonable to assume that this air  
>crew saw some sort of shape with a triangular form to it.  
>Experience dictates with such a short duration event it is not  
>reasonable to take it beyond that point to any sort of firm  
>conclusion.

I have never advocated any firm conclusion. Contrariwise, I  
suggested it was an unassessable report.

>If there was any evidence a secret plane was on test, did go  
>astray, was seen on its path to and from the area, was heard, or  
>indeed simply any evidence at all, I'd certainly take that  
>seriously.

There is maybe another factor to take into account and I regret  
if it wasn't known to you. I can't recall if I have ever publicly  
mentioned this before - possibly not, as it could be construed as  
significant when maybe it is completely irrelevant and there was  
never any further evidence otherwise.

Following the Manchester incident, someone, who I shouldn't  
really name without permission, wrote to me:

"I haven't seen the official report yet, but it will make  
interesting reading. As a CAA controller, to me the most worrying  
thing is that someone is flying around inside controlled airspace  
with the cloaking device engaged! I heard from someone at the  
Airmiss Working Group that the various military factions denied  
all knowledge of the subject aircraft....and someone told me that  
Spadeadam was 'closed to normal traffic' on the day in question,

which may be entirely coincidental of course.

The person who told me that 'Spadeadam was closed on the day in question' is another CAA employee who has lots of contacts (especially in the forces) so I'll check with him tomorrow how he found this out, whether it is actually unusual and whether the info is confidential or not.

I'm not terribly up to speed on the Northern UK...but I believe that part of Spadeadam is the UK's Radar cross-section range and that's why it would be the sort of place for British Aerospace's HALO aircraft to go and play if it actually existed (nice thought, but no basis in fact!). It's near Carlisle anyway.

In fact, looking in Wrecks & Relics 14th edition, it mentions that the range is split into two areas - 'the Electronic Warfare Site' and 'the full-blown weapons range'. The RAF supplement says that Spadeadam is the controlling authority for Danger Area EGD510 and Low Flying Area (LFA) 13.

Of course, the Manchester incident need not have anything at all to do with Spadeadam!"

[End]

Which must be kept in mind.

Still, the following information was duly provided by that second person:

"Spadeadam is primarily an EW range, and when I say 'closed to normal traffic' it means ALL traffic. Of course, it could have been shut for maintenance or whatever, but it is a juicy coincidence.

Personally, I believe the Manchester UFO was either a) a Northrop-Grumman F/A-19, which is a much rumoured stealthy replacement for the F-111 based on the YF-23 fighter (which lost the Advanced Tactical Fighter competition, although it is likely that the YF-23 was actually based on the F/A-19) or b) a stealthy joint US/UK demonstrator which just maybe be operational from BAe Warton. A classified US DoD briefing last year described the existence of a British stealth application; the Americans would obviously be interested and almost certainly provided some of the funding. The special relationship has seen co-operation on a number of covert activities (RAF crews flying RB-45's, U-2's and F-117's - the latter had a RAF exchange pilot BEFORE the aircraft was unveiled in Nov 1988, so that tells you something!). Who knows?!!!!"

[End]

Aside from Spadeadam apparently being closed that day, which could be coincidental, or maybe not, the rest is speculation.

I suppose it was, in the background, an aspect which had contributed to my hesitancy in ruling out that the British Airways flight did in fact encounter a 'stealthy' aircraft.

Now that I have disclosed the above information, perhaps our knowledgeable military aviation subscribers could set it in context.

>The simple truth is that here my past experience with similar  
>cases., my assessment of the evidence points towards the meteor  
>theory as the most likely answer. Do I actually have to  
>apologise for reaching a conclusion about a case that doesnt  
>agree with what others want to hear?

Of course not. It isn't as you imply a situation where "I want to believe". - I took down my Fox Mulder poster a long time ago. It's, if anything, one where I only want to hear the evidence and having listened to it, my conclusion is that there has been no significant reason to doubt the witnesses might have encountered a man-made object.

Acknowledging all of the difficulties with observations and assessment of distances, that the Manchester case was such a brief encounter, etc., surely sometimes flight crew's testimonies are reasonably reliable.

Basically, where is the factual evidence that the pilot and co-pilot were, in this case, \_dually\_ mistaken in their perception that they apparently observed a triangular-shaped and \_manufactured\_ object?

So far as I'm aware, there simply isn't any.

I can't therefore accept your "99 per cent certainty" that said object was a bolide, especially as this explanation can be considered to be, at least, equally problematical.

James.

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Subject: Re: UK Airmiss

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>object was a bolide, especially as this explanation can be  
>considered to be, at least, equally problematical.

I hate to be redundant and repeat myself, but:

Since I got scarcely any response from my meteor/bolide comments the first time I posted them (and got a message saying that the message had not been delivered because the "mailbox was full")

So, lest anyone assume that th default solution is a "good one" simply because

all others fall by the wayside for one reason or another, let me point out that the bolide hypothesis can also be questioned on reasonable grounds.

If it were the case that the trajectory was nearly horizontal and the initial elevation angle was nearly zero, then the bolide hypothesis is strained to the breaking point....I don;t think any bolide would be glowing if at an altitude of 4000 ft; furthermore, the trajectory should be downward, so it should have appeared to be dropping, even in the short time observed.

WHAT I POSTED SEVERAL DAYS AGO:

>AS I understand it the plane was under 4000 ft altitude at the time. It would be important to know the "Exact" angle of elevation above the plane's altitude when it was first seen, and the angle when last seen. If we knew these numbers we could make a more accurate estimate based on "bolide physics."

But, anyway, here goes,

Typical bolide/meteor burns brightly at 50 down to 30 miles altitude. If it gets too low it can slow and "go out" (temperature drops). Therefore the bolide hypothesis contradicts the witness' claim that the object was close.

Imagine for the purposes of argument that the initial sighting elevation angle was 45 degrees. Now, this seems higher than I would expect for a man (copilot)\_ to duck... I would expect the angle to be a few degrees for him to think the object was going to hit the plane.

But, anyway, assume it's initial angular elevation was 45 degrees. Assume the final elevation (when it went out of sight) was 90 degrees. Now, I know, you're all saying, "Hey, they can't look straight up." Fine. Then tell me how "up" they can look.

The choice of 45 degrees is "fortunate" for calculation because the horizontal distance traveled by the bolide (not quite parallel to the curvature of the earth, which is nearly a straight line for this distance) will be the same as its altitude above the plane. That is, if its altitude above the plane when directly overhead was 30 miles, then it was 30 miles from directly overhead when first seen. (45 degree right triangle: sides equal; hypotenuse is 1.414 times a side)

Now a typical meteor speed exceed 17,000 mph which is low altitude orbital speed. But lets assume a really slow bolide at 17,000 mph. To travel 30 miles horizontal distance requires about 6 seconds  $[(30/17000) \times 3600 \text{ sec/hr} = 6.4 \text{ sec}]$ . This is about 6 times larger than they estimated.

If the highest angle they could see was only 80 degrees, then the last 5.3 miles of travel was blocked from view and they watched it traveled  $30 - 5.3 = 24.7$  miles corresponding to 5.2 seconds,

If one REALLY stretches the bolide hypothesis and suggests it was at an altitude of 10 miles (I don't know if it would even glow at that altitude, furthermore it would probably be noticeably falling downward) then the times calculated above should be divided by 3. Still longer than they estimated.

On the other hand, if the initial elevation angle was low, say 10 degrees, so that they MIGHT think it was going to hit, then the straight line path from overhead would be

$30(\tan[90-10]) = 170$  miles. Now the time duration is 36 seconds. Hardly

a "fantastic speed" from their point of view.

You can see that as the initial elevation angle drops the distance to of the bolide when first seen increases rapidly (at 5 degrees the distance is  $30 \tan(90-5)=343$  miles, etc.0.

Therefore one cannot simply bandy about the bolide hypothesis without exploring the consequences of same.

The failue to test prosaic hypotheses is the "failure of UFO skepticism."  
(See Prosaic Explanations, the Failure of UFO Skepticism, at [www.isso.org](http://www.isso.org) and look in the "library")  
/.....

Further comments: I presume that the witnesses got the impression that th obejct was approaching because its angular size increased and perhaps the brightness increased. If it were a bolide 30 miles up its angular size and brightness would not change much because th distance between it and the plane would nmot change much. On the other hand, if it were seen at a very low elevation angle initially, then its distance to the plane would be shrink as rapidly as the closing velocity between it and the plane. If H is the altitude ABOVE the plane and D is the horizontal distance from the plane to the object, then the range, R, from the plane to the object is  $R = (H^2 + D^2)^{1/2}$  (thanks to Pythagoras and predecessors, from whom Pythagoras "stole" this rule). Now, from some initial starting distance when first seen,  $D_0$ , the distance is  $D = D_0 - (V_p + V_o)t$  where  $V_p$ = velocity of plane and  $V_o$  = velocity of object and t is the time). For very large H (e.g., 30 miles) small changes in D don't create large changes in R. But as H is reduced, the variation of R with t becomes closer and closer to being  $R$  (approximately) =  $D_0 - (V_o + V_p)t$ , which shrinks in proportion to the velocity sum.

OK, no assume the object had some intrinsic size (several feet, several meters, whatever) as seen head on. Then the ANGULAR or APPARENT size, AS, equals the actual size, S, divided by the distance, R or  $AS = S/R$  (for  $R > S$ ). Therefore if H were large, R wouldn't change much and AS wouldn't change much so the witness, one presumes would NOT get the impression of an object coming right at them at a high rate of speed. But if H is small, then the rate of angular size is inversely proportional to the velocity sum, AS proportional to  $S/(Vt)$  where V is the sum of velocities.

If the velocity sum is large the angular size can grow at a truly "awesome" rate....

If the copilot ducked, I would deduce that the angular size grew at a tremendous rate.

The same analysis holds for apparent brightness which is the intrinsic brightness (intensity) divided by the range.

The point is that if the object truly approached the plane at a HUGE speed, then it was likely close to the altitude of the plane and NOT likely a bolide.

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----- Original Message -----

From: David <win@dircon.co.uk>Sent: Sunday, October 31, 1999 6:53 PM  
Subject: Re: UK Airmiss

> Just to be clear on these terms: I understand a bolide to be another term  
> for an ablative meteorite. The type which have bits flying off them as  
they disintegrate. The CAT >makes no mention of this type of observation.

> A fireball is much rarer. It is incredibly bright and leaves a long trail  
of ionised gas etc. - the crew >could hardly have missed this - neither I  
suspect would the various radars in the area.

In my rush - I made a boo-boo - I should have said that a Bolide is an  
exploding fireball and this is the more unusual event. That said, fireballs  
are pretty rare.

My apologies

Dave

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Subject: Re: UK Airmiss

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On Fri, 29 Oct 1999, Todd Lemire wrote:

@UFO Research List - <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/>

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@Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS Kinesiology wrote:

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@> Case in point: On 3/3/68, many people reported sighting a  
@> "spaceship with a cylindrical body and lighted portholes" in  
@> Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, and Mississippi.  
@> This was one of the first cases reported in my home locality, and  
@> it caused a big ruckus in the papers at the time. All of the  
@> witnesses said the object was flying low and close, some saying  
@> it was at treetop level. The object was definitely identified as  
@> the re-entry of the Soviet Zond 4 satellite, many miles up. The  
@> local papers did not bother to print the story of the object's  
@> identification -- it wasn't news like the strange story was.

@>

@

@Larry,

@ I'm currently investigating a sighting that occurred in Ohio on Oct.  
@15th. Could you please give me a reference to these reports that you mention  
@above that occurred on 3/3/1968 so that I may compare them to the case I'm on  
@now.

Philip Klass "UFOs Explained"

Bloomington Herald Telephone - various issues after the sighting  
(12 sightings around here) - I don't have my files here.

Take a look at the NASA re-entries page, and also the following:

[www2.satellite.eu.org/sat/vshop/satinfo.html](http://www2.satellite.eu.org/sat/vshop/satinfo.html)

What are the details of the sighting?

I might have seen it myself, and dismissed it as a meteor. The  
date is correct. If the time was any of the following then it  
might have been what I saw:

7:50 pm to 8:05 pm EST (8:50 pm to 9:05 pm EDT\*)

9:30 pm to 11:00 pm EST (10:30 pm to 12:00 m EDT\*)

I was returning from a date with my fiancée, and I didn't note the time, since it was only a "meteor." I also can't remember (neither can she -- it's been two weeks) which of several dates happened on that day. This explains the time ranges.

If necessary, I can reconstruct from local landmarks and my known location the azimuth and elevation of the beginning and end of the flight path I saw. Since the object emerged from behind a close stand of trees, I did not see the entire flight, but only the ending.

\* We don't do the stupid time change twice a year here. Our industrial process controls actually work correctly as a result. But the TV schedule is just as messed up as it is in the rest of the country, because there are two hours with the same hour number, and the TV schedule books can't tell which one the network means.

@Thanks in advance Larry,  
@T. Lemire - MUFON - FI Trainee

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On Sat, 30 Oct 1999, Chris Gibson wrote:

@UFO Research List - <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/>

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@, Thankyou Larry for possibly the most sensible post I have come  
@across in a long time. People always interpret what they see in  
@terms of their own experience.

@

@I was lucky when I saw my triangle, I had three other known  
@aircraft to compare it with.

@

@Another example (which I think I've talked to Dave Windle about  
@is as follows.

@

@I see a silver cigar shape flying over my house. it has two  
@smaller objects flying in formation alongside, halfway along the  
@cigar on either side. None of this trio are contrailing. What is  
@this?

@

@1) i lived under the main route north over the English Midlands

@2) the sky is clear and blue

@3) I spend quite a bit of time looking up (annoying habit, but  
@ive done it for years)

@

@So, being familiar with my manor I know that this is unusual.

@

@Watching this formation for a bit longer I see that it's  
@actually a Boeing 737 whose wings and tailplanes have a  
@luminescence matching the sky, so all that can be seen is the  
@fuselage and the engines. Until it shape shifts into a 737, it  
@is impossible to gauge its size or altitude.

@How would some-one else have perceived this? How would I have

@perceived this had I seen it pass across a gap in the cloud?

@Would it have been a cigar shaped Mothership with two scouts?

This is an effect I see almost daily. There is an air route that  
runs just east of here, and planes appear this way near sunset.  
The ones without "scout ships" are airliners with side engines  
near the tail.

I know of a series of daylight sightings recorded on VCRs in

Arizona that are almost certainly the same thing, except seen from much farther away. The sun shining on the fuselage provides a "mystery cigar."

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On Sun, 31 Oct 1999, David wrote:

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:) :) :) :) :) Gotta put that in my Acronymesis list, along with  
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We may be talking about the same case - some of the subject lines  
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Imagine encountering one of those 6 foot Mylar balloons with a  
jet airliner. It would be visible only a very brief time, and if  
the sun was shining on the metalized portion of it, it would  
appear as a light source.

My department bought one shaped like a porpoise several years ago  
to try out as a no-resistance rebreathing tank. It wasn't  
durable enough (it split on the second trial). Due to the danger  
of latex allergy reactions, they have to replace their rubber  
one.

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Larry Robinson writes:

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I feel honoured to be in such elevated company :)

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OK - I'm talking about a Manchester bound B737 which was 8NM SE of Manchester Airport.

The report starts:

" THE B737 PILOT reports that he was over the Pennines, about 8 or 9 NM SE of Manchester Airport, at 4000ft, while being radar vectored by Manchester radar on 119.4. He was flying at 180-210 kt on a N heading and squaking 5734 with Mode C selected. Although it was dark, visibility was over 10 km with a fairly strong NW wind (340/30). While flying just above the tops of some rugged Cu both he and the first officer saw a lighted (see JAS notes) object fly down the RH side of the ac at a high speed from the opposite direction. He was able to track the object through the RH windscreen and side window, having it in sight for a total of about 2 seconds. There was no apparent sound or wake. The first officer instinctively 'ducked' as it went by. "

END EXTRACT

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- > jet airliner. It would be visible only a very brief time, and if
- > the sun was shining on the metalized portion of it, it would
- > appear as a light source.

Agreed. I think you've made some excellent points wrt to the limitations of human perception. I just don't feel we're going to be able to nail the cause of the Manchester Incident with the data set we have at the present. The aircrew don't seem likely to answer any more questions, so that just about shuts the prime source.

FWIW, this is what the CAT report says: "He (First Officer) felt certain that what he saw was a solid object - not a bird, balloon or kite."

Best wishes

Dave

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On Mon, 1 Nov 1999, bruce maccabee wrote:

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@initial elevation angle was nearly zero, then the bolide hypothesis is  
@strained to the breaking point....I don;t think any bolide would be glowing  
@if at an altitude of 4000 ft; furthermore, the trajectory should be  
@downward, so it should have appeared to be dropping, even in the short time  
@observed.

Not so. A meteor can appear to be going up from the observer's  
viewpoint due to perspective. If a meteor starts to glow over  
Springfield Ohio, has a trajectory directly toward Lincoln  
Nebraska, and burns out over Muncie Indiana, I would see it  
rising in the northeast sky from my viewpoint in Bloomington  
Indiana. This is because Springfield is much farther away than  
Muncie. The meteor would appear lower in the sky at first because  
its altitude subtends a smaller elevation angle at a greater  
distance.

A similar thought: Why is it that all of the planes that are 20  
miles away are seen near the horizon? And why does the airplane  
about to land at the airport behind me appear to rise in the sky  
as it approaches to fly over me to get there? It is constantly  
descending, yet from my viewpoint, it rises clear to the zenith  
as it overflies me.

So you can't say that all meteors have need a constantly lowering  
elevation angle as seen by a witness. I saw one with a  
definitely rising elevation angle two weeks ago.

One also has to take halation into effect. This is the expanding  
of the apparent size of a bright object due to scattering of  
light within the retina.

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Subject: Re: UK Airmiss

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On Mon, 1 Nov 1999, David wrote:

@OK - I'm talking about a Manchester bound B737 which was 8NM SE of  
@Manchester Airport.  
@  
@The report starts:  
@" THE B737 PILOT reports that he was over the Pennines, about 8 or 9 NM SE  
@of Manchester Airport, at 4000ft, while being radar vectored by Manchester  
@radar on 119.4. He was flying at 180-210 kt on a N heading and squaking 5734  
@with Mode C selected. Although it was dark, visibility was over 10 km with a  
@fairly strong NW wind (340/30). While flying just above the tops of some  
@rugged Cu both he and the first officer saw a lighted (see JAS notes) object  
@fly down the RH side of the ac at a high speed from the opposite direction.  
@He was able to track the object through the RH windscreen and side window,  
@having it in sight for a total of about 2 seconds. There was no apparent  
@sound or wake. The first officer instinctively `ducked' as it went by. "  
@END EXTRACT

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Reconnaissance device

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From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>  
Subject: Re: UK AirmissMessage-id: <000001bf248e\$73cc7b80\$5b8f9fd4@default>

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-----Original Message-----

From: Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS Kinesiology <lrobins@indiana.edu>Date: 01  
November 1999 15:31  
Subject: Re: UK Airmiss

>UFO Research List - <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/>

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>On Sun, 31 Oct 1999, David wrote:

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>@It has occured to me that UFO often means Unlimited Funding

>@Opportunities - but then I'm an old cynic !

>

>:) :) :) :) Gotta put that in my Acronymesis list, along with

>SPUGA (Society for Preservation of Useless Government Agencies).

>

>

>@> Could the Heathrow object have been a child's escaped Mylar

>@> helium balloon? This makes more sense than anything else I can

>@> think of. Some of them are 6 feet long.

>@

>@I'm talking about the Manchester bound B737 Larry - not familiar

>@with the Heathrow case - but I'll look it out. But I'd ask again

>@- just suppose the aircrew >did< see an unfamiliar or

>@unacknowledged a/c - how else could they have described it ?

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>We may be talking about the same case - some of the subject lines

>were titled Heathrow, and the plane had just taken off from

>there. It's the case that started this thread of discussion.

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>Imagine encountering one of those 6 foot Mylar balloons with a

>jet airliner. It would be visible only a very brief time, and if

>the sun was shinging on the metalized portion of it, it would

>appear as a light source.

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>My department bought one shaped like a porpoise several years ago

>to try out as a no-resistance rebreathing tank. It wasn't

>durable enough (it split on the second trial). Due to the danger

>of latex allergy reactions, they have to replace their rubber

>one.

>

Hi,

In my book 'Something in the Air' I discuss a number of airmisses over the UK in detail (airmisses are the whole theme of the book). The toy balloon theory is considered for several of them. Whilst it makes sense in some instances there are cases on record where it just doesn't work - eg a Gatwick case where radar tracked the UFO at speed and changing course and vectored another passenger jet out of the way after the object rushed past a 737. As the object seen in this Gatwick incident is very like many of the others I discuss in the book I think we probably need a different solution for this type of case.

Best wishes,

Jenny Randles

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Subject: Re: UK AirmissMessage-id: <000101bf248e\$74afd6a0\$5b8f9fd4@default>

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-----Original Message-----

From: Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS Kinesiology <lrobins@indiana.edu>Date: 01  
November 1999 16:14  
Subject: Re: UK Airmiss

>UFO Research List - <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/>

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>On Mon, 1 Nov 1999, bruce maccabee wrote:

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>favor something quite small, like an escaped toy balloon.

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>an unidentified object. The reported speed could be a bad

>estimate of size combined with the 737's own velocity. See the

>Ruppelt discussion of the Gorman case.

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Hi,

Whilst I agree with a lot of what you have said, as you'll know if you read  
my book, Larry, I don't follow how you can regard this incident as a renegade  
balloon. We are talking about a clearly luminous object in the pitch dark  
that left no radar image.

Best wishes,

Jenny Randles

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From: Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS Kinesiology <lrobins@indiana.edu>  
Subject: Re: UK Airmiss

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On Fri, 29 Oct 1999, Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS Kinesiology wrote:

@There is a very good book on this subject: "Observing UFOs." I  
@don't have it with me, but I will try to give the details of  
@author, publisher, etc on Monday. It delves deep into the  
@problems of perception. Another good source is Allen Hendry's  
@"UFO Handbook," which covers misperceptions quite well.

Here it is:

Observing UFOs

Richard F Haines

(C) 1987 Nelson-Hall

111 N Canal St  
Chicago IL 60606

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From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>  
Subject: Re: UK AirmissMessage-id: <000301bf248e\$7617f220\$5b8f9fd4@default>

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-----Original Message-----

From: James Easton <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>Date: 01 November 1999 01:35  
Subject: Re: UK Airmiss

>UFO Research List - <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/>

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>Regarding:

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>>From: "Jenny Randles" <nufon@currantbun.com>

>>To: "UFO Research List" <UFORL@listbot.com>

>>Subject: Re: UK Airmiss

>>Date: Fri, 29 Oct 1999 12:36:25 +0100

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>I have merely highlighted evidence which may argue that your  
>conclusion is incorrect, even though it is acknowledged as a  
>likely answer.

Thats okay, James. I do appreciate that. Frankly I am just fed up right now having had to deal all weekend with ludicrous attacks on UFO UPdates over the Cometa report. It really gets you down.

I realise we are only arguing evidence and appreciate that. I was just making clear to everyone that there is nothing personal here. We are simply debating a case as it should be debated.

>

Ultimately, you are correct that this case can never be resolved for certain. All we have are estimates of what took place. Realistically we have three options here, I think - a genuine UFO, a rogue military craft and a meteor. I simply find the latter fits the evidence much the best. Incidentally, I've also discussed this with Ian Ridpath (the astronomy writer) and he is so convinced it was a meteor he has even had discussions with the CAA trying to persuade them.

In the end we will probably never know for certain. But of all the mid air encounters I have looked into over the past decade this is one I would not use to support UFO reality. I guess thats the only point that actually matters because in my opinion something unknown is indeed coming into conflict with air traffic in other situations. Thats one where Ian Ridpath and I definitely dont agree! But I feel to make that point it is important to comment when solutions do present themselves in some situations.

But that's what makes UFOlogy so interesting. In the end we are building a jigsaw puzzle with half the parts missing. It's not surprising some of us end up thinking there's a different picture on the box.

Best wishes,

Jenny

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From: David <win@dircon.co.uk>  
Subject: Re: UK AirmissMessage-id: <011901bf24a2\$f28b98c0\$22209dc3@davew>  
Organization:  
References: <Pine.HPP.3.96.991101111601.22122F-100000@juliet.ucs.indiana.edu>

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Larry Robinson :

">@.....He was flying at 180-210 kt on a N heading and squaking 5734  
> @with Mode C selected.

> What is squaking?

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> I've heard of squakese (the unintelligible language emitted by  
> intercoms in fast-food drive through lanes), but not this. Is it  
> a transponder?

You're right Larry. Squaking 5734 simply means the transponder is transmitting that number which has been assigned by ATC. Normally a/c (here in the UK at least) transmit 7000, but in controlled airspace you will be given a unique number in order to identify your plane.

Mode C or Mode Charlie also transmits altitude data

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No argument from me on that.

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> light in it broke its tether and escaped from a car dealer's lot

> here several years ago, causing a string of UFO reports before

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>

> Reconnaissance device

As we don't know what it was, I wouldn't discount any of these. The missile is probably the least likely and no one reported an escaped mini-blimp.

It may of course have been Jenny's fireball. I know she's very thorough with her research.

Best

Dave

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From: RB47Expert@aol.com  
Subject: Zond 4Message-id: <0.4a6df1b6.254f4931@aol.com>

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Hi Larry,

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At that time all NORAD could do was make very uncertain Tracking & Impact Predictions (TIP's) based on projections of flight path and estimates of highly variable aerodynamic factors. But NORAD didn't even have a TIP on the Zond 4 rocket body when I asked for such. At best Phil found a Navy radar fence detection of a relatively low object at around the time of the sightings, over the fence at 32 N latitude in the Southern US, but the flight direction was wrong (as I recall it was headed South rather than North etc.).

Intensive study of the massive Blue Book file on the case might settle the question one way or another.

I'm rather unclear on whose remarks are whose in the posting I'm addressing here. The sighting in Indiana?? on Oct 16, 1999 (UTC) has no linkup with any satellite decays on Alan Pickup's website. He has one at Oct 15.33 or about 0755 UTC or 2:55 AM EST but that is almost a day too early. I did a catalog query on the NASA Orbital Information Group website (<http://oig1.gsfc.nasa.gov/>) but found nothing else.

The Web link you gave for satellite re-entry data didn't work. The "vshop" portion of the URL has a transposition error and should be "vsohp" for Visual Satellite Observers' Home Page.

Brad Sparks

Subj:

Re: UK Airmiss

Date:

Mon, 1 Nov 1999 9:53:27 AM Eastern Standard Time

From:

Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS Kinesiology <lrobins@indiana.edu>  
To:

UFO Research List <UFORL@listbot.com>

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On Fri, 29 Oct 1999, Todd Lemire wrote:

@UFO Research List - <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/>

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@Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS Kinesiology wrote:

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@> Case in point: On 3/3/68, many people reported sighting a  
@> "spaceship with a cylindrical body and lighted portholes" in  
@> Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, and Mississippi.  
@> This was one of the first cases reported in my home locality, and  
@> it caused a big ruckus in the papers at the time. All of the  
@> witnesses said the object was flying low and close, some saying  
@> it was at treetop level. The object was definitely identified as  
@> the re-entry of the Soviet Zond 4 satellite, many miles up. The  
@> local papers did not bother to print the story of the object's  
@> identification -- it wasn't news like the strange story was.

@>

@

@Larry,

@ I'm currently investigating a sighting that occurred in Ohio on Oct.  
@15th. Could you please give me a reference to these reports that you  
mention@above that occurred on 3/3/1968 so that I may compare them to the  
case I'm on  
@now.

Philip Klass "UFOs Explained"

Bloomington Herald Telephone - various issues after the sighting  
(12 sightings around here) - I don't have my files here.

Take a look at the NASA re-entries page, and also the following:

[www2.satellite.eu.org/sat/vshop/satinfo.html](http://www2.satellite.eu.org/sat/vshop/satinfo.html)

What are the details of the sighting?

I might have seen it myself, and dismissed it as a meteor. The  
date is correct. If the time was any of the following then it  
might have been what I saw:

7:50 pm to 8:05 pm EST (8:50 pm to 9:05 pm EDT\*)  
9:30 pm to 11:00 pm EST (10:30 pm to 12:00 m EDT\*)

I was returning from a date with my fiancée, and I didn't note the time, since it was only a "meteor." I also can't remember (neither can she -- it's been two weeks) which of several dates happened on that day. This explains the time ranges.

If necessary, I can reconstruct from local landmarks and my known location the azimuth and elevation of the beginning and end of the flight path I saw. Since the object emerged from behind a close stand of trees, I did not see the entire flight, but only the ending.

\* We don't do the stupid time change twice a year here. Our industrial process controls actually work correctly as a result. But the TV schedule is just as messed up as it is in the rest of the country, because there are two hours with the same hour number, and the TV schedule books can't tell which one the network means.

@Thanks in advance Larry,  
@T. Lemire - MUFON - FI Trainee

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Subject: Re: Zond 4Message-id: <0.42868dc8.254f4de4@aol.com>

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Brad is correct re the catalogued objects, but the timing and motion of the sightings are so coincident with the recently launched Proton rocket body -- and associated ejected debris, much of which took a lot more time to detect and catalog in those days than it does now -- that I feel a connection is persuasive.

In a message dated 11/1/99 1:52:22 PM Central Standard Time, RB47Expert@aol.com writes:

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Subject: Re: Zond 4Message-id: <0.620bb2cc.254f75c0@aol.com>

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Dear Jim & List,

I'd feel more comfortable about assigning the 3/3/68 (EST) sightings to Zond 4's upper stage if there were accurate durations in the minutes versus seconds (typical of meteor fireballs) -- and there may be -- and if the NAVSPASUR radar fence had picked it up going in the right direction at the right time. A meteor could conceivably have missed the radar fence at 32 N latitude by coming in on a more easterly course but the Zond 4 rocket body could not possibly have done so. I have not been able to study the scores and scores of sighting reports in the Blue Book file (I don't have a copy). But duration would be an important factor as well as accurate headings (most accurate when passing directly overhead of the witness). There is no disagreement over the fact that this was NOT a UFO and it was either a satellite re-entry or a meteor fireball.

The important lesson to take from the March 1968 sightings is what Hartmann in the Condon Report called the "airship effect." Here were hundreds of eyewitnesses who believed they saw "windows" in a dark outer body when in fact their brains were imposing a perceptual design on the fiery fragments -- imagining they were bright "windows." Cf. Chiles-Whitted.

Brad Sparks

In a message dated Mon, 1 Nov 1999 3:20:45 PM Eastern Standard Time, JamesOberg@aol.com writes:

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From: James Easton <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
Subject: Re: UK AirmissMessage-id:  
<004d01bf24ca\$ed57a100\$6cc628c3@cis.compuserve.com>

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Regarding:

>Date: Mon, 1 Nov 1999 00:43:49 -0500  
>From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>  
>Subject: Re: UK Airmiss  
>To: "UFO Research List" <UFORL@listbot.com>

Bruce wrote:

>The point is that if the object truly approached the plane at a  
>HUGE speed, then it was likely close to the altitude of the  
>plane and NOT likely a bolide.

Bruce,

Thanks for the detailed analysis. It might further help to see the full reported interview from that 'Daily Mail' article dated 5 August, 1996:

"We were coming back from Milan and were on the last stages of approach, at about 4,000ft," recalls Stuart. "We were on a northerly course direction heading towards the airfield, just in the tops of the clouds."

"The captain was flying the aircraft. I was monitoring what was going on; my job was to keep an eye on the settings."

"My peripheral vision was drawn to something out of the front window. I actually saw the object coming towards me. It was a silvery grey wedge-shaped object"

"My reactions was to reach for the control column, to try to get away from what I felt was an object in very close proximity. My hands never really went further forward than maybe an inch or two. The object passed very, very close down the right-hand side."

"I asked the Captain if he had seen it, to which he replied 'yes', he had. We decide to ask air traffic control if they had seen anything on the radar. They replied that they hadn't and asked us if we'd like to file an air miss, which would lead to an investigation."

"The object didn't alter its course. There was no deviation on the part of either aircraft. It just came down the side, making no attempt to avoid us, and we didn't have a chance to take any evasive action. It was over very quickly, so there wasn't much that could be done."

On landing, both pilots discussed what they had seen. "I suggested to the Captain that it would be a good idea to draw what we had seen. We both did so."

"The objects we drew were the same shape, but they differed in texture - mine was a solid object which I believed had black or grey stripes down the side."

"I didn't see any windows or anything like that. The Captain drew a similar shape, but his was made up of lots of different little lights."

"I felt his drawing could be explained by a reflection from our landing lights as the object went down our right-hand side."

"We then phoned air traffic control and decided that we would file an air miss, which meant that all the traces from radar would have to be examined in further detail."  
[End]

Also, from the CAT airmiss report:

"An extract from the RT recording on 119.4, which shows that the B737 was given decent clearance to 4000 ft at 1845:30, follows:

From:

B737 (1848) - 'c/s we just had something go down the RHS just above us very fast.'

Manchester - 'Well, there's nothing seen on radar. Was it er an ac?'

B737 - 'Well, it had lights, it went down the starboard side very quick.'

Manchester - 'And above you?'

B737 - 'er, just slightly above us, yer.'

Manchester - 'Keep an eye out for something, er, I can't see anything at all at the moment so, er, must have, er, been very fast or gone down very quickly after it passed you I think.'

B737 - 'OK. Well, there you go!'

I should have mentioned there's a copy of the CAT report on my web site at:

[http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/cat\\_rep.htm](http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/cat_rep.htm)

Maybe the above will answer some of your questions and further clarify the interesting points you make.

James.

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Subject: Re: Zond 4Message-id:  
<002f01bf2501\$a8726ed0\$0100a8c0@mindspring.com>  
References: <0.4a6df1b6.254f4931@aol.com>

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> Hi Larry,

>

> Actually, the Soviet Zond 4 satellite is still in orbit (around the sun)never having decayed on 3/3/68 or any other date. It was supposedly the Zond 4 Rocket Body that re-entered in March 1968, presumably the third stage of the Proton booster rocket. But I'm not convinced that the rocket re-entry was responsible for the sightings in the Eastern U.S. on 3/3/68. It may have been a spectacular meteor fireball. Phil Klass mistakenly claimed that NORAD had "records" of the Zond 4 decay but when I contacted NORAD and ADCOM in 1976 they said they didn't. And they wouldn't either because there was no network of infrared early warning satellites available to observe and track a re-entry in March 1968.

>

> At that time all NORAD could do was make very uncertain Tracking & Impact Predictions (TIP's) based on projections of flight path and estimates of highly variable aerodynamic factors. But NORAD didn't even have a TIP on the Zond 4 rocket body when I asked for such. At best Phil found a Navy radar fence detection of a relatively low object at around the time of the sightings, over the fence at 32 N latitude in the Southern US, but the flight direction was wrong (as I recall it was headed South rather than North etc.).

>

> Intensive study of the massive Blue Book file on the case might settle the question one way or another.

>

> I'm rather unclear on whose remarks are whose in the posting I'm addressing here. The sighting in Indiana?? on Oct 16, 1999 (UTC) has no linkup with any satellite decays on Alan Pickup's website. He has one at Oct 15.33 or about 0755 UTC or 2:55 AM EST but that is almost a day too early. I did a catalog query on the NASA Orbital Information Group website (<http://oig1.gsfc.nasa.gov/>) but found nothing else.

>

> The Web link you gave for satellite re-entry data didn't work. The "vshop" portion of the URL has a transposition error and should be "vsohp" for Visual Satellite Observers' Home Page.

>

> Brad Sparks

Details on the Proton rocket can be found at

<http://solar.cini.utk.edu/partners/mwade/lvs/pro1s824.htm>

If I understand it correctly, the stage that was supposed to be responsible for the UFO sighting was the "K-3." Doesn't look like anything actually stayed in heliocentric orbit. Some of this depends on the exact way that the Proton put its payload on a lunar trajectory. Maybe Mr Oberg could comment on this -- did the third stage go into a parking orbit and then fire again, or was the fourth stage and lunar payload the only part that left Earth orbit? It doesn't seem to make sense that anything stayed in Earth orbit to decay a day later. If the K-3 was in a highly eccentric orbit along with the upper stages, it seems as though the reentry would have been short and steep, rather than long and flat...

Here's the entry on Zond 4

02 March 1968 18:29 GMT. Nation: USSR. Launch Site: Baikonur . Launch Complex: LC81L. Launch Vehicle: Proton 8K82K / 11S824 . LV Configuration: Proton 8K82K s/n 231-01 / 11S824 .

Zond 4 Program: Lunar L1. Payload: Soyuz 7K-L1 s/n 6L. Mass: 5,390 kg. Class: Manned. Type: Spacecraft. Spacecraft: Soyuz 7K-L1 . COSPAR: 1968-013A. Duration: 5.22 days.

Spacecraft successfully launched into 330,000 km apogee orbit 180 degrees away from the moon. On reentry, the guidance system failed, and the planned double skip maneuver to bring the descent module to a landing in the Soviet Union was not possible. Ustinov ordered the self-destruct package to be set off and the capsule blew up 12 km above the Gulf of Guinea. Kamanin disagreed strongly with this decision; the spacecraft could have still been recovered in the secondary area by Soviet naval vessels after a 20 G reentry. The decision was made to recover the spacecraft in the future whenever possible.

Officially: Solar Orbit (Heliocentric). Study of remote regions of circumterrestrial space, development of new on-board systems and units of space stations. References: 1 , 2 , 5 , 6 , 67 , 274 .

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Subject: Re: UK Airmiss

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On Mon, 1 Nov 1999, Jenny Randles wrote:

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@Date: 01 November 1999 15:31

@Subject: Re: UK Airmiss

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@>@> Could the Heathrow object have been a child's escaped Mylar

@>@> helium balloon? This makes more sense than anything else I can

@>@> think of. Some of them are 6 feet long.

@>@

@>@I'm talking about the Manchester bound B737 Larry - not familiar

@>@with the Heathrow case - but I'll look it out. But I'd ask again

@>@- just suppose the aircrew >did< see an unfamiliar or

@>@unacknowledged a/c - how else could they have described it ?

@>

@>We may be talking about the same case - some of the subject lines

@>were titled Heathrow, and the plane had just taken off from

@>there. It's the case that started this thread of discussion.

@>

@>Imagine encountering one of those 6 foot Mylar balloons with a

@>jet airliner. It would be visible only a very brief time, and if

@>the sun was shining on the metalized portion of it, it would

@>appear as a light source.

@>

@>My department bought one shaped like a porpoise several years ago

@>to try out as a no-resistance rebreathing tank. It wasn't

@>durable enough (it split on the second trial). Due to the danger

@>of latex allergy reactions, they have to replace their rubber

@>one.

@>

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@Hi,

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@In my book 'Something in the Air' I discuss a number of airmisses over the @UK in detail (airmisses are the whole theme of the book). The toy balloon @theory is considered for several of them. Whilst it makes sense in some @instances there are cases on record where it just doesnt work - eg a Gatwick @case where radar tracked the UFO at speed and changing course and vectored @another passenger jet out of the way after the object rushed past a 737. As @the object seen in this Gatwick incident is very like many of the others I @discuss in the book I think we probably need a different solution for this @type of case.

Thanx for the info. Was there RADAR contact in the case under discussion? (what IS the designation of this case?)

Could you tell me how to find this book in the US? I very much want to have it.

@Best wishes,

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@Jenny Randles

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@From: Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS Kinesiology <lrobins@indiana.edu>

@To: UFO Research List <UFORL@listbot.com>

@Date: 01 November 1999 16:14

@Subject: Re: UK Airmiss

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@>On Mon, 1 Nov 1999, bruce maccabee wrote:

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@>That doesn't mean that I think the B737 object was a meteor. I

@>favor something quite small, like an escaped toy balloon.

@>Remember that nobody can estimate the size, distance, or speed of

@>an unidentified object. The reported speed could be a bad

@>estimate of size combined with the 737's own velocity. See the

@>Ruppelt discussion of the Gorman case.

@>

@Hi,

@

@Whilst I agree with a lot of what you have said, as you'll know if you read

@my book, Larry, I don't follow how you can regard this incident as a renegade

@balloon. We are talking about a clearly luminous object in the pitch dark

@that left no radar image.

I guess I am confusing two (or is it three) cases in these posts that originally seemed to be one:

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In one case (or is it both?) there was no RADAR contact.

In the other (or is there now a third?) RADAR tracked the object.

And I am now totally confused as to which posts go with which case! Can anyone straighten this out? (and now I will be inundated with hundreds of contradictory posts.) %)

My thought on the day sky case was that a mylar balloon reflecting the landing lights could look like a larger object approaching at high speed to the pilots in the speeding jet.

I referred to the Gorman case (Ruppelt) as a comparison to this case.

I will read your book as soon as I can find a copy! Who has the rights to it here in the US?

@Best wishes,

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@Jenny Randles

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Subject: Re: UK Airmiss

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I wrote:

>@  
>@If it were the case that the trajectory was nearly horizontal and the  
>@initial elevation angle was nearly zero, then the bolide hypothesis is  
>@strained to the breaking point....I don;t think any bolide would be  
glowing  
>@if at an altitude of 4000 ft; furthermore, the trajectory should be  
>@downward, so it should have appeared to be dropping, even in the short  
time  
>@observed.

To which Larry responded:

>Not so. A meteor can appear to be going up from the observer's  
>viewpoint due to perspective. If a meteor starts to glow over  
>Springfield Ohio, has a trajectory directly toward Lincoln  
>Nebraska, and burns out over Muncie Indiana, I would see it  
>rising in the northeast sky from my viewpoint in Bloomington  
I>ndiana. This is because Springfield is much farther away than  
>Muncie. The meteor would appear lower in the sky at first because  
i>ts altitude subtends a smaller elevation angle at a greater  
>distance.

Bum rap on my comment. You are correct, of course, if the object you are  
looking at is at an altitude above you and it stays above. Even if  
actually falling  
(r getting closer to the earth) it can appear to rise. However, I was  
talking  
in "\*\*\*\*\*this specific instance\*\*\*\*\*" about an object which apparently was  
not  
high above the plane and, IF it WERE a fireball (someone corrected the  
bolide  
description....this was not an exploding fireball) traveling at 4000 ft  
altitude it probably  
would have slowed enough to its downward  
velocity component might well be apparent to someone at almost the same  
altitude.  
This whole fireball analysis still depends largely upon whether the initial  
sighting  
was along a horizontal line (at the planes' altitude or nearly so) or along  
a noticeably  
upward slanted line.

This is an illustration of where UFO investigations go awry and why

"ordinary investigators" make poor ufo investigators. Whoever interviewed the pilots did NOT have a "fireball model explanation" in mind as a possibility and therefore did not press the witnesses on their initial sighting elevation angle. However, in retrospect, we now find that that angle is of "crucial" importance in deciding whether or not a fireball could be the explanation.

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James posted a copy of the report. My comments are added:

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>"My peripheral vision was drawn to something out of the front  
>window. I actually saw the object coming towards me. It was a  
>silvery grey wedge-shaped object"

This does not provide an estimate of the angular elevation, although one gets the impression that it probably APPEARED to be at about the elevation of the aircraft. Had there been a very noticeable angle up, it seems to me it would have appeared less threatening.

>"My reactions was to reach for the control column, to try to get  
>away from what I felt was an object in very close proximity. My  
>hands never really went further forward than maybe an inch or  
>two. The object passed very, very close down the right-hand  
>side.">

This suggests that he barely had time to react before it passed the aircraft . He says right hand side. Implication is that it wasn't far above the aircraft.

This stretches the fireball explanation to the limit.

Also, it has been suggested that it might have been a mylar balloon. Well, let's just say some reflective object. It was nighttime, so it had to be seen either by self-luminosity or by reflection. Although reflection from city lights MIGHT be a possibility, it has been suggested that the object was illuminated by aircraft headlights.

(SNIP)

>"I didn't see any windows or anything like that. The Captain drew  
>a similar shape, but his was made up of lots of different little  
>lights."

>"I felt his drawing could be explained by a reflection from our  
>landing lights as the object went down our right-hand side."

The landing light suggestion is "ingenious" if not amusing. Consider that the landing lights form expanding beams in front of the aircraft. How far could one see an object illuminated by these beams? If it were directly ahead and hence in the beam, perhaps a mile or so. Aircraft headlights are intended as beacons for oncoming aircraft and they are very bright. But detection of an object requires not only a bright

beam but also a bright reflection and then the light after reflection diverges quickly, i.e., does not form a beam (unless the object happens to be a flat mirror). I don't know what size a mylar balloon might be, but let's pick 1 meter as a large size. At 1 kilometer the angular size is 1 milliradian....detectable in daylight viewing. Optimum reflection alignment in the aircraft beam, could make such a thing appear as a bright point way off in the distance. Naturally this point would appear to grow brighter and larger IF (a) the balloon remained within the beam, and (b) the orientation of the balloon relative to the beam remained constant

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@Date: 01 November 1999 01:35

@Subject: Re: UK Airmiss

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@>Regarding:

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@>>From: "Jenny Randles" <nufon@currantbun.com>

@>>To: "UFO Research List" <UFORL@listbot.com>

@>>Subject: Re: UK Airmiss

@>>Date: Fri, 29 Oct 1999 12:36:25 +0100

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@>

@>I have merely highlighted evidence which may argue that your

@>conclusion is incorrect, even though it is acknowledged as a

@>likely answer.

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@

@Thats okay, James. I do appreciate that. Frankly I am just fed up right now

@having had to deal all weekend with ludicrous attacks on UFO UPdates over

@the Cometa report. It really gets you down.

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@I realise we are only arguing evidence and appreciate that. I was just

@making clear to everyone that there is nothing personal here. We are simply

@debating a case as it should be debated.

Which is the only way to do it properly.

@Ultimately, you are correct that this case can never be resolved for

@certain. All we have are estimates of what took place. Realistically we have

@three options here, I think - a genuine UFO, a rogue military craft and a

@meteor. I simply find the latter fits the evidence much the best.

@Incidentally, I've also discussed this with Ian Ridpath (the astronomy

@writer) and he is so convinced it was a meteor he has even had discussions @with the CAA trying to persuade them.

@

@In the end we will probably never know for certain. But of all the mid air @encounters I have looked into over the past decade this is one I would not @use to support UFO reality. I guess that's the only point that actually @matters because in my opinion something unknown is indeed coming into @conflict with air traffic in other situations. That's one where Ian Ridpath @and I definitely don't agree! But I feel to make that point it is important @to comment when solutions do present themselves in some situations.

@

@But that's what makes UFOlogy so interesting. In the end we are building a @jigsaw puzzle with half the parts missing. It's not surprising some of us end @up thinking there's a different picture on the box.

Maybe that's because somebody shuffled the pieces from 1367 different puzzles, losing two thirds of them in the process, and then distributed them into 1394 white boxes. On top of that, the little notches in the pieces have yet to be cut out so that they fit together. Then tabloid brand maple syrup is poured into the boxes, and 169 marketing monkeys, 241 bureaucrat baboons, and 1006 clairvoyant chimps try to put the puzzles together with semantic sledgehammers. Then we get to look at the results.

That's the "state of the art" in UFO research, as it appears to me.

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@Best wishes,

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@Jenny

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>rights to it here in the US?

Hi,

The two primary cases that you are confusing are one that occurred in June 1998 involving a plane on take off from Heathrow. This was reported by the CAA last month but recently posted on the net as if it were a very recent incident. The balloon option is possible here as this was a mid day sighting. No radar tracking occurred.

The other case is an event in January 1995 that was reported by the CAA Air Miss group in 1996 as a possible alien craft (an amazing comment) . That involved a British Airways Boeing 737 from Milan on final approach to Manchester. This was at night above thick cloud and again only the aircraft appeared on radar. This is the case where I have long argued it to be a meteor and that has close similarity with the Chiles Whitted Eastern Airlines sighting from 1948 - which I also believe to be a fireball meteor.

I mentioned when you raised the balloon idea a third case, involving a Britannia Airways Aircraft near Gatwick Airport in 1991 if I recall the date correctly, where there was a radar tracking of the visually observed daylight object. A second inbound plane was vectored away by ATC. Although it has many similarities with the 1998 case above in the Gatwick case a balloon is unlikely due to the radar tracked speed and direction change of the object.

The latter two cases (the 1998 case is too recent) as well as many others are discussed in my book 'Something in the Air' (Robert Hale, London, 1998). The US publishers are Sterling, New York. They released their edition this summer but changed the title to 'UFO Danger in the Air' (a sad indictment of the difference between UK understatement and a US publishers need for in your face PR to try to sell a book that is purposefully not discussing aliens ).

Good luck in finding it. The UK edition has sold 747 copies and no paperback rights so is on target for the least successful UFO book in history - although there is a nice Fortean irony in the number of copies sold I guess. So much for efforts at understatement! I suspect Sterling will fare better with it in the USA given their overt UFO .

Best wishes,

Jenny Randles

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In a message dated 11/2/99 1:13:56 AM, ufx@mindspring.com wrote:  
<< It doesn't seem to make sense that anything stayed in Earth orbit to

decay a day later. >>

Don't extend your "sense" too far in the unearthly realm of space flight!  
<grin>

The Proton third stage carries the fourth stage and payload into a low, unstable parking orbit. The fourth stage fires before the end of the first pass, leaving behind the third stage and some ejected covers and other hardware, and they burn up within a few hours or days at most (as with the Tampa Bay UFO fireball last September 7). The fourth stage ("Block D" in Russian terminology) leaves with the interplanetary payload, or in the case of a geosynchronous payload, goes into the 'transfer orbit' (say 200 by 40,000 km); the payload later circularizes its orbit, and the fourth stage slowly decays and enters within a year or two (as with the Proton fourth stage which entered over the Cal/Oregon line last September 1).

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Date: Tue, 02 Nov 1999 10:02:35 -0500 (EST)  
From: Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS Kinesiology <lrobins@indiana.edu>  
Subject: Re: Zond 4

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On Mon, 1 Nov 1999 RB47Expert@aol.com wrote:

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@Hi Larry,

@

@Actually, the Soviet Zond 4 satellite is still in orbit (around  
@the sun)never having decayed on 3/3/68 or any other date. It  
@was supposedly the Zond 4 Rocket Body that re-entered in March  
@1968, presumably the third stage of the Proton booster rocket.  
@But I'm not convinced that the rocket re-entry was responsible  
@for the sightings in the Eastern U.S. on 3/3/68. It may have  
@been a spectacular meteor fireball. Phil Klass mistakenly  
@claimed that NORAD had "records" of the Zond 4 decay but when I  
@contacted NORAD and ADCOM in 1976 they said they didn't. And  
@they wouldn't either because there was no network of infrared  
@early warning satellites available to observe and track a  
@re-entry in March 1968.

Right, I had that info but couldn't access it at the time I  
posted (my home file system is not web-compatible). NORAD had  
record only that it disappeared then. They had a radar "fence"  
that satellites crossed once per orbit.

@At that time all NORAD could do was make very uncertain Tracking  
@& Impact Predictions (TIP's) based on projections of flight path  
@and estimates of highly variable aerodynamic factors. But NORAD  
@didn't even have a TIP on the Zond 4 rocket body when I asked  
@for such. At best Phil found a Navy radar fence detection of a  
@relatively low object at around the time of the sightings, over  
@the fence at 32 N latitude in the Southern US, but the flight  
@direction was wrong (as I recall it was headed South rather than  
@North etc.).

The object went east according to the newspaper stories.

Of course, this may also be the decay of a booster part or a spy  
satellite that was secret.

@Intensive study of the massive Blue Book file on the case might  
@settle the question one way or another.

@

@I'm rather unclear on whose remarks are whose in the posting I'm  
@addressing here. The sighting in Indiana?? on Oct 16, 1999  
@(UTC) has no linkup with any satellite decays on Alan Pickup's  
@website. He has one at Oct 15.33 or about 0755 UTC or 2:55 AM  
@EST but that is almost a day too early. I did a catalog query  
@on the NASA Orbital Information Group website  
@(http://oig1.gsfc.nasa.gov/) but found nothing else.

My sighting of a bright meteor was on October 15, 1999, in the  
evening. I had no reason to think that it was anything else,  
especially since its trajectory was generally westbound.

I was responding about a sighting supposedly made in Ohio, also  
on the 15th.

@The Web link you gave for satellite re-entry data didn't work.  
@The "vshop" portion of the URL has a transposition error and  
@should be "vsohp" for Visual Satellite Observers' Home Page.

I discovered that when I tried it the first time. The email  
somebody sent me to tell me about it was wrong, and I stupidly  
went back to that same email to get the address to post it. I  
can't exit our email computer to log on to our web computer  
(where I have it bookmarked) without losing the text I already  
wrote. The administration chose our software to avoid periodic  
royalty payments, not to do the best job.

@Brad Sparks

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@Subj:

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@ Re: UK Airmiss

@ Date:

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@ Mon, 1 Nov 1999 9:53:27 AM Eastern Standard Time

@ From:

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@ Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS Kinesiology <lrobin@indiana.edu>

@ To:

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@ UFO Research List <UFORL@listbot.com>

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@ On Fri, 29 Oct 1999, Todd Lemire wrote:

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@ @

@ @Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS Kinesiology wrote:

@ @

@ @>

@ @>

@ @> Case in point: On 3/3/68, many people reported sighting a

@ @> "spaceship with a cylindrical body and lighted portholes" in

@ @> Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, and Mississippi.

@ @> This was one of the first cases reported in my home locality, and

@ @> it caused a big ruckus in the papers at the time. All of the

@ @> witnesses said the object was flying low and close, some saying

@ @> it was at treetop level. The object was definitely identified as

@ @> the re-entry of the Soviet Zond 4 satellite, many miles up. The

@ @> local papers did not bother to print the story of the object's

@ @> identification -- it wasn't news like the strange story was.

@ @>

@ @

@ @Larry,

@ @ I'm currently investigating a sighting that occurred in Ohio on Oct.

@ @15th. Could you please give me a reference to these reports that you

@ mention@above that occurred on 3/3/1968 so that I may compare them to the

@ case I'm on

@ @now.

@

@ Philip Klass "UFOs Explained"

@

@ Bloomington Herald Telephone - various issues after the sighting

@ (12 sightings around here) - I don't have my files here.

@

@ Take a look at the NASA re-entries page, and also the following:

@

@ [www2.satellite.eu.org/sat/vshop/satinfo.html](http://www2.satellite.eu.org/sat/vshop/satinfo.html)

@

@ What are the details of the sighting?

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@ I might have seen it myself, and dismissed it as a meteor. The

@ date is correct. If the time was any of the following then it

@ might have been what I saw:

@

@ 7:50 pm to 8:05 pm EST (8:50 pm to 9:05 pm EDT\*)

@ 9:30 pm to 11:00 pm EST (10:30 pm to 12:00 m EDT\*)

@

@ I was returning from a date with my fiancée, and I didn't note

@ the time, since it was only a "meteor." I also can't remember

@ (neither can she -- it's been two weeks) which of several dates

@ happened on that day. This explains the time ranges.

@

@ If necessary, I can reconstruct from local landmarks and my known

@ location the azimuth and elevation of the beginning and end of

@ the flight path I saw. Since the object emerged from behind a  
@ close stand of trees, I did not see the entire flight, but only  
@ the ending.

@

@

@ \* We don't do the stupid time change twice a year here. Our  
@ industrial process controls actually work correctly as a result.  
@ But the TV schedule is just as messed up as it is in the rest of  
@ the country, because there are two hours with the same hour  
@ number, and the TV schedule books can't tell which one the  
@ network means.

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@

@ @Thanks in advance Larry,  
@ @T. Lemire - MUFON - FI Trainee

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@ --- O\_O -

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Subject: Re: Re: Zond 4Message-id: <0.35b83921.2550578a@aol.com>

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In a message dated 11/2/99 1:13:56 AM, [ufx@mindspring.com](mailto:ufx@mindspring.com) wrote:

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From: "J. Pharabod" <pharabod@in2p3.fr>  
Subject: Re: Yukon  
X-Authentication-warning: polhp2.in2p3.fr: pharabod owned process doing -bs

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On Fri, 29 Oct 1999, Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS Kinesiology wrote:

>  
> I took a look at this. Comments below:

Thanks...

> @I saw only 3 explanations:

>

> @1) A hoax [snip]

> This would be hard to orchestrate and hard to keep from being  
> revealed as a hoax.

>

Probably true.

> @2) Aurora (not the hypothetical hypersonic plane, but "Aurora

> @Borealis"). However people living there should recognize this

> @phenomenon.

>

> Part of it looks like aurora, but part does not.

Yes.

> @3) The big lenticular Russian airship (diameter around 500

> @meters), which they intended to use in Siberia. However I

> @discussed that hypothesis with a Canadian scientist who knows a

> @lot of things, and he told me that: - the Russian project does

> @not exist any more; - there was never a Russian-Canadian

> @cooperation about this project.

>

> Here are my thoughts and impressions:

>

> \* I noticed how quickly the witnesses all thought of UFOs.

>

> \* Many of them expected ET effects.

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> \* Their eyes had to adjust to the darkness to see the objects  
> after a car passed. That means the lights weren't very bright.

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Not "very bright", but could be bright though. These headlights  
of cars and trucks during night are horribly bright, I have  
to use slightly stained spectacles to drive nightly - especially

since European and/or international agreements forced France to accept and use white headlights, instead of the yellow ones we had.

- > \* All but two of the witnesses reported the object to be to the
- > north, northwest, or northeast. One reported that it ended
- > up in the southeast after being in the northwest, north, and
- > east. The other reported that it was overhead at one point.

>

Yes. Reading more carefully, I think now that only 4 witnesses reported something really interesting: FOX2, FOX3, FOX4 and FOX 5. FOX1 saw just some light in the sky "one evening in December 1996"; FOX6 testimony was imprecise and "related second hand". Two times were rather precisely reported during the FOX2,3,4,5 sightings: 8:23 and 8:30. At Pelly Crossing there were only lights in the sky (and possibly search lights) towards north (between NW and NE). Time was between 8:00 and 9:00, probably shortly before 9:00. At Carmacks it's even less precise: CRM1 says about 7:00, CRM5 says "around 9 or 10 pm, but could have been 7 pm" (it looks as if the UFOBC inquirer tried to make CRM5 coherent with CRM1). And they saw only lights in the sky.

- > \* The lights went out at different times. This suggests that the
- > lights were on different objects, not on one large object.

>

Not for FOX 2,3 (and probably 4,5, very coherent with 2,3 though less precise).

- > \* The lights were already there when noticed in each case.

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- > \* The "area where stars were blocked out" might be just the area
- > in the north where there are no bright stars, combined with the
- > relative brightness of the object lights.

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I don't know how these hypotheses could be tested. Maybe I will send an e-mail to UFOBC. Would you (Larry Robinson) object if I quote your hypotheses ? (without quoting your name if you want). Would James object if I quote the UFORL list ?

Jean-Pierre Pharabod

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Subject: Re: Yukon

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On Tue, 2 Nov 1999, J. Pharabod wrote:

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Probably because someone dressed in blue would be rendered  
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The same thing (a solid area where stars were not seen) was  
reported in the Phoenix AZ sightings in March 1997, and those  
were identified as military parachute flare releases, combined  
with secondary prank fire balloons.

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@or David know something about an hypothetical similar US project ?

I know of one case where some pranksters here tried to launch a  
fire-balloon-powered black triangle made of trash bags. It  
crashed into a nearby tree and burned up. Maybe somebody else was  
more successful.

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OK by me. Use my name if you want. One of my strong points is to  
think of things that others haven't.

@Jean-Pierre Pharabod

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From: Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS Kinesiology <lrobins@indiana.edu>  
Subject: Re: UK Airmiss

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On Tue, 2 Nov 1999, Jenny Randles wrote:

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@-----Original Message-----

@From: Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS Kinesiology <lrobins@indiana.edu>

@To: UFO Research List <UFORL@listbot.com>

@Date: 02 November 1999 14:04

@Subject: Re: UK Airmiss

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@>On Mon, 1 Nov 1999, Jenny Randles wrote:

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@>@-----Original Message-----

@>@From: Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS Kinesiology <lrobins@indiana.edu>

@>@To: UFO Research List <UFORL@listbot.com>

@>@Date: 01 November 1999 16:14

@>@Subject: Re: UK Airmiss

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@>@>

@>I guess I am confusing two (or is it three) cases in these posts

@>that originally seemed to be one:

@>

@>One set of posts says that the sighting was against a day sky

@>and the object was triangular and darker than the sky, but with

@>lights. This is the case I was referring to.

@>

@>Another set of posts says it was a light source at night.

@>

@>One set of posts says the plane had just taken off. This was the

@>case that was referred to as "Heathrow."

@>

@>Another set of posts says the plane was about to land in  
@>Manchester.

@>

@>In one case (or is it both?) there was no RADAR contact.

@>

@>In the other (or is there now a third?) RADAR tracked the object.

@>

@>And I am now totally confused as to which posts go with which

@>case! Can anyone straighten this out? (and now I will be

@>inundated with hundreds of contradictory posts.) %)

@>

@>

@>I will read your book as soon as I can find a copy! Who has the

@>rights to it here in the US?

@

@

@Hi,

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@The two primary cases that you are confusing are one that  
@occurred in June 1998 involving a plane on take off from  
@Heathrow. This was reported by the CAA last month but recently  
@posted on the net as if it were a very recent incident. The  
@balloon option is possible here as this was a mid day sighting.  
@No radar tracking occurred.

@

@The other case is an event in January 1995 that was reported by  
@the CAA Air Miss group in 1996 as a possible alien craft (an  
@amazing comment) . That involved a British Airways Boeing 737  
@from Milan on final approach to Manchester. This was at night  
@above thick cloud and again only the aircraft appeared on radar.  
@This is the case where I have long argued it to be a meteor and  
@that has close similarity with the Chiles Whitted Eastern  
@Airlines sighting from 1948 - which I also believe to be a  
@fireball meteor.

@I mentioned when you raised the balloon idea a third case,  
@involving a Britannia Airways Aircraft near Gatwick Airport in  
@1991 if I recall the date correctly, where there was a radar  
@tracking of the visually observed daylight object. A second  
@inbound plane was vectored away by ATC. Although it has many  
@similarities with the 1998 case above in the Gatwick case a  
@balloon is unlikely due to the radar tracked speed and direction  
@change of the object.

Thank you thank you thank you! I thought something was amiss.

My balloon evaluation (and we have a mylar porpoise here that is  
2 meters (6 ft) long here) applies ONLY to the Heathrow case.

Would there happen to have been a fair or carnival going on near the airport. Here in Bloomington, they built the county fairgrounds right next to the airport, and such events are so commonplace during the fair that the pilots know to look out for the escaped balloons.

I agree with the fireball evaluation in the Chiles-Whitted case. I have seen a similar fireball (from the ground), and it appeared to approach, then recede as it changed brightness. It certainly was not a space program re-entry.

@The latter two cases (the 1998 case is too recent) as well as @many others are discussed in my book 'Something in the Air' @ (Robert Hale, London, 1998). The US publishers are Sterling, @New York. They released their edition this summer but changed @the title to 'UFO Danger in the Air' (a sad indictment of the @difference between UK understatement and a US publishers need @for in your face PR to try to sell a book that is purposefully @not discussing aliens ).

@Good luck in finding it. The UK edition has sold 747 copies and @no paperback rights so is on target for the least successful UFO @book in history - although there is a nice Fortean irony in the @number of copies sold I guess. So much for efforts at @understatement! I suspect Sterling will fare better with it in @the USA given their overt UFO .

I guess I will have to inquire for it. Meanwhile, Kevin Randle's "UFO Casebook" has been on the shelves here for eight years, and I just nabbed a new copy of NICAP's 1964 "The UFO Evidence" (which is well done).

Your UK title makes me think of chemical pollutants, fragrances, or music, not UFOs. That's probably why they changed it.

@Best wishes,  
@  
@Jenny Randles  
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Subject: Re: Re: Re: Zond 4Message-id: <0.d0c15ec6.25507481@aol.com>

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In a message dated 11/2/99 9:32:36 AM, ufx@mindspring.com wrote:

<<But isn't it true that everything that the Proton put on its simulated lunar trajectory (ie, except for the third stage in its unstable LEO parking orbit) DID come back down in steep fast reentries along with the Zond spacecraft?>>

Without active steering, it's unlikely any of it ever hit Earth again, considering the trajectory dispersions caused by the lunar fly-by. Some would be thrown entirely clear of Earth, others would hit the moon or enter orbits with higher perigees -- like, tens of thousands of km, and never (in terms of geologic time!) re-enter. Compare these vehicles with the Saturn S-4B stages and discarded post-insertion debris, mainly the SLA panels. None of them ever hit Earth. Certainly it is physically possible, but in practical terms I'd rate it extremely unlikely.

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Subject: Re: Re: Zond 4Message-id: <0.ae671201.2550784b@aol.com>

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Larry,

Actually the NORAD radar "fence," operated by the Navy and called the Naval Space Surveillance system, usually catches satellites in orbits above 32 degs inclination a few times per day, rather than once per orbit. The fence only covers the Southern US over roughly 40 degs of longitude and the earth rotates under a satellite's orbit about 22 degs of longitude or more per orbit. So in about three orbits a satellite would completely miss the radar fence.

Brad

In a message dated 11/2/99 8:07:28 AM, lrobins@indiana.edu wrote:

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On Mon, 1 Nov 1999 RB47Expert@aol.com wrote:

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@contacted NORAD and ADCOM in 1976 they said they didn't. And  
@they wouldn't either because there was no network of infrared  
@early warning satellites available to observe and track a  
@re-entry in March 1968.

Right, I had that info but couldn't access it at the time I  
posted (my home file system is not web-compatible). NORAD had  
record only that it disappeared then. They had a radar "fence"  
that satellites crossed once per orbit.

<SNIP>

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Date: Tue, 02 Nov 1999 12:34:04 -0500  
From: joel carpenter <ufx@mindspring.com>  
Subject: Re: Zond 4Message-id:  
<001301bf2558\$766d7d60\$0100a8c0@mindspring.com>  
References: <0.d0c15ec6.25507481@aol.com>

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> In a message dated 11/2/99 9:32:36 AM, ufx@mindspring.com wrote:  
>  
> <<But isn't it true that everything that the Proton put on its simulated  
lunar  
>  
> trajectory (ie, except for the third stage in its unstable LEO parking  
>  
> orbit) DID come back down in steep fast reentries along with the Zond  
>  
> spacecraft?>>  
>  
> Without active steering, it's unlikely any of it ever hit Earth again,  
> considering the trajectory dispersions caused by the lunar fly-by. Some  
would  
> be thrown entirely clear of Earth, others would hit the moon or enter  
orbits  
> with higher perigees -- like, tens of thousands of km, and never (in terms  
of  
> geologic time!) re-enter. Compare these vehicles with the Saturn S-4B  
stages  
> and discarded post-insertion debris, mainly the SLA panels. None of them  
ever  
> hit Earth. Certainly it is physically possible, but in practical terms I'd  
> rate it extremely unlikely.

But if I understand the Encyclopedia Astronautica entry, this flight was a  
\_simulated\_ lunar flight aimed at a point in space 180 deg away from the  
Moon... so unlike Apollo 8, there was no lunar flyby... no Moon there... so  
possibly somewhere around apogee the Zond fired its engine to return to  
Earth accurately, and maybe parts of the Block D stage did enter solar  
orbit? That would explain the heliocentric issue....

Joel Carpenter

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Date: Tue, 02 Nov 1999 12:40:35 -0500 (EST)  
From: RB47Expert@aol.com  
Subject: Re: Re: Zond 4Message-id: <0.5c78c3ba.25507c13@aol.com>

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Joel,

I stand corrected on the Zond 4 story. Your reference to the internal Soviet history reveals that Zond 4 did not go into heliocentric orbit after all but went into a simulated circumlunar trajectory and underwent controlled re-entry after 5.22 days, but was destroyed by ground control at about 2346 UTC on March 7, 1968, about 12 km above the Gulf of Guinea in the Atlantic. Presumably the fourth stage was left in the high apogee orbit and it is unclear to me whether it would have impacted the earth or not after 5 days or so or without a braking burn (I'm sure Jim Oberg can clarify).

I've read the subsequent postings between you and Jim Oberg and I see it's just a misunderstanding. What you were talking about Joel was the obviously fairly steep 20 g re-entry of the Zond 4 itself on March 7, 1968. But this was an extremely unusual situation, not normal for 99.99%+ of orbiting space objects. What Jim is talking about is the Proton third stage which put the Zond 4 payload into low-earth parking orbit. When this third stage re-entered, presumably on March 4-5, it would have had a long shallow re-entry like most re-entering space debris or satellites.

What this Soviet history introduces is the prospect that the Russians might have an exact record of the Proton third stage's re-entry, if there was some way of contacting the appropriate sources in Russia.

Brad

In a message dated 11/2/99 12:13:51 AM, [ufx@mindspring.com](mailto:ufx@mindspring.com) wrote:

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> At that time all NORAD could do was make very uncertain Tracking & Impact Predictions (TIP's) based on projections of flight path and estimates of highly variable aerodynamic factors. But NORAD didn't even have a TIP on the Zond 4 rocket body when I asked for such. At best Phil found a Navy radar fence detection of a relatively low object at around the time of the sightings, over the fence at 32 N latitude in the Southern US, but the flight direction was wrong (as I recall it was headed South rather than North etc.).

>

> Intensive study of the massive Blue Book file on the case might settle the question one way or another.

<SNIP>

>

> Brad Sparks

Details on the Proton rocket can be found at

<http://solar.cini.utk.edu/partners/mwade/lvs/pro1s824.htm>

If I understand it correctly, the stage that was supposed to be responsible for the UFO sighting was the "K-3." Doesn't look like anything actually stayed in heliocentric orbit. Some of this depends on the exact way that the Proton put its payload on a lunar trajectory. Maybe Mr Oberg could comment on this -- did the third stage go into a parking orbit and then fire again, or was the fourth stage and lunar payload the only part that left Earth orbit? It doesn't seem to make sense that anything stayed in Earth orbit to decay a day later. If the K-3 was in a highly eccentric orbit along with the upper stages, it seems as though the reentry would have been short and steep, rather than long and flat...

Here's the entry on Zond 4

02 March 1968 18:29 GMT. Nation: USSR. Launch Site: Baikonur . Launch Complex: LC81L. Launch Vehicle: Proton 8K82K / 11S824 . LV Configuration: Proton 8K82K s/n 231-01 / 11S824 .  
Zond 4 Program: Lunar L1. Payload: Soyuz 7K-L1 s/n 6L. Mass: 5,390 kg.  
Class: Manned. Type: Spacecraft. Spacecraft: Soyuz 7K-L1 . COSPAR: 1968-013A. Duration: 5.22 days.

Spacecraft successfully launched into 330,000 km apogee orbit 180 degrees away from the moon. On reentry, the guidance system failed, and the planned double skip maneuver to bring the descent module to a landing in the Soviet

Union was not possible. Ustinov ordered the self-destruct package to be set off and the capsule blew up 12 km above the Gulf of Guinea. Kamanin disagreed strongly with this decision; the spacecraft could have still been recovered in the secondary area by Soviet naval vessels after a 20 G reentry. The decision was made to recover the spacecraft in the future whenever possible.

Officially: Solar Orbit (Heliocentric). Study of remote regions of circumterrestrial space, development of new on-board systems and units of space stations. References: 1 , 2 , 5 , 6 , 67 , 274 .

J Carpenter

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From: JamesOberg@aol.com  
Subject: Re: Re: Re: Zond 4Message-id: <0.b450695c.25507d97@aol.com>

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In a message dated 11/2/99 11:41:39 AM, RB47Expert@aol.com wrote:  
<<Presumably the fourth stage was left in the high apogee orbit and it is unclear to me whether it would have impacted the earth or not after 5 days or so or without a braking burn (I'm sure Jim Oberg can clarify). >>

Yeah, without the lunar influence, who knows where it would wind up (although when it made its second apogee, the moon WOULD probably have been close enough to divert it somewhere).

It's unlikely the Russians have any idea where it went, since their skin-track capability at those ranges was nil.

They still insist their doomed plutonium-fuelled Mars-96 probe splashed safely in the Pacific (and so does the White House), but all real data shows it came down over land, in the Andes Mountains, where nobody is looking for it.

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From: RB47Expert@aol.com  
Subject: Re: Re: UK AirmissMessage-id: <0.57b0eb81.255084b6@aol.com>

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Bruce & Larry,

There was an excerpt of air-ground communication in which the pilot or copilot said specifically the object in the near-miss was "slightly above" them. Unfortunately, the official investigators did not bother to obtain angular elevation estimates nor azimuth data, which would have taken just a few minutes in the cockpit with the crew using a protractor, ruler, paper, etc.

Brad

In a message dated 11/2/99 7:24:57 AM, brumac@compuserve.com wrote:

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Date: Tue, 02 Nov 1999 19:16:46 +0000  
From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>  
Subject: Re: UK AirmissMessage-id: <000001bf2569\$3be4afe0\$4b8b01d4@default>

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-----Original Message-----

From: Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS Kinesiology <lrobins@indiana.edu>Date: 02 November 1999 17:03  
Subject: Re: UK Airmiss

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>On Tue, 2 Nov 1999, Jenny Randles wrote:

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>@-----Original Message-----

>@From: Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS Kinesiology <lrobins@indiana.edu>

>@To: UFO Research List <UFORL@listbot.com>

>@Date: 02 November 1999 14:04

>@Subject: Re: UK Airmiss

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>@>

>Thank you thank you thank you! I thought something was amiss.

>

>My balloon evaluation (and we have a mylar porpoise here that is

>2 meters (6 ft) long here) applies ONLY to the Heathrow case.

>Would ther happen to have been a fair or carnival going on near

>the airport. Here in Bloomington, they built the county

>fairgrounds right next to the airport, and such events are so

>commonplace during the fair that the pilots know to look out for

>the excaped balloons.

In both the Heathrow and Gatwick cases it was high summer and so toy balloons are sure to be in the air. The UK is a densely populated contry. There are many towns within a few miles of these airports (indeed the two airports are only about 40 miles apart). This is one reason balloons have been suggested and researched often in such cases. The debate has been over the height attainable as the Gatwick aircraft was not at low level.

>  
>I agree with the fireball evaluation in the Chiles=Whitted case.  
>I have seen a similar fireball (from the ground), and it appeared  
>to approach, then recede as it changed brightness. It certainly  
>was not a space program re-entry.

I am pleased. I was convinced of it by Allen Hynek who was the evaluator at the time and told me how only years of added knowledge on meteors persuaded him of this option. The similarity between this case and the Manchester incident is marked. So marked I find it likely the same cause explains both.

>  
>  
>Your UK title makes me think of chemical pollutants, fragrances,  
>or music, not UFOs. That's probably why they changed it.  
>

Not suggesting UFOs was the entire point. I wanted the book to impress upon people like ATC operators that something was creating problems with aircraft. I thought that pushing UFOs would simply put them off.

Best wishes,

Jenny

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>Indiana University (812) 855-5073 Room 42  
>Kinesiology Dept <http://php.indiana.edu/~lrobins>  
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Date: Tue, 02 Nov 1999 23:00:13 -0500  
From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>  
Subject: UK Airmiss

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Date: Tue, 2 Nov 1999 09:23:00 -0500  
From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>  
Subject: Re: UK Airmiss charset=ISO-8859-1  
Content-Disposition: inline

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From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>  
Subject: UK Airmiss

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Date: Tue, 2 Nov 1999 09:23:10 -0500  
From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>  
Subject: Re: UK Airmiss charset=ISO-8859-1  
Content-Disposition: inline

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James posted a copy of the report. My comments are added:

>  
>"My peripheral vision was drawn to something out of the front  
>window. I actually saw the object coming towards me. It was a  
>silvery grey wedge-shaped object"

This does not provide an estimate of the angular elevation, although one gets the impression that it probably APPEARED to be at about the elevation of the aircraft. Had there been a very noticeable angle up, it seems to me it would have appeared less threatening.

>"My reactions was to reach for the control column, to try to get  
>away from what I felt was an object in very close proximity. My  
>hands never really went further forward than maybe an inch or  
>two. The object passed very, very close down the right-hand  
>side.">

This suggests that he barely had time to react before it passed the aircraft . He says right hand side. Implication is that it wasn't far above the aircraft.

This stretches the fireball explanation to the limit.

Also, it has been suggested that it might have been a mylar balloon. Well, let's just say some reflective object. It was nighttime, so it had to be seen either by self-luminosity or by reflection. Although reflection from city lights MIGHT be a possibility, it has been suggested that the object was illuminated by aircraft headlamps.

(SNIP)

>"I didn't see any windows or anything like that. The Captain drew  
>a similar shape, but his was made up of lots of different little  
>lights."

>"I felt his drawing could be explained by a reflection from our  
>landing lights as the object went down our right-hand side."

The landing light suggestion is "ingenious" if not amusing. Consider that the landing lights form expanding beams in front of the aircraft. How far could one see an object illuminated by these beams? If it were directly ahead and hence in the beam, perhaps a mile or so. Aircraft headlights are intended as beacons for oncoming aircraft and they are very bright. But detection of an object requires not only a bright beam but also a bright reflection and then the light after reflection diverges quickly, i.e., does not form a beam (unless the object happens to be a flat mirror). I don't know what size a mylar balloon might be, but let's pick 1 meter as a large size. At 1 kilometer the angular size is 1 milliradian....detectable in daylight viewing. Optimum reflection alignment in the aircraft beam, could make such a thing appear as a bright point way off in the distance. Naturally this point would appear to grow brighter and larger IF (a) the balloon remained within the beam, and (b) the orientation of the balloon relative to the beam remained constant

Date: Fri, 05 Nov 1999 18:26:10 +0100 (MET)  
From: "J. Pharabod" <pharabod@in2p3.fr>  
Subject: Yukon: answer from UFOBCCc: pharabod@in2p3.frX-Authentication-  
warning: polhp2.in2p3.fr: pharabod owned process doing -bs

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List only please ! List only please !

Here is a detailed answer from Martin Jasek, who investigated the Yukon incidents of December 11, 1996, for UFOBC. I hope some people on the UFORL list will have a look at this answer (and, more generally, at this case), as Larry Robinson has already done.

Jean-Pierre Pharabod

----- Forwarded message -----

Date: Fri, 05 Nov 1999 07:31:23 -0700

From: Martin Jasek <mjjasek@yknet.yk.ca>Cc: lrobins@indiana.edu,  
contactus@ufobc.org

Subject: Re: Fox Lake incident

Hello Jean-Pierre

Here are my responses below:

J. Pharabod wrote:

> Hello,  
>  
> There has been a discussion in a private list,  
> which includes some well known "researchers"  
> (sceptics or moderate believers), about the  
> incidents described in  
>  
> <http://www.ufobc.org/yukon/22index.htm>  
>  
> Several non-ET hypotheses have been put forward  
> to explain these incidents, all by Larry  
> Robinson (LR) and myself (JPP), except the fourth.  
> I will list them below in my own order of  
> increasing probability; I think that Larry  
> Robinson's order is different but that's not really  
> a problem, we just want to have your comments.  
> So let's go:  
>  
> 1) Hoax (JPP)  
>

\*A hoax by the witnesses\*

Very unlikely. First I'll give some background on how the case developed. The following day after the sighting, FOX2 and FOX3 approached a local radio station and some details of the Fox Lake sighting was broadcast. However, that broadcast was as far as it went. Another radio station got calls regarding other sightings around the Yukon. I didn't happen to hear any of the broadcasts, and to my knowledge the news didn't spread to other media local or otherwise. Some

time in 1998 CRM1 anonymously called a UFO research associate of mine saying that his sighting took place about 1.5 hours before the sightings

over Fox Lake. This was our first clue of the incident suggesting a large UFO with multiple witnesses. However, we weren't given a date, not

even a year. Then in February of 1999 (more than 2 years after the event) we got our break, FOX2 telephoned us long distance as a result of

a UFO article in a Yukon wide newspaper (the article described some unrelated cases). FOX2 gave his name but asked to keep it confidential he felt uncomfortable giving the names of other witnesses. However, he did mention that several of the witnesses independently stopped in at Braeburn Lodge and described their sightings to Steve Watson, the Lodge owner. I went to talk to Steve the following week and he gave me the names of several of the witnesses who he said stopped in the same evening although not all together. He also mentioned that they were very

excited about what they saw. I contacted these people. Many were reluctant to talk but eventually opened up. They gave me more names and this "snow balled" into a total of 22 witnesses. Finding these people took considerable effort, many didn't have phones so I just had to drive

the 2 or 3 hours to their community hoping that at least one would be home. This process took about 7 months.

If it were an orchestrated hoax by these people they would not had sat around for someone to show up at their door for 2.5 years. I don't think

they would have arranged to stop consecutively at Braeburn Lodge and tell a made up UFO story to the lodge owner.

With some of these witnesses I have met several times, often invited into their homes. I have got to know them fairly well and consider many of them as friends. Among the ones I have met frequently are FOX1, FOX2, FOX3, FOX4, FOX5, PEL1 and PEL2. I can guarantee to you on a personal level that these people are telling the truth as they recall it. Even the ones I only met on one occasion, their demeanor was consistent with that of on

honest person confronted with something that they seen that they could not explain in terms of conventional means.

\*a hoax by me\*

This is equally improbable as I would be risking loosing my credibility as a professional engineer and risking my future employment and livelihood for myself and my family.

> 2) Aurora Borealis (JPP)

There was too much structure (equally spaced rectangular lights in a row) for it to be Aurora Borealis.

See drawing by FOX2: <http://www.ufobc.org/yukon/2206fox2draw1neg.htm>

See drawing by FOX3: <http://www.ufobc.org/yukon/2203fox3draw1neg.htm>

See drawing by FOX4: <http://www.ufobc.org/yukon/2210fox4draw1neg.htm>

See drawing by FOX5: <http://www.ufobc.org/yukon/2211fox5draw1neg.htm>

Most if not all of the witnesses have been brought up in these remote villages and lead at least partly a subsistance life style and therefore have spent a lot of time outdoors. They know what Northern Lights look like.

> 3) A barium-cloud experiment with multiple

> releases (LR)

>

I have never seen one but I suspect that they do not posses much structure either. I found limited information on them on the internet. Am I basically correct in saying that they are the release of barium gas in the upper reaches of our atmosphere to study its properties. I could not find a description on what they should look like from the ground.

> 4) Launch of a space vehicle:

>

> Kosmos-2335 was indeed launched on December 11,

> 1996, from Baykonour into a 65 degree inclined

> orbit, but theoretically should not have been

> seen more eastward than western Alaska.

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Aside from the inconsistency already stated, the angular expanse of the sky by the UFO reported by the witnesses is much too large for any manmade launched vehicle entering orbit. Also, the UFO possessed too much structure that would only be noticeable at close range. Again, refer to drawings by FOX2, FOX3, FOX4 and FOX5.

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> meteor (JPP)

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- > 6) Multiple light sources on airplanes in a military
- > exercise miles north of the observers (LR)

If this were true, the angular size in the sky of the UFO observed by witnesses FOX2,3 compared to those of FOX4,5 would of appeared similar. In fact, they are very different. The numbers suggested that FOX2 and 3 were at least 14 times closer to the UFO than FOX4 and 5. Since FOX4,5 drove to the location of

FOX2,3 about 5 minutes after the sighting, it was established that the 4

witnesses observed the UFO at the same time and were about 8 km apart from each other during the sighting (Refer to Figure 2.

<http://www.ufobc.org/yukon/2202foxlakemap.htm>). This establishes that the

UFO was in close proximity to the witnesses (less than 1 km for FOX2 and 3) and therefore inconsistent with "multiple light sources on airplanes in a military exercise miles north of the observers" See also the chapter "Calculation of UFO size": <http://www.ufobc.org/yukon/22ufosize.htm>

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- > 7) Multiple releases of fire balloons, similar to
- > the secondary sightings in the March 1997
- > Phoenix case (LR)

There were large rectangular lights that maintained spacing as they moved collectively; FOX2 and FOX3 recall seeing the smooth shiny surface of the entire UFO which was illuminated by the lights on it's surface. These observations are inconsistent with balloons carrying something on fire. Not exactly sure what is meant by "fire balloons"?

- > 8) Lighted balloons released for some reason (LR)

Same explanation as #7.

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- > 9) A prank involving flares tied to balloons (LR)

Same explanation as #7. Imagine the logistics and manpower needed to

orchestrate the launch of balloons that collectively looked like Figure 3: <http://www.ufobc.org/yukon/2205fox3image1mj.htm>Inconsistent with a prank if not impossible to engineer.

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- > 11) An ordinary commercial airship, with funny
- > lights for whatever reason (pranksters ?). These
- > craft are rather big (typical length about 50
- > meters) (JPP)

50 metres is not big enough. See calculation of UFO size <http://www.ufobc.org/yukon/22ufosize.htm>. Inconsistent with the UFO size calculation that ranges from 880 metres to 1800 metres. Also inconsistent with rapid acceleration.

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- > Once again, this is my order; I don't want to impose
- > it, it's just for the sake of discussion.
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- > Also, I chose the title "Fox Lake incident" because,
- > IMHO, only the FOX2, FOX3, FOX4 and FOX5 witnesses
- > described something very strange. At Pelly Crossing
- > and at Carmacks, the sightings were less interesting
- > and (at least at Carmacks) perhaps not related to
- > the Fox Lake incident.

Have a look at the PEL1 description. This shows some similarities to the Fox Lake sightings, and is very strange! You can listen to PEL1 (Don Trudeau is his actual name) using Realplayer over the internet. He was interviewed by Jeff Rense on the "Sightings on the Radio" The link to the show can be found at:

<http://www.broadcast.com/shows/endoftheline/99archives.stm>. Click on the Sept 28, 1999 show. Start into about the 1.5 hour mark of the

program. I am also interviewed on the program.

I am of the opinion that all the sightings are related. It could of been different UFOs but there could be other reasons for the differences in the drawings:

1. It was 2.5 to 3 years ago from the time the sighting occurred to when the witnesses were asked to make the drawings. Memories do change.

2. Perhaps witnesses at different locations saw different sides of the UFO that may have had a different number/configuration of lights. The distance to the UFO also varied so certain details would not be seen by those further away.

3. Different witnesses spent different amount of time on their drawings.

Some paid a lot of attention to detail while others just provided a quick sketch. Some drawings were constructed in just seconds while others, and one in particular probably over 5 minutes . Artistic talent varied.

4. The UFO may have had certain lights turned off and certain lights turned on during that evening. It may have varied the "on lights and "off lights" between the times when various witnesses observed it.

Note: Drawings by FOX2, FOX3, FOX4 and FOX5 were very similar with the minor differences that could easily be attributable to points 1 ,2 and 3

above. The differences in drawings of PEL2 and PEL3 I believe could be mostly attributable to points 1 and 3. The differences between the drawing of PEL1 and the other Pelly witnesses I think may be attributable to points 2 and 4.

5. Points 2, 3 and 4 do not explain the differences in drawings by witnesses who were together during the sighting. To provide some explanation for this, one may consider the following. All the the witness observed the UFO for several minutes. During their observation the UFO traversed a considerable distance across the sky thereby changing their perspective view of it. It likely looked much different from the different angles which it was observed. Each witness was asked to draw the UFO. I would suppose that each witness would pluck one image from their mind that

corresponded to one of those perspectives. They would likely choose the one image that had the largest impression on them. This may explain the differences between the drawings of CRM1 and CRM2, and also between PEL6

and PEL7.

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> Please keep this discussion private (i.e. inside the  
> UFOBC group and our group) for the present time.

Will do for now. Interested in your further thoughts.

Sincerely

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The Great East Coast UFO of August 1986  
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appeared in skeptical inquirer and MUFON UJ

At about 10 PM EDT on Tuesday, August 12, 1986 (0200 UT Aug 13), nearly the entire eastern half of the United States was treated to a spectacular celestial apparition. Millions of people were outside looking for Perseid meteors, and many of them had their astronomical instruments and cameras at the ready. So when a bright cloud-like UFO (for it was a genuine Unidentified Flying Object, at least for a day) appeared in the eastern sky, moving from right to left, it had probably the largest audience of any UFO ever witnessed in North America. Sightings occurred from Georgia (Florida was socked in with clouds) to Louisiana to Houston, Texas, to Tulsa and Oklahoma City, to Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan, Ontario and Quebec, and all points in between: South Carolina, Virginia, Massachusetts -- the whole eastern seaboard.

Descriptions of the object and its motion varied, but a general picture soon emerged. It was called a pinpoint, a moving spiral, a glowing cloud, and a big ball of fire. In Houston, Don Stockbauer described an orangish nebulosity

surrounded by an irregularly shaped white cloud elongated vertically, with a dim starlike nucleus. Brenda Newton of Rochester, New York, recalled: "It started to get bigger and it had a tail. By the time we got out of the truck, it had begun to spiral. It lasted for a few minutes, then became like a dim star and floated toward the west." The vice president of the Syracusean Astronomical Society (New York) said it resembled a "reflection of the moon off a cloud, but it was very iridescent, very vivid." Wayne Madea, an amateur astronomer in northern Maine, saw a bright star-like object emit a luminous, rapidly expanding donut-shaped cloud; through a telescope Madea saw "a pinpoint of light, like a satellite, traveling with the cloud".

As it turned out, amateur radio listeners -- "hams" -- were also receiving radio signals from space at that very moment. And that was the key which led many independent observers to solve the apparition quickly and accurately. Others (such as myself) did it the hard way, with application of basic principles of spaceflight and orbital motion.

My involvement began at noon Aug 13 when, at a luncheon "brown bag" meeting of astronomy enthusiasts, a report of a bright light in the eastern sky, seen from Houston, was discussed. Returning from lunch, I received a phone call from David L. Chandler, a writer for the 'Boston Globe' with whom I had discussed other spaceflight stories months before. He filled me in on the sightings, and I suggested he check about space launchings, particularly the Japanese launch (which I had also learned of that morning). At first there was difficulty in ascertaining the exact launch time (International Date Line, and confusion at the Japanese representative's office over EST vs EDT), but an hour later, armed with a good liftoff time and with known orbital inclination and period, I was able to produce a hand-calculated map which showed the object heading up the east coast at about 10 PM EDT. Its altitude was about 1500 km (almost a thousand miles), well high enough for it still to have been sunlit even though the ground below had been dark for more than an hour.

Part of my advantage was a long familiarity with similar apparitions caused by space launches elsewhere in the world, most notably over South America (Soviet launchings from Plesetsk) and Australia (American launchings from Cape Canaveral). So my initial hypothesis about a propellant venting sprang quickly to mind. Such a phenomenon was unheard of over North America, but the new Japanese rocket test was also the first of its kind.

The names of the vehicles involved were a little confusing. The booster was called the "H-1" and it was the first launch. Its second stage was powered by the new "LE5" engine, using super-cold liquid hydrogen as fuel. Two payloads were deployed: an amateur radio satellite variously called JAS-1 (Japanese Amateur Satellite #1), JO-12 (Japan OSCAR 12), or "Fuji" (by the builders); the geodetic mirror satellite, EGP ("Experimental Geodetic Payload"), or "Ajisai" ("Hydrangia Flower"). The booster was launched from Tanegashima Island off Kyushu at 5:45 AM JST August 13 (2045UT Aug 12), after a 14 minute hold. Precise tracking data from NORAD allowed a perfect match of sightings to space vehicle.

I then reported my results to the Smithsonian Scientific Event Network in Washington, DC, to NORAD Public Affairs in Colorado Springs, to the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal (which got me on a Buffalo, New York radio show which had aired LIVE accounts of the UFO on Tuesday evening), to NASA Public Information at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida, and to the MUFON research group in Texas. This in turn resulted in my receiving about twenty additional telephone calls from news media throughout the east.

Chandler's story appeared in the 'Boston Globe' (page 6) on Thursday, August 14. It moved over some national news wire, too, since it also appeared in the same day's 'Houston Chronicle', some Tacoma, Washington, paper, and presumably elsewhere. On Friday, I did an interview with an Associated Press reporter from Louisville, Ky, and that story moved nationally over the weekend.

Within a week, the "UFO" was stuffed, boxed, and buried (it should also have been seen from Central America, the Caribbean, and the north coast of South America -- those reports may dribble in over the next few months). But it was a marvelous experience for the witnesses and for the analysts, and several interesting points can be raised about "UFO reports" based on this fortuitous experiment.

Several interesting events involved coincidences. Caught up in the excitement, Air Traffic Controller Tim Jones in Syracuse reported three different-colored lights randomly moving and hovering for 45 minutes (but it turned out he was watching B-52s land at nearby Rome AFB, several hours after the real UFO); his account was carried in the nationwide news media, but the solution rarely was. In Clark County, Kentucky, residents were panicked by an explosion while the light show was going on -- but the sheriff later got an anonymous phone call confessing to setting off illegal fireworks. Recalled County Deputy Larry Lawson: "The people said their homes shook and windows vibrated as if there had been an explosion or earthquake... They said the whole sky lit up. All these people weren't imagining or seeing things. Some of them were very terrified over it right after it happened." These illustrate the power of coincidence, in which two concurrent independent events can easily (and erroneously) be integrated into a single unsolvable mystery. Also, the emotional state of witnesses (such as fear) is no measure of the authenticity of their original perception.

One other amusing aspect was the wide variety of half-baked explanations offered for the "UFO". Some speculation associated it with the meteor shower, a barium cloud, or a satellite burn-up, while other guesses associated it with an explosion of the Japanese satellite. Professor Richard Stoner of Bowling Green State University in Ohio was quoted as saying: "It is caused by little bits and pieces of dust from the comet. They're very small, if there were a larger piece, an icy piece of material, something about the size of a snowflake, it might well cause something like this. It would vaporize and leave a glowing cloud behind it." Astronomy professor Martha Haynes of

Cornell didn't trust the observers: "When people who watch the stars once, maybe twice a year go out and look hard for a while, they're bound to see things they think are strange.... When you're in that mind set anything like the light of a plane on the horizon looks strange." John Bosworth of NASA's Goddard Space Center scored a near-miss when he attributed the reports to glints off the EGP satellite's mirrors, reflecting moonlight: "I suspect that's what they saw", he told a reporter. The National Weather Service and the Seattle-based National UFO Reporting Center agreed "it was some sort of natural phenomenon."

A number of people, however, got it right, and right from the start. Tom Bolton of the David Dunlap Observatory north of Toronto told newsmen it was caused by release of something from a satellite: "The satellite was actually seen in the telescope here and we had a report from an amateur astronomer (who) saw it and saw the release of material from it -- but we're not sure which satellite it was and we're not sure what the material was that was released." A number of amateur radio people also told their local papers exactly the true story: for example, Richard C. Eaton of Fayetteville, NY, a retired GE engineer, was quoted in the 'Syracuse Herald Journal' as suspecting the cloud was part of the Japanese launch.

The spiral form also was intriguing. In Syracuse, amateur astronomer Denise Sabatini reported: "It started out as a pinpoint of light. It was as if it were releasing some type of reflective gas into the air, and as the gas was released into air, it was as if it was spiraling around the pinpoint of light." The spiral was "like pouring milk into coffee." Astronomer Karl Kamper at the David Dunlap Observatory in Richmond Hill, Ontario, described the object as starlike surrounded by a small spiral cloud (he told newsmen the spiral could have been fuel spilling from a damaged satellite, and said it must have been extremely high in the sky). Chuck Barnes, head naturalist at the Troy Farm and Nature Center near Detroit, had been giving an outdoor lecture on meteors when the UFO appeared: "It was glowing like a spiral pinwheel standing on end and moving on a line from southeast to northwest", he told newsmen (the motion was actually from SE to northEAST); "It appeared to be five or six times larger than a full moon." In Massachusetts, an amateur astronomer watched the plume from the rocket perform two full turns in four minutes, painting the spinning spiral as he watched.

The relevance of these perceptions to other UFO reports is connected with a series of night-time sky spirals seen over China in the late 1970s. While UFO enthusiasts have accepted them uncritically, experienced analysts have voiced the suspicion that they actually involved space launchings (much like the H-1 over America on August 12). These intuitive suspicions were encouraged by a recent official Chinese disclosure of the cancellation of the "Windstorm" space booster, which through the 1970s was being developed in competition to the "Long March 3" booster; there were several flight tests, including one unsuccessful satellite launching, although precise dates were not provided. Further disclosures may allow a precise connection between "Windstorm" space shots and the "spiral UFOs" over China.

Another interesting phenomenon was the way in which UFO groups seemed to get a different type of descriptions than did the national news media. Robert Gribble of the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle got more than a hundred telephone calls, consistently describing an object shooting straight up into the sky until it mushroomed at a certain altitude ("It seemed to hold in a certain airspace", he recalled, adding "I got NO reports of it moving across the sky"). Sherman Larson, with the Center for UFO Studies in Illinois, said his group received numerous calls: "In each case, witnesses said an object appeared to have exploded in the sky and then moved into a cloud." In these accounts, sub-conscious interpretations by the collectors had evidently colored the straightforward pure perceptions, and without other accounts the stories collected by the UFO groups could well have coagulated into a "true UFO" if the solution had not been published so quickly. This is a long-recognized (but evidently still serious) problem with anecdotal data collection.

All in all, the great cloud UFO of August 12, 1986 was an exciting, illuminating experience, in more ways than one!

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Without arguing FOR this explanation, I must REPEAT my caution that this passage is based on a very faulty understanding of what satellite entries actually DO look like. The December 1991 entry over the English channel, for example, or the Sept 7, 1999 entry across the Gulf of Mexico, BOTH included graphic descriptions of "searchlights" from the 'UFO'. Lights forming a pattern -- that's practically a CLASSIC phrase used by witnesses to entries (or shallow meteors).

HOWEVER, an entry crosses the sky at an angular rate of about a degree per second, and if this motion is utterly inconsistent with the witness reports in this case, this strongly argues AGAINST such an explanation.

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Further to comments re the Yukon case, I trust Brad will nod approvingly if I concur the following has considerable more substance to ponder than the Manchester airmiss.

Summarised in, I believe, a public document on FUFOR's web site:

**PATROL CAR ILLUMINATED BY UFO**  
Damon, Texas, September 3, 1965

About 11:00 p.m. on a Friday night, Deputy Sheriff Bob Goode, 50, was driving his patrol car south out of Damon toward West Columbia on Highway 36. Since he had suffered a bite on his left index finger earlier that day from a baby alligator, he had asked Chief Deputy Billy McCoy, 38, to ride with him in the event the pain flared up and interfered with his driving. It was a sparkling clear moonlit Texas night, and Goode rested his arm in the open window of the door as they drove through the prairie. Suddenly McCoy spotted a bright purple light on the horizon to the southwest which appeared to be about five to six miles distant. At first they thought it might be something in the nearby oil fields, perhaps an oil-drilling rig. But then a blue light, smaller in diameter than the purple light, emerged from it and moved to the right before stopping. Both lights remained in this orientation for a while before beginning to drift upward. This upward floating motion continued until the objects reached an elevation of 5-10 degrees above the horizon.

Goode then studied the lights through a pair of binoculars, but could not make out any additional features. As their curiosity mounted, the officers began to look for back roads that might take them closer to the lights. They stopped again, and this time the lights suddenly swooped toward them, covering the intervening distance in 1-2 seconds, abruptly stopping practically overhead. Their patrol car and the surrounding terrain were brightly illuminated in purple light. They could now see that the purple and blue lights were attached to opposite ends of an enormous object, hovering about 150 feet from them at about a 100-foot altitude.

In his later statement to the Air Force, McCoy described what he saw:

"The bulk of the object was plainly visible at this time and

appeared to be triangular shaped with a bright purple light on the left end and the smaller, less bright, blue light on the right end. The bulk of the object appeared to be dark gray in color with no other distinguishing features. It appeared to be about 200 feet wide and 40-50 feet thick in the middle, tapering off toward both ends. There was no noise or any trail. The bright purple light illuminated the ground directly underneath it and the area in front of it, including the highway and the interior of our patrol car. The tall grass under the object did not appear to be disturbed. There was a bright moon out and it cast a shadow of the object on the ground immediately below it in the grass."

To both men, the object seemed to be "as big as a football field." Goode could feel strong heat emanating from the object onto his left arm, through his shirt-sleeve.

After a few seconds, with the strange object hovering almost directly overhead, they fled the scene and headed toward Damon "as fast as we could go," making speeds of up to 110 miles per hour. McCoy kept watching the object out the rear window of the car. For 10 to 15 seconds, the UFO continued to hover above the pasture. Then it abruptly shot back in the direction from which it had come. "After arriving at approximately its original position," McCoy reported, "it went straight up in the air and disappeared at 25-30 degrees above the horizon."

Back at Damon, the shaken officers calmed themselves, and then decided to go back and investigate again. This time they drove down the Damon-West Columbia road, but saw nothing. Finally they returned to the area where they had first seen the lights, and once again spied the purple light on the horizon, and again saw the smaller blue light emerge with a strange two-step motion and float upward. Fearing another close encounter, they again fled the area.

Goode and McCoy continued on their shift until three or four in the morning, then stopped for breakfast at a cafe. Goode noted that his alligator bite was no longer sore, and when he unwrapped the bandage he discovered that the swelling had gone down and that the wound was nearly healed. Next day, the wound showed virtually no scarring.

The deputies reported the sighting to Ellington Air Force Base, and Major Laurence Leach, Jr., arrived on September 8, 1965, to interview McCoy and Goode and take a statement. Leach's report to Project Blue Book headquarters at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base reflected his puzzlement. "There is no doubt in my mind," he said, "that they definitely saw some unusual object or phenomenon....Both officers appeared to be intelligent, mature, level-headed persons capable of sound judgement and reasoning."

(Air Force unidentified case, Project Blue Book files, National Archives. For more detailed information, see Donald E. Keyhoe and Gordon I.R. Lore, Jr., UFOs: A New Look, NICAP, Washington, D.C., 1969, pp. 7-8; McCoy statement, Brazoria County Sheriff's Department, Sept. 8, 1965; "Ellington [AFB] Probes UFO Seen by Local Deputies," Brazosport Facts, Sept. 6, 1965; Rhonda Moran, "The Night of the UFO," Brazosport Facts, Sept. 13, 1995.)  
[End]

Was there ever any question of a hoax, or evidence which could conceivably explain this 1965 incident?

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Jean-Pierre wrote:

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>Here is a detailed answer from Martin Jasek, who investigated  
>the Yukon incidents of December 11, 1996, for UFOBC.

Jean-Pierre,

One possible explanation for this interesting case was that, if a structured object at all, the witnesses might have observed an airship.

The object's apparent huge size and relatively slow airspeed would seem to rule out most other probabilities.

However, the difficulty is being uncertain of whether the testimonies are accurate, especially those which were not documented until much later.

Presumably investigations so far have found no evidence for an airship being in that area at the time.

Although we have no known connection to this story, there is at least one Canadian company, based in Ontario, who manufacture and fly large, unusual airship designs - 21st Century Airships Inc. See examples at:

<http://www.21stcenturyairships.com/H1994.htm>  
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<http://www.21stcenturyairships.com/H1996-97.htm>

I've just e-mailed them and asked if they maybe had an airship or similar in the Yukon area on 11 December, 1996, or can suggest

someone who might have.

As an aside, many other airship links which might be of interest can be accessed from the 'Airship Manufacturer Database' at:

<http://hotairship.com/database/index.html>

Also at:

<http://www.geography.monash.edu.au/images/cafe/kytoon.jpg>

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I have highlighted some of those accounts on the list and it seems we have yet to find an explanation for them - again assuming the data is reliable in the first place.

One which is particularly puzzling dates from over 30 years ago and will be known to many subscribers.

I'll discuss this under a separate heading.

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Jim,

What was the typical duration and the maximum duration of the 1986 Japanese satellite space cloud? What was the maximum angular size? What was the exact cause of the display? Great detective work! Too bad this can't always be done so quickly. I agree with your earlier posted comment that we need a full-time research center for satellite observations and re-entries, etc., that can provide quick data to UFO investigators. Is the Smithsonian Scientific Event Network the successor to the Smithsonian Center for Short-Lived Phenomena? Does SSEN collect data on fireballs etc.?

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At about 10 PM EDT on Tuesday, August 12, 1986 (0200 UT Aug 13), nearly the entire eastern half of the United States was treated to a spectacular celestial apparition. Millions of people were outside looking for Perseid meteors, and many of them had their astronomical instruments and cameras at the ready. So when a bright cloud-like UFO (for it was a genuine Unidentified Flying Object, at least for a day) appeared in the eastern sky, moving from right to left, it had probably the largest audience of any UFO ever witnessed in North America. Sightings occurred from Georgia (Florida was socked in with clouds) to Louisiana to Houston, Texas, to Tulsa and Oklahoma City, to Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan, Ontario and Quebec, and all points in between: South Carolina, Virginia, Massachusetts -- the whole eastern seaboard.

Descriptions of the object and its motion varied, but a general picture soon emerged. It was called a pinpoint, a moving spiral, a glowing cloud, and a big ball of fire. In Houston, Don Stockbauer described an orangish nebulosity surrounded by an irregularly shaped white cloud elongated vertically, with a dim starlike nucleus. Brenda Newton of Rochester, New York, recalled: "It started to get bigger and it had a tail. By the time we got out of the truck, it had begun to spiral. It lasted for a few minutes, then became like a dim star and floated toward the west." The vice president of the Syracusan Astronomical Society (New York) said it resembled a "reflection of the moon off a cloud, but it was very iridescent, very vivid." Wayne Madea, an amateur astronomer in northern Maine, saw a bright star-like object emit a luminous, rapidly expanding donut-shaped cloud; through a telescope Madea saw "a pinpoint of light, like a satellite, traveling with the cloud".

As it turned out, amateur radio listeners -- "hams" -- were also receiving radio signals from space at that very moment. And that was the key which led many independent observers to solve the apparition quickly and accurately. Others (such as myself) did it the hard way, with application of basic principles of spaceflight and orbital motion.

My involvement began at noon Aug 13 when, at a luncheon "brown bag" meeting of astronomy enthusiasts, a report of a bright light in the eastern sky, seen from Houston, was discussed. Returning from lunch, I received a phone call from David L. Chandler, a writer for the 'Boston Globe' with whom I had discussed other spaceflight stories months before. He filled me in on the sightings, and I suggested he check about space launchings, particularly the Japanese launch (which I had also learned of that morning). At first there was difficulty in ascertaining the exact launch time (International Date Line, and confusion at the Japanese representative's office over EST vs EDT), but an hour later, armed with a good liftoff time and with known orbital inclination and period, I was able to produce a hand-calculated map which showed the object heading up the east coast at about 10 PM EDT. Its altitude was about 1500 km (almost a thousand miles), well high enough for it still to have been sunlit even though the ground below had been dark for more than an hour.

Part of my advantage was a long familiarity with similar apparitions caused by space launches elsewhere in the world, most notably over South America (Soviet launchings from Plesetsk) and Australia (American launchings from Cape Canaveral). So my initial hypothesis about a propellant venting sprang quickly to mind. Such a phenomenon was unheard of over North America, but the new Japanese rocket test was also the first of its kind.

The names of the vehicles involved were a little confusing. The booster was called the "H-1" and it was the first launch. Its second stage was powered by the new "LE5" engine, using super-cold liquid hydrogen as fuel. Two payloads were deployed: an amateur radio satellite variously called JAS-1 (Japanese Amateur Satellite #1), JO-12 (Japan OSCAR 12), or "Fuji" (by the builders); the geodetic mirror satellite, EGP ("Experimental Geodetic Payload"), or "Ajisai" ("Hydrangia Flower"). The booster was launched from Tanegashima Island off Kyushu at 5:45 AM JST August 13 (2045UT Aug 12), after a 14 minute hold. Precise tracking data from NORAD allowed a perfect match of sightings to space vehicle.

I then reported my results to the Smithsonian Scientific Event Network in Washington, DC, to NORAD Public Affairs in Colorado Springs, to the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal (which got me on a Buffalo, New York radio show which had aired LIVE accounts of the UFO on Tuesday evening), to NASA Public Information at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida, and to the MUFON research group in Texas. This in turn resulted in my receiving about twenty additional telephone calls from news media throughout the east.

Chandler's story appeared in the 'Boston Globe' (page 6) on Thursday, August 14. It moved over some national news wire, too, since it also appeared in the same day's 'Houston Chronicle', some Tacoma, Washington, paper, and presumably elsewhere. On Friday, I did an interview with an Associated Press reporter from Louisville, Ky, and that story moved nationally over the weekend.

Within a week, the "UFO" was stuffed, boxed, and buried (it should also have been seen from Central America, the Caribbean, and the north coast of South America -- those reports may dribble in over the next few months). But it was a marvelous experience for the witnesses and for the analysts, and several interesting points can be raised about "UFO reports" based on this fortuitous experiment.

Several interesting events involved coincidences. Caught up in the excitement, Air Traffic Controller Tim Jones in Syracuse reported three different-colored lights randomly moving and hovering for 45 minutes (but it turned out he was watching B-52s land at nearby Rome AFB, several hours after the real UFO); his account was carried in the nationwide news media, but the solution rarely was. In Clark County, Kentucky, residents were panicked by an explosion while the light show was going on -- but the sheriff later got an anonymous phone call confessing to setting off illegal fireworks. Recalled

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One other amusing aspect was the wide variety of half-baked explanations offered for the "UFO". Some speculation associated it with the meteor shower, a barium cloud, or a satellite burn-up, while other guesses associated it with an explosion of the Japanese satellite. Professor Richard Stoner of Bowling Green State University in Ohio was quoted as saying: "It is caused by little bits and pieces of dust from the comet. They're very small, if there were a larger piece, an icy piece of material, something about the size of a snowflake, it might well cause something like this. It would vaporize and leave a glowing cloud behind it." Astronomy professor Martha Haynes of Cornell didn't trust the observers: "When people who watch the stars once, maybe twice a year go out and look hard for a while, they're bound to see things they think are strange.... When you're in that mind set anything like the light of a plane on the horizon looks strange." John Bosworth of NASA's Goddard Space Center scored a near-miss when he attributed the reports to glints off the EGP satellite's mirrors, reflecting moonlight: "I suspect that's what they saw", he told a reporter. The National Weather Service and the Seattle-based National UFO Reporting Center agreed "it was some sort of natural phenomenon."

A number of people, however, got it right, and right from the start. Tom Bolton of the David Dunlap Observatory north of Toronto told newsmen it was caused by release of something from a satellite: "The satellite was actually seen in the telescope here and we had a report from an amateur astronomer (who) saw it and saw the release of material from it -- but we're not sure which satellite it was and we're not sure what the material was that was released." A number of amateur radio people also told their local papers exactly the true story: for example, Richard C. Eaton of Fayetteville, NY, a retired GE engineer, was quoted in the 'Syracuse Herald Journal' as suspecting the cloud was part of the Japanese launch.

The spiral form also was intriguing. In Syracuse, amateur astronomer Denise Sabatini reported: "It started out as a pinpoint of light. It was as if it were releasing some type of reflective gas into the air, and as the gas was released into air, it was as if it was spiraling around the pinpoint of light." The spiral was "like pouring milk into coffee." Astronomer Karl Kamper at the David Dunlap Observatory in Richmond Hill, Ontario, described the object as starlike surrounded by a small spiral cloud (he told newsmen the spiral could have been fuel spilling from a damaged satellite, and said it must have been extremely high in the sky). Chuck Barnes, head naturalist at the Troy Farm and Nature Center near Detroit, had been giving an outdoor lecture on meteors when the UFO appeared: "It was glowing like a spiral

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The relevance of these perceptions to other UFO reports is connected with a series of night-time sky spirals seen over China in the late 1970s. While UFO enthusiasts have accepted them uncritically, experienced analysts have voiced the suspicion that they actually involved space launchings (much like the H-1 over America on August 12). These intuitive suspicions were encouraged by a recent official Chinese disclosure of the cancellation of the "Windstorm" space booster, which through the 1970s was being developed in competition to the "Long March 3" booster; there were several flight tests, including one unsuccessful satellite launching, although precise dates were not provided. Further disclosures may allow a precise connection between "Windstorm" space shots and the "spiral UFOs" over China.

Another interesting phenomenon was the way in which UFO groups seemed to get a different type of descriptions than did the national news media. Robert Gribble of the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle got more than a hundred telephone calls, consistently describing an object shooting straight up into the sky until it mushroomed at a certain altitude ("It seemed to hold in a certain airspace", he recalled, adding "I got NO reports of it moving across the sky"). Sherman Larson, with the Center for UFO Studies in Illinois, said his group received numerous calls: "In each case, witnesses said an object appeared to have exploded in the sky and then moved into a cloud." In these accounts, sub-conscious interpretations by the collectors had evidently colored the straightforward pure perceptions, and without other accounts the stories collected by the UFO groups could well have coagulated into a "true UFO" if the solution had not been published so quickly. This is a long-recognized (but evidently still serious) problem with anecdotal data collection.

All in all, the great cloud UFO of August 12, 1986 was an exciting, illuminating experience, in more ways than one!

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James,

True, more substance than the Manchester near miss. But duration and angular size -- the initial two "biggies" in UFO investigation -- are still unclear.

Brad

In a message dated 11/5/99 2:22:44 PM, you wrote:

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Further to comments re the Yukon case, I trust Brad will nod approvingly if I concur the following has considerable more substance to ponder than the Manchester airmiss.

Summarised in, I believe, a public document on FUFOR's web site:

#### PATROL CAR ILLUMINATED BY UFO

Damon, Texas, September 3, 1965

About 11:00 p.m. on a Friday night, Deputy Sheriff Bob Goode, 50, was driving his patrol car south out of Damon toward West Columbia on Highway 36. Since he had suffered a bite on his left index finger earlier that day from a baby alligator, he had asked Chief Deputy Billy McCoy, 38, to ride with him in the event the pain flared up and interfered with his driving. It was a sparkling clear moonlit Texas night, and Goode rested his arm in the open window of the door as they drove through the prairie.

Suddenly McCoy spotted a bright purple light on the horizon to the southwest which appeared to be about five to six miles distant. At first they thought it might be something in the nearby oil fields, perhaps an oil-drilling rig. But then a blue light, smaller in diameter than the purple light, emerged from it and moved to the right before stopping. Both lights remained in this orientation for a while before beginning to drift upward. This upward floating motion continued until the objects reached an elevation of 5-10 degrees above the horizon.

Goode then studied the lights through a pair of binoculars, but could not make out any additional features. As their curiosity mounted, the officers began to look for back roads that might take them closer to the lights. They stopped again, and this time the lights suddenly swooped toward them, covering the intervening distance in 1-2 seconds, abruptly stopping practically overhead. Their patrol car and the surrounding terrain were brightly illuminated in purple light. They could now see that the purple and blue lights were attached to opposite ends of an enormous object, hovering about 150 feet from them at about a 100-foot altitude.

In his later statement to the Air Force, McCoy described what he saw:

"The bulk of the object was plainly visible at this time and

appeared to be triangular shaped with a bright purple light on the left end and the smaller, less bright, blue light on the right end. The bulk of the object appeared to be dark gray in color with no other distinguishing features. It appeared to be about 200 feet wide and 40-50 feet thick in the middle, tapering off toward both ends. There was no noise or any trail. The bright purple light illuminated the ground directly underneath it and the area in front of it, including the highway and the interior of our patrol car. The tall grass under the object did not appear to be disturbed. There was a bright moon out and it cast a shadow of the object on the ground immediately below it in the grass."

To both men, the object seemed to be "as big as a football field." Goode could feel strong heat emanating from the object onto his left arm, through his shirt-sleeve.

After a few seconds, with the strange object hovering almost directly overhead, they fled the scene and headed toward Damon "as fast as we could go," making speeds of up to 110 miles per hour. McCoy kept watching the object out the rear window of the car. For 10 to 15 seconds, the UFO continued to hover above the pasture. Then it abruptly shot back in the direction from which it had come. "After arriving at approximately its original position," McCoy reported, "it went straight up in the air and disappeared at 25-30 degrees above the horizon."

Back at Damon, the shaken officers calmed themselves, and then

decided to go back and investigate again. This time they drove down the Damon-West Columbia road, but saw nothing. Finally they returned to the area where they had first seen the lights, and once again spied the purple light on the horizon, and again saw the smaller blue light emerge with a strange two-step motion and float upward. Fearing another close encounter, they again fled the area.

Goode and McCoy continued on their shift until three or four in the morning, then stopped for breakfast at a cafe. Goode noted that his alligator bite was no longer sore, and when he unwrapped the bandage he discovered that the swelling had gone down and that the wound was nearly healed. Next day, the wound showed virtually no scarring.

The deputies reported the sighting to Ellington Air Force Base, and Major Laurence Leach, Jr., arrived on September 8, 1965, to interview McCoy and Goode and take a statement. Leach's report to Project Blue Book headquarters at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base reflected his puzzlement. "There is no doubt in my mind," he said, "that they definitely saw some unusual object or phenomenon....Both officers appeared to be intelligent, mature, level-headed persons capable of sound judgement and reasoning."

(Air Force unidentified case, Project Blue Book files, National Archives. For more detailed information, see Donald E. Keyhoe and

Gordon I.R. Lore, Jr., UFOs: A New Look, NICAP, Washington, D.C.,  
1969, pp. 7-8; McCoy statement, Brazoria County Sheriff's  
Department, Sept. 8, 1965; "Ellington [AFB] Probes UFO Seen by  
Local Deputies," Brazosport Facts, Sept. 6, 1965; Rhonda Moran,  
"The Night of the UFO," Brazosport Facts, Sept. 13, 1995.)

[End]

Was there ever any question of a hoax, or evidence which could  
conceivably explain this 1965 incident?

James.

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X-Authentication-warning: polhp2.in2p3.fr: pharabod owned process doing -bs

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On Fri, 5 Nov 1999, James Easton wrote:

> >Date: Fri, 5 Nov 1999 18:26:10 +0100 (MET)  
> >From: "J. Pharabod" <pharabod@in2p3.fr>  
> >To: UFORL@listbot.com  
> >Subject: Yukon: answer from UFOBC  
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> Jean-Pierre wrote:  
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>  
> >Here is a detailed answer from Martin Jasek, who investigated  
> >the Yukon incidents of December 11, 1996, for UFOBC.  
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> Jean-Pierre,  
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> One possible explanation for this interesting case was that, if a  
> structured object at all, the witnesses might have observed an  
> airship.  
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> The object's apparent huge size and relatively slow airspeed  
> would seem to rule out most other probabilities.  
>  
> However, the difficulty is being uncertain of whether the  
> testimonies are accurate, especially those which were not  
> documented until much later.  
>  
> Presumably investigations so far have found no evidence for an  
> airship being in that area at the time.  
>  
> Although we have no known connection to this story, there is at  
> least one Canadian company, based in Ontario, who manufacture and  
> fly large, unusual airship designs - 21st Century Airships Inc.  
> See examples at:  
>  
> <http://www.21stcenturyairships.com/H1994.htm>  
> <http://www.21stcenturyairships.com/H1995.htm>  
> <http://www.21stcenturyairships.com/H1996-97.htm>  
>  
>

- > I've just e-mailed them and asked if they maybe had an airship or
- > similar in the Yukon area on 11 December, 1996, or can suggest
- > someone who might have.

Thank you very much James !

- > [snip]
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- > The UFOBC report refers to an object 'Larger than a Football
- > Stadium'. There are of course comparisons between this case and
- > others involving claimed sightings of 'massive' triangular-shaped
- > UFOs which reportedly hovered or moved slowly, displayed bright
- > lights or directed 'searchlights' downwards and were also capable
- > of instantaneous, rapid acceleration (or so it seemed).
- >
- > I have highlighted some of those accounts on the list and it
- > seems we have yet to find an explanation for them - again
- > assuming the data is reliable in the first place.

Sure.

I found back another interesting incident which occurred not far from Yukon, over Alaska, on November 17, 1986. The pilot of flight JAL1628 (Japan Air Lines) reported several strange phenomena in the sky, including the "silhouette of a gigantic spaceship" (written testimony). More elements can be found on

<http://www.primenet.com/~bdzeiler/papers/jal1628.htm>

There is a drawing where the size of the alleged "spaceship" appears about 8 times the size of a jumbojet.

Of course there is absolutely no proof that the phenomena were of ET origin. According to Phil Klass, they were caused by reflections of moonlight from the clouds and "turbulent ice crystals" (but here also there is no proof for Klass' explanation, though it's more reasonable). There is similarity in the location (extreme North-West of America), the season (November-December), the alleged size of the "craft". Could it be the same meteorological phenomenon (or the same "craft") ?

- > James.
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Besides, I would like to know HOW that sighting affected you and your interest in the UFO phenomena (even if it was finally explained).

Last, I would appreciate any reference to already published material along these lines.

Thanks in advance,  
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On Fri, 5 Nov 1999 JamesOberg@aol.com wrote:

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@In a message dated 11/5/99 11:27:34 AM, pharabod@in2p3.fr wrote: <<Aside  
@from the inconsistency already stated, the angular expanse of the sky by  
@the UFO reported by the witnesses is much too large for any manmade  
@launched vehicle entering orbit. Also, the UFO possessed too much  
@structure that would only be noticeable at close range. Again, refer to  
@drawings by FOX2, FOX3, FOX4 and FOX5.>>

See my page "Effects that make UFOs" at:

<http://php.indiana.edu/~lrobins/ufoeffect.htm>

In my experience, angular size estimates can be way off. One man reported an angular size of "a boxcar at arm's length." He obviously did not understand the concept of angular size, and was reporting how big he thought the object would have been if it had been at arm's length. The object was later identified as a fire balloon (about a foot across at the bottom) launched by pranksters. See EFFECT #10 on the page listed above.

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The ATC, once hearing reports of a UFO, went into "UFO mode," where anything out of the ordinary is interpreted as a UFO. See EFFECT #1 on

the page.

The non-reporting of the solution is the typical response. They will sell more papers by keeping readers in suspense than by reporting the truth.

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This is one of my main points of UFO study: That coincidence can play a part in many "strange events." See EFFECT #3

I looked at a local case several years ago where a witness said he saw a UFO fly over his place south to north, than north to south, then south to north, changing color each time. If I hadn't been watching myself at the time while walking somewhere, I wouldn't have seen the three airliners that flew over the town in succession, each disappearing behind one of two clouds just before the next appeared from behind the same cloud. Since they had their landing lights on, they were not immediately obvious as airplanes. The three planes were coincidentally in the right places at the right time to make the effect.

Coincidence also played a part in the Lakenheath/Bentwaters and Washington National cases.

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Actually, the barium cloud is a good guess, if something went wrong with the barium rocket that made it spin. A satellite explosion could also create this display, if a tank of gas was ruptured and thrown by the explosion. These are good hypotheses. They just didn't happen to be the right ones to be the explanation.

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Some of these are obvious attempts to debunk, but others may be the result of inadequate witness descriptions. Sometimes, government officials are under pressure to "say something" when they haven't the foggiest idea what happened. See EFFECT #6.

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@painting the spinning spiral as he watched.

This direction ambiguity could be a difference between the actual direction the object was heading versus the directions the witness observed the object in. The object's actual flight path cannot go from southeast to northeast unless the object turns. Likewise, I can watch an airliner which is heading toward the northwest that disappears in my northeast. The question is whose compass the motion reported is relative to - the object's, or the observer's? The same ambiguity of type of direction reporting appears in the Lakenheath/Bentwaters case. Perspective between the actual flight path and the witness location can have an effect on the report too.

@The relevance of these perceptions to other UFO reports is connected with @a series of night-time sky spirals seen over China in the late 1970s. @While UFO enthusiasts have accepted them uncritically, experienced @analysts have voiced the suspicion that they actually involved space @launchings (much like the H-1 over America on August 12). These intuitive @suspicions were encouraged by a recent official Chinese disclosure of the @cancellation of the "Windstorm" space booster, which through the 1970s @was being developed in competition to the "Long March 3" booster; there @were several flight tests, including one unsuccessful satellite @launching, although precise dates were not provided. Further disclosures @may allow a precise connection between "Windstorm" space shots and the @"spiral UFOs" over China.

@Another interesting phenomenon was the way in which UFO groups seemed to @get a different type of descriptions than did the national news media. @Robert Gribble of the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle got @more than a hundred telephone calls, consistently describing an object @shooting straight up into the sky until it mushroomed at a certain @altitude ("It seemed to hold in a certain airspace", he recalled, adding @"I got NO reports of it moving across the sky"). Sherman Larson, with the @Center for UFO Studies in Illinois, said his group received numerous @calls: "In each case, witnesses said an object appeared to have exploded @in the sky and then moved into a cloud." In these accounts, sub-conscious @interpretations by the collectors had evidently colored the @straightforward pure perceptions, and without other accounts the stories @collected by the UFO groups could well have coagulated into a "true UFO" @if the solution had not been published so quickly. This is a @long-recognized (but evidently still serious) problem with anecdotal data @collection.

These could also be observational overlaps with unconnected (coincidental) airplanes and clouds visible only from the viewpoint of certain witnesses. The fact that different UFO groups got different descriptions may have to do with where each group had handy field investigators, and which group

each local law enforcement agency suggested that witnesses should call.  
It has been my experience that they usually have a handy phone number (of  
one local investigator or one national group) to get rid of UFO calls to.

@All in all, the great cloud UFO of August 12, 1986 was an exciting,  
@illuminating experience, in more ways than one!  
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From: Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS <lrobin@indiana.edu>  
Subject: Re: The Damon, Texas Incident

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On Fri, 5 Nov 1999, James Easton wrote:

@Date: Fri, 5 Nov 1999 21:16:55 -0000  
@From: James Easton <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
@@To: UFORL <UFORL@listbot.com>  
@Subject: The Damon, Texas Incident  
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@UFO Research List - <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/>  
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@Further to comments re the Yukon case, I trust Brad will nod  
@approvingly if I concur the following has considerable more  
@substance to ponder than the Manchester airmiss.  
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@Summarized in, I believe, a public document on FUFOR's web site:  
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@PATROL CAR ILLUMINATED BY UFO  
@Damon, Texas, September 3, 1965  
@  
@About 11:00 p.m. on a Friday night, Deputy Sheriff Bob Goode, 50,  
@was driving his patrol car south out of Damon toward West  
@Columbia on Highway 36. Since he had suffered a bite on his left  
@index finger earlier that day from a baby alligator, he had asked  
@Chief Deputy Billy McCoy, 38, to ride with him in the event the  
@pain flared up and interfered with his driving. It was a  
@sparkling clear moonlit Texas night, and Goode rested his arm in  
@the open window of the door as they drove through the prairie.  
@Suddenly McCoy spotted a bright purple light on the horizon to  
@the southwest which appeared to be about five to six miles  
@distant. At first they thought it might be something in the  
@nearby oil fields, perhaps an oil-drilling rig. But then a blue  
@light, smaller in diameter than the purple light, emerged from it  
@and moved to the right before stopping. Both lights remained in  
@this orientation for a while before beginning to drift upward.  
@This upward floating motion continued until the objects reached  
@an elevation of 5-10 degrees above the horizon.  
@  
@Goode then studied the lights through a pair of binoculars, but  
@could not make out any additional features. As their curiosity  
@mounted, the officers began to look for back roads that might  
@take them closer to the lights. They stopped again, and this time  
@the lights suddenly swooped toward them, covering the intervening  
@distance in 1-2 seconds, abruptly stopping practically overhead.

@Their patrol car and the surrounding terrain were brightly  
@illuminated in purple light. They could now see that the purple  
@and blue lights were attached to opposite ends of an enormous  
@object, hovering about 150 feet from them at about a 100-foot  
@altitude.

@

@In his later statement to the Air Force, McCoy described what he  
@saw:

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@ "The bulk of the object was plainly visible at this time and  
@appeared to be triangular shaped with a bright purple light on  
@the left end and the smaller, less bright, blue light on the  
@right end. The bulk of the object appeared to be dark gray in  
@color with no other distinguishing features. It appeared to be  
@about 200 feet wide and 40-50 feet thick in the middle, tapering  
@off toward both ends. There was no noise or any trail. The bright  
@purple light illuminated the ground directly underneath it and  
@the area in front of it, including the highway and the interior  
@of our patrol car. The tall grass under the object did not appear  
@to be disturbed. There was a bright moon out and it cast a shadow  
@of the object on the ground immediately below it in the grass."

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@To both men, the object seemed to be "as big as a football  
@field." Goode could feel strong heat emanating from the object  
@onto his left arm, through his shirt-sleeve.

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@After a few seconds, with the strange object hovering almost  
@directly overhead, they fled the scene and headed toward Damon  
@"as fast as we could go," making speeds of up to 110 miles per  
@hour. McCoy kept watching the object out the rear window of the  
@car. For 10 to 15 seconds, the UFO continued to hover above the  
@pasture. Then it abruptly shot back in the direction from which  
@it had come. "After arriving at approximately its original  
@position," McCoy reported, "it went straight up in the air and  
@disappeared at 25-30 degrees above the horizon."

@

@Back at Damon, the shaken officers calmed themselves, and then  
@decided to go back and investigate again. This time they drove  
@down the Damon-West Columbia road, but saw nothing. Finally they  
@returned to the area where they had first seen the lights, and  
@once again spied the purple light on the horizon, and again saw  
@the smaller blue light emerge with a strange two-step motion and  
@float upward. Fearing another close encounter, they again fled  
@the area.

@

@Goode and McCoy continued on their shift until three or four in  
@the morning, then stopped for breakfast at a cafe. Goode noted  
@that his alligator bite was no longer sore, and when he unwrapped  
@the bandage he discovered that the swelling had gone down and  
@that the wound was nearly healed. Next day, the wound showed

@virtually no scarring.

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@The deputies reported the sighting to Ellington Air Force Base,  
@and Major Laurence Leach, Jr., arrived on September 8, 1965, to  
@interview McCoy and Goode and take a statement. Leach's report to  
@Project Blue Book headquarters at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base  
@reflected his puzzlement. "There is no doubt in my mind," he  
@said, "that they definitely saw some unusual object or  
@phenomenon....Both officers appeared to be intelligent, mature,  
@level-headed persons capable of sound judgement and reasoning."

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@(Air Force unidentified case, Project Blue Book files, National  
@Archives. For more detailed information, see Donald E. Keyhoe and  
@Gordon I.R. Lore, Jr., UFOs: A New Look, NICAP, Washington, D.C.,  
@1969, pp. 7-8; McCoy statement, Brazoria County Sheriff's  
@Department, Sept. 8, 1965; "Ellington [AFB] Probes UFO Seen by  
@Local Deputies," Brazosport Facts, Sept. 6, 1965; Rhonda Moran,  
@"The Night of the UFO," Brazosport Facts, Sept. 13, 1995.)

@[End]

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@Was there ever any question of a hoax, or evidence which could  
@conceivably explain this 1965 incident?

There is certainly an inconsistency:

The object was said to have cast a shadow on the ground from moonlight. It was also said to have illuminated the ground under it, and to have given off enough light to read by. No change in illumination was reported. How can the same object do both?

Also, we have to remember that UFOs had just hit the news a month earlier in the same area, when thousands of people (many being police) in the plains states reported UFO activity. People were primed to turn mundane objects into UFOs, and the cranks were turning out fake photos and sighting reports. One would wonder what the officers would have discovered if they had remained at the scene (assuming it wasn't a hoax).

@James.

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Subject: Re: Re: Yukon: answer from UFOBCMessage-id:  
<0.bc57bb19.25585132@aol.com>

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In a message dated 11/5/99 4:13:53 PM, RB47Expert wrote:  
<<What was the typical duration and the maximum duration of the 1986 Japanese satellite space cloud? What was the maximum angular size? What was the exact cause of the display?>>

At orbital speed it crossed the sky in 'several minutes'. The cloud was several lunar diameters in angular size, probably 3 to 5 degrees. The physical cause was excess propellant spewing from a tumbling jettisoned upper stage, viewed fortuitously from a line-of-sight near-perpendicular to the spin plane (imagine what it would look like from a line-of-sight more in that plane!).

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Subject: Re: Skeptics who saw UFOsMessage-id: <0.52b12c60.2558a6b0@aol.com>

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In a message dated 11/8/99 2:10:04 PM, you wrote:

<<I am preparing an article tentatively titled "Skeptics who saw UFOs... and (almost ever) explained them". I would like to know about your own UFO sightings, even if they turned out to be IFOs or not.>>

I've seen an ad plane over Lake Michigan that made the hair on the back of my neck rise, until it turned toward shore and passed overhead; I've seen the "jets chasing a UFO" mirage (where the lead jet's engine noise is displaced to seem to emanate from the second jet); I've seen satellites zig-zag, causing me momentary vertigo (false frame of reference); and I've seen hundreds of dancing dots on space video from shuttle missions, all presumably but not demonstrably prosaic. And for years I hopefully carried a polarized sheet of plastic to observe any anomalous apparitions seen on airline flights -- never saw any, and eventually lost the filter.

All for full attribution....

JimO

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Date: Tue, 09 Nov 1999 01:39:06 +0000  
From: James Easton <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
Subject: 'Manises' UFO Case SolvedMessage-id:  
<002301bf2a53\$36d76080\$3cc828c3@cis.compuserve.com>

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The following press release was to be included in the imminent, November 'Voyager' newsletter, however that has been delayed due to the 'UK Online' web server being temporarily taken off-line following hardware problems.

As I don't wish the news release to be affected, it's being separately highlighted now and I'm grateful to Luis R Gonzalez for bringing this important story to our attention:

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#### PRESS RELEASE

#### 20 YEARS OF MYSTERY ARE OVER THE ANOMALY FOUNDATION SOLVES THE 'MANISES' UFO CASE

On the 20th anniversary of the most infamous Spanish UFO sighting, the Spanish "Anomaly Foundation" ([www.anomalia.org](http://www.anomalia.org)) has presented to the press a detailed report written by engineer Mr. Juan A. Fernandez Peris from Valencia, which definitely closes this emblematic aerial UFO incident, which occurred on 11/11/79 over the Mediterranean Sea. After a scientific and painstaking investigation of almost two decades, the 'Manises UFO' case has been solved.

On November 11th, 1979, a flight of the now defunct TAE air company with 109 people on board made an emergency landing in the Manises airport (Valencia) forced by the risk of a collision with two weird red lights that were seen from the cockpit. According to the statements by pilots, the lights were first observed at 23:05, but then the lights appeared to come near the aircraft the crew became very nervous. Barcelona's air transit control centre denied that there was any other aircraft in the area, so pilot Francisco-Javier Lerdo de Tejada decided to abort the flight and make an emergency landing in Manises, where he arrived at 23:45. Consulted the military radar, it did not confirm any anomalous traffic nearby.

Ground observers based on the airport reported a number of strange-looking lights. Witnesses included the flight controllers and airport staff personnel. Because of that, one hour later, at

00:40 of November 12th, a Spanish Air Force Mirage aircraft was scrambled from Los Llanos Air Force Base to find out what was going on. The combat jet pilot observed various unknown lights that he pursued with his aircraft over an extended period of time. Although he was unable to reach the lights, some electromagnetic disturbing effects on radio communications and weapon systems manifested during the flight.

The Spanish Anomaly Foundation granted its "Ricardo Caruncho" research prize to Mr. Fernandez Peris for his 200-page analysis report on the circumstances surrounding this incident. Investigation resolved that the original lights observed from the civil airplane were prompted by flare-ups raised from two combustion towers located in the major oil refinery of Escombreras, near Cartagena, Spain. The direction of lights as well as their apparent angular size matched exactly with the luminous flashes emitted from the chemical industry complex. Their brightness and special features produced an optical mistake, but the main culprit was a strong temperature inversion developed that night, one with an exceptional visibility. All factors together contributed decisively to the sighting distortion.

As far as the pilot was concerned, he had some important family problems underway which unleashed an anxiety attack facing the remote lights which he considered to be anomalous in nature. As Barcelona's air transit control centre did not offer any solution, the pilot took an obviously disproportionate decision, deviating the flight off-route (it was scheduled Mallorca-Canary islands) and landing in the Manises airport.

It is a noteworthy fact that during those days the Spanish media was overflowed with UFO reports and the atmosphere was quite favourable to believing that extraterrestrial crafts were flying our skies. This sociological ambient took a weight on the pilot's reaction as well, no doubt.

The tight situation lived at the airport during the air UFO encounter, with much radio exchange with the pilot, moved the staff personnel to start looking for any strange light in the sky. Afterwards those were identified as stars and planets, but not at that precise time.

On the other hand, the Mirage aircraft manned by captain F. Camera returned to its base at 02:07, after an unsuccessful pursuit of several non-defined luminous stimuli, which had not any relationship with the lights seen from the TAE airliner. The most amazing part of the incident, the EM interference suffered by the military jet when flying over Valencia city, these were caused by the electronic countermeasures adopted by US Navy

helicopter's carrier "Iwo-Jima", a US Sixth Fleet's ship sailing near the Columbretes islands. The US Navy ship was at the highest alert due to Iran's hostages' crisis developed at the time.

In summary, an extraordinary and unusual mixture of chance circumstances lead to an exaggeration and distortion of events, otherwise trivial.

The Anomaly Foundation (Apartado 5041, Santander, Spain) has established a fund to publish the ultimate book on this UFO classic case. Both donations and queries are welcome.  
[End]

James.

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Subject: Re: Yukon: answer from UFOBC  
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On Fri, 5 Nov 1999 JamesOberg@aol.com wrote:

> In a message dated 11/5/99 11:27:34 AM, pharabod@in2p3.fr wrote:  
> <<The angular expanse of the sky by the UFO reported by the witnesses is  
> much too large for it to be the re-entry of rocket or satellite, or  
> strange meteor. There was also too much detailed structure (rectangular  
> lights, search beam, many smaller lights that formed a pattern)>>

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Sorry for nit-picking, but I never wrote that. Martin  
Jasek wrote that, and I forwarded it to UFORL.

Jean-Pierre Pharabod

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From: Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS <lrobin@indiana.edu>  
Subject: My skeptic sightings

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I published my sightings:

<http://php.indiana.edu/~lrobin/uforogue.htm>

All but one is identified, and I have no reason to think that that particular one is anything except a sun reflection off an aircraft or satellite too far away to see otherwise.

Some of them are replays of famous cases:

Lubbock lights flyover

Takeda photo

Frank Edwards' sighting - the very same UFO, possibly the same day!

1964 Lawrenceville Illinois UFO - but I saw it here in 1979.

The 1959 Piata Beach, Itapoan Brazil photos (but mine didn't fly)

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Subject: Ron StoryMessage-id: <0.b813b635.2559c467@aol.com>

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Can anyone give me Ron Story's current e-mail address? Thx. -- KARL

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From: JamesOberg@aol.com  
Subject: Re: Ron StoryMessage-id: <0.77e78eda.2559da39@aol.com>

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In a message dated 11/9/99 12:40:17 PM, you wrote:

<<Can anyone give me Ron Story's current e-mail address?>>

ronldstory@aol.com

YES! No "a" in Ronld...

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From: James Easton <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
Subject: known 'Petit-Rechain' Photograph  
Message-id: <004e01bf2af5\$d6d37680\$a4c628c3@cis.compuserve.com>  
boundary="-----\_NextPart\_000\_004B\_01BF2AF5.D61C5B80"

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A few weeks ago, I mentioned there was a published claim that the well-known 'Petit-Rechain' photograph from the 1990 'Belgian flap' had officially been concluded as a hoax.

The comment is contained in Peter Brookesmith's book, 'UFO: The Government Files', Peter writing:

"Belgian skeptic Wim van Utrecht and members of the Belgian Royal Military School have shredded technical aspects of the image and the supporting testimony of witnesses and strongly suspect the picture is a fabrication".

This wasn't my understanding - I thought the military school had found no evidence supporting a hoax.

If they did have doubts, what was behind them, both in relation to the photograph, allegedly taken on 31 March 1990 by a Belgian factory worker, and witness testimonies?

A copy of the image, plus an enhanced version seemingly showing the object was in fact delta-shaped, are on my web site. Unfortunately, the 'UK Online' web server is still out of service and for those who may not recognise the photograph in question, small images are attached.

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From: KAnder6444@aol.com  
Subject: Re: Ron's websiteMessage-id: <0.8b1c5e17.255a0c61@aol.com>

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Oh and Ron's new website just operating in the last  
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[www.ronaldstory.com](http://www.ronaldstory.com)

Kathleen A

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From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>  
Subject: Re: The Damon, Texas Incident

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You wrote:

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There is certainly an inconsistency:

The object was said to have cast a shadow on the ground from moonlight. It was also said to have illuminated the ground under it, and to have given off enough light to read by. No change in illumination was reported. How can the same object do both?

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No. Moonlight is not purple. The color difference can explain why there could be a bright purple light that wouldn't "cover up" a moonlight shadow.

Incidentally, according to my XASTRO computer program the moon was in the southwest at about 30 deg. elevation at the time. Unfortunately the program does not give the phase of the moon, but if the witnesses said it was bright it probably was.

In any case, I see no inconsistency in purple not covering up "silvery" moonlight (unless the purple were so bright as to "wipe out" the eyesight...which it evidently was not).

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From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>  
Subject: 'Manises' UFO Case Solved

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I recall that event.  
Nice work!

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From: James Easton <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
Subject: Reports of Closely Observed UFOs  
Message-id: <008a01bf2b2c\$a8eb1fc0\$a4c628c3@cis.compuserve.com>

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Anecdotal 'UFO' stories are inherently frustrating to researchers. There's usually no corroborative witness accounts and only exceptionally, corresponding photographic/video evidence.

That acknowledged, there's one particular testimony which I was able to document in detail and having 'left aside' for some four years now, I've taken another look at and realise, in hindsight, has some features which may be intriguing, if not unique.

Although I doubt they can be explained, it's a case I consider worthy of contemplation as I had lengthy correspondence with the claimed witness and have no reason to suspect any elaborations in her account. Indeed, the reverse maybe applies as Julia had grounds to believe the incident probably involved an experimental military aircraft.

I no longer believe that's a comfortable explanation - the USAF surely doesn't have an aircraft capable of what she describes [they wish!].

Anyway, Julie's affidavit follows and for the first time publicly I will add some further comments from her correspondence. As it was understood I intended to publish this story, plus I'm not identifying Julie and of course never would, these will hopefully help set the case in the context I understand.

This was Julie's recollections, as summarised from her correspondence, which she confirmed to be an accurate synopsis:

[START]

I swear this craft just appeared over my head. This was at about 10:00 a.m. on a bright, sunny day. There was one of those skyquakes, then in a minute or two after that, (I was outside) the atmosphere seemed to get "heavy" like it was pushing down on me, and it got warm. I have dogs and they were growling and when I looked up, suddenly this craft was over my head, fairly close too. I felt it there before I actually saw it. I did not see it, or hear it approach except for noticing the change in the atmosphere, suddenly it was just there, as if becoming visible

for the first time.

It appeared to be gunmetal gray, almost black, but not quite. I'd say the shape was - triangular, a regular triangle. It was exactly like the craft - well, no, but very close to the craft in the second episode of the X-Files.

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I can't say if the edges were round or flat as I couldn't really focus on it for a long time because I couldn't keep my eyes open. It was sort of like standing under helicopter blades - you have to shield your eyes. I didn't hear any engines or whirring or humming, and there was no real air movement to speak of, just this pressurized feeling and the warmth.

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J.N.

[END]

Initially, Julia said she couldn't be certain about the date,

only that it was sometime during 1993 or 1994. She later noted that it was definitely before the January, 1994 Los Angeles earthquake and at a time when the 'skyquakes' were being reported, with speculation these related to the 'Aurora' aircraft.

It's an unusual tale as Julia insisted this 'craft' exerted that 'downwards pressure', similar to a helicopter.

The 'X-Files' reference is somewhat 'chicken and egg', as the TV program drew heavily on previously reported 'UFO sightings'.

A triangular-shaped 'black' aircraft which can 'decloak', hover and 'disappear'...

Maybe 10 years from now?

Although controversial and open to interpretation, Julia added:

"I don't know if I mentioned this to you previously, but someone close to me was Navy air a few years back and had more than a few UFO sightings that were without a doubt NOT military. It was his job to fly around the world testing on-board tracking systems under various weather conditions. He spent much time in the Aluetian Islands in Alaska and other remote places where there was a lot of activity. They always reported what they saw, even recorded some of it on video tape, but the tapes were always confiscated and they were debriefed and told not to talk about it ever".

Naturally, I endeavoured to understand this and Julia subsequently elaborated:

"The person I mentioned who was Navy Air is my brother. He didn't discuss details with me, I had a hard time getting him to admit he saw strange things, because he takes his "oath" seriously and when the Navy says don't talk, he doesn't. I trust his word though, he isn't given to making up stories and he doesn't really believe in extraterrestrials, although he does know he saw things he can't explain".

Which, overall, is ostensibly encouraging. No apparent ET hysteria here and instead some rational appraisals of what constitutes the 'UFO' phenomena.

Julia seemed to have an appreciation of aircraft technology and concluded her experience was within that perspective.

Perhaps the most significant aspect of this case and many others where a silent, 'tree-top' level, hovering, triangular object is reported and especially where we find such detail of said 'object' provided, is that they limit conceivable explanations.

It appears to basically come down to a conclusion that the witnesses are fabricating their stories, or that these reports may have some substance.

No 'strange lights in the sky' in these cases.

Is it agreed there isn't a rational explanation and we must therefore be faced with 'unreliable' accounts or..... what?

James.

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References: <00a101bf2b2e\$83546760\$a4c628c3@cis.compuserve.com>

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Hello List

Pleased to join the list.

With regards to the airship. If there was a large commercial airship flying around the Yukon for some purpose on December 11, 1996 it would of been "Big News". You have to remember the Yukon is very large, 465,000 sq-km and a small population, 22,000 in the capital of Whitehorse and 8,000 in the rest of the territory. In terms of the way the media works we are a small community of 30,000 that just happens to be spread out. News in Old Crow is also news in Whitehorse etc. I was here in 1996 and don't recall any news of an air ship flying around. So the thought of it being an airship does not seem plausible and as this investigation took all my spare time I didn't even think about investigating this possibility. Thank you to those who are pursuing this. However, I still think that the calculation of the UFO size as well as rapid acceleration does not match that of an airship.

If it was a military airship, it out of my means to investigate this. But again there are the size and acceleration discrepancies.

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From: John Burtenshaw <jburtens@bournemouth.ac.uk>  
Subject: Re: known 'Petit-Rechain' Photograph

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>A copy of the image, plus an enhanced version seemingly showing  
>the object was in fact delta-shaped, are on my web site.  
>Unfortunately, the 'UK Online' web server is still out of service  
>and for those who may not recognise the photograph in question,  
>small images are attached.

I still maintain that it is a heavily doctored picture of a Vulcan B.2 -  
the "kink" in the leading edge gives it away. Unless an alien civilisation  
came to same aerodynamic conclusion as Avro did in the early 1960s :-)

Cheers

John  
John Burtenshaw  
University Webmaster

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On Tue, 9 Nov 1999, James Easton wrote:

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- > A few weeks ago, I mentioned there was a published claim that the
- > well-known 'Petit-Rechain' photograph from the 1990 'Belgian
- > flap' had officially been concluded as a hoax.
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- > The comment is contained in Peter Brookesmith's book, 'UFO: The
- > Government Files', Peter writing:
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- > "Belgian skeptic Wim van Utrecht and members of the Belgian Royal
- > Military School have shredded technical aspects of the image and
- > the supporting testimony of witnesses and strongly suspect the
- > picture is a fabrication".
- >
- > This wasn't my understanding - I thought the military school had
- > found no evidence supporting a hoax.

I don't know what are the present conclusions, but in May 1997 (May 5, I think) I spent several hours in this Belgian Royal Military School where a meeting was entirely devoted to this photograph. There was Marc Acheroy, Professor and head of a lab at the Royal Military School, who has studied the photo for several years (professionally speaking, the analysis of photographic documents is one of his expertises). He said that the photograph did not at all look like an hoax and added that, in his opinion and though he had not definitive proof, it was the photograph of something which was in the sky. Marc Acheroy had absolutely not any interest in UFOs before the photograph was brought to him.

In 1990 or 1991, Wim van Utrecht tried to make a photograph looking like the 'Petit-Rechain' one. This photograph also was studied by Marc Acheroy, who concluded that van Utrecht did not reproduce some characteristics of the original photograph, in particular the differences in size of the lights in "false colors" red, green and blue.

There has been some suspicions regarding the 'Petit-Rechain' photograph because the photographer said that he made it, showed

it to several people in his factory, and put it away somewhere at home; then (a couple of months after) somebody talked of it to a professional photographer who bought the photograph. An inquiry has been made by the SOBEPS who found back all the witnesses (the people in the factory who initially saw the photo, the man - also a worker of the factory if I remember correctly - who contacted the professional photographer). All confirmed exactly what said the original photographer. Also, when the photograph was (allegedly) taken, the photographer was with his girl friend, who confirmed what he said.

I will add that, when the photograph was taken, everybody and all the media were speaking of "triangles". On the photograph, it's not exactly a triangle, but a shape with "kink" in the leading edge, which corresponds to the more precise sightings of November 29, 1989, when the object was seen at close distance when it was not yet complete night. Few people knew of this when the photograph was taken.

[To John Burtenshaw: there was "kink" in the leading edge, but no "nose", which excludes the Vulcan bomber, at least for these November 1989 sightings... also the Vulcan bomber does not hover silently, and was no longer flying in 1989. On the photograph, there is no "nose", and if there are kinks, maybe they correspond to the Vulcan's ones, but they correspond also to the visual sightings of November 29, 1989.]

I am not surprised by the fact that Wim van Utrecht thinks that the photograph is a hoax. It is possible that some members of the Royal Military School (which is a rather big institution) think the same, but they have not the same competence as Marc Achery. I would like to know the date of van Utrecht's statement: was it before or after May 1997 ? All that I can say is that, at the beginning of May 1997, practically nobody in this meeting at the Royal Military School questioned the authenticity of this photograph (I say practically nobody because at least I myself questioned it - but I use to question everything...).

> If they did have doubts, what was behind them, both in relation  
> to the photograph, allegedly taken on 31 March 1990 by a Belgian  
> factory worker, and witness testimonies?

Just a minor point: the photography was taken at the beginning of April 1990 (after the 1st !).

Jean-Pierre Pharabod

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Subject: Re: Re: The 'Yukon' CaseMessage-id: <0.8e55caf3.255abb50@aol.com>

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In a message dated 11/9/99 11:02:07 PM, you wrote:

<<Martin Jasek  
Yukon Rep, UFO\*BC  
Whitehorse, Yukon>>

What is "Yukon Time" in Dec 1996 related to GMT? I'm guessing GMT - 9 hrs but it might be 10. Also, can you estimate lat/long of the sighting area?

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Subject: Re: Reports of Closely Observed UFOs  
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> J.N.

> [END]

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Julia speaks of "stealth fighter", that's the F-117 "Nighthawk" which is not that big. But then she speaks of "Edwards Air Force Base" and of "stealth planes" from this base. I may be wrong, but I think that there are no F-117 (at least ususally) at Edwards AFB. Initially they were at Tonopah (Nevada), and then were dispatched in some other bases South-West of USA, but not in California (according to my memories; maybe John Burtenshaw or David can confirm or correct me). On the other hand, I think that for some time some stealth bombers B-2 "Spirit" have been based at

Edwards AFB. So maybe Julia thinks in fact of the B-2, which is real big (wingspan a little more than 52 meters). If the craft she saw (or said she saw) had this size, it would have been probably higher than 25 feet above her.

Jean-Pierre Pharabod

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From: Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS <lrobin@indiana.edu>  
Subject: Re: The Damon, Texas Incident

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On Tue, 9 Nov 1999, bruce maccabee wrote:

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@From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>  
@@To: UFO Research List <UFORL@listbot.com>  
@Subject: Re: The Damon, Texas Incident  
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@You wrote:

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@There is certainly an inconsistency:  
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@The object was said to have cast a shadow on the ground from  
@moonlight. It was also said to have illuminated the ground under it,  
@and to have given off enough light to read by. No change in  
@illumination was reported. How can the same object do both?  
@

@No. Moonlight is not purple. The color difference can explain why  
@there could be a bright purple light that wouldn't "cover up" a  
@moonlight shadow.  
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@Incidentally, according to my XASTRO computer program the moon was in  
@the southwest at about 30 deg. elevation at the time. Unfortunately  
@the program does not give the phase of the moon, but if the witnesses  
@said it was bright it probably was.

Does this calculation assume that Daylight Savings Time was in effect then? Since this happened before the Uniform Time Act (1968), Texas may not have been observing daylight time. Most western states chose to avoid the hassle of changing clocks twice a year before 1968. Now, only Indiana, western Kentucky, Arizona, Alaska and Hawaii do not observe daylight time.

The moon was 6 days old (almost first quarter) on September 3. I have that in my file on Exeter NH, which happened about 22 hours earlier on that same day. That means that just under half of the face of the moon was lighted. The moon had gone down by the time of the Exeter sighting.

@In any case, I see no inconsistency in purple not covering up  
@"silvery" moonlight (unless the purple were so bright as to "wipe

@out" the eyesight...which it evidently was not).

In that case, the shadow would appear greenish. Of course, if the object was "nearly overhead," then (due to the low moon elevation) the shadow should have been to the left of the patrol car, not "under the object" as reported.

They said the light was bright enough to read by. If it really shed that much light on the patrol car, I would think that the brilliance at the object would have wiped out the shadow.

Of course, that statement may have been an observational error. In the October 1967 Milledgeville GA case (Condon 37), police officers stated that the planet Venus was "bright enough to read by." Maybe it depends on what you are trying to read (at low light levels, a billboard is a lot easier to read than legal notices in a newspaper).

The fact that the lights shifted in exactly the same way each time the officers approached could indicate that the effect was somehow created optically. Not knowing the details of the surroundings, I can't speculate how.

It seems to be about the same year that I saw a 3D billboard here with a real car body (no engine or drive train) supported in a hole in the sign panel. If the moonlight hit that just right.... But it wouldn't explain the motions made while the police car was stopped.

One has to remember that they were within 50 miles of what is now the Johnson Space center. "Houston, we have a problem!" In this case, they might have rented a farm for some early LEM experiments.

There seems to be a discrepancy between the different accounts of the sighting I have:

One account says the deputies were driving to West Columbia after attending a high school football game at Sweeny. Damon is NOT between Sweeny and West Columbia.

Another account says they had visited someone in Damon before the sighting.

A third account says they were on duty and were patrolling Highway 36 before the sighting.

Can anybody clear this up?

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Bloomington IN 47405-7109 like trying to sew a button on a custard  
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Subject: Re: Reports of Closely Observed UFOs

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Could this be one of those unmanned reconnaissance robots? I wouldn't put it past someone male who was testing one to stop and ogle a woman.

In this case:

The large "window" would be the ducted fan port.

The "pressure" would be caused by the ducted fan.

It would have lights and TV cameras pointing down.

It's small.

It could have "appeared" and "disappeared" by flying vertically.

It's much quieter than a helicopter, since it's electric.

I have known about these since 1996, when a UFO magazine printed pictures of some of them as possible causes for sightings. Most of them have ducted fans as their lifting devices.

"One of those skyquakes" gives away the fact that this person has read much UFO literature. I haven't seen anything on that subject since the mid 80s, after they found out that the Concorde and military jets far out to sea were causing most of them.

On Wed, 10 Nov 1999, James Easton wrote:

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@Anecdotal 'UFO' stories are inherently frustrating to

@researchers. There's usually no corroborative witness accounts  
@and only exceptionally, corresponding photographic/video  
@evidence.

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@That acknowledged, there's one particular testimony which I was  
@able to document in detail and having 'left aside' for some four  
@years now, I've taken another look at and realise, in hindsight,  
@has some features which may be intriguing. if not unique.

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@Although I doubt they can be explained, it's a case I consider  
@worthy of contemplation as I had lengthy correspondence with the  
@claimed witness and have no reason to suspect any elaborations in  
@her account. Indeed, the reverse maybe applies as Julia had  
@grounds to believe the incident probably involved an experimental  
@military aircraft.

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@I no longer believe that's a comfortable explanation - the USAF  
@surely doesn't have an aircraft capable of what she describes  
@[they wish!].

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@Anyway, Julie's affidavit follows and for the first time publicly  
@I will add some further comments from her correspondence. As it  
@was understood I intended to publish this story, plus I'm not  
@identifying Julie and of course never would, these will hopefully  
@help set the case in the context I understand.

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@This was Julie's recollections, as summarised from her  
@correspondence, which she confirmed to be an accurate synopsis:

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@[START]

@I swear this craft just appeared over my head. This was at about  
@10:00 a.m. on a bright, sunny day. There was one of those  
@skyquakes, then in a minute or two after that, (I was outside)  
@the atmosphere seemed to get "heavy" like it was pushing down on  
@me, and it got warm. I have dogs and they were growling and when  
@I looked up, suddenly this craft was over my head, fairly close  
@too. I felt it there before I actually saw it. I did not see it,  
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@Naturally, I endeavoured to understand this and Julia

@subsequently elaborated:

@

@ "The person I mentioned who was Navy Air is my brother. He  
@didn't discuss details with me, I had a hard time getting him to  
@admit he saw strange things, because he takes his "oath"  
@seriously and when the Navy says don't talk, he doesn't. I trust  
@his word though, he isn't given to making up stories and he  
@doesn't really believe in extraterrestrials, although he  
@does know he saw things he can't explain".

@

@

@Which, overall, is ostensibly encouraging. No apparent ET  
@hysteria here and instead some rational appraisals of what  
@constitutes the 'UFO' phenomena.

@

@Julia seemed to have an appreciation of aircraft technology and  
@concluded her experience was within that perspective.

@

@Perhaps the most significant aspect of this case and many others  
@where a silent, 'tree-top' level, hovering, triangular object is  
@reported and especially where we find such detail of said  
@'object' provided, is that they limit conceivable explanations.

@

@It appears to basically come down to a conclusion that the  
@witnesses are fabricating their stories, or that these reports  
@may have some substance.

@

@No 'strange lights in the sky' in these cases.

@

@Is it agreed there isn't a rational explanation and we must  
@therefore be faced with 'unreliable' accounts or..... what?

@

@

@James.

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Subject: Re: known 'Petit-Rechain' Photograph

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Could this also have been a small unmanned reconnaissance craft? See my post from a few minutes ago.

On Wed, 10 Nov 1999, J. Pharabod wrote:

@Date: Wed, 10 Nov 1999 10:30:28 +0100 (MET)  
@From: "J. Pharabod" <pharabod@in2p3.fr>  
@@To: UFO Research List <UFORL@listbot.com>  
@Cc: pharabod@in2p3.fr  
@Subject: Re: known 'Petit-Rechain' Photograph  
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@UFO Research List - <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/>  
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@On Tue, 9 Nov 1999, James Easton wrote:  
@  
@> UFO Research List - <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/>  
@>  
@> A few weeks ago, I mentioned there was a published claim that the  
@> well-known 'Petit-Rechain' photograph from the 1990 'Belgian  
@> flap' had officially been concluded as a hoax.  
@>  
@> The comment is contained in Peter Brookesmith's book, 'UFO: The  
@> Government Files', Peter writing:  
@>  
@> "Belgian skeptic Wim van Utrecht and members of the Belgian Royal  
@> Military School have shredded technical aspects of the image and  
@> the supporting testimony of witnesses and strongly suspect the  
@> picture is a fabrication".  
@>  
@> This wasn't my understanding - I thought the military school had  
@> found no evidence supporting a hoax.  
@  
@I don't know what are the present conclusions, but in May 1997  
@(May 5, I think) I spent several hours in this Belgian Royal  
@Military School where a meeting was entirely devoted to this  
@photograph. There was Marc Acheroy, Professor and head of a lab  
@at the Royal Military School, who has studied the photo for  
@several years (professionally speaking, the analysis of  
@photographic documents is one of his expertises). He said that

@the photograph did not at all look like an hoax and added that,  
@in his opinion and though he had not definitive proof, it was  
@the photograph of something which was in the sky. Marc Acheroy  
@had absolutely not any interest in UFOs before the photograph  
@was brought to him.

@

@In 1990 or 1991, Wim van Utrecht tried to make a photograph  
@looking like the 'Petit-Rechain' one. This photograph also was  
@studied by Marc Acheroy, who concluded that van Utrecht did not  
@reproduce some characteristics of the original photograph, in  
@particular the differences in size of the lights in "false  
@colors" red, green and blue.

@

@There has been some suspicions regarding the 'Petit-Rechain'  
@photograph because the photographer said that he made it, showed  
@it to several people in his factory, and put it away somewhere  
@at home; then (a couple of months after) somebody talked of it to  
@a professional photographer who bought the photograph. An inquiry  
@has been made by the SOBEPS who found back all the witnesses  
@(the people in the factory who initially saw the photo, the  
@man - also a worker of the factory if I remember correctly -  
@who contacted the professional photographer). All confirmed  
@exactly what said the original photographer. Also, when the  
@photograph was (allegedly) taken, the photographer was with  
@his girl friend, who confirmed what he said.

@

@I will add that, when the photograph was taken, everybody and  
@all the media were speaking of "triangles". On the photograph,  
@it's not exactly a triangle, but a shape with "kink" in the  
@leading edge, which corresponds to the more precise sightings  
@of November 29, 1989, when the object was seen at close distance  
@when it was not yet complete night. Few people knew of this  
@when the photograph was taken.

@

@[To John Burtenshaw: there was "kink" in the leading edge,  
@but no "nose", which excludes the Vulcan bomber, at least for  
@these November 1989 sightings... also the Vulcan bomber does  
@not hover silently, and was no longer flying in 1989. On the  
@photograph, there is no "nose", and if there are kinks, maybe  
@they correspond to the Vulcan's ones, but they correspond also  
@to the visual sightings of November 29, 1989.]

@

@I am not surprised by the fact that Wim van Utrecht thinks that  
@the photograph is a hoax. It is possible that some members of  
@the Royal Military School (which is a rather big institution)  
@think the same, but they have not the same competence as Marc  
@Acheroy. I would like to know the date of van Utrecht's  
@statement: was it before or after May 1997 ? All that I can  
@say is that, at the beginning of May 1997, practically nobody  
@in this meeting at the Royal Military School questioned the

@authenticity of this photograph (I say practically nobody  
@because at least I myself questioned it - but I use to question  
@everything...).

@

@> If they did have doubts, what was behind them, both in relation  
@> to the photograph, allegedly taken on 31 March 1990 by a Belgian  
@> factory worker, and witness testimonies?

@

@Just a minor point: the photography was taken at the beginning of  
@April 1990 (after the 1st !).

@

@Jean-Pierre Pharabod

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From: joel carpenter <ufx@mindspring.com>  
Subject: Re: Reports of Closely Observed UFOsMessage-id:  
<001901bf2b98\$4a8d49a0\$0100a8c0@mindspring.com>  
References: <008a01bf2b2c\$a8eb1fc0\$a4c628c3@cis.compuserve.com>

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> Anecdotal 'UFO' stories are inherently frustrating to  
> researchers. There's usually no corroborative witness accounts  
> and only exceptionally, corresponding photographic/video  
> evidence.

[...]

> Anyway, Julie's affidavit follows and for the first time publicly  
> I will add some further comments from her correspondence. As it  
> was understood I intended to publish this story, plus I'm not  
> identifying Julie and of course never would, these will hopefully  
> help set the case in the context I understand.

>

> This was Julie's recollections, as summarised from her  
> correspondence, which she confirmed to be an accurate synopsis:

>

> [START]

> I swear this craft just appeared over my head. This was at about  
> 10:00 a.m. on a bright, sunny day. There was one of those  
> skyquakes, then in a minute or two after that, (I was outside)  
> the atmosphere seemed to get "heavy" like it was pushing down on  
> me, and it got warm. I have dogs and they were growling and when  
> I looked up, suddenly this craft was over my head, fairly close  
> too. I felt it there before I actually saw it. I did not see it,  
> or hear it approach except for noticing the change in the  
> atmosphere, suddenly it was just there, as if becoming visible  
> for the first time.

>

> It appeared to be gunmetal gray, almost black, but not quite. I'd  
> say the shape was - triangular, a regular triangle. It was  
> exactly like the craft - well, no, but very close to the craft in  
> the second episode of the X-Files.

Well, according to the episode guide at

<http://www.thex-files.com/episeas1.htm>

the show "Deep Throat" first aired 9/17/93, and was probably rerun a few weeks later. So she apparently had the experience not long after.

Show synopsis is at

<http://www.thex-files.com/epi101.htm>

J Carpenter

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From: Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS <lrobin@indiana.edu>  
Subject: Re: Re: The 'Yukon' Case

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On Wed, 10 Nov 1999 JamesOberg@aol.com wrote:

@Date: Wed, 10 Nov 1999 07:13:04 EST  
@From: JamesOberg@aol.com  
@@To: UFORL@listbot.com  
@Subject: Re: Re: The 'Yukon' Case  
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@In a message dated 11/9/99 11:02:07 PM, you wrote:

@  
@<<Martin Jasek  
@Yukon Rep, UFO\*BC  
@Whitehorse, Yukon>>  
@  
@What is "Yukon Time" in Dec 1996 related to GMT? I'm guessing GMT - 9 hrs but  
@it might be 10. Also, can you estimate lat/long of the sighting area?

According to my Rand McNally Road Atlas, the Yukon province observes Pacific Time (GMT - 8). To confuse things, Alaska observes the so-called Yukon Time (GMT - 9).

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Date: Thu, 11 Nov 1999 13:33:16 +0000  
From: Bill Rose <bill.rose@virgin.net>  
Subject: `Petit-Rechain' PhotographMessage-id: <382AC59C.729F@virgin.net>

UFO Research List - <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/>

Speaking with my professional photographer's hat on, I don't think there would be the slightest difficulty recreating this picture using a camera.

I would start by making a small(ish) table-top model and then put some LEDs in appropriate positions. With the model suspended above the camera and a black background in place, I'd try adding a touch of illumination with a filtered Maglite - while the exposure was in progress.

Some softening of the image might help and you'd need to experiment.

Working with Adobe would be much simpler.

A genuine picture? Hardly!

Bill

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From: Jacques Poulet <jpoulet@chucara.com>  
Subject: Re: `Petit-Rechain' Photograph

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Hi Bill,

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> Some softening of the image might help and you'd need to experiment.  
>  
>Working with Adobe would be much simpler.  
>  
>A genuine picture? Hardly!

Since we can see many convincing ER shows on TV, does that imply that there are no real Emergency Room in hospitals? Of course not!

It's the same with UFO photographs. Being able to reproduce a picture doesn't prove it's a fake. It just reminds us that a picture, by itself, isn't a proof of anything. I know that a group in Europe has done a convincing fake "Petit-Rechain".

Now, are there any evidence for the "real" Petit-Rechain picture to be considered a hoax?

Jacques Poulet      <http://www.chucara.com/>

Fortean Files CDRom    <http://members.tripod.com/jpoulet/>  
UFO Repetitions      [http://www.chucara.com/dossiers/other/gdfawcett\\_ang.htm](http://www.chucara.com/dossiers/other/gdfawcett_ang.htm)  
Col Corso's DA Form 66 <http://www.multimania.com/jpoulet/corso/bryant.htm>  
UFO Sightings Reports  
<http://members.xoom.com/jpoulet/english/reports/index.htm>

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@  
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Why go to all the trouble to build a model when you can buy it right over the counter? I thought that looked familiar! It's part of an electronic game that used to be sold in toy stores. It's similar to one of those "repeat" games, but there's a game board with it. Sorry, I don't remember the exact details, but I seem to recall a connection to the occult in the theme of the game (this is for children?).

@Bill  
@  
@  
@

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From: Martin Jasek <mjjasek@yknet.yk.ca>  
Subject: Re: The 'Yukon' CaseMessage-id: <382AEA6F.604EA792@yknet.yk.ca>  
References: <0.8e55caf3.255abb50@aol.com>

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The Yukon is on the same time as the Province of British Columbia (-8 GMT) in December.

In approximate decimal degrees:

Fox Lake  
Lat 61.2N  
Long 135.5W

Carmacks  
Lat 62.1N  
Long 136.2W

Pelly Crossing  
Lat 62.8N  
Long 136.7W

JamesOberg@aol.com wrote:

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Subject: Re: The 'Yukon' CaseMessage-id: <382AF2B9.554B5829@yknet.yk.ca>

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Here is some discussion that took place before I got on the list that I am not sure was posted.

Martin

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Date: Tue, 09 Nov 1999 07:48:58 -0700  
From: Martin Jasek <mjjasek@yknet.yk.ca>CC: "J. Pharabod" <pharabod@in2p3.fr>, contactus@ufobc.org  
Subject: Re: Fox Lake incident  
References: <Pine.HPP.3.96.991105111625.26663E-100000@juliet.ucs.indiana.edu>

Hello Larry

Thank you for your comments and questions regarding the Yukon UFO sighting(s). One thing that we should clear up between yourself, Jean-Pierre and I is the topics which are to be discussed under this subject header. I know Jean-Pierre initially wanted to address the Fox Lake sightings and set aside the sightings that occurred in Carmacks and Pelly for later discussion. Sorry Jean-Pierre, both Larry and I have strayed into referring to the other locations. I will attempt to make the distinction in the responses.

I have snipped out text for which you have not responded, Responses below:

Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS Kinesiology wrote:

> @\*A hoax by the witnesses\*  
>  
> @Very unlikely. First I'll give some background ....<snip>  
>  
> (\*\*\*)  
>  
> This was essentially my comment. Difficult if not impossible to  
> orchestrate.

OK

>

>  
 > @\*a hoax by me\*  
 >  
 > @This is equally improbable as I would be risking loosing my  
 > @credibility as a professional engineer and risking my future  
 > @employment and livelihood for myself and my family.  
 >  
 > @> 2) Aurora Borealis (JPP)  
 > @  
 > @There was too much structure (equally spaced rectangular lights  
 > @in a row) for it to be Aurora Borealis.  
 > @  
 > @See drawing by FOX2: <http://www.ufobc.org/yukon/2206fox2draw1neg.htm>  
 > @See drawing by FOX3: <http://www.ufobc.org/yukon/2203fox3draw1neg.htm>  
 > @See drawing by FOX4: <http://www.ufobc.org/yukon/2210fox4draw1neg.htm>  
 > @See drawing by FOX5: <http://www.ufobc.org/yukon/2211fox5draw1neg.htm>  
 > @  
 > @Most if not all of the witnesses have been brought up in these  
 > @remote villages and lead at least partly a subsistance life  
 > @style and therefore have spent a lot of time outdoors. They know  
 > @what Northern Lights look like.  
 >  
 > (\*\*\*\*)  
 >  
 > I thought that it it might explain the more diffused light  
 > sources described by some of the witnesses.  
 >

Which witnesses specifically?

I can't see describing Aurora Borealis as "diffused light sources" but more like large expansive sheets or ribbons of diffused light. I have seen them probably around 50 times in my life and can't say that they would be consistent with any of the witness drawings. There is only one that comes close, witness FOX1. FOX1 had his UFO sighting about 0.5 hours before FOX2,3,4 and 5): <http://www.ufobc.org/yukon/2214fox1imagemj.htm>

However, he did say that it looked like a light was shinning down a smooth shinny surface, Even the northern lights have a transparent look to them rather than that of a hard surface. He thought it was a road, but there was no road in that direction. One also has to keep in mind that seconds after he lost sight of the illuminated surface due to oncoming traffic he observed going over the hill to the east (right) a configuration of rectangular lights:

<http://www.ufobc.org/yukon/2216fox1draw2mj.htm>

> @> 3) A barium-cloud experiment with multiple  
 > @> releases (LR)  
 > @>  
 > @  
 > @I have never seen one but I suspect that they do not posses much

- > @structure either. I found limited information on them on the
- > @internet. Am I basically correct in saying that they are the
- > @release of barium gas in the upper reaches of our atmosphere to
- > @study its properties. I could not find a description on what
- > @they should look like from the ground.
- >
- > I have seen one: It started out as a pink star (I read that the
- > color varies) and expanded into a triangular red shape. Then it
- > faded out after about 10 minutes. Comet and circular shapes are
- > also possible. The angular motion is entirely dependent on the
- > upper air currents. If it was released near the jet stream, much
- > motion is possible.

Interesting. Thanks for the description. Browsed through a book in the bookstore that showed a color photo of one. Very diffuse to be likened to what the witnesses saw. It didn't give anything for scale. Would it be smaller or bigger than the moon.

- >
- >
- > Beware: The human eye, given light sources, can attribute round
- > or square shapes to them.

I would say that this is true for a light source that is only slightly bigger than a "point source". Most of the witnesses were close enough to the object for this to not be a factor. for the ones further away it may explain why some saw / remembered round lights while others remembered square lights. In terms of the Fox Lake Incident and the witnesses (FOX2,3,4 and 5) that Jean-Pierre wanted to discuss, all saw rectangular lights.

>

<snip>

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- >
- > @> 7) Multiple releases of fire balloons, similar to
- > @> the secondary sightings in the March 1997
- > @> Phoenix case (LR)
- >
- > @There were large rectangular lights that maintained spacing as
- > @they moved collectively; FOX2 and FOX3 recall seeing the smooth
- > @shiny surface of the entire UFO which was illuminated by the
- > @lights on it's surface. These observations are inconsistent with
- > @balloons carrying something on fire. Not exactly sure what is
- > @meant by "fire balloons"?
- >
- > Fire balloon: Plastic dry-cleaner bag (or equivalent) with
- > candles in it to provide light source and lift. See my website
- > for detailed drawing at:

- >
- > <http://php.indiana.edu/~lrobins/ufopage.htm>
- >
- > I have heard of these being fastened together to create a larger
- > object.

Too difficult to maintain relative distances to come up with a 3-D form such as depicted in:

<http://www.ufobc.org/yukon/2205fox3image1mj.htm>

How could the rectangular lights be explained. If one scales them according to the size calculation, they were over 50 metres in width each. Fire balloons don't have the lift to support such large lighted panels. What link specifically on your page describes the fire balloons in detail? I had trouble finding it.

- >
- >
- > @> 8) Lighted balloons released for some reason (LR)
- > @
- > @Same explanation as #7.
- > @
- > @>
- > @>
- > @> 9) A prank involving flares tied to balloons (LR)
- >
- > @Same explanation as #7. Imagine the logistics and manpower
- > @needed to orchestrate the launch of balloons that collectively
- > @looked like Figure 3:
- >
- > @<http://www.ufobc.org/yukon/2205fox3image1mj.htm>
- >
- > @Inconsistent with a prank if not impossible to engineer.
- >
- > It's been done. Some of the 1997 Phoenix Arizona sightings were
- > fire balloons fastened together. (the main one was a military
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@Thank you for your comments and questions regarding the Yukon UFO sighting(s).  
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@topics which are to be discussed under this subject header. I know Jean-Pierre  
@initially wanted to address the Fox Lake sightings and set aside the sightings  
@that occurred in Carmacks and Pelly for later discussion. Sorry Jean-Pierre,  
@both Larry and I have strayed into referring to the other locations. I will  
@attempt to make the distinction in the responses.  
@  
@I have snipped out text for which you have not responded, Responses below:

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@Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS Kinesiology wrote:  
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@> @\*A hoax by the witnesses\*  
@>  
@> @Very unlikely. First I'll give some background ....<snip>  
@>  
@> (\*\*\*\*)  
@>  
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@> orchestrate.  
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@>  
@> @\*a hoax by me\*  
@>  
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@> @credibility as a professional engineer and risking my future  
@> @employment and livelihood for myself and my family.  
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@> @  
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@> @remote villages and lead at least partly a subsistance life  
@> @style and therefore have spent a lot of time outdoors. They know  
@> @what Northern Lights look like.  
@>  
@> (\*\*\*\*)  
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@> I thought that it might explain the more diffused light  
@> sources described by some of the witnesses.  
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@Which witnesses specifically?  
@  
@I can't see describing Aurora Borealis as "diffused light sources" but more  
@like large expansive sheets or ribbons of diffused light. I have seen them  
@probably around 50 times in my life and can't say that they would be  
@consistent with any of the witness drawings. There is only one that comes  
@close, witness FOX1. FOX1 had his UFO sighting about 0.5 hours before FOX2,3,4

@and 5): <http://www.ufobc.org/yukon/2214fox1imagemj.htm>  
@However, he did say that it looked like a light was shining down a smooth  
@shiny surface, Even the northern lights have a transparent look to them  
@rather than that of a hard surface. He thought it was a road, but there was no  
@road in that direction. One also has to keep in mind that seconds after he  
@lost sight of the illuminated surface due to oncoming traffic he observed  
@going over the hill to the east (right) a configuration of rectangular lights:  
@

@<http://www.ufobc.org/yukon/2216fox1draw2mj.htm>

@

@> @> 3) A barium-cloud experiment with multiple

@> @> releases (LR)

@> @>

@> @

@> @I have never seen one but I suspect that they do not posses much

@> @structure either. I found limited information on them on the

@> @internet. Am I basically correct in saying that they are the

@> @release of barium gas in the upper reaches of our atmosphere to

@> @study its properties. I could not find a description on what

@> @they should look like from the ground.

@>

@> I have seen one: It started out as a pink star (I read that the

@> color varies) and expanded into a triangular red shape. Then it

@> faded out after about 10 minutes. Comet and circular shapes are

@> also possible. The angular motion is entirely dependent on the

@> upper air currents. If it was released near the jet stream, much

@> motion is possible.

@

@Interesting. Thanks for the description. Browsed through a book in the

@bookstore that showed a color photo of one. Very diffuse to be likened to what

@the witnesses saw. It didn't give anything for scale. Would it be smaller or

@bigger than the moon.

It starts out sharp and grows to be diffuse.

@

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@>

@> Beware: The human eye, given light sources, can attribute round

@> or square shapes to them.

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@I would say that this is true for a light source that is only slightly bigger

@than a "point source". Most of the witnesses were close enough to the object

@for this to not be a factor. for the ones further away it may explain why some

@saw / remembered round lights while others remembered square lights. In terms

@of the Fox Lake Incident and the witnesses (FOX2,3,4 and 5) that Jean-Pierre

@wanted to discuss, all saw rectangular lights.

It also does this if it perceives (whether true or not) that something  
is obstructing part of the light source, even for extended sources.

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@  
@<snip>  
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@>  
@>  
@> @> 7) Multiple releases of fire balloons, similar to  
@> @> the secondary sightings in the March 1997  
@> @> Phoenix case (LR)  
@>  
@> @There were large rectangular lights that maintained spacing as  
@> @they moved collectively; FOX2 and FOX3 recall seeing the smooth  
@> @shiny surface of the entire UFO which was illuminated by the  
@> @lights on it's surface. These observations are inconsistent with  
@> @balloons carrying something on fire. Not exactly sure what is  
@> @meant by "fire balloons"?  
@>  
@> Fire balloon: Plastic dry-cleaner bag (or equivalent) with  
@> candles in it to provide light source and lift. See my website  
@> for detailed drawing at:  
@>  
@> <http://php.indiana.edu/~lrobins/ufopage.htm>  
@>  
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@> object.  
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@Too difficult to maintain relative distances to come up with a 3-D form such  
@as depicted in:  
@<http://www.ufobc.org/yukon/2205fox3image1mj.htm>  
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@the size calculation, they were over 50 metres in width each. Fire balloons  
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A triangular UFO was created near here by tying 3 extra-large fire balloons together with thin piano wire.

The link is:

#### THE MOST CONVINCING UFO PRANK

Your size estimates assume that all witnesses were looking at the same object. Now if there were more than one fire balloon there, those estimates may not mean anything.

One common description of a fire balloon is a round object with several large lights, and rectangular windows around the bottom.

The rectangular windows are caused by the light reflecting off the balsa wood or sioda straw frame.

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Right on Larry!

What you said was lurking somewhere in the back of my mind.

I realise that I've also seen a small triangular plastic device like this in various stores and I think you might be referring to the pointer used for some Ouija Boards.

There's a line drawing of the Belgian UFO on page 11 of Tim Good's book "Alien Liaison" which looks exactly like one!

Bill

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Regarding:

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Jean-Pierre wrote:

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>leading edge, which corresponds to the more precise sightings of  
>November 29, 1989, when the object was seen at close distance  
>when it was not yet complete night. Few people knew of this when  
>the photograph was taken.

Jean-Pierre,

Thank you for the informative and fascinating insights into the background of this photograph.

The point you raise above is one which has also puzzled myself. If someone wished to hoax a 'triangular UFO', then why create a fake which is different?

However, we should perhaps keep very much in mind the 'alien autopsy' footage. If someone intended to depict an 'alien', especially with 'Roswell' connotations, then why portray it as a six-digit, pot-bellied, bow-legged creature...

C'est la vie!

>Just a minor point: the photography was taken at the beginning  
>of April 1990 (after the 1st!)

That was my understanding and what's always been reported on my web site - the 31 March 1990 date comes from Peter Brookesmith's book!

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Subject: Re: 'Petit-Rechain' Photograph

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Subject: Re: `Petit-Rechain' PhotographsMessage-id:  
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Regarding:

>Date: Thu, 11 Nov 1999 18:50:44 +0000  
>From: Bill Rose <bill.rose@virgin.net>  
>To: uforl@listbot.com  
>Subject: `Petir-Rechain' Photographs

Bill wrote:

>Right on Larry!

>What you said was lurking somewhere in the back of my mind.

>I realise that I've also seen a small triangular plastic device  
>like this in various stores and I think you might be referring

>to the pointer used for some Ouija Boards.

Bill,

Interesting idea and I know what you mean!

However, there's no comparison with the 'delta' shape shown in  
the 'Petit-Rechain' image as can be proven from the 'Ouija board'  
photograph at:

<http://www.ufomind.com/para/spirit/ouija/>

>There's a line drawing of the Belgian UFO on page 11 of Tim  
>Good's book "Alien Liaison" which looks exactly like one!

Almost, but not quite!

The 'Ouija board' pointer doesn't have a bottom protrusion.

Incidentally, there's a copy of that 'Alien Liaison' photograph,  
plus another sketch of the same reported 'object' on my web site  
at:

<http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/triangle.htm>

I take it we can agree that despite the similarities, this is coincidental and the good folks of Belgium were not hallucinating occult manifestations!

I'm sure we can also conclude that these particular sketches are indicative, as further evidenced by the other drawings on this web page, that there were different perceptions of a 'triangular UFO' during the 'Belgian flap'.

I dare say that even if there was actually a 'triangular' shaped aerial device which gave rise to the numerous reported sightings, we shouldn't expect a consistent depiction, merely, comparative ones.

Which, to be fair, is what we have.

James.

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On Thu, 11 Nov 1999, Bill Rose wrote:

- > Speaking with my professional photographer's hat on, I don't think there
- > would be the slightest difficulty recreating this picture using a
- > camera.
- > I would start by making a small(ish) table-top model and then put some
- > LEDs in appropriate positions. With the model suspended above the camera
- > and a black background in place, I'd try adding a touch of illumination
- > with a filtered Maglite - while the exposure was in progress.
- > Some softening of the image might help and you'd need to experiment.

The people who tried to reproduce this photograph in 1990(-1991 ?), i.e. the team of astrophysicists at Liege (fake 1) and Van Utrecht (fake 2), used small triangles with holes, behind which they put lights which they moved in different ways. Only Van Utrech managed to more or less reproduce the "filaments" of the lights. Marc Acheroy (as, IMHO, anybody who looked at these fakes) concluded that these fakes were bad.

But I have no doubt that, with enough time and good material, the picture could be recreated almost perfectly.

- > Working with Adobe would be much simpler.

I don't think that Adobe was available, at least in Belgium, in 1990. I have been told that something could be made there at this date with a Mac Intosh.

- > A genuine picture? Hardly!

This is an interesting statement. Could you elaborate?

- > Bill

Jean-Pierre Pharabod

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On Fri, 12 Nov 1999, James Easton wrote:

> Jean-Pierre,  
>  
> I wondered if you knew the answers to these questions:

Good questions, as usual... I have not the SOBEPS books handy, but there is a Belgian web site with a good section about this photograph, with good reproductions:

<http://members.xoom.com/butwww/Menu/index.htm>

click on the small drawing in a circle near "Belgian Triangles"

then click on the phrase:

. The world famous picture that is proven authentic in numerous occasions

(the rest of this site can be safely ignored...)

> 1. What type of film was allegedly used - am I correct in remembering it could have been ASA 400, or even 'faster', print film?

According to this site (once again, I have not the SOBEPS books here, but it corresponds to my memories) it was Kodak Ektachrome ED 200 ASA. I am sure it was less than 400.

> 2. I believe a zoom/telephoto lens was reportedly used - do we know the technical details?

According to this site, zoom 55-200 millimeter, with a skylight filter. Maximal diaphragme 4, shutter in pause mode D, exposure time 1 to 2 seconds. The objective was probably adjusted to 100-150 millimeters.

> 3. Were the actual negatives examined and is it known what images were on the roll of film before and after this photograph?

The photographer had (or said he had) only slides he got from

the (cheap) lab to which he sent the film (by the post, if I remember correctly). Before, according to him, there were ordinary photographs (holidays, I think). After, none.

> 4. Was only one photograph of the 'object' taken?

Two photographs were taken. Allegedly, there was practically nothing on the second one, and the photographer threw it away (the SOBEPS was rather furious of that...).

> 5. What was the claimed altitude of this object when  
> photographed?

I will try to find the answer in the SOBEPS books. I don't think that a precise altitude was specified.

> 6. I presume the image we're all familiar with is an enlargement  
> (either that or the object was very close overhead, or it was an  
> incredibly powerful lens!).

No, it's not an enlargement! The left part of the photograph (where there is nothing except dark) is often cut in the reproductions. Maybe the object was close overhead - maybe it was big!

> Can you clarify this?

>

> Just an observation - the object's 'top' edge is distinctly  
> longer than the bottom.

It is conjectured that the object moved slightly during the exposure time, which could explain some dissymetries. It has been calculated, at the Royal Military School, that the object rotated slightly around an axis which was not orthogonal to the "plane" where the lights are located (the exact parameters of this rotation have been calculated).

>

> Would this be consistent with a low altitude object, photographed  
> at such an angle from below?

If I understand correctly, the official explanation is the one I reproduced above.

> If we have all of the above data and assuming there remains no  
> significant evidence to believe the photograph was hoaxed  
> (although it does seem 'too good to be true') - maybe we can  
> calculate a theoretical size?

As far as I know, the answer is: no, we can't.

> James.

Jean-Pierre Pharabod

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References: <3.0.6.32.1999111213523.007aca70@pop.proxyma.net>

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Content-id: <Pine.HPP.3.96.991112092219.305H@juliet.ucs.indiana.edu>

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On Thu, 11 Nov 1999, Martin Jasek wrote:

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@Subject: Re: The 'Yukon' Case  
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@Larry Robinson's response  
@

Upon rereading this post, I found that I have some better answers for you (I got kinda rushed the other day, because I had a meeting to attend).

I could not include the text I am responding to directly, because my email editor can't do much with attachments.

When I said "diffused," I was really thinking "extended," but in my haste to get done, I just couldn't think of the word I wanted.

There were several sketches with extended patches of light. One of them seemed kind of diffuse, which is where I nabbed that word.

The barium cloud I observed started out the size of a star, and expanded to slightly larger than the full moon. I checked the angular sizes at the time of the sighting.

This is one of the most puzzling cases I have encountered in years. Of course, we still haven't ruled out several effects:

A. The "stimulated report" effect: This is where publicity seekers or hecklers give fictitious reports after a real sighting. Some of the sightings might be stimulated reports. Of course, any sighting reported before the witnesses could have found out about the other sightings could not be stimulated.

B. Optical mirages. Who knows what this could have been an image of? But without very unusual light bending effects, the differences in observed direction tend to rule this out.

But it does happen. See the "Handbook of Unusual Natural Phenomena" by William R Corliss (Anchor/Doubleday 1983). While driving, I once saw the image of a truck approach me in my lane, then rise into the air, flatten out, and disappear. A few minutes later, the real truck passed me (in the correct lane, of course).

C. Exaggerated angular size: Many witnesses do not understand the concept of angular size, and try to report their perception of real size instead.

One of my favorite size errors is a description of an object that was later identified as a fire balloon: "A boxcar at arm's length." The witness thought the question was "How big would the object be if it had approached within an arm's length?"

On the other side, I got a description: "The size of a baseball." A baseball at arm's length is huge in the sky (Try it). The object was Mars scintillating on the horizon. The witness described how a baseball hit in the air and seen from the stands looks.

Most people are poor judges at angular size. As an exercise in observation in an astronomy class, the professor asked students to pretend that they held objects at arm's length, and to write down what objects best fit the zenith moon, and the horizon moon.

He collected their guesses. Most chose a larger object for horizon moon than for zenith moon. Horizon moon guesses ranged from "quarter" to "basketball" ("car" was thrown out as misunderstanding the question). Zenith moon guesses ranged from "dime" to "softball." Every guess was at least twice the correct size ("pea," for both horizon and zenith moons).

Of course, there was one drawback to the experiment: It took place in a classroom without windows. This means that it would be very helpful to:

1. Actually take the witness to the scene of the sighting.
2. Give them an ordinary pencil with eraser tip to use as a tool.
3. Have them practice angular sizes on common objects (house, car, road sign, bird, etc) first.

4. Finally, ask them to estimate the angular size of the unknown object.

D. There is another effect at work here: One has to remember that some people's visual systems tend to exaggerate the size of an object being concentrated on (at least mine does). This is not an effect in the eye, but in the way the brain processes the image to root out detail (again, try it). If you aren't aware of this effect, you might overestimate the angular size.

E. Beware of witness statements claiming the object was "directly over" a distant landmark. Since the witness has no indication of actual size or distance, the object could have been a lot smaller and closer, yet appear to be far enough to be over the landmark. Conversely, it might be farther away.

F. I am reading the same reported effects in this case as those reported in the 1997 Phoenix AZ case (the flights that were confirmed to be parachute-flare drops):

1. A solid body that blocked out stars was reported, with the lights attached to it
2. The lights were perceived as being on a larger object
3. A searchlight effect
4. Different colored lights (from identical flares)
5. Square lights
6. Distortion of the shape of the lights

G. Nobody suggested parachute flares.

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@Cc: "J. Pharabod" <pharabod@in2p3.fr>, contactus@ufobc.org  
@Subject: Re: Fox Lake incident  
@  
@Hello Larry  
@  
@Thank you for your comments and questions regarding the Yukon UFO sighting(s).  
@One thing that we should clear up between yourself, Jean-Pierre and I is the  
@topics which are to be discussed under this subject header. I know Jean-Pierre  
@initially wanted to address the Fox Lake sightings and set aside the sightings  
@that occurred in Carmacks and Pelly for later discussion. Sorry Jean-Pierre,  
@both Larry and I have strayed into referring to the other locations. I will  
@attempt to make the distinction in the responses.  
@  
@I have snipped out text for which you have not responded, Responses below:  
@  
@Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS Kinesiology wrote:  
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@> @\*A hoax by the witnesses\*  
@>  
@> @Very unlikely. First I'll give some background ....<snip>  
@>  
@> (\*\*\*\*)  
@>  
@> This was essentially my comment. Difficult if not impossible to  
@> orchestrate.  
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@OK  
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@>  
@>  
@> @\*a hoax by me\*  
@>  
@> @This is equally improbable as I would be risking losing my  
@> @credibility as a professional engineer and risking my future  
@> @employment and livelihood for myself and my family.  
@>  
@> @> 2) Aurora Borealis (JPP)  
@> @  
@> @There was too much structure (equally spaced rectangular lights  
@> @in a row) for it to be Aurora Borealis.  
@> @  
@> @See drawing by FOX2: <http://www.ufobc.org/yukon/2206fox2draw1neg.htm>  
@> @See drawing by FOX3: <http://www.ufobc.org/yukon/2203fox3draw1neg.htm>  
@> @See drawing by FOX4: <http://www.ufobc.org/yukon/2210fox4draw1neg.htm>  
@> @See drawing by FOX5: <http://www.ufobc.org/yukon/2211fox5draw1neg.htm>  
@> @  
@> @Most if not all of the witnesses have been brought up in these  
@> @remote villages and lead at least partly a subsistence life  
@> @style and therefore have spent a lot of time outdoors. They know  
@> @what Northern Lights look like.  
@>  
@> (\*\*\*\*)  
@>  
@> I thought that it might explain the more diffused light  
@> sources described by some of the witnesses.  
@>  
@  
@Which witnesses specifically?  
@  
@I can't see describing Aurora Borealis as "diffused light sources" but more  
@like large expansive sheets or ribbons of diffused light. I have seen them  
@probably around 50 times in my life and can't say that they would be  
@consistent with any of the witness drawings. There is only one that comes  
@close, witness FOX1. FOX1 had his UFO sighting about 0.5 hours before FOX2,3,4  
@and 5): <http://www.ufobc.org/yukon/2214fox1imagemj.htm>  
@However, he did say that it looked like a light was shining down a smooth  
@shiny surface, Even the northern lights have a transparent look to them

@rather than that of a hard surface. He thought it was a road, but there was no  
@road in that direction. One also has to keep in mind that seconds after he  
@lost sight of the illuminated surface due to oncoming traffic he observed  
@going over the hill to the east (right) a configuration of rectangular lights:  
@

@<http://www.ufobc.org/yukon/2216fox1draw2mj.htm>

@

@> @> 3) A barium-cloud experiment with multiple

@> @> releases (LR)

@> @>

@> @

@> @I have never seen one but I suspect that they do not possess much

@> @structure either. I found limited information on them on the

@> @internet. Am I basically correct in saying that they are the

@> @release of barium gas in the upper reaches of our atmosphere to

@> @study its properties. I could not find a description on what

@> @they should look like from the ground.

@>

@> I have seen one: It started out as a pink star (I read that the

@> color varies) and expanded into a triangular red shape. Then it

@> faded out after about 10 minutes. Comet and circular shapes are

@> also possible. The angular motion is entirely dependent on the

@> upper air currents. If it was released near the jet stream, much

@> motion is possible.

@

@Interesting. Thanks for the description. Browsed through a book in the

@bookstore that showed a color photo of one. Very diffuse to be likened to what

@the witnesses saw. It didn't give anything for scale. Would it be smaller or

@bigger than the moon.

It starts out sharp and grows to be diffuse.

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@>

@> Beware: The human eye, given light sources, can attribute round

@> or square shapes to them.

@

@I would say that this is true for a light source that is only slightly bigger

@than a "point source". Most of the witnesses were close enough to the object

@for this to not be a factor. For the ones further away it may explain why some

@saw / remembered round lights while others remembered square lights. In terms

@of the Fox Lake Incident and the witnesses (FOX2,3,4 and 5) that Jean-Pierre

@wanted to discuss, all saw rectangular lights.

It also does this if it perceives (whether true or not) that something  
is obstructing part of the light source, even for extended sources.

@>

@

@<snip>  
@  
@>  
@>  
@> @> 7) Multiple releases of fire balloons, similar to  
@> @> the secondary sightings in the March 1997  
@> @> Phoenix case (LR)  
@>  
@> @There were large rectangular lights that maintained spacing as  
@> @they moved collectively; FOX2 and FOX3 recall seeing the smooth  
@> @shiny surface of the entire UFO which was illuminated by the  
@> @lights on it's surface. These observations are inconsistent with  
@> @balloons carrying something on fire. Not exactly sure what is  
@> @meant by "fire balloons"?  
@>  
@> Fire balloon: Plastic dry-cleaner bag (or equivalent) with  
@> candles in it to provide light source and lift. See my website  
@> for detailed drawing at:  
@>  
@> <http://php.indiana.edu/~lrobins/ufopage.htm>  
@>  
@> I have heard of these being fastened together to create a larger  
@> object.  
@  
@Too difficult to maintain relative distances to come up with a 3-D form such  
@as depicted in:  
@<http://www.ufobc.org/yukon/2205fox3image1mj.htm>  
@How could the rectangular lights be explained. If one scales them according to  
@the size calculation, they were over 50 metres in width each. Fire balloons  
@don't have the lift to support such large lighted panels. What link  
@specifically on your page describes the fire balloons in detail? I had trouble  
@finding it.

A triangular UFO was created near here by tying 3 extra-large fire balloons together with thin piano wire.

The link is:

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Your size estimates assume that all witnesses were looking at the same object. Now if there were more than one fire balloon there, those estimates may not mean anything.

One common description of a fire balloon is a round object with several large lights, and rectangular windows around the bottom. The rectangular windows are caused by the light reflecting off the balsa wood or sioda straw frame.

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@>  
@> @> 8) Lighted balloons released for some reason (LR)  
@> @  
@> @Same explanation as #7.  
@> @  
@> @>  
@> @>  
@> @> 9) A prank involving flares tied to balloons (LR)  
@>  
@> @Same explanation as #7. Imagine the logistics and manpower  
@> @needed to orchestrate the launch of balloons that collectively  
@> @looked like Figure 3:  
@>  
@> @<http://www.ufobc.org/yukon/2205fox3image1mj.htm>  
@>  
@> @Inconsistent with a prank if not impossible to engineer.  
@>  
@> It's been done. Some of the 1997 Phoenix Arizona sightings were  
@> fire balloons fastened together. (the main one was a military  
@> practice exercise of dropping parachute flares.) There is a  
@> suspicion that remnants of the Heavensgate cult had something to  
@> do with it.  
@  
@I have never heard of this explanation. Are you talking about the V-shaped  
@object?

The large vee shaped object seen (and videotaped) several days in a row over Phoenix was actually the result of a training exercise in parachute-flare dropping. It was not immediately identified because the exercise was training for the visiting Maryland National Guard. This has been confirmed, and was broadcast on the Discovery channel.

The small vee shaped object over Prescott was a group of fire balloons tied together. The lights over Tucson and the lights observed later in the night on the 13th were groups of free fire balloons.

@> @> 10) The huge lenticular airship (diameter about  
@> @> 500 meters) which the Russians intended to build,  
@> @> and (if memory serves) to use in Siberia. But  
@> @> I have been told that this airship has never been  
@> @> built. Maybe a similar U.S. project? (JPP)  
@>  
@> @This object was between 880 metres to 1800 metres in size, this  
@> @is inconsistent with 500 metres. FOX3 watched it accelerate  
@> @rapidly away (disappeared in a fraction of a second). This would  
@> @be inconsistent with an airship. FOX2, FOX4 and FOX5 may have

@> @not seen this rapid acceleration since they were located closer  
@> @to obstructions (trees and/or hills) that obscured their view to  
@> @the east.  
@>  
@> It's close enough in size to be within observational error.  
@>  
@  
@Yes I would say that 500 metres is the lower most bound for the triangulation.  
@However, 1000 metres is more likely, given the max was about 2000 metres.  
@  
@> Did the object accelerate away, or did it simply dim out its  
@> lights?  
@>  
@  
@Only 3 witnesses saw execration, FOX3, PEL1 and PEL7.  
@  
@> Why did some witnesses report that the lights went out one by  
@> one, and others reported that it left into the distance?  
@>  
@  
@FOX3 had the least obstructed view to the east. FOX2, FOX4 and FOX5 were close  
@to a hillside and tall trees.  
@  
@PEL1 was about 9km northeast of the other Pelly witnesses and was located on a  
@hillside. The other witnesses were located in the Pelly River Valley (about an  
@800ft elevation difference).  
@  
@PEL7 noted that it sped up just before it went over the hill horizon. It "sped  
@up" not accelerated rapidly so perhaps the other witnesses didn't  
@notice/didn't recall/forgot to mention this detail.  
@  
@> Why were there different directions of disappearance reported?  
@>  
@  
@In Carmacks, we are not sure if the two groups of witnesses observed the UFO  
@at the exact same time. There may had been multiple passes of the UFO. Also,  
@not everyone carries around a compass. When someone says north, it could be  
@north-east.

Right.

@> @> 11) An ordinary commercial airship, with funny  
@> @> lights for whatever reason (pranksters ?). These  
@> @> craft are rather big (typical length about 50  
@> @> meters) (JPP)  
@>  
@> @50 metres is not big enough. See calculation of UFO size  
@> @<http://www.ufobc.org/yukon/22ufosize.htm>. Inconsistent with the UFO size  
@> @calculation that ranges from 880 metres to 1800 metres. Also  
@> @inconsistent with rapid acceleration.

@>  
@> @> Once again, this is my order; I don't want to impose  
@> @> it, it's just for the sake of discussion.  
@> @>  
@> @> Also, I chose the title "Fox Lake incident" because,  
@> @> IMHO, only the FOX2, FOX3, FOX4 and FOX5 witnesses  
@> @> described something very strange. At Pelly Crossing  
@> @> and at Carmacks, the sightings were less interesting  
@> @> and (at least at Carmacks) perhaps not related to  
@> @> the Fox Lake incident.  
@>  
@> @> Have a look at the PEL1 description. This shows some  
@> @> similarities to the Fox Lake sightings, and is very strange! You  
@> @> can listen to PEL1 (Don Trudeau is his actual name) using  
@> @> Realplayer over the internet. He was interviewed by Jeff Rense  
@> @> on the "Sightings on the Radio" The link to the show can be  
@> @> found at:  
@> @> <http://www.broadcast.com/shows/endoftheline/99archives.stm>.  
@> @> Click on the Sept 28, 1999 show. Start into about the 1.5 hour  
@> @> mark of the program. I am also interviewed on the program.  
@> @>  
@> @> I am of the opinion that all the sightings are related. It  
@> @> could of been different UFOs but there could be other reasons  
@> @> for the differences in the drawings:  
@>  
@> @> 1. It was 2.5 to 3 years ago from the time the sighting occurred  
@> @> to when the witnesses were asked to make the drawings. Memories  
@> @> do change.  
@>  
@> @> 2. Perhaps witnesses at different locations saw different sides  
@> @> of the UFO that may have had a different number/configuration of  
@> @> lights. The distance to the UFO also varied so certain details  
@> @> would not be seen by those further away.  
@>  
@> @> 3. Different witnesses spent different amount of time on their  
@> @> drawings. Some paid a lot of attention to detail while others  
@> @> just provided a quick sketch. Some drawings were constructed in  
@> @> just seconds while others, and one in particular probably over 5  
@> @> minutes . Artistic talent varied.  
@>  
@> @> 4. The UFO may have had certain lights turned off and certain  
@> @> lights turned on during that evening. It may have varied the "on  
@> @> lights and "off lights" between the times when various witnesses  
@> @> observed it.  
@>  
@> @> Note: Drawings by FOX2, FOX3, FOX4 and FOX5 were very similar  
@> @> with the minor differences that could easily be attributable to  
@> @> points 1 ,2 and 3 above. The differences in drawings of PEL2 and  
@> @> PEL3 I believe could be mostly attributable to points 1 and 3.  
@> @> The differences between the drawing of PEL1 and the other Pelly

@> @witnesses I think may be attributable to points 2 and 4.  
@>  
@> @5. Points 2, 3 and 4 do not explain the differences in drawings  
@> @by witnesses who were together during the sighting. To provide  
@> @some explanation for this, one may consider the following. All  
@> @the the witness observed the UFO for several minutes. During  
@> @their observation the UFO traversed a considerable distance  
@> @across the sky thereby changing their perspective view of it. It  
@> @likely looked much different from the different angles which it  
@> @was observed. Each witness was asked to draw the UFO. I would  
@> @suppose that each witness would pluck one image from their mind  
@> @that corresponded to one of those perspectives. They would  
@> @likely choose the one image that had the largest impression on  
@> @them. This may explain the differences between the drawings of  
@> @CRM1 and CRM2, and also between PEL6 and PEL7.

@>  
@> @>  
@> @>  
@> @> Please keep this discussion private (i.e. inside the  
@> @> UFOBC group and our group) for the present time.

@> @  
@> @Will do for now. Interested in your further thoughts.

@> @  
@> @Sincerely  
@> @  
@> @Martin Jasek  
@> @UFO\*BC Yukon Representative

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@  
@Thank you for the opportunity to discuss  
@  
@Sincerely

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@Subject: `Petir-Rechain' Photographs  
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@  
@Right on Larry!  
@  
@What you said was lurking somewhere in the back of my mind.  
@  
@I realise that I've also seen a small triangular plastic device like  
@this in various stores and I think you might be referring to the pointer  
@used for some Ouija Boards.  
@ There's a line drawing of the Belgian UFO on page 11 of Tim Good's book  
@"Alien Liaison" which looks exactly like one!

This was a device with colored lights on it. It may have been used  
with an Ouija board.

@Bill  
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@Subject: Re: 'Petit-Rechain' Photograph  
@  
@UFO Research List - <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/>  
@

@Regarding:

@  
@\* List only please \*  
@

@Jean-Pierre wrote:

@  
@>I will add that, when the photograph was taken, everybody and  
@>all the media were speaking of "triangles". On the photograph,  
@>it's not exactly a triangle, but a shape with "kink" in the  
@>leading edge, which corresponds to the more precise sightings of  
@>November 29, 1989, when the object was seen at close distance  
@>when it was not yet complete night. Few people knew of this when  
@>the photograph was taken.

@

@

@Jean-Pierre,

@

@Thank you for the informative and fascinating insights into the  
@background of this photograph.

@

@The point you raise above is one which has also puzzled myself.  
@If someone wished to hoax a 'triangular UFO', then why create a  
@fake which is different?

@

@However, we should perhaps keep very much in mind the 'alien  
@autopsy' footage. If someone intended to depict an 'alien',  
@especially with 'Roswell' connotations, then why portray it as a  
@six-digit, pot-bellied, bow-legged creature...

@

@C'est la vie!

@

@

@>Just a minor point: the photography was taken at the beginning

@>of April 1990 (after the 1st!)

@

@That was my understanding and what's always been reported on my  
@web site - the 31 March 1990 date comes from Peter Brookesmith's  
@book!

@

@

@I wondered if you knew the answers to these questions:

@1. What type of film was allegedly used - am I correct in  
@remembering it could have been ASA 400, or even 'faster', print  
@film?

@2. I believe a zoom/telephoto lens was reportedly used - do we  
@know the technical details?

Knowing the exact kind of lens used would give a range of  
magnification factors. Also find out if an extension was used -- that  
changes the magnification range.

@3. Were the actual negatives examined and is it known what images  
@were on the roll of film before and after this photograph?

@4. Was only one photograph of the 'object' taken?

This is what bugs me about UFO photo cases. The photographer takes  
only one photo. If I saw something strange, and I had a camera in my  
hand, I would keep shooting until I ran out of film, or the object  
left. (Actually, the only time I saw something strange when a loaded  
camera was available, I didn't chance losing sight of the object to go  
inside to get it. If I had, I wouldn't have gotten a picture, and I  
wouldn't have identified the object.)

@5. What was the claimed altitude of this object when  
@photographed?

This is impossible for the witness to determine without special aids.  
Any such number is totally worthless, unless the object is  
photographed going behind something (which gives a lower bound on  
distance).

@6. I presume the image we're all familiar with is an enlargement  
@(either that or the object was very close overhead, or it was an  
@incredibly powerful lens!).

@

@Can you clarify this?

If it is cropped, I want to know if anything else shows in the  
uncropped photo.

@

@Just an observation - the object's 'top' edge is distinctly  
@longer than the bottom.

@

@Would this be consistent with a low altitude object, photographed  
@at such an angle from below?

@

@

@If we have all of the above data and assuming there remains no  
@significant evidence to believe the photograph was hoaxed  
@(although it does seem 'too good to be true') - maybe we can  
@calculate a theoretical size?

Not without knowing the distance! And you can't find the distance  
unless you know the size. Angular size is the best anyone can do.  
This is the common trap in UFOlogy. Too bad there aren't any landmarks  
in the shot. They would give a frame of reference, and allow testing  
the focus and depth of field.

@James.

@E-mail: [voyager@ukonline.co.uk](mailto:voyager@ukonline.co.uk)

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@Subject: Re: 'Petit-Rechain' Photograph  
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@want it.

Send me one!

@Jacques Poulet <http://www.chucara.com/>  
@  
@Fortean Files CDROM <http://members.tripod.com/jpoulet/>  
@UFO Repetitions [http://www.chucara.com/dossiers/other/gdfawcett\\_ang.htm](http://www.chucara.com/dossiers/other/gdfawcett_ang.htm)  
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@> Pierre Magain (Ph.D.).

@>

@> I could probably send a JPG of it via private email to those who would

@> want it.

@

@Is it the one they made in 1990 (or maybe 1991) ? If yes,

@it's, according to Marc Acheroy (and to myself, though I

@am not an expert), a very bad fake. Van Utrecht's fake was

@better, for example he managed to more or less reproduce

@the "filaments" of the lights. But maybe the Liege team

@made a better fake recently.

Could this be an antique ceiling light fixture with clear bulbs in it?

My great-grandfather's house (years ago) had a triangular fixture that

held four bulbs, and several football-shaped ones that held two bulbs.

The triangular one was black, the others were beige.

Larry

@Jean-Pierre Pharabod

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Subject: meteors

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Several posts a few weeks ago questioned the possibility of either curved meteor paths or mirages changing the apparent path of a meteor. I now have a reference with examples of both:

Handbook of Unusual Natural Phenomena

William R Corliss

Anchor/Doubleday  
Garden City NY  
1983

It cites a few interesting cases:

10/20/1893 1049 GMT (location not given). Zig-zag meteor made two bends in its path.

11/4/1960 2046 GMT aboard the SS Hector, Adelaide to Aden. Meteor followed undulating path

8/10/1972 Meteor bounced off the earth's atmosphere, tracked by satellites. It burned blue-white, went 15 Km/s, and left a "smoke" trail.

4/17/1934 Over Oregon and Nevada (300 mi path) in sight for 25...35 seconds!

4/28/1938 Rhodesia. Went south to north, visible for 1/2 hour.

There are also some unusual mirages cited that defy current theory.

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> curved meteor paths or mirages changing the apparent path of a meteor.  
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[...]

Larry, I noticed this a few weeks ago. Hard to believe...

"The path of meteorites is usually described as perfectly straight or only slightly curved, but exceptions occur. The stone meteorite of Prambachkirchen, in Austria (fell November 5, 1932) broke in two at an altitude of 14 kilometers. The smaller of these two parts, with a final weight of 2 kilograms, moved in a circular arc of 10-kilometer radius, thereby changing its direction by more than 180 degrees."

- Fritz Heide, "Meteorites", 1964

Was it spinning like a curve ball, or was there some kind of jet effect? The other thing is that it must have been falling as it turned, so maybe the real path was more like a descending spiral?

- Joel Carpenter

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Hi Jeanne-Pierre,

Re: `Petit-Rechain' Photographs

You make a fair point about computer graphics packages and I wasn't suggesting this picture had been made in such a way. I probably should have made that a little clearer.

As far as the picture is concerned, I'm sorry, but I can't accept there is any realistic evidence to suggest this is genuine, although I'm not arguing about the other events of that period.

In an average week, I shoot several hundred pictures on a variety of different film formats and this is how I earn my living. I've also been involved in astrophotography for the around last 25 years and have written several manuals on the subject for telescope companies and have produced a fair number of articles for technical publications. So I think I have a pretty realistic idea of what is possible under poor shooting conditions.

To me, this FT picture looks like a simple piece of not especially good magazine artwork and it would present no technical challenges to create using simple photographic techniques.

However, looking at the technical info you provided, the only way such a picture could have been taken, (assuming it's genuine) would be with the camera mounted on a tripod. Handholding is not an option and the apparent image movement is not camera shake.

Because of this, you must accept that the photographer had a tripod on hand, found sufficient time to set it up and position his camera and wasn't flustered by the rapidly developing situation.

Let me add, that I've seen more than one press photographer drop a camera body or lens during a really busy picture shoot.

As Larry pointed out, anyone trying to capture something as important as this would keep shooting pictures until they ran out of film.

Furthermore, throwing away the next frame does nothing to prove this photographer's case and it suggests another motive.

I doubt if an ISO 200 film used in conjunction with a lens opening of f/4 would provide any detail of the craft's outline behind the lights with a 1-2 second exposure under fully dark conditions.

(Do you have a reasonably accurate time of day?)

I also wonder why an alien FT or top secret "black" project vehicle would be attracting so much attention with its disco lighting!

It's unlikely that the E-6 reversal process carried out by the lab had any bearing on the final images and I'd just add that any sequence of holiday images can be followed by a copy of another picture.

Has anyone examined the original transparency?

If anyone is interested, in exact angles of view for various 35mm camera focal lengths, here are some details:

50mm lens 27.0 X 39.6 degrees  
100mm lens 13.7 X 20.4 degrees  
150mm lens 9.15 X 13.7 degrees  
200mm lens 6.87 X 10.3 degrees

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<382CCE19.8BB056C4@earthlink.net>  
X-Accept-Language: en  
References: <Pine.HPP.3.96.991111084915.6651A-100000@juliet.ucs.indiana.edu>

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> @> @To: uforl@listbot.com  
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> @  
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> @  
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Larry,  
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Todd Lemire

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"Thus these beings appear to us, not in order to stay among us or  
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Written during the Middle Ages by Paracelsus in "Why These Beings  
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From: J. Pharabod <pharabod@in2p3.fr>Cc: pharabod@in2p3.fr  
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> Hi,  
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> At 09:06 12/11/99 +0100, you wrote:  
>>> I found who did the "faked" Petit-Rechain Photograph. It was a team at the  
>>> Universite de Liege (Belgium), Astrophysics Dept. under the guidance of  
>>> Pierre Magain (Ph.D.).  
>>>  
>>> I could probably send a JPG of it via private email to those who would  
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>>  
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>>the "filaments" of the lights. But maybe the Liege team  
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I have now the 2nd SOBEPS book (1994), where the fakes are also presented. It seems that the Liege fake and the Van Utrecht's fake were made in fact in 1992, not 1990-1991 as I wrote in my previous mails (without written reference handy). It is true that the Liege fake gives the same general impression as the original photograph, but the lights are really very different when you look more carefully.

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## UFOLOGY FOR ANORAKS!

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At the end of the day UFOs will be/are what people here want them to be.

It 'could be a fake', 'it could be real' - but then the photographic 'evidence' re; Belgium never impressed me anyway. Only the buffs like photos!

People who didn't bother to read my book - 'cos they know better no doubt - would have noticed that there were sightings in the UK at the same time - one involving some serious governmental skullduggery. OK, this isn't 'proof' of triangular reality (proof being a ridiculous word in terms of Ufology - which is a religion) but it indicates that something highly suspicious was going on.

The ONE thing that Ufologists never like the sound of is secret technology. All you comfortable middle-class types out there, with your well-stocked freezers and 2.3 litre cars, turn a blind eye to what the military is doing (right under your noses). Instead you pontificate about the unimportant details of photographs and pelicans.....

(I suspect, and shortly may be able to indicate, that elements of the military have been using the UFO subject to hide other far more interesting experiments involving mind control technologies, EMP and so on. One of the reports we have is written by a former Lt. General!)

Ufology - the JOKE of the Twentieth Century - or is that HOAX.....?

Please take me OFF this so-called 'expert and credible' list!

Tim Matthews - MI5/6/7/8/9/10

PS - All these aircraft are, of course, falling out the sky off the eastern US seaboard 'by accident'. YEAH RIGHT!!!!!! We believe the authorities!!!!!!

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If you could please disregard my last two messages.

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James.

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Re: The way this FT picture was alledgedly made.

James,

I think it's really stretching a point to suggest this photograph might have been taken using a doorpost, presumably on the side of a building?  
Was the camera supposed to have been held against the edge of the wood?

Assuming the photographer had already set the shutter speed to B, opened the lens to its widest aperture, (fiddly in the dark) he would then have to adjust the focal length, focus and hold the camera very still while depressing the shutter and holding it down.

I'd add that many "one touch" zooms tend to slip or self adjust when held vertically, although the exact type of lens was not mentioned.

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References: <382E0224.75CB@virgin.net>

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Tim Matthews wrote:

>UFOLOGY FOR ANORAKS!

Tim,

On behalf of your fellow UK subscribers, if you're selling anoraks we could all do with one at this time of year!

I hear that Chris Gibson is looking for something in a stylish, yet practicable, tartan.

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>them to be.

Maybe. Maybe not.

>(I suspect, and shortly may be able to indicate, that elements  
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>written by a former Lt. General!)

Perhaps, as you say, at the end of the day UFOs will be/are what people here want them to be. Here, there and everywhere...

I hope you have found the answers you believe in.

I suspect many of us are still looking at the questions.

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It's never, ever been called that to my knowledge!

I'm sure many understand and sympathise with your frustrations about what has become synonymous with 'ufology'. Whilst you leap from that proverbial ledge, perhaps some are increasingly contemplating the view.

No superior entitlement though to patronise the colleagues you leave behind on this forum.

'We're all bozos on this bus'!

This will be the last list posting you receive.

Incidentally, I was about to disclose details of the ultimate proof that...

Oh well, you can hear about it on the nine o'clock news.

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Re: Auto focus Cameras

Hi Martin,

Sorry to disagree, but not all AF SLR cameras are excellent and the main area they tend to fall down in is focus speed and the ability to lock-on in difficult conditions.

We have not established the true image size of the FT on the frame, but even if it had been substantial, the subject would have confused the best AF systems of that time.

10 years ago, AF was not nearly as good as it is today.

For example, when the state-of-the-art AF Nikon F4 was introduced in 1988, most pros continued to use them as a manual focus bodies and even now, many still use the far superior F5 in manual mode, considering their brains better computers than camera chips.

On a fully automatic camera, the shutter speed would, as you say be set by the camera's metering, but this is not an issue because we know that a time exposure was made.

However, I am unaware of any suggestion that an AF camera is claimed to have been used for the FT pic and it would have probably hindered picture taking rather than than improving it.

Sorry, but it would just not be possible to produce this picture (if it were genuine) without rigid support for the camera.

Bill

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> Re: `Petit-Rechain' Photographs

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> suggesting this picture had been made in such a way. I probably should  
> have made that a little clearer.

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> is any realistic evidence to suggest this is genuine, although I'm not  
> arguing about the other events of that period.

If you mean genuine photograph of an ET craft, I agree (see at the end of my reply).

> In an average week, I shoot several hundred pictures on a variety of  
> different film formats and this is how I earn my living.

This is also the case of Patrick Ferryn, a Belgian professional photographer who inquired about this photograph, and wrote about it in the SOBEPS books. Marc Acheroy also is an expert in photography. So (should I say as usual?) we have here several experts who have different opinions: Patrick Ferryn and Marc Acheroy on one side, yourself on the other. I myself can't judge.

I've also been

> involved in astrophotography for the around last 25 years and have  
> written several manuals on the subject for telescope companies and have  
> produced a fair number of articles for technical publications. So I  
> think I have a pretty realistic idea of what is possible under poor  
> shooting conditions.

>

> To me, this FT picture looks like a simple piece of not especially good  
> magazine artwork and it would present no technical challenges to create  
> using simple photographic techniques.

Sure, but there are other elements which need to be thought of: skill of the photographer, other witnesses (his girl friend was with him when the photograph was taken; of course she can be suspected, because she is/was his girl friend...); correspondence with the testimonies regarding the visual sightings in Belgium in 1989-1990.

- > However, looking at the technical info you provided, the only way such a
- > picture could have been taken, (assuming it's genuine) would be with the
- > camera mounted on a tripod.

The photographer said he tightened it on the edge of a wall.

- Handholding is not an option and the
- > apparent image movement is not camera shake.

On this point, you are in complete agreement with Patrick Ferryn and Marc Acheroy.

- > Because of this, you must accept that the photographer had a tripod on
- > hand, found sufficient time to set it up and position his camera and
- > wasn't flustered by the rapidly developing situation.

The situation was not rapidly developing. The object hovered during about 5 minutes.

- > Let me add, that I've seen more than one press photographer drop a
- > camera body or lens during a really busy picture shoot.

That was not a really busy picture shot.

- > As Larry pointed out, anyone trying to capture something as important as
- > this would keep shooting pictures until they ran out of film.

He effectively ran out of film. His 2 pictures were number 35 and 36.

- > Furthermore, throwing away the next frame does nothing to prove this
- > photographer's case and it suggests another motive.

The photographer showed this second frame (nearly black) to his colleagues in the factory before throwing it away.

- > I doubt if an ISO 200 film used in conjunction with a lens opening of
- > f/4 would provide any detail of the craft's outline behind the lights
- > with a 1-2 second exposure under fully dark conditions.
- > (Do you have a reasonably accurate time of day?)

It was between 21 h 30 and 23 h (local time).

- > I also wonder why an alien FT or top secret "black" project vehicle

> would be attracting so much attention with its disco lighting!

Yes, that's a big question about this Belgian wave. That's why, IMHO, it was probably pranksters using an airship with a triangular shape and funny lights fixed below it. By the way, why would it be impossible to photograph such a craft?

> It's unlikely that the E-6 reversal process carried out by the lab had  
> any bearing on the final images and I'd just add that any sequence of  
> holiday images can be followed by a copy of another picture.  
> Has anyone examined the original transparency?

Professor Acheroy, at the Royal Military School, has the original transparency.

> If anyone is interested, in exact angles of view for various 35mm camera  
> focal lengths, here are some details:

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> 50mm lens 27.0 X 39.6 degrees

> 100mm lens 13.7 X 20.4 degrees

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> Unfortunately, there's no way of estimating the size of this object that  
> I am aware of.

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> suggest that a model maker would be likely to significantly alter one of  
> these things before making any pictures.

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> way authentic.

If you mean no proof, I agree completely. If you mean that there is no evidence that it is a photograph of an ET craft, I agree completely. But I think that there is evidence that it is an authentic picture of the still unidentified object which flew over Belgium during several months.

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P.S. Since I am a bit tired to repeat the same things hundreds times (I already had long discussions on that on the SKEPTIC - not sci.skeptic - list), I copy this mail to the subscribers who seem interested in the problem. It will be an answer to most of their questions, and so I am more confident that they will read what I write (I sometimes doubt...).

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He indeed exhausted his roll (frames number 35 and 36).

> How about discussion instead on the mysterious F-16 radar trackings of the  
> highly maneuverable UFO on March 31, 1990? Are there any recent  
> developments? When I last checked there were corrections of the video  
> recording rate for the radar display data and the time. I calculated nearly  
> 400 g's linear and centripetal acceleration at one point but have not  
> bothered to recalculate until the basic input data are settled.

Yes, there are recent developments (not so recent, because the date is 1992; but it seems that more than 5 years are needed for the information to go from Europe to the USA). According to a study made by Major Salmon and engineer Gilmard for the Belgian AF, the mysterious F-16 radar trackings could have been just "ground clutter"; Prof. Meessen, who initially put forward the ET hypothesis, thinks now of wet air cells. There is still a tracking which is unexplained: during the F-16s' "interception", an unidentified object flew at low altitude and high subsonic speed between Brussels and Liege, followed by two military ground radars (Semmerzake and Glons).

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Yes, the first people contacted by Patrick Ferryn were the Kodak team in Belgium. But they said that they had no lab and expert in Belgium to do that!

- > I hope you find my comments helpful!

Very helpful. But I hope you will find my answers informative. I am not a professional photographer, not even an "ufologist", just a scientist working since 1970 in an elementary particles lab, and who became interested in UFOs only in 1990 (the "Belgian wave"). However, it happens that I have a lot of written documentation about this Belgian wave, that I spoke lengthy with Marc Acheroy, that I met the photographer himself and several other Belgian witnesses. So, please, don't jump to conclusions without knowing the elements that I humbly submit to the list.

- > Bill

Jean-Pierre Pharabod

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<001301bf2eb7\$6e794f40\$dac428c3@cis.compuserve.com>

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UK subscribers may be interested in a program scheduled to be shown at 1.00 a.m. tomorrow (Monday) morning on the Discovery channel.

Entitled, 'Beyond the Truth', I'm assuming this is the program which was scheduled for last week at the same time and wasn't broadcast.

It was to have featured, "accounts of bizarre sightings, including a rippling triangle above the Mersey and a brain-like space pod seen in Scotland".

Off-hand, neither case sounds familiar.

James.  
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Subject: `Petit-Rechain' PhotographCc: pharabod@in2p3.fr  
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Hi Jean-Pierre,

Yes, I am familiar with the meaning of these names and I must apologise for getting yours wrong, it was entirely accidental.

I have regular business dealings with someone called Jeanne and probably suffered a stupid lapse of concentration while replying to you.

All the best,

Bill

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Any reasons the footage is/isn't consistent with a normal  
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Jean-Pierre,

The East German 35mm Praktica BX20 SLR camera you mention is a fairly basic NON auto focus design, which is no longer in production.

Bill

PS: Has anyone seen the original transparency which should be frame 35?

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From: RB47Expert@aol.com  
Subject: Belgian Radar CasesMessage-id: <0.881dd0f5.256054d7@aol.com>

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Jean-Pierre,

Thank you for this latest on the Belgian radar cases of 1990. I have seen detailed F-16 radar data but never have seen detailed data from the ground radar sites, especially anything to correlate with the F-16 trackings. Can you make that available?

How was it determined that the F-16's chased "ground clutter"? Normally, ground clutter is eliminated by MTI (moving target indicator) filters. Strange effects from inversion layers are usually found near the horizon as ducting and superrefraction only occur at horizontal grazing angles. Aircraft onboard radars usually do not have the range to pick up distant horizon effects.

Regards,

Brad Sparks

In a message dated 11/14/99 8:50:51 AM, you wrote:

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On Fri, 12 Nov 1999 RB47Expert@aol.com wrote:

<SNIP>

> How about discussion instead on the mysterious F-16 radar trackings of the  
> highly maneuverable UFO on March 31, 1990? Are there any recent  
> developments? When I last checked there were corrections of the video  
> recording rate for the radar display data and the time. I calculated  
nearly  
> 400 g's linear and centripetal acceleration at one point but have not  
> bothered to recalculate until the basic input data are settled.

Yes, there are recent developments (not so recent, because the date is 1992; but it seems that more than 5 years are needed for the information to go from Europe to the USA). According to a study made by Major Salmon and engineer Gilmard for the Belgian AF, the mysterious F-16 radar trackings could have been just "ground clutter"; Prof. Meessen, who initially put forward the ET hypothesis, thinks now of wet air cells. There is still a tracking which is unexplained: during the F-16s' "interception", an unidentified object flew at low altitude and high subsonic speed between Brussels and Liege,

followed by two military ground radars (Semmerzake and Glons).

Jean-Pierre Pharabod

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List Members,

Am I imagining things or has this case changed fundamentally in its basic facts without notice? I cannot search through my hundreds of backlogged messages to find the right ones to get "smoking gun" quotes, so I will go on memory.

But I seem to recall that this case was supposedly only "several seconds" in duration, therefore the photographer did not have time to take more photos. Now we're told the alleged object hovered for 5 minutes so the total duration was at least that. So now short duration is no excuse for failing to get more pictures.

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Other discussion, quoted below from earlier posts, suggested the field of view was somewhere on the order of 10 degrees (again one significant digit or even order-of-magnitude here) and the object essentially fills that FOV so it's angular size we may suppose to be roughly 10 degrees (correct me if I'm wrong anyone). In other words about 1/6 radian.

Thus the witness' altitude and elevation "estimates" together with the FOV estimate translates to an object size of about  $200/6 = 30$  meters (approximately, rounding to one significant digit).

Are we going to be treated to still more surprises and twists-and-turns about this case almost 10 years after-the-fact? Such as perhaps an EXACT DATE? Maybe an EXACT TIME? How about reasons why the photographer remains unnamed?

Supposedly his girlfriend is a witness. But where are her statements IN

DETAIL supporting the sighting? A few words to the effect of "Yeah I saw it too" is not good enough. WHEN was this case first reported and why isn't there an EXACT DATE for it?

Brad Sparks

In a message dated 11/14/99 8:50:58 AM, you [I'm not sure who this is] wrote:

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On Sat, 13 Nov 1999, Bill Rose wrote:

> Hi Jeanne-Pierre,

This is a minor point, but who is Jeanne-Pierre? In French, Jean means John, and Pierre means Peter.

> Re: `Petit-Rechain' Photographs

>

> You make a fair point about computer graphics packages and I wasn't  
> suggesting this picture had been made in such a way. I probably should  
> have made that a little clearer.

>

> As far as the picture is concerned, I'm sorry, but I can't accept there  
> is any realistic evidence to suggest this is genuine, although I'm not  
> arguing about the other events of that period.

If you mean genuine photograph of an ET craft, I agree (see at the end of my reply).

> In an average week, I shoot several hundred pictures on a variety of  
> different film formats and this is how I earn my living.

This is also the case of Patrick Ferryn, a Belgian professional photographer who inquired about this photograph, and wrote about it in the SOBEPS books. Marc Acheroy also is an expert in photography. So (should I say as usual?) we have here several experts who have different opinions: Patrick Ferryn and Marc Acheroy on one side, yourself on the other. I myself can't judge.

I've also been

> involved in astrophotography for the around last 25 years and have  
> written several manuals on the subject for telescope companies and have  
> produced a fair number of articles for technical publications. So I  
> think I have a pretty realistic idea of what is possible under poor  
> shooting conditions.

>

- > To me, this FT picture looks like a simple piece of not especially good
- > magazine artwork and it would present no technical challenges to create
- > using simple photographic techniques.

Sure, but there are other elements which need to be thought of: skill of the photographer, other witnesses (his girl friend was with him when the photograph was taken; of course she can be suspected, because she is/was his girl friend...); correspondence with the testimonies regarding the visual sightings in Belgium in 1989-1990.

- > However, looking at the technical info you provided, the only way such a
- > picture could have been taken, (assuming it's genuine) would be with the
- > camera mounted on a tripod.

The photographer said he tightened it on the edge of a wall.

- Handholding is not an option and the
- > apparent image movement is not camera shake.

On this point, you are in complete agreement with Patrick Ferryn and Marc Acheroy.

- > Because of this, you must accept that the photographer had a tripod on
- > hand, found sufficient time to set it up and position his camera and
- > wasn't flustered by the rapidly developing situation.

The situation was not rapidly developing. The object hovered during about 5 minutes.

- > Let me add, that I've seen more than one press photographer drop a
- > camera body or lens during a really busy picture shoot.

That was not a really busy picture shot.

- > As Larry pointed out, anyone trying to capture something as important as
- > this would keep shooting pictures until they ran out of film.

He effectively ran out of film. His 2 pictures were number 35 and 36.

- > Furthermore, throwing away the next frame does nothing to prove this
- > photographer's case and it suggests another motive.

The photographer showed this second frame (nearly black) to his colleagues in the factory before throwing it away.

- > I doubt if an ISO 200 film used in conjunction with a lens opening of
- > f/4 would provide any detail of the craft's outline behind the lights
- > with a 1-2 second exposure under fully dark conditions.
- > (Do you have a reasonably accurate time of day?)

It was between 21 h 30 and 23 h (local time).

- > I also wonder why an alien FT or top secret "black" project vehicle
- > would be attracting so much attention with its disco lighting!

Yes, that's a big question about this Belgian wave. That's why, IMHO, it was probably pranksters using an airship with a triangular shape and funny lights fixed below it. By the way, why would it be impossible to photograph such a craft?

- > It's unlikely that the E-6 reversal process carried out by the lab had
- > any bearing on the final images and I'd just add that any sequence of
- > holiday images can be followed by a copy of another picture.
- > Has anyone examined the original transparency?

Professor Acheroy, at the Royal Military School, has the original transparency.

- > If anyone is interested, in exact angles of view for various 35mm camera
- > focal lengths, here are some details:
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- > 50mm lens 27.0 X 39.6 degrees
- > 100mm lens 13.7 X 20.4 degrees
- > 150mm lens 9.15 X 13.7 degrees
- > 200mm lens 6.87 X 10.3 degrees
- >
- > Unfortunately, there's no way of estimating the size of this object that
- > I am aware of.
- >
- > To briefly return to James's points about the ouija pointer, I would
- > suggest that a model maker would be likely to significantly alter one of
- > these things before making any pictures.
- >
- > Sorry guys, but I see no evidence whatsoever that this picture is in any
- > way authentic.

If you mean no proof, I agree completely. If you mean that there is no evidence that it is a photograph of an ET craft, I agree completely. But I think that there is evidence that it is an authentic picture of the still unidentified object which flew over Belgium during several months.

> Bill

P.S. Since I am a bit tired to repeat the same things hundreds times (I already had long discussions on that on the SKEPTIC - not sci.skeptic - list), I copy this mail to the subscribers who seem interested in the problem. It will be an answer to most of their questions, and so I am more confident that they will read what I write (I sometimes doubt...).

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<004a01bf2f15\$86ad8280\$a7c928c3@default>  
References: <382EDA12.3E02@virgin.net>

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It looks like some mail I sent earlier today hasn't made it to the list and this is an edited re-post.

I had written:

It would be interesting to hear any observations re the brief video footage at [this URL will 'wrap around']:

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Any reasons the footage is/isn't consistent with a normal aircraft?  
[End]

I've since located a further video and uploaded same (956K in size) to my web site at:

<http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/belgium.mpg>

I regret not knowing its origins, only that this apparently relates to the Belgian 'triangles'.

Interestingly, these videos identify a characteristic which is similar to the 'Petit-Rechain' photograph. The 'central' light appears to clearly be smaller than the three surrounding ones and isn't central at all, being much closer to one of the lights. It's difficult to tell from these videos which way the object is travelling and whether that's the 'front' light.

As both videos seem to be comparable, do they provide any clues to what was filmed and being reported by witnesses?

James.  
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From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>  
Subject: Re: OTHER multiple? Photographs

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You wrote:

>

Didn't Ed Walters only take one photograph of every 'UFO' he claimed to have noticed?

In the event that this was intended as more than a rhetorical question, I will provide an answer. ...which is..no. Several times Walters took more than one photo. The first 5 photos were of 1 object. The second 4 photos were of one object. Photos 14,15,16 and 17 were of one object. Photos 22 and 23 were of one object. Using the Nimslo four lens camera he took 10 photos of one object. Photo 36 was a stereo pair (two photos taken at the same time using cameras separated by 2 feet). Photos 37 and 38 were also stereo pairs. All these photos were published in the first book (GLF BREEZE SIGHTINGS)

In UFOS ARE REAL, HERE'S THE PROOF (yes, I know, them's fighten' words!)

Ed and I report on several groups of photos of a single object:

2 stereo photos (hence 4 total pictures) Feb 4, 1991

3 photos July 10, 1991

3 photos August 6, 1993

2 photos Jan 12, 1994 (photos showin a UFO and a jet; in the second photo the jet is between th camer and the UFO.... allows a distance and size estimate)

This ignores numerous videotapes (mucho "photos")

This ignores multiple photos of "Bubba" and "Ring of Lights" (seen by me and

dozens of others.

>Paul Trent only took two photographs (so far as we know). Why

>didn't he take more - wasn't there ample opportunity?

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Not only did he have plenty of opportunity, Evelyn said years later that "we seen others since then, but didn't get no pictures, nohow" or words to

that effect (not exactly a linguist).

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> messages to find the right ones to get "smoking gun" quotes, so I will go on  
> memory.

I would be interested in looking at these backlogged messages... I myself have read absolutely ludicrous messages or files reporting this case (or, more generally, the Belgian events) on anglo-saxon discussion groups or web sites. For example, I have read that the photographer was a "policeman", and even that he was a "fisherman"... In fact he is/was a worker in a factory.

> But I seem to recall that this case was supposedly only "several seconds" in  
> duration, therefore the photographer did not have time to take more photos.

This is entirely false. Maybe some UFO believer tried hastily to explain why there were only two frames, and, as usual, made things worse.

> Now we're told the alleged object hovered for 5 minutes so the total duration  
> was at least that. So now short duration is no excuse for failing to get  
> more pictures.

See below.

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> photographer being at the end of his roll of film, that the photos in  
> question were Nos. 35 and 36. How were these numbers determined (especially  
> for the "thrown away" frame) and WHO verified it?

This fact (Nos. 35 and 36) was mentioned since 1990 in Belgium, and was published in 1991 in the first SOBEPS book. March Acheroy, at the Royal Military School, has the original transparency number 35.

> Did he have extra film he  
> could have loaded in the 5+ minutes and if so why didn't he take more

> pictures? We're not talking about an impecunious rural farmer in 1950 here.

He could not have loaded it, because (of course assuming he tells the truth) it took him some time to think of making a photograph, to go inside his home and take the apparatus, to make the two photographs. Then the object went away.

> And I recall previous discussion frustrated about the inability to get even a  
> guess about size/distance. Now suddenly we're treated to the witness'  
> 150-meter altitude estimate. At a 45-degree elevation this implies a slant  
> range of more than 200 meters (I like rounding off blue-sky numbers such as  
> these to one significant digit or even order of magnitude if I can).

Regarding the altitude, he said precisely (in French): "Quant a l'altitude, il m'est impossible de l'estimer exactement: peut-etre 150 metres?" (my translation: "Regarding the altitude, I definitely can't estimate it exactly: perhaps 150 meters?"). Reference: "Vague d'OVNI sur la Belgique - Un dossier exceptionnel", SOBEPS, 1991, page 414.

> Other discussion, quoted below from earlier posts, suggested the field of  
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> (approximately, rounding to one significant digit).

That would be roughly coherent with the other size estimates. The only triangulation made (unfortunately a posteriori) from a sighting which happened at Basecles, on December 21, 1989, with witnesses at two different locations, gives about 50 meters (which is the typical size of a commercial advertising airship, and makes me think of pranksters who fixed a triangular shape below this kind of airship...). Reference: same book, pages 128-130.

> Are we going to be treated to still more surprises and twists-and-turns about  
> this case almost 10 years after-the-fact?

These twists-and-turns seem to happen mainly (or only?) in the USA, or maybe more generally in the anglo-saxon countries. Could it be because the original documentation is in French and in Dutch?

Such as perhaps an EXACT DATE?

> Maybe an EXACT TIME?

This point is discussed in the book I quoted. The SOBEPS inquirer

met the photographer in August 1990, and the photographer said he could only remember it was April 4 or April 7, 1990. This looks curious, but this happens sometimes. The photographer thought that there were many other photographs, and did not think he had taken an extraordinary one. That's why he put it away in a drawer at his home.

> How about reasons why the photographer remains unnamed?

Because he does not want to be known... I myself put "List only" because I don't want that people in my lab see my name appear in discussion groups about UFOs. I heard directly from two different French sources (an aeronautics journalist and somebody deep inside the defense establishment, at high level) that French military pilots who met unusual objects/phenomena (this happens) generally don't report, and nearly always don't want to be known. By the way, I spent several hours with this Belgian photographer (and other people) at a meeting in the Royal Military School, in May 1997 (probably May 5).

> Supposedly his girlfriend is a witness. But where are her statements IN  
> DETAIL supporting the sighting? A few words to the effect of "Yeah I saw it  
> too" is not good enough. WHEN was this case first reported and why isn't  
> there an EXACT DATE for it?

The photographer and his girlfriend have been once again lengthily questioned in April 1991 by Patrick Ferryn. Their testimonies are entirely coherent (Reference: "Vague d'OVNI sur la Belgique - 2 - Une enigme non resolue", SOBEPS, 1994, pages 224-225).

>

> Brad Sparks

I think a big problem is that the SOBEPS books have not been translated into English (they are definitely not perfect, but give some real checked information). I certainly will not translate them, since they have about 500 pages each... The only way to get them is to write to:

SOBEPS asbl  
Av. Paul Janson, 74  
B-1070 Bruxelles  
Belgium

It would be good also to go to Belgium, discuss with SOBEPS members, with sceptics, with Belgian military and/or Professors at the Royal Military School, with witnesses. But this is difficult if you live in the USA. I have not this problem.

Jean-Pierre Pharabod

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> Jean-Pierre,  
>  
> The East German 35mm Praktica BX20 SLR camera you mention is a fairly  
> basic NON auto focus design, which is no longer in production.

>  
Here is the text of the SOBEPS report (in French):

"Il mit donc carrément l'appareil en pose B, le diaphragme probablement en position d'ouverture maximum "4" et coinca le mieux qu'il put le zoom contre l'arête d'un mur afin de garantir une stabilité optimale. Il prit le temps de faire une bonne mise au point et de cadrer convenablement l'objet dans le viseur". (Reference: Vague d'OVNI sur la Belgique - Un dossier exceptionnel", SOBEPS, 1991, page 415).

My translation: "Therefore he set bluntly the shutter speed to B, the diaphragm probably to maximum aperture "4" and secured the best he could the zoom on the edge of a wall in order to guarantee an optimal stability. He took the time to make a good focus adjustment and to adjust correctly the object in the view-finder".

Note that the photographer is a "turner-miller" (is that the correct English name?) in a factory. Usually these people have a firm hand.

> Bill

> PS: Has anyone seen the original transparency which should be frame 35?

At least some SOBEPS members, and Marc Acheroy, who has it at the Royal Military School. Maybe he showed it to me when I spent an afternoon with him at this R. M. School in September 1992, but I don't remember. I saw a lot of mathematical transformations of the photograph on the computers in Acheroy's lab.

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Jean-Pierre,

Many thanks for providing the original report on how this photograph is claimed to have been made.

As Brad pointed out, details of the story seem to be changing, although nothing makes me think this FT pic is genuine.

Examination of the original transparency might resolve the issue and I would be interested to know who holds the copyright for this picture and how often it has been reproduced.

Sorry if disussion of this picture is covering old ground, but I have only been a list member for a few months.

Bill

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On Fri, 12 Nov 1999, joel carpenter wrote:

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@Subject: Re: meteors  
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@> Several posts a few weeks ago questioned the possibility of either  
@> curved meteor paths or mirages changing the apparent path of a meteor.  
@> I now have a reference with examples of both:  
@  
@[...]  
@  
@Larry, I noticed this a few weeks ago. Hard to believe...  
@  
@"The path of meteorites is usually described as perfectly straight or only  
@slightly curved, but exceptions occur. The stone meteorite of  
@Prambachkirchen, in Austria (fell November 5, 1932) broke in two at an  
@altitude of 14 kilometers. The smaller of these two parts, with a final  
@weight of 2 kilograms, moved in a circular arc of 10-kilometer radius,  
@thereby changing its direction by more than 180 degrees."  
@  
@ - Fritz Heide, "Meteorites", 1964  
@  
@Was it spinning like a curve ball, or was there some kind of jet effect? The  
@other thing is that it must have been falling as it turned, so maybe the  
@real path was more like a descending spiral?

A third possibility is that it acquired an aerodynamic shape. A cosmic frisbee perhaps?

@- Joel Carpenter  
@  
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From: Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS <lrobins@indiana.edu>  
Subject: Re: `Petit-Rechain' Photograph

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On Fri, 12 Nov 1999, Todd Lemire wrote:

@Date: Fri, 12 Nov 1999 21:34:01 -0500  
@From: Todd Lemire <tlemire@earthlink.net>  
@@To: UFO Research List <UFORL@listbot.com>  
@Subject: Re: `Petit-Rechain' Photograph

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@Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS wrote:

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@> On Thu, 11 Nov 1999, Bill Rose wrote:

@>

@> @Date: Thu, 11 Nov 1999 13:33:16 +0000

@> @From: Bill Rose <bill.rose@virgin.net>

@> @@> @To: uforl@listbot.com

@> @Subject: `Petit-Rechain' Photograph

@> @

@> @UFO Research List - <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/>

@> @

@> @Speaking with my professional photographer's hat on, I don't think there

@> @would be the slightest difficulty recreating this picture using a

@> @camera.

@> @ I would start by making a small(ish) table-top model and then put some

@> @LEDs in appropriate positions. With the model suspended above the camera

@> @and a black background in place, I'd try adding a touch of illumination

@> @with a filtered Maglite - while the exposure was in progress.

@> @ Some softening of the image might help and you'd need to experiment.

@> @

@> @Working with Adobe would be much simpler.

@> @

@> @A genuine picture? Hardly!

@>

@> Why go to all the trouble to build a model when you can buy it right

@> over the counter? I thought that looked familiar! It's part of an

@> electronic game that used to be sold in toy stores. It's similar to

@> one of those "repeat" games, but there's a game board with it. Sorry,

@> I don't remember the exact details, but I seem to recall a connection

@> to the occult in the theme of the game (this is for children?).

@>

@> @Bill

@> @

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@Larry,

@ Are you happening to be thinking of the "Ouija" board game  
@piece?

I don't know the name of the game anymore. I saw this between 6 and 11 years ago, operating in a department store toy department display. I was attracted by the flashing lights and the UFO shape. But since I was passing through the toy department to get to hardware, I went about my business and left. I never saw it again.

Is this still on the shelves?

@Todd Lemire

@--

@ "Thus these beings appear to us, not in order to stay among us or

@ become allied to us, but in order for us to become able to

@ understand them."

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@ Written during the Middle Ages by Paracelsus in "Why These Beings

@ Appear to Us"

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Subject: Re: Re: Re: `Petit-Rechain' PhotographsMessage-id:  
<0.cd840a34.256196b5@aol.com>

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LIST ONLY

Jean-Pierre,

Thank you for the very helpful data on this case. I just have a few COMMENTS in reply (below).

Brad Sparks

In a message dated 11/15/99 2:31:17 AM, you wrote:

<<List only please

On Sun, 14 Nov 1999 RB47Expert@aol.com wrote:  
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> But I seem to recall that this case was supposedly only "several seconds"  
in  
> duration, therefore the photographer did not have time to take more photos.

This is entirely false. Maybe some UFO believer tried hastily to explain why there were only two frames, and, as usual, made things worse.

COMMENTS: Jean-Pierre you're on this List right? Didn't you notice the following from James Easton's posting 2 days ago (see excerpt below) suggesting a sighting duration of a few seconds or a little more? I don't doubt the correct interval reported was 5+ minutes but I'm just pointing out what was just discussed on this List which gave me a very different impression.

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Date: Saturday, November 13, 1999 3:11:35 PM  
From: voyager@ukonline.co.uk (James Easton)  
UFO Research List - <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/>

<SNIP>

Bill wrote to Jean-Pierre -

<SNIP>

It's further claimed the object, "hung motionless for a few seconds, [<---NOTE, NOT 5 minutes] at a distance of about 150 meters, before it started to move and disappear behind the rooftops of neighbor houses".

In those 'few seconds', [<---NOTE, NOT 5 minutes] our photographer therefore had to find a solid base for the camera and would have been extremely fortunate that something suitable was close at hand. Then of course you have to locate the image in the viewfinder, adjust your zoom lens to maximise the shot, focus...

No way that can all be done in a few seconds, [<---NOTE, NOT 5 minutes] I'm sure you will agree.

<SNIP>

James.

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> Now we're told the alleged object hovered for 5 minutes so the total duration  
> was at least that. So now short duration is no excuse for failing to get  
> more pictures.

See below.

COMMENTS: But what WAS the estimated duration? The hovering lasted 5 minutes.

I think a big problem is that the SOBEPS books have not been translated into English (they are definitely not perfect, but give some real checked information). I certainly will not translate them, since they have about 500 pages each... The only way to

get them is to write to:

<SNIP>

Jean-Pierre Pharabod

COMMENTS: Are these 500 pages on computer? Can they be put through language translation software (such as on Alta Vista) and then cleaned up?

Brad Sparks

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On Sun, 14 Nov 1999, James Easton wrote:

@Date: Sun, 14 Nov 1999 02:33:04 -0000  
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@@To: UFO Research List <UFORL@listbot.com>  
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@>To: UFORL@listbot.com <UFORL@listbot.com>  
@>Date: 13 November 1999 01:00  
@>Subject: Re: `Petit-Rechain' Photographs  
@  
@Brad Sparks wrote -  
@  
@>This List has spent an enormous amount of time discussing what  
@>to me is obviously a hoax photograph...  
@  
@Brad,  
@  
@I could have said the same thing if you had brought up the  
@revered 'Trent' photographs. :)  
@  
@Or if Bruce Maccabee raised the topic of his unshakable belief in  
@the authenticity of Ed Walter's 'Gulf Breeze collection'.  
@  
@[Or...]  
@  
@I wouldn't necessarily be correct in either case [please note].  
@

(snip)

@The problem with any 'UFO' picture which could be authentic is  
@that there may be enough 'suspicious' elements to label it a  
@hoax, even though that's not true.

Such as?

(snip)

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According to the story, the object left. My question is, if both  
witnesses ran into buildings to find the camera, how were they able to  
describe the complete flight path to the Condon committee?

@And we have to remember Billy Meier did take an 'impressive'  
@sequence of 'UFO' photographs. True, when investigated the tree  
@shown in these photos didn't exist and Billy apparently claimed  
@it had subsequently been 'vaporized' by the Pleiadean spacecraft.  
@Which wasn't very nice.

Sic the ecologists on them!!!!

@It is, as always, a question of perspective.

@

@Any 'UFO' case, whatever it constitutes, has to be considered on  
@its own merits - there are no 'rules'. What you see is what you  
@get, or maybe what you get is only what you can see.

@

@That's the really frustrating part - we rarely get to see the  
@proverbial panorama.

@

@

@What ostensibly credible sequences of 'UFO' images do exist?

@

@Off-hand... the 'Lubbock lights'...arguably the 'Trent'  
@photos..erm...maybe not that many during the past 50 years?

erm?

Look in John Spencer's "World Atals of UFOs, where one of the Lubbock  
photos was printed light. There is a building or similar structure  
behind the lights.

@It would be interesting to hear of other known examples - there  
@must surely be quite a few.

How about these:

Great Falls MT, 1950 cine.

Tremonton UT, 1952 cine.

Some that were later identified:

Keflavic Iceland 1954: Multiple photographers came away with multiple sequences of "invisible UFOs" on film while trying to photograph a solar eclipse. I have copies of at least 12 different photos. Lens flares abounded that day!

Ft Belvoir VA, 1957: This WAS a UFO to the witness. It was a simulated atomic bomb explosion that detached a black smoke ring.

Condon Case 54: Four photos of a sub-sun (a meteorological phenomenon that reflects the sun). A UFO to the witnesses, but not to the investigators.

Some borderline cases:

The 1958 Trinidad Island photos -- although the photographer had previously faked other UFO photos, and a halftone effect is observed in a square surrounding the object when the photos are copied on a digital copier.

On the other hand, quite a few un-credible sequences exist:

George Stock's 7 photos in Passaic NJ in 1952 provide much detail -- so much that you can see the two spots where the handle broke off the cup that was glued to the upside-down saucer. The object is also too dark to have been a distant flying object.

The 1952 Barra Da Tijuca photos: Much work has been put into analyzing photo number 4, and which way the light struck the palm tree. A quick look at number 5 throws the whole sequence into the hoax category. The object is sunlit from underneath!

Natal South Africa, 1956: Two shots, taken through a cloud filter, of a toy spin-and-balance-on-a-stick circus plate thrown into the air. I still have the one I got back then.

3/18/59 Denville NJ: For some reason, two people attempted to take time exposures of the moon on the same night, and came away with different time exposure effects. One captured the flashing lights of an airplane and trails of bugs circling a streetlight, while another caught a bug flying across a telescope's view, illuminated by a fluorescent (or mercury) lamp flashing at the normal 120 Hz rate.

Piata Beach, Itapoan Brazil, 1959: An identical object transfers power from the motor to the record-changing cycle cam in my Collaro Conquest record changer (manufactured 1953-1967). This is a part that needs to be periodically replaced.

Ligao Philippines 1966: The photographer took a time exposure of a night scene, then gyrated the camera before (or while) closing the shutter). Electric lights in the scene produced dashed trails due to the flashing caused by alternating current.

Gulf Breeze FL 1994: A staged "dogfight" between part of a light fixture and a model of an Air Force fighter. The two objects are always in the same attitudes and relative positions, but the camera has moved entirely around them within a clearing.

@Conversely, how many 'single shot' photos of a 'UFO' exist by @comparison?

@

@At a guess... would some ninety five percent of 'UFO' photos be @'one-offs'?

Seems about right.

@So, how can we criticize our Belgian photographer in that @respect. Either we don't, or agree that this 'single-shot' @property is tantamount to an indication of dubiety, consequently, @most 'UFO' photographs are by default dubious.

Most UFO events are usually brief in nature. This leads to four important facts:

1. A witness with a simple camera has a better chance of getting a good picture, if not several, just because he doesn't need to fiddle with it before shooting.
2. The only valid reason a witness would take UFO shots with a tripod, a cloud filter, or some other accessory, is if he ALREADY had it set up for another purpose before the UFO appeared.
3. The wrong kind of film is likely to be in the camera, since a UFO was not anticipated.
4. A time exposure is unlikely unless the UFO stayed stationary for a while before the photo was attempted.

In addition, we always need to remember these cases when looking at

UFO photos:

1. Shots where the flash failed to go off are a common source of bright objects on a black background.
2. The wrong frame can be picked when the photos come back from being developed. The 8/2/65 Tulsa OK and the 10/21/65 St. George MN photos are examples of people seeing things in the sky, trying to photograph them, and then selecting frames resulting from flash failures when they get their pictures back.  
  
(I once photographed the navigation lights of a plane flying overhead at night. I had to hunt really hard with a magnifying glass to find the lights in the resulting print, and on the negative.)
3. Birds and insects are "frozen" in flight by the camera.
4. A focal-plane shutter can distort quickly moving objects (a photo of a race car with oval wheels and a slanted body).
5. Objects that are easily identified in color are sometimes mysterious in black and white. It's almost as mysterious as figuring out where an amateur photographer got black and white film after 1980. It hasn't been on store shelves around here since then.
6. Halation can expand a very bright object on film, in a video camera, and in the eye. It can also change the color.
7. Teen age photographers are greatly over-represented in my collection of UFO photos (compared to population size).
8. If there are ANY anomalies of focus in the shot, the photos are suspect. Most UFO photos should be taken with the camera focus set at infinity.
9. Sometimes the "sky" in a photo is not sky. In the 3/14/54 photo taken at Puddingstone Dam CA, the "UFO" is a man rowing a boat on the body of water beyond the dam. A speedboat in the foreground is the subject of the photo, and the real horizon is above the top of the frame.
- 10: Motion can cause blurring and transparency. The UFO in the 1958 Redlands CA photo is a rapidly fluttering wind sock.
11. Never forget objects reflected in a window the photo was taken through.
12. Under low-light conditions, the colors rendered by color film and video cameras can be very wrong.

@

@I assuredly don't know and merely highlight some questions which  
@seem to be prevailing.

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@James.

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[Originally sent on Sunday 14 November].

It would be interesting to hear any observations re the brief video footage at [this URL will 'wrap around']:

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Any reasons the footage is/isn't consistent with a normal aircraft?

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I've reported the situation and don't yet know if it's due to a general fault with ListBot's mail server or just this list's settings.

I also note that recently archived messages have been allocated incorrect dates and times and some are out of sequence.

[I hope Tim Matthews' didn't put a curse on the list].

In the meantime, I could maybe entertain you with a few jokes, or some Burn's poetry...

No, perhaps not a good idea.

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[End]

Hopefully, all will resolved before too long and I'll let you know soon as I hear more.

James.

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> impression.

OK, I have found the culprits. The false "few seconds" estimate comes from the web site <http://members.xoom.com/butwww/Menu/index.htm>, the address of it I gave to the list after specifying that I had not the SOBEPS books handy. I myself said that the section of this web site about the photograph was good, but I should have specified that only the SOBEPS books were the ultimate reference. I myself quoted two elements from this site (not the "few seconds") with the mention "According to this site", in my message of Fri, 12 Nov 1999 10:57:36 +0100 (MET). James, rightly, read the whole section of this site regarding the photograph, and noticed the statement "hung motionless for a few seconds, at a distance of about 150 meters, before it started to move and disappear behind the rooftops of neighbor houses". I myself did not read carefully James' message, or did not pay attention to this point; it's just when I had to respond precisely to Bill Rose that I read carefully the SOBEPS books and wrote: "The situation was not rapidly developing. The object

hovered during about 5 minutes" (Sun, 14 Nov 1999 15:47:41 +0100 MET).  
It's really 5 minutes (1st SOBEPS book, 1991, page 414).

I don't know why the authors of the web site quoted above (apparently four young men, about 20 years old) wrote "a few seconds". Maybe they wrote that hastily, without the reference handy; maybe they mean it was the time of the photographic operations themselves. But the object itself hovered or nearly hovered during about 5 minutes (maybe more; the photographer - if he tells the truth - saw it during 5 minutes, but maybe it was already hovering before). Towards the end of these 5 minutes, the photographs were taken; then the object went away.

Jean-Pierre Pharabod

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Larry,

The Trents went in search of the camera as the UFO approached from the north. After finding it the object was still approaching. As far as opportunity for more photos is concerned, the object picked up speed and left after the second shot.

Brad

In a message dated 11/16/99 1:34:48 AM, you wrote:

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From: joel carpenter <ufx@mindspring.com>  
Subject: Dial M for MajesticMessage-id:  
<003001bf303b\$424e1380\$0100a8c0@mindspring.com>

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In case everyone hasn't heard already, the "New, Improved Majestic Documents" are now available at

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I don't know whether to laugh or cry, etc...

J Carpenter

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From: "J. Pharabod" <pharabod@in2p3.fr>  
Subject: Re: `Petit-Rechain' Photograph  
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On Mon, 15 Nov 1999, Bill Rose wrote:

> UFO Research List - <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/>  
>  
> Jean-Pierre,  
>  
> Many thanks for providing the original report on how this photograph  
> is claimed to have been made.  
>  
> As Brad pointed out, details of the story seem to be changing,

(Already answered that, privately and on the list)

> although  
> nothing makes me think this FT pic is genuine.  
>  
> Examination of the original transparency might resolve the issue and I  
> would be interested to know who holds the copyright for this picture  
> and how often it has been reproduced.

The original transparency is at the Royal Military School  
(or was during several years, maybe it's elsewhere now, for  
example at the SOBEPS), and has been examined for months  
(years?) by Marc Acheroy and his team.

The photograph is "Copyright G. Mossay/SOFAM,  
IPC - Bd Charlemagne, 1, Bte 28, 1041 Bruxelles"

G. Mossay is the professional photographer who allegedly bought  
the rights from the original amateur photographer. Of course he  
has been suspected of making himself a fake with the complicity  
of an alleged original photographer. That's why there has been  
an inquiry which found back all the workers to which the (should  
I still write alleged?) real photographer showed the photograph  
before Mr. Mossay heard of it, and the worker who spoke of this  
photograph to Mr. Mossay. Because of all these witnesses, plus the  
photographer's girl friend, it's no longer thought that Mr. Mossay  
made a fake (unless there is a rather big conspiracy, of course).

What does mean exactly "how often it has been reproduced"? For  
example, it has been reproduced in the two SOBEPS books, and

the first book was printed 20,000 times \*if I remember correctly\*  
(I should add this everywhere...). Does this makes 1 or 20,000 ?

> Sorry if disussion of this picture is covering old ground, but I have  
> only been a list member for a few months.

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> Bill

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From: Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS <lrobins@indiana.edu>  
Subject: Re: Testing...

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On 15 Nov 1999, UFO Research List wrote:

@Date: 15 Nov 1999 18:57:07 -0000  
@From: UFO Research List <UFORL-owner@listbot.com>  
@@To: UFO Research List <UFORL@listbot.com>  
@Subject: Testing...  
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@UFO Research List - <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/>  
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@There appear to be problems with the ListBot processing of  
@postings - nothing is making it to the list or archives.  
@  
@This is a test message being sent direct from Listbot's web  
@site...

All of my messages yesterday returned flags that our system was unable to contact listbot for 4 hours. It keeps trying until 4 days have passed, and my return messages have arrived, so the problem seems to have been fixed.

I wish I had gotten your post on that Discovery Channel show before it was on. I would have taped it.

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@James.  
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- > It looks like some mail I sent earlier today hasn't made it to
- > the list and this is an edited re-post.
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- > I had written:
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- > It would be interesting to hear any observations re the brief
- > video footage at [this URL will 'wrap around']:
- >
- > [http://members.xoom.com/\\_XMCM/butwww/BelgianTriangles/UFOVideoEng](http://members.xoom.com/_XMCM/butwww/BelgianTriangles/UFOVideoEng.htm)
- > .htm
- >
- > Any reasons the footage is/isn't consistent with a normal
- > aircraft?
- > [End]

This is Alfarano's video. It has been analysed by Patrick Ferryn, the professional photographer who inquired about the history of the Petit-Rechain photograph (Reference: Vague d'OVNI sur la Belgique - Un dossier exceptionnel, SOBEPS, 1991, pages 405-408). His conclusion is that it looks very much like an ordinary air liner flying over Bruxelles... and Occam's razor tells us that, with extremely high probability, it's only that.

This is a problem with non professional video cameras (and maybe also professional ones): the definition is far worse than with a good old photographic apparatus. At night, you get only the lights (with a poor definition) and not the shape (if the lights are on a solid object).

Jean-Pierre Pharabod

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From: Chris Gibson <cgibson@skomer.u-net.com>  
Subject: Re: Reports of Closely Observed UFOs  
Message-id: <E11nnZY-0002sr-00@serv1.is1.u-net.net>

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Date: Tue, 16 Nov 1999 19:43:16 +0000  
From: Bill Rose <bill.rose@virgin.net>  
Subject: `Petit-Rechain' PhotographMessage-id: <3831B3D4.ED9@virgin.net>

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Jean-Pierre,

The fact that a photographer called G.Mossay holds the copyright of this FT picture strikes me as rather suspect, unless he just happens to run a photo library specialising in paranormal pictures?

When illustrative (or other) material is reproduced in books/magazines, on TV etc, the owner normally receives a fee which is agreed in advance.

This is covered by International copyright law.

If for example you wanted to use one of my pictures for your latest book, we would first agree a single payment, possibly based on the anticipated sales figure.

So a widely published photograph like this FT image, should have earned quite a lot of money for the copyright owner. Do you see the point I'm making?

Out of interest, do you know if any duplicate transparencies of the original were made or a high resolution scan was put onto a CD?

Bill

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From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>  
Subject: Re: `Petit-Rechain' Photographs

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>Gulf Breeze FL 1994: A staged "dogfight" between part of a light  
>fixture and a model of an Air Force fighter. The two objects are  
>always in the same attitudes and relative positions, but the camera  
>has moved entirely around them within a clearing.

Are you referring to Ed Walters photos, Jan 12, 1994? If so you got the description quite wrong.

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From: Bill Rose <bill.rose@virgin.net>  
Subject: `Petit-Rechain' PhotographMessage-id: <38321368.5C73@virgin.net>

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Larry said:

Most UFO events are usually brief in nature. This leads to four important facts:

1. A witness with a simple camera has a better chance of getting a good picture, if not several, just because he doesn't need to fiddle with it before shooting.
2. The only valid reason a witness would take UFO shots with a tripod, a cloud filter, or some other accessory, is if he ALREADY had it set up for another purpose before the UFO appeared.
3. The wrong kind of film is likely to be in the camera, since a UFO was not anticipated.
4. A time exposure is unlikely unless the UFO stayed stationary for a while before the photo was attempted.

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Comment:

1. Reasonable point, assuming they are inexperienced, although simple should not mean unsophisticated, especially with so many high-spec AF 35mm and APS compacts around.  
Disposable cameras will only produce worthwhile pictures in fairly good daylight conditions and their lenses are not stunningly sharp.
2. Partly true. For cloud filter, I believe you actually mean a U/V or skylight? Most experienced amateurs and pros fit these to expensive lenses and leave them on all the time to protect the front element. (The just take a little of the blue out, that's all) Some other accessories may be permanently attached, but I agree with what you say about a tripod.
3. Not really true these days. Many photographers stick to something like an ISO 400 color negative film for all conditions. This film is fast, fine grained and has plenty of latitude.
4. You may have no control over the exposure if an automatic camera is used. If the EV level is low and a slow film is loaded the exposure time can be as long as the camera decides.  
I think you are indicating that a reasonably sharp picture in dark conditions can only have been produced if the subject was stationary and the camera supported, which will have allowed an appropriate, perhaps lengthy exposure time?

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Larry said:

In addition, we always need to remember these cases when looking at

UFO photos:

1. Shots where the flash failed to go off are a common source of bright objects on a black background.
2. The wrong frame can be picked when the photos come back from being developed. The 8/2/65 Tulsa OK and the 10/21/65 St. George MN photos are examples of people seeing things in the sky, trying to photograph them, and then selecting frames resulting from flash failures when they get their pictures back.  
(I once photographed the navigation lights of a plane flying overhead at night. I had to hunt really hard with a magnifying glass to find the lights in the resulting print, and on the negative.)
3. Birds and insects are "frozen" in flight by the camera.
4. A focal-plane shutter can distort quickly moving objects (a photo of a race car with oval wheels and a slanted body).
5. Objects that are easily identified in color are sometimes mysterious in black and white. It's almost as mysterious as figuring out where an amateur photographer got black and white film after 1980. It hasn't been on store shelves around here since then.
6. Halation can expand a very bright object on film, in a video camera, and in the eye. It can also change the color.
7. Teen age photographers are greatly over-represented in my collection of UFO photos (compared to population size).
8. If there are ANY anomalies of focus in the shot, the photos are suspect. Most UFO photos should be taken with the camera focus set at infinity.
9. Sometimes the "sky" in a photo is not sky. In the 3/14/54 photo taken at Puddingstone Dam CA, the "UFO" is a man rowing a boat on the body of water beyond the dam. A speedboat in the foreground is the subject of the photo, and the real horizon is above the top of the frame.
- 10: Motion can cause blurring and transparency. The UFO in the 1958 Redlands CA photo is a rapidly fluttering wind sock.
11. Never forget objects reflected in a window the photo was taken through.
12. Under low-light conditions, the colors rendered by color film and video cameras can be very wrong.

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Comment:

1. Failed flash pictures can produce this effect, but small built in flashguns only provide enough light for subjects up to about 10ft (3m)
2. The wrong picture will only be selected if nobody bothers to check the frame number on the negative or transparency. Many minilabs now print the frame number on the back of the picture as routine.
4. This depends on the design of the focal plane shutter/slit width and is not generally noticeable with a modern "Copal" vertical run type.
5. Color film is most peoples automatic choice, although most proper camera stores in the US/Canada and Europe carry black and white film which is still popular with serious amateurs.

6. The usual problem with "lights in the sky" type pictures of UFOs shot with AF camcorders is their inability to automatically focus on the subject. This always produces dancing globes of light or sometimes shows up features within the camera's optical system. However, TV producers always seem to like these effects.

8. Agreed, but inexperienced photographers seldom check.

12. Manufacturers predetermine the exposure ranges of color films. Outside these parameters, they all undergo shifts. Color temperature varies with the time of day. In terms of white balance, camcorders are better than they used to be and most people leave this function on automatic.

Bill

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From: Martin Jasek <mjjasek@yknet.yk.ca>  
Subject: Re: Reports of Closely Observed UFOsMessage-id:  
<38321692.FE7752C5@yknet.yk.ca>  
References: <E11nnZY-0002sr-00@serv1.is1.u-net.net>

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Subject: List MailMessage-id:  
<008601bf30a5\$d1b1f0e0\$361086d4@cis.compuserve.com>

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Dear subscribers,

Even as 'list owner', first I knew that the difficulties had been resolved was when that backlog of mail came through!

Oblivious to any other explanation, I presume there was a general problem with the ListBot mail server.

Some recent postings appear to be out of sequence, however, I'm sure it can all be seen in context.

James.  
E-mail: [voyager@ukonline.co.uk](mailto:voyager@ukonline.co.uk)

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Subject: Re: `Petit-Rechain' PhotographMessage-id:  
<008f01bf30a6\$264195c0\$361086d4@cis.compuserve.com>

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In summary, a brief reply to Jean-Pierre's recent postings -

Jean-Pierre,

Thank you for clarifying so much about this photographic case.

I'm sure we have all learned a great deal and I didn't realise you had actually had a meeting with the [claimed, of course] photographer.

So, the object reportedly hovered for maybe up to five minutes.

That would be an extraordinary 'UFO' sighting by any definition and especially if there were multiple witnesses.

What we seem to be missing are clear testimonies from the photographer, his girlfriend and any other observers. We have unanswered questions and if the answers do exist in publications, they may need to be translated for the majority.

Presumably the reported observation took place in a populated area such as a small town?

If this object did hover for even, say, two minutes, we would expect several people had corroborated some of the details. Do you know how many actual witness accounts exist - even if only of 'strange' lights in the sky at that time?

Obstacles to this photograph being authentic remain that the use of a zoom lens without a tripod and especially if a night-time exposure of more than one second was used, is that 'camera shake' should be evident and consistent throughout the picture.

Another is that this object must surely have been massive, or was at extremely low altitude to explain how large it appears.

Could of course be that either were true, or possibly both.

These and other reservations acknowledged, no urgency to dismiss this as a hoax until facts are established and hopefully they can continue to be.

Aside from 'Petit-Rechain', we should keep in mind what a remarkable phenomenon the 'Belgian flap' was.

A couple of years ago, a colleague kindly provided copies of lengthy articles about these events from old issues of 'Flying Saucer Review', including translations from French of :

'Belgium Haunted by Huge Triangular Craft', by Joel Mesnard and Editorial Committee of 'Lumieres dans la Nuit'.

'The UFO 'Wave' of November/December 1989 Over Eastern Belgium', also by Joel Mesnard and Editorial Committee of 'Lumieres dans la Nuit'.

Although I'm not certain when these were featured in the magazine, it looks like they date from 1990.

I was wondering if the articles would be of general interest and whether you had any comments about reliability of the original sources - I believe 'Lumieres dans la Nuit' is/was [maybe no longer published?] well regarded. Essentially, the articles (four and seven pages respectively) seem to be a summary of various reported sightings.

It's claimed there were over two thousand separate reports during the 'flap' - is that a gross exaggeration?

[Incidentally, can someone please confirm if 'Flying Saucer Review' is also still published?].

As there is no mention I can find therein about the 'Petit-Rechain' incident, when was the sighting first reported and when did the existence of this photograph become known?

James.

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From: RB47Expert@aol.com  
Subject: TRENT PhotographsMessage-id: <0.1fe3bf7d.25637793@aol.com>

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Larry & Bruce & List,

The mysterious "loop" shown in Hartmann's site photo, drawn in on the photo published in the Condon Report plate 25, is reported in the Portland Oegonian, June 10, 1950, cited by Hartmann.

I don't understand why there is an issue about the Trents seeing the object approaching from the north, then searching for the camera, and then resuming their observations and still seeing the UFO still approaching. Why is that a problem? So what if they missed part of a nearly head-on flight path? Does that mean they saw none of the rest of the UFO's flight path????

Brad

In a message dated 11/16/99 6:21:27 PM, brumac@compuserve.com wrote:

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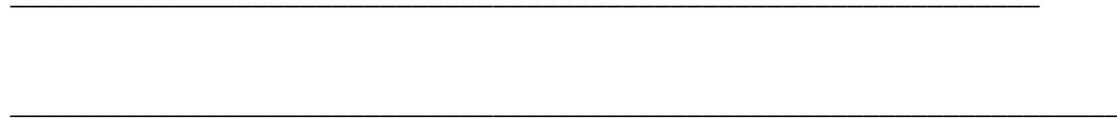
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the object  
under observation 100% of the time.

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Here's an anorak-like thought: is it utterly pointless to speculate about the function of UFO shapes? There was a discussion on UpDates that contained this little statement:

>This is just my opinion. I believe triangular UFOs are all human  
>prototypes, and their shape might serve multiple purposes:

>1. To make it look more or less like a plane.

>2. To allow for standard flight mechanisms to be activated in  
>case something goes wrong with the main (gravitational, etc.)  
>propulsion and maneuvering systems.

I don't buy number 1 (why would "They" care?), but could there be something to the second item?

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Joel Carpenter

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On Wed, 17 Nov 1999, James Easton wrote:

- > In summary, a brief reply to Jean-Pierre's recent postings -
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- > Jean-Pierre,
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- > Thank you for clarifying so much about this photographic case.
- >
- > I'm sure we have all learned a great deal and I didn't realise
- > you had actually had a meeting with the [claimed, of course]
- > photographer.
- >
- > So, the object reportedly hovered for maybe up to five minutes.
- >
- > That would be an extraordinary 'UFO' sighting by any definition
- > and especially if there were multiple witnesses.
- >
- > What we seem to be missing are clear testimonies from the
- > photographer, his girlfriend and any other observers. We have
- > unanswered questions and if the answers do exist in publications,
- > they may need to be translated for the majority.
- >

If I have enough time and courage, I will translate the testimonies from the photographer and his girlfriend... For the present time, I just reproduce them in the original language (French) and without the accents (Reference: Vague d'OVNI sur la Belgique - Un dossier exceptionnel, SOBEPS, 1991, pages 413-414). Any Canadian volunteer to translate?

1) the photographer:

"Il devait etre entre 21 h 30 et 23 h lorsque S., qui avait lache le chien dans la cour, m'a appele pour venir observer un objet bizarre dans le ciel. Lorsque je suis sorti, j'ai vu l'objet pratiquement immobile vers le sud-ouest, a environ 45 degres d'elevation. Il s'agissait de trois feux blancs, ronds, disposes sur une surface triangulaire a peine perceptible. Au centre, il y avait un point clignotant de meme couleur, ou peut-etre un peu plus rouge que les autres feux. Comme le phenomene ne bougeait pratiquement pas, je suis alle prendre mon appareil photographique. Je suis ressorti aussitot et j'ai pris deux photos dont une seule

a donne un resultat. L'objet semblait relativement loin, assez haut dans le ciel. Je n'ai pas eu l'impression qu'il se tenait en position vraiment horizontale, car il presentait sa base inferieure a moi. Il devait donc etre en position inclinee. Il paraissait plus grand qu'un avion de tourisme; je dirais 5 cm a bout de bras. Quant a l'altitude, il m'est impossible de l'estimer exactement: peut-etre 150 metres?... Aussitot la deuxieme photo prise, le phenomene jusqu'alors quasi immobile, s'est mis a se deplacer assez lentement, pointe en avant, en direction du zoning de Petit-Rechain (nord). Il a disparu apres quelques instants, cache par le toit des maisons. Pendant l'observation, j'ai percu un leger sifflement. Ce soir-la le ciel devait etre couvert; il ne faisait pas bon mais il ne pleuvait pas. Ce qui m'a le plus impressionne, c'etait l'immobilite apparente du phenomene."

2) his girlfriend (this testimony is less clear, especially regarding the immobility and the disappearance of the phenomenon, but is coherent with the first one):

"J'ai vu trois points lumineux blanc-jaune, disposes en triangle, et par la suite, j'ai distingue une autre lumiere au centre. Pour moi, cette lumiere etait fixe et semblait de meme couleur que les autres. Je n'ai pas vraiment remarque la forme d'un triangle; je l'ai plutot devinee en raison de la position des feux. Je ne peux pas dire si ce phenomene etait immobile ou s'il se deplacait. J'ai alors appele P. Apres que ce dernier ait pris les photos, le phenomene est parti d'un coup, pffuit...! La vitesse etait assez rapide et j'ai percu un leger sifflement. Le chien n'a pas reagi anormalement. Quand l'objet s'est deplace, il est alle vers la droite (nord). J'avais l'impression qu'il etait incline, car il presentait son cote inferieur a moi. Je suis incapable de dire de quelle maniere le phenomene a disparu puisque, en fait, je ne l'ai pas vu se deplacer. A vrai dire, lorsque P. prenait des photos, je ne faisais plus attention. Quand j'ai regarde a nouveau, l'objet avait disparu."

(Questioned again in April 1991, she confirmed that she was in fact looking mainly at his boyfriend taking photographs, and practically paid no attention to the object during these last seconds. Ref: Vague d'OVNI sur la Belgique - 2 - Une enigme non resolue, SOBEPS, 1994, page 225).

- > Presumably the reported observation took place in a populated area such as a small town?
- >
- > If this object did hover for even, say, two minutes, we would expect several people had corroborated some of the details.

Not necessarily. There is another example of a sighting in a

small town (Basecles, December 21, 1989) above which the object hovered from 7 h 15 to 7 h 50. There were only five witnesses. Fortunately, during 5 minutes some of these witnesses observed it from two different locations, which enabled to make the only triangulation in the whole "wave". The size of the basis of the triangle, if the triangulation is correct, was about 50 meters; the two other sides of this isosceles quasi-triangle were slightly greater (height of the triangle: about 55 meters).

- > Do
- > you know how many actual witness accounts exist - even if only of
- > 'strange' lights in the sky at that time?

See above. It seems that people don't often look at the sky. And at Petit-Rechain, it was during the TV hours...

- > Obstacles to this photograph being authentic remain that the use
- > of a zoom lens without a tripod and especially if a night-time
- > exposure of more than one second was used, is that 'camera shake'
- > should be evident and consistent throughout the picture.

This is not what Patrick Ferryn, a professional photographer, thinks. The zoom was secured on the edge of a wall, and, because of his profession (turner-miller), the photographer should normally have a firm hand.

- > Another is that this object must surely have been massive, or was
- > at extremely low altitude to explain how large it appears.

See above the results of the triangulation.

- > Could of course be that either were true, or possibly both.
- >
- > These and other reservations acknowledged, no urgency to dismiss
- > this as a hoax until facts are established and hopefully they can
- > continue to be.

Jean-Pierre Pharabod

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Here are Belgian testimonies of object flying edge-first  
(Ref: 2nd SOBEPS book, 1994, pages 144-145):

November 29, 1989, 17 h 20, Liege (2 witnesses).

December 6 or 13, 1989, 17 h 30, Verviers (1 witness)

December 7, 1989, 19 h 15, Fays (4 witnesses)

March 24, 1990, 21 h 58, Banneux (1 witness)

July 26, 1990, 22 h 35, Seraing (2 witnesses)

November 22, 1990, 17 h 50, Courcelles (2 witnesses)

However generally it was flying point-forward. And I suspect (especially regarding the 1990 sightings) that it could be ordinary planes, with 1 light at the end of each wing (the "edge") and a light on the tail (the "point").

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Difficult to say. A triangulation would be needed. According to the only one made in Belgium (Basecles, December 21, 1989) it was rather isocele, basis 50 meters, height 55 meters. But there is no proof that this triangulation is correct.

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- > fact a misidentified conventional aircraft. (Well, helicopters don't need to
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The Belgian FT could at least hover in any position (horizontally, vertically with leading edge up or down, at about 45 degrees like at Petit-Rechain - which points to a lighter-than-air). Note that the "Big Wing" reported in Popular Mechanics, December 1991, which allegedly flew over Antelope Valley (California), could hover horizontally and vertically. According to the Popular Mechanics article ("America's New Secret Aircraft"), it was probably a huge lighter-than-air.

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Is that sure? In any case, hybrids exist, but maybe not jet-powered.

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On Tue, 16 Nov 1999, Bill Rose wrote:

- > Jean-Pierre,
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- > The fact that a photographer called G.Mossay holds the copyright of this
- > FT picture strikes me as rather suspect, unless he just happens to run a
- > photo library specialising in paranormal pictures?

According to the SOBEPS, when he heard of it, he realised that he could earn money: "Ce dernier realisa le parti qu'il pourrait eventuellement en tirer et acquit les droits contractuels d'exploitation mediatique du document." (1st SOBEPS book, p. 413).

- > When illustrative (or other) material is reproduced in books/magazines,
- > on TV etc, the owner normally receives a fee which is agreed in advance.
- > This is covered by International copyright law.
- > If for example you wanted to use one of my pictures for your latest
- > book, we would first agree a single payment, possibly based on the
- > anticipated sales figure.
- >
- > So a widely published photograph like this FT image, should have earned
- > quite a lot of money for the copyright owner. Do you see the point I'm
- > making?

Of course, everybody thought of that. That's one of the reasons why initially the SOBEPS thought of a hoax (the other reason being that the photograph was "too good"...). That's one of the reasons why the SOBEPS (essentially Patrick Ferryn if I understand correctly - he is one of the most "skeptical" members of the SOBEPS, and one who thinks of the Aereon airship hypothesis) inquired several times on the "history" of this photograph: at least, in August 1990, in April 1991, in March 1993.

- > Out of interest, do you know if any duplicate transparencies of the
- > original were made or a high resolution scan was put onto a CD?

It's my understanding that Mr. Mossay made such duplicates. I don't know about the CD.

- > Bill

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With modern composites and lightweight propulsion systems, a small rigid airship would probably look more like a lifting body a/c rather than an advertising blimp - an Aereon in fact. A monocoque hull would be very strong and light, so fragility isn't an issue.

If people really are seeing these things - and a journalist I interviewed here in the UK claimed to have done exactly that - my hunch is that they use helium for aerostatic lift combined with an efficient overall shape for aerodynamic lift.

You're right - as usual :) about the early Zepps. The modified so called, Height Climbers flew at around 20,000 ft altitude and thus rendered the entire UK defence system obsolete for a time.

Best

DaveW

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But... did it use helium, or hydrogen?

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@On Mon, 15 Nov 1999 RB47Expert@aol.com wrote:

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@> In a message dated 11/15/99 2:31:17 AM, you wrote:

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@> On Sun, 14 Nov 1999 RB47Expert@aol.com wrote:

@> <SNIP>

@>

@> > But I seem to recall that this case was supposedly only "several seconds"

@> in

@> > duration, therefore the photographer did not have time to take more photos.

@>

@> This is entirely false. Maybe some UFO believer tried hastily to explain

@> why there were only two frames, and, as usual, made things worse.

@>

@> COMMENTS: Jean-Pierre you're on this List right? Didn't you notice the

@> following from James Easton's posting 2 days ago (see excerpt below)

@> suggesting a sighting duration of a few seconds or a little more? I don't

@> doubt the correct interval reported was 5+ minutes but I'm just pointing out

@> what was just discussed on this List which gave me a very different

@> impression.

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@OK, I have found the culprits. The false "few seconds" estimate comes

@from the web site <http://members.xoom.com/butwww/Menu/index.htm>, the

@address of it I gave to the list after specifying that I had not the

@SOBEPS books handy. I myself said that the section of this web site

@about the photograph was good, but I should have specified that only

@the SOBEPS books were the ultimate reference. I myself quoted two  
@elements from this site (not the "few seconds") with the mention  
@"According to this site", in my message of Fri, 12 Nov 1999  
@10:57:36 +0100 (MET). James, rightly, read the whole section of  
@this site regarding the photograph, and noticed the statement  
@"hung motionless for a few seconds, at a distance of about 150  
@meters, before it started to move and disappear behind the rooftops  
@of neighbor houses". I myself did not read carefully James' message,  
@or did not pay attention to this point; it's just when I had to  
@respond precisely to Bill Rose that I read carefully the SOBEPS books  
@and wrote: "The situation was not rapidly developing. The object  
@hovered during about 5 minutes" (Sun, 14 Nov 1999 15:47:41 +0100 MET).  
@It's really 5 minutes (1st SOBEPS book, 1991, page 414).  
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@I don't know why the authors of the web site quoted above  
@(apparently four young men, about 20 years old) wrote "a  
@few seconds". Maybe they wrote that hastily, without the  
@reference handy; maybe they mean it was the time of the  
@photographic operations themselves. But the object itself  
@hovered or nearly hovered during about 5 minutes (maybe more;  
@the photographer - if he tells the truth - saw it during 5  
@minutes, but maybe it was already hovering before). Towards  
@the end of these 5 minutes, the photographs were taken; then  
@the object went away.

Could the "few seconds" refer to the time available AFTER the camera  
was obtained?

@Jean-Pierre Pharabod  
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Fair question J-P - I should have made it clear that like all US LTA craft  
it used Helium.

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Subject: Re: `Petit-Rechain' Photographs

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On Tue, 16 Nov 1999, bruce maccabee wrote:

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@From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>  
@@To: UFO Research List <UFORL@listbot.com>  
@Subject: Re: `Petit-Rechain' Photographs  
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@Larry wrote:

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@Regarding the Trent photos:

@>According to the story, the object left. My question is, if both  
@>witnesses ran into buildings to find the camera, how were they able to  
@>describe the complete flight path to the Condon committee?

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@I don't know where Hartmann (the Condon investigator) came up with a  
@loop in the path. No other investigators including myself ever got the  
@impression that the object reversed direction and made a loop.

@My own reconstruction of the path is a simple arc.

@However, this does not address the question which is, how could  
@they have described the track if they didn't see it for a period of time.

@Well, for one thing Mrs. Trent said she one was outside looking in the  
@car while the other was inside. Naturally there would have been a  
@short period of time when no one was actually looking at the object,  
@but it would be reasonable to assume a continuous path between the  
@points of observation.

@Again, I say, I don't know where Hartmann came up with a loop, but  
@if there was such a thing it could have occurred after they had the  
@camera and were both looking at the object.

I wondered about that too.

@>Gulf Breeze FL 1994: A staged "dogfight" between part of a light  
@>fixture and a model of an Air Force fighter. The two objects are  
@>always in the same attitudes and relative positions, but the camera  
@>has moved entirely around them within a clearing.

@Are you referring to Ed Walters photos, Jan 12, 1994? If so you got  
@the description quite wrong.

These were 4 daytime shots taken on May 12, 1994, by a motorist (who wished to remain anonymous) who said he saw the UFO, and ran into a clearing to get a better look at what was happening. The photos are obviously fake:

1. The bottom of the UFO and the bottom of the jet are much darker than the darkest parts of the background.
2. The focus on the objects is sharper than the focus of the background. This indicates only one thing: small objects close to the camera.
3. In one shot, part of a background tree is behind the jet.
4. The photographer moved a large distance from shot to shot.
5. Only two of the photos overlap in the background features they show, other than a tree branch that is "over" the objects (but facing a different way) in each photo. It is quite obvious that the object and jet are models hung from the tree branch.

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On Wed, 17 Nov 1999, Bill Rose wrote:

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@@To: uforl@listbot.com  
@Subject: `Petit-Rechain' Photograph  
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@Larry said:

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@Most UFO events are usually brief in nature. This leads to four  
@important facts:

- @  
@1. A witness with a simple camera has a better chance of getting a good  
@picture, if not several, just because he doesn't need to fiddle with it  
@before shooting.  
@2. The only valid reason a witness would take UFO shots with a tripod,  
@a cloud filter, or some other accessory, is if he ALREADY had it set  
@up for another purpose before the UFO appeared.  
@3. The wrong kind of film is likely to be in the camera, since a UFO  
@was not anticipated.  
@4. A time exposure is unlikely unless the UFO stayed stationary  
@for a while before the photo was attempted.

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@Comment:

- @  
@1. Reasonable point, assuming they are inexperienced, although simple  
@should not mean unsophisticated, especially with so many high-spec AF  
@35mm and APS compacts around.  
@ Disposable cameras will only produce worthwhile pictures in fairly good  
@daylight conditions and their lenses are not stunningly sharp.

I meant something like the Kodak 35 camera I have. Only the shutter  
speed is adjustable.

- @2. Partly true. For cloud filter, I believe you actually mean a U/V or  
@skylight? Most experienced amateurs and pros fit these to expensive  
@lenses and leave them on all the time to protect the front element.  
@(The just take a little of the blue out, that's all) Some other  
@accessories may be permanently attached, but I agree with what you say  
@about a tripod.

I am talking about at least three b&w photos I have in my collection where an ORANGE cloud filter was obviously used. This filter makes the clouds much lighter than the sky behind. Without the cloud filter, the sky and the clouds are hard to tell apart on panchromatic film.

@3. Not really true these days. Many photographers stick to something @like an ISO 400 color negative film for all conditions. This film is @fast, fine grained and has plenty of latitude.

Right. But the one time a camera was handy when something unusual happened at night, the ASA 50 special portrait film my father had in his camera was totally useless.

@4. You may have no control over the exposure if an automatic camera is @used. If the EV level is low and a slow film is loaded the exposure time @can be as long as the camera decides.

@ I think you are indicating that a reasonably sharp picture in dark @conditions can only have been produced if the subject was stationary and @the camera supported, which will have allowed an appropriate, perhaps @lengthy exposure time?

Actually, I was just indicating various aspects of a sudden, unexpected event, versus those of a planned hoax.

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@Larry said:

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@In addition, we always need to remember these cases when looking at @UFO photos:

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@1. Shots where the flash failed to go off are a common source of @bright objects on a black background.

@2. The wrong frame can be picked when the photos come back from being @developed. The 8/2/65 Tulsa OK and the 10/21/65 St. George MN photos @are examples of people seeing things in the sky, trying to photograph @them, and then selecting frames resulting from flash failures when @they get their pictures back.

@(I once photographed the navigation lights of a plane flying overhead @at night. I had to hunt really hard with a magnifying glass to find @the lights in the resulting print, and on the negative.)

@3. Birds and insects are "frozen" in flight by the camera.

@4. A focal-plane shutter can distort quickly moving objects (a photo @of a race car with oval wheels and a slanted body).

@5. Objects that are easily identified in color are sometimes

@mysterious in black and white. It's almost as mysterious as figuring

@out where an amateur photographer got black and white film after 1980.

@It hasn't been on store shelves around here since then.  
@6. Halation can expand a very bright object on film, in a video  
@camera, and in the eye. It can also change the color.  
@7. Teen age photographers are greatly over-represented in my  
@collection of UFO photos (compared to population size).  
@8. If there are ANY anomalies of focus in the shot, the photos are  
@suspect. Most UFO photos should be taken with the camera focus set at  
@infinity.  
@9. Sometimes the "sky" in a photo is not sky. In the 3/14/54 photo  
@taken at Puddingstone Dam CA, the "UFO" is a man rowing a boat on the  
@body of water beyond the dam. A speedboat in the foreground is the  
@subject of the photo, and the real horizon is above the top of the  
@frame.  
@10: Motion can cause blurring and transparency. The UFO in the 1958  
@Redlands CA photo is a rapidly fluttering wind sock.  
@11. Never forget objects reflected in a window the photo was taken  
@through.  
@12. Under low-light conditions, the colors rendered by color film and  
@video cameras can be very wrong.  
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@Comment:  
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@1. Failed flash pictures can produce this effect, but small built in  
@flashguns only provide enough light for subjects up to about 10ft (3m)

RIGHT! I think the Lubbock Lights photos are residue of exactly that.

@2. The wrong picture will only be selected if nobody bothers to check  
@the frame number on the negative or transparency. Many minilabs now  
@print the frame number on the back of the picture as routine.

@4. This depends on the design of the focal plane shutter/slit width and  
@is not generally noticeable with a modern "Copal" vertical run type.

On the ones I have used, the slit changes "width" with the shutter  
speed. The opening blade is released, then after the exposure is  
timed, the closing blade is released. Newer cameras move the blades  
faster than older cameras.

@5. Color film is most peoples automatic choice, although most proper  
@camera stores in the US/Canada and Europe carry black and white film  
@which is still popular with serious amateurs.

You have to go out of your way to get it. Of the many stores that sell  
film, only two in Bloomington sell B&W.

@6. The usual problem with "lights in the sky" type pictures of UFOs shot  
@with AF camcorders is their inability to automatically focus on the  
@subject. This always produces dancing globes of light or sometimes shows  
@up features within the camera's optical system. However, TV producers

@always seem to like these effects.

That's because most auto-focus systems work on sonar. Any object closer than the actual subject of the photo fools the sensor. But what I am talking about is where the light is so bright that it scatters inside the CCD chip and activates adjacent pixels. I have recordings (off network TV) of several dazzling lights in the daytime sky which were probably airliners reflecting the sun.

@8. Agreed, but inexperienced photographers seldom check.

Any time the focus of the UFO is DIFFERENT than that of the background, the UFO is close to the camera. That is the focus anomaly I referred to.

@12. Manufacturers predetermine the exposure ranges of color films. @Outside these parameters, they all undergo shifts. Color temperature @varies with the time of day. In terms of white balance, camcorders are @better than they used to be and most people leave this function on @automatic.

Distant nighttime UFOs are usually outside the range. Also, a video taken with a new camera at the special night church service we had last week came out totally black and green.

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@Bill

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On Wed, 17 Nov 1999, joel carpenter wrote:

@Date: Wed, 17 Nov 1999 03:25:08 -0500  
@From: joel carpenter <ufx@mindspring.com>  
@@To: UFO Research List <UFORL@listbot.com>  
@Subject: Rationale for the FT shape

@UFO Research List - <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/>

@Here's an anorak-like thought: is it utterly pointless to speculate  
@about the function of UFO shapes? There was a discussion on UpDates  
@that contained this little statement:

What's an anorak?

@>This is just my opinion. I believe triangular UFOs are all human  
@>prototypes, and their shape might serve multiple purposes:

@>1. To make it look more or less like a plane.

Camouflage?? Either an AFO trying to look like a plane, or a plane  
trying to look like a UFO.

Has anyone thought of ultralights? Some of those are equilateral  
triangles.

@>2. To allow for standard flight mechanisms to be activated in  
@>case something goes wrong with the main (gravitational, etc.)  
@>propulsion and maneuvering systems.

@I don't buy number 1 (why would "They" care?), but could there be  
@something to the second item?

@Is it true that FTs generally fly point-forward, like a delta-wing  
@plane? I seem to recall cases where they were flying edge-first.

@This wouldn't really matter, I suppose, since an edge-first triangle  
@could be thought of as a variant of a flying wing like the old Arup  
@or Flying Flapjack, which were more or less "D-shaped."

@It would be of interest to document cases where the "leading point"  
@\_changed\_ over the course of the observation, since that would  
@immediately tend to rule out (as far as anything can be ruled out, I  
@suppose) the idea that the object was flying aerodynamically. You  
@just can't send Concorde shooting off sideways.

Unless, or course, it was a military pilot practicing the procedure  
for getting out of a spin.

@Are FTs generally equilateral triangles (Is the data good enough to  
@generalize from)? If they have a short edge, do they fly with that as  
@the trailing edge?

@Additionally -- this may be belaboring the obvious -- do FTs always  
@fly parallel to the ground, or do they bank to turn, like  
@conventional aircraft? If they bank to turn, it implies that  
@whatever lift force they use acts normal to the plane of the  
@triangle, and can be redirected by reorienting the vehicle.  
@Alternatively, this behavior could imply that the object is in fact a  
@misidentified conventional aircraft. (Well, helicopters don't need to  
@bank to change direction at low speed, but the \_rotor\_ tilts, at  
@least)

@If the objects really are ET and use antigravity technology, why  
@would they maintain a horizontal orientation at all times? If they  
@can defy gravity and aerodynamic considerations, it seems that they  
@would be essentially free of the need to maintain a fixed  
@orientation. Weightless, drifting like the Space Shuttle, in their  
@antigravity field or whatever it is.

Maybe they have to point the antigrav device AT the attractive mass.

@If they're really secret, advanced lighter-than-air vehicles, the  
@similarities to normal aircraft behavior would make more sense.  
@Airships have "tops" and "bottoms." They also have altitude limits,  
@due to the expansion of the gas as the vehicle climbs. Do FTs tend to  
@stick to low altitudes? Offhand, I get the sense that they do, with  
@the exception of the cases that were obviously sightings of the  
@tetrahedral high-altitude balloons. An aerostat couldn't go higher  
@than, say, 15,000 feet, if that. (Well, I guess some of the bomber  
@Zeppelins did go that high in WWI, but that was different).

The Skyhook flew at 90,000 feet or more (and caused a lot of UFO  
sightings). That's 18 miles up!

@It is an interesting fact that while almost every permutation of  
@flying machine that could be conceived has been built by someone  
@somewhere, there seems to have been no such thing as a jet-powered  
@hybrid aerostat -- meaning a high-performance, aerodynamically-shaped

@airship with jet engines.

This sounds quite inefficient, since the jet engine is best suited to high speeds, and the aerostat is best suited to low speeds (because it's big and fat). The stress would require a very sturdy airframe. Now if a turboprop is included as a jet engine, it's being done now.

@Obviously such a thing \_could\_ be built, but it would be tricky to @maintain the needed structural strength with low weight. Even a 1,000 @kg payload would require an enormous volume of gas and considerable @structure. I wonder if something the size of a Vulcan could even lift @that much. It would have to be very thick.

Maybe shape it like a lifting body.

Now, I have seen a combo helicopter-blimp.

@Again, maybe all this is pointless, but I have a hard time with the @idea that UFOs aren't amenable to analysis because they may operate @on principles we can't grasp.

@Joel Carpenter

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On Wed, 17 Nov 1999, J. Pharabod wrote:

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@Cc: voyager@ukonline.co.uk, pharabod@in2p3.fr  
@Subject: Re: `Petit-Rechain' Photograph  
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@List only please

@On Wed, 17 Nov 1999, James Easton wrote:

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(snip)

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@@(Questioned again in April 1991, she confirmed that she was in  
@fact looking mainly at his boyfriend taking photographs, and  
@practically paid no attention to the object during these last  
@seconds. Ref: Vague d'OVNI sur la Belgique - 2 - Une enigme non  
@resolue, SOBEPS, 1994, page 225).

This in itself seems quite odd.

@> Presumably the reported observation took place in a populated  
@> area such as a small town?

@>

@> If this object did hover for even, say, two minutes, we would  
@> expect several people had corroborated some of the details.

@

@Not necessarily. There is another example of a sighting in a  
@small town (Basecles, December 21, 1989) above which the  
@object hovered from 7 h 15 to 7 h 50. There were only five  
@witnesses. Fortunately, during 5 minutes some of these  
@witnesses observed it from two different locations, which  
@enabled to make the only triangulation in the whole "wave".  
@The size of the basis of the triangle, if the triangulation  
@is correct, was about 50 meters; the two other sides of this  
@isocèle quasi-triangle were slightly greater (height of the  
@triangle: about 55 meters).

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@>

Do

@> you know how many actual witness accounts exist - even if only of

@> 'strange' lights in the sky at that time?

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@See above. It seems that people don't often look at the sky. And

@at Petit-Rechain, it was during the TV hours...

@

@> Obstacles to this photograph being authentic remain that the use

@> of a zoom lens without a tripod and especially if a night-time

@> exposure of more than one second was used, is that 'camera shake'

@> should be evident and consistent throughout the picture.

@

@This is not what Patrick Ferryn, a professional photographer,

@thinks. The zoom was secured on the edge of a wall, and, because

@of his profession (turner-miller), the photographer should

@normally have a firm hand.

By turner-miller, do you mean a machinist (a person who makes metal or plastic parts using a lathe and a mill)? A firm hand is NOT a requirement, because all of the settingd are done with calibrated dials which have a tremendous mechanical advantage. I use these tools myself in my work. A handheld tool is impossible in this application.

If he is a carpenter turning wooden parts of furniture or architecture on a wood lathe or with a router, then a steady hand is necessary.

@> Another is that this object must surely have been massive, or was

@> at extremely low altitude to explain how large it appears.

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@See above the results of the triangulation.

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@> Could of course be that either were true, or possibly both.

@>

@> These and other reservations acknowledged, no urgency to dismiss

@> this as a hoax until facts are established and hopefully they can

@> continue to be.

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@Jean-Pierre Pharabod

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Hi Larry,

Re: photo technicalities

There are all sorts of relatively simple cameras on the market and even some of the new budget Kodak models are quite sophisticated with AF and program exposure. I think its just a little difficult to tie down a definition for a "simple" camera these days.

Okay, I take your point about an orange filter, But I wouldn't personally read too much into that, because an experienced photographers who only used B&W film might decide to leave one on for all outside shots. Let me add that you don't always need a filter to bring out clouds on B&W film.

ISO 50 (50 ASA) film would undoubtedly be too slow for any difficult available light picture, even with a fairly fast lens. However, ISO 200 or 400 is the main type sold these days in many different countries. I'd add that Kodak's "Fun Gold" 35mm Throwaway cameras made in France and sold throughout Europe are loaded with very fast ISO 800 color neg film as standard.

I know this, having just dismantled one and retrieved the cassette for processing.

Regarding shutters, older horizontal travel cloth shutters, especially those used for larger format cameras could provide image distortion and the famous Edwardian picture of a racing car taken Jacques-Henri Lartigue comes to mind which shows elongated wheels.

In some parts of the States I've visited you can only buy 24 exposure rolls of 35mm 200/400 speed color print film in supermarkets, gas station etc. But most of the proper camera shops in bigger US towns do still carry B&W film.

In Britain, you can buy B&W film in almost all larger towns and most supermarkets/hardware stores carry 36 exposure rolls of color 35mm film and 40 exposure cassettes of APS. Different markets, but no hard and fast rules.

That said, I think we'd probably agree that the average man/woman is likely to choose color print film these days and B&W is now the province of enthusiasts. A few years back, the Fuji rep told me that their color negative films out sold all other types by a ratio of three to one. I would suspect it's even higher now.

Sorry Larry, but you're wrong about AF camcorders working on sonar.

Most work by passive contrast detection. It's just possible that some earlier designs used infrared, but this system is really the province of small compact still cameras. Polaroid have a unique sonar system for their awful instant picture cameras.

With CCDs, there can be some spillover in a high contrast situation and the use of a lens in low light at its widest aperture doesn't help matters. The older video tubes were far worse in low light than chips.

Many recorded nighttime UFO "globe" lights are simply defocused images where the AF system has failed to find the subject.

Perfect color balance is rarely possible under artificial lighting and domestic lamps usually lean strongly towards red and fluorescent tubes have a green color temperature, although the brain adjusts for this.

If you have a camcorder that's producing really strange colors, it may be that the auto white balance is turned off.

Hope you find my comments useful and this discussion isn't getting too far away from UFOs!

I'm now going out to (hopefully) photograph some Leonids.

Bill

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Jean-Pierre,

Here is AltaVista's very rough translation of the two witnesses' statements.  
Maybe you can clean it up now that most of the work is done.

Brad Sparks

#### PHOTOGRAPHER'S STATEMENT:

It was to be between 21. 30 and 23 H when S., which had releases the dog in the court, has me appele to come to observe an odd object in the sky. When I left, I saw the practically motionless object towards south-west, has approximately 45 degrees of rise. They were three white fires, round, lay out on a hardly perceptible triangular surface. In the center, there was a point flickering of same color, or perhaps a little redder than other fires. As the phenomenon practically did not move, I am alle to take my camera. I am brought out at once and I took two photographs whose only one A gives a result. The object seemed relatively far, rather high in the sky. I did not have the impression that it was held in really horizontal position, because it presentait its lower base has me. It was to thus be in position inclinee. I t appeared larger than a private plane; I would say 5 cm has end of arm. As for altitude, it is impossible for me to estimate it exactly: perhaps 150 meters?... At once the second photo catch, the quasi motionless phenomenon hitherto, was put has deplacer rather slowly, point ahead, in direction of the zoning of Small-Rechain (north). It disappeared after a few moments, hides by the roof of the houses. During the observation, I have percu a slight whistle. That evening the sky was to be covered; it did not make good but it did not rain. What has impresses me more, it was the apparent immobilite phenomenon.

#### GIRLFRIEND'S STATEMENT:

I saw three luminous points white-yellow, lay out in triangle, and thereafter, I have distinguish another light in the center. For me, this light was fixed and seemed of same color that the others. I really do not have notices the shape of a triangle; I have it rather devinee because of the position of fires. I cannot say if this phenomenon were motionless or if it were deplacait. I have then appele P. After this last took the photographs, the phenomenon started from a blow, pffuit...! Speed was rather fast and I have percu a slight whistle. The dog does not have reagi abnormally. When the object is deplace, it is alle towards the line (northern). I had the

impression that it was inclined, because it presented its dimension inferior has me. I am unable to say the phenomenon how disappeared since, in fact, I did not see it deplacer. To tell the truth, when P. took photographs, I did not pay any more attention. When I have look at has new, the object had disappeared.

In a message dated 11/17/99 2:22:50 AM, you wrote:

<SNIP>

If I have enough time and courage, I will translate the testimonies from the photographer and his girlfriend... For the present time, I just reproduce them in the original language (French) and without the accents (Reference: Vague d'OVNI sur la Belgique - Un dossier exceptionnel, SOBEPS, 1991, pages 413-414). Any Canadian volunteer to translate?

1) the photographer:

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> Jean-Pierre,  
>  
> Here is AltaVista's very rough translation of the two witnesses'  
> statements. Maybe you can clean it up now that most of the work  
> is done.  
>  
> Brad Sparks

Thanks. Some Altavista's errors come from the fact that I can't type the French accents. Here is the English version after I have cleaned it a little. Probably a new iteration is needed.

#### PHOTOGRAPHER'S STATEMENT:

It must have been between 21.30 and 23 H when S., who had released the dog in the court, called me to come to observe an odd object in the sky. When I left, I saw the practically motionless object towards south-west, at approximately 45 degrees of elevation. The thing was this: three white lights, round, laid out on a hardly perceptible triangular surface. In the center, there was a flickering point of same color, or perhaps a little redder than the other lights. As the phenomenon practically did not move, I went to take my camera. I went out again at once and I took two photographs, only one of which has given a result. The object seemed relatively far, rather high in the sky. I did not have the impression that it stood in really horizontal position, because it presented its lower base to me. It must thus have been in an inclined position. It appeared larger than a private plane; I would say 5 cm at end of arm. As for altitude, it is impossible for me to estimate it exactly: perhaps 150 meters?... Immediately after the second photo was taken, the hitherto quasi motionless phenomenon, began to move rather slowly, point ahead, in direction of the zoning of Petit-Rechain (north). It disappeared after a few moments, hidden by the roofs of the houses. During the observation, I have perceived a slight whistle. That evening the sky must have been covered; it was not fine weather but it did not rain. What has the most impressed me, was the apparent immobility of

the phenomenon.

#### GIRLFRIEND'S STATEMENT:

I saw three luminous white-yellow points, laid out in triangle, and thereafter, I have distinguished another light in the center. For me, this light was steady and seemed of same color as the others. I really do not have noticed the shape of a triangle; I have rather guessed it because of the position of lights. I cannot say if this phenomenon was motionless or if it was moving. I have then called P. After the latter took the photographs, the phenomenon started from a blow, pffuit...! Speed was rather fast and I have perceived a slight whistle. The dog has not reacted abnormally. When the object has moved, it has gone towards the right (north). I had the impression that it was inclined, because it presented its inferior side to me. I am unable to say how the phenomenon disappeared since, in fact, I did not see it move. To tell the truth, when P. took photographs, I did not pay any more attention. When I have looked at again, the object had disappeared.

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@Hi Larry,  
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@Re: photo technicalities  
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@There are all sorts of relatively simple cameras on the market and even  
@some of the new budget Kodak models are quite sophisticated with AF and  
@program exposure. I think its just a little difficult to tie down a  
@definition for a "simple" camera these days.  
@  
@Okay, I take your point about an orange filter, But I wouldn't  
@personally read too much into that, because an experienced photographers  
@who only used B&W film might decide to leave one on for all outside  
@shots. Let me add that you don't always need a filter to bring out  
@clouds on B&W film.

This was quite obvious. One example is the Klarer photos (Natal South Africa 1956).

@ISO 50 (50 ASA) film would undoubtedly be too slow for any difficult  
@available light picture, even with a fairly fast lens. However, ISO 200  
@or 400 is the main type sold these days in many different countries. I'd  
@add that Kodak's "Fun Gold" 35mm Throwaway cameras made in France and  
@sold throughout Europe are loaded with very fast ISO 800 color neg film  
@as standard.  
@ I know this, having just dismantled one and retrieved the cassette for  
@processing.  
@  
@Regarding shutters, older horizontal travel cloth shutters, especially  
@those used for larger format cameras could provide image distortion and  
@the famous Edwardian picture of a racing car taken Jacques-Henri  
@Lartigue comes to mind which shows elongated wheels.  
@  
@In some parts of the States I've visited you can only buy 24 exposure

@rolls of 35mm 200/400 speed color print film in supermarkets, gas station etc. But most of the proper camera shops in bigger US towns do still carry B&W film.

I guess it depends on whether the state has an inventory tax, as Indiana has.

@ In Britain, you can buy B&W film in almost all larger towns and most supermarkets/hardware stores carry 36 exposure rolls of color 35mm film and 40 exposure cassettes of APS. Different markets, but no hard and fast rules.

@ That said, I think we'd probably agree that the average man/woman is likely to choose color print film these days and B&W is now the province of enthusiasts. A few years back, the Fuji rep told me that their color negative films out sold all other types by a ratio of three to one. I would suspect it's even higher now.

@

@Sorry Larry, but you're wrong about AF camcorders working on sonar. Most work by passive contrast detection. It's just possible that some earlier designs used infrared, but this system is really the province of small compact still cameras. Polaroid have a unique sonar system for their awful instant picture cameras.

We have some CCD cameras here that use sonar. I don't know who really made them, because Peak (a biomechanics company) put their own label on them. The auto ranging doesn't suit our needs, because the system finds the nearest object, not the actual subject. We just shut it off and the camera works fine. Maybe this is Peak's addition, not a standard feature, but I have used another camcorder with sonar, so they do exist.

@ With CCDs, there can be some spillover in a high contrast situation and the use of a lens in low light at its widest aperture doesn't help matters. The older video tubes were far worse in low light than chips.

Tell me about it! Camera burn was one of our worst problems with our old RCA cameras. With the camera lens open enough to get good detail on a runner, if an arena light got into the picture, it made a large white blob with a black ring around it.

@ Many recorded nighttime UFO "globe" lights are simply defocused images where the AF system has failed to find the subject.

No contrast line to detect. The 1979 New Zealand video has this defocusing problem, probably caused by parts of the aircraft.

@ Perfect color balance is rarely possible under artificial lighting and domestic lamps usually lean strongly towards red and fluorescent tubes have a green color temperature, although the brain adjusts for this. If you have a camcorder that's producing really strange colors, it may

@be that the auto white balance is turned off.

@

@Hope you find my comments useful and this discussion isn't getting too

@far away from UFOs!

Actually, the techniques of photo identification are central to UFO investigation.

@I'm now going out to (hopefully) photograph some Leonids.

@

@Bill

Let's tie that into UFOs:

We had a monster meteor sighting here. On Tuesday Nov 16, a very bright meteor was observed over large parts of Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio. Around 7 pm EST (GMT+5), a green object with an orange glow and tail was sighted moving eastbound in the northern sky in Bloomington by many people. It stayed in view for approximately 30 seconds.

Unfortunately, I was inside running sound for a meeting at the time, but my fiancée's father saw it. There were many accounts in the paper. Police were inundated with calls reporting a plane on fire, falling to earth. There were very few reports of UFOs, probably because everyone was looking for meteors.

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Maybe there. Here, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) frowns on such techniques as unsafe. If a machinist used such a technique while the inspector was present, or if an injury resulted from a tool being thrown, the company could face a stiff fine.

Also, to make precision parts, the use of the dials is imperative. When a strang shape is required, either a template-tracking follower controls the tool (with the machinist just controlling the maximum cut depth on each pass), or a computer controls the entire operation. I use tables of feed and cut settings I calculate earlier on a

computer when I need strange shapes.

With softer materials like wood, there is very little chance the tool would be thrown, so wood lathes are still operated by hand.

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Hi Larry,

Re: Leonids/Bloomington Meteor

There have been some interesting reports of meteor activity at various US locations during the last week or so.

30 seconds is quite a long time to observe any meteor, do you have an opinion on this? The first thing that came into my mind was space junk.

Incidentally, the Leonids put on a pretty good display last night, but low cloud had pretty much spoilt things in this location by 2.15AM GMT and it was freezing cold outside. My understanding is that Edinburgh had the best skies in this part of the world last night.

Bill

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I am also in possession of a copy of a fake that purports to be this sequence. It shows nothing but the moon reflected from small waves, as though the camera had been pointed down at a lake reflecting the

moon. When I step through it, one frame clearly shows that it IS the full moon, marae and all.

This video wasn't even taken in the southern hemisphere, as shown by the fact that the moon's orientation fits reflection from a lake in the northern hemisphere, looking south. (No, the camera wasn't upside down. This would invert the wave reflection structure too.)

Yet, it shows some of the same motions the real film shows. But it doesn't go out of focus like the real one. That's what gave it away. For some reason, the soundtrack contains the closing sequence of part one of Vangelis' "Heaven and Hell" instead of the photographer's voice which the original has. If you weren't aware of it, that was the music used as the theme for Carl Sagan's "Cosmos" series.

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MOVIE film by David Crockett while on board a freighter aircraft flying off  
the

east coast of the South Island of New Zealand.

I know a LOT about this multiple witness, radar, visual and radar visual  
event that

was documented in real time by a recording made by a reporter on the plane

and by the Wellington Air Traffic. The object seen by the air crew of two, two reporters on board and the cameraman.

The section of the movie film that contains the ampersand image contains also dozens of useable focused images that were not smeared by motion because the camera vibration happened to reverse direction at the time a frame was taken

(10 frames per second, 44% efficiency factor, if I recall correctly).

The ampersand

image probably occurred as the camera bumped into something (was supported on the cameraman's shoulder as he crouched down to film through the cockpit windows).

Considering that the film magazine was sticking above his head and considering that he was

crouching or almost kneeling behind the copilot's seat, the camera could have bumped into

the copilot's seat...or even into the copilot (LOL)... it may have bumped on the control panel

above the cameraman's head (controls on the ceiling above the copilot).

Anyway, the ampersand image became useful for analytical purposes because the image itself

was not badly overexposed, whereas more compact images were greatly overexposed. I determined the exposure level for the ampersand image and converted this into absolute energy

deposited (or the equivalent in lumens) and, using the known focal length of the camera and the

estimated distance of the object, estimated the radiance under the assumption of  $4\pi$  radiation.

The ampersand image was "featured" in a letter to the Editor of Applied Optics, a technical magazine, in August 1979 (vol 18, #15 page 2527)\_

A response to my article was published in the same journal in December, 1979 (vol 18 #23, page 3889). My rebuttal to the response was published in the same journal in June, 1980 (Vol 19 #11, pg 1745) . So far as I know this is the ONLY UFO sighting ever "argued out" in a professional technical journal. How I happened to get my article on this sighting published in this refereed journal is explained in "STILL IN DEFAULT" which is available at [www.stardrive.org](http://www.stardrive.org) (scan the "front page").

The ampersand images and hundreds of others were taken with a 100 mm focal length lens.

Then the cameraman switched to a 240 mm lens. I determined during the investigation (carried out in New Zealand and Australia), unfortunately, in the dark and on the vibrating flight deck, the cameraman had not mounted the lens correctly. It turned out to have been either too far .. I think ... from the focal.

He said he set the lens at its infinity focus mark and then zoomed in on the light. My analysis of the film, frame by frame, indicated that as he

zoomed he actually went through the focus and "out the other side" thereby creating a huge (2 mm on the film) defocused image. In th "heat of the moment" h didn't realize that something was wrong. He though he was looking at a magnified view of what he had been filming wit the 100 mm lens.

I determined, with the help of a skeptic in Australia, that the horizontal lines across the large image, which one guy called the "rings of Jupiter" (!!), were actually caused by slight varations in thickness and composition of the airplane windows. (This effect could be duplicated by filming a distant bright light at a slight angle through window glass when the lens is wwaayyy out of focus. )

Fortunately for the few frames when the film was in focus or nearly so it was possible to get an estimate of the shape of the light source.... sort of a bell shape.

Recently I have had a paper published in the Journal of Scientific Exploration entitled "ATMOSPHERE OR UFO". This paper is a direct rebuttal to comments by the skeptical review panel of the so-called "Sturrock/Rockefeller Panel" of two years ago, (So far, this is the only direct rebuttal.)

That paper discusses a radar event in Switzerland but most of the paper is a discussion of radar and radar visual sightings that occurred an hour earlier than th sighting which resulted in th ampersand image. I demonstrated that some object was actually flying along with the aircraft for about a minute, although there was no known aircraft other than the one carrying the witnesses. For more information see [www.sse.org](http://www.sse.org) and the link to the Journal of Scientific Exploration.

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Subject: Some interesting flying objects  
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<001101bf33ca\$85222100\$0100a8c0@mindspring.com>

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Subject: Re: The 'Yukon' CaseMessage-id: <383764E6.763C4E00@yknet.yk.ca>  
References: <Pine.HPP.3.96.991112092219.305G-110000@juliet.ucs.indiana.edu>

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Larry

Here are my responses to the very interesting points you raise.

Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS wrote:

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- > Upon rereading this post, I found that I have some better answers for
- > you (I got kinda rushed the other day, because I had a meeting to
- > attend).
- >
- > I could not include the text I am responding to directly, because my
- > email editor can't do much with attachments.
- >
- > When I said "diffused," I was really thinking "extended," but in my
- > haste to get done, I just couldn't think of the word I wanted.
- >
- > There were several sketches with extended patches of light. One of
- > them seemed kind of diffuse, which is where I nabbed that word.
- >
- > The barium cloud I observed started out the size of a star, and
- > expanded to slightly larger than the full moon. I checked the angular
- > sizes at the time of the sighting.
- >
- > This is one of the most puzzling cases I have encountered in years. Of
- > course, we still haven't ruled out several effects:
- >
- > A. The "stimulated report" effect: This is where publicity seekers or
- > hecklers give fictitious reports after a real sighting. Some of the
- > sightings might be stimulated reports. Of course, any sighting
- > reported before the witnesses could have found out about the other
- > sightings could not be stimulated.

21 of the witnesses can be ruled out as publicity seekers since they wish to remain anonymous. Furthermore, with the exception of the first witness that contacted me (FOX2) they didn't "seek" me out or "seek" out the media. I had to track them down. The remaining one, Don Trudeau(PEL1) is regarded by his community as a person of high integrity and trust. He is the assistant director of Lands for that area of the Yukon.

Interview data that was gathered was not released until as many witnesses as possible were located and interviewed.

None of the of the witnesses presented a demeanor consistent with that of a heckler during their interviews.

- > B. Optical mirages. Who knows what this could have been an image of?
- > But without very unusual light bending effects, the differences in
- > observed direction tend to rule this out.
- >
- > But it does happen. See the "Handbook of Unusual Natural Phenomena" by
- > William R Corliss (Anchor/Doubleday 1983). While driving, I once saw
- > the image of a truck approach me in my lane, then rise into the air,
- > flatten out, and disappear. A few minutes later, the real truck passed
- > me (in the correct lane, of course).

Interesting, but like you say the different directions tends to rule this out.

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- > C. Exaggerated angular size: Many witnesses do not understand the
- > concept of angular size, and try to report their perception of real
- > size instead.

I largely agree with this statement. I have come across this challenge many times. However, I use several methods to help mitigate the inaccuracies. See below:

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From: "J. Pharabod" <pharabod@in2p3.fr>  
Subject: Re: The 'Yukon' Case  
X-Authentication-warning: polhp2.in2p3.fr: pharabod owned process doing -bs

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On Sat, 20 Nov 1999, Martin Jasek wrote:

[snip]

>  
> You raised some important and interesting points and am glad  
> to have had the opportunity to respond. IMHO I still think  
> that the simplest explanation that satisfies all the data in  
> this case is one related to the product of a non-human  
> intelligence. A combination of so many conventional explanations  
> being present at the same time would appear to be less likely.  
>  
> Sincerely  
>  
> Martin Jasek  
> UFO\*BC Yukon Representative

I would not go that far, but I agree that this case is very interesting, and still unexplained.

Alaska is not far from the location of the sightings. Are there often, or sometimes, US military exercises over Yukon, with aircraft coming from Alaska?

Thinking also of the JAL incident over Alaska, November 17, 1986 (I am rather skeptical about Klass' explanation), could it be that the US, which spend each year about 20 billion dollars in "black programs", have a kind of Area 51 in Alaska? Weather conditions are fare worse than in the Nevada desert, but secrecy could be better.

Jean-Pierre Pharabod

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In March 1999, James Easton posted to this UFORL list an interesting new testimony about the Rendlesham case ("Randy's story"). Allegedly, Randy with about a dozen military colleagues observed the phenomenon from the SPCDS tower, during approximately an hour.

Is there anything new about that?

Have the new subscribers to UFORL read this "Randy's story"? This could help them if they discuss the matter on other lists, for example Ufo Updates.

Jean-Pierre Pharabod

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Subject: Re: The 'Yukon' Case

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That was mine for both moons.

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References: <Pine.HPP.3.96.991122091052.1565B-100000@juliet.ucs.indiana.edu>

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From: Ktperehwon@aol.com  
Subject: Dear colleagues...Message-id: <0.14bb3cfe.256b0fbf@aol.com>

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Can anyone supply me with Rebecca Keith/Schatte's current e-mail address?  
Thx. -- KARL

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References: <0.d319b813.256adbcc@aol.com>

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No... the "Encyclopedia" says that Cosmos 2335, a Russian ELINT satellite,  
was launched into a 65 degree orbit from Baikonur at 12:00 GMT on 11 Dec 96.  
It was a Tsyklon launcher. Maybe the Yukon "special effects" were related to  
propellant venting?

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References: <Pine.HPP.3.96.991122173317.18500A-100000@juliet.ucs.indiana.edu>

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Best,

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Hi Larry-

My wry sense of humor will get me in trouble one of these days... HAARP is a favorite hobby-horse of the paranoid crowd ... I wasn't serious (or was I?).

Some people think HAARP is the New World Order's death ray, mind-control machine, or worse...

The official story is :

<http://w3.nrl.navy.mil/projects/haarp/haarpFactSheet.html>

What Is HAARP?

HAARP (High frequency Active Auroral Research Program) is to be a major Arctic facility for upper atmospheric and solar-terrestrial research. HAARP is being built on a DoD-owned site near Gakona, Alaska. Principal instruments include a high power, high-frequency (HF) phased array radio

transmitter (known as the Ionospheric Research Instrument, or IRI), used to stimulate small, well-defined volumes of ionosphere, and an ultra-high frequency (UHF) incoherent scatter radar (ISR), used to measure electron densities, electron and ion temperatures, and Doppler velocities in the stimulated region and in the natural ionosphere. To further the scientific capabilities and usefulness of the IRI and ISR, HAARP is supporting the design and installation of the latest in modern geophysical research instruments, including an HF ionosonde, ELF and VLF receivers, magnetometers, riometers, a LIDAR (LIght Detection And Ranging) and optical and infrared spectrometers and cameras which will be used to observe the complex natural variations of Alaska's ionosphere as well as to detect artificial effects produced by the IRI.

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I don't know where it originally came from (Heinlein is a good bet)  
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Date: Mon, 22 Nov 1999 23:51:36 +0100  
From: Theo Paijmans <th.paijmans@wxs.nl>  
Subject: Re: The 'Yukon' CaseMessage-id: <3839C8F8.FC9706F3@wxs.nl>  
X-Accept-Language: en  
References: <Pine.HPP.3.96.991122174121.18500C-100000@juliet.ucs.indiana.edu>

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Subject: Re: The 'Yukon' Case

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On Mon, 22 Nov 1999, joel carpenter wrote:

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@From: joel carpenter <ufx@mindspring.com>  
@@To: UFO Research List <UFORL@listbot.com>  
@Subject: Re: The 'Yukon' Case  
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@Hi Larry-  
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@My wry sense of humor will get me in trouble one of these days... HAARP is a  
@favorite hobby-horse of the paranoid crowd ... I wasn't serious (or was I?).  
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@Some people think HAARP is the New World Order's death ray, mind-control  
@machine, or worse...  
@

@The official story is :

@

@<http://w3.nrl.navy.mil/projects/haarp/haarpFactSheet.html>

@

@What Is HAARP?

@HAARP (High frequency Active Auroral Research Program) is to be a major  
@Arctic facility for upper atmospheric and solar-terrestrial research. HAARP  
@is being built on a DoD-owned site near Gakona, Alaska. Principal  
@instruments include a high power, high-frequency (HF) phased array radio  
@transmitter (known as the Ionospheric Research Instrument, or IRI), used to  
@stimulate small, well-defined volumes of ionosphere, and an ultra-high  
@frequency (UHF) incoherent scatter radar (ISR), used to measure electron  
@densities, electron and ion temperatures, and Doppler velocities in the  
@stimulated region and in the natural ionosphere. To further the scientific  
@capabilities and usefulness of the IRI and ISR, HAARP is supporting the  
@design and installation of the latest in modern geophysical research  
@instruments, including an HF ionosonde, ELF and VLF receivers,  
@magnetometers, riometers, a LIDAR (LIght Detection And Ranging) and optical  
@and infrared spectrometers and cameras which will be used to observe the  
@complex natural variations of Alaska's ionosphere as well as to detect  
@artificial effects produced by the IRI.

I just thought of a way to really play this HAARP: If they can aim it electronically with pinpoint accuracy, we should be able to display .gif or mpeg files on the sky with it. Then every UFO case would be doubted.

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It's in the Hacker's Dictionary. It originated at MIT in the '70s.

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Date: Mon, 22 Nov 1999 18:45:29 -0500  
From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>  
Subject: Re: The 'Yukon' Case

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You wrote:

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Date: Tue, 23 Nov 1999 04:04:39 -0500  
From: joel carpenter <ufx@mindspring.com>  
Subject: 'Yukon' caseMessage-id:  
<017601bf3591\$c6567c70\$0100a8c0@mindspring.com>

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For reference, there is a research rocket launch site in Alaska at Poker Flat

<http://dac3.pfrr.alaska.edu/~pfrr/PFRR/INDEX.HTM>  
<http://dac3.pfrr.alaska.edu/~pfrr/TOUR/INDEX.HTM>  
<http://dac3.pfrr.alaska.edu/~pfrr/TOUR/AREA/INDEX.HTM>

Their schedule shows no launches in December 1996.

J Carpenter

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Date: Tue, 23 Nov 1999 10:49:57 +0100 (MET)  
From: "J. Pharabod" <pharabod@in2p3.fr>  
Subject: Re: The 'Yukon' Case  
X-Authentication-warning: polhp2.in2p3.fr: pharabod owned process doing -bs

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> created in that manner.

These rock-band laser lights need clouds. All I found about weather conditions are PEL1's testimony: he "recalls it being a very dark moonless night, clear sky, the stars were out, it was fairly cold and there were ice crystals in the air", and PEL5-PEL6's testimony: "There was no moonlight and it was clear and cold". But PEL1, PEL5 and PEL6 were not near Fox Lake, where maybe the weather was cloudy.

It would be also interesting to verify that it was a moonless night.

Note that PEL1 saw initially the phenomenon towards South-West, not (more or less) North, so his testimony does not contradict FOX2-FOX3-FOX4-FOX5 testimonies. After that the phenomenon moved towards North-East (according to PEL1).

Jean-Pierre Pharabod

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Date: Tue, 23 Nov 1999 07:31:43 -0500  
From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>  
Subject: Re: Rendlesham

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>Date: Nov 22 1999 09:00:31 EST  
>From: "J. Pharabod" pharabod@in2p3.fr  
>Subject: Rendlesham

Jean-Pierre wrote:

>In March 1999, James Easton posted to this UFORL list an  
>interesting new testimony about the Rendlesham case ("Randy's  
>story"). Allegedly, Randy with about a dozen military  
>colleagues observed the phenomenon from the SPCDS tower,  
>during approximately an hour.

>Is there anything new about that?

Jean-Pierre,

I will be publishing something later today about the `Rendlesham'  
case and what may be related issues.

I can say there has been no further information about Randy's  
account.

In addition to looking again at the `Rendlesham' evidence during  
this past couple of weeks, I've also given much thought to the  
Petit-Rechain photograph and Joel's comments about a `rationale  
for the FT shape'.

Hopefully, I can also add more about this later - I have almost  
completed a summary of my conclusions on these.

In the meantime, can our UK subscribers maybe clarify what the  
role of `Martlesham Heath' was around the time of `Rendlesham' -  
December 1980.

Were any `special ops' forces based there? Was `Martlesham Heath'  
an important communications centre in the overall USAFE and NATO  
structure?

>Have the new subscribers to UFORL read this "Randy's story"?  
>This could help them if they discuss the matter on other lists,  
>for example Ufo Updates.

It is overdue that I remind subscribers, especially the more recent ones, that they can view this list's archives.

I will post separately details of the procedures.

James.

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From: Martin Jasek <mjjasek@yknet.yk.ca>  
Subject: Re: The 'Yukon' CaseMessage-id: <383AA24A.EE911B25@yknet.yk.ca>  
References: <199911221845\_MC2-8E3A-30E4@compuserve.com>

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Hello Dr. Maccabee

I have viewed your report on JAL 1628 at  
<http://www.primenet.com/~bdzeiler/papers/jal1628.htm>  
Excellent work!

My question is: Is a copy of the pilots original drawing available  
anywhere? I would like to compare it to the Yukon UFO case drawings.

Sincerely

Martin Jasek

bruce maccabee wrote:

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Date: Tue, 23 Nov 1999 12:45:05 -0500  
From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>  
Subject: SR-71 Query

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I would be interested in any informed opinions re a story which can be read in detail at:

<http://homes.acmecity.com/thematrix/oracle/235/gunther7.htm>

The setting is during the Iran hostage crisis -

"A BAC 111 aircraft, which had been reconfigured to carry a sufficient amount of fuel to travel 3,600 miles, left Andrews Air Force Base in the late afternoon of October 19, 1980. The aircraft's destination: Paris, France. The Passengers aboard the aircraft included the command pilot U.S. Navy Captain Gunther Russbacher, Richard Brenneke and Heinrick Rupp, on the flight deck; and in the cabin was William Casey, soon to be the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency; Donald Greggs, soon to be the ambassador to South Korea; and George Bush, the future Vice President and President of the United States and former director of the Central Intelligence Agency. There were also Secret Service agents aboard the aircraft".

[...]

"According to Russbacher statements, Bush stayed only a couple of hours. He attended a meeting at the Hotel Crillion and at the Hotel George V. Russbacher, Brenneke, and Rupp stayed at the Hotel Florida. Bush did not return on the same BAC 111 aircraft or return with some of the people he had flown with to Paris, but instead Russbacher flew him back in the SR71. The aircraft was refueled about 1800 to 1900 nautical miles into the Atlantic by a KC135".

[...]

In 1965, Russbacher, who also goes by the name Robert A. Walker or Raven, was transferred to a facility at Langley Center. Most of the training at that time occurred at Air Force bases throughout the U.S., at the Center and in the Vienna, VA area. He was transferred to advanced flight schools at Shepard Air Force Base, TX.

Date: Tue, 23 Nov 1999 12:54:45 -0500 (EST)  
From: JamesOberg@aol.com  
Subject: Re: SR-71 QueryMessage-id: <0.dab5e562.256c2ee5@aol.com>

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In a message dated 11/23/99 11:48:14 AM, pulsar@compuserve.com wrote:  
<<I would be interested in any informed opinions>>  
Don't overlook the secondary purpose, picking up coke for his son.

That's about as serious a reply as this silliness deserves.

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Date: Tue, 23 Nov 1999 13:59:29 -0500  
From: Paul Fuller <100611.1013@compuserve.com>  
Subject: Avon-Sopley Car Stop case  
UFO Research List - <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/>

hi folks,

David Clarke is right, he did ask me to chase up this case. Bob Price is the author of "UFOs Over Hampshire and the Isle of Wight" (Ensign, 1990) and a month or so ago I asked Steve Gerrard of the Southampton UFO Group if he had Bob's current address (he doesn't have e-mail). Steve was rather busy organising his conference so didn't have the time to look out Bob's address for me. I'm reminding him tonight that we need it to check the source of Bob Price's version of events.

Sopley definitely has a (former) radar base within a quarter of a mile or so of the alleged location of the car stop. A few years ago the MoD sold the place off to a private developer and TV cameras went in to film the "secret" base for local TV.

If the event really happened at Ibsley (OSGR SU 416109) why is there a false story circulating about Sopley ?  
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Thanks

Paul Fuller

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From: Bill Rose <bill.rose@virgin.net>  
Subject: SR-71 QueryMessage-id: <383AF005.4B72@virgin.net>

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James,

This story sounds as if it was based on a rather poorly researched chapter in the novel "The Devil's Alternative" by Fredrick Forsyth.

Bill

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From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>  
Subject: Re: Avon-Sopley Car Stop caseCc: brigantia@compuserve.com  
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-----Original Message-----

From: Paul Fuller <100611.1013@compuserve.com>Date: 23 November 1999 19:02  
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Do you still have the book, Paul? I have a copy somewhere. If you cannot find yours or are able to post the version that Bob Price offered onto this list, then just say so and I will fish out mine and do this.

As I recall it was a different version from any I had seen before and implied he might have interviewed Farlow. So it is important.

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>If the event really happened at Ibsley (OSGR SU 416109) why is there a  
>>false story circulating about Sopley ?

My guess is that it was on the road to Sopley and someone, somewhere miscalculated. But it struck me immediately that Bob Price was locating this case differently from where Tony Pace does. Resolving who is right is crucial.

>I don't know Farlow's current location or even if he is still alive. Do we  
>have any more details about him which would assist in trapping him down ?

According to the BUFORA report Farlow was taking a load of cookers from the midlands. This might help locate his bosses. Both the vet and Farlow were interviewed until 4.30 am at the Christchurch Police Station (a definitely checkable source). The woman passenger in the vets car, suffering from severe shock, was taken to a local hospital and kept in overnight for observation. Again there should be records. She refused to speak about the

sighting afterwards. The vet and Farlow were supposedly put up in a nearby guest house arranged by the police and the next morning collected and taken to Bournemouth Police Station (checkable source three). It was here that the MoD officer interviewed them.

After the interview Farlow was driven by police to Ringwood to collect some personal effects. Does this imply he lived there? It was on this trip that he passed the site of the incident. This confuses the issue greatly because to get from Bournemouth to Ringwood you would more likely use the A road that does not go through Avon and Sopley. Unless of course police deliberately drove him this way. However, there is no reasonable manner that you would travel between these two towns and go via Ibsley, which is north of Ringwood - thus making the alternative story of the sighting location seemingly incompatible with this sequel event. That's one reason why I have always assumed the Ibsley location was in error and the 'road between Avon and Sopley' location reported by Tony Pace correct.

The truck was held at the police compound at Christchurch (another checkable source) until late on 7 November, according to Farlow. To leave he required a tow from an army lorry to get the thing started due to the massive electrical faults. It was a long slow journey to return the truck to the headquarters of the haulage firm that owned the truck. This was located in Shropshire.

There's quite a bit to work from here - Andy. And if this is a concoction it can surely be exposed with so much checkable data.

Best wishes,

Jenny

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Bill,

Thanks. One of the list members had kindly explained where this originated - apparently part of the "Octopus'/ October Suprise conspiracy' claims.

I did realise the story wasn't too credible!

As noted, I was wondering if it had ever been proven as the "fantastic conspiracy tale" it seemed. I had never heard of this until a couple of days ago and had a reason for being interested in any further information.

The SR-71 question was much more rhetorical than it maybe appeared and the heading should really have been 'Conspiracy Query'... whatever. It was the background to this story I was looking for and I've had that clarified.

Although it could and probably should all have been dismissed on first reading, there might have been some known basis in fact for 'certain activity' at that time re the hostage crisis and this was something I needed to check out.

James.

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Or not.

best wishes  
Dook M

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Date: Wed, 24 Nov 1999 09:35:10 +0000  
From: John Burtenshaw <jburtens@bournemouth.ac.uk>  
Subject: Re: Avon-Sopley Car Stop case

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Hi All

I'm following this thread with much interest as I live in Bournemouth and know the area in question pretty well. I drive down the road of the alleged encounter often as I use it as a short cut into the New Forest.

>Sopley definitely has a (former) radar base within a quarter of a mile or  
>so of the alleged location of the car stop. A few years ago the MoD sold  
>the place off to a private developer and TV cameras went in to film the  
>"secret" base for local TV.

And there is a part that is used as document store by the Govt. On open days you can go down into the bunker but not into the document store. The actual camp is used for adventure weekends.

Cheers

John

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Subject: Re: SR-71 Query

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>"A BAC 111 aircraft, which had been reconfigured to carry a  
>sufficient amount of fuel to travel 3,600 miles, 1

A BAC 1-11, Holy Smoke it just about gets to Spain on a holiday flight let alone across the Atlantic. There a service facility at Bournemouth airport which has lots of 111's in various states of servicability.

I'm sure a BAC 1-11 (even after being re-configured) would be last a/c the US would entrust with the safety of all those VIPs. Nope sounds like a flightof fancy - pardon the pun.

John

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Subject: RAF MARTLESHAM HEATH

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Hi All

For those interested take a look at  
<http://innovate.bt.com/adastral-park/history.htm> for thej fuill info on it.

Cheers

John

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Subject: Re: SR-71 QueryMessage-id:  
<004401bf366f\$4850fc40\$403b70c2@davew>  
Organization:  
References: <199911232027\_MC2-8E5E-15E0@compuserve.com>

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November 24, 1999 1:27 AM  
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Dave

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From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com> Sent: Tuesday, November 23, 1999  
5:45 PM  
Subject: SR-71 Query

In 1968, he was assigned to the Office of Naval Intelligence with a permanent commission. As a flier, he was sent to Nellis Air Force Base and then to Beale for training on the SR program. He spent about seven months in simulator training before having the first loner run in the SR, Blackbird.

Can't comment on the specifics of this Amazing But True ? story...sounds pretty implausible.

Just a few general points - Blackbird pilots trained in simulators it's true. However, they also used T-38s as proficiency trainers and eventually moved the the two pilot, SR-71B trainer for their check rides. >No one< goes from sim to the hot seat - it's too silly for words.

That said, VIPs have flown in SRs, but it's a very rare occurrence.

Best

Dave

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Date: Wed, 24 Nov 1999 09:04:48 -0500 (EST)  
From: Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS <lrobin@indiana.edu>  
Subject: Re: The 'Yukon' Case

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On Mon, 22 Nov 1999, bruce maccabee wrote:

@Date: Mon, 22 Nov 1999 18:45:29 -0500  
@From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>  
@@To: UFO Research List <UFORL@listbot.com>  
@Subject: Re: The 'Yukon' Case  
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@UFO Research List - <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/>  
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@You wrote:

@>Thinking also of the JAL incident over Alaska, November 17,  
@1986 (I am rather skeptical about Klass' explanation), could  
@it be that the US, which spend each year about 20 billion  
@dollars in "black programs", have a kind of Area 51 in Alaska?  
@Weather conditions are fare worse than in the Nevada desert,  
@but secrecy could be better.

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@Anyone interested in the mos complete report on that case can  
@email me and I will send email version (it was published in  
@the May-Jun issue of IUR in 1987)

Please send me one.

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Kinesiology Dept <http://php.indiana.edu/~lrobin>  
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Subject: Re: The 'Yukon' Case

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On Tue, 23 Nov 1999, J. Pharabod wrote:

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@@To: UFO Research List <UFORL@listbot.com>  
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@List only please  
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@On Mon, 22 Nov 1999, Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS wrote:  
@>

@> Hey! Could somebody with a rock-band laser light show system have  
@> cooked up a giant UFO for people to see? The Newsboys projected a  
@> rotating tornado effect over an outdoor arena here a couple of years  
@> ago. I also know that a UFO over Cairo Egypt a few years ago was  
@> created in that manner.

@  
@These rock-band laser lights need clouds. All I found about  
@weather conditions are PEL1's testimony: he "recalls it being a  
@very dark moonless night, clear sky, the stars were out, it was  
@fairly cold and there were ice crystals in the air", and  
@PEL5-PEL6's testimony: "There was no moonlight and it was  
@clear and cold". But PEL1, PEL5 and PEL6 were not near Fox  
@Lake, where maybe the weather was cloudy.

There were no clouds when I saw the rotating tornado effect. It was low and appeared to tower several hundred feet right over the stage, but it was faint. It seemed to be 3-D, and looked the same no matter where you were (I had volunteered to work the show, and was walking from one end of the arena to the other with some tools, ready to take down some tents after the show). The sky was clear with no moon. Stars were visible. I think it somehow used dust already in the air.

It's possible that they were ejecting smoke or something similar into the air, but I helped set up the stage equipment, and I didn't see any equipment for such a use. They had a fog machine, but since it used dry ice, the fog went down, not up. Also, they didn't use it until after the tornado effect was used.

Also, given enough moisture or dust in the air, the image produced by a laser light show can be seen in the sky without clouds, but only if the viewer is within a few degrees of the projector beam. At wider angles, the witness would see a vague color patch, a searchlight beam effect, or nothing at all. It's like the time I went to a drive-in movie, and fog rolled in during the show. We went over and sat right below the projector window, and we were able to see the image projected on the fog. At the car, we could only see the projector beam itself making a streaked cone on the fog.

@It would be also interesting to verify that it was a moonless @night.

Bruce can help you there.

@Note that PEL1 saw initially the phenomenon towards South-West, @not (more or less) North, so his testimony does not contradict @FOX2-FOX3-FOX4-FOX5 testimonies. After that the phenomenon @moved towards North-East (according to PEL1).

@Jean-Pierre Pharabod

It would be interesting to plot the reported directions given by all of the witnesses, correlated in time (not just space), and find out if only one object is needed to account for the entire display.

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Whatever happened re the following, if I recall, posted by Jan Aldrich to the 1947 list and I presume to be in no way confidential:

This came in while I was in Chicago. Can't give you any further follow up. I don't know the author or recognize his name.

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Jan Aldrich  
Project 1947

Subject: McMinnville "object" is outdoor light cover  
Date: Mon, 24 May 99 18:02:48 PDT  
From: "Max C. Standridge" <mstandridge@aristotle.net>

Hello, all:

I've been doing some intensive research on a subject that has fascinated me for several years now: the famous McMinnville/Trent photograph. It was snapped shortly after I was born in 1950. I've searched the web for more information about it, and I've perused several books by both "skeptics" and "believers" in an effort to get a clearer idea as to what the "object" was and how the photograph came to be.

It's an outdoor light cover. It probably goes back quite a way: to about the 1920s or 1930s. I recently saw it in a photograph of a group at Lausanne Girls School in Memphis from 1933. That's what it is: the light cover for an outdoor light from the 1920s.

In the Lausanne photo, no attempt is made to claim the light cover is anything but a light cover. A group of girls are posing, in the evening twilight, beneath a row of them. They are strung along wires, over the girls' heads.

It's sad but true: the greatest "proof" of ufos is probably not that at all.

I'd love to believe otherwise, after all these years of work. If someone would come forward, THIS VERY DAY and say they had absolute proof that this thing WASN'T an old outdoor light cover, I'd jump to believe it. The fastest way, would be to produce clear evidence that the photographer of the Rouen, France 1954

"object" was, in fact, an actual French military pilot AND the photograph WAS taken from inside the cockpit of a French military aircraft--as originally claimed (to Frank Edwards) by someone.

Otherwise, the closest thing I've found, is an outdoor light cover on the cover of the \_Lausanne Locket\_ for 1933. The truth sometimes hurts. But I'm trying to be an SPJ style "professional" journalist, here--whether it pays anything or not.

I've scoured several sources for more information about that Rouen, France "object" of 1954. There simply isn't much. Even Jerome Clark, UFO expert, has been unable to find much info. It was simply supplied to a UFO investigator by a Frenchman--some say a military pilot. It was published in the RAF \_Flying Review\_ in the hopes that it's owner--the photographer, presumably--would come forward. It was alleged to have been taken from the air--from the cockpit of a French military aircraft. But the French military has NEVER confirmed this, and the original photographer has NEVER come forward to claim it.

Instead, what we have is a light cover, from "near" a small French town--and a light cover, from a small Oregon town. And now, a lightcover from the \_Lausanne Locket\_ of 1933. No wonder they all look alike.

Wow, how depressing!

Phillip Klass has illustrated many interesting possible ways the object could have been a deliberate hoax, using a "small model" or a "hubcab," including smudging the camera lens with oil or something, simulating the way the Trents inadvertently smudged up their camera lens when they closed the camera--and thereby produced a background sky that "blended in." This, in turn, made the "object" appear further away than it actually was via blurring the light lines.

However, nothing so complicated as that occurred. That is, no model was involved. This thing was already hanging there. It was the light between the farmhouse and the other houses, including, evidently, that of Mr. Trent's mother, who only lived 400 feet away (and never saw a UFO). (Years later, the Trents claimed Mr. Trent's father had seen the object briefly, as well. However, they didn't say this in the early reports. It was strictly a "two witness" phenomenon.)

It's 1999. The Rouen photo was taken in 1954. If the photographer was going to come forward, they'd have done so by now. There have been several attempts to locate them, all having failed. Isn't it interesting, too, that there is this uncanny resemblance to the outdoor light cover? And in such a logical place for a light

cover to be!

Mr. Trent probably had no intentions of pressing this on the public as a "UFO" until his "friends"--the Wortmanns or others--manipulated the situation, suddenly seeing green. He didn't make money--but he was trying.

He'd been told by Life and the International News Service that he'd be paid for it--as well as by the local paper. He didn't press the issue, because he knew it was really just a picture of his backyard on one misty morning. He probably had suspended the light cover beneath the outside electric wire with catgut fishing line, with never a thought of deception. Only after he showed it to friends did "ideas" start to form up.

Depressed, but sincerely yours,  
Max Standridge  
mstandridge@aristotle.net  
[End]

A photograph of the 'light cover' would have been useful supporting evidence - has anyone seen it?

James.  
E-mail: voyager@ukonline.co.uk

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> Best

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> Dave

No, Dave, see, since the CIA perfected Remote Viewing years ago, all the SR-71s have been converted into Trilateral Commission VIP transports. No more need for aerial reconnaissance, don'cha know, so the aft cockpit and recce gear have been replaced with a First Class cabin! I hear the Blackbird's a nice ride, but noisy. Comfy leather seats, Iridium phone, DVD,

gin & tonic at 100,000 ft, just enough time to read the Financial Times and  
you've crossed the pond! ;>

J Carpenter

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[snip]

I think Jeff Rense, along with Michael Lindemann did interview Mr. Standridge. This would have been sometime in May or June. I didn't hear the interview, only heard about it, and then I was only listening with one ear. The person who was telling me about this had spoken and emailed with Mr. Standridge and did not find him credible. You might contact Jeff Rense (eotl@west.net) for more information. Michael Lindemann (CNINews1@aol.com) might be of assistance, as well.

After doing a search of Rense's page, I didn't come up with any information, but I still suggest you contact Jeff for more info.

Rebecca

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So you wanna play rough Joel !

Since we're disseminating SCI here - I think you'll find the SR-71a (note  
the A for antigravity) is not the a/c to which you refer. That's the still  
highly classified SR-71WG (Wide body - Graviton Drive) variant, which was  
developed in an underground facility at Disneyland CA.

> more need for aerial reconnaissance, don'cha know, so the aft cockpit and  
> recce gear have been replaced with a First Class cabin! I hear the  
> Blackbird's a nice ride, but noisy. Comfy leather seats, Iridium phone,  
DVD,  
> gin & tonic at 100,000 ft, just enough time to read the Financial Times  
and  
> you've crossed the pond! ;>

Have you tried reading a broadsheet like the Financial Times or The  
Tri-Lateral Globe  
in an SR-71 ? Can't be done. That's why >they< developed the WG - more elbow  
room and more room for a mini-bar, which also includes a surprisingly  
imaginative selection of single malts - my personal favourite. Didn't know  
about the Iridium phone - I'd heard they'd sold a few- so that's who bought  
them...

Only problem with the WG is that the gravity field is so powerful, you can  
only turn the pages with the power of your mind, which takes a while to  
master. Having said that, it's easier to do it that way than with those  
bulky gloves you had to wear in the old, J-58 powered SRs.

Still can't be why you have to wear a Hawaiian shirt, Bermuda Shorts and  
Raybans...or chew Beemans at all times whilst you're on board the WG.

Any ideas ?

PS - You know these breaches of security are going to cost us our Secret  
Squirrel rings and our  
badges don't you ? What the heck...the world has a right to know.

See you in the bunker HQ under the Algonquin hotel in NY City to hand 'em  
in.

Our careers lie in tatters and it's all your fault. How can you sleep at  
night ? This is going to cost you a few bottles of single malt. Please  
teleport to the usual co-ordinates ASAP, whilst you still have access to the  
network :)

A Very Happy Thanksgiving to our US pals...

Best

Dave (now an ex-agent, thanks to Joel), but available for hire

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James-

I doubt that Jan would be too concerned about the reposting, but there is a presumption that items posted to the P-47 list will not be re-posted without specific permission from the author. I only mention it because it was recently brought up by one of the list members.

Steve

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Sorry folks, looks like there was another problem with the ListBot mail server yesterday.

First I knew that last week's difficulties had been resolved was when that backlog of mail came through, however, I've since received an e-mail from their support staff stating:

"We apologize for this delayed response and thank you for your recent email to MSN Link Exchange and ListBot Member Support.

We are very sorry about this inconvenience. Unfortunately, there were some delays in the delivery of messages. This problem has been resolved and all mail that was sent out during that time should have been delivered by now".

I presume yesterday's glitch had a similar explanation.

This is a suitable opportunity to recap the procedures for accessing previous list postings. Also, if mail seems to be delayed, you can check whether it has yet been added to the list archives.

All messages posted can be viewed on the ListBot server, at URL:

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There are now over one thousand messages archived and for a list that was only set up in March, has really kept quite focused on scientific/evidential debate and has rarely strayed into virtual custard pie fights, that's a credit to all the subscribers.

The only vehement outbursts I can recall were from the since departed Tim Matthews, who was never going to be comfortable on this list whilst holding the viewpoint, `I hate the world, I hate ufology and I especially hate the world of ufology'! ;)

James.

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Date: Thu, 25 Nov 1999 10:29:44 -0500  
From: joel carpenter <ufx@mindspring.com>  
Subject: Re: SR-71 QueryMessage-id:  
<000901bf3759\$e73c77e0\$0100a8c0@mindspring.com>  
References: <199911232027\_MC2-8E5E-15E0@compuserve.com>  
<004401bf366f\$4850fc40\$403b70c2@davew>  
<000f01bf36ef\$a236d790\$0100a8c0@mindspring.com>  
<000801bf3732\$3aad6d80\$62209dc3@davew>

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>  
> PS - You know these breaches of security are going to cost us our Secret  
> Squirrel rings and our  
> badges don't you ? What the heck...the world has a right to know.  
>  
> See you in the bunker HQ under the Algonquin hotel in NY City to hand 'em  
> in.  
>  
> Our careers lie in tatters and it's all your fault. How can you sleep at  
> night ? This is going to cost you a few bottles of single malt. Please  
> teleport to the usual co-ordinates ASAP, whilst you still have access to  
the  
> network :)  
>  
> A Very Happy Thanksgiving to our US pals...  
>  
> Best  
>  
> Dave (now an ex-agent, thanks to Joel), but available for hire

David -

:)

In all seriousness, the SR-71 story was quite a weird one for many reasons.  
I saved a clipping from the New York Times back in April '92 that seems to  
explain it pretty well. Found it this morning and it can be seen at

<http://www.ufx.org/perotbush.gif>

J Carpenter

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Date: Thu, 25 Nov 1999 11:44:26 -0500  
From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>  
Subject: Ultra Long Duration Balloons

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For information - the November edition of 'Scientific American' has an interesting article re NASA's future plans for the use of an 'Ultra Long Duration Balloon' (ULDB) in high-altitude research and possibly even space exploration.

This issue also has a feature on the commercial development of a next generation 'zeppelin' airship.

These are also summarised on the magazines web site, at:

<http://www.sciam.com/1999/1199issue/1199quicksummary.html>

In view of recent discussions about the development of balloon technology, I would mention there are some informative links from the 'Floating in Space' feature at:

<http://www.sciam.com/1999/1199issue/1199smith.html>

James.  
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Date: Fri, 26 Nov 1999 05:30:20 -0500  
From: Paul Fuller <100611.1013@compuserve.com>  
Subject: Re: Avon-Sopley Car Stop case  
UFO Research List - <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/>

>Hi All

Hi John,

>I'm following this thread with much interest as I live in Bournemouth and  
>know the area in question pretty well. I drive down the road of the  
alleged  
>encounter often as I use it as a short cut into the New Forest.

That's brilliant news. We need to check a few details, would you mind  
helping out ? Incidentally I live in Southampton.

>>Sopley definitely has a (former) radar base within a quarter of a mile or  
>>so of the alleged location of the car stop. A few years ago the MoD sold  
>>the place off to a private developer and TV cameras went in to film the  
>>"secret" base for local TV.

>And there is a part that is used as document store by the Govt. On open  
>days you can go down into the bunker but not into the document store. The  
>actual camp is used for adventure weekends.

So much for the good old Cold War days then :-)

Unfortunately I posted my original comments to the UFO Research List but  
this discussion is going on in the UFOIN list. Do you have access ? If not  
I can fix it for you !

The Avon-Sopley car stop case is a classic, but unfortunately we have two  
different locations for it ! The original case report by Tony Falla of  
BUFORA  
seems to indicate that the encounter took place at Avon Causeway, OSGR  
SZ150978. We need to check 2 things...

1) Would the B3347 have been the obvious route to drive from  
Fordingbridge to Christchurch/Bournemouth in 1967. This really  
hinges on whether or not the A338 dual carriageway was there  
in 1967, I thought it wasn't built until the early 1970s.

2) Was there a telephone box at Avon Causeway in 1967 ? My  
O.S. Outdoor Leisure map no 22 doesn't show a telephone  
box there in 1996 (when the map was printed) but I thought there  
was one when I visited the location a few years ago.

Is there any way you can check/confirm these issues ?

Unfortunately the file at the PRO gives the location of the encounter at Ibsley, SU150095, and attributes this classic case (which took place on Nov 5th or 6th depending on which source you trust) to a firework !

Many thanks

Paul Fuller

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Date: Fri, 26 Nov 1999 11:03:36 +0000  
From: John Burtenshaw <jburtens@bournemouth.ac.uk>  
Subject: Re: Avon-Sopley Car Stop case

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>alleged  
>>encounter often as I use it as a short cut into the New Forest.  
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>helping out ?

No problem

>  
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>this discussion is going on in the UFOIN list. Do you have access ? If not  
>I can fix it for you !

Yes please.

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>different locations for it ! The original case report by Tony Falla of  
>BUFORA  
>seems to indicate that the encounter took place at Avon Causeway, OSGR  
>SZ150978. We need to check 2 things...  
>

I will make enquiries over the weekend.

Cheers

John

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Date: Fri, 26 Nov 1999 15:49:00 +0000  
From: John Burtenshaw <jburtens@bournemouth.ac.uk>  
Subject: Re: Avon-Sopley Car Stop case

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Hi Paul

I ahve some answers. A collegue of mine lived in the area at the time.

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>in 1967, I thought it wasn't built until the early 1970s.

He tells me that the B3347 was the original A338 - the dual-carriageway  
become the A338 after is was completed (early-70's as you rightly say) and  
the old A338 was downgraded to the B3347. Looking on any road map you can  
see it was virtually a straight run from Fordingbridge.

>2) Was there a telephone box at Avon Causeway in 1967 ? My  
>O.S. Outdoor Leisure map no 22 doesn't show a telephone  
>box there in 1996 (when the map was printed) but I thought there  
>was one when I visited the location a few years ago.

Yes there was - my collegue can remember it vividly - he seems to think it  
might still be there.

He also mentioned that there were some huge radar dishes at RAF Sopley as  
well but they were all removed when it closed in the 70's.

Cheers

John

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Date: Fri, 26 Nov 1999 12:19:40 -0500  
From: Paul Fuller <100611.1013@compuserve.com>  
Subject: Re: Avon-Sopley Car Stop case  
UFO Research List - <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/>

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That's good news !

[ ... ]

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>become the A338 after it was completed (early-70's as you rightly say) and  
>the old A338 was downgraded to the B3347. Looking on any road map you can  
>see it was virtually a straight run from Fordingbridge.

Just as I thought ! But many thanks for clarifying this.

> >2) Was there a telephone box at Avon Causeway in 1967 ? My  
> >O.S. Outdoor Leisure map no 22 doesn't show a telephone  
> >box there in 1996 (when the map was printed) but I thought there  
> >was one when I visited the location a few years ago.

>Yes there was - my colleague can remember it vividly - he seems to think it  
>might still be there.

Again, that's excellent news. It means we can be certain that this was one  
of the 2 alleged locations for the encounter.

>He also mentioned that there were some huge radar dishes at RAF Sopley as  
>well but they were all removed when it closed in the 70's.

Hmm. That possibly explains the comment made to me by a pilot who said  
that if you flew over this location at that time you were likely to get  
your XXXXX  
fried. I didn't know when the base closed down so thanks for clarifying  
this.

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UFOIN-subscribe@onelist.com

or visit

<http://www.onelist.com/community/UFOIN>

and join there. I'll cross post your comments immediately.

There are still some things which we need to do so I may get back to you for your advice over the next few days. Please thank you colleague for me.

Many thanks

Paul Fuller

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Date: Sat, 27 Nov 1999 10:27:46 -0700  
From: Martin Jasek <mjjasek@yknet.yk.ca>  
Subject: Re: The 'Yukon' CaseMessage-id: <38401492.C08E592E@yknet.yk.ca>  
References: <Pine.HPX.4.10.9911221124260.3871-100000@polhp2.in2p3.fr>

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J. Pharabod wrote:

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> List only please  
>  
> On Sat, 20 Nov 1999, Martin Jasek wrote:  
>  
> [snip]  
>>  
>> You raised some important and interesting points and am glad  
>> to have had the opportunity to respond. IMHO I still think  
>> that the simplest explanation that satisfies all the data in  
>> this case is one related to the product of a non-human  
>> intelligence. A combination of so many conventional explanations  
>> being present at the same time would appear to be less likely.  
>>  
>> Sincerely  
>>  
>> Martin Jasek  
>> UFO\*BC Yukon Representative  
>  
> I would not go that far, but I agree that this case is very  
> interesting, and still unexplained.  
>  
> Alaska is not far from the location of the sightings. Are  
> there often, or sometimes, US military exercises over Yukon,  
> with aircraft coming from Alaska?

I have seen the odd US military aircraft refuel in Whitehorse, sometimes they spend the night. Of all the UFO witnesses I ever interviewed in the Yukon the only mention of military aircraft was in transit. Likely on route from/to Alaska from/to the main states. Never a mention of "acrobatic" flying that would suggest an exercise. Who knows for sure? Just want to establish that it is not common talk here in Whitehorse that there is always US military seen in a certain part of the Yukon. There is not.

I had a look at my Alaska Atlas & Gazetteer for US military land reserves in Alaska. I found two to the Northwest of the sighting locations, they are Fort Wainwright and Fort Greely Military Reservations. Both

substantial in land mass. I measured the distance from the eastern most corners of these to Fox Lake. Both were about 600 km (375 Miles) away. The Alaska border is about 290 km (180 Miles) due west of Fox Lake. However, anything flying in from due west would have to cross a major transportation route, the Alaska Highway. There are a lot more remote areas in Alaska as well as the Yukon then Fox Lake, Carmacks, and Pelly Crossing.

Please also see a response from the Canadian Military regarding a UFO sighting June 18, 1997:

<http://www.ufobc.org/yukon/triangleletter2.htm>

>

>

> Thinking also of the JAL incident over Alaska, November 17, 1986 (I am rather skeptical about Klass' explanation), could it be that the US, which spend each year about 20 billion dollars in "black programs", have a kind of Area 51 in Alaska? > Weather conditions are fare worse than in the Nevada desert, > but secrecy could be better.

Could be, but why fly it in the Yukon close to a major transportation route (Klondike Highway and near villages? At a minimum of 290 km (180 miles) of where it should be?

Martin Jasek

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Date: Mon, 29 Nov 1999 09:23:40 -0500 (EST)  
From: Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS <lrobins@indiana.edu>  
Subject: Re: Trent Photographs

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On Wed, 24 Nov 1999, James Easton wrote:

@Date: Wed, 24 Nov 1999 23:13:11 -0000  
@From: James Easton <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
@@To: UFORL <UFORL@listbot.com>  
@Subject: Re: Trent Photographs  
@  
@UFO Research List - <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/>  
@  
@Whatever happened re the following, if I recall, posted by Jan  
@Aldrich to the 1947 list and I presume to be in no way  
@confidential:  
@  
@This came in while I was in Chicago. Can't give you any further  
@follow up. I don't know the author or recognize his name.  
@--  
@Jan Aldrich  
@Project 1947  
@  
@  
@Subject: McMinnville "object" is outdoor light cover  
@Date: Mon, 24 May 99 18:02:48 PDT  
@From: "Max C. Standridge" <mstandridge@aristotle.net>  
@  
@Hello, all:  
@  
@I've been doing some intensive research on a subject that has  
@fascinated me for several years now: the famous McMinnville/Trent  
@photograph. It was snapped shortly after I was born in 1950. I've  
@searched the web for more information about it, and I've perused  
@several books by both "skeptics" and "believers" in an effort to  
@get a clearer idea as to what the "object" was and how the  
@photograph came to be.  
@  
@It's an outdoor light cover. It probably goes back quite a way:  
@to about the 1920s or 1930s. I recently saw it in a photograph of  
@a group at Lausanne Girls School in Memphis from 1933. That's  
@what it is: the light cover for an outdoor light from the 1920s.  
@  
@In the Lausanne photo, no attempt is made to claim the light  
@cover is anything but a light cover. A group of girls are posing,  
@in the evening twilight, beneath a row of them. They are strung

@along wires, over the girls' heads.

@

@It's sad but true: the greatest "proof" of ufos is probably not

@that at all.

@

@I'd love to believe otherwise, after all these years of work. If

@someone would come forward, THIS VERY DAY and say they had

@absolute proof that this thing WASN'T an old outdoor light cover,

@I'd jump to believe it. The fastest way, would be to produce

@clear evidence that the photographer of the Rouen, France 1954

@ "object" was, in fact, an actual French military pilot AND the

@ photograph WAS taken from inside the cockpit of a French military

@ aircraft--as originally claimed (to Frank Edwards) by someone.

\*\*\*

Actually, it also looks like a cover for a pressure cooker just like one my grandmother used to have. A handle came up from one side to unlock the cover. It even had the extra indentation on one side so you could put your finger in to unlock the handle (Notice that there are two indentations on the left side of the "edge-on" photo, but only one on the right).

Beware of the fake "Trent" photos in circulation. They are color shots, apparently taken from the same location, which show an old Chrysler hubcap with the bubble dome in the center. They are NOT the original B&W photos. The UFO is in a different place relative to the garage in one of these fakes, and the foliage has grown since the originals were taken. One fake appears in Spencer's "World Atlas of UFOs", and Peter Brookesmith's "UFO - The Complete Sightings." Another fake purported to be a Trent photo shows a bright blue sky, bright green foliage, and a horizontal (not tilted) disk. It appears in a CD-ROM "UFO-II" that I got at a K-Mart. No garage appears in this shot.

\*\*\*

@Otherwise, the closest thing I've found, is an outdoor light

@cover on the cover of the Lausanne Locket for 1933. The truth

@sometimes hurts. But I'm trying to be an SPJ style "professional"

@journalist, here--whether it pays anything or not.

@

@I've scoured several sources for more information about that

@Rouen, France "object" of 1954. There simply isn't much. Even

@Jerome Clark, UFO expert, has been unable to find much info. It

@was simply supplied to a UFO investigator by a Frenchman--some

@say a military pilot. It was published in the RAF Flying Review

@in the hopes that it's owner--the photographer, presumably--would

@come forward. It was alleged to have been taken from the air--

@from the cockpit of a French military aircraft. But the French

@military has NEVER confirmed this, and the original photographer @has NEVER come forward to claim it.

\*\*\*

Look closely at the Rouen photo. The "object" seems to be the roof of a house. The gable end is to the left. There seems to be some kind of white ring on it too.

Is the Rouen photo that is always circulated cropped, or is it the full photo?

\*\*\*

@Instead, what we have is a light cover, from "near" a small @French town--and a light cover, from a small Oregon town. And @now, a lightcover from the Lausanne Locket of 1933. No wonder @they all look alike.

@

@Wow, how depressing!

@

@Phillip Klass has illustrated many interesting possible ways the @object could have been a deliberate hoax, using a "small model" @or a "hubcab," including smudging the camera lens with oil or @something, simulating the way the Trents inadvertently smudged up @their camera lens when they closed the camera--and thereby @produced a background sky that "blended in." This, in turn, made @the "object" appear further away than it actually was via @blurring the light lines.

@

@However, nothing so complicated as that occurred. That is, no @model was involved. This thing was already hanging there. It was @the light between the farmhouse and the other houses, including, @evidently, that of Mr. Trent's mother, who only lived 400 feet @away (and never saw a UFO). (Years later, the Trents claimed Mr. @Trent's father had seen the object briefly, as well. However, @they didn't say this in the early reports. It was strictly a "two @witness" phenomenon.)

@

@It's 1999. The Rouen photo was taken in 1954. If the photographer @was going to come forward, they'd have done so by now. There have @been several attempts to locate them, all having failed. Isn't it @interesting, too, that there is this uncanny resemblance to the @outdoor light cover? And in such a logical place for a light @cover to be!

@

@Mr. Trent probably had no intentions of pressing this on the @public as a "UFO" until his "friends"--the Wortmanns or others-- @manipulated the situation, suddenly seeing green. He didn't make @money--but he was trying.

@

@He'd been told by \_Life\_ and the International News Service that  
@he'd be paid for it--as well as by the local paper. He didn't  
@press the issue, because he knew it was really just a picture of  
@his backyard on one misty morning. He probably had suspended the  
@light cover beneath the outside electric wire with catgut fishing  
@line, with never a thought of deception. Only after he showed it  
@to friends did "ideas" start to form up.

@

@Depressed, but sincerely yours,

@Max Standridge

@mstandridge@aristotle.net

@ [End]

@

@

@A photograph of the 'light cover' would have been useful  
@supporting evidence - has anyone seen it?

@

@

@James.

@E-mail: voyager@ukonline.co.uk

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Subject: Re: Test - List Mail

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On 25 Nov 1999, UFO Research List wrote:

@Date: 25 Nov 1999 07:49:42 -0000  
@From: UFO Research List <UFORL-owner@listbot.com>  
@@To: UFO Research List <UFORL@listbot.com>  
@Subject: Test - List Mail  
@  
@UFO Research List - <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/>  
@  
@Checking if mail can be sent directly from the ListBot web site...

Got it.

@  
@

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Date: Tue, 30 Nov 1999 19:09:47 +0000  
From: Bill Rose <bill.rose@virgin.net>  
Subject: Trent PhotosMessage-id: <384420FB.372B@virgin.net>

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Larry and All,

I've just made some comparisons between various reproductions of the Trent pictures and those printed in John Spencer's UFO Encyclopedia. (Is the US title slightly different?)

I don't agree that the picture Spencer used is a fake, although it has been somewhat modified. What I see, is a professionally cleaned up (pre-Adobe) hand colored image which has been used to maintain the continuity of that section of the book.

Photographers and publishers routinely adjust material and printed photographs for a variety of reasons.

Bill

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From: john spencer <ek57@dial.pipex.com>  
Subject: Re: Trent PhotosMessage-id:  
<005e01bf3bd6\$92afd420\$9a86bc3e@oemcomputer>  
References: <384420FB.372B@virgin.net>

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The picture I used was from a picture library in the UK. Since then I have received comments that it was either faked or enhanced; certainly it seems to have been modified. I gave all the info I had to Swedish researcher Clas Svahn who was doing some work on the pictures so maybe you should contact him for a summary of his work to date.  
Obviously I'd be interested to know the outcome.  
John Spencer

----- Original Message -----

From: Bill Rose <bill.rose@virgin.net>Sent: 30 November 1999 19:09  
Subject: Trent Photos

> UFO Research List - <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/>  
>  
> Larry and All,  
>  
> I've just made some comparisons between various reproductions of the  
> Trent pictures and those printed in John Spencer's UFO Encyclopedia. (Is  
> the US title slightly different?)  
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> I don't agree that the picture Spencer used is a fake, although it has  
> been somewhat modified. What I see, is a professionally cleaned up  
> (pre-Adobe) hand colored image which has been used to maintain the  
> continuity of that section of the book.  
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> Photographers and publishers routinely adjust material and printed  
> photographs for a variety of reasons.  
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> Bill  
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Date: Wed, 01 Dec 1999 09:06:18 -0500  
From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>  
Subject: Re: Rationale for the FT shape

UFO Research List - <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/>

Regarding:

>From: "joel carpenter" <ufx@mindspring.com>  
>To: "UFO Research List" <UFORL@listbot.com>  
>Subject: Rationale for the FT shape  
>Date: Wed, 17 Nov 1999 03:25:08 -0500

Joel wrote [to recap]:

>Are FTs generally equilateral triangles (Is the data good enough  
>to generalize from)? If they have a short edge, do they fly with  
>that as the trailing edge?

>Additionally -- this may be belaboring the obvious -- do FTs  
>always fly parallel to the ground, or do they bank to turn, like  
>conventional aircraft?

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>If they bank to turn, it implies that whatever lift force they  
>use acts normal to the plane of the triangle, and can be  
>redirected by reorienting the vehicle. Alternatively, this  
>behavior could imply that the object is in fact a misidentified  
>conventional aircraft. (Well, helicopters don't need to bank to  
>change direction at low speed, but the \_rotor\_ tilts, at least)

[...]

>If they're really secret, advanced lighter-than-air vehicles,  
>the similarities to normal aircraft behavior would make more  
>sense. Airships have "tops" and "bottoms." They also have  
>altitude limits, due to the expansion of the gas as the vehicle  
>climbs. Do FTs tend to stick to low altitudes? Offhand, I get  
>the sense that they do, with the exception of the cases that  
>were obviously sightings of the tetrahedral high-altitude  
>balloons. An aerostat couldn't go higher than, say, 15,000 feet,  
>if that. (Well, I guess some of the bomber Zeppelins did go that  
>high in WWI, but that was different).

[...]

>It is an interesting fact that while almost every permutation of  
>flying machine that could be conceived has been built by someone  
>somewhere, there seems to have been no such thing as a jet-  
>powered hybrid aerostat - meaning a high-performance,  
>aerodynamically-shaped airship with jet engines. Obviously such

>a thing could be built, but it would be tricky to maintain the  
>needed structural strength with low weight. Even a 1,000 kg  
>payload would require an enormous volume of gas and considerable  
>structure. I wonder if something the size of a Vulcan could even  
>lift that much. It would have to be very thick.

Joel and list,

I have given considerable thought to your comments. In doing so, I revisited most of the 'triangular' UFO reports on file and realised more than ever that there is no rationale to so many of them.

I wonder if we really have a basis for theorising the possibilities of a 'jet-powered hybrid aerostat' or any other manufactured platform, when it seems evident that a 'hard core' of data is inconceivably explicable in this context.

Perhaps the first step is backwards, to look at the overall perspective and agree what exactly constitutes that core of data.

We must exclude all reports of triangular/delta/boomerang shaped aerial objects which are relatively consistent with aircraft. These could simply be civilian flights, military exercises, observations of unfamiliar 'stealth' airplanes, or possibly even unrecognisable 'black projects'. At least all feasible explanations.

We can also dismiss the high-altitude 'triangle of lights' reports identified on this list as being almost certainly triplets of reconnaissance satellites.

Essentially, leave aside anything which comes under the category of explainable in a 'standard' context and what remains resilient to rationalisation are the reported observations of an object which:

- is observed at extreme low altitude, frequently described as 'tree-top' level
- is with rare exceptions completely silent at all times, a distinctive attribute
- can hover, sometimes reportedly for several minutes.

Additionally, typical properties include:

- it can come to a standstill in mid-air; absolutely just stop

- it can rotate on a central axis
- it's lights are, in several accounts, noted as intensely brilliant, yet still diffused
- it is frequently reported as having a light at each apex
- it is also often reported as having a central red light
- it can seem to suddenly just disappear
- it is, alternatively, sometimes reported as able to 'take off' from a standstill and at an 'incredible speed'
- it is almost exclusively encountered at night, usually the claimed witness(es) being in a car
- 'it', is not always the case, there are claims of more than one such object and when that occurs, generally 'two or three', in proximity.

How can we equate this with aircraft or helicopters; a primary obstacle is that most accounts remark about the bewildering silence of an airborne craft encountered at close range.

Therefore, we surmise which aerial vehicles a witness might perceive to make no noise, or whether these reports are evidence of clandestine, maybe 'exotic', technology. Surely though, there's nothing even in those realms which can be reasoned to make sense of the overall testimonies.

In order to do so, it seems we must accept there is 'something' being flown - on numerous occasions over many years - and which explains commonly reported attributes. Yet, that 'something', would be an anathema to and irreconcilable with 'secret' aviation development, whether commercial or military.

In the majority of cases, any premise of a deliberate hoax is also incongruous with what is described.

My conclusion has to be that we will find no answer to this intriguing facet of the 'UFO phenomenon' by contemplation of yet to be unveiled aviation technology.

The explanation must lie elsewhere.

The puzzle is; these aren't 'strange lights in the sky'

sightings, they are detailed testimonies of an object observed at close quarters and often for several minutes. We can't dismiss them outright and must remember that the clue to those triplets of satellites were uniform and insightful `UFO' reports.

If, as appears to be the only judicious possibility, it comes down to consummate witness misperception, fantasising and/or fabrication, that in itself would be an important understanding.

As an invaluable `snapshot', I have mentioned before that, with the permission of the `National UFO Reporting Centre', I extracted some two hundred plus accounts of `triangular/boomerang/delta' UFO reports from their records and these are available as a text file on my web site at:

<http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/nuforc.txt>

It's easy to identify the above distinguished cases within.

Joel wrote:

>It would be of interest to document cases where the "leading  
>point" changed over the course of the observation, since that  
>would immediately tend to rule out (as far as anything can be  
>ruled out, I suppose) the idea that the object was flying  
>aerodynamically. You just can't send Concorde shooting off  
>sideways.

For information, taking that NUFORC data and searching on the word `rotate[d]', the following (I haven't corrected spelling, etc.) were found:

Occurred : 4/5/1998 23:35 (Entered as : 04/05/98 23:35)

Reported : 4/5/1998 03:35

Posted : 1/28/1999

Location : Channahon (near Joliet), IL

It was April 5, 1998, approx 23:35. It was sunday night. I am a student and we had no school the next day. I left my friends house to take another friend home. After I dropped him off I headed towards my house, when I noticed three lights in the sky to the east by northeast of my direction of travel (east) I was observing this over a farm field. As the road curved right, I lost sight of the object over a small wood. when I cleared the trees the object was much, much closer. over the initial hydrenaline rush I was able to tell the three lights were a perfect equalateral triangle. The lights continued to expand outward, as the object appeared to come closer. I slowed to see the object as it stopped and hovered beyond a neighborhood,

nearby an old rock quarry. The lights rotated clockwise, then the lead light turned towards me as the object banked, as an aircraft would turn, I thought it to resemble the B- 2 stealth bomber.

The shape of the triangle was incorrect though. The object was equal on all sides, as the stealth has a longer base at the tail than the shorter two wings (an isosceles triangle). As the object moved towards me, sped down the winding road, only looking back as I could, to horrifyingly see that this object was moving parallel to my direction of travel. the road curved, and i lost sight of the object over more trees. A few seconds later I stopped to turn left on US route 6 and saw that these lights were still there. I sped around the corner as the object tilted, while still rotating-so that the bottom of the object was facing me. I drove really fast without looking back for about 15 seconds, but that time I had lost sight of it. I returned home, took out the binoculars and searched for the object, but I could not find it. All I saw was the stars and moon that had been absent before.

Occurred : 2/20/1998 22:57 (Entered as : 2/20/98 22:57)

Reported : 2/26/1998 06:47

Posted : 1/28/1999

Location : Columbus, OH

I first noticed a long, thin, sort of cigar shaped bright white light slowly moving W to E behind my house. Upon looking out the window that was gone but, after several seconds 3 lights just came on, about 150 or 200 ft. up. They were in a triangular formation, the front being yellow, one red and one green. These lights made several odd maneuvers and never flashed or blinked; we are relatively close to Port Columbus so, I am used to seeing airplanes and helicopters yet, I have never seen anything like this.

The long, bright white light was odd because it seemed to be close and flying very low,( 20-40 ft.), and even though this was a very intense bright white light it cast no light on surrounding objects. I could see the trees in my neighbor's yard silhouetted against the light as it moved across the neighbor's yard. This object was about as long as the first joint of your finger,( from the tip of your finger to the first knuckle), held at arms length - as I sat about 22 ft. from the window that I saw it through. The triangular shaped object that I saw after I got up and went to the window appeared over the intersection of Morse & Westerville Roads at an altitude of about 100-150 ft. and headed due North, in my general direction. Once it got slightly North of Morse Rd.,( which runs E & W), it banked slightly and headed west, the whole time going about 25-35 mph. The object traveled

West until it was 200 ft. or so past Westerville Rd. then, came to a stop rotated 180 degrees and began flying back East at about the same speed as before. When the object got back to where it originally began moving to the West it suddenly got a burst of speed like nothing I've ever seen and made a U-turn that seemed to take it slightly higher and its own width to the South. This U-turn was one of the main things that made me stop and think "Hey this is not a helicopter or airplane" because, just last year I went to the Dayton Airshow and saw how fast these modern military planes can accelerate. Let me tell you nothing I have ever seen could do this- not to mention the g-forces this maneuver would have exerted on a pilot would have been more than any human could ever stand. After this abrupt U-turn the object immediately returned to its previous snail like speed and continued on to the West. As it got about 300 ft. or so from Westerville Rd. it slowly turned to the South South West and as it made this turn all the lights instantly turned red but, there was no blink or flash as though I was seeing a different side of the object, the lights just simply switched colors!!!! After the object had changed course and color it just flew at the same slow speed out of my field of view to the Southwest. This triangular object seemed to emit a wide, highly dispersed light at about a 45 degree angle, from the front yellow light- this light is totally different than a normal search light on a helicopter. It also seemed like there was a triangular shadow inbetween the lights so that since the sky was overcast the clouds were slightly brighter than the object itself- so, it was possible to make out the shape but, there was only a slight hint of it. The object appeared to be an equilateral triangle of about 50-75 ft. per side. I also stuck my head out the door during the sighting and heard no sound, other than the usual traffic sounds, and there was no change in the object's appearance.

Occurred : 8/23/1997 11:30 (Entered as : 8-23-97 11:30 am)

Reported : 3/6/1998 09:40

Posted : 1/28/1999

Location : Dale Ville, IN

Driving north on I69 just before exit 67 the craft first looked like a dot reflecting in the sun (thought to my self, boy that airplane sure could be mistaken for a flying saucer). Then, as it neared it appeared to be a triangle rapidly descending directly toward me from the front of the car a little less than 10 o'clock high. I could not believe my eyes. When it was about 2-1/2 inches wide at arms length it suddenly rotated 45 degrees counter clockwise in less than a second and kind of skidded or sudded in the air and changed direction so it was moving to my left and still descending. I think it was moving about 100-150 mph. At this time I could see there was a long pole about 2/3 the length of

the craft sticking out the front of the craft with a small wing near it's end. A small ball a (1 to 3 feet) was at the end of the pole. I believe the small wing was used to rapidly change the direction of the craft when it "skidded" in the air. I believe this craft was a man made craft, NOT a flying saucer. The way it moved it must be a new design. I have never seen anything like it before. I think it was about the size of a fighter plane. It looked like it was made of aircraft metal. As it moved off to my left I was able to see it from my side window and its view was momentarily blocked by some trees I was passing. I then saw it for a few seconds before it became to low to view. Just after it passed from view I saw a light aircraft desending along the same path to my left so I guessed they both were headed for the Anderson Airport? I saw only the bottom and the rear of the craft. I saw no engine and no exchust and no landing gear. Please let me know if you have any infomation about this craft. Thanks

Occurred : 7/9/1994 23:15 (Entered as : 07/09/94 23:15)

Reported : 1/21/1999 23:09

Posted : 2/16/1999

Location : Clovis-on Herndon Ave, between Maine & Locan Avenues, CA

A friend of mine left my house at approx. 11:10 pm heading west on Herndon Ave. It being a clear night, he looked out his windshield to see the stars. There weren't any. It was then that he noticed a large isosceles triangle shape directly above him. The object was about as big as a football field and had completely blocked out his view of the stars. There were 3 white lights on the underside, one at each corner. The rest of it was dark. It was flying (or floating) very close to the ground, approx. 100 ft. above him. He said it seemed close enough to hit with a rock. He pulled his car off to the right shoulder of the road and turned off the engine and radio. He leaned out the window and looked up to watch the object. There was no noise. He couldn't see how thick the craft was. It hovered silently for a few seconds, slowly rotated to its right, then proceeded to slowly move towards the southwest. Suddenly, it shot upwards and away at an angle with lightning speed going in the same direction. He noticed a sulfer-like smell in the air after it left. There were no cars on that section of the road at the time of his sighting. He immediately drove back to my house and banged on my bedroom window. Thinking he had forgotten his keys or had car trouble, I rushed to open the front door. He looked me right in the eyes and said, "I just saw a UFO!" He was visibly very shaken up. I went out outside into my driveway with him and he explained what he'd seen. I looked in the direction of his sighting but could see nothing. A few weeks later, we were watching an episode of "Unsolved Mysteries" that dealt with the

UFOs sighted in Belgium. They showed a picture of a large triangular craft with 3 lights on the underside, and he told me that was something like what he'd seen, but without the red light in the center. We decided not to report the sighting until now because he was too shaken up by it at that time. I've known him for quite a long time and I have no reason not to believe him.

Occurred : 8/1/1973 00:00 (Entered as : 08/73 24:00)

Reported : 6/29/1997 21:52

Posted : 6/2/1998

Location : Morrow, GA

Object: 1 Grey, metallic, triangular in shape, points of triangle were rounded, not pointed. Size: 15x15x15' one side had rows of white lights about the brightness of a car head light. Lights were larger at the base and decreased in size as they neared the top. Interested in astronomy I've always observed the night sky. Exiting my friends house in Morrow, GA this clear evening, (full moon). We stood on the edge of her yard, I leaning against the car, preparing to go home near midnight, she facing me with back to house. I happen to glance up and noticed this object hovering directly behind her house at tree top level. It made no noise nor did it move initially. I pointed it out to my air-head friend who glanced at it over her shoulder then remarked that it was probably a helicopter. She kept gabbling thus I basically ignore it momentarily. I remarked that if it were a helicopter then it wasn't making any noise. She looked again, waved her arm and continued gabbling. I kept glancing up at it over 4-5 mins time. The next to the last time I looked up, it begin to very slowly rotate on its side. As it did, I saw the rows of lights. They did not appear to blink but remained on. I told her to look again. She commented, "I don't know what it is and I don't care!" The next time I looked up it was gone! Again, I asked her to look and explain what could have happened to it. She gave no answer nor was she really interested. I would like to know if any other reports have been submitted regarding sightings in this area. I recall reading an article in the Atlanta Journal during the 1970-73 time frame about ufo sightings in the state of GA. Can you shed some light on this. In my reading it seems like most sightings are not of triangular shapes. Thank you for your help. I will submit a drawing via mail.

[End]

Some of the 1980s 'Hudson Valley' material is an intrinsic component of this data and we find references to a 'rotating' triangular object therein, for example, in a relatively well known article, 'The Westchester Wing - A Closer Look', by R. Perry Collins:

"It can be stated that many thousands of individuals in the New York/Connecticut area were witness to an unusual aerial object in 1983 and 1984. The object was consistently described as extremely large, structured, 'V' shaped, silent and flying slowly at low altitudes. It also was seen to accelerate 'very, very quickly,' to rotate on its axis in flight, make abrupt right-angle turns, hover motionlessly and display variable lighting as well as 'searchlight-like' beams extending to the ground.

The reactions of local police were touched on in the previous article. Many police officers who were witnesses to the low overflights of the UFO were adamant in their statements. They agreed that what they saw was not a plane or groups of planes. One officer reported a very large, structured craft which glided silently over his cruiser, stopped, rotated on its axis, and moved slowly over his position again.

[...]

In July of 1984 I interviewed a family of four living in the suburbs of Danbury, Connecticut. The husband had been leaving work later than usual and was moving out of the parking lot when he noticed some odd looking lights in the nearby sky. At first he paid little attention to them, thinking only that a plane was flying around at low altitude. As he drove home (a trip of several minutes) he began noticing that the lights seemed to be pacing him. Still he took little notice until he pulled into his driveway and got out of his car. He then could clearly see a huge array of colored lights drifting slowly towards his house. Calling his wife and children, they all gathered on the back porch just as the object came directly over them. It was clearly triangular in shape and as it moved overhead it executed an abrupt ninety degree turn without slowing or showing a turn radius. The husband described the turn, 'The tip of the triangle was moving in the direction of flight when the thing seemed to slowly rotate on its central axis, so that the tip was finally pointing ninety degrees from where it started. Then, without any change in speed, just as the tip completed its rotation, the thing just moved off in a completely separate direction, back over the front of my house.' The couple had spoken to only a few close friends about the incident and seemed relieved to hear that many other people were having similar experiences in the area.

[...]

On the evening of October 17th, 1985, an estimated two thousand witnesses saw the object as it appeared over Bridgeport, Fairfield and Danbury, Connecticut. As it moved over these towns it was seen, by separate witnesses, to 'change shape' from a 'V'

to a straight line and back to a `V.' The witnesses, some of them police officers, again referred to rows of large lights that defined the shape of the object. It moved very slowly, rotated on its axis and accelerated very rapidly. It was described as `larger than an airliner at low altitude' by witnesses I interviewed. Visiting the Fairfield and Bridgeport, CT police departments, I found that there had been a very large number of calls that night from people concerned about the object

[...]

Thursday, October 17th - `V' shaped white, red, green and blue lights were first seen over Main Street, Bridgeport, CT at approximately 8:35 p.m. The `lights' moved slowly north to the area of St. Vincent's hospital, stopped, hovered for three to five minutes, then rapidly accelerated away to the north. It apparently turned to the east and was next seen hovering over Fairfield University, Fairfield from 8:45 to 8:55 p.m. Again stopped, hovered, `V' unfolded to straight line. Altitude verified at less than one thousand feet by `trigging out' witness positions and angles of observation. All witnesses agree the size of the display was larger than a jet airliner. After hovering over Fairfield, while viewed by police officers, object rotated on its own axis and moved away. Reports came in from Trumbull, Monroe and then Danbury. Shortly after 9:00 p.m., over Danbury, police chief John P. Basile saw it with over thirty other witnesses. Also seen over Bethel and New Fairfield areas and then Candlewood Lake. Articles on page four of the Bridgeport Telegram of Friday, October 18th and page 13 of the Danbury News-Times of the same date. Approximately thirty calls to the Bridgeport Police Department, approximately three hundred calls to the Fairfield Police Department, calls also to the Danbury police, local radio stations and newspapers. Estimated number of witnesses, two thousand."

[...]

[End]

There is a recognised question mark that the `Hudson Valley' sightings included a formation of `ultralight' aircraft, their pilots intent on creating the illusion of a `UFO'.

Personally, I'm cautious about these statements where the lights change from a `V' shape to a straight line or vice-versa.

More appropriate to that `hard core' are the following accounts from another article which will be familiar to some subscribers, `Night Siege Update: UFOs Over Central Connecticut', By: Philip

J. Imbrogno:

"The UFO did not disappear, it continued to head south and was seen over New Britain. Here many people ran out of their homes to see the giant UFO pass overhead. The time was about 9:15 pm. One witness told us that he stood and watched it pass over his street. He reported that the underside was a dark grey like structure with all kinds of tubes and grids connecting the bottom. He said that the lights were flashing and were all white with a red one in the middle. He also said that the lights were in a boomerang shape but he could also make out a dark structure that extended toward the rear that made it look kite shaped. He and his neighbors just stood in awe as it passed over their homes without a sound.

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FO was seen then heading north-west and at about 9:30 pm it was reported over Torrington Connecticut which is about 15 miles west of Hartford. At this time dozens of calls were made to police headquarters in Torrington. Scores of calls were also made to local radio station WSNG. One woman who lives in the surrounding area of the city of Torrington told police that she looked out the window and saw these lights approaching her home. At first she thought it was a jet going to crash. She then alerted the entire family who all watched the UFO approach. As it approached she said it seemed to be losing altitude and started to slow down. The UFO then hovered directly over their home and engulfed the entire house in a beam of white light. The entire family ran down to the basement to seek protection since they were not sure what they were dealing with. The object then continued to move towards downtown Torrington. Despite all the calls to the local Torrington police they were helpless and could do nothing. This was a familiar scenario that was once again repeating itself. In 1984 a UFO flew over the towns of Yorktown, New Castle and Mt. Kisco in Westchester county New York. Local police were helpless and only stood in amazement as they observed the object.

[...]

As the object continued to move to the west it was witnessed by a Mr. Arnold Springster his wife and their friends near Whist pond just off of Route 4 about ten miles west of Torrington. Below is Mr. Springster's sighting account as related to me.

`I was driving with my wife and two friends west on Route 4 near Whist pond. As we were approaching the pond area I noticed a series of very bright white lights approaching from the south. I called the lights to everyone's attention and my friend said `It looks like a squadron of helicopters'. The lights continued to

approach, very slow. I stopped the car and rolled down the windows, off to my right was the pond and it was frozen at the time. We looked at the lights and I knew this was something strange. My wife told me not to be silly that it will probably turn out to be a plane or something like that. As it approached I could see a group of red lights mixed in with the white. I became somewhat concerned because this thing was low and was still heading straight for us. I would estimate its altitude at this time to be no more than 500 feet high. My friend's wife said "What the hell is it?" It was almost overhead and there was no sound. The UFO then started to get lower and it continued to approach. It was moving very slow. I knew that no aircraft could possibly keep that altitude and go so slow, plus it was dead quiet. I opened the door and got out of the car and looked up as the thing passed over the car. It was so huge it seemed like it took a long time to pass over. Everyone at this time started to get a little worried, I mean here we were on this road with no other traffic, it could have easily did what ever it wanted to do to us. I looked up at it, it was directly overhead and about two hundred feet above the car. At that point all the white lights went out and I saw ten red lights very small surrounding a triangular shaped object with one red light in the middle. This was weird since when the white lights were on and it was approaching the object looked like a boomerang or half circle. I looked up and saw this structure. There were parts that looked like they were soldered together, but very smoothly. It was made up of some type of dark greyish material that had a very low reflectability. This was no type of an aircraft. I have an engineering background and have flown all types of small aircraft and I know there was no way this was anything man made. I saw this large object that blacked out the entire sky above me, it was easily as large as a football field. I noticed that the underside was criss-crossed by a network of tubes and grill like work. It looked like some type of modern art. At that point the circular red light in the middle of this thing detached itself and flew ahead of the thing at great speed. The red light then circled the object three times then went back to its original position in the middle of the underside. It just reattached itself to the same place. By this time the UFO or what ever it was passed over the car and made a very sharp turn toward the south. My wife and friends were yelling for us to get out of there and I just stood outside the car and watched the thing until I lost it behind some trees. My wife and friends stayed in the car all the time. The entire sighting was about ten minutes long. The next day the papers carried a story and said that hundreds of people had seen it. The papers went on to quote a spokesman from Bradley International airport who said that it was a hoax created by five small aircraft in tight formation. I saw this thing with my friends and I can tell you this was no plane. My wife never believed in UFOS, but after that night we are both

convinced that these things are real!"

[...]

[End]

Also found on file, are these stories of a `rotating, triangular UFO':

Published by `UFO Magazine (UK)' -

"At 11:00 a.m. on August 26th, 1990, Mr Haruo Tsutsumi (aged 70) and a friend, Mr Itoo (aged 68), were playing golf with two other friends on the eight tee of the of the Takkeo Country Club in Kitagatamachi.

Their attention was suddenly switched to a brilliant light in the western sky which flashed orange every twenty seconds. As it approached, all four men discerned a distinctive triangle shape. All thoughts of golf had disappeared completely, as the object began to rotate anti-clockwise in a stationary position.

Mr Itoo, a life-long aviation enthusiast, immediately assumed that they were viewing a secret American or Russian test vehicle.

Incredibly, as the object drew closer, its altitude decreased, and they saw an orange beam of light strike the ground. Mr Itoo was convinced this must form part of the propulsion system which allowed it to hover in such an unconventional fashion".

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"I met a person recently who was connected to an organization called Mufon (I think that was the name) who was investigating several UFO sightings in Hopewell Virginia. He had drawings of this craft from some of the witnesses, and they were delta shaped. Some of the sightings they were investigating were day light sightings. The witnesses report that the object could turn on it's axis and rotate and do right angle turns. It could sit motionless in the air, could move at very slow speeds, and sometimes would position itself motionless, with the apex upward. It could also turn, or flip on it's side exposing the bottom of the craft. There also was a slightly muffled jet engine noise. Apparently there was more than one person during some of the sightings, and the object was seen from two different directions. The object did not leave a contrail until it took off going straight up into the air. The object was seen close to the ground. Apparently the object, when viewed from a different angle, ie from the side, looked entirely different, than from the bottom I assumed because of the `thickness' of the craft - when viewed from that angle it would appear to be a more or less line shape or disappear/not be visible. This object was also seen at night, and it had 7 lights on the bottom of the craft - along the `V' shape, 3 on one side, 3 on the other side, and one at the apex".  
[End]

I'm not aware of any further info re these claimed `Hopewell' reports [is anyone?].

Adding Jean-Pierre's references to comparative `rotating triangles' reports from Belgium, there is clearly a body of testimony for such sightings.

Realising there are likely to be other claimed incidents where this seeming aerodynamic mastery of `stopping' and `rotating' isn't specifically mentioned, or described otherwise, it could indicate that similar alleged observations - when hovering, low-altitude, silent, triangular objects were not noted as rotating - also have some substance.

Whatever that might be, the countenance of these stories is perplexing and again, I can only now resolve this by suggesting it must all come back to, basically, confusion, misidentifications and/or totally unreliable tales.

If so and in either event, where did this body of unique characteristics come from?

We appreciate how the underlying 'flying saucer' conception came to prominence and where later boundless associations originated, - 'alien abductions', 'crop circles', 'cattle mutes', etc. - , however, what was the genesis of 'low altitude, hovering, slow moving, silent' triangular UFOs'?

Perhaps more than anything, that's what I've been searching for and can't determine a source. However, I have previously emphasised what seems to be a significant landmark - the 1975, North Carolina 'flap', reported in the press at that time: highlights key points:

'Triangular-Shaped Saucer Shakes Up Five North Carolina Counties'

Date: Wed, 01 Dec 1999 09:22:54 -0500  
From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>  
Subject: 'Triangular UFO Hovers Near French Air Base'

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I was wondering if anyone, especially Jean-Pierre, knew more about this report:

#### TRIANGULAR UFO HOVERS NEAR FRENCH AIR BASE

On December 1, 1998, a motorist driving through Evreux, a city in the department Eure approximately 150 kilometers (90 miles) east of Paris, spotted a triangular UFO hovering nearby at 5:50 p.m. The witness described the UFO as "having a length estimated at 40 meters (132 feet). The object's speed was about the same as a conventional French military aircraft." He first saw it hovering "at an altitude of perhaps 20 to 30 meters," and the object "had a series of eight white luminous windows along its edge and also a rotating reddish light underneath." Stopping his car, the witness watched as the UFO passed silently overhead. The object was moving toward BA-105 of the Evreux-Fauville air base operated by the Armee de l'Air (French Air Force--J.T.) As the UFO passed over, the car's electrical system suddenly went dead. The car engine, the radio and the headlights all shut off. When the witness tried to turn the ignition key, all he heard was the dead thump of the solenoid. The "blackout" lasted only 30 seconds. When he tried again half a minute later, the engine roared back to life. "Right afterward I went to a phone and called the base at Evreux-Fauville," he reported, "They gave me a polite dismissal, as always." A local newspaper ran an article on the incident, but no other witnesses came forward. (Merci beaucoup at Thierry Garnier du Cercle Ufologique de Haute- Normandie pour ces nouvelles.)

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Subject: Re: Trent Photos

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On Tue, 30 Nov 1999, Bill Rose wrote:

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@From: Bill Rose <bill.rose@virgin.net>  
@@To: uforl@listbot.com  
@Subject: Trent Photos  
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@UFO Research List - <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/>  
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@Larry and All,  
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@I've just made some comparisons between various reproductions of the  
@Trent pictures and those printed in John Spencer's UFO Encyclopedia. (Is  
@the US title slightly different?)  
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@I don't agree that the picture Spencer used is a fake, although it has  
@been somewhat modified. What I see, is a professionally cleaned up  
@(pre-Adobe) hand colored image which has been used to maintain the  
@continuity of that section of the book.

The picture I have in his book has the following differences:

- The UFO is much closer to the garage than in the real photo.
- Foliage has grown (at least two years worth) since the originals were taken. This would be difficult to fake.
- The fuel tank is taller.
- The garage door is in a different position on its track.
- The camera is in a different location. This is shown by parallax between the power pole and the garage door track.
- The UFO has a bubble dome instead of the pole.

The shape of the UFO is different. There is only one convex "bump" on each side, and a sharper rim. It bears only superficial resemblance to the original photo.

- The contrast is completely different, This image would

definitely fail the tests the Colorado Project used.

- The photo is in color. The Brookesmith copy has different colors than the Spencer copy, but they are the same image.
- Striking clouds are there that are not visible in the original.
- None of the buildings used for photometric comparison in the originals are visible.

Now, where did it come from?

- It may have been an attempt to sidestep royalty payments by creating a new image.
- If Trent faked the first ones, he may have done it again.
- Somebody else wanted to get in on the action, and created a fake at the site.
- An investigator may have later tried to duplicate the photo at the site, and his attempt survived.
- Somebody obtained an authentic photo taken between 1952 and 1966, and added in the UFO.
- The image could be one of the photos created when investigators were throwing objects into the air and photographing them. The Trents said this happened shortly after the sighting (according to Bruce Maccabee). The foliage growth tends to disprove this possible origin of the photo in question.
- If the object is the Chrysler hubcap I remember, then the photos would have had to have been taken several years later (as the foliage shows), after the hubcap was produced. The hubcap was one of the first that covered most of the wheel (not just the center hub and lug nuts), and those did not appear until later in the '50s.
- The image had to have been taken before the Colorado Committee investigated the sighting, because the power pole had been replaced with a larger one by the time their photos of the site were taken.

@Photographers and publishers routinely adjust material and printed  
@photographs for a variety of reasons.

I know! I have a copy of the Ditter (Zanesville OH) photo where the UFO was lowered and enlarged to make a more interesting cover for a magazine. But it was the same UFO, not a completely different object.

I also have altered copies of one of the Trinidad shots, the Brazil high tension tower shot, one of the Highwood Station (Calgary) photos, and the Picacho Peak UFO photo. In each case, the photo was altered to make titles or charts fit into a magazine page.

In each of those cases, the basic photo was cut and pasted to make a closely related image (using 1960s technology). But there are too many differences in the "new" version of the Trent photo to allow it to be an altered version of the original.

@Bill

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References: <199912010907\_MC2-8F39-2F94@compuserve.com>

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@Subject: Re: Rationale for the FT shape  
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(snip)

@Joel and list,

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@I have given considerable thought to your comments. In doing so,  
@I revisited most of the `triangular' UFO reports on file and  
@realised more than ever that there is no rationale to so many of  
@them.

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@I wonder if we really have a basis for theorising the  
@possibilities of a `jet-powered hybrid aerostat' or any other  
@manufactured planform, when it seems evident that a `hard core'  
@of data is inconceivably explicable in this context.

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@Perhaps the first step is backwards, to look at the overall  
@perspective and agree what exactly constitutes that core of data.

@

@We must exclude all reports of triangular/delta/boomerang shaped  
@aerial objects which are relatively consistent with aircraft.

@These could simply be civilian flights, military exercises,  
@observations of unfamiliar `stealth' airplanes, or possibly even  
@unrecognisable `black projects'. At least all feasible  
@explanations.

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@We can also dismiss the high-altitude `triangle of lights'  
@reports identified on this list as being almost certainly  
@ triplets of reconnaissance satellites.

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@Essentially, leave aside anything which comes under the category  
@of explainable in a `standard' context and what remains resilient  
@to rationalisation are the reported observations of an object  
@which:

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@- is observed at extreme low altitude, frequently described as  
@`tree-top' level

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@ - is with rare exceptions completely silent at all times, a  
@distinctive attribute

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@- can hover, sometimes reportedly for several minutes.

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@Additionally, typical properties include:

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@- it can come to a standstill in mid-air; absolutely just stop

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@- it can rotate on a central axis

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@- it's lights are, in several accounts, noted as intensely  
@brilliant, yet still diffused

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@- it is frequently reported as having a light at each apex

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@- it is also often reported as having a central red light

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@- it can seem to suddenly just disappear

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@- it is, alternatively, sometimes reported as able to `take off'  
@from a standstill and at an `incredible speed'

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@- it is almost exclusively encountered at night, usually the  
@claimed witness(es) being in a car

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@- `it', is not always the case, there are claims of more than one  
@such object and when that occurs, generally `two or three', in  
@proximity.

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@How can we equate this with aircraft or helicopters; a primary  
@obstacle is that most accounts remark about the bewildering  
@silence of an airborne craft encountered at close range.

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@Therefore, we surmise which aerial vehicles a witness might  
@perceive to make no noise, or whether these reports are evidence  
@of clandestine, maybe `exotic', technology. Surely though,  
@there's nothing even in those realms which can be reasoned to  
@make sense of the overall testimonies.

This sounds like a fire balloon to me. They have been reported to  
do every one of the things described.

(snip)

@There is a recognised question mark that the `Hudson Valley'  
@sightings included a formation of `ultralight' aircraft, their  
@pilots intent on creating the illusion of a `UFO'.

@

@Personally, I'm cautious about these statements where the lights  
@change from a `V' shape to a straight line or vice-versa.

That could be a change in perspective, or it could be just  
relative motion between the three ultralights.

(snip)

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Cc: pharabod@in2p3.fr  
X-Authentication-warning: polhp2.in2p3.fr: pharabod owned process doing -bs

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(James, I did not get this message in my mail box,  
I read it on the web site [www.listbot.com](http://www.listbot.com))

I remember that I have read this article some time ago, and I was not really impressed. It's written "spotted a triangular UFO hovering" ... and then "The object's speed was about the same as a conventional French military aircraft". IMHO, an object which hovers at about 500 knots is very suspect... Also, it's "triangular" but French military aircraft have very often a triangular look (delta wing). And this happened near a French Air Base... I would be very surprised if it were something different from a conventional French military aircraft. Probably the witness stopped himself his vehicle without noticing it.

Jean-Pierre Pharabod

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The following is garbage data, since the witness had no idea how  
far away the object was:

@The witness described the UFO as "having a length estimated at 40  
@meters (132 feet). The object's speed was about the same as a  
@conventional French military aircraft." He first saw it hovering  
@"at an altitude of perhaps 20 to 30 meters,"

He would have to know what the object was, or have clues from the  
object going in front of or behind something to be able to judge  
size, distance, speed, or altitude. The vehicular assumption  
theory comes into play here. The witness assumes that the object  
is probably a vehicle capable of carrying a man, and this  
assumption colors all further observations.

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@along its edge and also a rotating reddish light underneath."  
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@heard was the dead thump of the solenoid. The "blackout" lasted  
@only 30 seconds. When he tried again half a minute later, the  
@engine roared back to life.

The very same thing happened to me without a UFO. There was a nut loose where the battery ground cable, the engine block ground, and the ground strap to the car frame all came together at the starter solenoid. Repeated tries jiggled the lugs around until they made good enough contact. The question is whether the car later required repair for the same thing. My car tended to pull the stunt rarely and randomly at slow idle before it got it fixed, but not very often.

Another thing that can cause such an effect is a combination of an intermittent ignition module and a bad battery cable (which can damage the ignition module). Over the past two months, my van shut down the engine suddenly once every four or five days. I thought there was water in the gas tank, so I added some Heet. A week after that, the engine refused to start. Replacing the ignition module cured it, and it hasn't shut down since.

One would wonder if it is possible that a strong RADAR beam can affect an ignition module, making it shut down temporarily. Of course, this would only affect cars with electronic ignition.

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@Evreux-Fauville," he reported, "They gave me a polite dismissal,  
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@I didn't see any mention of the jerky movements often associated  
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Fire balloons jerk, and produce all of the other reported effects. The size, however, is usually misreported by the witness, because they cannot conceive of a device so small.

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@start, do you know if they actually see the FT pulling away, or  
@do they simply see it in another location which makes them think  
@it's accelerated away at unearthly velocity.

Both have been reported. One very mundane possibility (which I have seen myself) is that the object is a lot smaller and closer than the witness believes. Since nobody can visually find out the size, distance, speed, or altitude of an object more than 30 feet (10 m) away without additional aids, the true speed of an unknown object is unknown. Reducing the size and range of the object also brings the speed down.

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Those usually repeat 24 times a second or faster. Motion pictures use a speed of 24 frames per second.

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At one point, she was pretty much directly underneath the thing and had to crane her neck to see it through her windscreen. She said it was very large and had a disc-like structure at the rear illuminated by small red lights. Very bright lights at each apex and dimmer yellow-white lights running the entire length of each

leading edge, and a ring of lights in the centre.

She was in no doubt that it was a single structure and was so close she could see its surface which she described as being similar to aluminium foil. What was curious about this sighting is that it corresponded to a security incident of an unspecified nature near a high-ranking politician's house in the area - also a helicopter was seen shortly afterwards, scanning the sky with a searchlight whilst personnel on the ground were running around with flashlights.

All the time she could hear a low humming sound. I'm not familiar with fire balloons, so does this sound like it could be an explanation ? Assuming of course, she's telling the truth...and I have to say I believe she is, weird as it all sounds.

All very odd.

Best

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@> @was adamant the thing seemed to 'snap' from A to C without  
@> @passing through B. This made me wonder if more than one FT was  
@> @creating this illusion. She remained in her car- terrified  
@> @during her two minute or so sighting, and was therefore unable  
@> @to say whether the FT was still above her, but with its lights  
@> @turned off.

@> If the FTs were fire balloons, the witness might not have noticed  
@> a second one until the first one burned out. It's also possible

@> that an object simply turned out its lights while moving.

@> One other possibility is an unmanned reconnaissance craft.

@At one point, she was pretty much directly underneath the thing  
@and had to crane her neck to see it through her windscreen. She  
@said it was very large and had a disc-like structure at the rear  
@illuminated by small red lights. Very bright lights at each apex  
@and dimmer yellow-white lights running the entire length of each  
@leading edge, and a ring of lights in the centre.

@She was in no doubt that it was a single structure and was so  
@close she could see its surface which she described as being  
@similar to aluminium foil. What was curious about this sighting  
@is that it corresponded to a security incident of an unspecified  
@nature near a high-ranking politician's house in the area - also  
@a helicopter was seen shortly afterwards, scanning the sky with  
@a searchlight whilst personnel on the ground were running around  
@with flashlights.

@All the time she could hear a low humming sound. I'm not  
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@an explanation ? Assuming of course, she's telling the  
@truth...and I have to say I believe she is, weird as it all  
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@Best

@David

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From: Martin Jasek <mjjasek@yknet.yk.ca>  
Subject: Re: Rationale for the FT shapeMessage-id:  
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References: <Pine.HPP.3.96.991201121159.12192F-100000@juliet.ucs.indiana.edu>

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From: The Duke of Mendoza <DarkSecretPB@compuserve.com>  
Subject: Trent Photos

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With the compliments of the Duke:

>Date: Wed, 1 Dec 1999 11:16:56 -0500 (EST)  
>From: Larry Robinson <lrobins@indiana.edu>  
>To: UFO Research List <UFORL@listbot.com>  
>Subject: Re: Trent Photos

I just caught up to the existence of this thread, with this post. So someone may have mentioned the following curious fact already.

A couple of years ago or more someone asked me about the version of the Trent photo in my so-called "Complete Sightings Catalogue". I checked with Hilary Evans (Mr Mary Evans Photo Library, from where we hired the picture). He was unable to find out anything about it, and had (as one might, working purely from memory) simply taken it to be a hand colored version of one of the original B&W shots. He no longer knew where they'd acquired the shot, either. As I recall we also used it in "The Unexplained", circa 1981, so it has been around for quite some time.

Well there's helpful, boyo. If anyone can track down any reliable info about how the shot was taken/created/&c and by whom and why, I'd be more than interested to know, and so would Hilary. It's interesting that no one has complained about breach of copyright in 18 years or so...

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Date: Wed, 01 Dec 1999 15:47:37 -0500  
From: joel carpenter <ufx@mindspring.com>  
Subject: Re: Rationale for the FT shapeMessage-id:  
<000b01bf3c3d\$4e339c20\$0100a8c0@mindspring.com>  
References: <199912010907\_MC2-8F39-2F94@compuserve.com>

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James and all -

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From: RB47Expert@aol.com  
Subject: Re: Rationale for the FT shapeMessage-id:  
<0.6a188d33.2576f93f@aol.com>

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Martin,

Larry's info is correct -- the stereoscopic range of human vision is out to about 10 m (30 ft). The 500-foot distance used in the Hynek classification comes from use of terrain contexts to determine distances. But UFO investigators rarely investigate and document the terrain contexts that might justify a <500 ft distance.

Brad Sparks

In a message dated Wed, 1 Dec 1999 3:32:45 PM Eastern Standard Time, Martin Jasek <mjjasek@yknet.yk.ca> writes:

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Date: Wed, 01 Dec 1999 22:20:55 +0000  
From: Bill Rose <bill.rose@virgin.net>  
Subject: Trent PhotosMessage-id: <38459F47.2E9A@virgin.net>

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Larry, John, Clas,

Re: Trent Photo/The Mary Evans Picture Library Copy.

I agree with all the main points of Larry's analysis.

The UFO is in a slightly different position to some other images and there are certainly other minor differences.

However the only reason I can see for removing the scratches/damage and adding color tints would be to improve the appearance and this could have easily been done by any competent (pre-PC) artist. The motive for doing this would be to improve saleability.

There are actually several different Trent pictures around and I have just located an image printed by Quest Int,(UK UFO Mag) which shows the craft with a spike on top.

The UFO we are discussing in the tinted picture does have a more rounded appearance, perhaps as a result of a cut and paste job, maybe as a consequence of being copied several times or perhaps the artist simply liked it like that.

I believe it was simply moved to aid composition and make the picture more attractive. The added foliage may have been added for the same purpose.

Conceivably, someone might have done this in an attempt to evade copyright, but the image is undoubtedly close enough to the original (does anyone have what might be considered a good unaltered original?) to be accepted as a fair representation of the genuine picture.

My guess is that in a dispute, most courts would decide this picture was a fair representation of the original.

I would briefly mention my own dispute with Paragon Publishing in 1996. Without my permission, they used one of my pictures which was copied from a science magazine, extensively modified with Adobe Photoshop and placed on the front cover of one of their own titles.

This eventually resulted in an "out of court" settlement.

Okay, you might argue that this particular "Trent" image is not an original and shows a re-enactment. Establishing this would be very difficult indeed. My point is, does this really matter? The picture is after all, just a paperback graphic to illustrate content.

Where does reasonable modification give way to an outright fake? Well, the pictures in almost every high quality fashion magazine sold in the

Western World are modified to improve their appearance. Just because you move strands of hair, erase lines and take out zits doesn't make the girls/guys imposters, but does improve sales figures!

Bill

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From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>  
Subject: Re: Rationale for the FT shape

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From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>  
Subject: Trent Photos

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20 years  
ago. did pay the Trents..... but it was a paltry sum, like \$50 or so.

Bruce-the--piethrower

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Bruce--

I can believe it (and am glad you made sure RD paid them something, for once). My point, though, was that the \*apparent\* Trent pic in the Mary Evans Pic Library, which seems not to be from the Trents at all, has been published many times since at least 1981, and no one has claimed breach of copyright or fees for its use. I did even entertain the idea once that you yourself might've taken it, in re-creating the sighting, for some obscure experimental reasons. As no one seems to want to claim it, or the fees attached to it, one is entitled to wonder - if no more than that - if it wasn't concocted for slightly less than straightforward reasons.

On the other hand, maybe not. I don't know. But I'd like to. And I'm sure Hilary would too because if someone does want to lay claim to it, MEPL ought to owe them a few bob.

best  
Passthepassel D. Mailman  
Embarrassing Package

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Nice work Joel - the Dinosaur is an interesting one because it was a multi-hulled ship - (a design Dr Solomon Andrews used in the 1860s in his Aereon 1 & II ships) but it was also to feature suction pads under its hulls to keep it on the ground !  
Another not-too-well-known hybrid was Nasa's (Ames) Megalifter concept of 1974. It had a non-rigid hull, 650 feet long that contained 7Million cu.ft. of He, surrounding a central cargo bay with a 180 tonne capacity. Propulsion was to be via four turbofans. Cruise range would have been around 10,000 miles@ 200mph.

It was an odd one - for those familiar with the Thunderbirds TV programme, it looked like #2 but with a/c-like, straight wings around its midsection. Engines were fixed to the wings like an airliner. Never made it to become rubber on the ramp - but an interesting concept.

The Aereon Deltoid with discussed before.  
In France, the Centre National Recherche Scientifique (CNRS) proposed a number of very large flying saucer airships, such as the 'Pegase' high altitude research craft ( around 1,000 ft or 300m) dia. and the smaller 'Titan' flying crane to move around 900 tonnes.  
In the UK, the Thermo-Skyship saucer was another attempt to combine a more efficient shape to enhance aerodynamic lift with the aerostatic or buoyant lift of He. - which itself was going to be enhanced by heating it.  
In Mexico a saucer-shaped airship, the MLA-32-B was built and flown by Spacial headed by the late Mario Sanchez Roldan. It was around 100 feet or 33 metre diameter saucer standing four storeys high.  
In the US again, Mike Walden who was involved in the Spacial saucer is still

designing solar powered disc-shaped airships (among other types) - including a hypersonic- LTA craft called

Hyper. He's currently building a small UAV called Cambot. His company's called LTAS.

Would you agree that political factors are often more likely to affect a programme being funded to completion rather than engineering hurdles ? Look at Concorde - the political imperative was there to build the world's first supersonic passenger jet - and despite problems, it was done.

If there was a need to build an LTA craft to act as a platform for radar, ECM or Intel missions, it could be done without any problems. The question arises: would an LTA craft be useful in these roles ?

The answer is a resounding 'Yes.' More antennae area, especially in depth, means dramatically improved resolution of stealthy or fast moving, surface hugging targets. Endurance of weeks rather than hours, and payload capabilities off the scale compared with HTA machines.

Dave

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Thanks Bruce - I knew I could count on you.

So does anyone know of any FT sightings where this apparent sudden and fantastic acceleration has produced light streaks ?

If there are no light streaks, can we be sure that witnesses are in fact observing any form of light, be it attached to a craft/balloon or simply a projection, moving rapidly, or is it a different light source ?

It occurs to me that the only reason you'd want 'festive lights' on a vehicle would be if they were part of its camouflage. Otherwise they simply advertise the fact that it's there.

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Subject: "Aquarius" photosMessage-id:  
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Request for help - can anyone point me to a source that has high-quality copies of the photos referred to in the "Aquarius" document? Thanks in advance.

Joel Carpenter

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Subject: Re: Rationale for the FT shape  
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OK, I read this web page.

I am not really competent about other cases, but I think that fire balloons can't explain the Belgian wave (maybe some cases, but not all):

1. I don't think that they can illuminate parts of the ground (or, in some cases, witnesses themselves) like car headlights:  
Eupen, 1989/11/29, 17h30, 1 witness: "a very neat area of the road was illuminated"  
Jallay, 1989/11/29, 18h30-18h45, 1 witness  
Herve, 1989/11/29, 2 witnesses  
La Calamine, 1989/11/29, 2 witnesses + 3 witnesses (not same)  
Natoye, 1989/12/12, 21h30, 4 witnesses  
(and other cases...)
2. I don't think that they can make 180 degrees turns and describe loops. For example:  
Ernage, 1989/12/11, 18h45, 2 witnesses (Lt.Col. Amond and his wife). By the way, I met them in Bruxelles in February 1991, and discussed with Lt.Col. Amond, who seems perfectly normal.

3. I don't think that, in a group of 4 lights obtained with such balloons (3 whitish at the corners of the "triangle", and 1 reddish at the center), the central one can detach itself, describe an autonomous trajectory, and even come back and re-attach itself:

Eupen, 1989/11/29, 19h30, 2 witnesses (gendarmes) (in this case the central light did not come back, but went away in another direction)

Jemeppe-sur-Sambre, 1989/12/11, 18h50, 2 witnesses (the central light re-attached itself after having come at close distance from the witnesses - a few meters, just above the ground).

4. I don't think that such a balloon, when it comes at such a close distance, looks like a cluster of 10 to 20 small red lights, the whole thing having approximately the size of a car (Jemeppe-sur-Sambre case, quoted above - of course this assumes that the witnesses did not lie/hallucinate, were not victims of an optical illusion)

5. There is an interesting daytime sighting:

Pont-de-Loup, 1990/04/22, 8h25, 2 witnesses. Here the quasi-triangular object was hovering or slowly moving vertically, one angle down, two angles up, illuminated by the rising sun; however the lights were still visible. Of course, this assumes that the witnesses did not lie/hallucinate, were not victims of an optical illusion.

6. During the night April 22-23, 1990, two witnesses in the court of their factory at Basecles saw the "object" flying at very low altitude over them, and very low speed. They noticed (or thought so) rectangular plates between the front and rear lights, the object looking like an "aircraft carrier upside down". They estimated the length of the object, which covered more than the court of the factory, at 100 meters or more. No noise at all; the object flew slowly over them for more than one minute. Of course, this assumes that they did not lie/hallucinate, were not victims of an optical illusion.

Jean-Pierre Pharabod

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<BLOCKQUOTE TYPE=CITE>&nbsp;Since nobody can visually find out the  
<BR>size, distance, speed, or altitude of an object more than 30 feet  
<BR>(10 m) away without additional aids, the true speed of an unknown  
<BR>object is unknown. Reducing the size and range of the object also  
<BR>brings the speed down.  
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I thought that this distance was 500 ft.

Date: Thu, 02 Dec 1999 12:53:42 -0500 (EST)  
From: Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS Kinesiology <lrobins@indiana.edu>  
Subject: Re: Trent Photos

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On Wed, 1 Dec 1999, Bill Rose wrote:

@Date: Wed, 01 Dec 1999 22:20:55 +0000  
@From: Bill Rose <bill.rose@virgin.net>  
@@To: uforl@listbot.com  
@Subject: Trent Photos

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@Larry, John, Clas,

@Re: Trent Photo/The Mary Evans Picture Library Copy.

@I agree with all the main points of Larry's analysis.

@The UFO is in a slightly different position to some other images  
@and there are certainly other minor differences. However the  
@only reason I can see for removing the scratches/damage and  
@adding color tints would be to improve the appearance and this  
@could have easily been done by any competent (pre-PC) artist.  
@The motive for doing this would be to improve saleability.

At the expense of accuracy (not a good idea in a field like  
this)???

Are we talking about the same picture? The UFO has moved a lot  
compared to the original Trent photos, and more important, the  
camera has moved!

Maybe the European release has the correct photo (which has the  
pole, not a dome), colorized. The copy I have has a completely  
different photo.

@There are actually several different Trent pictures around and I  
@have just located an image printed by Quest Int,(UK UFO Mag)  
@which shows the craft with a spike on top.

That is the original photo! There should be only two Trent  
pictures. The other one shows an oval bottom angle view.

@The UFO we are discussing in the tinted picture does have a  
@more rounded appearance, perhaps as a result of a cut and paste  
@job, maybe as a consequence of being copied several times or  
@perhaps the artist simply liked it like that. I believe it was  
@simply moved to aid composition and make the picture more  
@attractive. The added foliage may have been added for the same  
@purpose.

It also looks just like a Chrysler hubcap, which the original  
does not look like.

@Conceivably, someone might have done this in an attempt to evade  
@copyright, but the image is undoubtedly close enough to the  
@original (does anyone have what might considered a good  
@unaltered original?) to be accepted as a fair representation of  
@the genuine picture. My guess is that in a dispute, most courts  
@would decided this picture was a fair representation of the  
@original.

I have several copies. Look in Klass' UFOs Explained, the Condon  
Report, and the 1967 LOOK special FLYING SAUCERS. Bruce Maccabee  
also has excellent copies of the originals.

@I would briefly mention my own dispute with Paragon Publishing  
@in 1996. Without my permission, they used one of my pictures  
@which was copied from a science magazine, extensively modified  
@with Adobe Photoshop and placed on the front cover of one of  
@their own titles. This eventually resulted in an "out of court"  
@settlement.

@Okay, you might argue that this particular "Trent" image is not  
@an original and shows a re-enactment. Establishing this would be  
@very difficult indeed. My point is, does this really matter? The  
@picture is after all, just a paperback graphic to illustrate  
@content.

It's easy. The plant next to the power pole in the "new"  
picture is about twice the height it was when the original was  
taken.

@Where does reasonable modification give way to an outright fake?  
@Well, the pictures in almost every high quality fashion magazine  
@sold in the Western World are modified to improve their  
@appearance. Just because you move strands of hair, erase lines

@and take out zits doesn't make the girls/guys imposters, but  
@does improve sales figures!

And UFO pictures become worthless for serious study, since nobody  
can tell an original from a commercialized copy. They should have  
to tell us when they publish a modification in lieu of the  
original.

@Bill

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Subject: Re: Rationale for the FT shape

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On Wed, 1 Dec 1999, bruce maccabee wrote:

@Date: Wed, 1 Dec 1999 19:36:21 -0500  
@From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>  
@@To: UFO Research List <UFORL@listbot.com>  
@Subject: Re: Rationale for the FT shape  
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@In fact, if you are looking at sodium vapor or mercury vapor  
@streetlamps and you "streak" your eyes sideways, you can see a  
@series of dots. This is because the light goes on and off 60 or  
@50 times per second with the AC power. (Or 30 times if it acts  
@like a rectifier... not sure)

It depends on where you are.

In the US and Canada, the lights flash 120 times a second (twice  
the power line frequency of 60 Hz, because the line alternates  
first positive, then negative, and the light flashes on for  
each). A half-wave rectifier would make it flash 60 times a  
second.

In the UK and most of Europe, the power line frequency is 50 Hz,  
so the light will flash at 100 times a second. A half-wave  
rectifier would cause the light to flash 50 times a second.

Some places have a 25 Hz power line frequency, and the light will  
flash 50 times a second.

Most gas discharge lamps work just fine on AC, so rectification  
is not often used.

The flashing of a gas-discharge lamp at a reliable frequency is  
used to calibrate the speed of record turntables, disk drives,  
and other rotating devices through the use of a stroboscopic  
disk. When the device is rotating at the correct speed, the marks  
on the disk appear to be stationary when illuminated by the  
gas-discharge lamp.

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altitude would be 2000 yards, or 6000 feet, and their speed would be 568 mph. That seems pretty conventional, but I think I would have heard jets at that altitude. Furthermore, what jets have a perfect equilateral silhouette? The closest thing I can think of, is the B58 Hustler. But my view was clear enough, that I could have seen the little bit of fuselage in the front and back of the delta wing.

I probably blew the simple geometry I used for the altitude and speed calculations, but I've given enough facts that one could calculate height and speed for any craft of a known size.

If anyone has any information about similar sightings, I'd love to hear about it.

[End]

At that time, according to Jay's e-mail address, he was employed by Lockheed.

Theresa Carlson, whose exceptional work in analysing the 'alien autopsy' footage was a lesson in objectivity, also witnessed a triangular shaped object, "in southern Arizona near the Mexican border. In the foothills of the Hauchuca mountains".

She described:

"The one I saw didn't have the light in the middle. Just the one on each corner. It went out of sight behind the mountains. But for almost a minute, I watched it hover, 'jump', hover, 'jump' etc. I say 'jump' because it wasn't a smooth motion. It was almost like it was hopping. Not any motion that I had seen before, nor have I seen it since. It caught my attention because I thought it should fall out of the sky doing that".

Theresa kindly provided a computer generated image of what she recalled seeing and I've attached a 'thumbnail' copy of this.

Date: Fri, 03 Dec 1999 03:30:41 +0000  
From: James Easton <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
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David and list,

Slight technical problem - Theresa's depiction is hopefully now attached.

James.

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Date: Thu, 02 Dec 1999 22:52:16 -0500  
From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>  
Subject: INVESTIGATE??

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I recently received this email from a gentleman in the UK. With his permission I am posting this so that a British investigator (James?) can contact him for an in depth investigation. Please let me know the results.

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Dear Mr Maccabee,

I have experienced an encounter with a craft that is (I believe) beyond current technology. In my hope to make my experience justified I have e-mailed Dr Jack Sarfatti. I enclose the note below. I would class myself as an average man and my experience began with an normal fishing session in the north east of england. I left, some months later with the certain knowledge that U.F.O's, (I Make no claim to know what they are) can visit and are not in the slightest worried if we see them. There is much, much more to tell, but as I am keen to point out I seek no fame or glory and expect no correspondence.

I know what I have seen and that may tell allot as I was as close to this craft as a sailor about to board a sea going vessel. Everyday I think of it and try to extract some reason, but there is none to be found. My word is my oath and to the day I die I will raise my children to know there are other worlds than this. I live less than a mile from my encounter so it is not easily forgotten. I appreciate the amount of crap you guy's have to sift through but if you want an unbiased opinion from someone who would rather not have seen a UFO then please let me know. I cannot stress enough that it wasn't some "black op" encounter in the mid west (yes, I have read up on the subject since) . I, and others, saw a metallic saucer 50 plus feet in diameter hovering above a busy road with a rusty iron four legged device with pink lights on the end hanging below it at the edge of the circumference. This was in South Shields, England, october 1997. Sounds crazy? Tell me about it.

Please get in touch if you want more information.

Kind regards, Olly.

I feel I may be somewhat out of my depth with this note, but I thought you may be interested. Please do not feel obliged to reply.

I have had a VERY close encounter with a ( I use the term with hesitation but it is by far the best description ) flying saucer craft and was well placed to see not only

the construction, but also the lack of evidence of a propulsion system. What I thought may interest you, was the apparent retro technology I observed, as in rusty iron girders on a craft that was no more than 20 meters above me and numerous others, but at the same time it managed to remain station less above the cars without sound. It remains in my memory with absolute clarity and I am able to describe it and the circumstances in far more detail if you are at all interested. I am fully aware however that work of your kind must attract allot of attention which is not asked for so I will just say that I have a good idea what the answer to your quest may be, but I am not at all qualified

to discuss it. If you would like more information then I would be delighted to offer it. All I can say is people often tell me when I tell

them of my experience is "oh I wish I could see something like that", but the truth is I wish I had never seen it. The answer is in fact the question.

Please feel free to e-mail me at: [omplumpton@netscapeonline.co.uk](mailto:omplumpton@netscapeonline.co.uk) or call (uk) 0191 4569868

many thanks,

Olly.

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(James, once again there are about 10 messages on [www.listbot.com](http://www.listbot.com) that I did not get in my mailbox - that's why I send copies to Bruce and yourself).

Of course I have not enough elements to judge, but a priori this case looks like the "saucer" which flew slowly over this big M25 which circles around London, in the 80's I think, and which was only a balloon (hot air or helium, I don't remember), decorated to look like a saucer, and piloted by Richard Branson himself.

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References: <00e601bf3d3d\$ed4e6320\$c91586d4@cis.compuserve.com>

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From: James Easton <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
> David wrote:

>>A witness I interviewed wrt. a close up and personal FT sighting  
>>was adamant the thing seemed to 'snap' from A to C without  
>>passing through B. This made me wonder if more than one FT was  
>>creating this illusion. She remained in her car- terrified  
>>during her two minute or so sighting, and was therefore unable  
>>to say whether the FT was still above her, but with its lights  
>>turned off.  
>  
> Can you say where and when this reportedly took place?

Certainly - Saturday March 8 1997 at around 3.00 am. New Romney, near  
Burmars, in Kent. A short distance from Michael Howard MP's house - at the  
time he was Home  
Secretary. Also not far from Lydd Army range.

The group conducting the primary research is UFOMEK, Chris Rolfe has been  
extremely helpful in keeping me up to speed with their investigations.

I spoke to the witness a couple of weeks ago and she wants nothing more to  
do with the whole thing.

> "When the rear one began to lag, it would suddenly \_snap\_ back to  
> a comfortable distance from the front one", recalled Jay.

> I had the impression that if Jay's account was seriously accurate  
> and these were triangular-shaped aircraft, as he surmised, some  
> new technology was being tested, the pilots having difficulty  
> maintaining control.

>

> Does that really make any sense though?

>

> Would the USAF experiment with two aircraft, separated by such a  
> challenging distance - "varying from nearly touching, to a  
> maximum of a triangle length" - when the technology was still  
> ostensibly 'unsure'?

>

> I can't see that's realistic.

Neither can. I seem to recall the wake vortices off a delta wing make it a very tricky to fly too close to. There aren't many reasons for such close proximity flight (aside from formation flying) that I can think of. One which springs to mind is a chase plane pilot giving an experimental a/c a visual check over if the test pilot is reporting a malfunction.

>

> However, the 'snap' is similar to what Theresa recalls and also stated by the witness you spoke >to.

>

> Does anyone have a theoretical explanation?

Just to get the ball rolling, here are my thoughts -assuming that we aren't dealing with technology from anywhere other than Earth - in which case all bets are off and anything's possible:

An object travelling in a straight line - let's call it A - C must pass through B. Whether it will be seen to pass through B is another thing altogether. The only explanations that make sense to me - and I don't claim any particular insight - is that:

1) More than one object is involved - the bright illumination may be a clue here. Your eyes are drawn to the lights and by the time they're gone - i.e. turned off, and your eyes re-adjust, you see a similar object some distance away which is now lit up - you'll imagine it's the same object which has snapped from A to C without travelling through B. An aerial shell game.

What would confuse matters even more would be if the lights on the second craft were in a similar relative pattern further inboard, you would assume the object is further away than it actually is.

2) The object is using an electro-chromatic coating which allows it to change colour and brightness.

Moving stealth technology into the visual spectrum is a stated goal of defence chiefs. It's already been tested in a crude but effective form decades ago ( project Yehudi). Bright lights were fitted to the leading edge of a/c wings which helped them to blend in with the sky.

The key issue is why illuminate it in a way which has often been described as "...a Christmas Tree' in the first place ?

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> Jean-Pierre Pharabod

Jean-Pierre,

I found this Branson interview about it -

[http://www.salonmag.com/wlust/feature/1998/12/cov\\_10feature2.html](http://www.salonmag.com/wlust/feature/1998/12/cov_10feature2.html)

"Is there any promotion you're particularly fond of?"

Suddenly he is waving his knife like a wizard's wand in the air. "Well, it's not really a promotion, but on April the first every year we like to do a fun April Fool's joke on the nation. Some years ago we built a UFO which was the best looking UFO you've ever seen -- it was completely saucer-shaped, and it had a glow, and little lights that flickered. We took off at 4 early that morning, and flew over London. We had three police forces and the army all out on alert, all the radio stations were clicking into it, and on all the motorways, as people were coming in to work, every single car had stopped. Everybody was out looking up at this thing; nothing was moving. We landed in a field. The police surrounded the field. It was a misty morning. This guy with his truncheon came towards the aircraft. We had an ET door that opened up and smoke coming out. We had a midget in this ET outfit, who

walked out, and this English bobby with his truncheon just tore off in the other direction!

"That was good. And when Pepsi launched their blue can in England, we found out when they were going to do their big launch event and on that same day, we took out full-page ads in all the newspapers with the Virgin can in blue and these words underneath: 'Special warning: If the can turns blue, the cola's flat.'"

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@From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>  
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@I wrote:  
@  
@>I didn't see any mention of the jerky movements often associated with FT  
@>sightings in these extracts.  
@>  
@>When witnesses describe fantastic acceleration from a standing  
@>start, do you know if they actually see the FT pulling away, or do they  
@>simply see it in another location which makes them think it's accelerated  
@>away at unearthly velocity.  
@  
@>An issue on which I'd like to hear Bruce's ..or of course any else's  
@>comments, is that if a witness sees bright lights close by, which suddenly  
@>move away at great speed, would the persistence of the eye draw a line  
@>between the two points ?  
@  
@>I'm thinking of the way lasers 'draw' patterns which are never really  
@there,  
@>it's just that eye recognises them because of the speed at which the laser  
@>tracks.  
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@  
@>>This is certainly true, as can be proved by staring at a distant  
@streetlight at night and then quickly >>turning your eyes to the side. You  
@can see a streak which persists for a small fraction of a >>second. This  
@is not a case of seeing a "spot before your eyes" which happens if you stare  
@at a >>very bright light and deplete the rhodopsin... in that case the spot  
@can persist for many seconds  
@>>to a minute or more.  
@  
@>>In fact, if you are looking at sodium vapor or mercury vapor streetlamps

@and  
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@because  
@>>the light goes on and off 60 or 50 times per second with the AC power.(Or  
@30 times if it acts >>like a rectifier... not sure)  
@  
@  
@Thanks Bruce - I knew I could count on you.  
@  
@So does anyone know of any FT sightings where this apparent sudden and  
@fantastic acceleration has produced light streaks ?  
@  
@If there are no light streaks, can we be sure that witnesses are in fact  
@observing any form of light, be it attached to a craft/balloon or simply a  
@projection, moving rapidly, or is it a different light source ?  
@  
@It occurs to me that the only reason you'd want 'festive lights' on a  
@vehicle would be if they were part of its camouflage. Otherwise they simply  
@advertise the fact that it's there.

Thinking from an "extraterrestrial" point of view, there are some other reasons these lights might be on vehicles:

1. They are part of a necessary "exhaust" of whatever drive the vehicle has.
2. The emitted light is not in the visible spectrum seen by the extraterrestrials, and they tend to ignore it. Infrared is not in our visible spectrum, but other animals can detect it. Imagine how our cars and planes look to them.
3. Intergalactic law requires navigation lights on all interplanetary vehicles.

Thinking from an earthly viewpoint:

1. Those unmanned recon vehicles have lights, to provide enough light for the cameras.
2. Fire balloons use candles for both propulsion and visibility. Usually these are pranks intended to make people see UFOs, but some have been used for amateur weather research (at least one science magazine detailed their construction for such purposes).
3. War veterans may have been reenacting the 50th anniversary of the French Underground's use of fire balloons by launching some. They were used to confound the Germans and make them waste ammo. (the Japanese also used them on our west coast, triggering an

"air raid" scare in LA in February 1942 -- sometimes touted as the first time we shot at UFOs.)

4. We has sort of a scare like this here in the '60s. A flashing triangle of 3 lights appeared momentarily every few seconds, moving in a straight line. One of the points of the triangle was to the rear, and a flat was to the front. It's apparent motion was shown by where it flashed next. What was it? It was a high altitude plane with high power strobe lights attached to the wings and tail. It belonged to a company that was taking aerial photos to make a new map of the area.

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Subject: Re: Rationale for the FT shape  
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Attached should be a copy of the full size graphic representation which Theresa Carlson made of her sighting.

In hindsight, I've never highlighted this striking evidence to the extent it maybe justifies.

Further to my question - are the Hauchuca mountains near a USAF base or testing range - there is of course Fort Hauchuca, which plays a role in US military intelligence.

It has a history of involvement in US Army military intelligence and currently based there seem to be:

U.S. Army Training & Doctrine Command  
U.S. Army Information Systems Command

The base has a web site at:

<http://huachuca-usaic.army.mil/>

I noticed the following news release:

"TASC, Inc., Reading, Mass., is being awarded a \$99,768 increment as part of a 5,874,159 dollar cost-plus-fixed-fee contract for the development of theoretical foundations and innovation technologies that enable dynamic information control and subsequently to integrate and transition the resultant technologies into DoD pilot services and operational environments. Work will be performed in Reading, Mass., and is expected to be completed by March 17, 2002. Contract funds will not expire at the end of the current fiscal year. Bids were solicited by Commerce Business Daily/Broad Agency Announcement on May 8, 1998, and 27 bids were received. The U. S. Army Training & Doctrine Command, Fort Hauchuca, Ariz., is the contracting activity. (DABT63-99-C-0018)".

I wonder if the "DoD pilot services and operational environments" is related to 'Battle Command Battle Lab', also connected with Fort Hauchuca - see:

<http://cacfs.army.mil/index1.htm>  
<http://battlelabs.monroe.army.mil/location/btlcmd.htm>

James.

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In answer to James Easton (Fri Dec 03 09:21:14 1999 EST)

At least up to 1998, there was on the skunk-works  
group and on several UFO discussion groups a  
Terry Colvin who worked at Fort Huachuca:

[colvint@fhu.disa.mil](mailto:colvint@fhu.disa.mil)

Maybe he knows something?

Theresa Carlson's drawing looks like the "mean"  
Belgian triangle drawing, with the three steady  
white lights at the corners, but without the  
pulsating central red light.

Jean-Pierre Pharabod

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From: Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS Kinesiology <lrobins@indiana.edu>  
Subject: Re: Rationale for the FT shape

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@Cc: pharabod@in2p3.fr  
@Subject: Re: Rationale for the FT shape

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@On Wed, 1 Dec 1999, Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS Kinesiology wrote

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@> See my web page on the subject:

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@> <http://php.indiana.edu/~lrobins/candbal.htm>

@>

@> Please note that, while the design pictured is square, there have  
@> been triangular and hexagonal versions.

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@> Of course, a fire balloon is very small compared with the  
@> reported descriptions of most of these FTs, but it is also  
@> impossible for observers to determine size, distance, speed, or  
@> altitude when the object is farther than 10 m away. The most  
@> common type is made out of a dry-cleaner's garment bag.

@>

@> Fire balloons are silent, but many of the "humming" sounds  
@> associated with them actually came from nearby buildings or pole  
@> transformers.

@

@OK, I read this web page.

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@I am not really competent about other cases, but I think that  
@fire balloons can't explain the Belgian wave (maybe some cases,  
@but not all):

@1. I don't think that they can illuminate parts of the ground  
@(or, in some cases, witnesses themselves) like car headlights:

@Eupen, 1989/11/29, 17h30, 1 witness: "a very neat area of  
@the road was illuminated"

@Jallay, 1989/11/29, 18h30-18h45, 1 witness

@Herve, 1989/11/29, 2 witnesses  
@La Calamine, 1989/11/29, 2 witnesses + 3 witnesses (not same)  
@Natoye, 1989/12/12, 21h30, 4 witnesses  
@(and other cases...)

This is a very common feature of fire balloon cases. In most cases, it results from the dark adaptation of the witness increasing their sensitivity to light so they see it as bright as a non-adapted person would see a pool of light from car headlights. Of course, candles couldn't outshine a real car's headlights if they were present, but some fire balloons have been made from flares instead.

@2. I don't think that they can make 180 degrees turns and @describe loops. For example:  
@Ernage, 1989/12/11, 18h45, 2 witnesses (Lt.Col. Amond and @his wife). By the way, I met them in Bruxelles in February @1991, and discussed with Lt.Col. Amond, who seems perfectly @normal.

What the witnesses are describing in some cases is the swinging and oscillating of the bag (all of it but the bottom is invisible). In other cases, winds really do make such turns, especially near a stand of trees. One time, I watched an escaped child's balloon go round and round in a clearing before it finally escaped out the top. Similarly, I have seen vertical loops of wind carrying debris. No, a fire balloon can't actually loop the loop like a plane does, but it can follow such a path remaining nearly upright.

@3. I don't think that, in a group of 4 lights obtained @with such balloons (3 whitish at the corners of the "triangle", @and 1 reddish at the center), the central one can detach itself, @describe an autonomous trajectory, and even come back and @re-attach itself:  
@Eupen, 1989/11/29, 19h30, 2 witnesses (gendarmes) (in this @case the central light did not come back, but went away in @another direction)  
@Jemeppe-sur-Sambre, 1989/12/11, 18h50, 2 witnesses (the @central light re-attached itself after having come at @close distance from the witnesses - a few meters, just @above the ground).

Some questions:

Did the central light leave the vicinity of the triangle? If not,

it might have been a reflection of one of the other lights off parts of the balloon, or from "hangies" (strips of foil hung from the balloon to make it sparkle and appear on RADAR).

When the central light approached witnesses, did it move laterally to their line of vision, or only radially? At night, it is impossible to determine whether a distant light has brightened, expanded in size, or moved toward the witness. Fire balloons are notorious for making sudden rushes directly toward the witness (brightening) or rushing away at high speed (dimming until they go out).

Was the central light seen to actually return to the object, or was it "there again" after the moving central light disappeared? Putting fireworks in a fire balloon, to be ignited by a candle as it burns down, is a common trick. Another common description is that the object dropped bombs or fired missiles at the ground. In each case, a falling candle or flare produced this effect. If the last candle falls, the object shoots "toward the horizon" at fantastic speed.

A related effect is that birds tend to circle fire balloons and be reported as "satellite objects." Actually, they are eating the bugs attracted to the fire balloon.

Another thought will be presented below.

@4. I don't think that such a balloon, when it comes at  
@such a close distance, looks like a cluster of 10 to 20  
@small red lights, the whole thing having approximately  
@the size of a car (Jemeppe-sur-Sambre case, quoted above -  
@of course this assumes that the witnesses did not lie/  
@hallucinate, were not victims of an optical illusion)

Must I repeat it again and again? Any unidentified object in the night sky that is farther away than thirty feet **LOSES ALL SIZE AND DISTANCE INFORMATION** to an observer on the ground, unless special instrumentation (and training) is used!

The "size of a car" is the witnesses' guess without data. Most UFO witnesses tend to guess the size of a man carrying vehicle under such circumstances. It is not a question of the witness lying, but a question of how much information the witness actually had, and how much his subconscious supplied to fill in gaps.

The candles of a fire balloon tend to reflect off of the bottom of the bag, creating effects like lots of tiny lights, or long

rectangular windows. Again, this is a ubiquitous effect of the fire balloon.

@5. There is an interesting daytime sighting:  
@Pont-de-Loup, 1990/04/22, 8h25, 2 witnesses. Here the  
@quasi-triangular object was hovering or slowly moving  
@vertically, one angle down, two angles up, illuminated  
@by the rising sun; however the lights were still visible.  
@Of course, this assumes that the witnesses did not lie/  
@hallucinate, were not victims of an optical illusion.

My other thought: A triangular kite with lights attached to the ends of the sticks. I have done this myself in an experiment. There is also a neat device that allows a kite to drop an object to slide down the kite string at the bidding of the "pilot," and another device that can send an object up the string.

@6. During the night April 22-23, 1990, two witnesses in  
@the court of their factory at Basecles saw the "object"  
@flying at very low altitude over them, and very low speed.  
@They noticed (or thought so) rectangular plates between  
@the front and rear lights, the object looking like an  
@"aircraft carrier upside down". They estimated the length  
@of the object, which covered more than the court of the  
@factory, at 100 meters or more. No noise at all; the  
@object flew slowly over them for more than one minute.  
@Of course, this assumes that they did not lie/hallucinate,  
@were not victims of an optical illusion.

This is again based on an estimate of size and distance without data. Their estimate of size was based on their guess of how far away it was and vice versa. We do not know (and have no way of knowing) if the object was actually smaller and closer, or larger and farther. Oh, how I wish that multiple witnesses would separate and try to triangulate when confronted by an unknown object.

On a fire balloon, the "plates" might have been the bag or understructure reflecting the candlelight.

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One of my favorite accounts was of a witness who was fishing from a boat near New Albany IN on October 17, 1973. He saw a lighted

object that seemed "larger than a semi" (65 ft) hovering almost overhead. Then it moved close to a nearby tree, which it illuminated the FRONT of. His depth perception recalibrated to the tree, and he realized how small and close it really was. He cast his fishline, caught the fire balloon, and took his catch to the Floyd County Sheriff as evidence of what was causing the October 1973 UFO wave here in Indiana.

Three days earlier, a policeman in Linton described another fire balloon as "a flying two-story house with golden transparent rooms." Later a juvenile admitted launching it.

In Jefferson County KY, on February 26, 1993, after receiving many reports of a large UFO from citizens, police dispatched a helicopter to investigate. The helicopter chased a lighted object, which was reported to have made "ramming attacks" on it. The object was described as being extremely maneuverable. A man called the next day and said he had sent the fire balloon up as an experiment to measure air currents. He said he didn't dream that his amateur balloon would cause so much trouble. Again, observers misjudged the distance and size, even though they saw it against the city lights below at times. The downwash of the rotors also caused the object to dodge, and eventually put out the candles.

On October 18, 1973, thousands at a high school football game saw a UFO over the stadium. A police helicopter was dispatched, and witnesses saw it trying in vain to get close to the object, which repeatedly dodged the helicopter. It was another fire balloon, proven when police watched it fall and recovered it. Again, misjudgement of size and rotor downwash contributed to an effect of extreme maneuverability.

See what I mean about witness size descriptions?

@Jean-Pierre Pharabod

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On Fri, 3 Dec 1999, James Easton wrote:

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@Subject: Re: Rationale for the FT shape  
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@UFO Research List - <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/>  
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@Regarding:

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@>From: "David" <win@dircon.co.uk>  
@>To: "UFO Research List" <UFORL@listbot.com>  
@>Subject: Re: Rationale for the FT shape  
@>Date: Wed, 1 Dec 1999 16:30:14 -0000

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@David wrote:

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@>I didn't see any mention of the jerky movements often associated  
@>with FT sightings in these extracts.

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@David,

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@Although this is a reported attribute I'm aware of, it doesn't  
@often feature. However, a couple of accounts where it's mentioned  
@are particularly notable testimonies.

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@The first comes from Jay Ward and was posted in 1994 to, if I  
@recall, alt paranet.ufo:

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@"In the summer of 1975, I saw a pair of triangular objects while  
@stargazing with binoculars. At the time, I assumed that they must  
@have been aircraft. But it's been a long time since then, and I  
@haven't ever seen any airplanes, or whatever, that even remotely  
@resemble the objects I saw.

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@I was laying on the ground, looking through a pair of 20 power  
@binoculars. My feet were pointed east, and the binoculars were  
@pointed slightly to the right of straight up, at about the one  
@o'clock position. Something went through my field of vision,  
@moving right to left. I caught up to it quickly, and saw two

@objects flying in close formation, one in front, and the other  
@behind, and to the right. They were both the same size, shaped  
@like equilateral triangles with straight edges, flying point  
@forward. Their color appeared to be flat slate gray, against a  
@deep black sky. There were no features, and I saw no lights, or  
@glow of any kind. They appeared to be illuminated by the city  
@lights. It looked something like this:

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@[NOTE: You need to select a 'fixed font' and increase the line  
@length for this to make sense - James]

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@There was something very peculiar about the way they looked as  
@they flew. The craft in front appeared more steady than the  
@trailing one, and the distance between them fluctuated randomly,  
@varying from nearly touching, to a maximum of a triangle length.  
@When the rear one began to lag, it would suddenly snap back to a  
@comfortable distance from the front one. My impression was, that  
@it looked as though they were being manually controlled by  
@pilots, and as if they had very high power to weight ratio, and  
@like they were somewhat hard to control.

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@I watched them for about 8 to 12 seconds. During that time, they  
@maintained a due north heading, and covered about 80 to 90  
@degrees of azimuth. After I lost sight of them, I waited for

@several minutes for any sound. I heard nothing.

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@The binoculars were 20x50, with a field of view of 157 feet at  
@1000 yards. If you assume that the objects were about 100 feet  
@long, and took up about 1/3 of the field of view, then their  
@altitude would be 2000 yards, or 6000 feet, and their speed would  
@be 568 mph. That seems pretty conventional, but I think I would  
@have heard jets at that altitude. Furthermore, what jets have a  
@perfect equilateral silhouette? The closest thing I can think of,  
@is the B58 Hustler. But my view was clear enough, that I could  
@have seen the little bit of fuselage in the front and back of the  
@delta wing.

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@I probably blew the simple geometry I used for the altitude and  
@speed calculations, but I've given enough facts that one could  
@calculate height and speed for any craft of a known size.

That's assuming that you know either the size or the distance  
with any accuracy at all. Why does everyone assume a size  
consistent with a man-carrying vehicle?

Could they have been any of the following?

Hang gliders (they were popular that year)

Ultralights (which are fairly silent, and existed then)

Paper airplanes (the neighbor kid might have created something  
for that guy with binoculars to see)

Lens reflections inside the binoculars

Windblown debris

Only one object, doubled by a failure of the eyes to synchronize  
properly

I saw a peacock blue crescent (tips down) with a gray triangle  
under it, flying over our city in the daytime. It was an  
ultralight with a parawing. I heard no noise during the sighting,  
and it was less than half a mile away (2640 ft), since I was near  
the airport, and it landed there.

@If anyone has any information about similar sightings, I'd love  
@to hear about it.

@[End]

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@At that time, according to Jay's e-mail address, he was employed  
@by Lockheed.

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@Theresa Carlson, whose exceptional work in analysing the 'alien  
@autopsy' footage was a lesson in objectivity, also witnessed a  
@triangular shaped object, "in southern Arizona near the Mexican  
@border. In the foothills of the Hauchuca mountains".

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@She described:

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@ "The one I saw didn't have the light in the middle. Just the one  
@on each corner. It went out of sight behind the mountains. But  
@for almost a minute, I watched it hover, 'jump', hover, 'jump'  
@etc. I say 'jump' because it wasn't a smooth motion. It was  
@almost like it was hopping. Not any motion that I had seen  
@before, nor have I seen it since. It caught my attention because  
@I thought it should fall out of the sky doing that".

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@Theresa kindly provided a computer generated image of what she  
@recalled seeing and I've attached a 'thumbnail' copy of this.

Could it be a kite? They are jerky.

@>

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@Theresa kindly provided a computer generated image of what she  
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It didn't make it here.

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@David and list,  
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@Slight technical problem - Theresa's depiction is hopefully now  
@attached.

It did get here. Using our viewer, I have to reply before viewing  
the next letter, or I lose certain editing features.

@James.  
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In answer to Larry Robinson (Fri Dec 03 10:49:07 1999 EST)

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Point 2. The object seen by Lt.Col Amond and his wife did "loop the loop" (according to their testimony)

Point 3. Eupen, 1989/11/29

In that case the light slightly dropped vertically, then went away horizontally (I think it was at "moderate" speed but I have to check that).

Jemeppe-sur-Sambre, 1989/12/11

The central light was seen to actually return to the object.

Note that this sighting at Jemeppe-sur-Sambre occurred just after the Amond's sighting near Ernage, about 10 km north of Jemeppe-sur-Sambre. The Amond saw the object flying away to the south "at high speed" at the end of their sighting.

Point 4. Jemeppe-sur-Sambre, 1989/12/11

The witnesses said that the cluster of lights was only a few meters away. If we assume that this was 10 meters or less, then their "size of a car" estimate is not bad. If in fact the cluster was further away, it's size had to be bigger (for example, if it were 100 meters away, the linear size of this cluster would have been 10 times the linear size of a car, and its volume 1000 times the volume of a car - very rough reasoning, I agree)

Point 6. The front of the object had already disappeared beyond the end of the court of the factory, and the rear part was still behind the beginning of this court (defining "end" and "beginning" with respect to the motion of the object). I shall read again the size of this court, my memory is 50 meters but I am not sure. I am rather skeptical about this testimony, because it looks too much like the Star Wars space cruiser...

The only triangulation made, from the testimonies of witnesses who observed the object from two different locations at Basecles, in December 1989, gives:  
basis of the isocèle quasi-triangle: about 50 meters  
length of each of the 2 other sides: about 60 meters

Jean-Pierre Pharabod

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The following has just been received from Steve Douglass,  
courtesy of his 'Interceptors' newsgroup:

Intercepts Online should be back up on the new server later  
today. Thanks for your patience.

In the meanwhile, find attached two mysterious squadron patches  
obtained by military aircraft writer and historian (not to  
mention one of the first Interceptors) Jim Goodall. Are they the  
from the squadron flying one of the unacknowledged (black)  
aircraft projects we've all been chasing? Because I'm so very  
interested in finding out, I've decided to tap the wellspring of  
information that is our 'Intercepts Network Newsgroup'. Comments  
please!

If anyone recognizes them..knows what unit wears these patches,  
please let me know.

Steve "static" Douglass.

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I've appended the squadron patches - does anyone recognise them?

The triangular-shaped patch - a triangle inside a triangle - is

particularly interesting!

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The 'continents' [which, curiously, don't appear to resemble same] are outlined in red - what is that small triangular-shape, not outlined, at the top of the patch meant to represent.

More symbolic mysteries than a Knights Templar icon.

James.

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Subject: Re: USAF PatchesMessage-id:  
<002c01bf3e47\$e38afc80\$b03b70c2@davew>  
References: <00db01bf3df3\$29607dc0\$a11686d4@cis.compuserve.com>

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I too fell asleep at the wheel during Latin., so I'm no scholar but dredging up some words which stuck for some reason: caecus means blind and cClassis means a group of people (sometimes called to arms). A blind army ?

De is from or of - Multa is a penalty -Don't know nocte, but noctesco means to grow dark. so 'De multa nocte' could mean something like '

Date: Sat, 04 Dec 1999 08:05:26 -0700  
From: Martin Jasek <mjjasek@yknet.yk.ca>  
Subject: Re: The 'Yukon' CaseMessage-id: <38492DB6.1CFC0028@yknet.yk.ca>  
References: <Pine.HPP.3.96.991122091052.1565B-100000@juliet.ucs.indiana.edu>

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Larry

My Responses below:

Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS wrote:

> UFO Research List - <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/>  
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> On Sat, 20 Nov 1999, Martin Jasek wrote:  
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> @Date: Sat, 20 Nov 1999 20:20:06 -0700  
> @From: Martin Jasek <mjjasek@yknet.yk.ca>  
> @> @To: UFO Research List <UFORL@listbot.com>  
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Date: Sun, 05 Dec 1999 15:11:18 +0100  
From: Edoardo Russo <edoardo.russo@torino.ALPcom.it>  
Subject: Re: USAF Patches

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Hello Jim!

At 01.01 04/12/99 +0000, James Easton wrote:

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>In the meanwhile, find attached two mysterious squadron patches

>I've appended the squadron patches - does anyone recognise them?

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From: David <win@dircon.co.uk>  
Subject: Re: USAF PatchesMessage-id:  
<000801bf3f44\$64648ae0\$18209dc3@davew>  
References: <3.0.2.32.19991205151118.006e45c4@email.alpcom.it>

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Thanks Edoardo, just to prove I'm not imagining it here's a ref:

Lewis & Short Latin Dictionary

" multa (mulcta), ae, f. [Sabine, acc. to Varr. ap. Gell. 11, 1, 5; Oscan,  
acc. to Paul. ex Fest. p. 142 Müll.], a penalty involving loss of  
property..."

I make a point of not asking " from the multitude of blind people in the  
night," so that's OK :)

Next question: what does it mean ? I read the words, BUT.....!

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<003701bf3f55\$2fa9f220\$2a1486d4@cis.compuserve.com>

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Any advances on this?

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From: Edoardo Russo <edoardo.russo@torino.ALPcom.it>  
Subject: Re: USAF Patches

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Hello Jim!

At 19.18 05/12/99 +0000, James Easton wrote:

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>used to describe a group of ships that moved together.

Maybe so, but also "class" or "group".

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Not so: classis is either nominative or genitive, while caece is ablative:  
an attribute must be consistent with the name both as of number, gender and  
case.

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As I told you, indeed.

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Er... no: if it's Latin we cannot combine words as we like, without having  
them to match by case/number/gender, as I said.

A more literal translation would rather be: "Ask not about the late (?)  
blind night of class" [whatever THAT may mean].

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[I never meant to imply that: I perfectly know that meaning, too (in Italian ["penalty" is still called "multa", BTW). I should have written "in the present context, multa is not a penalty but...". Ok?

Absolutely OK Edoardo. I didn't mean to sound like I was upset. I'm grateful for your input.

Putting the meaning to one side for a second - I wonder how common is it for US patches to feature Latin phrases ?

I remember when Stu Brown sent me an early Groom Lake patch which they'd dreamed up.

It looked authentic and used the correct colour protocols - an important factor apparently. Anyway, the point is, that it looked real but was of course a gag.

Could the first patch relate to the F-22 Raptor which is of course a bird of prey ?

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From: Bill Rose <bill.rose@virgin.net>  
Subject: Trent PhotoMessage-id: <384B0596.5167@virgin.net>

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Re: Trent Photo/The Mary Evans Picture Library Copy.

Larry,

I believe that I've now established (by making a direct photographic comparison between the various Trent pictures) that the image used in John Spencer's book does contain essentially the same UFO as the original Trent picture, although this version undoubtedly lost some detail during a cut and paste job or copying.

It has exactly the same orientation/overall shape as the original and I can see no reason to suspect it is Chrysler hub cap or a model.

Of course, you are right, this colored picture is not exactly authentic, but I'm sure you would agree that an image in a paperback is not suited to serious detailed analysis.

Even a photograph that looks pretty good in a book or magazine, will probably have all sorts of inbuilt technical faults such as distortion and will suffer from reduced resolution in comparison to a print made on photographic paper.

Of course, it would be useful to have a picture like this captioned as a representation rather than a reasonably accurate reproduction.

But that said, I doubt if there are many publishers who would really care much one way or the other, providing the illustration looked good!

Bill

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Edoardo,

It appears that my current e-mail software - 'Outlook Express' - is sending mail from the 'outbox' when it is still being composed.

Apologies for the duplicate mail and a warning to all who now use this software; the explanation seems to be that if the option to 'check for new messages every [insert time] minutes' is enabled, it will also send anything in the 'outbox' - completed or otherwise.

[I usually have this option disabled and reset it earlier today - now duly 'switched off' permanently.]

James.  
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From: Chris Gibson <cgibson@skomer.u-net.com>  
Subject: Re: USAF PatchesMessage-id: <E11usTj-0003Ga-00@serv1.is1.u-net.net>

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Chaps,

Perhaps "You ain't seen me. Right"?

Ok, serious now, my big book of USAF patches in the World Air Power USAF Air Power Directory shows only one with Latin text

116th Fighter Wing - "Vincent Amor Patriae" and it has triangles on it.

The US Navy and Marines have some Latin text, eg VS-33 "Fortes Fortuna Juvat" but Latin appears to be the exception rather than the rule.

The RAF on the other hand, love it

Patches are probably like nose art in that even an individual aircraft or crew could have a patch knocked up.

I tried tracking down a badge seen at White Sands a few years ago and contacted Stewart Aviation in Market Harborough. They suggested I contact a bloke called Julian Donald. I tried him a few months ago, but the numbers I have are dead, so perhaps he's moved. If some-one (Bill? Dave? could forward the image attachments to my terrestrial address at DMU, I might run it past these chaps

The patch I tried to check had an rearing cobra with a beam of light coming from its eyes towards an isosceles delta (Oh No! Not again!) and was seen adorning a vehicle at White Sands during Roving Sands. When our man returned next morning with a camera, it had been sprayed out.

Nolle illegitemum carborundum.

Chris

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From: John Burtenshaw <jburtens@bournemouth.ac.uk>  
Subject: Re: USAF Patches

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>the 'global net'. Has our theoretical aircraft known to be  
>perceived as a star in the sky (many 'triangle' reports mention  
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The star in the US appears to be in a position which could be Area 51 in Nevada.

Cheers

John Burtenshaw

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From: John Burtenshaw <jburtens@bournemouth.ac.uk>  
Subject: Re: USAF Patches

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James asked...

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furtim: by stealth, stealthily.  
occulte: secretly, in secret, by stealth

Cheers

John

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Subject: Re: USAF Patches

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@means a group of people (sometimes called to arms). A blind army ?  
@  
@De is from or of - Multa is a penalty -Don't know nocte, but noctesco means  
@to grow dark. so 'De multa nocte' could mean something like '

Date: Mon, 06 Dec 1999 17:50:19 +0100 (MET)  
From: "J. Pharabod" <pharabod@in2p3.fr>  
Subject: Re: Rationale for the FT shape  
X-Authentication-warning: polhp2.in2p3.fr: pharabod owned process doing -bs

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I receive again the messages from UFORL (it seems that our lab had some problems with mail from some sources), and I have the SOBEPS books handy, so I can reply more clearly to Larry Robinson.

On Fri, 3 Dec 1999, Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS Kinesiology wrote:

> On Thu, 2 Dec 1999, J. Pharabod wrote:  
>  
> @On Wed, 1 Dec 1999, Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS Kinesiology wrote  
> @  
> @> See my web page on the subject:  
> @>  
> @> <http://php.indiana.edu/~lrobins/candbal.htm>  
> @>  
> @> Please note that, while the design pictured is square, there have  
> @> been triangular and hexagonal versions.  
> @>  
> @> Of course, a fire balloon is very small compared with the  
> @> reported descriptions of most of these FTs, but it is also  
> @> impossible for observers to determine size, distance, speed, or  
> @> altitude when the object is farther than 10 m away. The most  
> @> common type is made out of a dry-cleaner's garment bag.  
> @>  
> @> Fire balloons are silent, but many of the "humming" sounds  
> @> associated with them actually came from nearby buildings or pole  
> @> transformers.  
> @  
> @OK, I read this web page.  
> @  
> @I am not really competent about other cases, but I think that  
> @fire balloons can't explain the Belgian wave (maybe some cases,  
> @but not all):  
>  
> @1. I don't think that they can illuminate parts of the ground  
> @ (or, in some cases, witnesses themselves) like car headlights:  
> @Eupen, 1989/11/29, 17h30, 1 witness: "a very neat area of  
> @the road was illuminated"  
> @Jallay, 1989/11/29, 18h30-18h45, 1 witness  
> @Herve, 1989/11/29, 2 witnesses  
> @La Calamine, 1989/11/29, 2 witnesses + 3 witnesses (not same)

> @Natoye, 1989/12/12, 21h30, 4 witnesses

> @(and other cases...)

>

> This is a very common feature of fire balloon cases. In most

> cases, it results from the dark adaptation of the witness

> increasing their sensitivity to light so they see it as bright as

> a non-adapted person would see a pool of light from car

> headlights. Of course, candles couldn't outshine a real car's

> headlights if they were present, but some fire balloons have been

> made from flares instead.

>

There are also cases where the ground was said to be illuminated

like a football field during a night competition, but I will not

insist on this point.

>

> @2. I don't think that they can make 180 degrees turns and

> @describe loops. For example:

> @Ernage, 1989/12/11, 18h45, 2 witnesses (Lt.Col. Amond and

> @his wife). By the way, I met them in Bruxelles in February

> @1991, and discussed with Lt.Col. Amond, who seems perfectly

> @normal.

>

> What the witnesses are describing in some cases is the swinging

> and oscillating of the bag (all of it but the bottom is

> invisible). In other cases, winds really do make such turns,

> especially near a stand of trees. One time, I watched an escaped

> child's balloon go round and round in a clearing before it

> finally escaped out the top. Similarly, I have seen vertical

> loops of wind carrying debris. No, a fire balloon can't actually

> loop the loop like a plane does, but it can follow such a path

> remaining nearly upright.

>

According to Lt.Col. Amond, the object really described a complete

loop, before going again towards south. The total time of observation

was about 8 minutes. At the end of the Amonds' sighting, the object

disappeared "very quickly" towards south. I don't know if it was

really at high speed, that's just his impression. What is interesting

is that effectively the object was seen at 18h50 10 km south of

the Amonds' sighting, at Jemeppe-sur-Sambre, by two witnesses who

described a very strange behavior of the central red light (see

below).

>

> @3. I don't think that, in a group of 4 lights obtained

> @with such balloons (3 whitish at the corners of the "triangle",

> @and 1 reddish at the center), the central one can detach itself,

> @describe an autonomous trajectory, and even come back and

> @re-attach itself:

> @Eupen, 1989/11/29, 19h30, 2 witnesses (gendarmes) (in this

> @case the central light did not come back, but went away in

> @another direction)

- > @Jemeppe-sur-Sambre, 1989/12/11, 18h50, 2 witnesses (the
- > @central light re-attached itself after having come at
- > @close distance from the witnesses - a few meters, just
- > @above the ground).

>

> Some questions:

>

- > Did the central light leave the vicinity of the triangle? If not,
- > it might have been a reflection of one of the other lights off
- > parts of the balloon, or from "hangies" (strips of foil hung
- > from the balloon to make it sparkle and appear on RADAR).

Yes, it did leave this vicinity. In the Eupen area, on 1989/11/29, around 19h30, the light was seen to drop vertically, then to go away horizontally towards Conratte, while the triangular object continued towards Aachen (Germany). Problem: towards Aachen means towards North-North-East, but I could not find Conratte on any of my library maps... (any Belgian here?). If the difference between the angular directions was great, that would go against the fire balloon hypothesis. Speed of this central light during its autonomous motion is not specified.

- > When the central light approached witnesses, did it move
- > laterally to their line of vision, or only radially? At night, it
- > is impossible to determine whether a distant light has
- > brightened, expanded in size, or moved toward the witness. Fire
- > balloons are notorious for making sudden rushes directly toward
- > the witness (brightening) or rushing away at high speed (dimming
- > until they go out).

>

- > Was the central light seen to actually return to the object, or
- > was it "there again" after the moving central light disappeared?

In the Jemeppe-sur-Sambre case (1989/12/11, around 18h50) the central light was seen to actually return to the object. In fact this happened twice, but only the first time this light came very close to the witnesses, at a distance which they estimate a few meters ("quelques metres", which in French is generally between "deux ou trois" = a couple, and "une dizaine" = about ten). Of course maybe this estimation was wrong (and once again all this assumes that they did not lie/hallucinate).

- > Putting fireworks in a fire balloon, to be ignited by a candle as
- > it burns down, is a common trick. Another common description is
- > that the object dropped bombs or fired missiles at the ground. In
- > each case, a falling candle or flare produced this effect. If the
- > last candle falls, the object shoots "toward the horizon" at
- > fantastic speed.

>

- > A related effect is that birds tend to circle fire balloons and

- > be reported as "satellite objects." Actually, they are eating the
- > bugs attracted to the fire balloon.
- >
- > Another thought will be presented below.
- >
- > @4. I don't think that such a balloon, when it comes at
- > @such a close distance, looks like a cluster of 10 to 20
- > @small red lights, the whole thing having approximately
- > @the size of a car (Jemeppe-sur-Sambre case, quoted above -
- > @of course this assumes that the witnesses did not lie/
- > @hallucinate, were not victims of an optical illusion)
- >
- > Must I repeat it again and again? Any unidentified object in the
- > night sky that is farther away than thirty feet LOSES ALL SIZE
- > AND DISTANCE INFORMATION to an observer on the ground, unless
- > special instrumentation (and training) is used!

I am absolutely sorry that I did not specify that I wrote that only because the witnesses estimated the distance to be less than, or maybe around, ten meters.

- >
- > The "size of a car" is the witnesses' guess without data. Most
- > UFO witnesses tend to guess the size of a man carrying vehicle
- > under such circumstances. It is not a question of the witness
- > lying, but a question of how much information the witness
- > actually had, and how much his subconscious supplied to fill in
- > gaps.

If the witnesses correctly estimated the distance, then the size information was not bad (see above). If the light was far away, for example 100 meters, then the linear size estimation, roughly speaking, was ten times too small, and the volume estimation one thousand times too small. Since the central light is only a small part of the whole "triangle", that would mean that the "triangle" was really huge.

- > The candles of a fire balloon tend to reflect off of the bottom
- > of the bag, creating effects like lots of tiny lights, or long
- > rectangular windows. Again, this is a ubiquitous effect of the
- > fire balloon.
- >

- > @5. There is an interesting daytime sighting:
- > @Pont-de-Loup, 1990/04/22, 8h25, 2 witnesses. Here the
- > @quasi-triangular object was hovering or slowly moving
- > @vertically, one angle down, two angles up, illuminated
- > @by the rising sun; however the lights were still visible.
- > @Of course, this assumes that the witnesses did not lie/
- > @hallucinate, were not victims of an optical illusion.
- >

- > My other thought: A triangular kite with lights attached to the
- > ends of the sticks. I have done this myself in an experiment.
- > There is also a neat device that allows a kite to drop an object
- > to slide down the kite string at the bidding of the "pilot," and
- > another device that can send an object up the string.
- >

I also thought of that a long time ago, but the object was also slowly and continuously rotating around its vertical axis, showing the face with the lights, then left (or right) profile, then the face without the lights, then right (or left) profile.

I may be wrong, but I don't think that kites can do that (at least I don't remember having seen that). Also, there was mist from times to times this morning, which generally (except sometimes near sea side when there is what we call "brume de mer") means that there is not much wind.

- > @6. During the night April 22-23, 1990, two witnesses in
- > @the court of their factory at Basecles saw the "object"
- > @flying at very low altitude over them, and very low speed.
- > @They noticed (or thought so) rectangular plates between
- > @the front and rear lights, the object looking like an
- > @"aircraft carrier upside down". They estimated the length
- > @of the object, which covered more than the court of the
- > @factory, at 100 meters or more. No noise at all; the
- > @object flew slowly over them for more than one minute.
- > @Of course, this assumes that they did not lie/hallucinate,
- > @were not victims of an optical illusion.
- >

> This is again based on an estimate of size and distance without data. Their estimate of size was based on their guess of how far away it was and vice versa. We do not know (and have no way of knowing) if the object was actually smaller and closer, or larger and farther. Oh, how I wish that multiple witnesses would separate and try to triangulate when confronted by an unknown object.

- >
- > On a fire balloon, the "plates" might have been the bag
- > or understructure reflecting the candlelight.
- >

I have now the dimensions of the court of the factory, which the witnesses saw (or said they saw) completely covered by the alleged craft. It's a trapeze, little basis 30 meters, great basis 50 meters, height (distance between the bases) 100 meters. It is not specified if the object flew over the court across its great dimension, which would mean that its length was more than 100 meters, or across the little one, which would be compatible with the triangulation made at Basecles in December 1989 (basis 50 meters, height 55 meters, approximately).

Once again, this last testimony seems rather suspect to me. I never met the witnesses (I met Amond and his wife), I have no element about their psychology (there are elements about the witnesses at Jemeppe-sur-Sambre, who seem respectable husband and wife, and were so shocked that they could not speak each other about what they had seen during several hours). Maybe the two witnesses in the factory had just seen Star Wars (when was that given in Europe?) and decided to describe a space cruiser...

Jean-Pierre Pharabod

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Date: Mon, 06 Dec 1999 18:44:40 +0100  
From: Edoardo Russo <edoardo.russo@torino.ALPcom.it>  
Subject: Latin and that USAF Patches

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Hello Jim!

At 02.27 06/12/99 +0000, James Easton wrote:

>  
>As CLASSIS ROMANA was the Latin term for the Roman navy and  
>PORTUS CLASSIS means 'Port of the Fleet', I still suspect that  
>CLASSIS CAECE is intended to mean the blind/unseen fleet', (or  
>brought up to date, the 'unseen squadron').

The problem is that CLASSIS and CAECE do not match: the first is either a nominative or a genitive; the latter is an ablative. You cannot put'em together.

As of:

>>Many nights should be plural (multis noctibus). I can't remember  
>>ever having met "multa nocte" meaning "late at night", but I  
>>will check.

a list member privately sent me the following references:

><http://ccat.sas.upenn.edu/~jod/AG/allgre.293.html>  
>  
>"...in sera (multa) nocte, late at night..."

That's interesting, though "late" is SERA (and the meaning of that MULTA within parentheses is unclear).

>[www.csl-web.de/gebonn/internet/pbuecher/rez0507/annelt.htm](http://www.csl-web.de/gebonn/internet/pbuecher/rez0507/annelt.htm)  
>  
>[Latin:]  
>"Multa nocte dum alii dormiunt dominus van Daan furtive in  
>culinam procedit et alimentum edit."  
>  
>[Seven languages total at this site, offering translations  
>of Anne Frank's diary.]

The second reference is useless:

a) its Latin is really rudimentary and what we call "Macheronic Latin" (and I'm still ROFL at its Italian version);

b) the translation of that same sentence gives "one night" in English (and



Date: Mon, 06 Dec 1999 13:12:28 -0500 (EST)  
From: Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS Kinesiology <lrobins@indiana.edu>  
Subject: Re: The 'Yukon' Case

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On Sat, 4 Dec 1999, Martin Jasek wrote:

@Date: Sat, 04 Dec 1999 08:05:26 -0700  
@From: Martin Jasek <mjjasek@yknet.yk.ca>  
@@To: UFO Research List <UFORL@listbot.com>  
@Subject: Re: The 'Yukon' Case  
@  
@UFO Research List - <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/>  
@  
@Larry  
@  
@My Responses below:  
@  
@Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS wrote:  
@  
@> UFO Research List - <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/>  
@>  
@> On Sat, 20 Nov 1999, Martin Jasek wrote:  
@>  
@> @Date: Sat, 20 Nov 1999 20:20:06 -0700  
@> @From: Martin Jasek <mjjasek@yknet.yk.ca>  
@> @@> @To: UFO Research List <UFORL@listbot.com>  
@> @Subject: Re: The 'Yukon' Case  
@>  
@>  
@> @

Date: Mon, 06 Dec 1999 19:04:16 -0500  
From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>  
Subject: Trent Photo

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I have tried twice to upload .jpg copies of the Trent photos (scanned prints made from the original negatives) to this list/. Each time it gets kicked back... file too large!

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Date: Tue, 07 Dec 1999 18:43:10 +0000  
From: James Easton <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
Subject: Re: Trent PhotoMessage-id:  
<001c01bf40e2\$e9966f40\$6a1486d4@cis.compuserve.com>

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Bruce wrote:

>I have tried twice to upload .jpg copies of the Trent photos  
>(scanned prints made from the original negatives) to this list/  
>Each time it gets kicked back... file too large!

Bruce,

There's a 100k limit for mail to any ListBot list.

If you're attaching more than one image at the same time, it could take the total size above that limit.

If sending them separately doesn't help, then please forward the images to myself and I'll find a way of making them quickly available.

James.  
E-mail: [voyager@ukonline.co.uk](mailto:voyager@ukonline.co.uk)

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Date: Tue, 07 Dec 1999 17:09:26 -0500  
From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>  
Subject: Re: Trent Photo

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I have obtained the two photos mentioned by Bruce and placed them on my web site. They can be found at:

<http://www.konsulting.com/Trent/Trent1.jpg>

<http://www.konsulting.com/Trent/Trent2.jpg>

Date: Wed, 08 Dec 1999 14:10:08 +0000  
From: john spencer <ek57@dial.pipex.com>  
Subject: Re: Trent PhotoMessage-id:  
<00b601bf4186\$04a357a0\$8cc5fea9@oemcomputer>  
References: <384B0596.5167@virgin.net>

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I would just like to add to / confirm Bill's comment that although I obviously prefer a picture to be as authentic as possible when illustrating a book I don't feel concerned unless the picture is actually creating a lie, or perpetuating a myth (in which case I wouldn't knowingly use it). No book-illustration picture is really suitable for true research, an original print and preferably the neg are the only really useful sources I would think. Stretching, colouring, contrast-adjusting etc are all 'normal' publisher techniques none of which harm a general impression but all of which may harm any scientific analysis.

John Spencer

----- Original Message -----

From: Bill Rose <bill.rose@virgin.net>Sent: 06 December 1999 00:38  
Subject: Trent Photo

> UFO Research List - <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/>  
>  
> Re: Trent Photo/The Mary Evans Picture Library Copy.  
>  
> Larry,  
>  
> I believe that I've now established (by making a direct photographic  
> comparison between the various Trent pictures) that the image used in  
> John Spencer's book does contain essentially the same UFO as the  
> original Trent picture, although this version undoubtedly lost some  
> detail during a cut and paste job or copying.  
>  
> It has exactly the same orientation/overall shape as the original and I  
> can see no reason to suspect it is Chrysler hub cap or a model.  
>  
> Of course, you are right, this colored picture is not exactly authentic,  
> but I'm sure you would agree that an image in a paperback is not suited  
> to serious detailed analysis.  
>  
> Even a photograph that looks pretty good in a book or magazine, will  
> probably have all sorts of inbuilt technical faults such as distortion  
> and will suffer from reduced resolution in comparison to a print made on  
> photographic paper.  
>  
> Of course, it would be useful to have a picture like this captioned as  
> a representation rather than a reasonably accurate reproduction.

- > But that said, I doubt if there are many publishers who would really
- > care much one way or the other, providing the illustration looked good!
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- >
- > **Bill**
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Date: Wed, 08 Dec 1999 16:19:50 +0100 (MET)  
From: "J. Pharabod" <pharabod@in2p3.fr>  
Subject: SETI signals?Cc: nwm@acm.org, pharabod@in2p3.fr  
X-Authentication-warning: polhp2.in2p3.fr: pharabod owned process doing -bs

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(Preliminary remark: what follows has nothing to do with the recent HD119850 hoax)

I found on a French SETI discussion group a very interesting message, written by Norman Molhant, a scientist who lives in Canada and has a very broad scientific knowledge, especially in astronomy and physics. According to him, the SETI people have very probably already intercepted several dozens ET "messages", in fact very likely ET radar signals. He agreed that I forward this message (which he wrote on December 4, 1999, in answer to questions from a subscriber). I already heard and read that the SETI people had received apparently artificial messages, but did not what to do with them because they were not repetitive (see the probable explanation below). It is my understanding (according to some rumors) that a fraction (small or big, I don't know) of the SETI people think that these messages are of ET origin, but are happy that the SETI "protocole" asks that this kind of message had to be seen twice in the same area of space - this request prevents the turmoil which would happen if they say that they already have got the signals...

So, here it is:

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- > Is SETI a worthwhile search?
- > What I mean is that our chances of ever receiving a message are
- > so low that we can take for granted the eventual failure of SETI.
- > Consider for instance:
- > - the number of intelligent life forms that develop a civilization
- > able to send messages we could receive, i.e.: civilizations more
- > or less compatible with ours,

The "planetary radar"-like signals we already detect (the famous "Wow!"

was the first, Guglielmo Lemarchand's team in Argentina has detected 19 other similar signals, Horowitz's team in Harvard also has one or two dozen such detections) enable us to estimate that technological civilizations compatible with ours are aplenty in the Galaxy. There are probably hundreds of them within 1000 light-years, if not even more.

- > - la volonté de ces civilisations d'envoyer des signaux dans l'espace,
- > their willingness to broadcast signals in space,

We haven't detected any beacon or "call-for-contact" (QSO) signals yet. Maybe there are none. Signals detected up to now all seem similar to what planetary radars (used for scientific research) would send without any intention to attract attention. Furthermore, that's \*precisely\* our current attitude: the behavioural similitude is striking.

- > - do they send at random or do they now and target us,

Same remark: inasmuch as the signals already detected form a typical sample of what coherent radio signals there are to be detected in the Galaxy, one can expect that \*nobody\* is targeting us or transmitting a beacon signal.

- > - our ability to intercept the message, to recognize it as such and
- > to understand it ...

To intercept or detect the message: our capabilities in that direction are slowly getting better.

To recognize the message: the biggest problem is the absence of any repeat detection. That's understandable if the signals we detect are not messages but transmissions from planetary radars, as seems to be the case.

To understand the message: unless it is an actual QSO expertly designed to be easily understood by any technological society (i.e.: a radio "Rosetta stone"), we have but extremely poor odds to ever understand it.

- > There are so many unknowns therein that SETI starts to look more
- > like a wild gamble than a scientific project.

Depends on what one expects... ;^)

For a \*positive\* confirmation of the existence of extra-terrestrial intelligences, one must have repeat detections of either a beacon or a QSO signal, and that ... Maybe there are none. :^(

For a \*statistical\* confirmation that we are not alone in the Galaxy, one can dispute forever the validity of the signals already detected.

My personal opinion is that we have enough evidence already. ;^)  
We are not alone.

- > Furthermore, receiving a message isn't enough: one must know what to
- > do about it, with all the human risks this entails...

It seems to me that the odds of detecting an understandable message are

extremely low, because the probability that someone somewhere sends a QSO seems practically nil while any other message will most likely stay undecipherable.

So, I don't expect we'll be able to do anything with whatever signal we will finally accept as positive proof of the existence of ETI.

Hence the human risks look to me quite similar to those coming from the dissemination of any other scientific information.

- > And the worst problem is of course the speed of light.
- > It may be cool to receive a 50 000 years old message, but
- > establishing reciprocal contact is then out of the question.

Not necessarily. In 50 000 years, these people will certainly have made some technical progress. The odds that they still are at the same distance from us look pretty low to me. We will thus probably contact them much nearer to us, or else they aren't anywhere anymore. This is implicit in Fermi's paradox: the Galaxy must have already been "conquered" or "invaded" many times, the "conquerors" or "invaders" are in all likelihood much less warlike than one might fear and have patrolled our galactic neighbourhood since time immemorial. ;^)

- > Even a message sent from only 30 or 40 light-years away would be
- > problematical ...

Only for the \*sloooow\* conversation this would make. ;^)

The solution is clearly to skip an hypothetical dialogue in favour of a pair of monologues, i.e.: send info \*without\* waiting for an acknowledge. The authors of such a message will have made the same reasoning, so we can expect the message to be crammed full of information - if the detected signal is a QSO, of course! ^)

(first written in French, then translated into English by Norman Molhant himself)

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(was forwarded by Jean-Pierre Pharabod)

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From: Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS Kinesiology <lrobins@indiana.edu>  
Subject: Re: SETI signals?

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@@To: PROJECT-1947@aol.com, UFORL@listbot.com  
@Cc: nwm@acm.org, pharabod@in2p3.fr  
@Subject: SETI signals?

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@December 4, 1999, in answer to questions from  
@a subscriber). I already heard and read that  
@the SETI people had received apparently  
@artificial messages, but did not what to do  
@with them because they were not repetitive  
@(see the probable explanation below). It is  
@my understanding (according to some rumors)  
@that a fraction (small or big, I don't know)  
@of the SETI people think that these messages  
@are of ET origin, but are happy that the  
@SETI "protocole" asks that this kind of  
@message had to be seen twice in the same  
@area of space - this request prevents the  
@turmoil which would happen if they say that  
@they already have got the signals...

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@So, here it is:

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@> Is SETI a worthwhile search?  
@> What I mean is that our chances of ever receiving a message are  
@> so low that we can take for granted the eventual failure of SETI.  
@> Consider for instance:  
@> - the number of intelligent life forms that develop a civilization  
@> able to send messages we could receive, i.e.: civilizations more  
@> or less compatible with ours,  
@  
@The "planetary radar"-like signals we already detect (the famous "Wow!"  
@was the first, Guglielmo Lemarchand's team in Argentina has detected 19  
@other similar signals, Horowitz's team in Harvard also has one or two  
@dozen such detections) enable us to estimate that technological  
@civilizations compatible with ours are aplenty in the Galaxy. There  
@are probably hundreds of them within 1000 light-years, if not even more.

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Date: Thu, 09 Dec 1999 00:43:32 +0000  
From: James Easton <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
Subject: Trent PhotosMessage-id:  
<002501bf41de\$6bff45a0\$0d1486d4@cis.compuserve.com>

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Date: Wed, 08 Dec 1999 20:49:03 -0500 (EST)  
From: Joneswufo@aol.com  
Subject: Re: SETI signals?Message-id: <0.3783cf98.2580648f@aol.com>

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Date: Wed, 08 Dec 1999 22:04:06 -0500  
From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>  
Subject: Trent Photos

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James wrote:

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You should understand some basic information about these scans. First, they are 8 bit grey level (255 levels) which means that there are "abrupt edges" where there should be gradations. Second, the original negatives have lots of flaws, including finger prints and scratches. I suspect that the lies you have seen are scratches. Third, they have been looked at intensely with excellent equipment at JPL and Los Alamos as well as by myself, and most recently (summer of 1998) by Rand Molnar, president of the Brooks Institute of Photography. No one has previously suggested that features such as you mention here could be images of supports.

Because of the "flaws" (dirt, scratches, etc.) and the problems inherent with digitization these .jpg versions should NOT be used for sensitive photographic investigations. They are OK for seeing generl

shapes, general variations in brightness, general sizes, etc. and they are authentic..... what you see is what they photographed.... plus some photographic garbage, of course. Please keep in mind that the first reporter to talk to the Trents, Bill Powell, found th negatives under the sofa/divan in their house. The kids had been playing with them. What is absolutely remarkable is that, considering the lack of care and the cheap camera, etc., the photos are nevertheless clear enough so that one can see te images of the power wires hundreds of feet from the camera The edges are sharper than appear in this X-Y (horizontal-vertical) digitized version.

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Date: Wed, 08 Dec 1999 22:38:23 -0500 (EST)  
From: RB47Expert@aol.com  
Subject: Re: Trent PhotosMessage-id: <0.3caf588f.25807e2f@aol.com>

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James,

The "white line" you notice in the Trent photos is obviously a crease, scratch or film defect as even you point out it crosses in front of the UFO in Photo 1 so the object could not possibly be suspended from it. Moreover, it is NOT "extremely thin" but quite THICK relatively speaking and indeed in Photo 2 it is DOUBLED in parallel. Where did the other line go in Photo 1 if it was actually a line stretched taught over the Trent yard?

I would not be surprised if these defects don't appear on early copies of the photos made from the original negatives, e.g., McMinnville Telegraph-Register prints in 1950 or Condon Committee prints in 1967. It is unclear to me what generation from the negatives these copies represent.

Bruce could clarify for us whether the negatives show these lines or not. I have noticed over the years damage or artifacts on the negatives not present back in 1950 or 1967 -- for example Sheaffer's "tangle of threads" above the wire in one photo doesn't show up in the Condon Committee copies (and of course it never shows up in the other photo even today on the negative). It is apparently an artifact or defect picked up over the years.

Max Standridge's unsubstantiated and wild allegations about the Trents' "fire insurance fraud" and such have been exhaustively refuted.

I have to ask James why you seem to be deliberately stirring up trouble on this case by bringing in caustic and abusive people such as Standridge to this List? He accused me and Bruce Maccabee of "character assassination" and all sorts of emotionally derisive charges of "unethical" conduct and such -- all because we stuck to sober unemotional discussions of scientific facts refuting his claims (weather observations, particulate densities, object proportions and dimensions, etc., refuting his claims). We studiously avoided emotional-laden rebuttals but it didn't do any good, he still lashed out with wild emotional attacks instead of sticking to sober facts. I don't need to have to deal with this. It's not fair and not right.

If you bring him aboard I will no longer remain dispassionate about this and may leave this List. I will not put up with this crap and will seriously consider legal action. I do not need this gratuitous aggravation of my health from maliciously inflicted stress.

Brad Sparks

In a message dated Wed, 8 Dec 1999 7:54:50 PM Eastern Standard Time, "James Easton" <[voyager@ukonline.co.uk](mailto:voyager@ukonline.co.uk)> writes:

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Date: Thu, 09 Dec 1999 11:31:30 +0100 (MET)  
From: "J. Pharabod" <pharabod@in2p3.fr>  
Subject: Re: SETI signals?  
X-Authentication-warning: polhp2.in2p3.fr: pharabod owned process doing -bs

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Thank you very much for that information. I will say that to Norman Molhant. I hope he has this Scientific American issue, which unfortunately we have not yet received in our library. I looked at <http://www.sciam.com/currentissue.html> , but could not find anything about the WOW signal.

This is an interesting new development, since last year the signal was still unexplained. See for example:

<http://www.phy.mtu.edu/apod/ap980917.html>  
Authors & editors: Robert Nemiroff (MTU) & Jerry Bonnell (USRA)  
September 17, 1998:

# [...] For an exciting moment during August 1977 a very strong and  
# unanticipated signal, dubbed the Wow! Signal, was detected by the  
# Big Ear. But alas, heard only once, the cause of the signal could  
# not be determined.

See also New Scientist, 22 August 1998:

For sale: souvenirs of a close encounter, by M. Chown:

# [...] the so called "Wow!" signal - a blast of radio power which  
# lasted 37 seconds, from the direction of Sagittarius. This signal  
# has never been explained.

Interesting also in New Scientist, 9 August 1997:

wow! was that ET?

# [...] "After 20 years of follow-on analysis, we are left with two  
# possibilities," he says. "Either the 'Wow!' signal was intercepted  
# radiation from another civilisation, or it's a previously undiscovered  
# astrophysical phenomenon. Either possibility is mind-boggling."

It's very good to learn that, within one year, this mystery has been solved by one (or more) new Sherlock Holmes. In this Scientific American article, is it specified how he (or they) proceeded?

Jean-Pierre Pharabod

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From: "J. Pharabod" <pharabod@in2p3.fr>  
Subject: Re: SETI signals?  
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Date: Thu, 09 Dec 1999 07:46:53 -0700  
From: Martin Jasek <mjjasek@yknet.yk.ca>  
Subject: Re: SETI signals?Message-id: <384FC0DC.E491956A@yknet.yk.ca>  
References: <Pine.HPX.4.10.9912091131450.7348-100000@polhp2.in2p3.fr>

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Perhaps they should try tandem targeting using two different radio telescopes on different parts of the earth. Would this be acceptable proof? That is, if both picked the same artificial signal at the same time.

Martin Jasek

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From: Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS Kinesiology <lrobins@indiana.edu>  
Subject: Trent photos

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Does anyone else see what I am seeing in the scanned versions of the Trent photos?

These appear in both sets of scanned photos, found on:

[www.konsulting.com/Trent/Trent1.jpg](http://www.konsulting.com/Trent/Trent1.jpg)  
[www.konsulting.com/Trent/Trent2.jpg](http://www.konsulting.com/Trent/Trent2.jpg)

and

[web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/trent1.jpg](http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/trent1.jpg)  
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In the lower right of the photo "Trent1," just above the ground and to the left of the tall power pole, I see a faint image of a pickup truck in the sky. It faces to the right and slightly away from the camera. I didn't notice it until I returned from answering the door, and I was several feet from the computer. I would think it was just an artifact of the mind trying to make sense of random pixels (which I have studied) but the license plate being in the right place is too much of a coincidence.

In the lower right of "Trent2" there seems to be a white blotch, but on closer examination, it resolves itself into the Adamski "chicken brooder" saucer, tilted sideways, complete with the three balls.

"Trent2" also is covered with fingerprints.

The question is, how did these faint images get into the scans of the photos?

The fingerprints are obvious: the negatives were mishandled at some point.

One possibility is that traces of a previous image scanned can sometimes be carried over to the next scan, especially if a drum-type combo scanner/copier/laser printer was used (in which case, the "previous image" could have been copied or printed).

Another is that the negatives were sandwiched with negatives of other images, and selectively faded.

A third is that the photographic paper used was faintly exposed to other images in some way.

The pickup truck could be a reflection in a piece of glass.

Possibly a frame was reused when a flashbulb failed.

Or it might be that my brain is simply processing random noise and trying to make sense of it. I have studied this effect before. That's why I want to know if anyone else sees these things in the images.

It is interesting that the images are both in the lower right sides of the photos.

I will have to check the other copies of the Trent photos I have to see if the images appear in them too.

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Date: Thu, 09 Dec 1999 16:40:27 +0100  
From: Edoardo Russo <edoardo.russo@torino.ALPcom.it>  
Subject: Re: Latin and that USAF Patches

References: <003601bf3f91\$7ad12d40\$481486d4@cis.compuserve.com>

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Hello Jim and the List!

I wrote I won't come back on this subject unless something new emerge.

Well, I got a detailed comment by Dr. Massimiliano Grandi, a CISU member with a M.A. in Classical Literature (and a much fresher knowledge of Latin than my rusty one...)

To make a long story short, his final translation is:

"You, who are the blind one in the group, don't ask questions when late at night"

which might be better paraphrased as:

"You, who are the one who does not know in the group, don't ask questions when you're in a deep ignorance".

It does sound like a Masonic or anyhow esoteric-minded motto, indeed.

I also include the original message by Massimiliano, for the most Latin-interested among you to peruse among his knowledgeable considerations (I completely missed that "caece" was a vocative!).

Regards, again

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Provo a tradurre.

Credo che si debba costruire "Caece classis noli rogare de multa nocte".

Il verbo che regge la frase e' senz'altro "noli", imperativo di nolo, che presuppone una seconda persona. Questa seconda persona è individuabile a mio avviso in "caece", vocativo maschile singolare di "caecus -a -um", aggettivom in questa frase sostantivato. "Noli" assieme ad un infinito presente esprime l'imperativo negativo del verbo all'infinito. Quindi "Cieco non chiedere", o forse, traducendo meglio in questo contesto, "ignorante non domandare" o "stolto non fare domande" (il senso di "caecus" in latino in questo può essere vario come quello di "cieco" in italiano). "De multa nocte" significa "a notte inoltrata": non e' frequente che de +



Date: Thu, 09 Dec 1999 16:21:17 +0000  
From: John Burtenshaw <jburtens@bournemouth.ac.uk>  
Subject: Re: Latin and that USAF Patches  
References: <3.0.2.32.19991206184440.00d48810@email.alpcom.it>  
<003601bf3f91\$7ad12d40\$481486d4@cis.compuserve.com>

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Sounds like a motto of a Special Forces outfit to me...

Cheers

John Burtenshaw

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Date: Thu, 09 Dec 1999 12:17:21 -0500  
From: Brian Straight <brians@mdbs.com>  
Subject: Re: Trent photos  
Message-id: <021001bf4269\$41236060\$71ab82cc@merry.mdb.com>

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Yep. I definitely see 'em myself. from about four feet away, the pickup truck is really quite clear in my 17" NEC monitor. The Adamski saucer is strikingly clear as well.

Brian

-----Original Message-----

From: Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS Kinesiology <lrobins@indiana.edu>  
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>Does anyone else see what I am seeing in the scanned versions of  
>the Trent photos?  
>  
>These appear in both sets of scanned photos, found on:  
>  
>[www.konsulting.com/Trent/Trent1.jpg](http://www.konsulting.com/Trent/Trent1.jpg)  
>[www.konsulting.com/Trent/Trent2.jpg](http://www.konsulting.com/Trent/Trent2.jpg)  
>  
>and  
>  
>[web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/trent1.jpg](http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/trent1.jpg)  
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>pickup truck in the sky. It faces to the right and slightly away  
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>but on closer examination, it resolves itself into the Adamski  
>"chicken brooder" saucer, tilted sideways, complete with the  
>three balls.  
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>"Trent2" also is covered with fingerprints.  
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>  
>The question is, how did these faint images get into the  
>scans of the photos?  
>  
>The fingerprints are obvious: the negatives were mishandled at  
>some point.  
>  
>One possibility is that traces of a previous image scanned can  
>sometimes be carried over to the next scan, especially if a  
>drum-type combo scanner/copier/laser printer was used (in which  
>case, the "previous image" could have been copied or printed).  
>  
>Another is that the negatives were sandwiched with negatives  
>of other images, and selectively faded.  
>  
>A third is that the photographic paper used was faintly exposed  
>to other images in some way.  
>  
>The pickup truck could be a reflection in a piece of glass.  
>  
>Possibly a frame was reused when a flashbulb failed.  
>  
>Or it might be that my brain is simply processing random noise  
>and trying to make sense of it. I have studied this effect  
>before. That's why I want to know if anyone else sees these  
>things in the images.  
>  
>It is interesting that the images are both in the lower right  
>sides of the photos.  
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>  
>I will have to check the other copies of the Trent photos I have  
>to see if the images appear in them too.  
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>---- [o#o]-[o--o]-[o--o]-[o--o]-[o--o]-[o--o]-[o--o]-[]0000oo> 1 ----  
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>Indiana University (812) 855-5073 Room 42  
>Kinesiology Dept http://php.indiana.edu/~lrobins  
>1025 E 7th St Rm 112 "Trying to balance the federal budget is  
>Bloomington IN 47405-7109 like trying to sew a button on a custard  
> pie." Will Rogers  
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Date: Thu, 09 Dec 1999 19:48:57 +0000  
From: Bill Rose <bill.rose@virgin.net>  
Subject: Trent PhotosMessage-id: <385007A9.20B4@virgin.net>

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James,

A direct comparison shows that the pictures provided by Steve and Bruce are identical.

With respect, I trust you don't really believe these are exceptional" quality copies or high resolution scans?

In my opinion, the two images started out as very poor quality prints (I'm not talking about the extensive damage to the negatives which is of interest) and were later run through a cheap and cheerful scanner.

I just wish I could see a pickup truck in all that clutter!

Bill

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Date: Thu, 09 Dec 1999 15:31:13 -0500  
From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>  
Subject: Re: Trent Photos

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At 07:48 PM 12/9/1999 +0000, Bill wrote:

>UFO Research List - <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/>

>

>James,

>

>A direct comparison shows that the pictures provided by Steve and Bruce  
>are identical.

I should point out that Bruce forwarded the images to myself and to James  
(and perhaps to others as well). They should be identical.

>With respect, I trust you don't really believe these are exceptional"

>quality copies or high resolution scans?

>

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>Bill

Bruce may be able to provide details regarding the resolution of these scans.

Steve

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Date: Thu, 09 Dec 1999 17:19:25 -0500  
From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>  
Subject: Trent photos

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Larry Robinson wrote:

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Date: Thu, 09 Dec 1999 15:53:37 -0800 (PST)  
From: Rebecca Keith <rebeccask@yahoo.com>  
Subject: Re: Trent photos  
Message-id: <19991209235337.28905.qmail@web306.mail.yahoo.com>

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> Date: Thu, 9 Dec 1999 17:19:25 -0500  
> From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com> | Block address  
> Subject: Trent photos

> And, by the way, evidently you missed the eyes of Big Foot  
> peering out from  
> behind the pine tree.

I saw something like that, but I assumed it was an alien.<G>  
I'll be darned if I can see the other stuff though.

Rebecca

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Date: Thu, 09 Dec 1999 18:57:20 -0500 (EST)  
From: RB47Expert@aol.com  
Subject: Re: Trent photosMessage-id: <0.277d7f31.25819be0@aol.com>

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Bruce,

I see the "Adamski ship" image he's talking about but it's a gray blob, not white, tilted almost vertically on-edge with the top pointed to the left. It is slightly larger than the actual UFO image. But I don't see the "three balls" landing gear underneath. This is apparently a film defect blob (or possibly a scanner afterimage though I doubt it) or actually two unrelated defects in proximity. I doubt this artifact appears in 1950 or 1967 Condon Committee copies of the photo.

Looking for odd shapes among amorphous random blobs of film grains and defects reminds me very much of the effort to see artifacts among the Mars rocks or the Face on Mars or the Roswell Photo Interpretation Team's wild interpretations of film grains as official military seals and letters of text revealing sensational stories of trucks hauling alien bodies.

I still don't see the alleged "truck."

Brad

In a message dated Thu, 9 Dec 1999 5:31:41 PM Eastern Standard Time, bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com> writes:

> UFO Research List - <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/>

>

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Date: Thu, 09 Dec 1999 23:47:06 -0500 (EST)  
From: Joneswufo@aol.com  
Subject: Re: SETI signals?Message-id: <0.8f86a927.2581dfca@aol.com>

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Statistical evidence is not probable or possible. But, that isn't the issue. A one shot signal that isn't repeatable and has no information content is just an unknown bit of anomalous electromagnetic radiation. It proves ZIP. Unless you can get more information, i.e. by repetition, that radiation recording is not worth much and it proves nothing as far as SETI is concerned. A galactic burp is not a signal from ET.

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Date: Thu, 09 Dec 1999 23:51:25 -0500 (EST)  
From: Joneswufo@aol.com  
Subject: Re: SETI signals?Message-id: <0.8ddc6bd6.2581e0cd@aol.com>

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If a galactic electromagnetic burp reaches Earth, it most likely can be picked up in more than one place. That burp will probably cover the entire planet. That doesn't mean ET was picking out two of our radio telescopes to talk to using narrow beams of electromagnetic energy. We are just in the way of these radiation burps and, in the grand scale of things, the Earth is not very big.

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Date: Fri, 10 Dec 1999 09:03:58 +0000  
From: John Burtenshaw <jburtens@bournemouth.ac.uk>  
Subject: Re: Trent photos

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At 12:17 09/12/1999 -0500, you wrote:

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>

>Yep. I definitely see 'em myself. from about four feet away, the

>pickup truck is really quite clear in my 17" NEC monitor.

>The Adamski saucer is strikingly clear as well.

Yep me too on my 17" Iiyama monitor. Weird.

John

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Date: Fri, 10 Dec 1999 11:07:01 +0100 (MET)  
From: "J. Pharabod" <pharabod@in2p3.fr>  
Subject: Re: SETI signals?  
X-Authentication-warning: polhp2.in2p3.fr: pharabod owned process doing -bs

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On Wed, 8 Dec 1999, Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS Kinesiology wrote:

- > See the December 1999 Scientific American. That "WOW" signal and
- > other similar ones at that station were eventually correlated
- > with break times at the station, not something in the sky. They
- > tracked it down to a microwave oven in the break room.

Still no December issue in our library (in fact, they have only the October issue - shame on them!). But I got an answer from Norman Molhant. According to him, the microwave oven hypothesis is very unlikely. One of his friends has studied the WOW signal, and he found that:

- it was not at the microwave oven frequency (which was about 2.4 Ghz), it was not an harmonic (it was at about 1.4 Ghz), it was not a beat with a local oscillator of the Big Ear receptor;

- the WOW is a modulated signal (2 sidebands + wave carrier), a microwave oven sends a rather pure signal (practically without sidebands);

- the WOW wave carrier drifts in frequency with a speed which corresponds rather well to the galactic drift in our neighborhood, once substracted the effects of the rotation of the Earth, of its orbital motion and of the orbital motion of the solar system around the center of the Galaxy.

Since I don't know when our library will receive this December 1999 issue, could you (or any other happy reader of this issue) summarize how it was demonstrated that the microwave oven hypothesis was eventually the good one?

Jean-Pierre Pharabod

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> of these radiation burps and, in the grand scale of things, the Earth is not  
> very big.

Good point. I will try to get some information about that.

Jean-Pierre Pharabod

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Date: Fri, 10 Dec 1999 14:36:20 +0100 (MET)  
From: "J. Pharabod" <pharabod@in2p3.fr>  
Subject: Re: SETI signals?  
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On Thu, 9 Dec 1999 Joneswufo@aol.com wrote:

> Statistical evidence is not probable or possible.

Strictly speaking, you are right. However, in my lab,  
I hear sometimes:

"there is statistical evidence"

and sometimes the less rigorous statements:

"it's possible that there is statistical evidence"

"it's probable that there is statistical evidence"

I think that is what is called "work in progress".

> But, that isn't the issue.  
> A one shot signal that isn't repeatable and has no information content is  
> just an unknown bit of anomalous electromagnetic radiation. It proves ZIP.  
> Unless you can get more information, i.e. by repetition, that radiation  
> recording is not worth much and it proves nothing as far as SETI is  
> concerned.

That's your opinion. Norman Molhant has an opposite opinion (see the mail I forwarded). I don't think that he is a professional astrophysicist, but he has proved on our French SETI discussion list that he knows a lot of things about this subject. I know the opinion of two professional astrophysicists who work or have worked on SETI, and this opinion is somewhere between yours and Molhant's. I myself am rather incompetent on this subject, therefore I can't judge, and I avoid peremptory statements.

> A galactic burp is not a signal from ET.

The problem was: what is the significance of a rather big number of such "galactic burps"?

Jean-Pierre Pharabod

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Date: Fri, 10 Dec 1999 10:06:59 -0500 (EST)  
From: Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS Kinesiology <lrobins@indiana.edu>  
Subject: Re: SETI signals?

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On Thu, 9 Dec 1999, Martin Jasek wrote:

@Date: Thu, 09 Dec 1999 07:46:53 -0700  
@From: Martin Jasek <mjjasek@yknet.yk.ca>  
@@To: UFO Research List <UFORL@listbot.com>  
@Subject: Re: SETI signals?

@UFO Research List - <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/>

@Perhaps they should try tandem targeting using two different  
@radio telescopes on different parts of the earth. Would this be  
@acceptable proof? That is, if both picked the same artificial  
@signal at the same time.

There are still sources of QRM that both systems could pick up:

1. Deep space probes (such as Pioneer 10). But at least we know where they are.
2. Very strong sources (such as the noise generated when a large power grid fails), strong enough to get through the back lobe of an antenna.
3. Pranks. Once the system becomes publicized, pranksters could arrange two microwave transmitters to operate simultaneously close to the telescopes.

(How do we know that the few unidentified receptions they have weren't the result of pranks or unlicensed transmitters?)

Now, does anyone have enough money to rent time on TWO telescopes at the same time?

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Date: Fri, 10 Dec 1999 10:40:42 -0500  
From: Brian Straight <brians@mdbs.com>  
Subject: Re: Trent photosMessage-id:  
<027501bf4324\$eaf56e60\$71ab82cc@merry.mdb.com>

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The 'truck' is really large and faint. You have to be several feet from the monitor to see it. It's a little like looking for the Man in the Moon :)

Brian

-----Original Message-----

From: Rebecca Keith <rebeccask@yahoo.com>Date: Thursday, December 09, 1999  
7:32 PM  
Subject: Re: Trent photos

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>> From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com> | Block address

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>> Subject: Trent photos

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>Rebecca

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On Fri, 10 Dec 1999, Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS Kinesiology wrote:

> I made a boo-boo.

That happens.

[snip]

- > One possibility that must be considered in SETI is spy satellite
- > transmissions, which governments keep secret for obvious reasons.
- > Some of them use short (under 2 minutes) transmission bursts at
- > randomized intervals, durations, and frequencies to keep
- > evesdroppers from getting a whole message.
- >
- > This in one area where governments prefer to let UFOs and SETI
- > receptions remain unidentified as man-made activities. They want
- > the public to believe that aliens are doing these things, rather
- > than divulge their clandestine activities.

But can't the SETI astronomers recognize satellites from their motion? According to my archives, geosynchronous satellites move about 0.5 degree in right ascension every minute. Low earth orbiting satellites move much faster.

Also, NORAD and their Russian equivalent know exactly the orbits of every satellite (US, Russian, French, etc...). Since SETI is an international project, there should be a cooperation between USA and Russia to hide some satellites; otherwise the SETI people would get the information from one side or the other.

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From: Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS Kinesiology <lrobins@indiana.edu>  
Subject: Re: SETI signals?

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@Date: Fri, 10 Dec 1999 17:06:43 +0100 (MET)  
@From: "J. Pharabod" <pharabod@in2p3.fr>  
@@To: UFO Research List <UFORL@listbot.com>  
@Cc: pharabod@in2p3.fr  
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They wouldn't see any motion (except a doppler shift). Radio telescopes aren't designed to detect motion. Instead, they would observe a strengthening and weakening of the signal as the satellite moves into and out of the telescope's field of "view." The antenna can't detect motion as such, because it doesn't scan like a RADAR antenna. Instead, it stays focused on one part of

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Subject: Re: SETI signals?  
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Yes, that's what I was thinking of (frequency drift).

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Yes. Maybe I should have specified it.

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Maybe. But if the SETI astronomers say every side: we have strong indication of a satellite there, could you confirm that it's yours or the other guy's, it would be difficult to keep that secret (IMHO).

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Date: Fri, 10 Dec 1999 12:57:37 -0500 (EST)  
From: RB47Expert@aol.com  
Subject: Re: SETI signals?Message-id: <0.596ce14c.25829911@aol.com>

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Brad Sparks

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Most spy satellites are not in geosynchronous orbits, but polar orbits, so they can cover the entire globe in half a day, and so they can transmit back or make film drops while over the owner's country.

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@In-@Message-ID: <Pine.HPX.4.10.9912101648340.16408-100000@polhp2.in2p3.fr>  
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From: Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS Kinesiology <lrobins@indiana.edu>  
Subject: Trent photos  
Content-id: <Pine.HPP.3.96.991210141819.17639C@juliet.ucs.indiana.edu>

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Here's the dope on that truck hidden in Trent1.jpg:

In the first attachment, I cut out the truck, but made no changes in the image.

In the second attachment, I enhanced the contrast, but did nothing else. The truck is much more visible.

In the third attachment, I put a false color scale on the intensity, and labeled the parts of the truck. The labels are completely outside the truck.

All three should be actual size compared to the original jpg images I received.

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Date: Fri, 10 Dec 1999 17:25:58 -0500  
From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>  
Subject: Trent photos

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From: James Easton <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
Subject: Re: Trent PhotosMessage-id:  
<00c301bf437f\$6eff5cc0\$0a1286d4@cis.compuserve.com>

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Bruce wrote:

>Because of the "flaws" (dirt, scratches, etc.) and the problems  
>inherent with digitization these .jpg versions should NOT be  
>used for sensitive photographic investigations.

Bruce,

Of course. They are simply higher quality images than any I had  
previously seen and not 'cropped' as sometimes published.

>What is absolutely remarkable is that, considering the lack of  
>care and the cheap camera, etc., the photos are nevertheless  
>clear enough so that one can see te images of the power wires  
>hundreds of feet from the camera.

The clarity, depth of field and lack of 'camera shake' does seem  
remarkable and even more apparent in your latest scans of the  
original negatives.

I'll say more about them in a moment.

James.  
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<00c801bf4380\$a2c5a540\$0a1286d4@cis.compuserve.com>

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Brad wrote:

>The "white line" you notice in the Trent photos is obviously a  
>crease, scratch or film defect as even you point out it crosses  
>in front of the UFO in Photo 1 so the object could not possibly  
>be suspended from it.

Brad,

No arguments here, as explained it was a feature I noticed in the second photo [T2] and although it could be considered 'suspicious', this didn't seem to be borne out from the first photo [T1].

>Moreover, it is NOT "extremely thin" but quite THICK relatively  
>speaking...

Yes, I meant 'thin' in terms of actually seeing it within the image, i.e., it was only just discernible.

>...and indeed in Photo 2 it is DOUBLED in parallel. Where did  
>the other line go in Photo 1 if it was actually a line stretched  
>taught over the Trent yard?

The line could be paralleled in T1, maybe visible beneath the object, however, it doesn't show as continuing along the length of this image.

I can't see any reason to conclude other than these lines are artefacts and it illustrates the value of having comparative photographs. If we only had T2, the fact that the top of our object does seem to be touching a 'long white line' might be sufficient to dismiss it as a probable hoax.

Interestingly, in the new negative scans Bruce has made available, the line in T1 is visible, yet nothing is evident in T2.

I can vouch for having some negatives which exhibit a similar 'scratch', occurring due to a speck of dirt in the shutter movement, or resulting during commercial processing. Fortunately, it rarely happens, though it seems to be always when its

otherwise one of my better pictures.

I dare say Mr Trent could have said the same.

>Max Standridge's unsubstantiated and wild allegations about the  
>Trents' "fire insurance fraud" and such have been exhaustively  
>refuted.

I'm not familiar with the extent of these claims or their refutation.

When I wrote, asking if Max could provide a copy of the 'Lausanne Collegiate School' magazine which he had cited as showing light covers similar to the Trent's 'saucer', I had invited him to contribute on the topic.

I certainly wasn't aware of any previous debates involving Max, Bruce and yourself, indeed, when I recently highlighted his claims, it was with the express question - what became of them, was the magazine photograph ever produced, etc.

As mentioned, any participation from Max, which I deduced as unlikely anyway, would have been in the longer term and please don't be concerned about any 'caustic' confrontations here. I'm now aware of the situation.

I think there's more than enough to consider about the photographs themselves. I saw the 'Adamski' saucer, but (sorry folks) just can't see a pickup truck in the sky. ;)

However... isn't the 'blob of light', which does resemble a sideways 'saucer' in T2 (the latest scans show a more anomalous shape), in the same location as the 'ball of light' in T1?

At first, I presumed they were both 'lens flare'; is that possible if the photographs were taken from different positions/angles?

I'm about to upload the latest scans and will post details.

James.

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These definitive scans of the Trent photographic negatives [443k and 467k in size] can be seen at:

<http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/trenta.jpg>  
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Much appreciated, Bruce.

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Subject: Astronomers and UFOs  
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I am trying to constitute a list of professional astronomers and/or astrophysicists who have seen or are said to have seen UFOs. Using Altavista I found:

Clyde Tombaugh  
Seymour L. Hess  
Walter Webb  
W. Gordon Graham  
James Bartlett  
H. Percy Wilkins  
Frank Halstead

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From: Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS Kinesiology <lrobins@indiana.edu>  
Subject: Trent Photos

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I did a survey of most of the copies of the Trent photos I have.  
Here are the results:

The following publications cropped the areas containing the anomalies out, since they were nowhere near the UFO:

- \* Look 1967 special "FLYING SAUCERS"
- \* The Condon report
- \* Peter Brookesmith "UFOs - The Government Files"
- \* Jenny Randles "UFOs and How to See Them" (Trent2 only)
- \* Jenny Randles "Alien Contact: The first fifty years"
- \* J A Hynek "The Hynek UFO Report"
- \* Hynek and Vallee "The Edge of Reality"
- \* Paris Flammonde "UFO Exist"
- \* Time-Life "The UFO Phenomenon" (Trent2 - see below)

The following publications printed the photo too lightly for the anomalies to appear if they existed in those copies. Other than the phone wires and pole, the background is white:

- \* The true report on Flying Saucers (1967 - only Trent2)
- \* Philip Klass "UFOs Explained" (only Trent1)
- \* Ronald Story "Encyclopedia of UFOs" (Trent1 - see below)

The following publications printed copies with the pickup truck actually visible:

\* Bob Larson: UFOs and the Alien Agenda

\* Time-Life "The UFO Phenomenon" - Not only is the pickup truck visible, but other cars are parked to the left of it.

\* Sagan and Page "UFOs - a Scientific Debate" The pickup truck is cropped out, but the other cars visible in the Time-Life print are there.

The following publications printed copies with the "Adamski object" visible.

\* Ronald Story "Encyclopedia of UFOs"

After further investigation, I think the "Adamski object" happened when developer was dripped on the negative, then wiped off. The "three ball effect" was an artifact of pixelation and was visible in only one magnification.

The pickup truck looks similar to what happens when a photo is taken through a sheet of glass reflecting another scene faintly.

As for the effect being created in the mind, I have experimented with this, and I find that, if the effect is psychological, I can make it change into something else. I can't make the pickup truck change.

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Subject: Re: Astronomers and UFOs

References: <00c301bf437f\$6eff5cc0\$0a1286d4@cis.compuserve.com>

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I have attempted to bring out the truck images even more:

Both are derived from pictures downloaded James Easton's site.

I used Microsoft's PhotoDraw to do the enhancements, but I was careful not to use anything that introduced new imaging.

The first attachment is from Trent1.jpg, which has been reduced in size and contrast enhanced.

The second is from the newly uploaded trenta.jpg (which was scanned in so light that the truck was barely visible without enhancement). However, that allowed the contrast enhancement software to bring out more of the truck.

The brightening around the power pole is an artifact of the contrast enhancement.

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Date: Tue, 14 Dec 1999 17:23:04 +0100 (MET)  
From: "J. Pharabod" <pharabod@in2p3.fr>  
Subject: Re: Astronomers and UFOs  
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Date: Tue, 14 Dec 1999 16:54:28 +0000  
From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>  
Subject: Re: Astronomers and UFOsCc: pharabod@in2p3.fr  
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From: J. Pharabod <pharabod@in2p3.fr>Cc: pharabod@in2p3.fr  
<pharabod@in2p3.fr>  
Date: 14 December 1999 16:24  
Subject: Re: Astronomers and UFOs

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Date: Wed, 15 Dec 1999 00:57:29 -0500  
From: Todd Lemire <tlemire@home.com>  
Subject: Re: Astronomers and UFOsMessage-id:  
<38572DC9.3703E7D9@home.com>  
Organization: @Home Network  
X-Accept-Language: en  
References: <000101bf4658\$ed9fc340\$be959fd4@default>

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Hello,

Book was titled "The Edge of Reality" - Hynek and Vallee. The two photos in it were taken by Dr. Hynek from a commercial jet in the 1970's. It is an excellent photo (set) of an unidentified flying object which he was never able to have explained by anyone. Any opinions on these particular photos?

Todd Lemire  
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"We can either expand our minds and emotions through serious UFO study, or we can choose to dismiss them and go back to grazing and chewing our cuds."

Ray Fowler - Casebook of a UFO Investigator

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From: Edoardo Russo <edoardo.russo@torino.ALPcom.it>  
Subject: Re: Astronomers and UFOs

References: <00c301bf437f\$6eff5cc0\$0a1286d4@cis.compuserve.com>

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Belgian ufologist Marc Hallet did publish a monograph about UFO sightings by astronomers, a few years ago. 'twas quite a complete work (as long as such a catalogue may ever be "complete", I mean), with some very rare early documents reproduced therein, too, as far as I can remember:

HALLET Marc  
Astronomes et O.V.N.I.  
chez l'auteur (privately printed)  
Liège  
1986

You may try to ask him for a copy to buy, or would you like to get a (photo-)copy of it?

Best regards

Edoardo Russo                      Centro Italiano Studi Ufologici  
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Subject: Re: Astronomers and UFOsMessage-id: <0.1e949dc1.25892337@aol.com>

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Hi List,

Seymour Hess was NOT a professional astronomer but a meteorologist who made his observation from Lowell Observatory.

Do check Hynek's 1952 report on astronomers for Project Blue Book for more leads. Also the famous LIFE magazine article of April 7, 1952, lists a very detailed observation by an astronomer and his family in 1947. And definitely contact Peter Sturrock at Stanford.

Brad Sparks

In a message dated 12/14/99 8:02:28 AM, [jpoulet@chucara.com](mailto:jpoulet@chucara.com) writes:

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From: The Duke of Mendoza <DarkSecretPB@compuserve.com>  
Subject: Trancas, Argentina, 1963  
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Dear All & Whomsoever

Some years ago, a European colleague wrote to me with various corrections and comments on my wonderfully mistitled book "UFO: The Complete Sightings Catalogue" (1995). He mentioned that the Moreno family's CE-2 at Trancas, Argentina on 10/21/63 had been debunked, or perhaps more accurately revealed, as a set of misperceptions of military manoeuvres.

I am lurking out of sight of the coming Apocalypse with the betrothed & various equines on the other side of the mountains from my files, and can't recall who gave me this snippet. If my rudely forgotten informant is on either of these lists, could you raise your right hand, and give me (or all of us - prima facie it's a remarkable case) the details of how, when, by whom &c, the case was debunked?

best wishes  
and season's greetings, one & all  
Peter B

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List, all -

T. Zimmer, writing in the Journal of Social Psychology noted that astronomers and engineers reported UFOs in higher numbers than the general population. His study and information can be found in the 1984 issue No. 123, Second Half, 199-206.

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Subject: Trancas, Argentina, 1963Cc: Mendoza <101653.2205@compuserve.com>

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Dear Luis, Edoardo:

Thanks for your replies. Luis, I was going to ask Edoardo how much trust one should put in Roberto Bachs' work, and you've given an indication. Edoardo, yes, please, I should be delighted to have a copy of Dr Bachs' article(s).

I still don't know who first alerted me to the other explanation for the Trancas case - maybe it was someone not on the Net. Or perhaps like me they're a mountain range away from their memories. There y'go. Such is life.

Once again, happy holiday hunkering to everyone.

best wishes  
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From: Martin Jasek <mjjasek@yknet.yk.ca>  
Subject: Re: The 'Yukon' CaseMessage-id: <385CFFD9.F4B58901@yknet.yk.ca>  
References: <Pine.HPP.3.96.991206115017.12580C-100000@juliet.ucs.indiana.edu>

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My responses below:

Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS Kinesiology wrote:

> UFO Research List - <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/>  
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> On Sat, 4 Dec 1999, Martin Jasek wrote:  
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> @Date: Sat, 04 Dec 1999 08:05:26 -0700  
> @From: Martin Jasek <mjjasek@yknet.yk.ca>  
> @> @To: UFO Research List <UFORL@listbot.com>  
> @Subject: Re: The 'Yukon' Case  
> @  
>

<snip>

> @> @Projecting that angle out towards his cousin who was 570 meters away  
> @> @and underneath the edge of the UFO, gave a UFO size of 1700 metros.  
> @> @See <http://www.ufobc.org/yukon/22ufosize.htm> for details.  
> @>  
> @> Could the object have actually been closer to this witness, and only  
> @> have appeared to be over the cousin?  
>  
> @No, the cousin (FOX2) said he was directly underneath the southern edge of the  
> @UFO and his cousin was south of him. FOX2 also indicated this in his plan (birds  
> @eye view) drawing:<http://www.ufobc.org/yukon/2208fox2draw3neg.htm>  
>  
> That is assuming that the FOX3 saw the UFO over him AT THE SAME  
> TIME that FOX2 thought the object was over him. Another  
> possibility is that AT DIFFERENT TIMES the object was over the  
> one person, then perceived to be over him by the other, but the  
> object had moved in between. Since they were not in direct  
> contact, the timings are not synchronized.

Yes the timing is synchronized. FOX2 and FOX3 were traveling together but in two separate vehicles. They definitely knew the location of each other when they observed the UFO. The two were in sight of each other from the time they were slowing down to stop and observe the object to after the object left. They pulled over to the side of the road just seconds apart when the UFO was out over the lake. They then both SIMULTANEOUSLY observed the UFO and each other as the UFO traveled from across the Lake to over FOX2 and then continuing eastward.

> One thing that would be VERY helpful here is the description (if  
> any) of the reflection of the object in the lake.

Yes I agree, that would be very helpful but unfortunately the lake was frozen with a layer of snow on it.

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> @> On the other hand, If the object  
> @> had really been directly over the cousin, how could people farther  
> @> north have seen it to the north? It should have been seen to the  
> @> south.

> @

> @> A fascinating puzzle.

> @

> @There is no puzzle with this. The only person further north and  
> @looking north at the UFO and in the Fox Lake area was FOX1 and  
> @he drove through the area about 30 minutes prior to the sighting  
> @by FOX2, FOX3, FOX4 and FOX5. This would allow the UFO plenty of  
> @time to maneuver and reposition itself in the area. For FOX6, it  
> @is unclear at what time and the exact location in the Fox Lake  
> @area where she had her sighting. Witnesses at the sighting  
> @locations even further north (Carmacks and Pelly)saw the UFO at  
> @different times.

>

> The line "A fascinating puzzle" referred to the whole series of  
> sightings, not the previous paragraph.

Yes, it is a fascinating puzzle in that sense.

> It would be interesting to have a table of the times and  
> directions the object was seen in.

Yes, I will put one together.

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Such a large object and effort?

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As stated above. Everybody has their own degree of proof. IMHO the evidence is overwhelming.

Martin

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Hi Martin and Larry,

FOX3's angular size estimate of holding his arms 4 feet apart on site is not too accurate a method. I would have thought he could pinpoint specific landmarks for the righthand and lefthand edges of the object, though subject to the moving target problem. That would be more accurate than the arms' length method (which works better with small objects held at arm's length).

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In a message dated 12/19/99 9:24:51 AM, [mjjasek@yknet.yk.ca](mailto:mjjasek@yknet.yk.ca) writes:

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Some people need an alien body or alien hardware in their hands to qualify as proof. For some, the hundreds if not thousands of cases where a solid object is observed at close range, flies as if under intelligent control, out performs anything we have ever made to fly, sometimes leaves ground traces, simultaneous radar returns, is observed by highly credible witnesses is enough for me. There are also hundreds of cases where "beings" are observed in relation to a landed craft. I think the distinction between the two proofs is the willingness to admit that we are not the most advanced race in this Universe. In the 1960's the Brookings Institute under contract by NASA concluded that out of all groups, Scientists and Engineers would be the most devastated by absolute confirmation of higher intelligent life. This is because Science and Engineering deals with the mastery of nature and this would force us to believe that we are not the masters of nature. No wonder it is so difficult for main stream science to take a serious look at the UFO issue. Larry, I think you do take this issue seriously however. It is helpful to have your perspective on things.

- > I do know of cases where the military used UFOs to cover up
- > something else secret. Many unsolved cases have been generated by
- > spy satellite film capsule retrievals. Those ARE done in remote
- > areas, many times in the Arctic. Sometimes, one comes down in a
- > bad place due to a malfunction or an urgent need for information.
- >
- > I know of the existence of a case where a fake military report of
- > a fantastic UFO sighting with dead witnesses was actually a
- > security clearance test designed to weed out whistle blowers.
- >
- > I know of another case where a military crash investigator told a
- > 50's UFO book author a wild story just to get him to leave the
- > the crash site.

Such a large object and effort?

- > I do know of several cases where horizontal bending of light

- > occurred in a mirage. I do know of cases where the image in a
- > mirage was duplicated up to nine times.

Is there a map showing the light source, the nine observation points, and confirmation that all nine observations were observed at the same time? Was the horizontal bending angle of the order of 90 degrees such as it was between FOX4,5 and FOX2? (About 45 degrees between FOX3 and FOX2?) I don't think a beam of light would split in the atmosphere to reach nine locations simultaneously. For the nine locations was the time simultaneous or sequential?

- > But I have not one single case in my files that was definitely an
- > alien craft. I have unknowns, but the fact that they are
- > Unidentified Flying Objects does not mean that they are alien
- > craft. There are too many other possibilities.
- >

As stated above. Everybody has their own degree of proof. IMHO the evidence is overwhelming.

Martin

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A comparison between the drawings made by the witnesses in the Yukon case (1996), and the drawing made by the JAL pilot after the (1986?) Alaska incident, was suggested on this list some time ago. Has this comparison been made?

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Hi Martin,

Some quick COMMENTS below.

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COMMENTS:

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@> @> @Projecting that angle out towards his cousin who was 570 meters away

@> @> @and underneath the edge of the UFO, gave a UFO size of 1700 metros.

@> @> @See <http://www.ufobc.org/yukon/22ufosize.htm> for details.

@> @>

@> @> Could the object have actually been closer to this witness, and only

@> @> have appeared to be over the cousin?

@> @No, the cousin (FOX2) said he was directly underneath the

@> @southern edge of the UFO and his cousin was south of him.

@> @FOX2 also indicated this in his plan (birds eye view)

@> @drawing:<http://www.ufobc.org/yukon/2208fox2draw3neg.htm>

@> That is assuming that the FOX3 saw the UFO over him AT THE SAME

@> TIME that FOX2 thought the object was over him. Another

@> possibility is that AT DIFFERENT TIMES the object was over the

@> one person, then perceived to be over him by the other, but the

@> object had moved in between. Since they were not in direct

@> contact, the timings are not synchronized.

@Yes the timing is synchronized. FOX2 and FOX3 were traveling @together but in two separate vehicles. They definitely knew the @location of each other when they observed the UFO. The two were @in sight of each other from the time they were slowing down to @stop and observe the object to after the object left. They @pulled over to the side of the road just seconds apart when the @UFO was out over the lake. They then both SIMULTANEOUSLY @observed the UFO and each other as the UFO traveled from across @the Lake to over FOX2 and then continuing eastward.

But what was the exact direction of motion?

Also, could there have been two much smaller (and much closer) objects, each seen by one of the men, but too insignificant to be noticed by the other?

<snip>

@> @There is no puzzle with this. The only person further north and @> @looking north at the UFO and in the Fox Lake area was FOX1 and @> @he drove through the area about 30 minutes prior to the sighting @> @by FOX2, FOX3, FOX4 and FOX5. This would allow the UFO plenty of @> @time to maneuver and reposition itself in the area. For FOX6, it @> @is unclear at what time and the exact location in the Fox Lake @> @area where she had her sighting. Witnesses at the sighting @> @locations even further north (Carmacks and Pelly)saw the UFO at @> @different times.

@>

@> The line "A fascinating puzzle" referred to the whole series of @> sightings, not the previous paragraph.

@

@Yes, it is a fascinating puzzle in that sense.

<snip>

@> @> 5. The object was a formation, and all of the testimony saying that @> @> it was a single solid object was due to perception errors.

@>

@> @We already covered this. But I'll bring up another point that @> @should be added. FOX2 and FOX3 were close enough to the object @> @that they could notice it's smooth surface. Both witnesses said @> @they could see the surface of the UFO between the lights. This @> @is also evident in their drawings. They are the only ones who @> @drew an edge to the UFO while the other witnesses only drew the @> @lights. This may be because FOX2 and FOX3 saw the UFO at a point @> @closest to the ground then any of the other witnesses. The UFO's @> @own emitted lighting may have been reflecting off the snow and @> @illuminating itself. As depicted in:  
@> @<http://www.ufobc.org/yukon/2205fox3image1mj.htm> FOX2 and FOX3

@> @were also the witnesses closest to the UFO so they would be able  
@> @to observe the most detail. In addition to points already  
@> @stated in a previous discussion, the observation of the smooth  
@> @surface is inconsistent with the theory that the UFO was made up  
@> @of a formation of objects and is very indicative that the UFO  
@> @was one solid object.

@>

@> They also saw a "surface" on the UFO in these cases:

@>

@> Clearwater FL 7/4/64

@> Cape Ann MA 8/2/67

@> Phoenix AZ 2/13/97

@>

@> In each case, the "UFO" was identified as a drop of parachute

@> flares during a military training exercise.

@I am not familiar enough with these cases that it has been  
@absolutely proven that these were all flare drops. There may had  
@been flare drops in the area but you still have to prove that is  
@what ALL the witnesses were looking at. Do we want to get into  
@discussing the details of other cases here?

Oops, the Clearwater case was not the military's doing, but a private pilot wanting to brighten up the 4th of July festivities with some red flares on parachutes. He had no idea of the trouble it would cause until after he had landed. It was, however, a lesson for UFOlogy. The witnesses described accurately what the lights DID (no description was outside the capabilities of the flares). The one place over half of the witnesses did err was to see the flares as being on one object. Some even saw a gray or dark red "body" holding the lights. The description of this was usually either a double convex lens on edge, or a cigar.

The Condon report covers the Cape Ann case. Again, many witnesses saw the yellow lights as being on something, and some said a dark gray shape was behind the lights.

The Phoenix case was revealed as a series of flare drops by the men who dropped the flares. The delay was caused by the fact that they had returned to their home state in the east long before the news reached them (I found out about it two months later, and that was before they did). Again, many witnesses described a dark gray or black shape containing the lights, vee shaped, since the lights formed a rough vee. One witnesses said the stars blanked out as the object passed. This could either be caused by the parachutes, or by a contrast effect causing the eyes to desensitize in the area of the much brighter flares.

@> @In my opinion, from the 5 possibilities you stated we are

@> @only left with #2: "More than one object was present, but

@> @none of the witnesses at one location could see more than one  
@> @of them". I will modify this one and add one more  
@> @possibility:

@> @2. (modified). There were multiple and large solid objects,  
@> @each responsible for the sightings at the 3 main locations.

@> @6. There was one large solid object responsible that covered  
@> @long distances very quickly.

<snip>

@> That's not what I meant. I meant that they would put up a  
@> colossal fake (say a balloon, or helicopter holding up a lighted  
@> object made of very light materials) as bait to attract the  
@> UFOlogists AWAY from bases in Alaska, Washington, or even Area 51  
@> while they completed a crucial test there. They would choose a  
@> remote area so nobody would see them recovering their device (and  
@> exposing the hoax). I said that THAT was more probable than  
@> extraterrestrials being the cause of it.

@I still don't see how it would draw attention away from areas  
@that were hundreds or thousands of miles away. No UFOlogists  
@that reside near those bases or express an interest in them have  
@spent time investigating this case. Still near zero in my  
@opinion.

They flocked to the Socorro NM, Wanaque NJ, Exeter NH, Dexter MI,  
Pascagoula MS, and Snowflake AZ sightings. Even the attentions of  
those who didn't go were diverted from other cases they had been  
looking at.

@> The probability of an ET visit is near zero too.

@> The variables in the modified Drake Equation cannot be defined  
@> with enough accuracy to support that the probability of an ET  
@> visit is near zero.

All it takes is one of the Drake probabilities to be near zero,  
since they are multiplied together to find the final probability.

@> I remember reading about a case in the 70s where a helicopter  
@> towed a lighted "saucer" on a long cable at night. It flew over a  
@> populated area three days in a row. On the third day, it dropped  
@> leaflets with advertizing on them.

@> We also had a strange case here when a 100 ft long helium balloon  
@> in the shape of a car got away from a car dealer. Without the  
@> tether, it assumed an inverted position. We had a lot of UFO

@> sightings that day, but they were identified in the paper the  
@> next day as this balloon.

@Interesting IFOs but I think we both raised points for and  
@against already if it could have been something like these.

They are cases where large fakes or other objects were seen,  
large enough that the size and distance ambiguity comes into  
play.

@> @> Even the rarest of mirage conditions is several orders of magnitude  
@> @> more probable, based on the fact that they have definitely been  
@> @> observed, not once, but several times, without dispute.

@> @In my opinion, the probability is near zero for this as well  
@> @since the UFO was observed from different directions. You have  
@> @said this yourself (in different words, see below).

@> @I would also counter by saying, that an alien visitation craft  
@> @is several orders of magnitude more probable, based on the fact  
@> @that they have definitely been observed, not once, but several  
@> @times, without dispute.

@> Huh? Without dispute??? Where is this proof? Just because objects  
@> have been observed does not mean that they are alien craft.  
@> There is no logical foundation for that. I know of NO case where  
@> the object has been definitely shown to be an alien craft.

@Some people need an alien body or alien hardware in their hands  
@to qualify as proof. For some, the hundreds if not thousands of  
@cases where a solid object is observed at close range, flies as  
@if under intelligent control, out performs anything we have ever  
@made to fly, sometimes leaves ground traces, simultaneous radar  
@returns, is observed by highly credible witnesses is enough for  
@me. There are also hundreds of cases where "beings" are observed  
@in relation to a landed craft. I think the distinction between  
@the two proofs is the willingness to admit that we are not the  
@most advanced race in this Universe. In the 1960's the Brookings  
@Institute under contract by NASA concluded that out of all  
@groups, Scientists and Engineers would be the most devastated by  
@absolute confirmation of higher intelligent life. This is  
@because Science and Engineering deals with the mastery of nature  
@and this would force us to believe that we are not the masters  
@of nature. No wonder it is so difficult for main stream science  
@to take a serious look at the UFO issue. Larry, I think you do  
@take this issue seriously however. It is helpful to have your  
@perspective on things.

Emotional fears of scientists have nothing to do with it, because  
there are other causes for many of the items you cite. A kaboodle

of marginal cases is nothing but a kaboodle of marginal cases. They do not compound into the equivalent of one airtight case. Here are some alternate causes for the things you cite:

1. Fire balloons explain many of the night cases where objects are seen to do fantastic things. They rotate, wobble, swing like a pendulum, and change speed, all at the mercy of the wind. The reason they are not identified as such is that they are farther away than the 30 foot limit on binocular vision against a uniform background. Most people imagine them to be a lot larger and farther away, because they assume they are piloted, controlled vehicles.
2. How "credible" the witness is has absolutely NO effect on the human inability to determine size or distance against a uniform background when the object is farther away than 30 feet (and that is the best case -- some people lose it at 15 feet). No amount of training can fix this problem, but it can alert people that it exists. A cop near here reported a fire balloon (approximately 1.5 feet in diameter at the base and 4 feet high) as a flying transparent two-story house. Two more cops in a helicopter in Kentucky chased an identical object, saying it was lens shaped, extremely maneuverable, and much bigger than the helicopter.
3. Ground traces may or may not have anything to do with the UFO. One set of traces that appeared near here a few years ago, supposedly linked to a UFO seen by a child, was actually made by a telephone company arm-and-bucket truck two days earlier. Pads sticking out of the truck to stabilize it when the bucket is raised made a triangle of three square imprints in the relatively hard ground. The tires made no imprints in the same ground.
4. The National Enquirer prizes and other financial enticements generate UFO occupant cases. A LOT of people will fake sightings for a chance to collect a million dollars.
5. The Brookings Institute is a liberal think-tank for political policy, not a body of true scientific inquiry. Everything they do is as suspect as a 3 dollar bill with Bill Clinton's picture on it. Their political belief is that "ordinary people are like little children, and government must take care of them." That report is typical of what they put out as "objective research." The RAND Corporation is a similar entity.
6. The "real" reason many companies do not consider UFOs to be a serious subject is that their customers tend to evaporate whenever they start doing something in a UFO vein of research. This is probably because bookstores and magazine racks throw UFOs into the occult bins along with witchcraft, ghosts, and psychics.

7. My big question is: Whenever someone sees an unidentified object in the sky, why do they think of space aliens first????

I don't care whether there are aliens or not. It would be interesting to find out. But true scientific methods must be used to do so. Too many "UFOlogists" sidestep this little requirement.

Scientific proof demands that nothing be assumed to be true. But it is impossible to prove that aliens are NOT visiting the Earth. So the burden of proof must be on those who say that aliens are visiting the Earth. And reports by people who thought the UFOs were from outer space just don't add up to proof, no matter how many there are. I don't see any established causal link between things seen in the sky and alien intelligences. I could prove a bunch of Smurfs caused the sighting using the same faulty logic.

@> I do know of cases where the military used UFOs to cover up  
@> something else secret. Many unsolved cases have been generated by  
@> spy satellite film capsule retrievals. Those ARE done in remote  
@> areas, many times in the Arctic. Sometimes, one comes down in a  
@> bad place due to a malfunction or an urgent need for information.

@> I know of the existence of a case where a fake military report of  
@> a fantastic UFO sighting with dead witnesses was actually a  
@> security clearance test designed to weed out whistle blowers.

@> I know of another case where a military crash investigator told a  
@> 50's UFO book author a wild story just to get him to leave the  
@> crash site.

@Such a large object and effort?

That depends on what the military's real intent was.

And it could always be a civilian prank of some kind. In early 20th Century England, some people went to the trouble and expense of dressing themselves and hired actors up in exotic costumes. They did this to fool royalty into entertaining them as emissaries from a fictitious African country. It really worked. Imagine what people could do with some money, a car battery, some lights, imagination, and a lot of weather balloons (which can be had for \$5 each in a scientific supply catalog -- which also sells helium).

And never underestimate the power of a wager. I have several cases of pranks in my files that were the results of either making a bet on whether someone could pull off a fake UFO, or of losing a bet with the prank as the payoff.

A supposition: Suppose FOX2 and FOX3 were in cahoots on their own stories, and also released fire balloons along the highway that all of the the others saw.

@> I do know of several cases where horizontal bending of light @> occurred in a mirage. I do know of cases where the image in a @> mirage was duplicated up to nine times.

@Is there a map showing the light source, the nine observation @points, and confirmation that all nine observations were @observed at the same time? Was the horizontal bending angle of @the order of 90 degrees such as it was between FOX4,5 and FOX2? @(About 45 degrees between FOX3 and @FOX2?) I don't think a beam @of light would split in the atmosphere to reach nine locations @simultaneously. For the nine locations was the time simultaneous @or sequential?

I don't mean that nine different locations got the same mirage. I mean that people in one location saw the same mirage repeated nine times, simultaneously, side by side, like they were looking between two parallel mirrors. I will get the info and pass it on (the book isn't here and the internet isn't there).

There is no reason why a mirage can't be seen over a large area. All it requires is that the atmospheric lens or mirror causing the effect be large. And if a mirror effect can cause a multiplication of images, it can also cause the image to be seen in different directions at the same time.

Also, didn't the sightings in the three locations happen at three different times?

Why didn't anyone going south see it? Were there no southbound cars at all when the giant UFO hovered over Fox Lake?

@> But I have not one single case in my files that was definitely an @> alien craft. I have unknowns, but the fact that they are @> Unidentified Flying Objects does not mean that they are alien @> craft. There are too many other possibilities.

@As stated above. Everybody has their own degree of proof. IMHO the evidence is overwhelming.

But what gives the observations (other than the little men cases) any degree of alien origin at all? You have observations, but no indication at all of origin or cause.

@Martin

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Date: Tue, 14 Dec 1999 09:17:35 -0500 (EST)  
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Subject: Trent Photos

I accidentally left a category out of this survey, so here it is again with everything included:

I did a survey of most of the copies of the Trent photos I have. Here are the results:

The following published works cropped the areas containing the anomalies out, since they were nowhere near the UFO:

- \* Look 1967 special "FLYING SAUCERS"
- \* The Condon report
- \* Peter Brookesmith "UFOs - The Government Files"
- \* Jenny Randles "UFOs and How to See Them" (Trent2 only)
- \* Jenny Randles "Alien Contact: The first fifty years"
- \* J A Hynek "The Hynek UFO Report"
- \* Hynek and Vallee "The Edge of Reality"
- \* Paris Flammonde "UFO Exist"

\* Time-Life "The UFO Phenomenon" (Trent2 - see below)

The following published works printed the photo too lightly for the anomalies to appear if they existed in those copies. Other than the phone wires and pole, the background is white:

\* The true report on Flying Saucers (1967 - only Trent2)

\* Philip Klass "UFOs Explained" (only Trent1)

\* Ronald Story "Encyclopedia of UFOs" (Trent1 - see below)

The following published works printed copies with the pickup truck actually visible:

\* Bob Larson: UFOs and the Alien Agenda

\* Time-Life "The UFO Phenomenon" - Not only is the pickup truck visible, but other cars are parked to the left of it.

\* Sagan and Page "UFOs - a Scientific Debate" The pickup truck is cropped out, but the other cars visible in the Time-Life print are there, but very faint.

The following published works printed copies with the "Adamski object" visible.

\* Ronald Story "Encyclopedia of UFOs"

The following published works printed the colorized fake:

\* Brookesmith "UFO -- The complete Sightings"

\* John Spencer "The World Atlas of UFOs"

\* "The World's Greatest UFO Mysteries"

\* "UFO II" CD ROM for Windows

After further investigation, I think the "Adamski object"

happened when developer was dripped on the negative, then wiped off. The "three ball effect" was an artifact of pixelation and was visible in only one magnification.

The pickup trick looks similar to what happens when a photo is taken through a sheet of glass reflecting another scene faintly.

As for the effect being created in the mind, I have experimented with this, and I find that, if the effect is psychological, I can make it change into something else. I can't make the pickup truck change.

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Subject: Re: Astronomers and UFOs

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On Wed, 15 Dec 1999, Todd Lemire wrote:

@Date: Wed, 15 Dec 1999 00:57:29 -0500  
@From: Todd Lemire <tlemire@home.com>  
@@To: UFO Research List <UFORL@listbot.com>  
@Subject: Re: Astronomers and UFOs  
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@UFO Research List - <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/>  
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@Jenny Randles wrote:

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@> From: J. Pharabod <pharabod@in2p3.fr>  
@> To: UFO Research List <UFORL@listbot.com>  
@> Cc: pharabod@in2p3.fr <pharabod@in2p3.fr>  
@> Date: 14 December 1999 16:24  
@> Subject: Re: Astronomers and UFOs  
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@> >On Tue, 14 Dec 1999, Jacques Poulet wrote:  
@

@> >> You forgot to include Jacques Vallée. He made an observation  
@> >> when he was working at an observatory (in France I think). That's the  
@> >> event that has drawn him to ufology.  
@

@> >Yes, he was in France. But I think that his observation has been  
@> >explained (a satellite orbiting in the "opposite" direction, if  
@> >I remember correctly - and if I use the correct technical word).  
@

@> >Jean-Pierre Pharabod  
@

@>  
@

@> Hi,  
@

@> Dont forget Allen Hynek. In one of his books (I think its the first) there's  
@> a photo of a UFO for which he says (enigmatically) that he can absolutely

@> vouch. There was good reason. He took it.  
@  
@> And do check out the CUFOS site which must have details of the Sturrock  
@> survey of astronomers.  
@  
@> Best wishes,  
@  
@> Jenny Randles  
@  
@Hello,  
@  
@Book was titled "The Edge of Reality" - Hynek and Vallee. The  
@two photos in it were taken by Dr. Hynek from a commercial jet in  
@the 1970's. It is an excellent photo (set) of an unidentified  
@flying object which he was never able to have explained by  
@anyone. Any opinions on these particular photos?

Everything except the UFO seems to be out of focus. This indicates that the UFO was close to the camera. Could it be a reflection of the sun off the window or a ring, or an internal lens reflection?

@Todd Lemire  
@  
@  
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Subject: Re: The 'Yukon' CaseMessage-id: <385ECB16.4D76A483@yknet.yk.ca>  
References: <Pine.HPX.4.10.9912201708460.4081-100000@polhp2.in2p3.fr>

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No it has not. I can't find a source for the JAL pilot drawing. Any suggestions?

Martin Jasek

J. Pharabod wrote:

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- > A comparison between the drawings made by the
- > witnesses in the Yukon case (1996), and the
- > drawing made by the JAL pilot after the (1986?)
- > Alaska incident, was suggested on this list
- > some time ago. Has this comparison been made?
- >
- > Jean-Pierre Pharabod
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- >

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Subject: Re: The 'Yukon' CaseMessage-id: <385EDB7E.CE42EFCF@yknet.yk.ca>  
References: <0.9f8485cf.258fbaec@aol.com>

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RB47Expert@aol.com wrote:  
<snip>

> Brad Sparks Wrote:

>

> COMMENTS: It would be helpful to know what these landmarks were and have  
> them marked and identified as the extreme size of the object is an important  
> point. Your contour site map (<http://www.ufobc.org/yukon/2202foxlakemap.htm>)  
> draws in an angular size from FOX3's viewpoint of about 80 degrees rather  
> than 113 degrees, a somewhat large discrepancy.

This difference in the angles is for purposes of illustration. let me explain. The difficulty comes when being so close to the object relative to its size. For objects far away you only need to know two things to calculate its size.

1. The angular size
2. the distance to the object

For objects that are close, (say 3 object lengths or less) there is a third parameter that is needed:

3. The object shape

If you work out the object size for a sphere vs a narrow cigar for the same angular size and distance to the closest part of the object (since FOX2 was on the closest edge) you would get very different object sizes if relatively close to the objects. The sphere gives an object size several times larger than a narrow cigar (It helps to draw a picture for this). I chose the narrow cigar to be conservative in the size calculation.

However, I wanted to illustrate the length of the UFO with an ellipse rather than a cigar (We don't know what the actual shape was). So I made the ellipse the same length that I got from the cigar calculation. This however forced me to make the angle smaller to fit the drawing. Is this clear as mud. I can construct a graphic to illustrate this if needed. The short story is that this gives a conservative length for the UFO.

>

>

>> I noticed some other odd discrepancies in the witness accounts:

>>

>> 1. In your account of FOX2 there is no mention of him and FOX3 walking  
>> towards each other then driving to the campground to discuss the incident

> > together after the UFO left. This is not mentioned in FOX3's Jan 1997  
> > written account either (<http://www.ufobc.org/yukon/22fox3.htm>), it's in your  
> > interview report with FOX3. In his Jan 1997 story FOX3 specifically states  
> > "As I continued to go on my way I was stunned into "Silence". We just got  
> > into our vehicles and drove towards Carmacks in tranquility."  
>  
> FOX2 and FOX3 did definitely stop at the campground to discuss because FOX4  
> and FOX5 stopped and talked to them at that location.  
>  
> COMMENTS: I don't doubt that they had the discussion. The problem is why,  
> just a month afterward, FOX3 seems to contradict that fact by talking about  
> being "stunned into 'Silence'" and not mentioning the discussions (TWO of  
> them, first on the road after walking 570 meters then after driving to the  
> Campground). It seems like FOX3 was trying to dramatize "Silence" by  
> ignoring his conversations with FOX2 as well as FOX4 and FOX5.

I can't imagine what sort of effect on memory recall or the significance of events afterward after such a dramatic sighting would have on my own memory. I guess you have to talk to FOX2 and FOX3 personally to get a taste of the awe they felt being so close to the object. Like I said, other event may have seemed trivial. Or...perhaps FOX3 felt that telling the part about the camera search and the UFO taking off as soon as he found the camera would seem to "hollywood like" and would compromise the believability of his story. I will make it a point and ask him about the discrepancies the next time I talk to him.

> > 2. There is no mention of FOX3 getting out of the car to frantically look  
> > for the camera in FOX3's Jan 1997 written account, it's in your interview  
> > report. In FOX3's written account he states he "stayed in the car" then  
> > drove away in silence.  
>  
> He does say "We just got into our vehicles and drove towards Carmacks in  
> tranquility" indicating that they both were out of there vehicles" Perhaps  
> initially all he could do was stay in the car. Some good  
> questions to ask him.  
>  
> COMMENTS: This quote doesn't indicate a camera search. It might indirectly  
> refer to the out-of-car discussion of the UFO with FOX2.

As above.

> > 3. FOX3's Jan 1997 report states that when FOX2 came over he (FOX3) was  
> > waiting for his (FOX3's) girlfriend to arrive. When FOX2 asked him to leave  
> > immediately FOX3 did so and there is no mention of the girlfriend. Did FOX3  
> > just leave the girlfriend to show up and find him gone without explanation?  
> > What happened?  
>  
> Yes, that is what happened. In fact he passed his girlfriend going in the  
> opposite direction. She had a bewildered look on her face, (like "where are  
> you going?"). FOX3 was fairly young. It was a chance to

- > drive his cousins Camero. Had they waited for his girlfriend to show up they
- > probably would of missed the UFO. When I went out to Fox Lake with FOX3 we
- > retraced the exact route and he pointed out where he
- > passed his girlfriend.
- >
- > COMMENTS: That helps to know. What did she have to say later about FOX3's
- > behavior?

He did mention that she was not really impressed and that they didn't go out for too much longer after that.

Great questions BTW

Martin

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Hi Martin,

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Regards,

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In a message dated 12/21/99 12:29:20 AM, [mjjasek@yknet.yk.ca](mailto:mjjasek@yknet.yk.ca) writes:

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RB47Expert@aol.com wrote:

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> Brad Sparks Wrote:

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> COMMENTS: It would be helpful to know what these landmarks were and have  
> them marked and identified as the extreme size of the object is an important  
> point. Your contour site map  
> (<http://www.ufobc.org/yukon/2202foxlakemap.htm>)  
> draws in an angular size from FOX3's viewpoint of about 80 degrees rather  
> than 113 degrees, a somewhat large discrepancy.

This difference in the angles is for purposes of illustration. let me explain. The difficulty comes when being so close to the object relative to its size. For objects far away you only need to know two things to calculate its size.

1. The angular size
2. the distance to the object

For objects that are close, (say 3 object lengths or less) there is a third parameter that is needed:

3. The object shape

If you work out the object size for a sphere vs a narrow cigar for the same angular size and distance to the closest part of the object (since FOX2 was on the closest edge) you would get very different object sizes if relatively close to the objects. The sphere gives an object size several times larger than a narrow cigar (It helps to draw a picture for this). I chose the narrow cigar to be conservative in the size calculation. However, I wanted to illustrate the length of the UFO with an ellipse rather than a cigar (We don't know what the actual shape was). So I made the ellipse the same length that I got from the cigar calculation. This however forced me to make the angle smaller to fit the drawing. Is this clear as mud. I can construct a graphic to illustrate this if needed. The short story is that this gives a conservative length for the UFO.

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>> I noticed some other odd discrepancies in the witness accounts:

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>> 1. In your account of FOX2 there is no mention of him and FOX3 walking  
>> towards each other then driving to the campground to discuss the incident  
>> together after the UFO left. This is not mentioned in FOX3's Jan 1997  
>> written account either (<http://www.ufobc.org/yukon/22fox3.htm>), it's in  
your  
>> interview report with FOX3. In his Jan 1997 story FOX3 specifically  
states

>> "As I continued to go on my way I was stunned into "Silence". We just got  
>> into our vehicles and drove towards Carmacks in tranquility."

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> FOX2 and FOX3 did definitely stop at the campground to discuss because FOX4

- > and FOX5 stopped and talked to them at that location.
- >
- > COMMENTS: I don't doubt that they had the discussion. The problem is why,
- > just a month afterward, FOX3 seems to contradict that fact by talking about
- > being "stunned into 'Silence'" and not mentioning the discussions (TWO of
- > them, first on the road after walking 570 meters then after driving to the
- > Campground). It seems like FOX3 was trying to dramatize "Silence" by
- > ignoring his conversations with FOX2 as well as FOX4 and FOX5.

I can't imagine what sort of effect on memory recall or the significance of events afterward after such a dramatic sighting would have on my own memory. I guess you have to talk to FOX2 and FOX3 personally to get a taste of the awe they felt being so close to the object. Like I said, other event may had seemed trivial. Or...perhaps FOX3 felt that telling the part about the camera search and the UFO taking off as soon as he found the camera would seem to "hollywood like" and would compromise the believability of his story. I will make it a point and ask him about the discrepancies the next time I talk to him.

- >> 2. There is no mention of FOX3 getting out of the car to frantically look
- >> for the camera in FOX3's Jan 1997 written account, it's in your interview
- >> report. In FOX3's written account he states he "stayed in the car" then
- >> drove away in silence.
- >
- > He does say "We just got into our vehicles and drove towards Carmacks in
- > tranquility" indicating that they both were out of there vehicles" Perhaps
- > initially all he could do was stay in the car. Some good
- > questions to ask him.
- >
- > COMMENTS: This quote doesn't indicate a camera search. It might indirectly
- > refer to the out-of-car discussion of the UFO with FOX2.

As above.

- >> 3. FOX3's Jan 1997 report states that when FOX2 came over he (FOX3) was
- >> waiting for his (FOX3's) girlfriend to arrive. When FOX2 asked him to
- leave
- >> immediately FOX3 did so and there is no mention of the girlfriend. Did
- FOX3
- >> just leave the girlfriend to show up and find him gone without
- explanation?
- >> What happened?
- >
- > Yes, that is what happened. In fact he passed his girlfriend going in the
- > opposite direction. She had a bewildered look on her face, (like "where are
- > you going?"). FOX3 was fairly young. It was a chance to
- > drive his cousins Camero. Had they waited for his girlfriend to show up they
- > probably would of missed the UFO. When I went out to Fox Lake with FOX3 we
- > retraced the exact route and he pointed out where he
- > passed his girlfriend.

>  
> COMMENTS: That helps to know. What did she have to say later about FOX3's  
> behavior?

He did mention that she was not really impressed and that they didn't go out for too much longer after that.

Great questions BTW

Martin

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Hello Brad

Clarification below along with a graphic to clarify the geometry.

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You are correct. I should have probably stated that the 80 degree angle was a conservative one based on other information. I did use the 113 degree angle to calculate a linear dimension but had to set the long axis of the ellipse slightly north of the witnesses so the edge of the UFO passed over FOX2. I am being conservative here and should have pointed out my reasoning explicitly in the report. More details on this below:

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No, you have missed a specific constraint on the geometry. The constraint is that FOX2 was underneath the edge of the UFO and not underneath the center. If you do the geometry as in the attached figure, the observer sees about a 70% smaller diameter of sphere than the full diameter, or the sphere is 3.3 times larger than what he can see. This is in the order of "several times".

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I agree, it is a conservative angle based on FOX3 angular size and FOX2 sketches of the UFO relative to the size of the lake. Using 113 degrees and a spherical UFO produces a UFO with a diameter of about 5.7 km. Much too large. So the likely explanation is that the UFO was an ellipse and/or the edge of the UFO was not exactly over FOX2 (Just a small change of a few hundred meters to the north would make a large difference to the UFO size for a spherical shape but not so much for a narrow ellipse or a linear one). Again conservative.

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FOX3 in his 1997 report writes "In fact I was quite beside myself with fear of this immense thing". So at least he was frightened if not terrified. FOX2 has told me that FOX3 appeared vary frightened after the sighting.

FOX2 wasn't terrified just awe struck. I think I would have been terrified myself but I can't truly imagine what effect such a sight would have on me. Perhaps when confronted with something that overwhelming and that near the feeling is "what ever will happen will happen". I don't know? Interesting. Have a listen to PEL1 using RealPlayer. He was close to the UFO as well. Amazingly he wasn't frightened either!/? Perhaps there is something deeper going on. There is also a human reaction that is called "sensory overload". This is very real. Skydive students gets this for the first few seconds of freefall. They don't see the plane as they are falling away from it even though they are looking right at it. Perhaps there is some kind of "emotional overload" with the UFO that "normal" reactions stop functioning.

Sincerely

Martin

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In 1997, I became curious about the events of Phoenix and quickly was able to determine that there were two different events. This is something that has been confused by the media AND many "investigators". Your work on the 10 pm events seem to have cleared up any further concern for those videos (although Hamilton still contends they were orbs in front of the mountains). This had been pretty much determined in 1997 by Captain Bienz of the AZ ANG and the Discovery Channel (Dr. Rudin).

The 8-8:30PM event consisted of sightings that started in the northern part of the state and proceeded south over Phoenix. They were last reported around 9PM in the Tuscon area. What becomes clear in many of the reports is that there were 5 lights moving south (the number varies but 5 seems to be the most consistent) at a constant rate of speed that was determined to be "blimp speed". Some observers determined that there was an object behind the lights but it appears that there was none. Witness Mike Fortson saw the lights pass in front of the moon and there was no object. All he reported was the moon changed color (he assumed the object was transparent but it appears this is an incorrect assumption based on other data). The timing of the lights moving south indicated the lights moved about 350-400 mph. Since witnesses felt they moved at about 1/10th that speed it becomes apparent they were incorrect in their assumptions of speed in altitude. When taking Fortson's observation of the lights and the moon and others who saw the lights pass overhead to his west, the altitude of the lights were about 30-40,000 feet! This describes the low apparent speed to the observers on the ground. The estimates of low altitude were completely off and also explains why no sounds were heard. Lastly, the sighting by Mitch Stanley of the lights through his telescope appears to clear up the matter even more. Mitch used a 10" dobsonian reflector to catch the lights that night. He reports straight wing aircraft with lights underneath the wings and fuselage. This would also explain the fact that Fortson reported the moon changed color and appeared

like gas fumes leaving a can (exhaust from the aircraft). Several witnesses reported the lights appearing to be two lights each and it seems that the lights merged into one for observers without optical aid. Since early investigators ignored Mitch's report and instead focused on the more extraordinary claims, we are left with an "unexplained case". The frenzy associated with this event seems to mirror Dr. Hartmann's look at the Zond IV incident in 1968. The "excitedness effect" (some of the more interesting reports are quite lengthy and seem to incorporate more imagination than careful observation) coupled with the "airship effect" (connecting the lights to form one object) seems to have created a UFO out of the event.

Tim Printy

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Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS Kinesiology wrote:

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> @> @To: UFO Research List <UFORL@listbot.com>  
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> @> Cc: pharabod@in2p3.fr <pharabod@in2p3.fr>  
> @> Date: 14 December 1999 16:24  
> @> Subject: Re: Astronomers and UFOs

> @> Dont forget Allen Hynek. In one of his books (I think its the first) there's  
> @> a photo of a UFO for which he says (enigmatically) that he can absolutely  
> @> vouch. There was good reason. He took it.

> @Book was titled "The Edge of Reality" - Hynek and Vallee. The  
> @two photos in it were taken by Dr. Hynek from a commercial jet in  
> @the 1970's. It is an excellent photo (set) of an unidentified  
> @flying object which he was never able to have explained by  
> @anyone. Any opinions on these particular photos?

Larry responded:

> Everything except the UFO seems to be out of focus. This  
> indicates that the UFO was close to the camera. Could it be a  
> reflection of the sun off the window or a ring, or an internal  
> lens reflection?

Larry,

Did you notice the caption under between the photo's that states. "The time requirement at a speed in the vicinity of mach .8 rules out many explanations." Could you elaborate please on what explanations can be ruled out when a photo is taken from an airliner traveling at this speed.

The two photos taken by Dr. Hynek are almost "beetle-like" in appearance, in my opinion. Notice the "dual/double-layered" wing design. This beetle-like appearance would lead me to believe that these objects were man-made, although I have no explanation

for what type of craft this could possibly be.

Respectfully,  
Todd Lemire

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"Thus these beings appear to us, not in order to stay among us or become allied to us, but in order for us to become able to understand them."

Written during the Middle Ages by Paracelsus in "Why These Beings Appear to Us"

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@From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>  
@@To: UFO Research List <UFORL@listbot.com>  
@Subject: Re: The 'Yukon' Case  
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@I interrupt this most interesting discussion to clear up some  
@misinformation  
@about the famous "Phoenix Lights"  
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@>@> Phoenix AZ 2/13/97  
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@Date was 3/13/97  
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@(SNIP)  
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@>The Phoenix case was revealed as a series of flare drops by the  
@>men who dropped the flares. The delay was caused by the fact that  
@>they had returned to their home state in the east long before the  
@>news reached them (I found out about it two months later, and  
@>that was before they did). Again, many witnesses described a dark  
@>gray or black shape containing the lights, vee shaped, since the  
@>lights formed a rough vee. One witnesses said the stars blanked  
@>out as the object passed. This could either be caused by the  
@>parachutes, or by a contrast effect causing the eyes to  
@>desensitize in the area of the much brighter flares.  
  
@The March 13, 1997 sightings consist of TWO separable events.  
@The event which grabbed the media was at 10 PM plus or minus  
@minutes and resulted in four videos by witnesses at widely  
@separated locations in Phoenix. All of these witnesses were  
@looking south or south westward during their sightings. After  
@dozens or a hundred or more (?) hours of study using copies of  
@the videos, maps and information derived from being at the sites  
@of the observations I determined by triangulation that these  
@lights were 60 or more miles south of Phoenix over the Barry

@Goldwater Test range.... Furthermore, except for their extreme @brightness, they obeyed the "laws of flares" : careful analysis @of the videos (frame capture, position shift analysis) I @determined that they dropped downward and to the left during the @several minute videos. This was consistent with the general @drift of the wind at the time. A short report was published in @the MUFON journal in 1998. A full report including frame grabs @for illustration and maps was on the internet. Unfortunately the @site with the illustrations has now evaporated into thin cyber @air, so I have attached a text version. Use a variable width @font.

How? Our email site is a mainframe accessible only by Pine.

I was referring to ONLY the 2000 (10 pm) sighting in my above remarks, although a gray background was also reported on an earlier flight.

I did a detailed study of this case. There were actually 9 different events on 3/13/97:

#1. A flight of lights was seen in the Paulden area from 2000 to 2016.

#2. A flight of lights in the Prescott area. 4-5 lights in a rough triangle moved slowly over the area, from 2015 to 2020.

#3. A flight of lights over the Phoenix area, including Chandler. 5-7 lights in a rough vee, from 2023 to 2035. The lights went out one by one. This was the flight where a transparent object was seen behind the lights.

#4. A flight of lights over the Tucson and Saddlebrook area. These were seen from 2045 to 2100. They were in a straight line as seen from Tucson, but a diamond shape was seen from Saddlebrook.

#5. Another flight of lights over the Chandler area (south of Phoenix) from 2050 to 2100. 7 lights in a row with another light following it.

#6. Another flight of lights was observed in the Ahwatuckee area from 2130 to 3135.

#7. A line of ten lights was seen south of Scottsdale at 2200. This is the flight that was taped, and was identified as the flare drop exercise.

#8. One light to the west of Phoenix at 2200 was chased by 3 jets from Luke AFB, and also observed from the ground. Another was seen toward the northeast.

#9. A large cluster of lights was seen to the north from Kingman just before midnight.

Notice these facts:

A. The lights seen in Paulden disappeared just as the Prescott area started seeing lights.

B. The Prescott lights had disappeared before the Phoenix area started seeing lights.

C. The lights seen in Phoenix (group 3) went out one-by-one WHILE the lights were still visible in Tucson. They did not go below the horizon. This means they WERE NOT the same lights.

D. ALL of the lights moved south, including the flare drop.

E. The flare drop establishes the wind direction.

F. No reports came from intervening towns.

G. The Hale-Bopp "UFO" had just been revealed.

H. Heavensgate was in the news.

I. Spring break was in progress at many college campuses.

J. None of the individual lights did anything inconsistent with fire balloons, EXCEPT the lights identified as the flare drop. What about the jet chase? The "Gorman effect" explains the maneuvers reported nicely.

K. None of the objects appeared on RADAR.

L. Previous flare drops had already been seen from Ahwatuckee on the 10th, 11th, and 12th, and reported as a UFO in the media. That's why people were ready with their video recorders.

M. It is amazing the number of fire balloons that appear in an area after a major UFO event is publicized. I counted 7 cases of confirmed fire balloons (some with multiple objects), plus 1 probable fire balloon case (plus who knows how many cases too tenuous to identify), plus 1 case of people dressed up in foil suits, all in Indiana during the 1973 UFO wave.

The following scenarios present themselves:

1. A group of students (probably all members of the same fraternity house) on spring break decided to create a sensational UFO sighting. They stationed groups of people at various points along a straight line and had them sequentially release fire balloons according to a schedule they worked out. Later, more balloons were released in the Phoenix area.

This sounds similar to an frat initiation project that happened here in Bloomington Indiana in the 1970s, when Bigfoot tracks started appearing in the snow everywhere around campus. Since the tracks were flat (made by boards cut to shape and strapped to boots), the hoax was obvious to any serious investigator. The story did not go beyond the student newspaper.

2. Members of the Heavensgate cult planned and released the fire balloons, intending this sighting to be coupled with the "earth ship takeoff" the same month.

3. The military released lighted balloons, in an effort to keep the rabid UFOzOs busy while they were doing something in Area 51. This is much less likely than the other two possibilities.

4. Somebody else did it. The two isolated fire balloons aloft during the jet chase were probably launched independently of the others.

Other information needed.

The plastic bag aerostats of the fire balloons explain the "yellow moon" effect.

A falling candle fits the reported "LASER beam effect." This is a common occurrence in fire balloon cases, and is one of the identifying features of a fire balloon.

The Gorman effect is named after pilot George Gorman, who on 10/1/48 had an aerial dogfight with a UFO over Fargo ND. He reported that as he tried to identify the UFO, it repeatedly made ramming attacks on him, and turned tighter than he could. This was the first report of this kind. The UFO was identified as a lighted weather balloon released from the base, but not until 1/26/53, when the same thing happened again in New Mexico.

The pilot (anonymous) in the New Mexico case insisted he had NOT

chased a balloon. His commanding officer decided to do an experiment: The next night, he ordered the pilot up again, and then had a lighted balloon released. The entire episode happened again! After that, they were all convinced that the original object was the station weather balloon released shortly before the "dogfight." The solution was then applied to the Gorman case.

This illustrates dramatically the fact that, against the night sky, NOBODY with unaided eyes can find the size, distance, or speed of an unfamiliar object that is farther away than 30 feet. In this case, the pilot grossly overestimated the size of the object. That distorted his distance and speed estimates in a way that made him experience ramming attacks by the object. The light was really almost stationary, and the entire ramming effect was caused by the speed of the pilot's own airplane, coupled with his overestimate of its size.

Again, there is nothing (other than the flare drops) in the 3/13/97 Phoenix case that can NOT be explained by a series of flights by fire balloons. The estimates of size, distance, and speed were distorted by the unexpectedly small sizes of the objects there too.

@NOW, comes a main point of this discussion: whereas the 10 PM @sightings were likely all caused by flares many miles south, it @is clear from witnesses descriptions (MULTIPLE witness @descriptions) that the event (s) that started it all off, which @occurred between about 8 PM and 9 PM were NOT flares south of @the city of Phoenix. This is because this series of sightings @started with witness reports of something flying overhead at a @location over 50 miles north northwest of Phoenix. Witness @reports to the National UFO Reporting Center were made within @minutes of th sightings and the plot of the witness locations @showed an object or a group of objects (lights) moving @southward. This "object" eventually was seen moving southward @by many residents of Phoenix. See the shorter two attached @files for initial reports.

@I have not investigated THIS series of events because many @investigators have done so (e.g., Bill Hamilton). However, the @"bottom line" is that this series of sightings between 8 and 9 @PM are as yet unexplained.

@NOTE: the two events, 8-9 PM and 10 PM, because thoroughly mixed in the @media reports.

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@From: Martin Jasek <mjjasek@yknet.yk.ca>  
@@To: UFO Research List <UFORL@listbot.com>  
@Subject: Re: The 'Yukon' Case

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@Hello Brad

@Clarification below along with a graphic to clarify the geometry.

@RB47Expert@aol.com wrote:

@> UFO Research List - <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/>

@> Hi Martin,

@> Thanks for your comments and additional info. I do understand  
@the point I > think you're making about closeness to a sphere  
@reducing the amount of sphere > that is visible but this has  
@nothing to do with different methods of > measuring ANGULAR  
@width. An angle is an angle, you're talking about the > LINEAR  
@width derived from the angle which is a different matter. If  
@you take > a given ANGULAR width and draw in a large sphere or a  
@somewhat smaller > ellipse or cigar shape on a map (smaller in  
@LINEAR dimensions), that is your > choice, but the ANGLE stays  
@the same. Only the linear width varies depending > on your  
@choice or model of object shape.

@You are correct. I should have probably stated that the 80  
@degree angle was a conservative one based on other information.  
@I did use the 113 degree angle to calculate a linear dimension  
@but had to set the long axis of the ellipse slightly north of  
@the witnesses so the edge of the UFO passed over FOX2. I am  
@being conservative here and should have pointed out my reasoning  
@explicitly in the report. More details on this below:

@> And the linear visibility effect with a sphere is much smaller  
@than you say. > For example if someone is so close to a sphere

@that its angular size is 90 > degrees (close to the case with  
@FOX3), then the observer sees about a 29% > smaller diameter of  
@sphere than its full diameter, if 120 degrees then 50% >  
@smaller, but certainly not a factor of "several times."

@No, you have missed a specific constraint on the geometry. The  
@constraint is that FOX2 was underneath the edge of the UFO and  
@not underneath the center. If you do the geometry as in the  
@attached figure, the observer sees about a 70% smaller diameter  
@of sphere than the full diameter, or the sphere is 3.3 times  
@larger than what he can see. This is in the order of "several  
@times".

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Is that area? For the diameter versus the perceived width, for a  
70 percent reduction, I get that the diameter is actually 1.4  
times as large, not 3.3.

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@> The plot of the object's dimensions on a map where there is  
@some rough > reference to landmarks is more accurate for  
@determining angular size than > holding out the arms. So I  
@think the 80-degree figure from your map could be > more  
@reliable and accurate (if you did the map correctly) than the  
@113-degree > figure from the arms.

@I agree, it is a conservative angle based on FOX3 angular size  
@and FOX2 sketches of the UFO relative to the size of the lake.  
@Using 113 degrees and a spherical UFO produces a UFO with a  
@diameter of about 5.7 km. Much too large. So the likely  
@explanation is that the UFO was an ellipse and/or the edge of  
@the UFO was not exactly over FOX2 (Just a small change of a few  
@hundred meters to the north would make a large difference to the  
@UFO size for a spherical shape but not so much for a narrow  
@ellipse or a linear one). Again conservative.

@> As for the discrepancies in witness accounts I'm glad you'll  
@be able to ask > questions to see if the witnesses can clarify  
@things. My impression of FOX3 > is he has/had too much of a  
@storytelling aspect to his account, whereby he > fixates on a  
@point (such as emerging from the UFO encounter in "Silence") and  
@> then for dramatic purposes ignores or neglects bringing up  
@anything that may > clash with that point. As for this being  
@due to the trauma of the UFO > incident and its size and  
@proximity, why weren't they terrified instead of > just  
@awestruck?

@FOX3 in his 1997 report writes "In fact I was quite beside

@myself with fear of this immense thing". So at least he was  
@frightened if not terrified. FOX2 has told me that FOX3 appeared  
@vary frightened after the sighting.

@FOX2 wasn't terrified just awe struck. I think I would have been  
@terrified myself but I can't truly imagine what effect such a  
@sight would have on me. Perhaps when confronted with something  
@that overwhelming and that near the feeling is "what ever will  
@happen will happen". I don't know? Interesting. Have a listen to  
@PEL1 using RealPlayer. He was close to the UFO as well.  
@Amazingly he wasn't frightened either!? Perhaps there is  
@something deeper going on. There is also a human reaction that  
@is called "sensory overload". This is very real. Skydive  
@students gets this for the first few seconds of freefall. They  
@don't see the plane as they are falling away from it even though  
@they are looking right at it. Perhaps there is some kind of  
@"emotional overload" with the UFO that "normal" reactions stop  
@functioning.

@Sincerely

@Martin

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@Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS Kinesiology wrote:

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@> @Date: Wed, 15 Dec 1999 00:57:29 -0500  
@> @From: Todd Lemire <tlemire@home.com>  
@> @@> @To: UFO Research List <UFORL@listbot.com>  
@> @Subject: Re: Astronomers and UFOs

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@> @> -----Original Message-----

@> @> From: J. Pharabod <pharabod@in2p3.fr>  
@> @> To: UFO Research List <UFORL@listbot.com>  
@> @> Cc: pharabod@in2p3.fr <pharabod@in2p3.fr>  
@> @> Date: 14 December 1999 16:24  
@> @> Subject: Re: Astronomers and UFOs

@> @>Dont forget Allen Hynek. In one of his books (I think its  
@> @>the first) there's a photo of a UFO for which he says  
@> @>(enigmatically) that he can absolutely vouch. There was good  
@> @>reason. He took it.

@> @Book was titled "The Edge of Reality" - Hynek and Vallee. The  
@> @two photos in it were taken by Dr. Hynek from a commercial jet in  
@> @the 1970's. It is an excellent photo (set) of an unidentified  
@> @flying object which he was never able to have explained by  
@> @anyone. Any opinions on these particular photos?

@

@Larry responded:

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@> Everything except the UFO seems to be out of focus. This  
@> indicates that the UFO was close to the camera. Could it be a  
@> reflection of the sun off the window or a ring, or an internal  
@> lens reflection?

@

@Larry,

@Did you notice the caption under between the photo's that  
@states. "The time requirement at a speed in the vicinity of mach  
@.8 rules out many explanations." Could you elaborate please on  
@what explanations can be ruled out when a photo is taken from an  
@airliner traveling at this speed.

That caption is not there in the copy of "The UFO Experience"  
that I have. It also contains the two photos.

@The two photos taken by Dr. Hynek are almost "beetle-like" in  
@appearance, in my opinion. Notice the "dual/double-layered"  
@wing design. This beetle-like appearance would lead me to  
@believe that these objects were man-made, although I have no  
@explanation for what type of craft this could possibly be.

Looks more like a belt buckle to me. Possibly the object was  
inside the plane, and was reflected off the window. If he was  
always looking through the viewfinder, the monocular effect of  
that would

It also reminds me of an instrument from a plane's instrument  
panel. There is another photo that IS such an instrument. I will  
give the details when I find it (it's not in my files here).

@

@Respectfully,

@Todd Lemire

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@ "Thus these beings appear to us, not in order to stay among us or  
@become allied to us, but in order for us to become able to  
@understand them."

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@Written during the Middle Ages by Paracelsus in "Why These Beings  
@Appear to Us"

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<3861088B.36957771@home.com>

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Hi Todd,

Could you give me the source for this quote by Paracelsus? I have many of his works but have not encountered this one sofar. By the way, Paracelsus did not live during the middle ages, but during what we in Europe call the Renaissance.

As for Mach 8, I thought that no plane of ours could fly at Mach 8.

Best,

Theo Paijmans

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Date: Wed, 22 Dec 1999 15:01:00 -0500 (EST)  
From: Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS Kinesiology <lrobins@indiana.edu>  
Subject: my limited space

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I am leaving on vacation for two weeks. This is my last day online this year. During this time, my mainframe account will continue to collect emails posted to this list, except:

\* My PCs will be shut down and unplugged starting today for Y2K, as we will do to all PCs here.

\* I have only 10 MB on my mainframe disk quota. If this is exceeded, then my account will stop collecting emails. They will be refused by the server, so it will be evident that this happened.

[3 weeks ago, someone (not a list member) clobbered the whole 10 MB with two large .bmp files of UFOs while I was on Thanksgiving break. I couldn't receive any mail until they had been downloaded and deleted.]

\* The mainframe itself will shut down on December 31 and part of January 1. During this time, the server will act as if it doesn't exist.

I am sure that other list members are also leaving on vacation, and will not be online during the holidays. So please, try to avoid graphics attachments during this time. Instead, post them on your own websites and include the URLs in your posts.

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From: Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS Kinesiology <lrobins@indiana.edu>  
Subject: Re: Phoenix - fix typo  
Content-id: <Pine.HPP.3.96.991222091002.10289H@juliet.ucs.indiana.edu>

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On Wed, 22 Dec 1999, Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS Kinesiology wrote:

@Date: Wed, 22 Dec 1999 12:29:35 -0500 (EST)  
@From: Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS Kinesiology <lrobins@indiana.edu>  
@To: UFO Research List <UFORL@listbot.com>  
@Subject: Re: Phoenix

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@On Tue, 21 Dec 1999, bruce maccabee wrote:

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@@Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 16:36:43 -0500  
@@From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>  
@@@To: UFO Research List <UFORL@listbot.com>  
@@Subject: Re: The 'Yukon' Case

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@@UFO Research List - <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/>

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@@I interrupt this most interesting discussion to clear up some

@@misinformation

@@about the famous "Phoenix Lights"

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@@>@> Phoenix AZ 2/13/97

@@

@@Date was 3/13/97

@@

@@(SNIP)

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@@>The Phoenix case was revealed as a series of flare drops by the  
@@>men who dropped the flares. The delay was caused by the fact that  
@@>they had returned to their home state in the east long before the  
@@>news reached them (I found out about it two months later, and  
@@>that was before they did). Again, many witnesses described a dark  
@@>gray or black shape containing the lights, vee shaped, since the  
@@>lights formed a rough vee. One witnesses said the stars blanked  
@@>out as the object passed. This could either be caused by the  
@@>parachutes, or by a contrast effect causing the eyes to  
@@>desensitize in the area of the much brighter flares.

@

@

@@The March 13, 1997 sightings consist of TWO separable events.  
@@The event which grabbed the media was at 10 PM plus or minus  
@@minutes and resulted in four videos by witnesses at widely  
@@separated locations in Phoenix. All of these witnesses were  
@@looking south or south westward during their sightings. After  
@@dozens or a hundred or more (?) hours of study using copies of  
@@the videos, maps and information derived from being at the sites  
@@of the observations I determined by triangulation that these  
@@lights were 60 or more miles south of Phoenix over the Barry  
@@Goldwater Test range.... Furthermore, except for their extreme  
@@brightness, they obeyed the "laws of flares" : careful analysis  
@@of the videos (frame capture, position shift analysis) I  
@@determined that they dropped downward and to the left during the  
@@several minute videos. This was consistent with the general  
@@drift of the wind at the time. A short report was published in  
@@the MUFON journal in 1998. A full report including frame grabs  
@@for illustration and maps was on the internet. Unfortunately the  
@@site with the illustrations has now evaporated into thin cyber  
@@air, so I have attached a text version. Use a variable width  
@@font.

How? Our email site is a mainframe accessible only by Pine.

I was referring to ONLY the 2000 (10 pm) sighting in my above remarks, although a gray background was also reported on an earlier flight.

I did a detailed study of this case. There were actually 9 different events on 3/13/97:

#1. A flight of lights was seen in the Paulden area from 2000 to 2016.

#2. A flight of lights in the Prescott area. 4-5 lights in a rough triangle moved slowly over the area, from 2015 to 2020.

#3. A flight of lights over the Phoenix area, including Chandler. 5-7 lights in a rough vee, from 2023 to 2035. The lights went out one by one. This was the flight where a transparent object was seen behind the lights.

#4. A flight of lights over the Tucson and Saddlebrook area. These were seen from 2045 to 2100. They were in a straight line as seen from Tucson, but a diamond shape was seen from Saddlebrook.

#5. Another flight of lights over the Chandler area (south of Phoenix) from 2050 to 2100. 7 lights in a row with another light

following it.

#6. Another flight of lights was observed in the Ahwatuckee area from 2130 to 2135.

#7. A line of ten lights was seen south of Scottsdale at 2200. This is the flight that was taped, and was identified as the flare drop exercise.

#8. One light to the west of Phoenix at 2200 was chased by 3 jets from Luke AFB, and also observed from the ground. Another was seen toward the northeast.

#9. A large cluster of lights was seen to the north from Kingman just before midnight.

Notice these facts:

A. The lights seen in Paulden disappeared just as the Prescott area started seeing lights.

B. The Prescott lights had disappeared before the Phoenix area started seeing lights.

C. The lights seen in Phoenix (group 3) went out one-by-one WHILE the lights were still visible in Tucson. They did not go below the horizon. This means they WERE NOT the same lights.

D. ALL of the lights moved south, including the flare drop.

E. The flare drop establishes the wind direction.

F. No reports came from intervening towns.

G. The Hale-Bopp "UFO" had just been revealed.

H. Heavensgate was in the news.

I. Spring break was in progress at many college campuses.

J. None of the individual lights did anything inconsistent with fire balloons, EXCEPT the lights identified as the flare drop. What about the jet chase? The "Gorman effect" explains the maneuvers reported nicely.

K. None of the objects appeared on RADAR.

L. Previous flare drops had already been seen from Ahwatuckee on

the 10th, 11th, and 12th, and reported as a UFO in the media. That's why people were ready with their video recorders.

M. It is amazing the number of fire balloons that appear in an area after a major UFO event is publicized. I counted 7 cases of confirmed fire balloons (some with multiple objects), plus 1 probable fire balloon case (plus who knows how many cases too tenuous to identify), plus 1 case of people dressed up in foil suits, all in Indiana during the 1973 UFO wave.

The following scenarios present themselves:

1. A group of students (probably all members of the same fraternity house) on spring break decided to create a sensational UFO sighting. They stationed groups of people at various points along a straight line and had them sequentially release fire balloons according to a schedule they worked out. Later, more balloons were released in the Phoenix area.

This sounds similar to an frat initiation project that happened here in Bloomington Indiana in the 1970s, when Bigfoot tracks started appearing in the snow everywhere around campus. Since the tracks were flat (made by boards cut to shape and strapped to boots), the hoax was obvious to any serious investigator. The story did not go beyond the student newspaper.

2. Members of the Heavensgate cult planned and released the fire balloons, intending this sighting to be coupled with the "earth ship takeoff" the same month.

3. The military released lighted balloons, in an effort to keep the rabid UFOzoz busy while they were doing something in Area 51. This is much less likely than the other two possibilities.

4. Somebody else did it. The two isolated fire balloons aloft during the jet chase were probably launched independently of the others.

Other information needed.

The plastic bag aerostats of the fire balloons explain the "yellow moon" effect.

A falling candle fits the reported "LASER beam effect." This is a common occurrence in fire balloon cases, and is one of the identifying features of a fire balloon.

The Gorman effect is named after pilot George Gorman, who on 10/1/48 had an aerial dogfight with a UFO over Fargo ND. He reported that as he tried to identify the UFO, it repeatedly made ramming attacks on him, and turned tighter than he could. This was the first report of this kind. The UFO was identified as a lighted weather balloon released from the base, but not until 1/26/53, when the same thing happened again in New Mexico.

The pilot (anonymous) in the New Mexico case insisted he had NOT chased a balloon. His commanding officer decided to do an experiment: The next night, he ordered the pilot up again, and then had a lighted balloon released. The entire episode happened again! After that, they were all convinced that the original object was the station weather balloon released shortly before the "dogfight." The solution was then applied to the Gorman case.

This illustrates dramatically the fact that, against the night sky, NOBODY with unaided eyes can find the size, distance, or speed of an unfamiliar object that is farther away than 30 feet. In this case, the pilot grossly overestimated the size of the object. That distorted his distance and speed estimates in a way that made him experience ramming attacks by the object. The light was really almost stationary, and the entire ramming effect was caused by the speed of the pilot's own airplane, coupled with his overestimate of its size.

Again, there is nothing (other than the flare drops) in the 3/13/97 Phoenix case that can NOT be explained by a series of flights by fire balloons. The estimates of size, distance, and speed were distorted by the unexpectedly small sizes of the objects there too.

@@NOW, comes a main point of this discussion: whereas the 10 PM @@sightings were likely all caused by flares many miles south, it @@is clear from witnesses descriptions (MULTIPLE witness @@descriptions) that the event (s) that started it all off, which @@occurred between about 8 PM and 9 PM were NOT flares south of @@the city of Phoenix. This is because this series of sightings @@started with witness reports of something flying overhead at a @@location over 50 miles north northwest of Phoenix. Witness @@reports to the National UFO Reporting Center were made within @@minutes of th sightings and the plot of the witness locations @@showed an object or a group of objects (lights) moving @@southward. This "object" eventually was seen moving southward @@by many residents of Phoenix. See the shorter two attached @@files for initial reports.

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@ @I have not investigated THIS series of events because many  
@@ investigators have done so (e.g., Bill Hamilton). However, the  
@@ "bottom line" is that this series of sightings between 8 and 9  
@@ PM are as yet unexplained.

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@ @NOTE: the two events, 8-9 PM and 10 PM, because thoroughly mixed in the  
@@ media reports.

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Subject: Re: The 'Yukon' CaseMessage-id: <386172F1.121ABA51@yknet.yk.ca>  
References: <Pine.HPP.3.96.991222130730.10289N-100000@juliet.ucs.indiana.edu>

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Brad Sparks:

> @> And the linear visibility effect with a sphere is much smaller  
> @than you say. > For example if someone is so close to a sphere  
> @that its angular size is 90 > degrees (close to the case with  
> @FOX3), then the observer sees about a 29% > smaller diameter of  
> @sphere than its full diameter, if 120 degrees then 50% >  
> @smaller, but certainly not a factor of "several times."

Martin Jasek:

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> @No, you have missed a specific constraint on the geometry. The  
> @constraint is that FOX2 was underneath the edge of the UFO and  
> @not underneath the center. If you do the geometry as in the  
> @attached figure, the observer sees about a 70% smaller diameter  
> @of sphere than the full diameter, or the sphere is 3.3 times  
> @larger than what he can see. This is in the order of "several  
> @times".  
>

Larry Robinson:

> Is that area? For the diameter versus the perceived width, for a  
> 70 percent reduction, I get that the diameter is actually 1.4  
> times as large, not 3.3.  
>

Martin Jasek:

No it is not  $1/0.7=1.4$

But rather  $1/(1-0.7)=3.3$

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From: James Easton <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
Subject: 'Triangular' UFOs Outwith the USMessage-id:  
<008f01bf4cff\$632c91e0\$981486d4@voyager>  
References: <199912211636\_MC2-9202-29FB@compuserve.com>  
<38603525.954E8009@yknet.yk.ca>

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A new UK magazine called 'Destiny', is essentially a 'horoscope/fortune telling' etc. publication.

However, the first issue also contains an article on the 'Bonnybridge triangle', namely 'UFO' reports from that area in central Scotland.

The article was mentioned to myself by someone who thought it may be of interest. I wondered if it might contain any accounts of a 'triangular UFO' - having by now come to expect this in any contemporary 'flap'.

One story featured is the following:

Christine Grimley, 40, is typical of many of the residents of Falkirk. The busy mother of two didn't believe a word of what she had read in the papers until she saw a UFO with her own eyes three years ago. To this day she is aghast at what she saw, and is desperate for an explanation.

"On January 20, 1996, I went to bed at about midnight. At around 2 a.m., my 14-year-old-son, John, was distressed and woke to tell me he could see strange lights in the sky."

Christine got out of bed and saw the pulsating and indigo lights, too. At first, she thought they were from an aeroplane, but then something strange happened. The lights dropped to ground level, zigzagged across the sky, then hovered above houses in the next street.

Terrified, Christine grabbed some binoculars and made out the silhouette of an arrow-shaped vessel, to which the smaller lights seemed to attach and detach at random. Then, to her utter shock and amazement, they started coming towards her house.

Running into the front garden, the Grimleys saw the craft hover over the house in complete silence. "It was massive - bigger than any aeroplane I've ever seen," remembers Christine with a shudder. "It's hard to explain, because I've never seen anything like it before, but I could tell it definitely wasn't a normal aircraft."

Once over the house, the UFO shot diagonally into the sky and, Christine claims, straight into the path of an aeroplane. Her family stood huddled together, thinking they were about to witness a disaster. Christine's daughter, Jenna was so terrified she began hyperventilating.

"And then suddenly it disappeared," says Christine, still amazed. "To this day, I don't understand why nobody on the plane reported seeing it flying towards them. I honestly can't believe they didn't see it."  
[End]

If 'arrow-shaped' might equate with something seemingly triangular, this tale has classic ingredients of many other 'triangular' UFO sightings - the 'object' was first perceived to be distant lights, it then apparently 'approached' the observers, was 'massive', hovered in silence and departed somewhat rapidly.

The article includes a photograph of Christine and her children, which at least appears to indicate the story isn't a magazine fabrication.

Ideally, we could see individual sketches of what they recall - pity these and detailed testimonies weren't taken soon as possible.

Does the 'arrow-shaped' description support my contention that what we categorise as 'triangular UFOs' still isn't a hyped 'UFO' shape?

There are a couple of possible examples in the National UFO Reporting Center data (spelling uncorrected) previously mentioned:

Occurred : 8/16/1996 20:15 (Entered as : 8/16/96 20:153)  
Reported : 12/3/1998 01:34  
Posted : 12/15/1998  
Location : Santa Barbara, CA

My wife and I were walking towards our car through the back parking lot of Andreas Restaurant after dinner. I was looking towards the direction of where the car was parked when I noticed with my right field of view, a very large dark object that was moving from East to West just above tree top. The event happened so fast that I could barely point fast enough with my hand (while yelling Look..Look!) towards the object, hoping to get my wife's attention. Even though black in color, it had dimly glowing light

along all the bottom edges and the silhouette of the object was easily distinguished as a large silent triangle. The scene was fairly quiet and I was able to clearly hear in the background the motor noise of a small plane, during and well after the event took place. I was so shook up with my heart pounding that I could hardly breathe.

[...]

I noted that from the perspective that I saw it disappear behind the trees, it looked more like a wide arrow head but was flat across the back.

[...]

Occurred : 7/1/1978 22:00 (Entered as : july, 1978 10:00 pm)

Reported : 1/18/1999 12:00

Posted : 2/16/1999

Location : Monsey, NY

My boyfriend and I saw a triangular shaped object spinning in circles, lights rotating..It jut across the evening sky within the stars in different directions e.g. stop - go- lights spinning-jut-stop -go -jut- spin- in different directions almost like the arrow of a computer mouse until it left our sight. I'll never forget it. It was the most amazing thing that I had ever witnessed. We thought we were looking at a satellite, until we were informed that satellites are constant... do not spin nor jut.

The object was triangular. It must have been huge, because we could see it vividly within the stars. It had lights all around it that only shined around it when it was stopped. When the U.F.O. moved, the arrow head would point into the direction it was travelling to-then jut to that position. Stop -spin-lights also spinning- point into another direction ..then jut to that position. It did this until it was out of our focus range.

[End]

Incidentally, the above account seems to be another which features the 'skipping' or 'snapping' motion recently discussed.

Re the 'Grimley' case, I suppose it all comes back to the same 'logical' conclusion; that if it is an accurate report, there's really no way it can be rationalised as a 'black' aircraft.

What evidence have we seen which indicates any comparative report

can realistically be absorbed as a 'secret' aircraft, utilising technology which we seem to conclude has no evidential 'paper trail'. For example and by comparison, 'stealth' technology is a well documented and natural development from ongoing research.

Just another of them 'UFO' reports?

By default, yes.

Although... it has to be said that this apparent 'housewife' account of an 'arrow-shaped vessel' with lights that reportedly left and reattached, which "was massive" and maybe hovered "over the house in complete silence", originating from central Scotland is, considering our overall perspective, intriguing.

I know it's not the only conceivable 'triangular UFO' case from there and separately recall a TV interview with local and relatively well known UFO researcher Malcolm Robinson, when he had some of his files open and I noticed they contained sketches of 'triangular shaped' objects.

If anyone can provide contact details for Malcolm, it would be appreciated.

James.

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From: Todd Lemire <tlemire@home.com>  
Subject: Re: Astronomers and UFOsMessage-id:  
<38622ABB.E03FE4C1@home.com>  
Organization: @Home Network  
X-Accept-Language: en  
References: <Pine.HPP.3.96.991220144502.13762B-100000@juliet.ucs.indiana.edu>  
<3861088B.36957771@home.com> <3861214D.E74DF50@wxs.nl>

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Theo Paijmans wrote:

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> Hi Todd,

> Could you give me the source for this quote by Paracelsus? I have many of his works but have not encountered this one sofar. By the way, Paracelsus did not live during the middle ages, but during what  
> we in Europe call the Renaissance.

> As for Mach 8, I thought that no plane of ours could fly at Mach 8.

> Best,

> Theo Paijmans

> Todd Lemire wrote:

>> (snip)

>> "Thus these beings appear to us, not in order to stay among us or  
>> become allied to us, but in order for us to become able to  
>> understand them."

>> Written during the Middle Ages by Paracelsus in "Why These Beings  
>> Appear to Us"

Hello Theo,

This particular quote was taken from Dr. Jacques Vallee' book entitled "Dimensions - A Casebook of Alien Contact". In the paperback version I have it appears on pages 18-19. Vallee states that Paracelsus wrote a treatise, entitled "Why These Beings Appear to Us", in which this quote appeared. The "signature" that I've added to my e-mails is actually only a part of the entire quote that appears in Vallee's book.

Thanks for the correction on the "Middle Ages" reference within this quote, you are entirely right.

The "mach" reference your refer to within my message was mach .8 rather than mach 8. Here's the quote below.

@Did you notice the caption under between the photo's that  
@states. "The time requirement at a speed in the vicinity of mach  
@.8 rules out many explanations." Could you elaborate please on  
@what explanations can be ruled out when a photo is taken from an  
@airliner traveling at this speed.

Take care Theo,  
Todd Lemire

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References: <Pine.HPP.3.96.991222131626.10289R-100000@juliet.ucs.indiana.edu>

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Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS Kinesiology wrote:

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> On Wed, 22 Dec 1999, Todd Lemire wrote:

> @Date: Wed, 22 Dec 1999 12:21:15 -0500  
> @From: Todd Lemire <tlemire@home.com>  
> @> @To: UFO Research List <UFORL@listbot.com>  
> @Subject: Re: Astronomers and UFOs

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> @Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS Kinesiology wrote:

> @> @Date: Wed, 15 Dec 1999 00:57:29 -0500  
> @> @From: Todd Lemire <tlemire@home.com>  
> @> @> @To: UFO Research List <UFORL@listbot.com>  
> @> @Subject: Re: Astronomers and UFOs

> @Larry responded:

> @> Everything except the UFO seems to be out of focus. This  
> @> indicates that the UFO was close to the camera. Could it be a  
> @> reflection of the sun off the window or a ring, or an internal  
> @> lens reflection?

> @Larry,

> @Did you notice the caption under between the photo's that  
> @states. "The time requirement at a speed in the vicinity of mach  
> @.8 rules out many explanations." Could you elaborate please on  
> @what explanations can be ruled out when a photo is taken from an  
> @airliner traveling at this speed.

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> That caption is not there in the copy of "The UFO Experience"  
> that I have. It also contains the two photos.

> @The two photos taken by Dr. Hynek are almost "beetle-like" in

> @appearance, in my opinion. Notice the "dual/double-layered"  
> @wing design. This beetle-like appearance would lead me to  
> @believe that these objects were man-made, although I have no  
> @explanation for what type of craft this could possibly be.

> Looks more like a belt buckle to me. Possibly the object was  
> inside the plane, and was reflected off the window. If he was  
> always looking through the viewfinder, the monocular effect of  
> that would

This part of your message seemed to abruptly end after the word  
"would".....<shrug>

> It also reminds me of an instrument from a plane's instrument  
> panel. There is another photo that IS such an instrument. I will  
> give the details when I find it (it's not in my files here).

I'd like to see that pic, if you find it, for comparison to  
Hyneks photo.

Respectfully,  
Todd Lemire

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From: RB47Expert@aol.com  
Subject: Re: Astronomers and UFOsMessage-id: <0.c76b3e1f.2593a1f3@aol.com>

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Date: Thu, 23 Dec 1999 08:59:23 -0500  
From: Todd Lemire <tlemire@home.com>  
Organization: @Home Network  
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References: <Pine.HPP.3.96.991220144502.13762B-100000@juliet.ucs.indiana.edu>  
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From: Todd Lemire <tlemire@home.com>  
Subject: Re: Astronomers and UFOsMessage-id:  
<38627032.3591AD0E@home.com>  
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Hello Brad & List,

Thanks for your input Brad. Would you or anyone else on this list have any input on possible explanations for a "red orb" that was spotted over a nuclear power plant. It appeared to pulsate, implode on itself, and then disappear (vertically) at a tremendous rate of speed for a sighting duration of approx. 3 mins. I would mainly like to hear what terrestrial explanations/objects could be given for this sighting.

Respectfully,  
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From: Theo Paijmans <th.paijmans@wxs.nl>  
Subject: Re: Astronomers and UFOsMessage-id: <38628471.D8133F0E@wxs.nl>  
X-Accept-Language: en  
References: <Pine.HPP.3.96.991220144502.13762B-100000@juliet.ucs.indiana.edu>  
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<38622ABB.E03FE4C1@home.com>

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Hi Todd,

Thank you for your reply. As for Vallee, I wouldn't want to bet my head on his esoteric quotes, although Vallee was a onetime Rosicrucian (in his Forbidden Science) I think from Heindel's school.

That is of course most interesting, as Vallee connected the worldviews of the occult with that of ufology.

Kind regards and a merry X-mas to you and to the other list members,

Theo

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Date: Fri, 24 Dec 1999 13:55:08 -0700  
From: "Michael F. Corbin" <mcorbin@quasar.dimensional.com>  
Subject: The ParaNet Continuum Web Casting Test  
References: <Pine.HPP.3.96.991220144502.13762B-100000@juliet.ucs.indiana.edu>  
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Starting at 2:00 P.M., MST today, December 24th and running through 6:00 P.M., MST, December 24th, we will be testing testing the quality of our webcast, The ParaNet Continuum.

Anyone interested is requested to link to <http://www.anomalies.net/paranet/show.ram> to hear our program. I would appreciate email from those who listen to mcorbin@dimensional.com and let me know what your thoughts are on the quality and where you are listening to the program.

We will also be doing a test on Sunday, December 26th beginning at 3:00 P.M., MST to 7:00 P.M., MST, December 26th.

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Thanks,

Michael Corbin  
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Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 12:18:50 +0000  
From: James Easton <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
Subject: BBC Radio ProgramMessage-id:  
<005401bf51f6\$ddcbf840\$ba1486d4@voyager>

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Dear List Members,

I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas.

I note there's a radio program this evening which may be of interest to some subscribers:

BBC Radio 5 Live  
'Electric Journeys'  
7.30 pm - 8.00 pm (London Time)

Captain Jim Lovell reflects on his career as an astronaut and Apollo 13 adventures by searching the web and discussing various sites' contents.

Although a UK broadcast, BBC Radio 5 Live is also now broadcast over the Internet and can be accessed from:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio/audio.shtml>

UK subscribers can find details about local reception on:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/info/reception/>

BBC radio broadcasts can also be received via the high quality analogue and digital satellite feed - see respectively:

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Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 12:19:25 +0000  
From: James Easton <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
Subject: Amateur SETI Message-id: <005e01bf51f6\$f2963c40\$ba1486d4@voyager>

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The current issue of 'Radio Today', usually available in most large UK newsagents, contains a lengthy 5-page feature, 'SETI Goes Mainstream', by the SETI League's Executive Director, Dr H Paul Shuch.

The article 'tells us more about how amateurs can Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence'.

If amateur SETI radio is of interest to anyone, please let me know and I will be happy to provide a copy of this article, especially to subscribers outwith the US.

James Easton.  
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Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 16:09:22 +0000  
From: James Easton <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
Subject: 'Black Aircraft' Exposed?Message-id:  
<007501bf5219\$8f32e2c0\$ba1486d4@voyager>  
boundary="-----\_NextPart\_000\_006C\_01BF5217.11C96540"

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'Black Aircraft' researcher Steve Douglass recently mentioned the following on his mailing list:

"I was watching a TLC program today called 'Billion Dollar Secret' and something very interesting caught my eye.

Jane's Nick Cook was interviewing the head of the Air Force when I began looking at the collection of models on the shelves behind his head. Notice anything funny? On the left side of the screen was an unidentifiable aircraft that looked remarkably like the stealth swing wing 'switch blade' that I've been chasing for the last few years.

Take a look at the attached frame grabbed stills and tell me what you think".

I've attached the images for any comments.

James Easton.  
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From: James Easton <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
Subject: Re: Amateur SETIMessage-id:  
<008301bf5219\$9ff5a840\$ba1486d4@voyager>  
References: <005e01bf51f6\$f2963c40\$ba1486d4@voyager>  
<386A1877.F0B26C24@home.com>

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From: James Easton <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>  
Subject: Re: USAF PatchesMessage-id:  
<00a801bf5224\$8ff40ee0\$ba1486d4@voyager>  
boundary="-----\_NextPart\_000\_00A5\_01BF5224.8F555DE0"

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Regarding:

>From: Edoardo Russo <edoardo.russo@torino.ALPcom.it>  
>To: UFO Research List <UFORL@listbot.com>  
>Subject: Re: Latin and that USAF Patches  
>Date: 09 December 1999 15:51

Edoardo wrote:

>Hello Jim and the List!

>I wrote I won't come back on this subject unless something new  
>emerge.

>Well, I got a detailed comment by Dr. Massimiliano Grandi, a  
>CISU member with a M.A. in Classical Literature (and a much  
>fresher knowledge of Latin than my rusty one...)

>To make a long story short, his final translation is:

>"You, who are the blind one in the group, don't ask questions  
>when late at night"

>which might be better paraphrased as:

>"You, who are the one who does not know in the group, don't ask  
>questions when you're in a deep ignorance".

>It does sound like a Masonic or anyhow esoteric-minded motto,  
>indeed.

Edoardo,

Thanks for the definitive translation; it looks like the probable  
origin remains a mystery, for now anyway.

Does the unusual 'motto' maybe imply a USAF unit with some kind  
of support role? Basically, 'Just do your job and don't ask  
questions about the mission's purpose'.

John's observation that there might be a connection with Area

51 is an intriguing possibility [and we duly note the Latin for 'stealth' ;) ]

As Chris says, it's uncommon to see a Latin phrase on a USAF patch and there's only one other example I'm aware of. It's meaningful though. First publicly disclosed in the Voyager newsletter published in May this year, I wrote:

'A stunning patch apparently used a few years ago by the USAF squadron undertaking radar cross-section flight tests of the B-2. That squadron was the 509th Bomb Wing, successor to the unit at Roswell. I understand that a translation of the Latin motto shown, 'Gustatus Similis Pullus' means 'Tastes Like Chicken'.

[...]

Grateful thanks to Joel Carpenter for making this available and the informative background info".

For those who haven't seen the humour, I've attached a scaled-down copy - it's a poignant illustration of some perceptions about 'ufology'.

Maybe it's time ufologists 'fought back'...

There must be scope for a triangular-shaped patch. It could contain the outline of a triangular 'craft', maybe with rounded edges (could be contentious), a white circle in each corner, a big red centre circle and some suitable Latin. Dare I suggest -

CLASSIS TRIANGULORUM  
HOVERUS SILENTIUM  
SKEPTICUS PERPLEXIUS

Yeah, let's send a batch down to Area 51 and see how they like it. ;)

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Thanks for the reply James,

If I recall, I've seen a setup like this on the net somewhere but I obviously didn't bookmark it. It went under the name "Project ??????" and was based on amateur radio signal tracking. It was a do it yourself project utilizing a regular (new or used) typical satellite dish, receiver, and pc, to put it simply, but once installed it could perform tasks similar to what you speak of above. The main cost lying in the radio unit, am I correct? Yes I'd still be interested in receiving this report. The basic instructions were given at this website, and if I'm not mistaken I saw it on either UFO Updates, or on here.

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Subject: Re: SETI signals?Message-id: <0.fe7c60c.259be607@aol.com>

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Hi Larry,

NORAD cannot and does not hide ALL spy satellites -- most DO get cataloged/located and there is an amateur community tracking such satellites and supplying orbital element sets (elsets). By international treaty all satellite launches must be registered with COSPAR and given an International Designation (such as 1999-13C). The trick is when there are multiple satellites released from an unmanned mission or from a Space Shuttle. The "hidden" satellites are from these piggyback flights. Still, some of these are eventually found out from detection of signals or optically (there are reportedly some "sleeper" sats with no transmissions, painted with Stealth absorptive coatings etc. but then these DON'T MAKE SETI SIGNAL PROBLEMS EITHER).

This still doesn't change the fact that SETI astronomers can observe telltale Doppler shifts of a satellite. If in Near Earth Orbit it is obvious when the Doppler shifts approach orbital velocity of 8 km/sec.

What cases are there of NORAD hiding spy satellites from Gemini astronauts who saw them? This would be LIFE THREATENING and dangerous. NORAD and NASA have an agreement whereby NORAD is required to warn NASA of any close approaches of ANY orbiting object to a manned NASA space mission. Since NASA can and does handle classified information there wouldn't be a problem with disclosing some spy satellite, especially since all NORAD needs to do is give a NORAD Catalog Number and the close approach parameters, not identify the satellite's classified mission.

This sounds to me like a desperate effort to explain away Gemini UFO cases which even Jim Oberg never resorted to.

Brad Sparks

In a message dated Fri, 10 Dec 1999 11:43:49 AM Eastern Standard Time, Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS Kinesiology <lrobins@indiana.edu> writes:

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> On Fri, 10 Dec 1999, J. Pharabod wrote:  
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> @Date: Fri, 10 Dec 1999 17:06:43 +0100 (MET)  
> @From: "J. Pharabod" <pharabod@in2p3.fr>  
> @> @To: UFO Research List <UFORL@listbot.com>

> @Cc: pharabod@in2p3.fr  
> @Subject: Re: SETI signals?  
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> @> I made a boo-boo.  
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> @That happens.  
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> @[snip]  
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> @> One possibility that must be considered in SETI is spy satellite  
> @> transmissions, which governments keep secret for obvious reasons.  
> @> Some of them use short (under 2 minutes) transmission bursts at  
> @> randomized intervals, durations, and frequencies to keep  
> @> evesdroppers from getting a whole message.  
> @>  
> @> This in one area where governments prefer to let UFOs and SETI  
> @> receptions remain unidentified as man-made activities. They want  
> @> the public to believe that aliens are doing these things, rather  
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> @motion? According to my archives, geosynchronous satellites move  
> @about 0.5 degree in right ascension every minute. Low earth  
> @orbiting satellites move much faster.  
>  
> They wouldn't see any motion (except a doppler shift). Radio  
> telescopes aren't designed to detect motion. Instead, they would  
> observe a strengthening and weakening of the signal as the  
> satellite moves into and out of the telescope's field of "view."  
> The antenna can't detect motion as such, because it doesn't scan  
> like a RADAR antenna. Instead, it stays focused on one part of  
> the sky at a time.  
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> @Also, NORAD and their Russian equivalent know exactly the  
> @orbits of every satellite (US, Russian, French, etc...). Since  
> @SETI is an international project, there should be a cooperation  
> @between USA and Russia to hide some satellites; otherwise the  
> @SETI people would get the information from one side or the other.  
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> NORAD won't tell. It hid spy satellites from the Gemini  
> astronauts who saw them. Neither side will publicly acknowledge  
> the locations or details of the other side's spy satellites, to  
> avoid diplomatic repercussions.

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From: RB47Expert@aol.com  
Subject: Re: SETI signals?Message-id: <0.d1a33f8a.259bedc6@aol.com>

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Most spy satellites are SIGINT (signals intelligence) satellites for eavesdropping on communications, radar transmissions and other electronic emissions. Photorecon sats are fewer in number than SIGINT and very few make film drops -- most send digitized images. Many SIGINT sats are in geosynchronous orbit in order to provide continuous 24-hour coverage. Many are in lower orbits for better reception.

Anyway, the point is that SETI astronomers would have to be brain damaged if they could not see a Doppler shift of 8 km/sec and figure out it is an Earth orbital satellite just from the characteristic 8 km/sec velocity alone (the geosynch spy sats would have much smaller Doppler shifts but then there are other clues see NEXT -->). Then there is the ENCRYPTED DIGITAL SIGNALS which should be pretty obvious. And if they can't figure it out from the DOPPLER or the ENCRYPTED SIGNALS they could get INTERFEROMETRY which could triangulate the location as in Earth orbit.

Brad Sparks

In a message dated Fri, 10 Dec 1999 2:36:36 PM Eastern Standard Time, Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS Kinesiology <lrobins@indiana.edu> writes:

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> Most spy satellites are not in geosynchronous orbits, but polar  
> orbits, so they can cover the entire globe in half a day, and so  
> they can transmit back or make film drops while over the owner's  
> country.

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> On Fri, 10 Dec 1999 RB47Expert@aol.com wrote:

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> @Date: Fri, 10 Dec 1999 12:57:37 EST

> @From: RB47Expert@aol.com

> @> @To: UFORL@listbot.com

> @Subject: Re: SETI signals?

> @

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> @

> @Not only would spy satellites give away their identity as earth satellites by  
> @their positions but also by the Doppler shifts of their radio signals due to  
> @orbital motion. Most geosynchronous satellites are not in perfectly  
> @geostationary orbits. Many trace out figure-8 patterns in order to cover  
> @more area north and south of the equator. And most send out encrypted

> @digital signals which would be quite obvious to radio astronomers.  
> @  
> @Brad Sparks  
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> @  
> @In a message dated 12/10/99 8:07:28 AM, pharabod@in2p3.fr writes:  
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> @List only please  
> @  
> @On Fri, 10 Dec 1999, Larry Robinson S/AP/EIS Kinesiology wrote:  
> @  
> @> I made a boo-boo.  
> @  
> @That happens.  
> @  
> @[snip]  
> @  
> @> One possibility that must be considered in SETI is spy satellite  
> @> transmissions, which governments keep secret for obvious reasons.  
> @> Some of them use short (under 2 minutes) transmission bursts at  
> @> randomized intervals, durations, and frequencies to keep  
> @> evesdroppers from getting a whole message.  
> @>  
> @> This in one area where governments prefer to let UFOs and SETI  
> @> receptions remain unidentified as man-made activities. They want  
> @> the public to believe that aliens are doing these things, rather  
> @> than divulge their clandestine activities.  
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Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 19:46:48 -0500  
From: Jacques Poulet <jpoulet@chucara.com>  
Subject: Abductions & Aliens

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Abductions & Aliens : What 's Really Going On?  
By Chris A. Rutkowski  
Dundurn Press

The first books I bought when I started reading about UFOs, were books on abductions. "Intruders" fascinated me. Soon after reading "Communion", I went to hear Budd Hopkins at a local conference, here in Montreal.

I later learned of the MJ-12 affair and tried desperately to find answers to both subjects. Finding elements contrary to what I had recently read, and heard, I quickly realised that no one could be entirely believed in ufology. You have to verify everything yourself or be very confident in those you accept to trust.

The MJ-12 theory was full of holes and no one really knew what was happening to abductees. I decided that I would not get involved in either of them. I kept informed but that's all. The few TV shows on those subjects and the information I saw on the net were enough.

When I heard that Chris Rutkowski had written a book on abductions, I couldn't believe it. Here was a highly respected ufologist, with a solid scientific background, writing about a subject full of controversy (much worse than UFO sightings themselves) and with much less physical evidences than mainstream ufology. I thought it was time for me to read another abduction book.

What a refreshing read. Those who wants to believe in "alien abducting people" will not like it. The same with those "nay-sayer" called skeptics. But if you're looking for answers, you must read this book. You wont find any. What you'll find is information that popular abduction researchers aren't telling you.

Chris Rutkowski has written a "must read" with lots of information. With a touch of humour, he present abductions as a phenomenon that no one really understand yet. In doing so, he points flaws in current pet theory of leading researchers (they wont like you!). His logical thinking bring the subject back to what it really is: a mystery. At the same time, he shows compassion for those abductees who trusted him with their stories, acknowledging that what they experienced can not be catalogue, simply, as being "all in their head".

Well done! I highly recommend this book to those who would want a summary of current state of alien abduction research. You'll get it as it is, pro or con.

Chris, I have to tell you that, contrary to some rumours you may have heard, the popularity of Star Trek is not waning.

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Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 23:40:48 -0500  
From: bruce maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>  
Subject: Re: SETI signals?

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You wrote:

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>W>hat cases are there of NORAD hiding spy satellites from Gemini astronauts who saw them? This >would be LIFE THREATENING and dangerous. NORAD and NASA have an agreement whereby >NORAD is required to warn NASA of

any close approaches of ANY orbiting object to a manned >NASA space mission. Since NASA can and does handle classified information there wouldn't be a >problem with disclosing some spy satellite, especially since all NORAD needs to do is give a >NORAD Catalog Number and the close approach parameters, not identify the satellite's classified >mission.

>This sounds to me like a desperate effort to explain away Gemini UFO cases which even Jim >Oberg never resorted to.

>Brad Sparks

As Brad knows well, Gemini 11 had a visual/photographic sighting of an unknown which NORAD initially identified as a piece of orbiting debris (Proton 3 booster) . Oberg published several articles with this identification. These publications came AFTER Brad and I independently proved that the Proton booster was about 3000 miles behind (and to the right) of the GT-11 craft and could not have been the object which appeared at their left and seemed to pass jus below them. The duration of th sighting (many seconds to minute?) indicates that the GT-11 and the unknown were on nearly parallel tracks: the object moved a distance of a couple of kilometers or so (estimate) transverse to the travel path of the GT -11 while the GT-11 traveled perhaps as far as 500 km along its track (at about 8 km/sec). Hence the angle between the paths was on the order of (1 to 2)/500 ...

Een NASA agreed thatthe object was unknown. Oberg eventually admitted that he couldn't identify it.... yet left it "open" as to whether or not it could have been some unknown satellite (either a very large satellite... or several ojects i close association).

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Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 11:23:36 -0500  
From: Todd Lemire <tlemire@home.com>  
Subject: Info on December 24th 1966 Sighting?Message-id:  
<386B8708.7927BC48@home.com>  
Organization: @Home Network  
X-Accept-Language: en

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Hello list,

I'm looking for some information on a sighting that occurred on the above mentioned date over the North Pacific Ocean between Japan and Anchorage Alaska. Does anyone here have any info on sightings that occurred in this region or on this date? I've got a witness statement from a Pilot who witnessed this object, but I'd like to see if there is any correlating reports.

Thank You,  
Todd Lemire  
FIT Michigan MUFON

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"What you believe isn't important; it's what you find out by research and investigation that's important."

George Fawcett

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Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 16:53:39 -0500 (EST)  
From: RB47Expert@aol.com  
Subject: Re: Fox News (Paula Zahn) UFO Show Dec 28  
Message-id: <0.575d2dc9.259d2e63@aol.com>

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Hi Jim,

I must have missed the Fox show. Your letter had a few glitches -- something is missing after Strieber's "ear lob[e]," I think you meant Betty Cash but wrote "Ms. Hill," etc.

Your points are well taken and I have little to add except to note that the symptoms in the Cash-Landrum case had such rapid onset (within 30 mins.) that if they had been due to ionizing radiation it would have been a fatal dose for all three witnesses (i.e., in the 1,000-2,000+ rem range and that's being very generous as I don't think even 2,000 rem whole-body doses can initiate symptoms in only 30 mins.).

Happy New Year/Millennium,

Brad Sparks

In a message dated Thu, 30 Dec 1999 2:34:24 PM Eastern Standard Time, JamesOberg@aol.com writes:

> UFO Research List - <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/>  
>  
> December 29, 1999  
> To: Paula Zahn  
> Fox News  
> 1211 Avenue of the Americas  
> New York, NY 10036  
>  
> Dear Ms. Zahn:  
>  
> Congratulations for tackling the fascinating but challenging topic of UFOs  
> ("We Are The Aliens") on your December 28 "The Edge" program. You obviously  
> made great efforts to cover the significant issues in the field from all  
> points of view. For example, the views of Patrick Huyghe and James Moseley  
> deserve far wider exposure -- thanks!  
>  
> Will that program ever be aired again? I definitely want to recommend it to  
> many of my friends.  
>  
> As a veteran space engineer and widely-published author on spaceflight (home  
> page [www.jamesoberg.com](http://www.jamesoberg.com)) and the 'Space Consultant' for ABC News, I've  
> followed "space age folklore" with fascination all my life. I've written  
> extensively on space-related aspects of the UFO cultural phenomenon (see

> links from my home page), from a sympathetically skeptical point of view, and  
> have researched many reports deeply.

>

> Your selection of the 1980 Cash-Landrum case showed good research because  
> it's one of those incidents that most deeply puzzles me, as a "UFO skeptic".  
> I've known and respected John Schuessler (not "John Husler" as the script  
> writer erred!!) for many years through our work for NASA. I am less convinced  
> that Ms. Hill's symptoms are all that characteristic of 'radiation  
> poisoning', however, and her pre-encounter medical records -- which might  
> cast more light on the post-encounter symptoms -- have been inexplicably but  
> staunchly kept secret by pro-UFO investigators.

>

> I do feel that you gave far too much credence to factually-suspect assertions  
> by Whitley Strieber, even though many claims -- ranging from the phantom  
> "object" in his ear lob

>

> For example, when Strieber calls the STS-80 space shuttle dots "the best  
> piece of UFO video I know of", he's advertising how little he really knows  
> about real space flight. I've looked at this case very closely because of my  
> decades of work in Mission Control, and it's clear to me that the dots are  
> exactly what Story Musgrave (who was on that flight) said they were:

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> "Washers, screws, chips of ice -- they all rotate at their own velocities. So  
> it's really marvelous that after they get far enough away from you, all the  
> lights are just on and off like blinking lights, as they reflect -- their  
> reflective surfaces rotate in the sun."

>

> The STS-80 "UFO case" (and a similar famous case on STS-48) occurred just at  
> sunrise, as the shuttle moves into sunlight while the Earth's surface remains  
> dark. Sunlit nearby debris shows up as tiny dots, often pulsating. Some other  
> pieces are still close enough to the shuttle that they are in its shadow, and  
> only appear suddenly as they drift out into the sunlight. This happened  
> against the cloud background on STS-80, against the horizon on STS-48, and  
> against deep space on STS-63 and other missions from which I've collected  
> video. With a little bit of real research (something that ufologists as a  
> rule tend to avoid lest they "ruin" useful stories), dozens of cases of other  
> similar views which are clearly shuttle-derived debris can be found.

>

> Yet this normal spaceflight visual phenomenon. It dates all the way back to  
> John Glenn's first flight and the "fireflies" he spotted -- snowflakes off  
> the external evaporative cooler). It is widely misrepresented, in Strieber's  
> books and elsewhere, with a collection of false "facts" and with a careful  
> avoidance of explanatory facts that might "confuse" the target audience that  
> ufo buffs are trying to persuade and/or entertain.

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> In my opinion, Steve Bassett's comments were particularly inane. There was  
> his promotion of a hoax story of Gordon Cooper's "Mercury Sighting" ("Cooper  
> was ordered to keep silent" -- a patent falsehood, since he's an outspoken  
> advocate of the reality of UFOs and talks widely about his own earthside  
> encounters). The story was actually a hoax exposed decades ago, literally,

> but still to this day carefully nurtured in the mainstream 'UFO literature'.  
> Then there was the assertion that "the DoD is NASA's boss", a plainly stupid  
> lie.  
>  
> Robert Kiviat, once bitten by the "Alien Autopsy" hoax (what does that show  
> about his judgment, that he ever gave it any credibility?), is still not shy  
> in biting again about the notorious Apollo-11 "UFO Video" when even the clip  
> you showed is enough to realize it's a window reflection off of a ceiling  
> light in the lunar module. Forged "radio intercepts" and made-up "details" of  
> that non-incident still thrive in the UFO world, but they had no place on a  
> legitimate news show such as yours, except perhaps as an example of the kinds  
> of hoaxes that seemingly intelligent people can fall for and can promote.  
>  
> Some quibbles: Your video identifying the "SPAS satellite" deployment  
> actually showed the "Wake Shield" payload -- I'm just showing off here! And  
> Apollo-17 moon walker Harrison "Jack" Schmitt's last name is not spelled  
> "Schmidt".  
>  
> I have the answer to your question, "Why do reports [of astronaut UFO encounte  
> rs] continue to proliferate?" -- it's because even reputable and balanced  
> shows like yours give sympathetic forums to loony-tune claims ("Shuttle crews  
> make regular contact" with UFOs) when some more traditional journalistic  
> investigation could quickly have exposed such confabulations as the  
> crackpottery they really are.  
>  
> If we had more time, we could address other issues. Your treatment of the  
> "Phoenix Lights" (March 13, 1997) was marred by the confusion of the two  
> separate multi-light flyovers that one night, and by asserting that the AF  
> offered an obviously unworkable explanation for one set (when they offered  
> that explanation for the other) you unfairly fed the convenient stereotype of  
> "stupid sketpical explanations". But I'll stick with the space issues because  
> of my profound experience with that genre.  
>  
> Anyhow, thanks for making the effort!  
>  
> Jim Oberg  
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